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FORTUNES IN FRUIT TREES.

The state horticultural commisioner reports that an increased acreage will be planted to fruit trees this year, says the Post-Intelligencer. The record of 1903 is now broken, and more than 4,000,000 trees will be added to the new orchards of the state. Twothirds of the trees are ordered for farmers in eastern Washington. In sections where irrigation can be practiced every available tract may be planted to some kinds of fruit trees. The farm owners have discovered that lands producing \$15 to \$25 an acre in cereals will return \$300 to \$800 an acre from choice fruits.

Some wonderful crops have been harvested from the young orehards of Washington. As an illustration of what can be taken from a tract of land, one farmer in Lincoln county harvested and sold 1300 boxes of peaches from 80 trees that did not occupy the space of one-half acre. The fruit sold for \$650. A Clarke county man has a walnut tree from which he gathered 300 pounds of nuts and sold them for 20 cents a pound. Similar stories may be related of almost every district where fruits and nuts have been given attention.

The fruit-growing era has the good feature of causing the lands to be divided into small tracts. In Lincoln county a place of 300 acres has been cut into small lots of five, ten and twenty acres. These were sold to home-builders, who planted fruit trees. Now a colony of thrifty people occupies the land that once did not supply enough food for a single family. It has brought about extensive soil cultivation, and enable many persons to get homes and become independent citizens. The work has enlture.

Diversified agriculture introduces new methods in all business transactions of the farmer. The man with a small farm does not demand large sums of money to purchase machinery. He has no occasion to ask for extensive credit. His expenses are small and his debts few. The community built up by diversified farmers must be a cash business locality. There are no speculative concerns living off the aredit of the people. Every form of business is safe and sound, and failures can not come in ordimary commercial enterprises. Where the people have no debts and live independent, an ideal condition should exist.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHINA.

It is stranges that commerce should entertain myths and be disquieted by nightmares. One of these bogies is the yellow peril, in its commercial might sell what Dewey and Schley left of her squadform, says the Call, in an excellent article. As rons without real detriment to herself. The day is China has great iron and coal deposits and other remurces undeveloped, it has been held in some quarters that their development will be an injury to the western nations. This is a fallacy. That part of the western hemisphere occupied by the United States has proved to be the richest in natural resources of any part of the globe, and it has added to the wenith of the rest of the world. According to those who cower before the commercial yellow peril, the development of North America should have been a been established that the airship rose from the enmisfortune instead of a blessing to mankind.

Am intelligent Chinese, connected with the maritime customs of that empire, in an official report, highest buildings in St. Louis, going in the direction deals with this subject to this effect: "The develop- of the Illinois shore, it may be taken that the acciment of industrial enterprises, the extension of rail- dent to the engine was one only of detail, and not ways and the exploitation of the mineral resources affecting the main fact—that the dirigible airship is of the country are likely to have important effects upon trade in the near future. Industry leads to wentile, and wealth brings demands for goods. It is surprising that the prophecy should sometimes be is invariably the case."

civilized awakening of China should persist in the This ansient classification had to be overcome and sary for the repair of another. the Japanese merchant had to fight his way up in the esteens of his country. In 1878 the total foreign conserve of Japan amounted to 60,000,000 yen. In offer the most plausible excuse on hand to justify his the enty years it rose to 40,000,000 yen. In 1903 name.

amounted to 50,000,000, nearly equaling the entire foreign trade of that country in 1878. Our trade with Japan increased thirty fold in twenty years. Now suppose that China take on the same transformation as Japan, and instead of the trade of 48,000,-900 of people the world enter trade with the 420,-000,000 of Chinese, it will be seen that the yellow peril to commerce is a creation of the imagination.

NEW REFORM MOVEMENT IN ENGLAND.

Information comes from England that is hardly credible, since it involves a change in a custom that has the sanction of the age, says the Brooklyn Standard Union. Not that it is a good custom; on | o the contrary, quite the reverse; but Englishmen are slow to make changes, even for the better. This custom is that of tipping, which, bad as it is in this country, is far worse in England and has reached the importance of an outrage. There is, however, one reason for believing the report true, and that is, the English people will stand abuse for just about so long, and then they are up in arms and something has to give way. It has got to such a pass over o there that even the household servants regard it as a vested right to collect this petty blackmail from the guests of their employers, thus seriously interfering with the pleasure of a visit to country residences at the holidays, or other times, quite a favorite custom, and usually a pleasant one, in the tight little island. "No tip" means no attention, and some hostesses have been obliged to resort to schemes to protect their guests, who may not be able to stand the expense.

The anti-tip reform starts under good auspices, from a large and well-patronized restaurant in London, and has "taken" immensely.

But employers are largely to blame for the growth of the system by paying small wages, and sometimes none, thus compelling the employes to prey on the customers. Here better wages are paid, as a rule, vet waiters and some others look for tips, and have been known to refuse positions of authority, at good pay, because they could make more by "tips." It down and extirpated.

BRISK MARKET FOR WARSHIPS.

The statement from Rio Janeiro that the Brazilian government has authorized the construction abroad of 28 warships, coupled with hints that Russia is about to buy Chile's navy, after repeated efforts to make a deal for these vessels, indicates the brisk market in men-of-war and the big profit to be reaped by the smaller nations when the bigger ones only begun, and is being developed through fruit go to war. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American conflict both sides made big bids for the ships of the South American republics and this nation obtained several vessels of power. When Oom Paul Kruger began to stagger the world, Great Britain, fearing interference by at least one of the powers, made haste to augment her own supreme naval forces by the same method. Japan and Russia have been competing bidders for more than two years, wherever ships have been known to be for sale.

Brazil sees a profitable market in this tendency. It is not to be thought that the South American republic contemplates building 28 ships of war for herself. They are to be held for sale and, if work is rushed on the smaller ones ordered and the war in Manchuria continues a year more, Brazil may deliver a few of the new fleet in time to make large returns on her expenditures. Navies are of little use to any but the greater powers. Even Spain coming when the building of men-of-war for sale will be a recognized business.

THE DIRIGIBLE AIRSHIP.

From all accounts the voyage of the Baldwin airship, the California Arrow, has solved the question of the practicability of aerial navigation, though the first voyage-from the St. Louis fair groundswas not completely satisfactory. But when it has to decide what school to attend closure of the world's fair, twice encircled the administration building and sailed over the tops of the

a certainty, says the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. But the demonstration of the possibilities of the vessel-it may be so called-was so successful that it has been declared eligible for the prize of \$100,000 heard that the Chinese will import less as the manu- to be competed for before the close of the fair. In facture more. Experience teaches that the contrary the light of the success of the Baldwin ship, the aceident to the airship of Santos-Dumont and the re-It is strange that the myth of the peril of the tirement of the inventor to Paris in disgust become more easily understood. The complaint of Santosfame of the world's experience with awakened Japan. Dumont was that it was impossible to have his ship That island empire started in her present commercial properly repaired in the United States, and that a career in 1878. In old Japan the merchant and trip to Paris was a necessity. It would seem, howtrader was frowned upon. The soldier was in the ever, that the country which can produce a suc-Bighest class. The merchant was one of the lowest cessful airship could also supply the means neces-

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republican city convention, hereinafter; ward, for a term of three years, designated, which said delegates are apportioned as follows, to-wit:

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The following polling places and udges for said primary election have been selected: First Ward-Polling place, court-

house; judges of election, S. G. Trullinger, P. J. Goodman, J. A. Montgom-Second Ward-Polling place, office of

C. E. Foster, 694 Commercial street; judges of election, James W. Welch, C. E. Foster and B. A. Elgner. Third Ward-Polling place, office of

Astoria Box Company Judges of election, Gust Holmes, Wer Anderson, W T. Scholfield.

that a republican city convention will be held at the court house in the city of Astoria, Oregon, on Wednesday November 9, 1904, at the hour of 2 p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following city offices to be elected at the city election on Wednesday, December 14, 1904:

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