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### The Oregon Broncho for Japan.

The possibility of finding a Japanese market for the surplus horses ranging over Eastern Oregon seems viewed in Japan favorably, says the Oregonian. W. A. Mears, of Portland, has received a letter from a dealer in Kobe, Japan, making many inquiries in regard to the mustang, or broncho stock of horses, and asking what arrangements could be made for shipping a large number of them to his country. The writer was explicit in his statements that a quality of horses corresponding to the broncho was required.

Those who have traveled in Japan state that their horses are much like the people, small, compact, sturdy and capable of existing on small fare. Japanese apparently have no use for the finer breeds, either those fitted for draft animals or riding or driving to light rigs. The vegetation for the brute creation is severely competed for by the crowded human race, and horses, like other animals of the lower order, must depend on scant food.

The horse of the Eastern Oregon range is known to possess the qualifications for such a life. The herds of cayuse ponies that are to be found in some localities in numbers far beyond any possible local use are thought by stockmen to be the very grade that the Japanese require. Mr. Mears proposes to give the subject thorough inquiry to ascertain if these horses can be shipped there at figures acceptable to the Japanese. If he is successful, there seems fair prospect for quite a trade in this line.

### Cloudburst in Colorado.

A report from Denver, Colorado, says that four railway washouts were recorded as occurring in the southern section of the state last Thursday evening. A cloudburst on the slopes of Pike's peak shut off traffic on the Rio Grande and Midland lines between Manitou and Colorado Springs. Sixteen miles out of Denver, the Julesburg tracks were washed out. A washout on the Burlington & Missouri road occurred near Barr station.

### Swept by a Cyclone.

A destructive cyclone struck Minnesota in the vicinity of Lyle, near Minneapolis, last Thursday night, laying waste a strip of country 200 yards wide and 10 miles long. Many buildings were wrecked and much damage was done to crops. As far as known, Henry Hansen was the only person killed. There were nineteen people injured, some of them so seriously that more deaths are possible.

### Hostilities in South America.

The government of Argentina has been officially informed that the gunboat Suarez, of the Uruguayan navy, has landed a force of Uruguayan troops on the Argentine coast. After the troops had been landed, the Suarez sunk a vessel

flying the Argentine flag. War between these two South American countries appears to be the inevitable outcome.

### Heavy Frosts Reported.

There was a damaging frost at Waterville, Wash., last Wednesday night, killing potato vines, which were in bloom. Gardens are partly ruined. Ice froze to the thickness of an eighth of an inch. Frosts are reported as having occurred at Chewah and other points in the northern part of the state.

### Indian Outbreak Ended.

The Cheyenne war scare that has prevailed in Southern Montana for some weeks past, is practically at an end, as the two Cheyenne murderers, Yellow Hair and Sam Crow, have been arrested, and the Indian chief has surrendered. Troops at forts Custer and Keogh will be withdrawn at once.

### Oregon Notes.

William Hunter, a farmer living on the Frye place near Albany, committed suicide Saturday morning by jumping into an unused well. He had been despondent of late, owing to financial reverses. He was a son of James Hunter, was 35 years old, and left a family.

Mrs. A. C. Marks and her mother, Mrs. Fields, both of Roseburg, while driving in a single buggy at that place last Friday night, were thrown out of the vehicle and quite seriously injured. The horse became frightened and ran away, causing the accident.

J. W. Landers' cottage and its contents, in Chadwick's addition, Roseburg, were destroyed by fire about 2 o'clock Saturday morning. The fire was beyond control when it was discovered; its origin was incendiary. None of the family was at home.

John Baker, the Cottage Grove marshal, was arrested Friday in Lemati, and tried Saturday, for wearing a marshal's badge in Lemati. He was fined \$5 and costs, and not being able to pay his fine, was sent to jail for four days.

The Nichols meat market in Junction City was entered by burglars last Wednesday night. The burglars worked the combination to the safe, took \$400 in cash, locked the safe, and made their escape.

James Macomber, recently of Ashland, who went to Astoria about two weeks, died at that place last Thursday night, of consumption; he was about 50 years of age. His wife survives him.

Andrew Cantrall, of Jacksonville, died at the home of his mother, in Uniontown precinct, last Friday noon, of spinal meningitis, aged 19 years.

A drove of over 2000 head of cattle started Saturday morning from the Davis farm, east of Eugene, to be driven to the ranges in Wyoming.

### A Valuable Fruit Paper.

As fruit is rapidly becoming the leading industry of the Northwest, and as this county can easily get to the front ranks if the farmers will only take hold and push things, we have made arrangements to do far more than our share toward pushing the county forward in this respects and will do more if the farmers will show the proper spirit of enterprise. There is now published at Portland, not only the most valuable, but the only fruit paper in America which admits no reading matter to its columns except that relating to fruits—their culture, care, marketing, etc., presented in such a form by prominent fruit writers of the Northwest and America that none can read and study it without becoming proficient fruit growers. We will give this fine 32-page paper free for one year to all subscribers of the ADVERTISER who will pay their back subscription and one year in advance, or to new subscribers who pay one year in advance before July. Call at this office and see sample or write for one direct to "FRUITAGE,"

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