

AMONG THE POWERS.

The European powers, with the possible exception of Russia, are experiencing an unpleasant feeling of weakness.

France is not sure of Russia's friendship. She has fawned at the czar's feet and fed the Bear with francs, but the demonstration has been her's alone.

Russia alone seems self-satisfied and independent. Her diplomatic successes have been continuous and important.

TARIFF AND FINANCES.

Mr. Cleveland, in his speech at the Reform Club, attacked the republican party for its alleged failure, "to meet the obligations of the people's trust."

It can hardly be expected that these gentlemen will agree. One is a democrat and the other a republican.

The McMinnville Telephone Register and the Corvallis Times join the Roseburg Review in damning the populists of Oregon for their determination to cut loose from democracy.

WHEN D. P. Thompson was minister to Turkey, the sultan, hearing that he had been a railroad contractor, made frequent inquiries of him, concerning the cost of railroad construction.

GROVER CLEVELAND, out of office, is paying his respects to "new democracy," which he terms the "apostle of calamity."

STRAWBERRY PESTS.

College Men on The Fruit's Enemies.

In a recent bulletin Prof. Cordley and Prof. Hedrick, of the Agricultural College, discussed strawberry pests and diseases.

"Last fall, while examining the work of the strawberry crown-borer, I occasionally found a large grub boring in the strawberry roots. In January, I received a letter of inquiry regarding this pest, from Roseburg, the writer stating that his strawberry plants had been entirely ruined for three years in succession.

"The borers when fully grown are nearly or quite three-fourths of an inch long, are yellowish white in color with head, brown. They are the larvae of a clear-winged moth somewhat resembling the moth of the peach root borer.

"Several of these large borers may be present in the same plant, each of which excavates a large cavity in one of the main roots, filling it with its dark brown excrements. In this cavity, the larva lives through the summer and winter, transforming in the spring to a dark brown motionless pupa, and shortly afterward issuing as the adult moth, which flies rapidly about in the bright sunshine, depositing her numerous eggs for another generation of borers.

"At present, no method of preventing injury from this pest can be suggested, other than to destroy all infested plants in fall or winter and thus prevent the moth from issuing the following spring.

He speaks also of the strawberry crown miner. He says this pest is easily destroyed by mowing the vines in the fall, then, when dry, burning them upon the plants and pulling them.

"This destructive disease of the strawberry is found in all parts of Oregon, and very seriously affects the total yield. In the strawberry districts of Portland, Hood River, and Milton, the blight is making considerable headway and means should be taken this season to prevent its spread.

"The disease first appears on the leaves as small purple spots which increase in size until they are from one eighth to one-fourth of an inch in diameter. This purple color is soon replaced by a reddish brown, which, in its place, becomes a lighter color as the season advances, the edges of the spots generally retaining the original purple color.

"The treatment for this reason should be to mow off the old leaves after the crop is harvested and destroy them. The new growth should then be sprayed twice, with an interval of four weeks, with Bordeaux mixture. Non bearing plants this fall should receive the same treatment.

"The Junior Endeavor, under the management of Prof. Herbert White, planted a missionary potato patch Thursday and Friday evenings. We have a noble society of Juniors

Rev. E. C. Wyatt is expected home this week.

Mr. G. A. Scott has completed his work as deputy assessor in Marion county and will resume his school work soon.

Mrs. S. K. Haines returned Saturday from a visit to Cottage Grove, and will spend a few days with her daughters here, before going to her home near Portland.

The Misses Jesse McCullough and Winnie Hull were quite sick during the week. Mrs. Hull came Friday, to help care for them. The girls are now better and will soon be in school again.

Song service next Sunday evening at the M. E. church.

Grain is growing rapidly and a large acreage with a heavy yield seems to be a certainty.

The Mogolian Pheasant has commenced laying, and ere long a host of recruits for next season's shooting will be hatched.

The majority of farmers will have spring grain mostly, since they did not get in much of a crop

Correspondence.

GATHERING ITEMS.

Hymen Cheated at Monroe.— Reuben Impson Dead.—General County News.

PHILOMATH NEWS LETTER.

Postmaster Bryan is on the sick list. Born, April 23, to the wife of Duke Gray, a son.

Miss Luella Dixon is teaching school on Woods creek.

Rev. Blackwell, of Columbia City, was in the city last week.

Miss M. B. Dittmar, who is teaching in Lobster, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Minnie Bryan visited the Rebecca lodge in Albany Monday evening.

Prof. George Brown closed a seven months school at Hoskins, Friday, and returned to his home here.

Our public school will close next Saturday. An interesting program will be presented by the scholars.

Twenty-five Woodmen went to Albany Thursday evening on the excursion. Elvin Newton and Charles Logan secured the prize for sawing, beating the world's record.

OBITUARY.

William Zimmerman, son of John and Mary Zimmerman, was born near Millersburg, Keokuk county, Iowa, August 24, 1855. While a young man, he turned his face toward the far west and, January, 1879, found him among the beautiful hills and fertile valleys of Oregon.

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Mrs. Lillie Fink has gone to Wells, where husband Leslie Fink, is engaged in farm work.

Preaching at the Pleasant school house Sunday, the 25th, by Orsen White of the U. B. church.

Mr. J. B. Rose and his son, Burt, have gone down to his farm to bring up his sheep and goats.

This is beautiful weather. Farmers are busy, and there is a fine prospect for abundant crop of fruit.

Mr. Burt Snell and family have gone to Linn county to visit his people. Mr. Ike Porter and family are also visiting relatives in the Long Tom country.

Otis Henkle has traveled through several counties, buying young cattle. They are very scarce, and they have been picked up by other parties. There is quite an advance in the price paid.

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Mr. Hogue, of Dusty, who has been very ill, is improving.

Mrs. Isaac Porter, of Sodaville, is visiting friends near Dusty.

Farmers are very busy, and all who desire can find employment.

The unusually warm weather for this time of year, has dried the roads fast, making them very rough.

The Bellfountain grange met last Saturday, with a good attendance. A number of Bellfountain grangers expect to attend the state grange, to be held in Corvallis, beginning the 25th of May.

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Died, at his home near Blodgett, Friday of last week, Reuben Impson. He suffered severely for years, but died easily. The remains were interred in the Blodgett grave yard. There was not a relative present to mourn his departure.

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last fall, and a portion of what was sowed was frozen out. The GAZETTE'S Monroe correspondent was expecting to announce a great event in the near future—no more nor less than a wedding, but, as the Chinaman once said, "Golly! Sling bloke" somewhere, and the whole thing is declared off. We are very, very sorry, and so are others who had been saving up bells and tin cans for three months past, with which to help celebrate in grand style when the ceremony should have been once performed. Several cases of "busted hopes" are for sale cheap.

ETHEL.

DUSTY ITEMS.

Bellfountain public school will close May 21st.

Farmers are improving the time while the sun shines.

Mr. Allert went to Linn county, Saturday on business.

Mr. Ferguson has been buying cattle in our vicinity.

Hugh Kay and wife visited, Mr. Kay's parents at Monroe, Sunday.

Mr. Walters and Mrs. Woodcock were guests of V. M. Woodcock, Sunday.

Rev. A. Bennett preached an interesting sermon at the chapel Sunday.

Aunt Margaret Howell was able to sit up a few minutes Sunday morning.

Epworth League meets at the chapel each Sunday afternoon at four o'clock.

Mr. Householder and wife and V. R. Buckingham and wife spent Sunday at Jesse Foster's place.

Mr. Boyd, of Junction City, is going to set up a blacksmith shop in our burg, and expects to be ready for business in a week or ten days.

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Pistols and Pestles. The duelling pistol now occupies its proper place, in the museum of the collector of relics of barbarism. The pistol ought to have beside it the pestle that turned out pills like bullets, to be shot like bullets at the target of the liver. But the pestle is still in evidence, and will be, probably, until everybody has tested the virtue of Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

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