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To those who know Ralph C. Geer, Esq., the proprietor of the Corvallis Gazette will be appreciated when it accuses him of having got rich at "good farming."

FROM HON. JAS. H. SLATER, U.S. Senator, we have received a package of Agricultural Reports. They are exceedingly interesting and profusely illustrated with colored plates.

WHILE DRYING peach plums we made two accurate tests to determine the yield of dried fruit in proportion to the green. Twenty-five pounds, in two separate efforts, turned off 15 1/2 pounds of good dried product, making 153 pounds to 50 of green plums.

ACCORDING TO THE Corvallis Gazette the people of Oregon all say, continually, that Mr. Villard spends his time telling us what to do. How to go to work and disprove this terrible accusation we don't know.

THE CORVALLIS papers place us in a situation we deplore when they appropriate these columns, between them, to ourself. We haven't the conceit to think our readers care to have any of them.

PORTLAND BUSINESS COLLEGE - The property of this old established institution is as sure as there was an attendance of 130 scholars of both sexes.

FRUIT DRYING. We commenced drying peach plums, in the new Acme dryer, on the first of August. Fruit drying has to be learned like any other business, and no dryer has or will be invented so perfect that it will run without brains to manage it.

When we showed samples of our dried fruit last week to the gentleman who brought us our last year, who is a buyer always in the market, we were much gratified to have him say that the fruit we sold him last year was finer than any he saw in the market all the season.

We believe in cleanliness, and the Editor of the Home Circle insists that everything shall be done, as well at the factory, as it would be done in the kitchen of the most fastidious housekeeper.

Fruit should never be used until it is perfectly ripe. No one can haul fruit, miles in a wagon, to a dryer, and have it in as good condition as when taken fresh from the tree.

We have said far more than we intended to, on this subject, but found facts to talk of and so kept on. Another matter of actual importance is to pack fruit in good merchantable shape, to suit the trade and take the customer's eye.

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scheme that is liable to be denounced as a fraud should allow the concern to fail and their good name be questioned. The losses cannot be so heavy that such men cannot easily pay them.

IMPORTING INSECT PESTS. Of late a great deal of California fruit has been brought to Portland. After the arrival of a steamer from San Francisco hundreds of boxes of this fruit are distributed through the city and forwarded to all interior towns of the Willamette Valley and up the Columbia.

The importance of this matter cannot be over-estimated. It means the saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to producers. Once admitted here and we shall have an eternal fight against these destructives.

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The success of the friends of Temperance in these three States will encourage temperance men everywhere to labor for reform. The evils of intemperance cannot be over-estimated. Crime lives on alcohol, and misery has its fountain head in strong drink.

The Legislature meets soon, and the temperance men and women of Oregon should demand of their Senators and Representatives the passage of a constitutional amendment favoring prohibition.

Mr. Richards, the correspondent of the Dry Goods Reporter, of San Francisco, called at our office this week. Mr. Richards is touring visiting every section of this State, Washington Territory and British Columbia.

GRASSES AND PASTURES. NUMBER III. In traveling lately we have noticed the dried-up pastures with melancholy interest, because they indicate a lack of something most essential to agricultural prosperity.

You may say that if closely pastured the clover field will look bare enough, and here comes in a fact, connected with all pasture grasses, of very great importance. If you let stock run over and mow and trample on grass, they spoil nearly as much as they eat, and you fail to receive anywhere near the benefit from pasture land that you ought to secure.

To illustrate this: Make a pasture, subdivide as we have said above, and you will soon find your stock looking forward at the end of each week for the change to the fresh field.

A branch of business that the farmer too often neglects is raising and fattening of swine. We allow the Western pork packer to ship his meat and lard from Chicago, and St. Louis, and Kansas City, or Omaha, and fill the Portland market with meats that should be grown and manufactured in our own country.

That pastures should be made with care, and preserve every good quality that grass can give them, we believe, is beyond question. The extravagant man may waste money in injudicious experiments, of course; but the prudent man will go to work to test the matter sensibly, gather the experience of others and save all of his own, and he will soon realize from well directed efforts such results as will be entirely satisfactory.

THE COMING STATE FAIR. The coming State Fair promises to be an exceptionally good one. Efforts are being put forward to harmonize the whole affair, and exhibitors seem to take renewed interest in trying to bring it back to its old standard.

They don't have rains out West. A cloud just saunters up and examines a town and then collapses right over it. No body escapes but the newspaper reporters and the look-alikes.

Sherman's circus had a \$1200 house at Weston. Weston has a big trade with the Umatilla Indians. A white gopher has been found in Jackson county.

The thermometer recently stood 108° in the shade at Weston. The salmon have ceased running in the Fraser river, B. C. One million cases of salmon is the estimate made for the Pacific coast.

The Point Adams Packing Company informs the Astorian that they will erect a cannery at Upper Astoria next season. At the Fremont election held in The Dalles on August 6th, Mr. George Munger was elected chief by a majority of five votes.

The second bridge across the Umatilla river on the Baker City branch road is finished and the track layers are going rapidly on to Pendleton. A letter has been received from the manufactory from which the Eugene hand engine was ordered, that it will be about 30 days before it can be shipped.

The college year of the Wasco Independent Academy will commence Sept 4th with a full and able corps of teachers. We are not advised as to the members of the faculty.

The Western Union Telegraph Company will build a telegraph line from Umatilla to Pendleton, a distance of 41 miles, and expect to have it in operation as soon as poles can be secured, put up and the wires stretched.

The coming races at the State Fair promises to be by far the most interesting ever held in Oregon. This department will be under the immediate supervision of experienced race horse men, who will leave nothing undone to add to the encouragement of fine stock to participate in the several contests.

The Salem Statesman says Marshal M. G. Harbord has been appointed U. S. deputy marshal for this district. There was great strife among a few for the place, but Mr. Harbord was considered the most fitted for the position, which doubtless he will fill with efficiency and profit to the government.

An Indian by the name of Geo. Colvish was examined before Justice Backus, of Hood river precinct, for the crime of larceny of a horse a few days ago. He was held to answer the charge in the sum of \$250, failing to get which amount, he was remanded to the county jail, and Sheriff Storrs took him in his custody last Tuesday evening, says the Astorian.

The Roseburg Plaindealer says that the machinery has arrived for the flouring mill above that town. Work is being pushed on the race and in 40 days the machinery will be in operation.

Eggs are worth 40 cents at Seattle. Wheat is 60 cents per bushel at Waitsburg. The Colfax Democrat has been moved to Palouse City. The Seattle papers want a street railroad to Lake Union.

The Yakima Record learns that a few cases of black-leg has appeared among the cattle up on the Ahtanum. Extreme care should be taken to prevent its spread. The Walls Walla Union says that vegetables of all kinds are scarce and high, caused by the demand to supply the railroad employees on the line of the N. P. R. R.

The historical sketch of Walls Walla county, published by Col. Gilbert, will be brought out about Nov. 1st. It will reach an edition of over 2000 copies. The Yakima Record learns that a few cases of black-leg has appeared among the cattle up on the Ahtanum.

The new officers of Port Townsend are J. H. Van Bokkelen, committing magistrate; R. H. Hill, clerk; C. M. Bradshaw, attorney; D. H. Hill, treasurer; F. W. James, surveyor; C. H. James, harbor master, and D. H. Hill, assessor.

Mr. J. P. Stewart, of Puyallup, has picked 7000 pounds of berries from one acre on his place this year, 1000 of which he put up, and 6000 he has sold at an average price of 10 cents per pound over and above the cost of picking. He has paid \$100 to Indians for picking them and realized at these figures \$600, which is a very fair showing for one acre.

THE O. P. R. R. If the Benton Leader and Corvallis Gazette could write as sensible an editorial as the following from the Albany Herald, they might take equal rank with the Herald in journalism.

Staver & Walker are just receiving a very large and complete stock of the celebrated J. I. Case plows, harrows and cultivators for the fall trade. These goods have been made expressly for the requirements of the farmers of the Pacific Northwest, and their superiority is universally conceded by all who have used them.

Still in the Workshop. To do good work the mechanic must have good health. If long hours of confinement in close rooms have enfeebled his hand or dimmed his sight, let him as once, and before some organic trouble appears, take plenty of Hop Bitters. His system will be rejuvenated, his nerves strengthened, his sight become clear, and the whole constitution be built up to a higher working condition.