

## OUR FARMERS' PAGE.

ENTERPRISE READERS ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE AGRICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, DAIRY OR "BIG CROP" ITEMS FOR THIS DEPARTMENT.

**Trees and Lightning.**  
It appears from the experiments of a French scientist that oak trees are in more danger than other trees of being struck by lightning. Beeches, on the contrary, are not good conductors of electricity. The danger of trees from lightning is great in proportion to the electrical conductivity of that wood. Dead trees and dead wood generally form a much better conductor than living growing woods, which offer greater resistance.

**Camphor Trees.**  
All true camphor is supplied by Japan and China, 80 percent by former and 20 per cent by the latter, according to the Pharmaceutical Era. In obtaining camphor, the trees are destroyed. Both countries have passed laws compelling the planting of young camphor trees, China being more radical than Japan in this particular, as for every camphor tree cut down, five new ones must be planted. Japan has planted 3,000,000 young trees since 1900, to which are to be added 500,000 planted this year, and hereafter 750,000 annually.

**Electrocuting Animals.**  
The slaughtering of animals for food by electrocution is being experimented by Dr. Leduc, a French scientist who has been conducting his investigations in the French abattoirs. He has been using intermittent low-tension currents and says he is satisfied that the system is painless, the central functions of perception being first destroyed and then those of circulation and respiration, so that there is neither suffering nor reaction in the animals thus killed. The doctor is endeavoring to devise some piece of apparatus by which the killing of cattle may be accomplished by electricity with economy and celerity.

**Bravery of the Smallest Birds.**  
Fearless birds are humming birds. So unafraid are these charming creatures that they will readily enter open windows of houses if they see flowers within.

They even have been known to visit the artificial flowers on a woman's hat when she was walking out, and other writers speak of their taking sugar from between a person's lips. In a room they become confused, and, being frail, they are apt to injure themselves by striking against objects.

It is of no use to try to keep them in captivity, says the Chicago Tribune, unless possibly it were in a greenhouse, where there were plenty of flowers, for no artificial food has ever been found which will nourish them.

Yet even in a greenhouse they probably would kill themselves by flying against the glass.  
According to recent experiments by Stanislas Tetaud, a widely known French agriculturist, wheat and other cereals can be protected against the ravages of crows, which are particularly fond of the grain, when sprouts are just pushing above the ground, by treating the seeds before they are sown with a mixture of coal tar, petroleum and phenic acid. This treatment, which delays the growth of the seed for a day or two, but causes no damage, imparts an odor which is insufferable to the crows, but which disappears after the sprouts have attained a larger growth, when they are no longer subject to attack.

**Testing Seeds for the Farm.**  
The other day a rascal was found to have made a small fortune by chopping up palm-leaf fans and selling the stuff at a dollar a packet, containing a pinch or two of the precious dust—which was said to be the seed of a rare exotic flower. So writes W. G. Fitz-Gerald in the Technical World Magazine for March.

He advertised widely, and numbered professional florists among his victims. True, he disclaimed responsibility for the germinating power of his "seed," but this is a common warning even on the wares of reputable seedsmen, so that the buyers planted, watched and watered with pathetic zeal until at length an angry lady laid the swindler by the heels.

Now farm and flower seeds of the highest quality is costly stuff. So minute is that of the calceolaria that the actual cost of producing the finest strain exceeds ten times the weight of the seed in purest gold. Mignonette seed, too, is by no means cheap, yet that of the begonia if at least sixty times dearer and a liberal allowance for a \$2 packet is measured in a tiny spoon with an outside diameter of three-sixteenths of an inch. And yet in that small spoonful there will be enough seed to produce more than 100 stately begonia plants.

The writer goes on to describe the careful testing seeds undergo at the hands of the government, inspectors, and an interesting series of photographs illustrates the test.

### YOU SPEND

Too much time—obtaining information from uncertain sources, unless you are using Polk's Gazetteer of Oregon and Washington, complete information of every town in the two States and a classified Business Directory.

## DECORATION DAY MAY 30

CIVIL WAR VETERANS WILL DO HONOR TO THEIR SOLDIER AND SAILOR DEAD.

### G. A. R. IS IN CHARGE

Annual Custom Falls This Year on Saturday—Public Exercises Will Be Held in City Park, Unless Weather Proves Inclement.

In memory of the soldier dead, the veterans of the war of the rebellion, who are members of Meade Post, No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic, are making arrangements for the observance of Memorial Day in this city May 30. Decoration Day falls on Saturday this year. At a meeting of the Post last year James F. Nelson, O. L. Clyde, J. A. Tufts, H. Blankenship, Daniel Hasbrouck and Enos Cahill were appointed a committee to take charge of the arrangements and will meet next Saturday evening with a committee from Meade Relief Corps. The Post will request the business houses of the city to close from 9 a. m. until 1 p. m. on Decoration Day. The usual ceremonies will be carried out, with a parade from Willamette Hall to the suspension bridge where flowers will be strewn on the waters in honor of the sailor dead. The public exercises will take place in the City Park, unless the weather is inclement, in which event they will be held in Shively's opera house, and these exercises will be followed by the ceremonies of the Post and Corps at the Mountain View cemetery where the graves of the soldier dead will be decorated.

At a regular meeting of Meade Post No. 2, of the Department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic, at Willamette Hall, May 2, 1908, by resolution a committee was appointed to secure the publication in the press of Oregon City, the first General Orders issued by Gen. John A. Logan on May 5, 1868, designated and establishing Memorial Day, which has been adopted this year by the Department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic, as Memorial Day orders.

**General Orders, No. 11.**  
1. The 30th day of May is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of Comrades, who died in defence of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but Posts and Comrades will

in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances will permit.

We are organized, comrades as our Regulations tell us, for the purpose among other things "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion. That can do more to assure the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and in their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of such reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us.

Let us then, at the appointed time, gather around their sacred remains, and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us, a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude,—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

2. It is the purpose of the Commandance with the hope that it will be derelict to inaugurate this observance kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

3. Department Commanders will use every effort to make this Order effective.

By command of  
JOHN A. LOGAN,  
N. P. CHIPMAN, Commander-in-Chief  
Adjutant General.

**Christian Science Lecture.**  
Free lecture on Christian Science by Frank H. Leonard, C. S. B. of Brooklyn, N. Y., member of the Board of Lectureship of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, to be given at Shively's opera house Monday evening, May 11, at 8 o'clock. This lecture is given for the purpose of removing any misunderstanding as to what Science is.



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