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Boosts Malheur County.

Under the caption of "Malheur, The Corn Country" the Portland Oregonian says some nice things about this county.

It may astonish residents of Western Oregon to learn that Malheur county is making greater strides toward the goal of corn supremacy than any other county or section of Oregon.

Today the Malheur valleys are dotted over with cornfields, some of them containing a section of land, some more.

The aggregate number of acres in corn this year is more than double that of last year and last year doubled 1913.

Another surprise awaits those who do not know the facts, Malheur promises to be the greatest corn county in the country.

The Malheur and Owyhee valleys in Eastern Malheur have been called "the country's greatest alfalfa field,"

THOMAS A. EDISON



© 1918 by American Press Association. Thomas A. Edison, noted inventor who has accepted an invitation to head an advisory naval board of civilian inventors.

"The right wing should be advanced considerably, but the left wing should remain in its present position, while the center ought to be pushed back just a trifle"

No, it isn't war talk. It was overheard in a milliner's shop the other day.—San Francisco Examiner.

Reclamation Expenditures.

The Oregon Voter in its last issue contains some interesting information about reclamation expenditures by the government.

Rerrenchment policies enforced by the present national administration on reclamation expenditures have been more at the expense of Oregon than any other state.

One of the latest efforts is a reduction of the Klamath project appropriation, already awarded and under way, from \$238,000 to \$164,000.

It is a board in political harmony with the national administration, and in harmony with the politics of both Oregon senators, which has systematically given Oregon the worst of it.

By the way—it may not be known generally that the reason Colonel Bill Hanley abandoned Taft and came out for Wilson was on this very issue of Oregon's reclamation appropriations.

Meanwhile the Taft administration came through with a small apportionment for Umatilla County, and our own Democratic Joe Teal developed enough of a pull with Republican Secretary Fisher to procure an order from the Secretary for the \$50,000 of government money expended with state money for the Des Chutes survey.

But the Democratic pull expired with the Republican administration. No more hath any Oregon Democrat any special influence, for lo, the Democratic administration is in full power, and recognizes only a Republican congressman like Sinnott on reclamation matters.

All of which shows that we shouldn't rely on any brand of politics to get results for our state. What we need is vigorous prosecution of Oregon's claims by commercial bodies, officials of all organized interests, irrespective of politics, and we will make more progress than by pinning hope to party on local affairs.

SELECTING TOMATO SEED.

All tomato plants produce branches which bear perfect flowers. Though the tomato plant is largely self fertile, especially when grown in the open air, there is always more or less mixing of varieties when the plants are grown close together.

Inasmuch as not all plants possess equal powers in transmitting their qualities, it is desirable to keep the seed from each plant in a separate package and then to plant the contents of the packages in separate lots next year.

SEAWEED AS FERTILIZER.

How It Can Be Used to the Best Advantage.

In general the use of seaweed as a fertilizer is a good investment, says a contributor to the Country Gentleman.

Seaweed varies considerably in analysis, according to species, but all kinds contain a high percentage of moisture and more potash than do soft structure land plants.

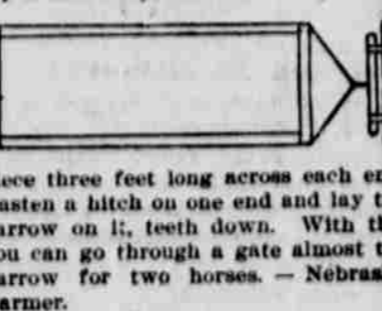
The disadvantage of applying large quantities of seaweed to farm lands lies in the possibility of injury to some crops through the chlorine in the salt that adheres to the weed and in the acidity that may be developed through decomposition of masses of the weed.

The weed should be spread on the land as far ahead of crop planting as possible to permit of the chlorine's being carried off by drainage.

Plowing under leguminous crops if they are of the deep rooted species, like clover and alfalfa, will maintain soil fertility.

But lime should be applied occasionally to prevent any acidity that may develop as the result of decomposition of masses of green growths.

Moving Four or Five Section Harrow. This device is a great help in moving a four or five section harrow without taking the harrow apart.



ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Keep the cucumbers picked from the vines if you wish them to continue bearing. Never let one ripen on the vines, even if you do throw them away.

Cabbage and cauliflower will grow better if frequently cultivated. Tie the leaves about the cauliflower heads to keep them white.

Save all the wood ashes and use around fruit trees as a fertilizer. Wood ashes are especially good for peach trees, and they will benefit all fruit trees and vines.

Neglected fruit trees are not worth the ground they occupy; they are an eyesore, and when pest infested they are a positive menace to the neighborhood.

Keep the high wheeled wagon out of the orchard. Not only does it cut up the sod, but it is more apt to brush and peel the lower limbs of the trees, and it is a great deal more inconvenient to pour fruit into than the low down wagon, with its broad tires.

Cabbage worms are very apt to bother the plants, but for these a solution of one part kerosene, three parts buttermilk and six parts water is very effective.

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WITH HONORS OF WAR.

Rights These Conditions Confer Upon a Defeated Foe.

Ordinarily in all siege operations a surrender of a fortress is unconditional, and the vanquished tacitly agree to accept whatever terms the victor, in his wisdom, may impose.

The conquerors, of course, see that the escort is a strong guard, properly armed, able to put down at once any attempt on the prisoners' part to escape or disobey orders.

Guns, ammunition, colors and such like things all have to be given up, though men have given their lives to defend them.

It is in these things that the humiliation of surrender becomes complete. Yet all of it is saved when the beaten garrison is granted the "honors of war."

In such a case all that is demanded of the beaten men is that they should evacuate all their positions. These the enemy takes possession of as what he has been striving for.

Their are not disarmed and escorted by guards. Mustering under their own leaders, they have no enemy over them giving orders.

It has been previously settled where they should go, and thither they march by themselves, their officers wearing their swords by their sides, just as if they were victors instead of conquered men.

This is marching out with the "honors of war."—Pearson's.

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Quick Change. Critical Husband—This beef isn't fit to eat. Wife—Well, I told the butcher that if it wasn't good I would send you around to his shop to give him a thrashing, and I hope you'll take some one with you, for he looked pretty fierce, and I didn't like the way he handled his big knife. Husband—Humph! Oh, well, I must say I've seen worse meat than this.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Only the Truth. "Poor Maud! She thought she'd captured a rich stock dealer." "What gave her the idea?" "Why, she heard that he helped to send wheat up last week." "And did he?" "Yes; he works in a grain elevator."—New York Post.

Wanted a Sleepy One. "Mother, must Fred and I have a chaperon for tonight?" asked the sweet young thing.

"Certainly, dear," replied the mother. "Well, mother, please don't send Aunt Helen as a chaperon because she's got insomnia."—Yonkers Statesman.

Unfortunate. "Dubbus is a singularly unfortunate man." "What makes you think so?" "He's the sort of person who is always caught with his mouth open when a photographer takes a group picture."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

It Might Be Worse. Poet—I fear I haven't written anything that will live. Friend—Look on the bright side of it. Be thankful that you are alive in spite of what you have written.—London Opinion.

An Impossible Experiment. "Why don't you let the other fellow do the worrying?" "I try to," replied Mr. Growcher. "but he comes around and worries me."—Washington Star.

Brute! "Does he like to fashion his wife's gowns?" "Yes; he feels it is the only way he can shut her up."—New York Sun.

A man must either imitate the vicious or hate them.—Montaigne.

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