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 FRED PAGE-TUSTIN, E. R. HERMAN MARKS, secretary.

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Umpqua Ferry Notes.
 The outlook for a large prune crop here this season is good. The orchard of S. D. Evans will be in full bearing, and should the fruit buds not be injured by the cold rains he will have a large crop as his orchard has 40 acres. His large fruit dryer will be run to its fullest capacity, but will be able to handle only a part of the crop. The young orchard owned by J. L. and B. F. Shambrook will have only a small amount of fruit as this will be the first crop. They have 4000 prune and 1300 apple trees in their orchard. W. T. Emery and Fortin Bros' orchards will not come into bearing this year. They have good sized orchards. Mr. Emery having 5000 and Fortin Bros. 2800 trees. There are several other orchards near here, but space will not permit us mentioning them. When the entire acreage comes into full bearing the question of how to market and the handling of them will be a grave one, as we are twelve miles from our nearest shipping point. However, we have no doubt but the growers will devise some scheme to dispose of them to a good advantage.

The hop growers of this place are making preparations to begin cultivating their hop yards. The poles are being set in the Shambrook yards and as soon as the ground is in proper condition will begin to cultivate. The yards will be worked in a thorough manner and no doubt but they will turn off an immense crop. The outlook for better prices than last year is good. It is remarkable to presume that the coming season will find the market with a very small amount of old crop on hand, and I think the new crop will move lively and fair prices be received.

The sugar beet question seems to be attracting considerable attention in this county. Surrounding places are talking sugar beets at all times. Old Coles Valley should get in also and do something to the sugar beet line. We have a soil that is second to none in this county and the beet could be raised here with profit. A meeting of our citizens should be called to talk this matter over and see if arrangements could be made to get capital interested in this matter.

Crater Lake in Mid-Winter.
 M. A. and P. S. Loosley of Fort Klamath, describe a trip they made to Crater Lake last month, in a letter to Capt. O. C. Applegate of Klamath Falls. They made the trip at the request of Prof. J. S. Diller of the U. S. geological survey to make some mid-winter observations at the lake. They left Fort Klamath, Feb. 23, on snowshoes and it required three days of hard traveling over the soft snow to cover the 25 miles or more of distance to the summit of Crater Lake mountain, through the winter wilds of Annie creek canyon, etc.

Items are as scarce as hen's teeth and as hard to find.
 We woke up Saturday morning and found our cozy valley roofed in white. The deepest snow of the season.
 Arthur Ferdue and Mrs. Ferdue were the guests of G. W. Stephens Sunday. We are glad to report that Jas. Ellison is able to be out again.
 The veterinarian has been among our horse men and found one of A. B. Handen's horses to have the gleet in one of its worst forms.
 Rev. Wallace delivered to his congregation one of his able sermons which was worth contention. His text was from the 5th chapter of Galatians and 13th verse. For brethren ye have been called into liberty, only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. ROSEBURG.

Arbor Day.
 State Superintendent Irwin has issued his annual proclamation for Arbor Day, Friday, April 9th. Among other things he says:
 "Some selections are herewith presented, but they are more suggestive than otherwise. They may be used according to the arrangement rapidly made by the teacher. I would merely suggest the following as an outline of program, in which the accompanying selections may be used, along with others of your own selection."
 1.—Music, "America."
 2.—Prayer.
 3.—Reading of the law appointing Arbor Day.
 4.—Song by school.
 5.—Recitations.
 6.—Short addresses by two or more persons, previously invited.—What Arbor Day Might do?
 7.—Song by quartet or chorus.
 8.—Outdoor exercises—tree planting.

San Jose Scale.
 The tree plague known throughout California as the San Jose scale, has made its appearance at Little Creeks Spring and is already effecting several orchards in and around town. Every effort should be made by the fruit growers to stop the ravages of this dread disease by employing proper methods immediately. The best and easiest way of doing this would be to grub them up and burn them. It looks as if it was a great sacrifice to destroy valuable fruit trees, but it is cheaper to do this than to let the scale spread and finally destroy an entire orchard, and possibly all the orchards in the South Umpqua valley.—Beacon.

The recent congress of mothers adopted a resolution against the wanton destruction of birds, which is calculated to bring joy to the hearts of billions of little mothers that are patterns of domestic devotion and good housekeeping.
 The 30,000-acre Uncle Sam has reserved for forest protection and national parks will maintain his reputation as a landed proprietor indefinitely.

BEWARE OF THE SLANG GIRL.
 No Woman of Refinement Ever Knew the Use of Slang.
 There is no habit so easy to acquire or so hard to break as the use of slang. It vitiates our speech, and especially marks a woman as ordinary, though she may be of eminently refined birth and education. To converse well, even elegantly, is only a matter of cultivation. Study the selection of your words, and after a while it will be second nature to use only such as are essentially above criticism. All can not be fluent conversationalists, but all can speak correctly, using only such language as expresses what you wish to say, but not in the slangy fashion that too many young people think chic and convincing.
 It may sound smart and cute in some ears, to be fluently familiar with all the "fast" terms, and to use them with the people, the refined and cultivated members of society, will never be able to discover any beauty in this knowledge. To be slangy is deemed to be popular by many, we know, but it is a deplorable idea, and it is a pity to let the trend of our education flow in such a wrong direction.
 Many girls use slang as they puff cigarettes, thinking to make an impression upon men by their worldly ways, the lit-tle "fast" terms in its dangerous proximity to the extreme edge of the border line of decorum possessing that strange fascination that has belonged to forbidden fruit since the days of Eve. The men whose good opinion is worth having, however, do not cultivate the society of slangy girls. Its use may be only a habit, but slang will impress the hearer with a feeling that the nature of the woman employing it is in touch with its vulgarities and its unconventional ideas.
 Parity of speech may not necessarily imply elevation of intellect or character, but the impression it conveys is infinitely superior to the one engendered by an intimate acquaintance with slang, no matter how expressive it may be.

Timely Topics.
 Many men who do not know how to direct their own labor intelligently and profitably are not satisfied unless they have a lot of hired men around for the women folks to board.
 Sorghum seed is an excellent food for poultry. It is regarded by many as superior to wheat for laying hens. A Southern poultry raiser who keeps 600 hens says that one acre of sorghum will make enough seed to feed 100 hens all winter.
 So long as the American wool grower must compete with the Australian grower who can produce at a profit at 7c per pound, he must give much attention to the quality of his flock; keeping the kind that will fatten so the lean and fat will be mixed throughout the carcass. Good mutton sheep are the most profitable, in fact, about the only profitable sheep today. However, we hope for better times for wool growers.

Have you heard of the father who gave his little boy and girl each a poor little orphan pig and when after long months of watchful care they had grown to be fine porkers, the special pride of their youthful benefactors, the father sold them and pocketed the money, every cent of it. We don't think that any "Ephronism" reader would be guilty of such a thing, but if any of our readers ever have done the like, we hope they will not be so mean again.
 Almost every line of business has its ups and downs, and the farmer who makes a jumping-jack of himself, dropping on his ears and taking up and down one whenever the latter, for the time being, seems the more profitable, nearly always finds himself, sooner or later, in the short rows. Desiring to forge ahead too fast and lacking the essential trait of "hang on," he becomes a mere hare-brained. He loads up at high prices and unloads when prices are low—small gain and sure loss, as many who in recent years have thus become wiser, but poorer, can testify.

The recent past has been a mighty poor time for a poor man to hire land, money and men, with a view to the accumulation of wealth by imitating the extensive farmer with plenty of land and money of his own, even though the poor man should be as good a manager as the rich man. It has, however, been an excellent time for the poor man to just bow his own row industriously, and live within his means. Those who have followed the latter course will come out on top yet, while many of the former class are almost hopelessly swamped, no matter how good the times may become.
 If pullets are hatched too early they may molt in the fall, and for that reason it is not the practice to hatch them before March. This molting in the fall, instead of beginning to lay at that season, is the exception and not the rule, but it is better not to hatch earlier. Keep in view the fact, also, that the large breeds require a longer time during which to grow than the small breeds, and that only the pullets of the large breeds should be hatched early. They are intended to come into service next fall, and then lay through the winter. Light Brahmas, Cochins and Plymouth Rocks should be hatched by March; Langshans, Wyandottes and Minorcas by April 10, and Leghorns, Hamburgs and other small breeds by May 1. The small breeds sometimes begin to lay when only 5 months old, and it is not always desirable for them to do so, as it is at the expense of vigor. The pullet that does not begin to lay until November, and then starts at work, will probably lay during the whole winter.

Two Cougars Killed.
 Two large cougars were brought to Grants Pass this week from Junc-off-Joe by H. M. Collins and C. D. Reeser, the former being the collector of the skins, and the latter, C. D. Crane, superintendent of the work being done at the Oro Fino mine, had gone out for a hunt in the morning and killed a deer which he proceeded to prepare to take to camp, then he was attacked by the two cougars, and he not being in reach of his rifle, gladly made a hasty retreat leaving the deer for the new comers. He hurried to camp and Messers. Collins and Reeser started at once for the scene and soon had their dead and skin. The cougar had almost finished devouring the deer. Many people saw the large animals Monday when they were hanging up in front of Ahl's butcher shop.—Observer.

The weakest place in a house or fort, or any place of defense, is usually the most valuable. It is usually the organ that disease assaults and batters down. Caution a man about neglecting his health and mentioning consumption, and he will pound his chest and laugh you to scorn. He is a doctor, and he does not realize that consumption beats down this defense imperceptibly, inch by inch. The lungs once attacked the only weapon of defense is the right remedy.
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Overheard on the Street.
 Here is the quintessence of populist statesmanship, overheard on the street. Two men, one a democrat and the other a populist, were discussing the legislative hold-up. "Well," said the democrat, "I believe that the majority ought to rule."
 "Yes," replied the populist oracle, "I think so, too, when the majority are in the right, but when the majority are wrong, then it is clearly the duty of the minority to block the way."
 This oracle is the self-constituted regulator of affairs political, moral and religious of this community, yet in his thinking out his great schemes he probably never been suggested, and I think that the minority might sometimes be wrong.—Grants Pass Observer.

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