

Southern Oregon Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Southern Oregon convened at the Presbyterian church in this city last Thursday evening says the Marshfield Coast Mail, and the opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. F. Shields, of Medford, Oregon. Good music for the evening was furnished by a choir of local musicians under the training of Mrs. Dr. Tower.

At the close of the opening sermon the Presbytery was duly organized by the election of the following:

Rev. Adolph Haberly, Moderator; F. G. Strange, Stated Clerk; W. G. Connell, Permanent Clerk; Dr. J. W. Strange, Temporary Clerk.

Rev. J. V. Millikin, a member of Portland Presbytery, Synodical Missionary and Rev. B. F. Peck of the M. E. church were invited to act as corresponding members.

After agreeing to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock a. m. to spend 30 minutes in devotional exercises, after which the business of the day will be taken up. In the evening a popular service will be held, to be devoted to the matter of "Missions."

There are in attendance on the Presbytery the following ministers.

Reverends F. G. Strange of Marshfield, J. A. Townsend of Roseburg, M. M. Marshall of Oakland, Geo. Gillespie of Curry county, W. F. Shields of Medford, W. G. Connell of Grants Pass, W. S. Smith, S. S. Missionary for Presbytery, J. V. Millikin, Synodical S. S. Missionary, Adolph Haberly, D. H. Hare of Myrtle Point, J. R. Landsboro, Geo. Byers and J. R. McComb.

Elders present are J. D. Johnson of Marshall, J. M. Beyers of Willowdale, P. Benedict of Roseburg, and J. W. Strange of Myrtle Creek and W. F. Disher of Willowdale.

Write your Farm Experience and Send

In 1902 the Southern Pacific Company published a pamphlet entitled "California Industries". It contained principally the personal testimonies of experienced cultivators, says the Pacific Homestead. A short description of the different sections was given and following this the testimonies of fruit growers, dairymen, etc., etc., showing the number of acres cultivated to oranges, grapes, olives, alfalfa, etc., the cost to cultivate the yield per acre and price the products were sold for. This was one of the most practical pieces of literature that could be put out. Mr. W. E. Coman, G. P. A., of the Southern Pacific Company, has written the agents of that company in Oregon that it is the intention to get up a similar publication for Oregon and asks that all who are able to give the results from their farms, dairies, fruit orchards, berry patches, etc., in Oregon, write the results for publication in this pamphlet. He says he wants only the actual results under favorable conditions, the same as can be accomplished by any intelligent grower under normal conditions; that is, he wants only honest representations. Any of our readers in Oregon who will take the time to give their experiences will be doing the company a courtesy and the state justice. You may send your statement to Mr. Coman, or to the PLAINDEALER and it will be forwarded to him.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it, incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. C. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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BUNCHING ASPARAGUS.

The Green and the White kinds. How to Cut—Rubber Bands.

Some markets require the green asparagus, while in others the white is in good demand. It is usually a good plan to have both kinds, advises an Indiana grower in Rural New Yorker.

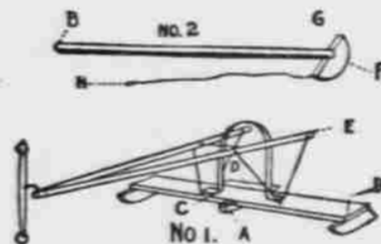
By throwing a ridge of earth over each row the asparagus will become well bleached before it reaches the top of the ground. The other rows will furnish the green asparagus. In cutting I use an inch chisel, and the shoots are cut off just under the ground to secure the green asparagus. In the part of the field that is ridged up the shoots are cut off, just as they appear above the soil, as deep in the ground as necessary to secure the proper length. As the stalks are cut they are placed in a basket with the tops all one way. When the basket is full, it is carried to a hydrant and the asparagus placed in a long row on a table and well washed. By keeping the stalks straight this work is greatly lessened, as the dirt can be washed from the stalks easier, quicker and with less water.

Forming the Bunches.

Any one who has ever bunched asparagus has observed that but few stalks are perfectly straight. In bunching, the stalks should be turned so each head turns toward the center of the bunch. This will take time, but it will pay, as a much neater bunch will be secured, and it will sell more readily. After the center is formed each succeeding row is slightly lowered so that the bunch when finished will be cone shaped and about what an ordinary hand can reach around. A rubber band is now slipped over the bunch while still in the left hand, and the work is done. The rubber bands are better than strings, as they hold the bunches neater and save much labor in using them, and labor is money in the market garden business. All bunches are made as near alike as possible. After being put up each bunch is cut off about six inches long and placed in a shallow pan containing water. Here it remains until the next morning, when it is placed in boxes containing wet moss, the boxes covered with wet sacks. The boxes are placed in the wagon and taken to market, where they sell for from 40 to 80 cents per dozen bunches.

A Marker From an Old Cultivator.

The illustration shows a corn marker without a fault. All cultivators are not alike, as some have straight tongues, and some have a seat attached, but they can all be used by simply removing the wheels and shovel beams. No. 1 A shows a hole where a clevis attaches the whiffletrees. This brings the draft on the sled instead of the frame. D shows a plank spiked on behind, making a place for the driver to



HOMEMADE CORN MARKER.

stand, thus leaving a clear vision between his horses and straight ahead. C shows where the wheel spindles are secured to the marker plank with a yoke, secured on the underside of the plank by burs. At B is an upright pin. This is to receive B of No. 2. This pole is just eight feet long, and F is a runner made rounding at each end. This is 2 feet long, 8 inches wide and 1 inch thick. It is made of hard wood and is wedge shaped on the bottom. G is a wire attached with a ring on it. To the ring is attached a good stout string, and to this string is fastened a common snap, H. Place B No. 2 on B No. 1, snap H on same ring, and your highest ideal of a perfect corn marker will be realized. I use E for handles when turning at the end of the field.—Cor. Orange Judd Farmer.

CURIOUS CULLINGS.

A Missouri man has a curiosity in a horse with one hoof formed like that of a camel.

If a musket ball be fired into water it will not only rebound, but be flattened, as if fired against a solid substance.

In north Wales the Welsh word for "now" is "rwan." In south Wales it is "rwan" spelled backward—viz, "naw."

The Modest Violet. These violets are modest blooms. But if their cost you will recall You'll own the folk who sell them have Effrontery enough for all. —Washington Star.

She Tried to Be. Maud—So Jack is engaged, is he? And is Lucy the bride to be? Irene—No; she's the tried to be.—Lyre.

A Terrible Disease. I'm fond of healthy chickens. But hate our bantam cock That suffers with insomnia. Each morn at four o'clock. —Philadelphia Press.

Your Watch!

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