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For the Willamette Farmer. Thermal Belt, or Vernal Zone. BY A. F. DAVIDSON.

Now, then, I have spoken of the correlation of the strata of air. This is a new idea. Franklin, De la Rive, Loomis, Peltier, and many other savants, experimented and learned much of electricity—its origin, force, and use.

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The vast thermo-electrical belt which surrounds our globe, as a mantle of protection, is produced by evaporation. This evaporation is the surplus heat derived from the sun's beams, and, escaping, rises to the higher regions, counteracting the cold which is constantly pouring down from the vast ethereal fields which surround our atmosphere, and thus protect the torrid and temperate zones from severe frosts. Where

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Now for the use, the practical utility, of a knowledge of electrical phenomena, of the thermal belt or vernal zone; let us see. And, first: If we wish to grow grapes free from mildew, frost, and fungoid growth, we must avoid the low, black lands of our valleys, for the meteorological reasons given.

The Isle of Birds.

Far south, in the Indian Ocean, writes a newspaper traveller, in the midst of almost eternal surf and spray, rises what is appropriately termed Danger Island. Of all the lonely spots on the globe whose existence has been ascertained, this is probably the most lonely.

one nest, divided into several compartments, where the naturalist, if he could live on eggs, might study the appearance, habits, and character of half the winged dwellers on the deep.

Visiting the Pope.

The following is the etiquette observed when the Pope receives visitors: After passing through the ante-chambers, you are introduced to the Pope's presence. His Holiness sits at the end of the room, under a canopy, on a small throne, raised one step from the floor, in an arm-chair of velvet and gold, with a writing-table before him.

A DESTRUCTIVE STORM IN UNION COUNTY, EASTERN OREGON.—A correspondent of the Best Rock Democrat says: "June 29th Union and vicinity was visited by the heaviest rain and hail storm ever known in this valley. It commenced at 2 o'clock and in less than 30 minutes the whole face of the country was a lake of water.