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SALEM, Or., Nov. 18.—T. E. Mitchell, of Rosedale, gives some figures regarding the prune industry which indicate that very good profits may be made by growing and curing that fruit. Mr. Mitchell is a schoolteacher by occupation, and very favorably known as such in this county, but he spends his summer vacations buying and curing prunes. He has made good profits by this means. Mr. Mitchell's figures are entirely from the standpoint of the man who goes into the industry as a speculation and hires all his work done. In the Rosedale neighborhood it is estimated that there are 25,000 acres of prune orchards. This is about 25 per cent of the land in that vicinity that is adapted to prunegrowing. Good cleared land, in every way suited to prune culture, can, according to Mr. Mitchell, be bought for \$50 per acre and less. Under the present high prices for nursery stock, the best trees can be bought for \$10 per hundred, thus making the cost of the 120 trees planted on an acre \$12. It will cost another \$3 an acre to prepare the ground and set out the trees. The trees will not bear for four years, and must be cultivated and pruned, which will cost at a maximum \$5 per acre per year. This will make the cost of the orchard at the time it begins to bear \$89 per acre. In the fourth and fifth years are favorable, the trees should pay for their cultivation during those years. At six years they should produce a bushel of fruit each, at seven years 1 1/2 bushels, and thereafter two bushels each. This was an off year and trees produced but half a crop. A 5-year-old orchard then produced 60 bushels of fruit to the acre. Owners of dryers paid 40 cents per bushel for the fruit on the trees. The owner of a 5-year-old orchard received \$24 per acre for his fruit, which, less \$2 for cultivation, leaves \$22 per acre clear. The owner of an 8-year-old orchard would clear \$42 per acre. But instead of selling his fruit at 40 cents per bushel, the grower could hire it cured and sell the dried product. It would cost him 6 cents per bushel to pick and haul to the evaporator, and 14 cents per pound for drying. A bushel of Italian prunes in the Rosedale district dries out to at least 20 bushels, usually more, making the product of an acre of 5-year-old trees 1200 pounds of dried fruit. The cost of drying would be \$25 per acre; picking, \$20; cultivation, \$5; total, \$50. Practically all the Italian prunes of Rosedale brought 5 cents net, though some sold for more. This makes the total receipts \$60 per acre, leaving \$10 per acre clear. On an 8-year-old orchard, by this method, the profit would be \$50 per acre.

But all the calculations thus far have been on a half crop. The price would be better this year than usual, probably because of the light yield and large sizes, so that somewhat different figures are presented by Mr. Mitchell concerning the results in a good year. In a successful year the 5-year-old orchard would produce 120 bushels of fruit, which can be sold at 30 cents per bushel, or \$36. It costs 4 cents per bushel for picking and \$4 for cultivation, leaving \$28 per acre clear. The 8-year-old orchard, under the same conditions, would yield a net sum of \$51.90 per acre. Turning now to the other condition, that of hiring the fruit dried, instead of selling it green, the 5-year-old orchard would yield 600 pounds of dried fruit per acre, which would sell at 4 cents per pound, bringing in \$24. Cultivation costs \$5, picking, \$4.40; drying, \$60;

is building the first sawmill on Lake Creek, two miles from here. The engine and machinery are on the ground, it will be a "mule" law. The hauling of lumber has been so expensive that the majority of the settlers in this section have lived in log huts and shake shacks, though in the last few years several substantial and handsome residences have been built of lumber hauled over the mountains.

**Injuries Proved Fatal.**  
SALEM, Or., Nov. 18.—James Davis, the Salem upholsterer, who yesterday slashed his throat with a razor, while confined in the county jail, died today from loss of blood. Davis was mentally unbalanced, and had been locked up pending an examination as to his sanity. He left no relatives here.

**Lake Creek Mountain Ore.**  
GREENLEAF, Nov. 18.—The samples of ore taken from Herman Steinhauer's prospect hole in the Lake Creek Mountains, west of here, assayed \$4.80 in gold and 23 cents in silver to the ton. The rock is very hard. Steinhauer is still digging and expects to find richer rock.

**Northwest Pensions.**  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Pensions have been granted as follows:  
Oregon—Original, James A. Stafford, Newport, 112.  
Washington—Increase, Asa Tyler, Kent, 110.

**Salem and Portland Will Play.**  
SALEM, Or., Nov. 18.—The Capital City and Multnomah football managers have agreed upon three games between the teams, the first to be played at Portland, December 7.

**Cold Day at Salem.**  
SALEM, Or., Nov. 18.—The temperature in this city got down to freezing tonight, and there is a light coating of ice on the sidewalks.

**Oregon Industries.**  
The sawmill at Dodge, Clackamas County, is turning to its full capacity.  
The Aurora Borealis has 25 carloads of potatoes are there awaiting shipment.  
The creamery at Lebanon, belonging to Mr. McManister, will start up this week.  
About 10 carloads of potatoes from Brown's Island have been shipped to California from Salem this year.  
Two potatoes on exhibition at Scio weigh 7 1/2 pounds and measure 15 and 1 1/2 inches in length, respectively.  
Philip Mullen has a bond on the dyke on E. K. Anderson's land, two miles north of Ashland. He is prospecting for cinnabar.

Good reports come from all farming sections of Clackamas County. Fall grain is looking better than ever before, and the acreage is larger than usual.  
The three copper mining companies, which have 23 claims at Waldo under one management, are pursuing active work. Ore is already being smelted and shipped.  
Portland investors have bought the Old Johnson mining claim on Democrat gulch, and two properties on the Althouse, in Southern Oregon. They have 15 or 20 men at work. The claims are chiefly coarse gold.  
Hrogan & Swenney bought last week 40 head of yearling and 2-year-old Merino wethers, paying \$3.50 per head, says the Astoria Herald. They recently purchased 1000 ewes from Thomas Burch at \$2.40.

The irrigation company has located Winter headquarters near Little Meadows, says the Moro Observer. It is thought now that the proposed canal will cover an extent of 300 miles square. The City of Pengra has been surveyed, platted and recorded.  
The Baldwin Sheep & Land Company shipped 23 carloads obtained by the Columbia Southern Railway last week. Eleven carloads go to the Chicago market and the remaining seven carloads to Dayton, Wash., where they will be fed this winter and sent forward to Chicago in the Spring.

### BEESON MURDER TRIAL

EVIDENCE ALL IN AND CASE WILL GO TO JURY TODAY.

Evidence Against Accused Murderer Is Strongly Circumstantial—Features of Testimony.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Nov. 18.—A session of court last night enabled the taking of all the testimony in the Beeson murder case. The arguments of counsel will be made Monday and the case will go to the jury in the afternoon. Deputy Sheriff McDonald's testimony that the bloody knife found on Gates had more spots on it than when he last saw it forestalled the introduction of expert testimony as to whether the blood was human or fish blood, and the defense scored a strong point thereby.

The prosecution had two new witnesses, Joe Howard and Alfred Miller, who testified that they were on the river the night of Beeson's disappearance, and heard Gates curse Beeson for running his launch into his net. Beeson protested that he couldn't help it, and Gates replied that he would kill him. This testimony was not shaken, though the exact distance they were from the scene of the murder was not definitely demonstrated. Numerous witnesses swore that Gates had said he had it in for Beeson, or that he had declared that while he did not murder Beeson he knew who did.

The defense introduced testimony as to the good character of Gates and as to the boat-puller, Olsen. It was proven that Gates had no gaff hook that night with which to make the hole found in Beeson's hand.

Gates and Olsen were placed upon the stand in their own behalf and told consistent stories in the main, and were not caught in any serious contradictions. Their story is that when the launch ran into their nets it stopped and turned around. Gates first called out to Beeson, and getting no answer, finally boarded the launch and found it deserted. They then turned the launch to South Bend.

The general impression is that the case against Gates is about as strong as circumstantial evidence could make it, but the mystery of it is why Olsen should risk his own life and stand by Gates, instead of turning state's evidence, especially when Olsen had known Gates but a single day prior to the murder, and there are no bonds of nationality, comradeship or even of religion to bind them together.

**Burglars at Oregon City.**  
OREGON CITY, Nov. 18.—When Paul Spionkowski, an employe of the paper mill, reached his home near Clackamas Station last night he discovered that burglars had entered his bachelor abode before his arrival and carried off a good suit of clothes, an overcoat imported from Germany, a hat and a can of baking powder. The opinion prevails that the theft was committed by some one in the neighborhood, as chickens and other small articles have been disappearing with alarming frequency in that section during the past week.

**TACOMA SWEEP BY BLIZZARD.**  
MUCH DAMAGE TO TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH LINES.  
TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 18.—Quite a blizzard is sweeping over the city, over five inches of snow being the fall for the day. A strong north wind is blowing, and much damage has been done to exposed water pipes and electric and telephone wires. It is claimed this the earliest snow storm ever experienced here.

**NORTHWEST DEAD.**  
Mrs. Margaret Bodine.  
ALBANY, Or., Nov. 18.—Mrs. Margaret Bodine, a prominent pioneer woman of 183, died of heart disease early this

morning at her home near this city, at the age of 72 years. She leaves three sons and one daughter.

**W. Lomon, Washington Pioneer.**  
OLYMPIA, Nov. 18.—William Lomon, a pioneer of Thurston County since 1852, died at his home today. Mr. Lomon was 76 years of age and had lived in the house he died in for the past 22 years. An aged widow and three children survive the loved husband and father—William Lomon and Mrs. Ida Mann, of this place, and Mrs. Alice Goldstein, of Seattle.

**Funeral of an Honored Mason.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—Funeral services in accord with the Masonic ritual were held today over the late Thomas Hubbard Caswell, grand commander of the Supreme Council of the 23d degree, Scottish rite, of the Southern Jurisdiction. There was a large attendance of members of the Masonic fraternity from this city and Coast points.

**Remains of Elmer Holsinger.**  
SALEM, Or., Nov. 18.—The remains of Elmer Holsinger, formerly Western Union agent in this city, were brought to Salem today from Albuquerque, N. M., where he died. The funeral will be conducted at 2 P. M. tomorrow from the First Congregational Church.

**Funeral of Edmund Westhead.**  
ASTORIA, Nov. 18.—The funeral of the late Edmund Westhead, who was fatally injured by falling from the trestle at the Fort Stevens Jetty, was held this afternoon, with interment in Greenwood cemetery.

**Thanksgiving Proclamation.**  
OLYMPIA, Nov. 18.—Governor Rogers' Thanksgiving proclamation, issued yesterday, reads in part as follows:  
"In grateful recognition of the manifold blessings bestowed upon us as a people by the Giver of all good, and in conformity with time-honored usage, I, John R. Rogers, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby set apart Thursday, November 23, A. D. 1900, as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed with appropriate services by all. Let us in our homes and places of worship render thanks to God for his abundant mercies."

**Oregon Notes.**  
Grant's Pass has licensed slot machines. Antelope citizens will build a road to Ashwood.  
Dick Zahn killed two cougars at Alsea last Monday.  
The new bank building at Coquille is receiving finishing touches.  
The Methodist Episcopal congregation of Coquille will build a new church.  
Fourteen claims recently have been filed on land near Johnson, Lincoln County.  
Two citizens of Moro were fined last week for allowing chickens to run at large.  
Workmen are replacing the chimney recently blown down at the college army at Corvallis.  
Preliminary organization of the Mardi-Gras, a new social club, at Salem, has been effected.  
Crook County has increased the reward for recovery of the body of Elias Davis from \$300 to \$500.  
The Willamette Pulp & Paper Company, of Oregon City, will distribute 300 turkeys among its employes.  
The Salem School Board has reduced the tuition for outside pupils from \$7.50 and \$5 to \$5 and \$3.  
C. A. Graves has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of J. D. Newsoms, surveyor of Crook County.  
Superior David Manole has finished the 99-foot ditch in the old river channel, says the Stayton Mail.  
A Young Men's Congregational Club was organized last Monday at the Oregon City Congregational Church.  
Good progress is being made at Willamette University. The registration in the literary department numbers 161 stu-

dents. The young men and women each have a glee club.  
Crook County will purchase eight sets of Oregon Revised Statutes for use of Justices of the Peace.  
G. F. Emery, who lives about two miles west of Eugene, was fined \$15 last week for shooting a Denny pheasant on the public highway.  
The November issue of the University of Oregon Monthly has appeared. Among its articles is one, "Beowulf," by Professor L. M. Glen.  
The County Court has granted the petition for a change in the road from Scio to Shelburne. The new grade will be much easier than the present one.  
Lane County has had a road constructed along the Willamette at the high farm, above Watron. It is on the side of the mountain, above high water. The cost has been about \$800.  
Miss Lulu Jones was removed to her home Tuesday, says the Jefferson Review. She is gaining in strength daily, and the physician is confident that she will in time fully recover from the effects of the injury. She has yet no memory of the event and care is being used to keep her from being informed, for it is hoped she may yet recall it herself.  
The owners of the new townsite of Pilot Butte in Crook County, are building a large loghouse for winter quarters. At present, the town is composed of tents, of which there are about a dozen, and a log schoolhouse. The townsite is well chosen, for it has an excellent mill site, abundant water-power, is practically level, affords a fine view of the mountains, and is on the direct line of any road that can be built up the Deschutes, at the eastern edge of the pine belt and the western edge of the "desert." At or near this point a system of irrigating canals will join the river, and sawmills will be established.

**Concerning Oregon City Election.**  
OREGON CITY, Nov. 18.—It has been discovered that no one as yet acknowledged the paternity of the call for an independent, citizens' taxpayers' party convention to be held next Tuesday evening at Shilby's Theater. In fact, no such party was known to be in existence heretofore, although last year the title of the party that carried the day was the Independent Citizens, and the members of the campaign or central committee were: A. S. Dresser, J. C. Bradley, T. F. Cowling, Br. J. V. Brown and George V. Ely. Some of these parties were spoken to about the matter, but they appeared to have no knowledge of the call. The call for the convention to be held Tuesday night is signed by the "Election Committee," but a body of that title has never been heard of heretofore. The City Recorder had the call for this convention published. The Nonpartisan was the title of the other party who made nominations last year.

**Idaho Election Returns.**  
BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 18.—Complete returns from the state election show an average plurality of 1890 for the Bryan-Electors. Hunt, fusion, has a plurality of 2233 for Governor, and Glen, fusion, for Congress, beats Morrison by 138.

**Laundress in Indian School.**  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Mrs. Lizzie More, of Beveridge, S. D., has been appointed laundress in the Lemhi Indian School, Idaho, at \$480 per annum.

The government payments to the Nez Perce Indians will be finished this week.

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