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FRUIT TO EAT.
 The remarkable condition exists in Marshfield and North Bend in which, while everybody wants the excellent fruit so abundantly grown in this district, very few are sufficiently supplied. For some reason, which is no doubt good, the grocers do not care to handle it in large quantities and if they attempt to do so, they do not find that they are able to dispose of it at home. Nearly everybody who sees such fruits in the stores thinks he knows where there is plenty of the same kind and waits to realize on that. So the chance passes and the people who live in the midst of abundance "get left."

Reports are constantly reaching the Times office showing that great quantities of such fruit as plums and several kinds of berries are going to waste for want of customers. They would be in great demand for home consumption if they were available, but the large number of new residents do not know how to get them or where they are. The producer does not care to spend the time in gathering them up for shipment and this idea of large home sales and small profits has not yet occurred to the business man who is now making money with comparative ease. But such a condition should not exist. Where there are so many people who would like plums and berries—some method of placing them at their disposal should be found. Admitting that the peninsular cities have not been large enough heretofore to support the commission house and the taking of all such fruits on consignment. But they are large enough now and it may be expected that somebody will have the enterprise to start such a house soon. Probably the grocers would haul such an enterprise, as it could arrange for the accumulation and shipment to this market of such fruits and the grocers could then get them at a price which would enable them to serve their customers fairly.

Of course—the Coos Bay Gravenstein apple and one or two other fruits will always be pounced upon by the outside world which covets them inordinately—but strawberries, plums and all kinds of apples which are grown here—should be available at as cheap a price as they can be got in the San Francisco market, after shipment from here.

LABOR PRICES.
 The Times, some days ago, in speaking of the scarcity of labor on Coos Bay, made the statement that common labor was being paid \$3 per day at that time, and help was scarce at that. The statement was entirely correct and the municipal employes and men on excavating work were receiving that money. It was brought to the attention of the writer that such statements had the effect of raising the price of labor, and was liable to cause some inconvenience to industries employing labor at a less price. The matter of high prices was mentioned and it was said that laboring men must be well paid in order to live comfortably. There are conditions, of course, which enter into the price of labor. For instance, men who work at excavating and on street extension do not have regular work all the year round, while mill men and others working indoors are supplied with work continuously. As the matter of prices on the necessities of life entered into the argument, Mr. Oren, of the Smith Lumber and Manufacturing company, explained how men of family were aided by his company. This company has ten single dwelling houses at Bay City and has lately erected six double tenant houses of six rooms for a family. These houses are rented to the men at nine dollars per month and the company furnishes water and fuel free. This is a good showing for the Smith company and makes it convenient and cheap for their married employes. Besides this, there is a good boarding house on the grounds where single men find accommodations.

A HOLY WAR.
 There are wars and rumors of wars. The former are now incalculating if not actually in progress in that region of heat and fanaticism—that hot-bed of centuries—old Mohammedanism—Northern Africa. Not much have the herds of Mohamet changed since Mohamet's time and the children of the Desert and the east are still as cruel, as romantic, as superstitious and as religious, in their semi-barbarous, impractical and fierce way, as when the founder and organizer of their religion first called them to battle. The lawlessness and piracy of North Africa have always been infamous and is never abated. The recent punishment which the French have thought fit to inflict on them has again brought to the foreground the impulsive and

erratic character of the tribes and their blood-thirsty nature when aroused. It is now intimated that a religious war may occur. The herds of Moors and Arabs are being incited by their wild and fanatical leaders to what it is their pleasure to call a holy war. It seems odd in this age that such a thing could be possible so close to Europe, but that it is feared is evident from the importance which is attached to the news of the Casa Blanca incident. Nobody can tell what a "holy war" would mean, involving as it might, parts of Europe, all Northern Africa, large portions of Southern Asia, India and China.

The resources of the Coos Bay country increase every time a first-class, honest expert, who has both skill and experience, arrives. Lumber we have always known to be one resource which could not be excelled. Then came coal. Then the Gravenstein apple began to fill a large place and lead the whole procession of luscious fruits. Now comes the State Dairy and Food Commissioner, Hon. J. W. Bailey, to tell us that we have one of the greatest dairy countries on earth, and to prove it.

Emerson said that Napoleon Bonaparte was possible in Europe because Europe was full of little Napoleons. By the same token Rockefeller is possible in America because America is full of little Rockefellers. But the little Rockefellers, finding they can't grow as big as the big Rockefeller, have quit admiring and are kicking their former idol. When will they return to the first love who has grown great in their own image?

No man has a right to hold a valuable piece of land in the middle of a city unless he can and does improve it. If a city contains a large number of "hold-fast" patriots it is very unfortunate. It has no power of growth, because it won't do anything itself and won't let anybody else do anything. It is gratifying to feel that Marshfield is not such a town.

The race riot is likely to be a conspicuous incident in Korean affairs for some time to come.

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