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OREGON AS A FRUIT STATE.

The eyes of Eastern people are fixed on our state more than is generally supposed. If Oregon will continue to maintain the reputation already established, her future is assured.

Sylvester Johnson, for eleven years president of the Indiana State Horticultural society, at a meeting of that society held at Indianapolis, said: "I regard Oregon as pre-eminently the fruit state of the Union, and its fruits better than those of California. This exhibit forever dispels the opinion that California possesses superior advantages for fruit-growing to those of every other region on the Pacific slope. The Oregon exhibit of apples, pears and plums was not only unequalled, but it excelled that of every other state. The fact may be noted that the largest apple, the largest pear and the largest cherries exhibited at the Columbian exposition were grown in Oregon."

Oregon has become famous as a fruit-producing state. Her apples have contributed most to this fame. Their carrying and keeping qualities are remarkable, says the Chicago Packer. In addition, they have beauty, fragrance and flavor. They are sold in all the leading cities of the United States and Canada, in London, Liverpool, Hamburg, Berlin, Paris, St. Petersburg, Honolulu, Japan, China, Australia, New Zealand, Siberia, Manila and in the mining camps of Alaska. Where Oregon apples have once been introduced they are always in demand. It is a common thing to see dealers from the Atlantic states, France and England in Oregon markets, buying the cream of the state's fruit crop.

LIST OF "DON'TS" FOR TEACHERS.

Almost anyone of ordinary intelligence can furnish a long list of "don'ts" for the guidance of the person who is fitting herself to teach school, says the Chicago Record-Herald. The less experience the person has had in teaching the longer his list. One of the easiest things in the world for a person who has never had anything to do with youngsters is to "teach school." The science of pedagogy has nothing new for him.

The "don'ts" that are evolved from theory and based upon sentiment, however, are quite different from the "don'ts" that are suggested by practical experience. For this reason the "don'ts" enumerated by Dr. Arnold Tompkins, head of the Chicago Normal School, should have more than ordinary weight with teachers. Among the "don'ts" which Dr. Tompkins gave the teachers in his address to the county institute on Wednesday were:

- Don't lie awake nights because one child is bad. That is not a sign your teaching is a failure.
Don't stop a child from whispering by strenuous means. Appeal to the pupil in a quiet way.
Don't throw a ruler at the child's head to divert him for some mischievous act. The commotion disturbs the unity of the whole more than the child's misdeed.
Don't use the dunce cap. It makes the pupil feel foolish. You should endeavor to make him feel manly.
Don't attempt to correct a child's actions by means from without when means from within are much more effective.

Of course these were not all the injunctions elaborated by this experienced trainer of teachers, but they are of especial interest because they pertain to the very important question of "discipline." Fortunately we have progressed to a point where an enlightened pedagogy has banished the rod as a corrective and has done away with the pulling of ears and the throwing of rulers and other "articles of virtue" at the head of recalcitrant boys.

The boy of to-day, in school and out of school, must be taught to respect authority and to abide by certain rules of conduct, not because a particular person—the teacher—wants it or is offended or enraged if he doesn't, but because it is necessary to government and good order. The teacher who permits boys and girls to do as they please is training up a lot of hoodlums and rowdies. If she teaches them that obedience to law and authority is fundamental in our society, and that good behavior is essential to usefulness and good order, without resort to the rod or other "means from without," she is training up children who will be animated by instincts of decency and manliness instead of fear.

Our suggestion last week in favor of a county fair for Clackamas county has received general endorsement. A number have expressed themselves favorably disposed to some such a plan for the exposition of the agricultural and horticultural products of the county as a means of promoting standard and quality of these pursuits and their products in this county. One thing is essential to insure a fair. That one thing is co-operation among the business men and property owners, who should be especially interested in such a project. No other thing can accomplish more for the county than does a county or district fair. Let's have a fair.

CONSIDERING that the time was not right for the giving of a carnival, the recent attempt at entertaining the public in this city proved a success quite up to expectations. But for the very unpleasant weather there would not remain the slight deficit that confronts the management. The next time such a form of entertainment is decided upon, the date should be fixed for a time when the people for whose entertaining it is designed, are not all out of the city, and in this connection it should be very extensively advertised. With these suggestions complied with, coupled with a management as untiring as that which had charge of the Labor Day affair and the next attempt of this kind in Oregon City will be a grand success financially as well as from an entertaining view-point.

The management of the Multnomah Carnival is to be complimented for placing some restrictions on the confetti throwing that usually attends all such fetes. To say the least, the throwing of confetti is an abominable habit and should at all times be restricted if not entirely prohibited. While the practice may afford harmless and enjoyable amusement for a circle of acquaintances, a general participation therein affords an opportunity and invites undue familiarity and unrestrained insolence from the smart-alecks of which every large gathering is comprised of an unappreciable number. It is far from pleasant to have some rowdy introduce a handful of the bits of paper into your mouth as you may be carrying on a conversation and if you remonstrate, especially if the person on whom the imposition is practised be a woman, you are rewarded with a second installment of increased size. It is up to you to grin and bear it. The fellow who conceived and introduced the practice should be obliged to take a large sized dose of his own medicine, administered by a disgusted public.

The state fair which opened at Salem Monday is a record breaker in point of attendance and interest. Its success in every way surpasses all previous exhibitions in the history of the state agricultural society. The exhibits this year were larger in number and more representative of the entire state than ever before while the racing programme was never equalled in the Pacific Northwest. The aggregate of purses for both exhibits and races was larger than ever. As an institution the state fair is becoming of greater importance to the state annually. For this condition President Wehrung and Secretary Wisdom, together with the members of the board of agriculture are entitled to much credit. They assumed charge of the affairs of the society when the fair was about to collapse and it is due to the earnest and faithful labors of these gentlemen that the fair has been built up to its present large and prosperous proportions.

Why keep on spending millions to harness cataracts and mountain streams to manufacture electricity when you can get it in limitless quantities, without price, by simply "tapping" the ether above the clouds? says an exchange.

This is the question that started Professor Gallatin Whitney and F. X. Schoonmaker on a line of experiments for getting what is known in the parlance of the curbs as "a lead-pipe cinch" on the electricity that is stored in the regions of space. In this case, however, the two scientists will not use a lead pipe; all they need is a wire to penetrate the vast reservoirs of electrified ether.

The plan is so simple that it can hardly fail to bring the blush of humiliation to such wizards as Edison and Tesla. Here are a couple of real "wisards," who propose to wire the heavens for electric energy. The plan involves the smashing of Newton's law of gravitation, but this is an easy matter for real wizards. The world has been moving right along since Newton's day. His law was a good one for the times in which he lived, but we are in an age of progress. It was always suspected that there was a point in the heavens beyond which Newton's law did not reach, and that if a man ever reached that point he would be held in suspension.

This is the basic idea underlying the experiment which Professors Whitney and Schoonmaker will attempt at Pike's Peak. By means of special machinery designed for the purpose, they propose to "shoot" a magnet into space to an altitude of 20,000 feet, where it is expected that the earth will cease to exert any "pull" on it and it will remain fixed in the upper ether. Through a fine copper wire attached to the magnet they will then draw the electricity that has been stored in ethereal space for countless ages and will dispense it for the benefit of mankind.

Of course they are not the originators of the "aerial ladder" plan for getting electricity. But they are going Ben Franklin better by many thousand feet, and they don't have to wait for a thunderstorm. If the plan is a success the heavens will be punctured with shooting magnets day and night until a Morgan or a Rockefeller can get connection with some distant planet and corner the world's supply.



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Popular Cartoons.
The art of newspaper illustrations in its present form is a development of recent years. Newspaper cartoons have become a most popular feature of up-to-date metropolitan daily papers. The unique and catchy drawing now appearing daily on the front page of the Chicago Record-Herald is one of the many special features of the great paper. The Record-Herald has been fortunate in securing one of the best young artists in the country to carry out its popular policy of presenting each day a humorous and good-natured cartoon. Mr. Ralph Wilder is one of the coming men in newspaper work. His success has been as pronounced as it has been rapid. He shows all of the good-natured humor and the brighter side of everyday common life which has carried his work to a very popular success. His drawings are on all of the various subjects of popular interest, political and otherwise. Current events are vividly portrayed in a way that pleases, yet often giving just criticism in a way that does not offend. Through his excellent work on eastern magazines Mr. Wilder first attracted universal attention. The Record-Herald recognized in him at once a cartoonist of unusual promise, and congratulates its readers on having been fortunate enough to engage him.

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