

# MONSTER GRAPEVINE

## Produces Wagon Loads of Grapes Annually.

ONLY TWENTY YEARS OLD.

Twenty years ago a Muscat grape slip was planted at the corner of the log house owned and occupied by Fred Warner on Fall Creek in this county. Today probably not another vine in the state equals it in growth and quantity of fruit produced.

One foot from the ground the vine measures 29 inches in circumference. Three feet above the ground it makes three forks, two of which measure 18 inches in circumference twenty-seven feet from the ground. Each of these prongs extends in opposite directions 75 feet from the stump, while the third prong runs at right angles 50 feet. The vine runs over the house and into the timber on trellises fifteen feet wide. Baxter Young, who lives a half mile away, says he is waiting for the vine to reach his place. Seventy-five feet from the stump mats of roots may be found by digging.

The immense power of timber growth is exemplified by this vine. In the early years one of the prongs was allowed to grow between the logs into the house and was trained out over the top of the log under which it entered. The slow unyielding growth has sprung the timber, which is 12 by 14 inches in size, six inches out from the line of the wall in the middle of the building, the ends being firmly held by dovetails.

Neighbors hauled many bushels of grapes away last season, still large quantities rot on the ground. The bunches easily averaged 35 pounds. Our informant is of the opinion that five tons would be a conservative estimate of the amount of fruit produced by the vine last year.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

**PIONEER OFFICERS.**—The Oregon Pioneers' Association at Portland elected officers as follows for the ensuing year: President, Capt John P. Apperson, Oregon City; vice president, Mrs D E Thompson, of Portland; secretary, Geo H Hines, of Portland; re-elected; treasurer, Chas E Ladd, of Portland; corresponding secretary, Judge Frank J Taylor, of Astoria, and the three members of the governing board were re-elected as follows: Cyrus H Walker, of Linn county; Wm Galloway, of Oregon city, and Lee Laughlin, of Yamhill county.

**WORKING ABROAD.**—E D Resler, city superintendent of Eugene schools, is at Salem, where he is lecturing before the Marion county Teachers Institute. He will be in Eugene from June 25 to 30, and expects to leave July 1 for the National Teachers Association at Los Angeles. Prof Resler's mother, now with him, will return June 28 to her home at Omaha. It is a pleasure to know that Prof Resler is one of the most popular educators of the state, and is especially in demand at institutes.

**HOPS.**—Roseburg Review: "By a contract filed in the county clerk's office J C Gilliam and C H Brenner contracted to deliver to the Chas Ehlermann Hop & Malt Co, of St Louis, Mo 8000 pounds of hops between Oct 1st and 20, 1899, at Willbur Oregon. They are to receive 12 cents a pound with an advance of 5 cents for picking. Faber & Neis, of Albany, are the Oregon agents for the St Louis concern."

**AT REST.**—The funeral of Sam L Simpson was held from the Taylor-street Portland M E church this forenoon at 10 o'clock, the Rev H R Hines officiating. College classmates of the deceased acted as pallbearers, and the interment was made in Lone Fir cemetery.

**INURED.**—Last evening J H Goodman was struck on the leg between the knee and hip by a stick of wood. The limb was severely bruised and very painful. Dr T W Harris was called and relieved his sufferings.

**STORE ROOM LEASED.**—The Borren Mercantile Co, late of Colorado Springs, Col, this afternoon leased the north room in the Pickett block for one year. They will carry a stock of general merchandise, we understand.

**FIVE DAYS.**—Last night Policeman Croner arrested a hobo, F H Howard, for disorderly conduct, and he was given a five of \$10 by Recorder Dorris. Failing to pay Mr Hobo will do the city five days service on the streets.

**ARM BROKEN.**—While enroute to the Pleasant Hill picnic on a bicycle this morning, Bert Whipple ran into a ditch on the Hemenway hill near Goshen breaking an arm. Dr Kaykendall attended his injuries.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE.**—The following marriage licenses have been issued by Clerk Lee: John W Young, 21 years and A L Abbott, 19; Jacob Koeschiel 37 years and Katie C Schrag 24 years.

**DELINQUENT.**—Taxes are now delinquent. About \$17,000 remains uncollected out of a total of \$151,000 called for by the roll.

**CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET.**—There are 76 cases on the circuit court docket, 11 of the same being for divorces.

# OPENING LETTERS.

## SOME SECRETS OF THE ENGLISH GENERAL POSTOFFICE.

### Methods by Which the Omicrons Become Acquainted With the Contents of Suspected Communications. Private Tests Which Fail.

It is a somewhat remarkable fact that the general public of England knows very little concerning the secret service of the general postoffice, although the service is probably the most complete of its kind in the whole world. To the outside the secret service is known as the postal secret inquiry branch, and not one in a hundred of those in the employ of the postoffice knows the exact workings of the secret service, as the department has the distinction of being in the charge of certain permanent officials under the direction of the home secretary and the prime minister for the time being.

Once, and once only, in recent years has a minister of the government allowed himself to be drawn into making a statement which admitted that the secrets of the postoffice were used for political purposes.

Such an admission was made in the days of the dynamite scare, when an Irish member made a general charge against the government of tampering with the correspondence of certain Irish men. Lord John Manners, in reply evaded the question in an ambiguous manner, but indiscreetly called attention to a change in the postoffice act which empowers the postal authorities to open and even confiscate any letter or package which they might reasonably suspect covered some infringement of the rules of the department.

The secret service is divided into two distinct branches, the higher and the lower, and the duties of the latter are brought to the notice of the public very frequently, as it has to do with the prosecution of dishonest men in the employ of the postoffice. The great bulk of the robberies committed inside the walls of the postoffice is attempted by the younger hands and it is for that reason that every newcomer is occasionally subjected to keen watching from a quarter that he least suspects.

Quite unknown to him, he is kept under the observation of a keen eyed watcher, who is secretly hidden from view in a secret alcove, almost within touch of the sorter, messenger or whatever the employee may be. Every movement is noted and analyzed, and it would take a very expert man to try on any underhanded game and escape detection.

On the continent the correspondence of private individuals is liable to the scrutiny of the police or other government agents, and no secret is made of the fact; but, on the other hand, our officials write indignant letters of denial and repudiation, while all the time they are perfecting the fine art of opening letters without leaving any traces of the operation.

Like most clever arts, that of opening a letter without causing suspicion is simplicity itself. A glance at the quality of the stationery decides the operator on the means to be adopted. Some kinds of paper will bear the steaming process without leaving any traces, and in that event the operation is very simple. The contents having been examined, and, if necessary, copied, they are restored to their envelope, which is regummed, the flap burnished with a bone instrument.

Contrary to general belief, the sealed envelope presents no difficulty to the expert. A piece of new bread, kneaded into a firm ball, is pressed on the seal and the facsimile is obtained. Various other methods have been attempted in taking the design of seals, but the one we have quoted has been declared to be far away the best for the purpose, the bread being clean and less liable to leave any trace of tampering behind. This dough matrix is hardened as soon as the seal has been modeled, and when the contents of the letter have been obtained the envelope is cleaned and resealed with the dough mold.

When it is deemed unsafe to moisten an envelope, it is cut open. The operation is a delicate one and to any but an expert very difficult to perform properly. One end of the envelope is held firmly between two flat pieces of wood, the edge of the paper projecting about the twentieth part of an inch. The expert passes the back of his knife rapidly over the end, roughening and flattening it, while an equally quick pass with the razorlike edge cuts the envelope open. When the contents are replaced, the edges of the envelope are stuck together with a hairline of powerful gum, submitted to pressure for a few minutes, and no one not in the secret would guess what had been done.

So long as the flap and seal appear intact the receiver is invariably satisfied. Now and then suspicious correspondents place sand, powder, hairs or other minute objects inside the envelope by way of test, but this does not trouble the expert a little bit. He is on the lookout for that kind of dodge, so is careful to open the envelope over a large sheet of pure white paper. When these "tests" fall out, they are carefully collected and restored.

The officials in the detective department can tell some funny stories of their own astuteness. When the charge of tampering was made by the Irish members, one of the Moderate party defended the government and declared that he had satisfied himself by a series of infallible tests that his correspondence was inviolate. He was blissfully ignorant of the fact, however, that he never received a letter that was not previously overhauled by the authorities.—London Letter.

The ancient Egyptians used to fish with cats on the Nile. The animals were trained to enter the water and seize the fish, which were then taken away by the fishermen.

# UNIVERSITY WORK

## An Address by Professor Irving M. Glen.

### POINTED AND CONVINCING.

At the annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the University of Oregon, the president, Professor Irving M. Glen, delivered the following address. He was impressed with the wonderful success of the University through its graduates by looking over the alumni list, and noting the positions they are holding in the world. At this time, when interest in higher education increases with the years, and every desire is expressed to make of the University of Oregon an institution equal in importance and endowment to any in the West, this address is of utmost value. It gives in concise form a true statement of existing conditions and should be given wide publicity. Acting President Straub, members of faculty and alumni are enthusiastic over the clear presentation of facts, and their request for its wide distribution, is one of their sincere marks of appreciation:

A man said to me not long since: "The trouble is that the university doesn't do anything. Let the university do something! When the university does something, the state will do more for the university."

When the university does something! A confession of gross ignorance of the university's work for nearly a quarter of a century, or an expression of an utter disregard for facts.

For twenty-three years the University of Oregon has been developing many men and womanly women—men who combine native worth with power and ability. Women whose evenness of poise is not disturbed by fad or fancy. This has been the institution's return to the state and the nation.

There are about 200 members of the Alumni of this institution—and there is not an inactive one among them. They can be found honorably filling honorable positions in this state and in other states from supreme judge down to justice of the peace, the man in the lower office doing his peculiar work as ably and as faithfully as his brother in the higher does his, and the man of greater prominence acting as carefully and as painstakingly as the one who hopes by diligence to merit a call for advancement!

Education demands the services of many. Two years ago there were in this state five teachers of Latin, as many more of literature, and six of mathematics engaged in high school and college work, besides many others in this state and in Washington, filling city and county superintendencies, grammar and high school principalships or doing the humbler but no less important work of the grade teacher. A senator from the eastern part of the state, in speaking of the principal of their high school—a graduate of this institution said, "If the University of Oregon has done no more than send out that one man, it has done a noble work!"

"When the university has done something!"

We send young men to the East to divinity schools, and they never come back except to visit. The East won't let them. The East evidently believes that the University of Oregon does something. Other graduates attend Eastern law, medical, and other professional schools. Many of these listen to the strong calls of the East and remain there to adorn and elevate the professions they enter. Those that return pursue with characteristic vigor, whatever work they have chosen.

The associated press work for two states is in the hands of University of Oregon men. Upon the testimony of one of the most capable surgeons in Portland, the coming man in surgery in that city is one who received his college training at the university. One of the leaders of the bar of Oregon says that the brightest young lawyers in Portland is a University of Oregon man.

Several years ago, a young man graduated from this institution and settled in Seattle to practice law. Seattle wanted more of the same sort and now the whole family is there, all graduates of the University—three in law and one a department editor of the leading daily newspaper of the state. I said "all" the family, all but three are there. Of those three, one entered the chemical department of the University of Pennsylvania recently with a perfect entrance examination in chemistry, the second is studying law at the Columbian Law School of Washington, D C, the third now rests from his labors after years of unremitting effort as an instructor in his alma mater, years that were filled with expressions of affection from the students for whom he labored, years of work for

when earth had no reward such enough.

The newly-elected professor of paleontology at Yale University, received his early training and inspiration from Oregon's "grand old man," the University of Oregon's patriarch, and nature's high priest, Prof Thomas Couder.

"When the university does something!"

The secretary of Harvard University sent word to a professor at the university a few years ago saying: "The alumni of the University of Oregon do credit to themselves and to their alma mater. Harvard University wants more of them."

"Young man, have you ever read Tacitus before?" Asked a professor of Latin at Harvard of a member of his class. "No, sir," was the reply. "Please remain a moment after the class is dismissed, I wish to speak with you."

"Where did you receive your Latin training?"

"At the University of Oregon."

"The University of Oregon?"

"Yes, a little college situated—"

"No matter, sir, where the college is situated, or how small a college it is, your training has been exceptionally good."

Three men of the class of '93 entered the University of Michigan school of law. One upon coming west entered upon a career that has proved phenomenally successful. You all know him and the position he holds in his profession and in the public esteem. Another was considered the best "big book" man in his class of '93, and upon his graduation he entered a law firm in Indianapolis where his associates were a United States congressman and a judge. In two years he was elected to the state legislature. The third—well there is a good story told of him. It seems that there were two factions in his class, both desirous of controlling the nomination for class president. One afternoon a representative of one faction called on him and asked him to be their candidate. Later in the day a committee from the other faction waited upon him and asked him to be their candidate. All of which goes to show how a University of Oregon man can draw. This particular man is now drawing a salary and much attention as a member of the faculty of one of our sister state universities.

A member of the class of '94 went to New York, attended Union Theological Seminary and at the same time worked for and won his M A degree at Columbia. And he is not the only man that has required an amount of work that generally takes the energies of two men to quiet his restless ambition and satisfy his capacity for work.

"When the university has done something!"

The examples already given are not an exceptional few. They are few of many that come to mind, but that lack of time forbids mentioning. A long list of illustrious alumni on the rolls of Rochester Theological Seminary, the testimony of Yale, Harvard, Univ of Penn, Univ of Michigan, Williams, Columbia, John Hopkins and a dozen other great institutions, perfect entrance examinations to graduate departments in Greek and in Chemistry, the winning of Greek prizes against the competition of the great institutions of the land—these things show that the University of Oregon has done something. And it is not resting on its past record.

Out of nine oratorical contests, intercollegiate and intersate, the university has won five. This year both brain and brawn have been uniformly successful in debate, in oratory, on the gridiron and on the track. Not one defeat! Three contests in intellectual effort, four in athletic. Every one crowned with victory!

"When the University of Oregon does something!"

Is developing manhood, ability, power, nothing? Is it nothing to turn out the men and women that occupy honorable and responsible positions in the various activities of church, state, education, law and medicine? The man who thinks that the University of Oregon has done nothing, probably prefers quantity to excellence and is but a modern type of the vulgar though rich Greek who bought his statuaries by the ton in order to get his money's worth. The man who wonders what the university has done, has probably never tried to ascertain. The university is not portable and he who would acquaint himself with its workings must come where it is.

We have a record of which we are proud. Our alma mater inspires our love, our earnest effort for her future success, and as an alumni association we formally assemble to do her honor. It is no longer a question of whether or not the state shall "go into the university business." The state has gone into the "university business," and it is our duty as an association and individually to work to the end that our alma mater may attain a prominence equal to that of the greatest state university.

A nice buggy for \$42 at F J Chambers.

# THE REGENTS

## Dr Strong, of Yale College, The University of Oregon Has Elected President.

### DR CHAPMAN OUT.

Daily Guard, June 17  
The Board of Regents of the University of Oregon met in Eugene, Oregon, last evening.

Present—President R S Bean, Secretary J J Walton and Hons C B Helinger, C A Dobb, B B Beckman, Chas Hilton, S Hamilton and S H Friendly. Absent, Regent Butler and Smith.

On motion, Dr Fred Strong, of New Haven, Conn, was elected president to succeed C H Chapman.

The resignation of C H Chapman was accepted to take effect at once instead of October 1st as stated in his communication. [However this does not affect the amount of his pay as he was employed for a full year, and his year will be not completed until October 1st.]

The services of Max A Plumb, tutor in chemistry, were dispensed with.

The salary of Miss C Leach, Librarian, was raised from \$400 to \$600.

Prof Straub, secretary of the faculty, was elected temporary president of the university, to serve until Dr Strong's arrival from the East. [An excellent choice.]

Applications for dental college department to be located in Portland, by two different factions were laid on the table for the present.

The plans and specifications of Architect R H Miller, of Portland, for the new \$16,000 Science Hall were adopted. Advertisements will be published in a few days calling for bids for the completion of the building.

An adjourned meeting will be held in Portland in a few days to finish up all accumulated business.

**Native Sons' Election.**

The following grand officers were elected at the meeting of the grand council of the Native Sons of Oregon, held in Portland:

Grand president, Sol Blumauer, Portland.

Grand first vice president, J H Townsend, Dallas.

Grand second vice president, Frank J Taylor, Astoria.

Grand secretary, Eugene D White, Portland.

Grand treasurer, H C Wortman, Portland.

Grand marshal, D C Minto, Salem.

Grand orator, Col R A Miller, Oregon City.

Grand inside sentinel, F W Richies, Silverton.

Grand outside sentinel, E A M Cone, Butteville.

Grand trustees, A E Reames, Jacksonville; H C Mahon, Junction; C S Williams, Eugene; M A Baker, McMinnville; W N Barrett, Hillsboro; F M Croisan, Salem, and Cyrus H Walker, Albany.

Grand historian and librarian, Fred H Saylor, Portland.

The newly elected grand president of Native Sons of Oregon, Sol Blumauer, is a native of Portland, 37 years of age. He is well and favorably known all over the northwest, having been a commercial traveler for twelve years, during which time he visited every city, town and hamlet in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. For the past two years he has been vice-president of the Blumauer-Frank Drug Co, the leading wholesale drug firm of Portland. He married Miss Hattie Fleischer, a native daughter, nine years ago, and has one daughter 7 years old.

**Letter List.**

Eugene, Or, June 15, 1899.

Blair Chas M Cain Robt

Dolsen J W Lamfracht Fred—2

Lyons B F McNeets J B

McMasters Miss May

Miller Mrs H P C Reed Mrs M M

Strong Miss Winnie

Winkner Peter Whitfield Mrs E L'n

Whyte Mrs E C

A charge of one cent will be made on all letters given out. Persons calling for letters will please state when advertised.

H F McDERMACK P M

**Mining Company Officers.**

Daily Guard, June 17

The Anaconda Gold Mining Company of Bohemia, which was incorporated some time ago, completed its organization Wednesday by electing the following board of directors: A D Charlton of Portland, E D Resler, C M Young, L T Harris, R McMurphy and B E Hawley of Eugene, and Albert McMurphy of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The board organized by electing the following officers: A D Charlton, president, E D Resler, 1st vice president, L T Harris, 2nd vice president, R McMurphy, secretary, C M Young, treasurer and B E Hawley, general manager.

# STRONG ACCEPTS

## The University of Oregon Has a New President.

### GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE

Daily Guard, June 17  
The following dispatch received this forenoon is self-explanatory:

New Haven, Conn, June 17, 1899—Hon J J Walton, secretary board of regents, Eugene, Oregon: I accept presidency University of Oregon.

F Strong.

The people of Eugene, from seeing Prof Strong, have formed a splendid opinion of him, and will be glad to learn that he has accepted.

Our citizens generally will give their undivided support.

It is not known when he will move to Eugene.

Prof Frank Strong, of New Haven, Conn, who was elected president of the University of Oregon, at a meeting of the board of regents at Eugene, Thursday night, is a native of New York, and is 38 years old. He is a member of the Evangelical church, is married and has a family. He is six feet three inches tall, and well proportioned.

Prof Strong was educated at Auburn, N Y. He was graduated from Yale college in 1884, from Yale law school in 1885, and was admitted to the bar in Rochester, N Y, in 1886. In 1883 Yale conferred upon him the A M degree of history, and in 1897 the Ph D degree of history. His experience as a teacher has been: One year in Auburn high school; four and a half years principal of the St Joseph, Mo, high school; three years superintendent of schools at Lincoln, Neb, and two years lecturer of history at Yale university, and teacher of history at the New Haven high school.

Prof Strong comes to Oregon with strong recommendations as to his ability to manage so important an institution as the state university. He has a working knowledge of Latin, Greek, French, German and Spanish. He is a musician to some extent. He was leader of the Yale glee club, and is now director of a choir at New Haven. He is capable of making addresses on the various subjects on which the head of a university is expected to speak, and is able to express himself forcibly and with enthusiasm. He has had practical experience in all branches of school work, from kindergarten to university, inclusive, and understands the importance of vital connection between the state university and the schools of the state. He has had long experience in conducting teachers' meetings, training teachers, and will be able to bring the university and its influence into close touch with the teachers of the state. He has taught in the graduate department at Yale, is thoroughly familiar with work in secondary schools, and has been especially successful in organization, administration and executive work and in dealing with young men and women. Having made a study of educational problems of the science and art of education, Prof Strong is prepared to organize and conduct work in such a department; that is, courses similar to those given in Chicago university, Harvard university or Columbia university. He has made a special study of United States history, English history after the accession of Tudors, Greek and Roman history and some departments of political and social science.

The Oregonian today prints a picture of President Strong.

**AGUINALDO A LIVELY CORPSE**

Here Comes a Report That He Is Fighting at the Front.

Washington, June 16.—The war department today received a dispatch from General Otis announcing the repulse of the insurgents' attack upon our forces at San Fernando. The attack was made by a body of rebels under direct command of Aguinaldo. The rebels were driven back with heavy losses. Fourteen of their men were wounded.

**Reciprocity Treaty Signed.**

Washington, June 16.—The new treaty between the United States and Great Britain, covering reciprocity with the British Indies colonies and Barbados, will be signed at the state department this afternoon. This is the first reciprocity treaty under the first reciprocity clause of the Dingley tariff.

There is a time for all things. The time to take DeWitt's Little Early Risers is when you are suffering from constipation, biliousness, sick headache, indigestion, or other stomach or liver troubles. Vincent & Co, Corner Drug Store.

Hay carriers, forks and outfits bought before the advance. See them at F L Chambers.