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Boosts Malheur County.

Under the capiion of "Malheur, The Corn Country" the Portland Oregonian says some nice things about this county. editorial follows:

It may astonish residents of Western Oregon to learn that Malheur county is making greater strides toward the goal corn supremacy than any other county or section of Oregon. Such is the case, although the business is very new in Malheur. We doubt, if, all told, ten acres were devoted to corn in that county prior to 1915. There was hardly a field of a size worth mentioning or a yield at a paying figure prior to 1910, possibly not before administration. But our present experience able to compost it.

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. The year 1916 will doubtless double the present year.

Another surprise awaits those who do not know the facts, Malheur promises to be the greatest corn county in the country. Look at the facts: The average yield of corn per acre the country over is under 30 bushels per acre; the yield per acre in Malheur county last year averaged well up to 100 bushels per acre, some fields shhwing acres yielding close to 150 bushels. That cratic Joe Teal developed enough of a pull is a yield almost unheard of even in the socalled corn states.

Eastern Malheur have been called "the with state money for the Des Chutes survey. in the form of ground bones, slag or country's greatest alfalfa field," and the will more than likely replace many of the hath any Oregon Democrat any special inthe Malheur people are good agriculturists tion is in full power, and recognizes only a versity of interests. So Malheur will be- clamation matters, come as noted for corn as for alfalfa. That will mean that from there will be shipped rely on any brand of politics to get results from now on finely finished beef steers, for our state. What we need is vigorous hogs and sheep and lambs, for it is not prosecution of Oregon's claims by commerlikely that the Malheur growers will find cial bodies, officials of all organized interit profitable to ship their corn out by rail. ests, irrespective of politics, and we will It will pay them larger returns to feed it make more progress than by pinning hope and send out finished meat animals.

THOMAS A. EDISON

Reclamation Expenditures.

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

Rerenchment policies enforced by the present national administration on reclamation expenditures have been more at the expense of Oregon than any other state. Although it is universally admitted that Oregon projects are better located with reference to climate and market than those in most other states, and that they cost less per acre to reclaim, the disposition of the recent administration has been to trim more off Oregon than other states.

One of the latest efforts is a reduction of the Klamath project appropriation, already awarded and under way, from \$238, 000 to \$164,000, right while work was in progress. The Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce, and Congressman Nicholas J. Sinnott, have taken the matter up vigorously, with the result that the cut is being re-

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. We thought we were being treated badly enough under the Taft is far worse.

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. Colonel Hanley did his best at a personal interview with President Taft, and by correspondence, to bring about a definite decision by the Taft administration on the apportionment for finishing the Umatilla project. Under the influence of Director Newell and Secretary Fisher, the president was unable to give rine. Much larger applications of the the much desired decision. Colonel Hanley got disgusted with Taft tardiness and stepped from the frying pan into the fire.

Meanwhile the Taft administration came through with a small apportionment for Umatilla County, and our own Demowith Republican Secretary Fisher to procure an order from the Secretary for the The Malheur and Owyhee valleys in \$50,000 of government money expended

But the Democratic pull expired with tilizers may be termed crop producers name has been no misnomer. Now corn the Republican administration. I No more only. They do little for soil improve alfalfa meadows, at least temporarily, for fluence, for lo, the Democratic administraand believe in rotation of crops and in di-Republican congressman like Sinnott on re-

> All of which shows that we shouldn't to party on local affairs.

Willful and Unreasonable. In all important respects except one I found him to be very much what I sympathy, for I see now the matter anticipated, writes Laura Stedman in that might be molded into a splendid the North American iteview, quoting poet relapsing into formless conditions.

Bayard Taylor's impression of Swin- it is sad. It is tragic, and if this fauburne. The exception is instead of cy of mine be foolish, there it is, nevof the world, he is rather a wilful, perverse, unreasonable, spotled child. His burne would be intolerable to me or nature is still that of the young Shelley, and my great fear is that it will never be otherwise.

He needs the influence of a nature stronger that his in everything but the imaginative faculty—such a nature as Byron's was to Shelley. • • He has a weak moral sense, but his offences arise from a colossal unbalanced affec- shop bearing across the front the coaxtation. This, or something like it, is a lag saying of Hecuba to Hector, "Wine which quite obscures the organizing—that is artistic—sense. What I admire

magnetically. Thomas A. Edison, noted inventor He could have no power over me, but who has accepted an invitation to head on the contrary, I felt that I should be able to influence him in a short an advisory naval board of civilian time. I had a letter from him the other day which shows that he feels "The right wing should be advanced an intellectual relationship between us. considerably, but the left wing should Now, this is not a question of relative in the south we may admire the bloom poetic power, but of a certain diversity remain in its present position, while No, it isn't war talk. It was over heard in a milliner's shop the other day.-San Francisco Examiner.

Bayard Taylor Called Him Perverse, him to some degree of polse, of system,

being a prematurely blase young man ertheless. Without this sense of giving assistance a week alone with Swinany other human being.

Homer's Birthplace. Chios is the most probable birthplace of Homer and shows the blind bard's cradle, school, house and tomb. Near the poet's alleged "school," says the Pail Mail Gazette, is a little wine disorganizing element in his nature doth vastly increase the strength of a which quite obscures the organizing—weary man." Although almost exterminated by the terrible massacre of in him, yet admire with a feeling of 1822, the people of Chios are the most pain, is the mad, unrestrained preponderance of the imagination. It is a leading Greek bankers and merchants godlike quality, but he sometimes uses hall from this island, and the well it like a devil. He greatly interests known families of Raili and Rodocana. hall from this island, and the well my intellect, but does not touch me thi are of Chiot origin.

Why It's "Horse" Chestnut. count of the resemblance to a horse-shoe that is to be found when the twigs of the tree are sliced obliquely. of this early flowering tree, but in the of qualities, and I don't mean to be egotistic in saying that I might perform anothers pay more regard to the nut, somewhat of the same service for him which, when grated, they hold to be as Byron for Shelley. I feel that (if in infallible cure for it is not already too late) I could help -London Chronicle an infallible cure for whooping cough.

SELECTING TOMATO SEED.

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

The selection of your own seed is a simple matter. Select plants that are ideal in vigor, freedom from disease, production and character of fruit. Practically all the tomatoes from each plant thus selected may be saved, only fruits that happen to be inferior being discarded.

Inasmuch as not all plants ossess 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 conents of the packages in separate lots next year.

This will give you an oppor tunity to judge the best stock. An excellent plan is to conduct a trial test of about twenty-five plants from each lot of seed. You will not find it much trouble to weigh and even to count the tomatous from each lot of plants. The results will justify the work involved. ***************

SEAWEED AS FERTILIZER.

vantage.

In general the use of seaweed as fertilizer is a good investment, says a contributor to the Country Gentleman. On sandy soils it may merely be plowed under, but in general it is prefer

Seaweed varies considerably in anal ysis, according to species, but all kinds contain a high percentage of moisture and more potash than do soft structure land plants. The kelp spe cies in particular carry much potash.

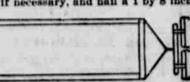
The disadvantage of applying large quantities of seaweed to farm land lies in the possibility of injury to some crops through the chlorine in the salt that adheres to the weed and in the acidity that may be developed through decomposition of masses of the weed.

The weed should be spread on the land as far ahead of crop planting as possible to permit of the chlorine's be ing carried off by drainage. An application of lime will remedy both the acidity and the ill effects of the chloseaweed can be made on sandy solls than on heavy soils or on those not

they are of the deep rooted species, like clover and alfaifa, will maintain soil fertility. The nodules on the roots will collect nitrogen from the air, and the deep roots will bring up potash and phosphoric acid from the subsoil.

But lime should be applied occasionly to prevent any acidity that may vals of seven to ten years it would

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. Take two I by S inch boards a little longer than the width of the harrow, splicing on top if necessary, and nail a 1 by 8 inch



piece three feet long across each end. Fasten a hitch on one end and lay the harrow on it, teeth down. With this you can go through a gate almost too

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. unless you do not care for any more

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 positiv - menace to the neighbor

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. In .naking this solution briskly stir the kerosene and buttermik to gether for three minutes before adding the water. Apply with a spray pump or a garden sprinkler.

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WITH HONORS OF WAR.

Rights Those Conditions Confer Upor 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, relying upon the latter's magnanimity for good and lenient treatment. The usual course is this: The garrison is disarmed. They are made to fall in, all so many prisoners, and escorted to wherever their onquerors decide they shall be de-

The conquerors, of course, see that the escort is a strong guard, properly armed, able to put down at once any attempt on the pileoners' part to escape or disobey others. Worst of all and certainly the most galling to any real soldier, the almost sacred trophies of the different regiments become the spoils of the victors.

Guns, ammunition, colors and such like things all have to be given up. though men have given their lives to defend them. For the future they grace the homes of the enemy or are turned against their old owners in the

Yet all of it is saved when the beaten garrison is granted the "honors of war." That means the defenders were simply "defeated, but not disgraced." By its use the successful besiegers admit to the world that the garrison was able to make something better than an unconditional surrender. Their beroic defense had not left them at heir last gasp. They could maintain ostilities for some time yet, and, al hough they would undoubtedly be eaten at the finish, the fortress could only be taken after more loss been suffered.

of the beaten men is that they should evacuate all their positions. These the has been striving for. All the colors and other trophies are retained by the garrison. The defenders are not prisoners of war, compelled to surrender. They are simply beaten men, voluntaily giving up the unequal contest. They are not disarmed and escorted by guards. Mustering under their own eaders, they have no enemy over them giving orders. Headed by their own bands, with their own colors flying

as heroes for whom circumstances have been too strong.

men, not prisoners. This is marching out with ors of war."-Pearson's.

It is in these things that the humili-ation of surrender becomes complete.

In such a case all that is demanded

above them and no foreigr flag near, they "march out" of the positions they nive so nobly held, saluted by their ors and acclaimed by the world

It has been previously settled where they should go, and thither they march by themselves, their officers wearing heir swords by their sides, just as if they were victors instead of conquered men. They merely evacuate their po-They merely evacuate their po sitions and to all purposes are free

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points on the Oregon Short Line.

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

Only the Truth.
"Poor Maud! She thought she'd capured a rich stock dealer.

"What gave her the iden?" "Why, she heard that he belped to end wheat up last week."

"And did be?" "Yes; he works New York Post.

Wanted a Bleepy One. "Mother, must Fred and I have a haperon for tonight?" asked the sweet

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

What makes you think so? "He's the sort of person who is always enught with his mouth open when a photographer takes a group icture."-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 to the worrying?" "I try to," replied Mr. Growcher,

me."-Washington Star.

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

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