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LEST WE FORGET

The greatest season of the year is at hand and every one who has had a taste of life and activity that goes with the season is apparent, merry faces of the little ones as they are gazing at the many pretty gifts in the shop windows, with wistful, lingering eyes, the cheerful smiles of father and mother as they go and find laden with gifts for each member of the family, the expectant eye of each passerby, as he smelt the approaching season. It is all glad Christmas-time. Once a year by the giving of gifts we commemorate the birth of Christ. With the older ones the season loses its charm, from the sense of giving and receiving; the mere act of giving of the present does not signify to them what it did when young, but there comes to all at this time another and greater thought that this day should be filled with glad tidings that Christ was born into the world, the Savior of mankind, whose birth we are now celebrating. The little tots have been anxious for these many weeks, hardly able to wait for the eventful day, their little minds centered on the one thought—the presents they were to receive. Christmas brings great cheer throughout the land, hearts are gladdened and homes that know no cheer for the year are made bright and happy. It means much to the little ones from their viewpoint, and it should mean much more to the older ones. Let all rejoice.

GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATIONS

In the December issue of the Pacific Grange Bulletin appears the following article: "Every road district in Washington should at once organize a Good Roads Association. Announce a meeting at some central point; meet and organize by electing a president, secretary, treasurer and a vice president for each precinct except the three represented by the above officers. Also nominate two or three men for supervisor for your road district, for the state law provides that the county commissioners must appoint one of the men you nominate. See! Do it at once." This reprint refers to conditions in Washington. There is no reason why it could not be used with the greatest success throughout Oregon, and especially throughout Clatskanie county. A great many sections of the state have organized good roads associations, and these sections are now enjoying the benefits derived from their efforts to better the condition of their highways. It is needless to say that the county officers will work all the harder if they think that their efforts are appreciated. Often they are made aware of the fact that a certain piece of road is in a poor condition, but they hear no more about it, and the matter escapes their mind. It is here that a good roads organization accomplishes its work, by constantly keeping the fact that the road is in poor condition before the commissioners, and having a good share of the membership at the meeting of the county court will make their presence felt, and thus bring about the needed improvement in the shortest possible time.

The secretary of agriculture has presented his annual report and has accompanied it with an essay that may be the outcome of a valiant effort. Secretary Wilson is the Nestor of the cabinet and he has held his present office longer than any of his predecessors and for a term covering a wonderfully progressive era of farm and crop improvement. He shows that within a few years the wealth production of the farms of the country has been greater than sixty billions of dollars. By another statement he shows that the value of farm products in 1899, the census year, being taken at 100 the value in 1908 is 124; for 1904, 131; for 1905, 134; for 1906, 148; for 1907, 152; and for 1908, 155. The value of the corn crop almost staggers credulity. The quantity is 3,643,000,000 bushels, valued at \$1,315,000,000. There are other statistics showing a falling off in the revenues of the government that to the reflective mind should produce a pessimism as to the big corn or rice crop. The commissioner of the internal revenue bureau, in his annual report, states that for the last year, there was a decrease in receipts of \$18,000,000, in round numbers, as compared with the previous year, and this decrease comes from the smaller manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors. The decrease in gallons taxed, as compared with last year, is estimated at forty millions. The commissioner accounts for this by the prohibition movement, the high price of corn, and the agreement among distillers to curtail production.

The Panama canal, in spite of optimistic utterances with reference to the progress made in its construction, is evidently a source of anxiety in Washington and throughout the country. The law imposes on the president the duty of building the canal. It is the most Herculean work attempted in history, and the working president, upon whom the burden is about to fall, is wise in his effort to satisfy himself that progress is being made in the right way. It is known that he intends to visit Panama again in January and that he will take with him a number of engineering officers in no way connected with the work. It is characteristic of the president-elect to thoroughly understand any proposition that he has to take up and the country will doubtless profit by the careful inspection and study he is about to make.

The days succeeding the Civil War are referred to as the Reconstruction Period, but that that period is still active, the past, the present and the supposed future of the Rooseveltian era confound. One of the chief economists and reformers of this era is Secretary Root of the state department. Last week he started the members of the committee on appropriations and the country by referring to the present organization of the state department as a temporary makeshift. The time was shortly come, he said, when it will be desirable to make material changes in the organization of the state department. This department, which is by rank the chief department of the government, presided

over by the secretary of state, the premier, is really the smallest in official and clerical personnel of all the departments of the government and is considered the most desirable as far as clerkships are concerned, of all the government departments. Those who occupy desks in this department assume the airs peculiar to dilatory statesmanship and diplomacy and imagine that they are in a class above the employees of the pension office, postoffice department and all other government offices. Secretary Root, who effected a remarkable change in the war department during the time that he was secretary of war, and who is depended upon to effect a similar change in the navy department, has told congress that a change in the state department is indispensable, enlarging its clerical forces and adapting it to our greater and broader duties as a world power, lifting it out of the management of merely quasi-diplomatic and consular affairs.

Cabinet making in Washington is all the rage. Almost every fellow has a slate and there will probably be some surprises when the names of cabinet officers are published for the first time, after the fourth of March. Senator Knies of Pennsylvania has been much talked of to succeed Elinor Root as secretary of state. There is not the slightest probability that he will be invited or would accept if he should be invited. He is a good lawyer and a fair politician, but the man capable of filling the chair of the present secretary will not be easily found.

During the present week it is expected that both houses of congress in Washington will conclude the auto-holiday work and adjourn until after New Year's.

Free Course of Lectures.

Winter short course of studies will begin at the Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon, on January 5. Men and women, young and old, interested in the farm, the shop or the house are cordially invited to attend. By writing at once to the Agricultural College a circular will be sent telling in detail what is proposed to be accomplished by these courses. A week of lectures on general agricultural topics begins January 5. A special course for creamery operators and managers runs from January 5 to 15; a course in dairying from January 15 to March 25; a course in horticulture from January 11 to February 20; a course in mechanic arts from January 11 to February 20; a course in railroad construction from January 11 to February 6; a special course in household science and art from January 11 to February 20. Special lectures on business methods on the farm will be given.

Beware of Frequent Colds.

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White, of Butler, Tenn., says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by Huntley Bros., Oregon City and Molalla.

All the tracks of the Illinois Central within the city of Chicago will be electrified and the use of steam locomotives abandoned.

Signs of Oregon's Growth.

District Attorney Bryson of Corvallis has issued an order prohibiting the drug stores of Eugene from selling Peruna, Hostetter's Electric Bitters, Lashes' Bitters and other medicines of the same order.

C. W. Ament, of Grants Pass, who owns a 280 acre tract east of that city, has laid it off into 28 ten acre farm tracts. These tracts will be planted in the finest varieties of fruit, and will be laid to those who wish to take up fruit raising as a business.

Albany will soon witness the change from the old horse cars to a modern electric line.

Grants Pass is the latest town to begin to make efforts for a new railroad depot. The ladies of that city are preparing to make a park around the railroad grounds.

The convention of the Oregon Wool-growers' Association in Heppner recently was very successful, and was a great benefit to the wool growing industry throughout the state.

The citizens of Woodburn are determined to be connected by rail with the Oregon Electric Company's line, which runs on the opposite side of the river from them.

The tax levy of Wallowa for the coming year has been fixed at 10 mills.

A party of Eastern capitalists have purchased 620 acres of valuable land in the vicinity of Milrose, and will take it one of the best commercial orchards in the Northwest.

One-fifth of a million is the amount of the increase of the assessed valuation of Enterprise, Wallowa, and Joseph over last year.

The city council of Eugene have taken it upon themselves to act as the city water commission till the regular commission can be legally appointed.

Cottage Grove is planning to vote on the question of a four mill tax, to be used for purchasing a city park.

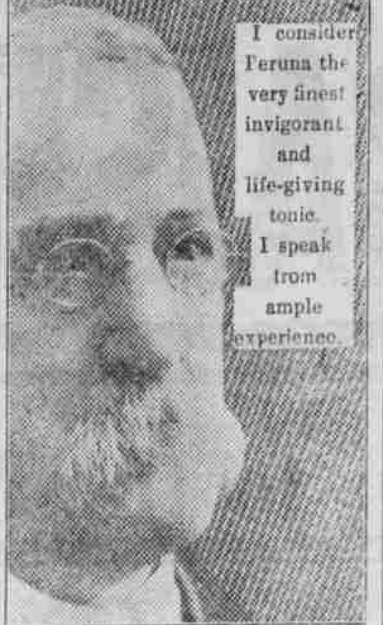
An orchardist residing near Roseburg writes the Review a letter, in which he states that he would like a bill introduced at the next session of the legislature to prevent turkeys from running at large. He claims that the national bird is more of a menace to the fruit and vegetable crop than all the insects combined.

The citizens of the progressive little town of Banks have decided that the time has arrived when they should incorporate, and a bill for the issuance of a charter has been drafted.

The new Clatskanie Co-operative Creamery is reported as progressing very favorably, and those interested in the concern are confident that the venture will be more successful than they at first thought possible.

It is the present intention of the stockholders in the McMinnville cream condenser to start the plant on

STATE ATTORNEY OF TENNESSEE



HON. LAPS D. MCCOORD, 132 S. G. ST., Washington, D. C., Ex-Adjutant General State of Tennessee, and State Attorney at Nashville, is an ardent friend of Peruna. He does not hesitate to give public endorsement to this very excellent remedy.

As a tonic Peruna has no superior. But it is as a catarrh remedy it has achieved its world-wide notoriety and success.

Any catarrh remedy to become permanently effectual in the cure of catarrh must contain tonic and invigorating qualities with its anti-catarrhal qualities. Catarrh is always an expression of nerve weakness, either local or general. It is, therefore, important that a catarrh remedy should possess reliable invigorating qualities in order to thoroughly rid the system of catarrh.

Pe-ru-na for Colds.

Hon. R. S. Ryan, now residing in Nome, Alaska, was formerly a member of the English House of Parliament and Secretary to the late Irish patriot, Charles Stewart Parnell. His Washington address is, New Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C. He writes: "I have used Peruna and can recommend your remedy as a very effective cure for colds and catarrhal complaints."—R. S. Ryan.

The residents of Dallas now boast of the best equipped postoffice in the West Side country.

The enrollment of the Corvallis schools shows an increase of nine per cent over the attendance last term.

The "poacherine," a cross between thapsach and netarine, will be distributed throughout Lake County next spring.

LITTLE LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me a wash tub and wash board, a doll clothes line, Bud wants an air gun and a drum, train of cars. I want a doll buggy and a doll trunk, bedstead and bed. I want three dolls. Bud wants a negro doll. I want a book and dishes and a piano, a little lamp. So I will close until next Christmas. Good-bye. VIVIAN CURTIS.

Good Cough Medicine for Children.

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quickest way to cure his cold is the less risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and for those of those who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. F. Starobor, of Ripley, W. Va., says, "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by Huntley Bros., Oregon City and Molalla.

Pasteurizing Milk for Poor Babies.

In telling how, in New York City, more than four million bottles of pure germ-free milk are distributed in the tenement districts every year, Popular Mechanics for January says that milk is pasteurized has many advantages over the older system of sterilization or boiling, as a lower degree of heat is applied, which, although sufficient to kill all noxious germs, does not affect the nourishing quality and allow the good taste to be retained. The milk is first dropped through a fine sieve into coils cooled by ice. The milk is transferred from this cooler to an automatic bottle filling machine. After the bottles are filled the next step is the heating or pasteurization. This is accomplished by gradually increasing the temperature of the hot water surrounding the bottles until a temperature of 157 degrees is reached. The bottles are left in this temperature for a period of 30 minutes. The milk is re-cooled by an automatic machine which sprays the bottles with cold water.

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DRY FARMING

The above subject has nothing to do with prohibition. It has reference to cultivating the soil so as to conserve the moisture of the spring rains to the preserve it for the dry months of the summer. Those readers who attended the Gresham fair last fall and saw the Gill Bros' exhibit will remember what the results of dry farming are. Nearly all farmers have heard of the Campbell dry farming system as used in Colorado and other arid countries. But have they ever tried to adapt this system to the conditions existing in the Willamette valley? My father evolved this system in 1887, years before Campbell announced his system.

As practiced by my father and my brother, it consists in plowing the ground twice, the first time in March or April and again in May or June according to the crop. It cannot be applied to grain crops or early crops, but to later summer or fall crops. Late potatoes, cabbage cauliflower, pumpkins, squashes, melons, celery, carrots, beets and summer grown vegetables are most successfully grown in this manner.

The first plowing should be done in March or April. It ought to be nine or ten inches deep, unless the land has been continually plowed shallow, in which case it should be plowed an inch deeper than the previous plowing. If the soil is sandy the precaution is not necessary. Immediately after the plowing the ground should be harrowed twice, first in the same direction the plow traveled and the second time across the furrows.

For planting squashes, melons, pumpkins, cucumbers, beans or corn, plow the second time as soon as the danger of frost is over, leaving the land off opposite to the original land so as to cut across the furrows of the first plowing. If the ground is in good condition two harrowings this time will sufficiently pulverize the soil. But of this the farmer must be his own judge.

This second plowing should never be deferred till the moisture is dried out of the soil. It ought to be finished for all purposes by June 15th. Late potatoes should be planted between the 10th of June and the 1st of July. Cabbage and cabbage for fall and winter crop should be planted from the 20th of June to August 15th according to variety. My brothers have grown excellent crops of carrots and beets from seed sown as late as the first of June.

After the crops are planted, the cultivator should be used freely. At first use a five-tooth d or trower and then as the season advances use the barrow-toothed cultivator. All cultivation must be level. No hilling up in this method.

It is a purpose of a part of this cultivation to make soil a four and six inches of dust upon the surface of the soil, the finer the better. This keeps the moisture from evaporating, and keeps it for the use of the plant. Make dust. It is the secret of success in this method. Keep the soil level between the rows. My brothers use a drag after the last cultivation that just fits between the rows.

If a rain comes during the growing season, a crust will form on top of the dust. This must be broken or the moisture of the soil will escape. The cultivator must be set going immediately after a rain, that is as soon as the soil is dry enough to work.

With this system of farming almost as good crops can be grown in a dry, hot summer as in a cool, rainy summer. During the last seven years my brothers, Edid and Ray, have had this experience. The smallest crop of potatoes they have grown was a little more than 50 sacks per acre and the average crop has been 75 sacks per acre. The only fertilizer used was

land plaster at the rate of 100 pounds to the acre.

To illustrate the difference between the old method and this method: A rented 10 acres of land of E. He plowed the ground once with the brae plow, planted his potatoes about the 1st of May and did not make an effort to keep the ground level. He harvested 40 sacks of salable potatoes off the ten acres. The next season my brothers rented the same piece of ground, having \$250, an acre more for the rent. They farmed by the method herein described, planting the potatoes after the 10th of June, and they harvested 900 sacks of salable potatoes.

Last year, following this method, they raised cauliflower of the Best Early variety, one head of which weighed 14 1/2 pounds. This year they took \$75 worth of prizes at the Gresham fair. Their land is an upland gravelly soil and is not nearly so fertile as the lands of the Columbia sough, or as many acres of alluvial soil in Clatskanie county.

I applied this method to a small garden at Estacada last summer and though I had but little opportunity to work it as I should have worked it, still I had a good late garden when many others were dried up.

If you haven't tried this adaptation of the Campbell system to the Willamette valley, try the experiment on a small piece of ground next summer. If you make no mistakes, you will be surprised at the results.

F. M. GILL.

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