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FIGHTING TINY FOES.

Warfare with insect pests is the penalty laid upon the Northwest orchardist for the advantage of railroad connection with the markets of the world, says the Spokane Review. Prior to the completion of the transcontinental railway, the orchards were wholly free from these pests, and one could pass from Lewiston to Jacksonville, eating fruit the entire distance, and never bite into a wormy apple.

But they came soon enough after that; were probably aboard the first train that carried Villard and his backers and his "busted" boom to these peaceful shores, and for a while they had things pretty much their own way. At first there was some desultory fighting with pan-flares and coal oil, but the pests multiplied with astonishing rapidity, and each recurring season brought new and hungry allies. Then the fruit grower became alarmed, and went to his enemies with spraying machines, and after that with laws, and where he fought hard the victory has been upon his side.

But it is in California that the really scientific warfare is being directed against the fruit pests. Most prolific and voracious of all these pests was the cotton cushion scale, which attacked the orange groves and threatened to wipe out a great and growing industry. The assistance of the government entomologist was invoked. He discovered that the scale was a native of Australia and came to these shores in shipments of Australian oranges, but that it was not troublesome there. This clue was followed up, and the microscope did the rest. An agent sent by the United States to that country found that the cotton cushion scale was kept in subjection there by the voracious vedalia cardinalis, which attaches itself to the cushion scale and eats into its invisible vitals. The solution was reached. A colony of the vedalia cardinalis was induced to emigrate to California, and within a short time the scale was obliterated and the orange grower had peace.

If anything on earth is more voracious than the vedalia cardinalis, it is yet to be discovered. From the cradle to the grave it does nothing but eat, and when the board is cleared of the scale, it turns in and eats its own relatives, until at last there is left but one big fat vedalia, with the concentrated blood in his tiny veins of billions of insect victims. Its earthly mission ended, it then proceeds to tie of a broken heart because there is no more in sight for the relief of its frightful appetite. Great is science.

The argument that free trade will always give American workmen better wages over European, because they will be plus the freight charges across the ocean, is pretty good until it comes to goods that are exported. Then the wages must be less the freight.

CURRENT PRESS COMMENT.

A toothpick factory is said to have suspended. So many people are living on soup that toothpicks are a drug on the market.

The senate is monkeying with the Wilson bill, and by the time it is modeled by its upper house friends, its father wouldn't know it. Instead of being the Wilson bill, it will come out of the senate the billy Wilson.—Hood River Glacier.

"Next fall the country will go overwhelmingly republican. We hate to see the chimneys without smoke, looking like the tombstones of prosperity. We are tired of furnaces with the fires out. We want the mechanics in the shops instead of on the streets. We want to see contented wives and happy children in the schools and with good humor and plenty of food."—Bob Ingersoll.

Good Chance for a Rustler.

A man is wanted by Kerr & Buckley of Grass Valley to run their hay and grain ranch on shares, one with some means preferred, but can furnish all horses, harness, plows, etc., if necessary, provided he pays his own living expenses for the year. One hundred and fifty acres is already sown and now growing nicely, 100 acres are plowed, ready to sow in the spring, and there are 100 acres of old land to plow and sow. For further particulars address Kerr & Buckley, Grass Valley, Or.

'T WAS A GOOD STORY.

That is, When it Was Applied to Some Other Fellow.

The Texas congressman usually has a shrewd perception of humor, remarks the Washington Post. The delegation has a corner on half the good stories going, and can lay claim to several which have got away. A correspondent backed the dean of the delegation up in a corner the other day and told the following tale:

"A friend of mine," said the correspondent, "came up from Texas when the session opened, and as he expected to be here some time he looked around for a moderate-priced room, which he located in a nice neighborhood. A motherly old lady showed him the room, which pleased him very much. As he was about to leave the room she asked him where he was from.

"From Texas, madam." "Well, let me show you how this gas works. You turn it on, and put a match to it, so; when you get through turn it off, so." "But I understand all about gas. We have it at home."

"Yes, but I have had a good deal of trouble with Texans about gas, and it doesn't do any harm to show you. Turn it on, and turn it off this way. Don't try to blow it out."

"But, madam," protested my friend, "you needn't go to all that trouble. If it will relieve your mind any, I lived in Chicago for six months before coming here."

"You did, eh? Well, I want you to understand that this is a respectable house, and I won't have any poker playing or drinking and carousing up here."

"Haw, haw!" laughed the congressman, "that is one of the best stories I ever heard," and his sides shook with laughter.

"But," said the correspondent, "the boys are sending that story out to-night and saying that you are the Texan."

"The Texan you say. Well, that is a pretty low-down sort of a yarn to spin on anybody," grumbled the congressman.

AN ANCIENT PEOPLE.

Relics of a Prehistoric Race Found in Russian Excavations. The Hermitage is a famous building in St. Petersburg, in which the relics of Peter the Great are preserved. In it there is also kept what is called the Kertch collection.

Six centuries before Christ, the Greeks founded colonies on the shores of the Black sea. They united with the native Scythians, and Scythian rulers were generally placed over the colonies.

Outside the gates of the modern town of Kertch there are rows of tombs and mounds. In the year 1830, the Russian government began to carefully examine these tombs, the objects found there—remains of the ancient colonies—being taken to St. Petersburg and placed in the hermitage.

In 1831, a mound was opened called by the Tartars "The Hillock of the Brave," and in a room of hewn stone the remains of a Scythian king were found, together with those of his wife, his war horse and servant. His golden crown and ornaments were there untouched.

Even the sarcophagus of carved cypress wood, in which his body was laid, remains undecayed, and the carving and gilt figures upon it are still sharp and beautiful.

It seems incredible that a substance so frail should have endured for more than two thousand years unimpaired. The gold bars of his shield, the silver staves of his heralds, the collar of twisted gold wire, are to be seen, besides many other articles found in his tomb, although a large number were stolen at the time of the discovery.

But still more interesting and beautiful were the contents of a tomb discovered in 1866, of a priestess of Ceres, with all her rich ornaments, and these were all preserved.

Most exquisite they are. The gold chains, buttons, bracelets, necklaces, equal the best workmanship of Venice or Florence at the present day. The golden plates from her head-dress are of response work of perfect beauty.

AN ODD TIMEPIECE.

The Chariot Clock of the Emperor of China.

One of the most wonderful timekeepers known to the horologist was made in London about one hundred years ago and sent by the president of the East India company as a gift to the emperor of China. The case, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat, was made in the form of a chariot, in which was seated the figure of a woman. This figure was of pure ivory and gold and sat with her right hand resting upon a tiny clock fastened to the side of the vehicle. A part of the wheels which kept track of the flight of time were hidden in the body of a tiny bird, which had seemingly just alighted upon the lady's finger. Above was a canopy so arranged as to conceal a silver bell. This bell was fitted with a miniature hammer of the same metal, and, although it appeared to have no connection with the clock, regularly struck the hours, and could be made to repeat by touching a diamond button on the lady's bodice. In the chariot at the ivory lady's feet there was a golden figure of a dog, and above and in front were two birds, apparently flying before the chariot. This beautiful ornament was made almost entirely of gold and was elaborately decorated with precious stones.

A Queer Chinese Superstition.

The Chinese have a remarkable superstition about the Chu river, which is the local name on the border for the Chiang. A considerable trade in drugs is borne along this river, for which a special class of boats, composed of very light boards fastened with wooden nails, is built. The natives say that the magnetic attraction of the bed of the river is so strong that were ordinary boats used the iron nails would be pulled out. Along the river banks iron is mined in primitive fashion, and from the geological evidence it is believed that the ore is very rich.

Seigniorage and Silver Coinage.

Telegram.

EDITOR TELEGRAM: Will you be good enough to explain through your columns what is meant by free silver coinage, and what is the meaning of coinage of the seigniorage? Some of us laymen are befogged on these questions.

INQUIRER.

Free silver coinage means that any man who is the owner of a silver bar shall have the right to take it to the government mint and have it coined into silver dollars just as is now being done with gold bars. If the government charges mintage, the owner receives in exchange for his silver bar the value in silver dollars nine-tenths fine, and the other tenth is retained by the government as toll to pay the expense of minting.

The seigniorage now in the treasury represents the toll that has been collected by the government on its purchase of silver under the Sherman law. Seigniorage is a mint term, and in this connection means the difference between the cost of the silver bullion purchased under the Sherman act, and the coinage value of the same. It amounts to about \$55,000,000, and the Bland bill, now before congress, provides for its coinage.

The serious fault of the Sherman law was that it compelled the government to purchase the silver bullion and to pay for it in certificates redeemable in gold. The advocates of free silver insist that it is only the province of the government to coin money and not to speculate in bullion. Hence they demand that the coinage of gold and silver shall be placed on an equality—that they shall be coined into money at the ratio of 16 to 1, and that it shall devolve upon the owner, not the government, to put it into circulation.

ANTS IN FLORIDA.

The Vast Damage Which These Enemies of the Farmer Can Do.

There are more ants in the square mile in Florida than in any other country in the world, says the Savannah News. There are ants which will measure more than half an inch in length, and then there are ants so small that they can hardly be seen to move with the unaided eye. There are red ants and black ants and troublesome ants. But as bad as they are, I have never heard of them eating out the seat of a man's trousers, as a missionary, Rev. Mr. Wilson, once told the writer he saw the army ants do in India, while the man was sitting on the earth for a few minutes beside him.

But the Florida ants will take out the lettuce and other minute seeds from the soil in which they are planted and actually destroy the beds. They will suck the life out of acres of young cucumbers and melon plants, uproot strawberry plants or cover the buds with earth to such an extent as to kill them. They will get into pie, pickle, sauce, sirup, sugar, on meat, in hash; will riddle a cake or fill a loaf of baker's bread till it is worthless. All remedies failing, I took to baiting them near their nests with slices of meat, bones, apple and pear parings, and when I had from fifty to one hundred thousand out I would turn a kettle of boiling water on them. I have killed during the past week over a million in the space of a quarter acre lot, and I had almost wiped them out. I had to do this to secure any lettuce plants, and many unobservant farmers complain of seedmen when they should attribute their troubles to insects.

FREE MAIL DELIVERY.

Curious Result of an Experiment by the Postal Authorities.

The difference between city and country ways have been illustrated in a curious manner by an experiment of the post office department, says the New York Evening Post. Under the last administration about fifty villages and small towns, ranging in population from eight hundred to four thousand inhabitants, were picked out for a trial of the system of distributing mail matter by carrier, as in large cities. At first general satisfaction was manifested, and the receipts of many of the offices for awhile showed an increase, indicating that the convenience stimulated correspondence, but as the novelty wore off the residents very generally tired of the change and returned to the old practice of going to the office themselves for their mail. A majority of the people would apparently rather have their letters lie in the office until they call for them and thus have an excuse for frequent visits to the center of local activity than have their mail delivered every day at their houses. The carrier in such places is really a foe to social activity, as "going to the post office" has always been a recognized means of mixing with men, and its occasional inconvenience is preferable to the loss of what is often only a pretext for making a break in the monotony of a retired life. In view of the evidence that there is not "a long-felt want" to be met by this system of free delivery in small communities, and of the fact that its general adoption would involve an annual expense of at least ten million dollars, the first assistant postmaster general wisely advises a suspension of the experiment.

Somewhat Severe.

An exchange prints a story which may be commended to the attention of all public speakers who have the dangerous gift of fluency. A young lawyer talked for several hours to a jury in Indiana, to the weariness of all who were obliged to listen. At last he sat down and the opposing counsel, a white-haired veteran, rose to reply. "Your honor," said he, "I will follow the example of my young friend who has just finished, and submit the case without argument." With that he took his seat and the silence was oppressive.

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