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#### HOW OREGONIANS ARE DUPED.

##### A NEAT LITTLE SWINDLE.

For the past three months, two men,  
with wondrously smooth tongues,  
claiming to represent an Ohio nursery,  
have been operating amongst our far-  
mers and city people, inducing them to  
purchase trees and shrubbery. They  
claimed that plants like theirs had never  
been seen in Oregon, that everything  
they sold was especially selected to  
thrive in our climate, and they guaran-  
teed every article sold. All their stock  
in trade consisted of a beautifully gotten  
up book, faultless in design and exe-  
cution, which represented every plant to  
perfection. Each purchaser was asked  
to sign a memorandum, as they called  
it, but which in reality is nothing less  
than a note, payable on delivery of  
trees or shrubs, without specifying their  
size, condition, or anything else. Mr.  
Wilkins, the president of the Oregon  
State Agricultural Society, ordered a  
lot of peach trees of them, which he, on  
examination, found to be infested with  
"the peach-bore," a pest never before  
known in this State, but imported from  
Ohio in this choice (?) stock. Our  
worthy sheriff, Mr. Jeffery, was the  
subject of a rather huge joke at the  
hands of these Ohio chaps. He pur-  
chased a bill of \$57 worth of shrubs,  
and being notified that his package  
would be ready, for delivery, on a cer-  
tain day, at the Clarendon Hotel, he,

in order to move so large a lot of shrub-  
bery, drove up with two express wag-  
ons and his buggy, settled his bill, and  
was handed a little package of scrubby  
things, which he very neatly stowed  
away under the seat of his buggy.  
*Fifty-seven dollars' worth!* In justice  
to Mr. Jeffery we will state that he  
did not swear any, at least our inform-  
ant did not hear him swear—(N. B.  
He is very hard of hearing.) Their  
"Weeping Ash," represented as very  
rare, and sold reasonably low? \$2.50  
apiece, can be purchased of most any  
Oregon nursery for 50 cents. The  
nearest little swindle perpetrated by  
these fellows is on those folks to whom  
they sold "Irish Juniper," at \$5.00 a  
plant. Their "Juniper" all died on the  
road, and not wishing to miss getting  
the \$2.50, they purchased a lot of ever-  
green bushes of most any variety, at 50  
cents apiece, from H. Hanson, of the  
East Portland nursery, and actually de-  
livered them as "Irish Junipers," im-  
ported from Ohio. To those of our  
readers who desire to purchase trees or  
shrubs, we would say, whatever you do  
don't order from a peddler; but especi-  
ally, give Ohio peddlers a wide berth.  
Our nurserymen, located in different  
parts of this State and adjoining Terri-  
tory, are all reliable men; they know  
exactly the kind of trees, or shrubs  
adapted to our climate, and when they  
guarantee an article you can in every  
case rely on it being as represented.  
These Ohio chaps know nothing of our  
climate, but in order to get your money  
they will guarantee anything. Sup-  
posing, now, that the plants do not  
turn out as represented, you have paid  
your money, and what can you do  
about it?

#### OLYMPIA.

This, the capital city of Washing-  
ton Territory, has a population of two  
thousand, and is situated on Budd's In-  
let, the most southerly arm of Puget  
Sound, and is almost surrounded with  
water, while forests guard it on every  
side. It occupies undoubtedly, one of  
the most charming spots that could be  
selected for a city, for, so far as land-  
scape is concerned, nothing is absent  
that could please the eye. Directly in  
front lies the placid water of Puget  
Sound, its bosom covered with hand-  
some steamers, wheezing tugs, and a  
large number of swift, white sailed  
boats, above which looms occasionally  
the stately form of a full rigged lumber  
ship, bound in or out; on both sides of  
the Sound dense forests, that extend to  
the horizon in every direction greet  
the vision; while far to the north tow-  
ers the Olympic range, whose snowy  
crest competes with the heavy masses  
of fleecy cumulus clouds for supremacy.  
This grand scene, illumined by the  
mellow light of the evening sun, pro-  
duces a picture which cannot be ex-  
celled in color, breadth, or motion. It  
presents, at a *couple d'ail*, contrasts of  
light and shade, tranquility and energy,  
action and repose; yet all blend harmo-  
niously together. At night the pictur-  
ial effect is somewhat enhanced, for at  
high tide the water forms several can-  
als through portions of the suburbs,  
and this reflects with the most minute  
accuracy the scintillating lights of the  
city; even persons passing along its  
shores are seen in the mirrored sea as  
if they were walking on the star-dotted  
sky. On moonlit nights the heavy  
forests, changed into spiral wreaths of  
foliage, and the snowy range, nearly  
two hundred miles to the north, are  
reflected with photographic minuteness,  
so that a person need scarcely move  
from his piazza to behold one of the  
grandest scenes imaginable.

The city, so rich in scenic treasures,  
possesses a most agreeable climate also,  
for during the hottest days of July and  
August and they are nothing to the  
torrid climate of the Atlantic States—  
cooling breezes from the snow-clad  
mountains and the frigid waters of the  
Sound fan it to a most delicious tem-  
perature, that leave the traveler nothing  
to wish for in that direction. The

nights are always cool enough to en-  
able one to sleep soundly beneath a fair  
quantity of bed-clothing; and the twi-  
light lasts so long that even those with  
sight can read a book as late as nine or  
ten o'clock without any other light than  
that furnished by Nature. If I wished  
to revel in a season of *dolce far niente*,  
I know of no other place on the conti-  
nent that I would prefer to this charm-  
ing spot, for none seems to possess a  
tittle of its manifold attractions. Here  
may be enjoyed all the pleasures of the  
rod and gun in a most unusual degree,  
for one need scarcely move three miles  
away from town to try his powers on  
bear or deer, while grouse and other  
game-birds are so numerous in July and  
August that they can be killed with re-  
volvers, or even sticks and stones. The  
Sound affords a greasy variety of fish-  
ing, and every stream abounds with  
trout, and furnishes ample scope for  
the fly-fisher to test his skill.—*Apple-  
ton's Journal.*

#### OREGON SUMMER.

The important advantage that Ore-  
gon has over California in the matter  
of unfauling seasons has been well ven-  
tilated and will be thoroughly under-  
stood after a while by immigrants seek-  
ing homes on this Pacific coast. But  
another and equal important advantage  
is the great mildness of our summer.  
We published yesterday an extract from  
the San Francisco *Bulletin* showing  
the extreme heat now obtaining in Cal-  
ifornia—the thermometer at points in  
the interior going up to 113 degrees.  
It is burning up the crops, the vegeta-  
tion, the roses and the leafy June trees  
are shedding their leaves so rapidly as  
to indicate Autumn instead of mid-  
Summer. Here we have almost the  
geniality of smiling Spring, just enough  
of heat to make the weather delight-  
ful, while blankets are indispensable at  
night. It is true the mercury indicates  
what would in the East be a high de-  
gree of heat, but the same laws do not  
seem to govern the weather here as  
there. Here at ninety degrees it is not  
disagreeably hot, though in New York  
it would melt all the paper collars in  
use on Broadway. The difference is  
said to result from the greater dryness  
of our atmosphere; that when we have  
hot weather the heat passes out of the  
body; that the pores are all open and  
so sensitive that the slightest change of  
temperature produces chilliness, and  
that the hot Eastern atmosphere, being  
humid, causes the heat to be retained.  
Here the calorific radiates from one;  
there it continues to accumulate. Here,  
though it passes up to the nineties at  
times, it never gets on beyond a hun-  
dred as in California, and our vegeta-  
tion is never burned up. An Oregon  
Summer is one of the most delightful  
enjoyments in nature, and when its ex-  
traordinary character shall become  
thoroughly understood our State will  
become the summering place of the  
wealthy who live below us and of many  
Eastern people. Our lovely bays will  
become more famous than the Italian  
and our beautiful sea beaches will fur-  
nish watering places more sought after  
than Long Island and Saratoga. Ya-  
quina, Coos, Tillamook and Umpqua  
bays will yet be famous.—*Standard,*  
June 26th.

The Bay City, a neat 8-page weekly  
literary paper, published by Merrick &  
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second volume, and at the same time  
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