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### FRUIT DRYING.

Why would not the business of fruit drying pay in The Dalles? An enterprising fruit shipper in Walla Walla is making arrangements for putting up an evaporator that will have a drying capacity of four tons a day. Surely an evaporator with a capacity suited to this market would put money in the pocket of the investor. It would prove a great benefit to the people by creating a market for all kinds of fruit that can be preserved by the drying process. The business of fruit raising is constantly increasing while the home market is limited and many inferior qualities of fruit that are allowed to go to waste, when fruit products are abundant, could be turned to profitable account by drying. As it is, small orchardists, who cannot afford to put up dryers of their own and who have not good shipping facilities find little profit in fruit raising in a year when fruit is abundant. A market for dried fruit can always be found, at all seasons of the year and a fruit dryer with sufficient capacity to dry all the fruits that might be brought to it, on the shares or any other way, would keep many a dollar at home that is now sent abroad for dried fruit.

### THE WASCO INDEPENDENT ACADEMY.

The catalogue of the Wasco Independent Academy and State Normal school for 1891-92 is before us. A careful examination shows that the various courses are admirably adapted to the purpose they are intended to serve. One especially pleasing feature is the fact that the courses are not inflexible, but admit modification to adapt them to the needs of individuals. It is no longer judged essential that all students pursue exactly the same line of study in order to become liberally educated. Minds vary, and the studies which will train them best, vary also.

The normal course deserves more than passing mention. Although the academy was made a State Normal school over two years ago, but little importance has hitherto been attached to this branch of its work. The demand for trained teachers in all departments of school work has been growing very rapidly of late. A suitable normal course, such as is outlined in the catalogue, gives both theoretical and practical training. The state recognizes the merit of normal work by giving to graduates of the normal school's certificates, good for six years in any part of the state, and often honored to adjoining states. Another excellent feature is the provision for an additional year's work in the different courses. With the training of the mind the development of true manhood and womanhood goes hand in hand. The discipline employed is such as to stimulate truth and honor in all. On the whole it is safe to say that no better school is to be found in the state. The people of Eastern Oregon should give it their unanimous support.

### BRIEF STATE NEWS.

The town council of Prineville has ordered the residents of that town to disinfest their dwellings, outhouses and premises generally so as to ward off the scourge of diphtheria, which has carried off a number of children in that neighborhood.

The average weight of the salmon caught for McGowan's cannery, in Astoria, this season was twenty-four pounds. The cannery paid \$1 a piece for all salmon weighing twelve pounds and upwards. Anything under twelve pounds went as half a salmon.

Daniel Feister, one of the pioneers of the state, of 1847, died Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Barker, of Salem. He was 80 years old. His wife survives him. He first settled in Clackamas county, and has since made his home in Josephine and Marion counties. Mrs. R. Bates and D. Feister are the other surviving children.

The schooner Robert and Minnie, the vessel that conveyed the arms and ammunition to the Chilean steamer Itata, at San Diego, recently, is loading lumber at the Bay City mill, Coos bay. Captain T. O'Farrell is in charge, but is rather reticent in regard to the Itata affair. He is under \$5000 bonds to an

pear before the authorities at San Diego some time this month.

Henry Hall came to the city last evening, says the Baker City *Blade*, from Westfall, Malheur county, with the body of his wife, who died of typhoid fever. He is accompanied by his wife's mother and brothers and his little child. Here the body was embalmed, and they went on to the Willamette valley, the former home of Mrs. Hall, where the interment will take place.

Mrs. Mary A. Price died at the home of her daughter in Salem, on Sunday, aged 47. She came with her family across the plains to Oregon in 1852, and in 1859 was married to R. P. Price in Douglas county. In the spring of 1863 Mr. and Mrs. Price moved to Salem, where they have made their home ever since. She was the mother of six children, two sons and four daughters, three of the latter surviving her. Mrs. Sarah Crowell and Mrs. Flora A. Rennie of Salem, and Mrs. Mary E. Hale of Adams, Or. They were all present at her last illness. She leaves a brother, J. C. Arnold, of Pendleton.

### GENERAL PERSONAL MENTION.

The Prince of Wales is to make a trip to the continent this month. Monte Carlo is not included in the itinerary.

The last descendant of the Maid of Orleans, according to foreign papers, died recently in France. He was an inspector in the commissary department of the army.

Henry Labouchere will visit this country during the coming Indian summer. The great English asserter and retractor should have a hearty welcome from his New York confreres.

The young king of Servia belongs to the "infant phenomenon" class, (to use an expression of the late lamented Mrs. Crummins,) but it is cause for gratitude that he has not yet taken to the stage or concert platform.

Major Rathbone, of Ohio, the new fourth assistant postmaster-general, is just 43 years old, and is one of the most experienced men in the service. He is a handsome fellow, a thirty-second degree Mason and a wide-awake business man.

Governor Buchanan, of Tennessee, is credited with being an affable, agreeable statesman, who "is fond of a cigar, enjoys a good joke and knows rye from corn." He is a great favorite with farmers of his state, which may or may not be due to his last named characteristic.

"Sunshine" Cox would have been a more appropriate name for the eloquent New Yorker, Clinton Lloyd thinks. Mr. Cox had a difference of opinion with Judge Pelham, of Georgia, in the forty-third congress. They buried the hatchet soon afterwards in "peach and honey" successfully that thereafter they called each other "Peach" Pelham and "Honey" Cox. It was hard to quarrel with Cox.

Few Boston people know who Daniel S. Ford is, yet in reality he is one of the town's richest men. He is the owner of the *Youth's Companion*, the most prosperous paper of its kind in the world, and indulges in yachts and fast horses, and gives thousands of dollars to charities, but socially he is a recluse, and is rarely seen except by a small circle of acquaintances. Mr. Ford is 70 years old and well preserved. He was a poor printer when N. P. Willis founded the journal which Mr. Ford afterward built up to greatness.

### A MERRY-GO-ROUND.

Our bad man thought sure something queer would happen to the Keating Implement & Machine Company, of Dallas, when he learned that, besides being a deacon in the church himself, C. A. Keating had induced Harry Keating to join his flock and substitute white paint for the carmine Harry had used so lavishly on numerous occasions. Since Harry became catalogue editor of this concern, which carries everything in stock from a sucking pump to a mammoth coal consuming engine, he has advertised so extensively that when a man wants anything, from a pension to a car load of assorted implements and machinery, he immediately writes to the Keating Implement & Machine Company, Dalles, Tex., and is seldom disappointed in securing what he wants. However, F. Tate, of Fairfield, Tex., hit Harry below the belt when he wrote for a merry-go-round "with twelve or fourteen buggies—no horses." Harry gave it up in the following honest confession: "Replying to yours of June 14, I have quit drinking and joined the Salvation Army; therefore, while I regret it very much, I will be compelled to decline your invitation for a merry-go-round. In my younger days and before the Texas climate got in its work I would not hesitate to get on a jag that would easily enable me to go round with you in twelve or fourteen buggies, with or without horses. I have a lot of red paint left over which I will donate, but can't join you."—*Texas Farm and Ranch*.

Seven cars of beef cattle passed through the city yesterday evening for the American Dressed Meat company, Troutdale.

Ten thousand bushels of wheat were sold in Helix last Tuesday at 65¢ cents for blue stem and 64¢ for club, clear of the sack.

The Dalles City, companion steamer to the Regulator, has been towed over to this side to receive her finishing touches.—*Oregon Express*.

The wheat crop of Walla Walla county for the current year is estimated by the secretary of the Walla Walla board of trade at 3,306,937 bushels.

There are fourteen applicants for teacher's certificates now undergoing examination before Superintendent Troy Shelly and the board of examiners.

### THE HOUSEHOLDER'S DIFFICULTY.

#### A Comparison of the Old Way and the New Way of Buying and Selling.

Any householder, whose happiness it is to pay for the supplies of a family, must be aware of the extreme difficulty of getting with any certainty a steadily good article of almost any sort. It is easier in the case of luxuries, for the reason that for these the demand is more limited, the number of purchasers smaller, the number of producers correspondingly small and the chance of tracking bad work or untruthful statements greater. But for the things which every one must have, and which most must have as cheap as may be, buying is a lottery with a miserable prevalence of blanks.

You can get virtuous butter for dollar a pound, but the search for eatable butter at forty cents a pound is a weary and depressing pursuit. It is the same with the innumerable articles of clothing and materials of clothing. From the hat that grows gray in a month's service to the shoe soles that will not stand a day's rough tramping, the things that are turned out in large quantities for "the million" are not trustworthy.

I think the chief reason is that in our complex and widely ramified system of exchanges the producer and the consumer rarely come into direct relation with each other. The former rarely knows, and still more rarely cares, for the opinion the latter may have of him, of his methods, his character and his goods. The seller deals today with one set of buyers, tomorrow with another, and so on, and the buyers change their places of purchase with the greatest frequency.

The relation indicated by the old fashioned words "custom" and "customer" is dying out, and with it the possibility of accountability and the hope of profitable honesty. The type of modern retail dealing is that most abominable device the "bargain counter," where cheapness, real or imagined, is the main thing considered.—*Scribner's*.

### A HABITUAL IGNORANCE.

Nature has evidently done wisely in hiding tomorrow behind an impenetrable night. What a dismal plight it would be for Flora to foresee Reginald's angry impatience and possible profanity in the sudden May day shower, and so far an incident which has not yet occurred to feel that she must give him the mittens! We can hear the poor girl sobbing. "Reginald, I love thee, but never more be suitor of mine." But why, in the summer moonlight, as they loiter by the sea and breathe the lover's vow, should they listen for the laugh of fate? Why, because of that unfallen shower of May upon furniture yet unstuffed, should they lose the hour which, whatever betides, will be theirs forever? Why should Flora know Reginald except as time gradually reveals him?

Would you have her see today the thin white hair on the shining dome that shall tomorrow replace this brown luxuriance of curls? Would you have her aghast untimely at that ponderous form which shall hereafter supersede this slight and elastic figure? Would it be better for her or for him if she could hear the sharp, impatient word that from those tender lips she never yet has heard?

Who knows? Perhaps that she has never suspected the possibility of that sharp word may make it impossible. Who knows? Perhaps when May day moving comes there may be no sudden shower.—George William Curtis in Harper's.

A Huge Turtle.

About two miles below the junction, in this county, can be found a deep hole of water in Current river, in which a large turtle, measuring about four feet across the back, has been seen at different times for the last fifty years. Various plans have been devised and put into execution to capture the tortoise, but up to the present time to no avail, as he seems to be proof against spikes, spears, gigs, gunpowder and dynamite.

A few days since a hunter residing in that neighborhood, while passing along near the river bank, espied his turtleship basking in the sunshine on the root of a large oak. Quickly bringing his Winchester to his shoulder (a 48-caliber) he fired, the ball striking the monster fairly between the eyes. But judge of his chagrin and surprise when the turtle, instead of tumbling over dead, quietly let go his hold and swam away as placidly and unconcerned as if he had been thumped by a gravel.

Upon examination the hunter found that the ball, after striking the turtle, had glanced upward and imbedded itself in the body of the oak to a depth of six inches. It is supposed that the monster shellfish made his way up from the Mississippi river in the great freshet in the spring of 1841.—*Eminence (Mo.) Current* *Waste*.

The reputation of THE DALLES CIGAR has become firmly established, and the demand for the home manufactured article is increasing every day.

### A. ULRICH & SON.

It is recorded of the young beauty that the Prince of Wales, one evening during a performance of "Romeo and Juliet," sent one of his aides-de-camp to inform her that he was coming to visit her in her loge to congratulate her on her brilliant success. "Many thanks to his royal highness for his kind intentions," was the reply of Miss Eames, "but I never receive calls from gentlemen in my dressing room. If the prince and princess will permit me, I shall be happy to come to the royal box and pay my respects to them instead."

This spirited yet courteous response was reported to the Prince of Wales, and in consequence, he has taken a great fancy to the young vocalist, who is to be the prima donna at the private concert which the prince and princess will give at Marlborough House.—*Cor. Pittsburg Bulletin*.

### A CAT THAT PLAYS THE PIANO.

Milton Mosher, of Shelton, Conn., heard sounds from his piano the other morning, and knowing that no one was in the room he began to be a believer in spirits. On investigation he found his cat prancing up and down on the keyboard, seemingly delighted at the sounds produced. After that she was watched, and whenever the piano is left open she will play upon it to the best of her ability.—*Cor. New York Sun*.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes says: "If nine-tenths of the medicines in the world were thrown into the ocean mankind would be benefited." But what about the fish?

James Campbell of Philadelphia, is the oldest living cabinet officer, having at one time been a member of President Pierce's cabinet. Though his age is near four score years, his interest in matters of a public nature is unabated.

### SOCIETIES.

#### ASEMBLY NO. 4827, K. OF L.—Meets in K. o'clock p.m.

#### ASCO LODGE, NO. 15, A. F. & A. M.—Meets first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

#### DALLAS ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER NO. 4.—Meets in Masonic Hall the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

#### MODERN WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.—Mt. Hood Camp No. 59, Meets Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in Odd Fellows Hall, Second Street, The Dalles, and Washington. Sojourning brothers are welcome.

#### H. A. BILLER'S Soc'y.—R. G. CLOSTER, N. G.

#### FRIENDSHIP LODGE, NO. 9, K. of P.—Meets every Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in Schanno's building, corner of Court and Second streets. Sojourning members are cordially invited.

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#### WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION will meet every Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the reading room. All are invited.

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#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH—Rev. Father BRONSTAD, Pastor. Low Mass every Sunday at 7 a.m. High Mass at 10:30 a.m. Vespers at 7 p.m.

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