

**It is a Matter of Good Faith**

It is evident that the latest troublesome phase of the Japanese question has resolved the whole matter into a question of good faith on the part of the Japanese Government. It is hardly to be believed that the interests or prejudices of special communities, or of classes, in the State of California will influence the people of that State as a whole to a disturbance of this arrangement.

Whatever allowance we may make for dissimulation and insincerity in diplomacy, and all that, it is the part of courtesy and good judgment to give Japan the benefit of the doubt in this matter of good faith. When the official representatives of that nation seriously aver that their government is addressing itself to the problem of emigration to America, is an intelligent effort to preserve the utmost friendliness between the two powers, it is far better that we accept such statement as the truth, and rest, content that that the Japanese government have time in which properly to make its policy effective.

Situations like that which has arisen between the two nations do not call for hasty judgment nor for hasty action. Americans in California and elsewhere will do well to consider that Japan's interests, for the present at least, lie in the preservation of peace, and nationally considered, that they are to be advanced by emigration to contiguous territory rather than to the United States.

We might remember, too, that to the Japanese citizen—to the laborer and the small merchant—the United States is a country which offers many attractions. Barring the one obstacle of adverse sentiment, the inducement to come to this country and profit by the higher scale of wages or profit to be made, is as great to the Japanese as it is to the German, the Italian, the Pole or the Slav. Properly considered, this constitutes a part of the problem with which the Japanese government has to deal. It is a consideration that suggests the wisdom of patience on the part of the American people, a consideration which should appeal as strongly to the people of California as to the people of any other state in the Union—Telegram.

**Loggers Interfere With Boats**

Men who have endeavored to give the people of the North Fork a boat service this winter complain that the navigation of that stream has been interfered with considerably by some of the loggers. Most of them have so arranged their work that the stream could be used, but others have had scant regard for the convenience of the boatmen. As a consequence, during the recent stormy weather, the merchants up that stream ran short of provisions and a famine in several necessities was threatened. Last fall complaint of such conditions was made to the grand jury and the sheriff and other officers were instructed to see that navigation was not interfered with by loggers. The jury refused to return indictments until the loggers had a chance to conform with the requirements of the law. The North Fork boatmen dislike to inform the officers of conditions on that stream because loggers who have been doing what they could to keep the stream open would suffer, but unless those who have done nothing will undertake to give the boatmen a chance they may be compelled to inform the officials.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

Arthur Purvis, aged 14 years and 18 days, was drowned in the slough above Johnson's mill Monday. He was in a canoe with an older boy when the boat capsized. The accident occurred about noon and the body was recovered several hours later. The drowned boy was an orphaned child and made his home with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mallon at Johnson's mill. He was born at Mt. Vernon Ill, January 7, 1895.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, interment taking place at the Norway cemetery. Brief services were held at the grave, Rev. Thomas Barklow conducting the same. The family had lived at Johnson's mill but a few months, having arrived there September 17, 1897.—Enterprise.

**Celebrate State's Admission**

At a meeting held at the statehouse at Salem recently between the committees appointed under joint resolution of the Senate and House for the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the admission of Oregon into the Union, Fredrick V. Holman, as president, and George H. Hines, as assistant secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, were present by special invitation. The date of the anniversary falls on Sunday, February 14th, and the celebration will be held at the Statehouse at Salem on the following Monday, February 15.

The following programme was agreed on for the celebration: The meeting will be called to order by Senator M. A. Miller, chairman of the committee on arrangements, and Jay Bowerman president of the Senate will preside. The speakers will be Governor George E. Chamberlain, representing the state; Fredrick V. Holman, representing the Oregon Historical Society, and Judge George H. Williams, representing the pioneers. Judge Williams is one of the surviving members of the convention which framed the constitution of Oregon. The formal address will be delivered by Fredrick N. Judson, lawyer and publicist of St. Louis. A band will be provided to furnish the music. Seated upon the platform will be the speakers, members of the Supreme Court, state officials and many distinguished guests. Directly in front of the platform will be a number of seats reserved for the earliest pioneers, many of whom, it is hoped will be present.

Some confusion is generally prevalent regarding the exact date of the anniversary. This is because the first constitutional convention was held September 18, 1857, and the constitution was adopted by the popular vote of the people on November 9, 1857, all without authority from Congress. It was not until two years later, on February 14, 1859, that Congress passed an act admitting Oregon to the Union and accepting the constitution as adopted by the people two years previous.

**Teachers' Examination**

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Examiners of Coos County Oregon will hold the regular semi-annual examination of applicants for state and county papers in the court house in Coquille beginning on Wednesday Feb. 10th, at 9 a.m., 1909, and continuing until Friday Feb. 12, at 4 p. m.

Program for County papers: Penmanship, History, Orthography, Reading, Physical Geography, Arithmetic, Teaching, Grammar, Physiology, Geography, School Law, Civil Government, English Literature.

The program for State papers will be arranged to suit the convenience of the applicants.

Dated at Coquille, Oregon this 25 day of January 1909.

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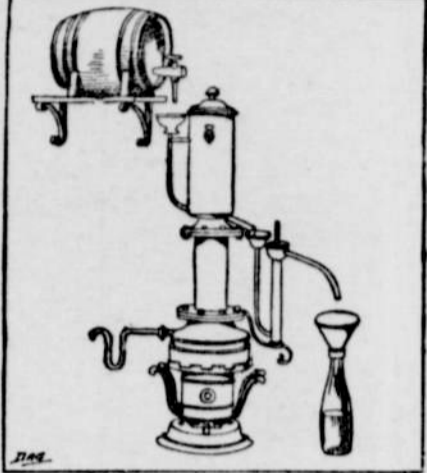
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**Farm and Garden**

**ALCOHOL ON THE FARM.**

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Two years ago congress passed a law taking the internal revenue tax from denatured alcohol. This bill was passed with the aid and by the influence of farmers, who were led to believe that this bill would help them settle a hard question of light and fuel. Many of them thought that after the bill was passed the average farmer would be able to make alcohol on



SMALL FRENCH STILL.

the farm at a low price and that he could use this alcohol in place of other fuel. The result has been disappointing to such farmers. The price of alcohol is still so high that it cannot be used in place of wood or coal. At the time the bill was passed many well informed farmers all over the country feared that the alcohol industry would be much the same as the beet sugar business—that it would not be made on the small farms, but concentrated in the factories, where farm produce is brought, very much as sugar beets are brought to the factory or milk or cream to the creamery.

There is still, however, a demand for a small distilling apparatus, but so far nothing of practical use has been made in this country.

The illustrations given herewith are taken from a French catalogue and show two devices for making alcohol in small quantities. They are popular in France. These pictures give an idea of the way the machines are operated. The small ones appear to be pretty close to toys, but there are larger and more expensive devices which are really practical.

A great deal of the alcohol making in France appears to be done by trav-



SIMPLE FARM APPARATUS.

elling distillers, who go from place to place very much the same as grain thrashers travel in this country. They will go to a farmer's place and work apples, potatoes, beets or other material into alcohol at a stated price. It is doubtful whether this method will be practical in this country for a good many years, as the conditions here are very different from those on the other side.

**Weed Seeds in Manure.**

It is well known that there is considerable risk of introducing new weeds by the purchase of manure and hay and other feeding stuffs. E. I. Oswald of the Maryland experiment station undertook to obtain more definite information on this point, especially as regards dissemination through manure, by studying the effect of the fermentation of manure handled in different ways and of passing through the digestive systems of animals on the vitality of various weed seeds, including seeds of about fifty of the worst weeds found in Maryland.

In experiments in which the manure remained for six months in a barnyard heap and for a short while in piles, as when shipped in carload lots from cities, it was found that in the first case there was no danger and in the second case little danger of distributing live weed seeds. In the experiments in which the weed seeds were fed to yearling steers and the manure handled in various ways it was found that—

First.—Where the manure was hauled directly from the stable as a top dressing an average of only 12.8 per cent of the seed fed germinated.

Second.—Where manure was hauled directly from the stable upon the land and plowed under 2.3 per cent of the seeds fed to animals came up.

Third.—Where the droppings remained on the pasture fields unadulterated as they fell an average of only 3.1 per cent of the seeds fed to animals germinated.

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