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EASTERN people are advised to view with suspicion any advertisement, no matter where or how published, that states that situations will be procured in the west for a consideration. Such an advertisement is a bare-faced fraud, and should not be answered even if the amount of money called for be but ten cents. Situations do not go begging in this country, nor are jobs at good wages crying out for some one to take them. A good, square advertisement of some firm that wants a skilled man for some particular branch of business or trade is undoubtedly genuine and may be relied upon, but the advertisement of a so called employment agent or special situation procurer is almost certain to be a delusion and a snare, and the more attractive it is the greater the fraud. The respectability of the paper in which such an advertisement appears is no recommendation, since the publisher does not hold himself responsible for the statements made by advertisers. Fortunes are being made in the west, but they are made by the men themselves and are not given away. It is just as impossible to get something for nothing here as in any other portion of the globe. Men who advertise their philanthropy are rank frauds, no matter what corner of the world they may inhabit. Men who bring a little common sense to bear on the affairs of life will not need this warning, and it is to be feared that those who do not will not heed it; still it is given in the hope that it will save some one a few dollars and that it may serve to diminish the size of the stream of money pouring into the pockets of unscrupulous swindlers.

California sportsman are preparing for the future in a most vigorous way. The game commissioners, officials unknown in other Pacific coast states, have procured 2,000 Chinese quails, and have distributed

them throughout the state in a most thorough manner. A few years of protection under the law will permit them to increase to such numbers that they will afford splendid sport to the gunners of that state. They are investigating the question of introducing the Mongolian pheasant by securing some of those handsome birds in Oregon, but have about concluded not to do so. They learn from Oregon farmers that the pheasant is altogether too familiar in his conduct and helps himself to the grain, berries, grapes, etc., with too much liberality. There is a growing belief that it is the farmer and not the pheasant that needs protection. Judge Boise's decision that the law only protects the parent stock seems to make little difference, for the Mongolian pheasant is too vigorous a breeder to be exterminated in a region so large where comparatively so little hunting is done. California will probably not adopt our gaudy-plumaged bird. She will, however, introduce the simon pure wild turkey of the Mississippi valley, which will doubtless thrive well in the foot hills and valleys and will recall to the old pioneer the days of his youth. Oregon might make an effort in this direction also. There are many here who hunted wild turkeys in their youthful days, who will recommend the sport to the hunters of the present generation.

It is gratifying to see that Idaho is taking hold of the question of militia organizations with a spirit that augurs much for its national guard when the state shall enter the union. Under the name of "Idaho Guards," there are now four companies: A at Boise City, B at Weiser, C at Grangeville, and D at Albion; and there are efforts on foot to organize one each at Hailey, Lewiston, Eagle Rock and Bellevue. The adjutant general, Col. E. J. Curtis, is a practical man, who takes deep interest in the advancement of the military. A national guard law has been drafted and will be presented to the legislature at the next session for its consideration, when it is expected that the militia will be placed on a more favorable and permanent footing. In this respect Idaho and other western states and territories are in advance of many of the older states of the east.

Those Iowa farmers who are planting a large crop of potatoes this spring because of the demand that has been made upon them from the Pacific coast this season, will know more about our market another year. A small crop planted, a low average yield and a large increase in population by immigration, raised the price of potatoes very high. The probabilities are that if Iowa farmers sell us any potatoes next year they will have to put the price down pretty low or else prevail upon the railroads to bring them out for nothing.