

## T. R. Is Not in Race for 1910

John Callan O'Laughlin Brings The Word from Europe.

Washington Dispatch Chicago Tribune.

While Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has declined to talk to anyone as to his attitude with respect to the Presidential nomination in 1912, I am convinced from everything he has said bearing upon politics that it is his earnest wish not to be a candidate for that honor.

I have just returned from Paris, where I left the Colonel enjoying the splendid hospitality of the French people. After being with him for six weeks, joining him far up the White Nile and continuing with him through the Soudan, Egypt, Italy, Austria, Hungary and France, I am in a position now to state his attitude regarding the Republican nomination a little more than two years hence.

I saw all the letters he received from the time we boarded the Dal, the government steamer carrying him down the Nile, until I left him in Paris. I saw the responses which he made to these communications. Many of these letters related to politics. His correspondents gave him full details of the political situation in the United States, and insisted that he was the only man who could possibly save the Republican party from defeat.

Mr. Roosevelt earnestly wishes not to be a candidate for the nomination. There is not the slightest doubt that Mr. Roosevelt is keenly interested in the developments in connection with public affairs at home and is eager to ascertain for himself the exact character of the events which have occurred. The information he has received from his correspondents has been complete in detail and comes from sources in which he has confidence.

At the same time he does not intend to make up his mind finally about many important public questions until he is on the ground and is able to reach a conclusion based upon personal inquiry and contact with various men interested in these matters in whom he has confidence and with whom undoubtedly he will talk after his arrival.

Because he is an ex-President does not relieve Colonel Roosevelt from his duty as a citizen, and he realizes this fact himself. It may be taken for granted, therefore, that he will stand in the future, as he has always before stood, squarely and firmly for the things which will benefit and promote the prosperity of all the people of the United States. He will make this clear in speeches he will deliver at Cheyenne, Wyo., the latter part of August, in Kas. on the occasion of the dedication of the John Brown battlefield, and in the address he will deliver before the conservation congress.

There will be no criticism of anybody in his speeches. He will devote himself solely to the discussion of the great questions in which he has shown always the keenest interest and the right solution of which he regards as vital to the happiness and development of the people.

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The World's Sunday School Convention will be held in Washington, D. C., May 19-24. It will be attended by official delegates from every state in the Union, from every province in Canada, and from more than 50 countries—the most cosmopolitan gathering ever held on this continent. The roster of American delegates was long ago full, and the visitors will outnumber the delegates. There will be more than 200 meetings in connection with the convention. President Taft will be one of the speakers. Previous World's Sunday School Conventions have been held in London, St. Louis, Jerusalem and Rome.

World's Sunday School Day this year is May 22nd, falling on Convention Sunday. Dr. Geo. W. Bailey, executive head of the World's Sunday School Association, has prepared a uniform program that will be used in practically every one of the quarter of a million schools in the world. It has been translated into more than 100 languages and dialects.

## Pruning of Trees.

Editor RECORDER: Once more I desire to talk to your readers on the subject of pruning trees. As I have said before, there are three kinds of pruning. First is Winter pruning. By this process we shape and clean the tree of superfluous limbs. The result from this pruning is that a number of "new sprouts" which form the so called "water sprouts" get their start. From these water sprouts we have an opportunity to select new limbs when the second kind of pruning, the June pruning, is performed. These new limbs are to replace some of the old limbs that have been broken out of the top of the tree or cut away by careless pruning, and thus the tree is again balanced. This kind of pruning is often called "finger pruning" because it can be done with the fingers.

The third kind of pruning is the root pruning. Should the tree stand on too fertile soil, making too much wood, a part of the feed roots are cut off, stopping the more than necessary flow of sap. By doing so we increase the quantity of fruit. Here in Oregon the real difficulty in fruit growing is from having trees produce too much fruit, so that all good and substantial orchardists are compelled to thin out the fruit in order to raise first class qualities. One third of the fruit growing is sufficient. The question is whether or not you desire a good quality of fruit or whether you want it small and scabby.

These three processes of pruning are sustained by experts and successful orchardists everywhere.

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## Military Day at Oregon.

The annual military day at the Oregon Agricultural College is assuming significant proportions as a social event, and is attracting state wide attention. For the occasion many visitors from all parts of the state come to the campus, and in the future this will be encouraged by offering special rates on the railroads of the state.

This year the event was a brilliant success. The day was ideal and the campus at its best. The white dresses of the ladies, the full dress uniforms of the visiting officers, and the drab suits of the cadets made a gay setting for the peaceful campus.

Military activities commenced with the first bugle call in the morning, and there was no cessation until taps were sounded at 11:30 at night. Captain Lenihan, War Department Inspector, spent the entire forenoon in a careful inspection of the cadet

regiment. In the afternoon Colonel McGunagle, Commanding the Vancouver Barracks, reviewed the student troops. Following this the companies drilled for the Brodie Banner which was won by Company M, Capt. Rowe commanding. The evening exercises were held in the gymnasium, and consisted of individual competitive drills, Butt's musical saber drill by the officers and closed with a military drill.

The cadets have high hopes of being ranked as the best cadet regiment in the United States. The regiment was ranked as one of the three best last year.

## Degree Given to Roosevelt

Berlin, May 12—Theodore Roosevelt, former President of the United States, delivered a lecture today on the topic "The World Movement" at the University of Berlin, and received from the University an honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Emperor William honored the occasion by his presence. It was the first time the Emperor had ever graced a conferment, and the courtesy was significant in view of the fact that the German Court is in mourning for King Edward. The ceremony of conferring the degree was staged and conducted with impressive simplicity.

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## THE BROWN TAILED MOTH.

The brown tailed moth, a pest which was introduced into this country from Europe some years ago, bids fair to increase the area of its devastation in spite of vigorous measures that have been taken to keep it within a rather restricted area in the New England states. The Rural New Yorker, an agricultural paper that is always keenly alive to dangers of this kind which are a menace to the public welfare, has lately sounded a warning of a probable spread of the scourge to New York state from New Hampshire, where it has had a foothold for several years past. Unless the precautions taken to keep it in check are materially augmented the chances seem good that it will spread over an ever increasing territory. The adult type is a pretty moth about seven-eighths of an inch in length, with a brown tail about an eighth of an inch in length, from which it takes its name. The female lays her eggs in the last two or three weeks in July, depositing them on the underside of leaves, her choice being those of the pear and elm. The little caterpillars emerge in the course of about three weeks and immediately begin to eat the leaves, consuming the green portion and leaving but the leaf skeleton. In the fall the little worms, which have done slight damage thus far, make nests for themselves, which they fasten securely to the limbs of the trees in which they have been feeding. In the spring they get out and are at work as soon as the leaves start, eat voraciously and grow rapidly, soon attaining a length of an inch and a quarter. When the worms reach this size they will strip a tree of its leafage in short order unless prevented by spraying thoroughly with some arsenical compound. In sections where the worms have been worst they have been known to strip fruit and shade trees of all their leafage, and when this is done early in the season it means death to them. While this pest is one of the very worst which horticulturists have on their hands, it is a matter of congratulation that it does not spread to new territory as rapidly as some foes with which the orchardist has to deal. Serious enough is it, however, to call for the co-operation of federal, state and local authorities in the suppression of it.

## SHOULD KNOW IT.

The adobe or "sticky" soil, as it is commonly called, found in several sections of the west, while very rich and well suited to the growing of apples, pears and some other fruits, is very difficult to handle and must be plowed at just the right time—a few days following a rain, when the "slacking" has advanced to the proper stage—to secure results that are at all satisfactory. Rather oddly, though, while continued hot and dry weather tends to form a hard crust a few inches beneath the surface, there seems to be no other soil which retains its subsoil moisture more completely or on which fruit trees will stand more protracted drought. When one buys a "sticky" ranch he should have in mind that it will either be necessary for him to have a solid macadam road leading to his place, if he is to reach it during the wet season, or to lay in a sufficient stock of supplies and provisions so that he will not have to leave his place for two or three months at a time. The only pointer that the prospective buyer of a "sticky" ranch needs is that he should be thoroughly acquainted with the antics of the soil during the rainy season, so that he will not be taken by surprise when the sticky time comes.

## PROTECT THE ORCHARDS.

All through the northern states the snow lies deep in many sections. This means that the orchards are in especial danger of injury from rabbits whose other food supplies are made inaccessible by the heavy blanket of snow. And as the winter advances the hunger of these ever present pests increases, making the likelihood of damage by them the greater. If the trees have not been protected and the rabbits have begun their work of destruction, radical measures should be adopted. These should include wrapping of the trunks of all young trees as far up as the branches with old newspapers, the smearing of wounds already made with a strong resin soap, the use of traps, dogs, ferrets and guns in exterminating the offenders and, if worst come to worst, the scattering in the runways of pieces of apples on which powdered arsenic has been placed. Of course such poisoned baits should be covered with brush in case any of the farm animals have the run of the orchard. The trees should be inspected at frequent intervals so that the rabbits will not have made serious havoc before their depredations are discovered.

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