

THE EYE OF GENIUS.

And the Strain of the Nervous System Due to Defective Vision.

Much was made in the newspapers some years ago of the part bad eyes have played in the lives of great musicians and writers. What was called "The eye of genius" was illustrated in many portraits, notably the Leubach paintings of Richard Wagner, in which one eye droops and is surrounded by concentric wrinkles of pain. The great composer's sick headache and insomnia, his shattered nerves and fits of violent temper, were attributed to eye strain. The diagnosis has since been accepted by his biographer, Ellis, himself a physician. Similar if less conclusive cases have been made out to explain the lifelong suffering of George Eliot, Browning, the Carlyles, Darwin, Huxley, Herbert Spencer, Balzac, Taine, Nietzsche, Tschatkovsky and others.

The straining of the nervous system due to defective vision is to be found among all who use their eyes in work near at hand. "The eye of genius" is as common among typesetters and proofreaders, reporters and typewriters, bookkeepers, lathe workers and seamstresses as among the master spirits of music and letters. It is, in fact, more common, for whereas the fortunate few are able to choose their time and place of labor, to find rest and recuperation when they need it, the many are held fast to long hours and endless days, with the result that they become hopeless, nervous wrecks and go blind or mad. — Metropolitan Magazine.

THE ART OF FELTING.

It Was Developed Long Before the Weaver Was First Known.

Felt is a fabric formed without weaving by taking advantage of the tendency of hair and wool to interlace and cling to each other. Antiquarians state that the art of felting was developed long before the weaver was first known. Felting antedates the Christian era by many centuries. Authorities state that the felting quality of hair or wool results from the natural structure of the material. The hair of most animals is jagged to be more or less notched or hooked on its surface. This is the more apparent when an examination of the material is made by the aid of a microscope. In some animals there appears to be a set of barbs on the hair, and these barbs are so placed that the tip of each points to the end of the hair.

It follows that when a number of hairs are pressed together those which lie in the opposite direction to each other will interlock with the barbs of the hair surface and resist an effort to tear them asunder. When the hair has a natural tendency to curl the interlocking process which is called felting is more easily accomplished.

Although the felting property is possessed by wool in a special degree, other animals have it in their covering. This is true of the goat, ox, hare, rabbit and beaver.—New York Sun.

Early Manuscripts.

The type of letters in early manuscript was the same as that of those used on the earlier metal plates and wax tablets. All letters were capitals. Minuscule, or small lettering, as opposed to the majuscule, was invented in the seventh century. Before its invention there was no spacing between the words. There was no punctuation unless possibly some mark between sentences. When cursive writing came into general use, about the beginning of the tenth century, the art was practiced by only a few highly trained scribes. This continued all through the middle ages. The scribes were artists, and they carried their art to a high degree of perfection. Many of the manuscripts of that period are very beautiful specimens of handiwork and as perfect as print.

The First Lesson of an Arab Boy.

The very first lesson which an Arab baby learns when he begins to talk is to keep facts to himself. It does not sound very friendly put in that way, but it saves a deal of trouble. Foreigners do not understand Arabs. They ask them pointed questions and receive peculiar answers. They construe the answers to please themselves and come away to tell the world that the Arabs are a nation of liars. They are not a nation of liars. Perhaps if they should tell the foreigners to mind their own affairs and let them and their alone the foreigners would understand them better.—Exchange.

Strength.

"Some scientist has declared that there is as much strength in three eggs as there is in a pound of beefsteak," said the observer. "Well," replied the actor, "I met an egg once that would have eliminated the other two eggs from that proposition."—Exchange.

On Principle.

Bert nervously—I heard pa tell ma he was goin' to fog me on principle after prayers tonight. What's principle, Billy? Billy—I think it's somewhere at the back, Bert. The last time he fogged me on principle I had to sit sideways for more'n a fortnight.—London Tit-Bits.

One Way to Look at It.

"A man always gets on easier by taking his wife's advice." "Yes," answered Mr. Meekton. "When things turn out badly there ain't so much said."

A teasybody is always malevolent.—Latin.

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New Dress Goods

Now is the time for you to secure your new Dress for the 4th. No matter what particular style, color, or design your taste demands, you will find it here. All the new desired colored grounds are shown—new blues, browns, greens, tans, greys, lavender, black, white, etc., in dotted and attractive figured designs, stripes and cluster dots. Besides the many pretty and attractive patterns is the reasonableness of price. Don't fail to profit by the temptingly low prices we are offering. See the Dress Goods Special we have on our bargain counter. Come in and look around—you do not have to buy—we would like to have you see the specials we are offering, anyway. Make this store your headquarters when in the city. The coolest place in the city, and you are always welcome.

The PARIS FAIR

HOOD RIVER'S LARGEST AND BEST STORE

NEW DAM WILL BE WORLD'S STRONGEST

A small mountain of basalt rock is to be ground into sand for use in the dam which the Northwestern Electric Company is building in the development of its power site on the White Salmon river. The dam, preliminary work for which is now under way at the back of the Kuhne Orchards three miles above White Salmon, will be 100 feet high, 400 feet long and 100 feet thick at the base, from there tapering to a thickness of 15 feet at the top.

Orders were placed by the Northwestern Electric Company from its offices in Portland last week for three rock crushers to grind up the rock. According to the engineer's estimates 20,000 cubic feet of this material, or 30,000 tons, will be needed in the mixing of the concrete for the dam.

So far as the engineers know, this will be the first time that crushed rock has ever been used in place of sand in concrete work of this magnitude, but they say the result will be the strongest dam in the world. The contract for the dam and power plant calls for its completion by the first of January, 1913. It will develop 20,000 electrical horse power. High tension copper wires will carry the current to Portland, though much of it will be used in Washington towns.

WHITE SALMON

(From the Enterprise)

Miss Hazel Holmes of Underwood was taken ill at this place and was at the Jewett Farm for several days. From here she was taken to the hospital at Hood River.

Husum is preparing to celebrate the Fourth. Committees have been appointed and from now on there will be a hustle to make it an enjoyable affair. The celebration will be in charge of the baseball team.

The new Catholic church will be dedicated on July 8. The building is now completed with the exception of some interior work. It has been built large enough to accommodate the local parish for some time to come, its dimensions being 30x60.

At the county division convention held at the Alpha Opera House in this place the delegates unanimously voted for division at a line approximately between ranges 13 and 14. It was a harmonious meeting in every respect. Lyle had expected a fight for division at the Klickitat, but this proposed boundary was not even mentioned.

Methodist Church

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. Themes: morning, "Life's Gethsemanes;" evening, "Betrayed." Epworth League at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend these services. Strangers made welcome. W. B. Young, Pastor.

Barber Shop at Parkdale

The R. J. McIsaac Company of Parkdale has purchased a barber chair and arranged with the Oregon Barber Shop of this city to supply a barber two days every two weeks, beginning June 27.*

For Rent—Seven-room house, \$12 a month. Inquire of Reed & Henderson, Inc.* 24th

The News tells it all.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY PEACH CROP LOST

That the peach crop in the Willamette valley has been almost wholly destroyed by a combination of cold weather and fruit pests is the opinion of Professor H. S. Jackson of the entomology department of the Oregon Agricultural College. When interviewed recently on the subject he said:

"Peach growers are having trouble from two causes, peach leaf curl and California peach blight. This is an exceptionally bad year for the leaf curl. At the present time nothing can be done for this disease except a cutting back of the branches. Growers should make a regular practice of spraying their peaches in the spring with Bordeaux mixture.

"The California peach blight attacks the branches, causing small cankers and copious gumming. For this disease orchardists should spray at once with the mixture known as self-boiled lime sulphur. This mixture is described in circulars which may be obtained for the asking from the college. The Bordeaux mixture should be used for this pest about November 1 each fall. Both the leaf curl and the California peach blight are microscopic fungus diseases."

NO BURGLAR, BUT WORSHIPFUL MASTER

On the night of the fire the front door of the Masonic Temple was broken into, the chambers were entered and exit was made by means of the rear entrance. The shattered appearance of the front door gave rise to the story the next morning that a burglar had entered the building with a view to despoiling the rooms and that he made a hasty exit the rear way when the fire alarm was given. It therefore aroused some amusement when it transpired that the "burglar" was none other than Worshipful Master W. L. Clark.

Mr. Clark saw the sparks from the fire-falling thick and fast, and, fearing that the roof might become ignited, broke into the door and inspected the building. Having done this he left the building by the rear entrance.

TWO CELEBRATIONS ARE TO BE HELD

J. F. Thompson, who is on the committee of the Upper Valley Progressive Association to arrange for a Fourth of July celebration at that place, was in the city the last of the week. He expressed regret that there was inclined to be some feeling because of the fact that the Upper Valley is to celebrate. Mr. Thompson said, in behalf of the Upper Valley Progressive Association, that they believed both celebrations could be made successful. He said:

"We have been asked by some to give up our celebration this year, but we had already made our announcements, done some advertising and made many of our arrangements before we were informed that Hood River would celebrate. If we had known in time we would not have held a celebration, but under the circumstances we can hardly call it off. Besides, we are sure that both celebrations will be successful. Hood River will, of course, draw a considerable number of people from the surrounding towns and we hope that a good delegation of Hood River people will come up and celebrate with us. We believe that the two celebrations need not interfere with each other and that both can be made successful."

Bones can be converted into fertilizer by those who have no mill suitable for grinding them by placing the bones in layers and covering them with wood ashes, keeping the mass moist. In about two months the bones will be reduced so that they can be easily broken.

Any reader of these notes who is planning to put up a supply of ice for the first time would do well to write to the agricultural department for farmers' bulletin No. 475, which has been lately issued and bears on the subject of icehouse construction in an exhaustive and practical manner.

The simple minded congressman still seems to be pinning faith to the annual distribution of seeds to his individual constituents. To make this farce possible the department of agriculture is now asking for bids for the furnishing of 200,000 pounds of vegetable seeds and 50,000 pounds of sower seeds.

WONDERFUL STORY OF OREGON RETOLD

How Oregon and the Pacific coast was built up from an aboriginal waste into a mighty empire is a story that never grows old in the telling—least of all when the raconteurs are they who were a large part of the story. That is why every last member of the Oregon Pioneer Association who has not been crippled by time and the aftermath of early day struggles will be present tomorrow at the annual reunion of the association to be held in the Masonic temple, corner of Yamhill and West Park streets Portland.

Membership in the organization of pioneers is limited to those persons who came to, or were born in, the original territory of Oregon during or before 1859. It matters not where such persons now live they may join the association, if they have not already done so. And any person who came to any part of the Pacific coast or was born on the coast, may also be members, provided he lives in Oregon now. Badges may be procured from Secretary George H. Himes at the city hall any time between noon on June 15, and noon on June 20.

A very interesting program has been arranged.

BUILDING OF WALKS IS TO BE ENFORCED

At the meeting of the council Monday evening Councilman Staten called attention to the need of an ordinance giving the city authority to compel the construction of sidewalks where a permit has been granted and not used. These permits have a time limit of thirty days, but it is said that many which were issued months ago have not been carried out although walks have been constructed on both sides.

The council took favorable action upon Mr. Staten's motion and the judiciary committee was instructed to bring in such an ordinance. This will provide that after either sixty or ninety days, if the walks have not been constructed, the city will proceed to build them and to assess the cost as a lien against the property. Property owners will thus be unable to bond for the improvements. The idea is to prevent the long delays which have heretofore occurred in the construction of side walks in front of certain properties.

True, the clover sown last spring in many of the states east of the Rockies was pretty nearly thrown away because the catch was killed by the unusually dry summer. But, disappointing as this was, it should not serve as a good excuse for not sowing some clover seed this spring.

A boy climbs up and makes something of himself in life or sows his wild oats and goes to the devil largely as a result of the use he makes of his spare hours. Success and happiness as well as failure and misery are wrapped up in them, and the thoughtful lad will have a care how he spends them.

There is little question that the high cost of living today is traceable to quite an extent to the high prices that have to be paid for the necessities of life, but it is also in part due to the fact that the list of what we deem necessities has been considerably enlarged over what it was a generation ago.

Advertisement for J. G. VOGT, featuring a man in a suit and the text: 'In the Race for Leadership "Benjamin" Clothes Always Win'. It promotes Avon model suits and is located at 4th Street, Hood River, Oregon.

Advertisement for Wood's Grocery, featuring a can of Stock Catsup and the text: 'Contains absolutely NO artificial coloring. Preferred Stock Canned Goods... NONE BETTER'. It is owned by J. M. Wood, Proprietor.

Advertisement for W. G. SNOW, featuring the text: 'The Dry Season Is Nearly Here. Look at your wagon wheels and see if the tires do not need tightening. Loose tires will cause loose spokes and otherwise damages the wheels. Better have this work done before you use the wagon to haul your crop of berries.' Located at Fourth Street.

Advertisement for S. E. BARTMESS, Funeral Director and Practical Embalmer, located at Hood River, Oregon.

Advertisement for Carl A. Plath, Druggist, featuring the text: '5c See what 5 Cents will do at our store Eureka, Corylipsis of Japan Truly a Oriental Talcum Powder 25c a Can--2 cans for 30c'. Located at The Rexall Store.