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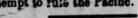
GUILD & MCKINNEY

Washington county should never let up until it bas a name equal to

cheesemaking, aud for the excel lence and quantity of its fruit. And another thing, while we are about in the state, in walnut culture? Yamhill now leads in this culture, in the northwest, all due to its excellent walnut clubs, and to the pluck and push of its farmers. Let it be remembered that Washington county is the best county in the state in point of adaptability for every industry we have mentioned.

It was predicted that the price of all commodities would drop in this country, after the financial depression, but thus far the only noticeable drop in prices, has been that of labor. Butter, flour, and the staple commodities are at the same old figures, and butter persists in going higher than ever. The workingman, while his wages have been cut down, pays just as much as he carry baggage. formerly did for the necessities of life. It is held by many business men, however, that there will be a drop in the price of many kinds of goods, but as yet there is no differ

The big fleet is on its way to this Its mission is said to be a coast. pesceful one, but that all depends upon whether Japan is spoiling for trouble. It is a good thing for this coast, in many ways to have the fleet on this side of the country. Commercially, it will do us good. The East has been getting all the big contracts for supplies for years, and now the coast cities will bene fit by the presence of so large a fleet. Again, the coast feels safer with the big ses batteries on our



Judge McBride, in calling special session of the Circuit Court for this county on January 2, has relieved the glut of legal business here, and prevented the necessity for further delay. There was a large docket here, and there is much rejoicing among those most interested, that the Judge decided to hold a special term.

Not a single run on banks in this state has been reported since the holiday lid came off, and not a country bank has failed within the state. This is creditable to the conservative banking methods and honcety of the country bankers, as well as complimentary to the good sense and forbearance of depositors in those banks.

Mr. Heney came up to Portland last week, but refused to say when the land fraud cases would be tried. After putting the Portland newspaper men on edge, with great expectations, he quietly departed for Washington: In the meantime, Mr. Bristol has resumed his atti tude of masterly inactivity.

Senators Fulton and Bourne fared well on the Senate committees. Bourne is chairman of the committee on Fisheries. This is direct appreciation of the Columbia river salmon, which the Senator presented to members of the upper house of Congress, last fall.

Frank Raiston, of Forest Grove. was down to the county seat the first of the week.

Peter N. Vanderzanden, of near Banks, was a county seat caller the last of the week.

NOTICE TO FRUIT GROWERS

The fruit inspector of this county has found that almost all trees are has found that almost all trees are infected with fruit peets, and the law requires the owners, or persons having possession thereof, to de-stroy or eradicate such orchards or peuts. You are, therefore, notified that unless such orchards or peets are destroyed or eradicated before the first day of March, 1908, I will proceed, under the law, to either out down or destroy such orchards, or have the trees sprayed at the or have the trees sprayed at the