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During the past year or two folks in North Dakota have been biting very hard on the grocery peddler's bait. Briefly, the agent goes through the country districts, shows excellent samples of staple groceries and on the strength of these takes orders. Later those who have ordered goods are sent notices that on a certain day the car containing the groceries will be at the depot. When the purchases arrive the patrons are told that the distributing agent is in a great hurry and that the railway folks have ordered the car off the sidetrack within a specified time. This means that the stuff bought is loaded on to the wagon without careful inspection. On arriving home the housewife looks into the purchases and finds, along with some fairly good stuff, a lot that is cheap and shoddy—a good deal cheaper than the price paid. These chaps never visit the same place a second time, as their victims usually remember their previous experience. However, in the Dakota case there was another good reason. The state pure food commissioner got after these fakers and found that the bulk of the stuff sold was in direct violation of the pure food law, which seeks to prevent the adulteration of food products, when the fines assessed against them soon outran their profits. The same game has been tried in other states with about the same results. It would seem that it was about time for rural inhabitants to get wise to the game.

The extensive part that the Oregon Trunk Line will take in developing sections of country traversed by its railway lines is shown in a letter received yesterday by Ora VanTassel, who with others had taken up with the company the matter of assistance in constructing a road off the northwest portion of the Agency Plains to the Oregon Trunk. Chief Engineer Kyle, in the letter to Mr. VanTassel, says that the company will donate \$1,000 for the extension of the Gard road to Vanora, the name of the station which will be on the railway lines, and that he will instruct the Oregon Trunk engineers to assist the residents of that section in establishing a grade. Such assistance as this means very much where good roads are difficult of construction, and there is no question but that the railway company's generosity will be appreciated by the settlers.

There are all kinds of boys in their teens today who misuse or at least waste their spare hours who when they get to be forty will be blaming Providence or the government or somebody else because they have not fared better in a financial way. These same boys overlook the fact that the men who achieve and make good tomorrow are the boys today who, while they have their playtime, and very rightly so, devote the hours not given to healthful recreation to self improvement by reading, thinking and storing their minds with a fund of information which will stand them in good stead in future days. And usually it is these same level headed boys who tend to business in school and make the study hours of their schoolmates and the work of their teachers a pleasure instead of a bane and bugbear.

### DRY FARMING CONGRESS HAS OPENING SESSION

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 4.—Exactly as the hands of the big clock on the walls of the Armory pointed to 7:55 o'clock Monday evening, Alfred Atkinson, chairman of the international board of control of the Dry Farming congress, called the meeting to order and instantly a hush reigned over the vast audience that had gathered at the initial meeting of the Fifth Dry Farming Congress.

Following Mr. Atkinson, came H. W. Newton, who gave a short address of welcome, and told of the objects to be accomplished by the congress.

It was at the close of his address that a small bell behind the platform struck, announcing that a message was at hand from President Taft.

C. M. Fassett followed Mayor Pratt with a talk which was short and to the point, but in it was embodied all the fine points of a welcome from the business men of Spokane. When it was announced that a message of good will had been received from Theodore Roosevelt there was a cheering. The ex-president's dispatch stated that the conquest of what was once called the "dried west" was among the notable American achievements, and that his good wishes were for the success of the meeting.

WANTED—A woman to do general house work. Inquire of Mrs. Harry G. Key.

## MELONS ALL YEAR ROUND.

Delicious Fruit Can Be Produced by Cultivation Under Glass.

In the summer melons are plentiful on the market, but few there are who know the delicious flavor, not to mention size, of a fully developed and well ripened fruit grown under glass. Nor is the season of such fruit limited, for melons can be produced all the year around. During the summer they can be produced in fourteen weeks from time of sowing, winter months taking a few weeks longer. To keep up a steady supply four small houses must be devoted to them. These must have adequate pipe heat to maintain the temperature through the cold weather and also to furnish bottom heat for the plants. Raised benches with pipes underneath answer both purposes well.

When sowing the seed use a good open compost and place very lightly in three inch pots, inserting one seed in each pot and water in. Place the whole in a house having a temperature of 70 to 75 degrees night and cover with paper to maintain the moisture. Good seed should germinate in about four days. When seedlings are through prepare bed for permanent planting. Good, heavy loam with old lime rubble mixed into it is all they require. Cover bottom of bench with sod, adding more with lime rubble and ramming as firm as possible until the whole is four inches thick. Mix more of same compost and also add a little charcoal for the mounds. These should be placed on the bed twenty inches apart and the seedlings planted in. Maintain a night temperature of 70 to 75 degrees and syringe twice daily. Take one shoot up until the plants are three-quarters up trellis and then stop.

Laterals will now appear bearing female flowers. Stop these one leaf beyond the flower. If possible three or four of these should be fertilized the same day to insure an even crop. As the fruit swells it will need support. Nets made for the purpose should be used. During the time the fruit is swelling the plants will take lots of water and feed, which can be given in the form of light top dressing and quick acting manures.

As soon as fruit shows signs of ripening cease syringing and keep a drier atmosphere and give all air possible. Quality is usually to be preferred to size, especially as medium sized fruit is easier to serve on table, being cut through and cracked ice placed in center.

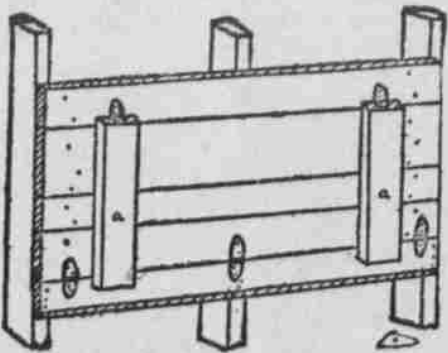
Scarlet fleshed varieties usually are of best flavor, but there are good green and white fleshed varieties.—Horticulture.

### FOLDING WORKBENCH.

Here is One That Does Away With Objections to Ordinary Kind.

In the tool house or stable there is always a need at times for a workbench, with a safe place to keep the tools needed for any repair jobs that may be needed. This is greatly needed many times in the year, but when not in use is, if stationary, often in the way.

By hinging the table or top of bench to the studding, as shown in illustration,



WORKBENCH AGAINST WALL.  
[From Orange Judd Farmer.]

tion, it may be folded up against the wall, where it is held by hooks, entirely out of the way and ready for use in a moment's time. When lowered the legs, which are hinged to the top, let down to the floor, and the hinges against board on studding hold bench firmly.

The space behind the top is an excellent place to keep all the small tools, as boards may be placed between studding at top and bottom, thus making it a tight box when top is raised, and when lowered your tools are all within easy reach just where you want them.—Orange Judd Farmer.

### The Hum of the Hive.

Don't keep bees unless you mean to give them the proper care and attention.

Never at any time should honey be left open around the apiary, for it always leads to robbing.

Bees cannot carry on their wonderful work without water. If they have not access to natural sources in the vicinity of the apiary, water should be given to them.

A thousand colonies of bees are used annually in the cucumber greenhouses of Massachusetts to carry fertilizing pollen. There are 2,100 persons in the state who keep bees.

Taking off honey is easy and simple with the right equipment, which includes inexpensive tools—a bee smoker, bee veil, chisel or knife for a hive tool or pry and perhaps bee gloves or wristlets.

Bees like to work better, probably, than any other living thing. They are perfectly willing to work for nothing, board themselves and pay handsomely for the privilege of occupying an old box. There is room for a few hives of bees on every farm. Fruit, poultry and bees make a splendid combination when properly mixed.—Farm Press.

### Voters Should Register

All of those who did not register for the primaries, have from now until October 16th in which to register for the general election November 8th.

The books for the Katcher and Madras Precincts are now open and in charge of J. H. Jackson, at Madras, Oregon.

### Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, September 29, 1910. Notice is hereby given that LOTTIE C. MONROE of Shaniko, Oregon, who on June 19, 1907, amended April 11, 1908, made Desert Land Entry No. 682, Serial No. 92425, for section 14 and half, sec 14, T. 14 N., R. 14 E., W. 11 has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Howard W. Turner, U. S. Commissioner at his office at Madras, Oregon, on the 5th day of November, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: P. T. Monroe, B. A. Marks and H. L. Friday, all of Shaniko, Oregon, and Joe Stuart, of Youngs, Oregon.

a29-a3 C. W. MOORE, Register.

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