

SALEM, FRIDAY, FEB. 2, 1877.

For the Willamette Farmer Old-Time Crchards and Orchardists.

(Continued.)

SMALL PRUITS, &C.

We find in the oldest and the newest catalogues apricot and nectarine trees for sale, but how many of the readers of the FARMER have ever seen them grow? and yet in proper places they can be grown. Not in the open orchard but against the south side of a house or tight fence, the branches tied out fanshaped, and a crop can be had as often as peach. Belonging to the same family, they can be budded on the peach

Of currants, the old red and white Cherry and White Grape. I have cultivated, in other days, several other varieties such as Victoria, Albert, Champaign, Versailles, and others, but we only need the Cherry and White Grape currants; the others are only shades of these, and inferior. The Cherry is very large, productive, tart, and unrivalled for jelly, for which purpose it is raised in immense quantities in California, and they find a ready market here. Their large size and fine red color make them very attractive in the show windows of the stores. The bush grows short, jointed, and very stout, and on every bush is one or more buds; this is a sure sign of the genuine variety. The time will come when tens of thousands will be grown in Oregon for jelly and canning. The White Grape current is not so profitable, and pleasant and not very acid.

Currants prefer a cool and rather heavy soil, well manured and cultivated. These two latter conditions are absolutely necessary to insure a good crop, also must the three year old wood be cut out, the young wood bearing the best crops.

The black current is now seldom grown, as very few people use that peculiar musky flavor. It used to be raised for jelly, but this too has that disagreeable taste.

The Oregon currant is one of our best early flowering shrubs, and as they train well in beautiful little trees, one should find a place in every garden. The fruit is insipid They transplant easily, but not so the Oregon Grape, another shrub of great merit, being early and evergreen, but transplants with difficulty.

Of gooseberries we have quite a variety in the woods, but as yet not one fit for cultivation can be found. I saw some very large ones in the Cascades mountains, but upon tasting they were found nothing but seeds and a thin shell.

The cultivation of strawberries, as practiced in Oregon, is very simple and like all other fruits give good and regular returns. East Portland is the home of the strawberry; it supplies Portland with that delicious fruit The practice is to plant in hills three feet apart in rows, and four feet between rows. They are kept clean of runners and weeds till after bearing time. The could be covered with manure or straw between the hills in winter it would pay well. The ground must never be heaped against the plants as it will dirty the fruit. The plantation must be renewed every three or four years. They will grow in any soil. In East Portland they are largely planted on the south sides of hills and so come in early. The soil is rather poor clay. Some excellent large berries come from the hill west of Portland, and the very latest come from the large island below town. They grow in very sandy soil but just above high water, and are of extra size but rather watery and insiped; still they bring a good price. A genuine everbearing strawberry was discovered by Mr. O. Barrel, near East Portland, among a lot of plants sent from the East. In September, at our meeting for sending Centennial fruit to Philadelphia, a stem with a number of berries ripe, half-ripe and in bloom upon it, was exhibited that took every one by surprise. This might perhaps be made profitable to propagate. Or is it out of season? With strawberries it might be otherwise; but with almost all fruits there is a certain circumscribed season and beyond that the article is not very salable Other fruit has taken its place and the market and consumers want a change.

The best vaieties now cultivated are all self-fructifying and we have no need to mix pistilates and staminates. The Triumph de Gand is a favorite, Wilson's

Albany, Hovey's seedling, Fillmore and others are cultivated here largely.

With nuts I will conclude these papers on Oregon fruits as to varieties. In other numbers I will discuss cultivation, dryers, marketing in early days, canning, enemies, early nurseries and owhards. So you see I am not done yet. Have patience.

Though Oregon is naturally very poor in nut-bearing trees, yet trees set out do well. Black Walnut, Butternut, English Walnut, Spanish Chhestnut, all have borne fruit. In 1855 I imported 100 Spanish Chestnuts and now I know of several trees that bear several bushels of nuts yearly. Filberts imported at the same time never did any good for me. We had Black Walnuts by the bushels. Hickory, though as old as the Black Walnut, (25 years or more) have never borne. I have not yet seen the American Chestnut in Dutch are now superseded by the fruit yet though in bloom. Buckeye H. MILLER. grows well.

Plums and Prunes.

ED. FARMER: In the controversy between Xion and Mr. W. A. Luelling, on the plum and prune question, they have got my name mixed in. The dispute aeems to have started from what is known as Walling's Peach plum. If Mr. S. Luelling Jr. stated that the Peach plum is as Chas. Downing describes it in his abridged work he might be mistaken. I never contended that it was the Peach plum as cultivated in the East. I gave it that name limbs of the last year without growing on account of its appearance, and to have a name to designate. All nurserymen know that the different trees and plants must have a name. So far as I have reference to the Peach plum, that I have been cultivating some eighteen not such a bearer but an excellent fruit or twenty years and have grown for for the table and for hand eating, being my drying plum; it has proved to be very profitable in that time, and I shall continue to sell under the old name from the nursery, for the present at least. Now those two gentlemen have got the plum mixed and I think I can bring it out all straight. Xion says: "Mr. Luelling is right. I notice the plums sent to the Centennial Fxhibiion as the Peach plums, from G. W. Walling, were called by the pomological examiners Walling's seedling. That there was no resemblance to the Peach plum of Chas. Downing, but that Mr. Walling's were much the finer fruit Nevertheless it is not the Peach plum and it should not be name." Now right here is where the trouble comes in. The plums I sent to the Centennial were not the Peach plum at all. I put up the fruit myself. and was very particular in marking a card " Late Peach Plum." It is one of our seedlings we raised from the Peach plum and for want of a name called it the Late Peach plum, as it partakes of the former tree in growth and even in the truit; but when you cut into the fruit you find a wide difference. The flesh of the former is rather coarse and white or pale yellow. The latter greenish yellow and very fine grained, sweet, and rich; and we challenge the world to compete with It.

Here it comes again: Gardener's Monthly, Jan. 1877: "Peach Plums in Oregon.-We notice in a circular of Mr. Walling's, that he exhibited the Peach plum at the Centennial and that they were so large and fine that the committee claimed the right to after the name long to G. W. Walling because they were so superior in size and quality to the same variety from other States."

The Gardener's Monthly happened to leave off the Late, which he will find in our circular. Now if this has all been gotlen up for fighting down one of the best fruits in the United States or perhaps the world, by mixing it up with an old variety of fruit, I think it is all very wrong, and any man that would do it for that purpose should not be countenanced by the good people of Oregon or any other country. In order to make it still more plain, I will refer to our catalogue for 1875 : "Late Peach plum, a seedling of the Peach plum. fruit resembling the Peach Plum in shape, color light red with a blue bloom, fine grained, rich flavor, flesh yellow, solid, and separates freely from the seed, ripens two weeks later than the Peach plum. An exceelent variety for drying." This is the identical variety I sent to the Centennial, directed to A. J. Dufur, Commissioner for Oregon. I am positive that the fruit was labeled Late Peach Plum.

G. W. WALLING. Oswego, Jan. 20, 1877.

The Minnesota law of 1873, requiring each liquor dealer to pay annualy \$10 for the establishment and maintenance

Song of | 1876.

And crown her the Queen of a Hundred Years

WALLACE'S MONTHLY, for January, edited by John H. Wallace, 170 Fulton St., New York, and published at three dellars a year, is on our table. This number closes the second volume. The first article, entitled "My first Colt," is a well-written review of the family of the famous Jay Gould, and more particularly of his son, King Philip, that has recently come before the public, showing great capacity as a young trotter. The engraving of this horse is very fine. "Oxfordshire-Down Skeep" is a good article, and a capital illustration, "How the Trotting Horse should be Shod" is from the pen of "S. T. H.", one of the ablest and most graceful writers. When we get to the Editorial Department, we reach what we think is most highly prized by horsemen. The leading article here is Chapter II, of the Editor's Treatise on "Breeding the Trotting-Horse." Every man who is trying to breed a trotting colt, should not miss a word of this able discussion. The high moral tone of this Magazine, and its irrepressible hostility to pool-selling, gambling, and trickery of all kinds, among horsemen, commend it especially to those who believe a man may love and drive a good horse without being a blackleg.

The Dallas Remarc' giver an account of the death, by burning, of a little child of Mr. A. A. Cocherham, who resides on Yamhill river, in Polk county. The child was about seven years old, and while going about the fire its clothes caught and were all burnt off its body, burning the body most shockingly. The accident happened about 12 o'clock in the day; and the little one lived until about 2 o'clock the next morning. It was burned so badly that it had no feeling whatever, and but a short time before it died it wanted to get up, assuring them that it was well. It is just such accidents as this that speak volumns in favor of the abolition of the fireplace.

Two Thousand Shens Die in One Night —The Courier-Californian regrets to learn of the serious loss to its popular fallow eithern, Mr. John G. Dawes who left Bakersheld two weeks ago with his band of 2,000 sheep, for the North. While crossing the alkali lands near Thiars take, he camped for the night. When he swoke in the morning he found his sheep all lying down but one, and on examination found there was but one alive. They had all quietly lied in the night—a loss of more than \$5,000.

Vick's Catalogue.—James Vick, the Rochester (N. Y.) seedsman has just issued his Flower and Vegetable Garden, for 1877, of which we have received a copy. Like all his catalogues, it is well and carefully gotten up, and furnishes his patrons at once a complete directory of the products of his vast gardens and a very handy manual of flowers and vegetables. The price is 50 conts.

In the course of a speech by Joseph Arch before the Leigh Liberal Club, he said he ventured to tell Lord Beaconsfield that if he went to war he must not count on taking the agricultural labourers to be shot at for thirteen pence a day. They were determined that, until they had obtained the franchise, they would take no part in the wars of Eugland.

The new tunnel being built under the Thames is intended ciriefly for the use of about 5,000 workman who have to cross at that point, and who are often detained by far that stone the boats. It will be an iron tube nine feet in diameter, lighted with gas thoroughly ventilated, and only for pedes

The romains of a balloon have recently been found on the coast of Iceland. In the car were human bones—an incomplete skele-ton—and a leather traveling bag containing papers so moldy as not to be deciphered. It is conjected that this was the balloon in which the reconact Price ascended during the siege of Paris.

Postat [Changes,—The following postal changes are ordered in Pacific coast offices: Postmasters appointed—F. E. Schofield, Dora, Coos county, Oregon; J. C. Drain, Drain, Douglas county, Oregon; F. Brisbeo, Midway, Umatilla county, Oregon; Enoch Loper, Ystnix, Lake county, Oregon; James Stillman, Bolstort, Lewis county, Washington Territory.

The proposed new Territory of Huron con tains about 69,000 square miles and 10,000 in-habitants. It is the northern half of Dakota, and is said to embrace one of the best farm-ing regions in the United States. The bill to create the Territory has already passed the Senate.

Captain Boyton has successfully accomplished the journey down the river Po, from Castel Nuovo to Ferrari 280 miles, in 95 hours, without making a break, making a total voyage of 800 miles on the river Po. This is his last and greatest voyage in the life saving dress.

The first manufacture of tobacco in Washington Territory has just began at Elhi, Pierce county, by Mr. T. F. Patton. The weed was grown by Mr. Patton and is being put up by him in the shape of Black Straptobacco.

The Lutherans in the United States are in-creasing more rapidly than any other de-nomination. They now number more than 640,000 communicants, the gain for the past year being 67,276.

A white pine siab in a fence on the farm of Isaac Kingman, of Brockton, Mass., is known to have been in its place for one hundred and seventy-seven years.

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Upon her mother's breast,
The voices of nations are heard in the
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North and South we are met as brothers;
East and West we are wedded as one!
Right of each shall secure our mother's—
Chitd of each is her faithful son!
We give thee heart and hand,
Our glorious native land,
For battle has tried thee, and time endears
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And keep thy glory
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