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## ROT IN PRUNES.

Oregon Agriculturist:

While the rot which attacked the prunes in western Oregon and western Washington this year is a new thing to most of the growers here, it is a very common disease in the east. It is extremely contagious under conditions favorable to its development which are warmth and moisture at the same time. If there are any germs of the disease about the trees it will only require a few warm days with a moist atmosphere at any time during the summer to cause its rapid spread among the fruit. A few warm muggy days early in July this year gave the rot a great start. Then the air became dry and the spread of the rot ceased. When the warm weather came on about the middle of September after about two weeks of rainy weather had saturated everything, the conditions were most favorable to the development of the rot, hence the great amount of damage. While there will be many seasons in which we are not likely to suffer seriously from this disease, it is not true that spraying with bordeaux mixture would have done no good. In the eastern states this disease, which attacks all varieties of stone fruits, is not only very prevalent but finds the conditions favorable for its development nearly every year, yet orchardists have found themselves able to keep it in check to a large extent by timely sprayings. A contemporary refers to Commissioner Doseh's statements concerning this disease as theory. It might be well refer to a physician's statement that quinine properly administered checks malaria in the human system, as theory. Mr. Doseh's remarks concerning plain rot were not his individual conclusions but a statement of the result of many years observations of experienced horticulturists in the treatment of an old and well known disease.

THE LAKE shipyards are competing with those of the Atlantic and of the world in size of the vessels they build. A Cleveland yard is now building two great steamships, one of 6,500 and the other 6,300 tons, which will be the largest, except the St. Louis and the St. Paul, of any ever built in American yards for commercial purposes. The feat which will be achieved is still more suggestive when one remembers that the two American liners would not have been constructed unless the government had offered subsidies to the owning corporation. The lakes are symbolic and representative of the vastness of our internal commerce.—Toledo Blade.

It would be difficult to find outside of England a man with so pronounced a case of toadyism as the fellow who recently brought the Prince of Wales' yacht Britannia. Imagine a man paying \$3750 for Prince Charlie's bed and then vainly attempting to give it to Queen Victoria. As if this were not enough he followed the exploit by trying to secure the Duke of Argyll as a guest in order that the descendant of the foes of the Stuarts might sleep in the Prince's bed. If Du Mautier were alive what a fine caricature he could have made out of this king of the toadies.—S. F. Chronicle.

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In another column will be found a letter from a Lincoln county man telling how sugar can be made from the sugar beet with but a very small outlay of money for machinery. As the sugar beet yields well in this part of the country it would be a good thing if some of our farmers would try the experiment and see what success they have. If the plan works all right it may be that a new avenue of industry can be opened up that will be profitable here as well as in other parts of the country.

It is reported that W. W. Moore, who published the Harrisburg Review for some months, intends starting a five column quarto weekly paper, to be devoted to the agricultural interests and that the first number will appear at Eugene next week.

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## WHY NOT MAKE YOUR OWN SUGAR?

It may be of interest to the farmers of Lincoln county to know that a Michigan farmer has demonstrated that sugar can be manufactured from beets without any expensive machinery. He simply grated the beets, pressed out the juice with a cider press and boiled it as you would boil the sap of the sugar maple. During the process of boiling, he says the syrup had the flavor of the beet, but when sugared off it had the appearance and much the same flavor of maple sugar. From seventy pounds of beets he got six pounds of sugar. It has been supposed heretofore that sugar couldn't be profitably made from beets without extensive and costly machinery, but this experiment opens a broad field for experiment and invention. It seems more than probable that the progressive farmer of the coast, where the sugar beet grows in perfection, will soon manufacture, not only the sugar for his family use, but a large amount of raw sugar to sell to the refiners. Instead of hauling tons and tons of the beets to the distant factory, he will manufacture the sugar at home, feeding the waste to his stock, enriching his land and adding largely to his profits. This is a matter worth investigating.

A. B. CLARK,  
Elk City, Oregon.

## A RECORD PATENT ISSUE.

The simultaneous issue of one hundred and twenty-five patents to a single individual has caused The Patent Office official Gazette of October 27th, 1897, to assume proportions which make it by far the largest of its kind ever issued. Up to this date the largest issue of The Gazette contained 193 pages. The present issue contains 288 pages. In making it up the Norris Peters Company, according to the Washington Star, used 250 reams of paper and made 253,000 impressions, the usual number of impressions for The Gazette being 140,000. To meet the emergency the government printing office had to telegraph for extra type, and sixty extra men were put upon the work.

The increased bulk of this issue is due to the insertion of the batch of 125 patents above mentioned to Milo G. Kellogg, of Chicago, Illinois, who has assigned the whole set to the Kellogg Switchboard and Supply Company of Chicago.

The application for the first of Mr. Kellogg's patents was filed April 27th, 1887, and the others followed at intervals up to March 9th, 1895, which is the date of the last of the 125 applications. A remarkable feature is that every one of them relates to the same subject, namely, improved ways of constructing and operating switchboards for telephone exchanges. The final government fee on these cases amounted to \$2,500. This constitutes the largest check ever paid into the patent office at one time for government fees, and it is almost needless to add that the 125 patents is the largest number ever issued at one time to one inventor.

Apart from the interest which attaches to the Kellogg patents, on account of the features above mentioned, they should serve to remind inventors of a fact which they too often overlook, but which sometimes seriously affects the value of their patents. We refer to the disinclination of the average inventor to file applications for modifications. Too often they are content to lay stress upon a particular form of the device, and merely made mention of its various modifications, whereas the modifications should form the basis of separate applications. It is only in this way that the inventor can secure the most complete protection. Mr. Kellogg has carried out this principle to its fullest extent, and while there will probably be few subjects that will call for anything like the same number of applications, this notable issue is an object lesson which may be commended to the thoughtful consideration of inventors at large.

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An Exchange says that the acceptance of presents by teachers from pupils has been forbidden by a number of school boards throughout the state. This step has been taken for the boards believe that many poor children are embarrassed at their inability to contribute along with the other children. They also regard the practice as tending to influence the teacher's relations with the pupils.

## CONCERNING LABOR IMMIGRATION.

In his speeches, made this week in southern Ohio, Senator Hanna called the attention of the throngs of workmen who formed his audiences to a promise of the republican party which means much to them if it is carried out. And it will be carried out, if the republicans obtain control of the senate. Mr. Hanna stated as follows:

We promised further that, after having protected the industries of our country, we would protect the workmen of our country against the tramp labor of Europe by giving them an immigration bill which would govern that question in the interest of our laboring people. That is a proposition that applies to every workman in this state.

And it does so apply. The labor market is, like the market for every other commodity, governed by the law of supply and demand. Let us protect our own workmen from the flood of foreign laborers of the lowest grade. They glut the market, and they help to keep wages down.

## THE FISHING LAW.

The law prohibiting the fishing for salmon after the 31st of Oct. should be wiped from our statutes. Just at this period of the fishing season a new run of salmon, larger than those that came in prior, began here. The salmon are hard and of a fine color, but the law, if enforced, would deprive many a poor man from gaining an honest dollar. The law works more of a hardship on Coos bay than elsewhere, for here only gill net fishing is indulged in, there being no seines in operation. And since only night fishing is practiced, the fish have a much better opportunity to reach the spawning grounds than elsewhere. Game Warden McGuire has expressed the sentiments of a sensible man, when he states that he disapproves of the statutory enactment, and does not propose to prosecute unless compelled to do so. A few salters are now running on the bay, and will continue for a week or 10 days unless some one, with a grudge tries to do some spite work.

## IVISON ITEMS.

By ICH DIEN.  
Nov. 12th, 1897.

Oregon mist and fog.  
Roads getting very muddy just now.  
Good health in this vicinity except colds.

Considerable travel on the Wild Cat and Noti road this fall.

J. L. Atkinson Esq., of Walton passed through our valley last week.

Constable Levi Vaughan was doing business at the county seat this week.

Gen. Vaughn and Walter Chastain who have been working near Halsey the past six weeks returned home this week.

Rev. J. H. Howard of Elk Prairie was in our district this week looking for a school for his daughter, Miss Mand Howard.

Mr. Clow of Cottage Grove had a very narrow escape last Monday evening as he was returning home from Florence. While crossing a ravine near W. S. Barron's place on Noti, the bridge stringers broke, precipitating Mr. C., wagon and team and broken bridge to the bottom, a distance of 12 feet. Mr. Clow was caught by one leg and held fast, and but for the timely arrival of Charley Barron he would undoubtedly have lost his team and perhaps his life. We viewed the wreck and pronounced it a wonder that the man and team was not killed. These high bridges made out of young growth fir is a very poor make-shift and should be examined closely and often kept in good repair or some one may lose his life through genuine carelessness.

## WORK FINISHED.

O. S. Journal: Contractor Roney has finished the work of building the new court house basement and has covered the work with planks to protect it from the weather. It will be spring before the work of building the rest of the structure will commence.

## HOW TO REACH THE BEST.

The Lookout:  
The way to get the best there is in people is to give the best. Don't expect others to be sweet and polite and thoughtful so long as you adhere to the selfish principle that people must "take you as they find you." When your friends begin to grow careless and disrespectful stop and ask yourself whether you are not getting back a reflection of yourself. A young wife complained to her husband that he smoked in her presence. "You never used to do it!" she said. "No," was the significant rejoinder. "and you never used to wear curl-papers in mine."

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.  
WASH. D. C., Nov. 8th, 1897.

Senator Platt, of Conn., who is regarded as one of the most influential republican members of the senate committee on finance, and a man who very seldom allows himself to be quoted in the newspapers, has, in a short interview, given a pointer, not only to the gentlemen composing the self-appointed monetary conference, but to the administration. Mr. Platt didn't beat around the bush at all, but stated in the fewest possible words that so far as practical results are concerned, it will simply be a waste of time, to propose and discuss a currency measure at the coming session of congress, owing to the support of the administration lacking a majority in the senate. There was nothing new in Senator Platt's words, but as the memory of the public is proverbially short and many persons, in and out of print, have been seriously discussing the sort of financial legislation congress is likely to give us at the coming session it is well that they were spoken, and will be better if they are heeded and no time wasted in useless efforts to compel the opposition senate to accept financial measures favored by the administration, or by others.

Representative Hooker, of New York, says of the coming session of congress: "It ought to be short. There is nothing to demand an extended sitting. I think that the Cuban and Hawaiian questions will, in a way settle themselves, and certainly ought not to take up much time in congress. There will be an effort made by extremists to change our monetary system, but a majority of congressmen are conservative, and, unless it is shown, beyond all question that such a change is desirable, and for the good of the whole country, our finances will be left as they are. In my opinion, it is better that they should be left alone. We are getting on very well, and agitation is unnecessary and hurtful."

Commissioner of Pensions Evans, not only fails to predict, as his predecessors in that office did, an early decrease in the number of pensions paid by this government, but calls attention to the failure of such predictions. At this fiscal year, June 30, there were 976,014 pensioners on the rolls, a net increase in a year of 5,336. The annual report of the commissioner doesn't say so, but all the same, it is reasonably certain that the net increase of pensioners for the current fiscal year, will be much larger than the last fiscal year, owing to the change of policy in the conduct of the pension bureau, which now gives preference to application for original pensions. The commissioner makes two recommendations, which seem to be in line with everyday business sense. First, that the complete list of name and addresses of pensioners be published, and second, that congress make it illegal for the widows of veterans of the late war who marry after this to draw pensions. The last is intended to break up the demoralizing practice, the extent of which is extraordinary, of women marrying the old soldiers when they are on their death-beds, solely for the purpose of drawing a widow's pension. Under existing laws, pensions cannot be denied to these women, even when they are known to be disreputable.

Washington is likely to see much of the wire pulling that will be done by the republicans who want to succeed Senator Gorman, as at least three of the gentlemen spend practically all their time at the national capital. These who would like to be senators from Maryland are Postmaster General Gary, Judge McComas, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, and Representative Mudd. Governor Lowndes, who is also credited with a desire to sit in the senate, likewise spends considerable time in Washington, being a member of the famous Metropolitan club. Neither of these gentlemen has formally announced himself to be a candidate for the senate, but they are each being pushed for the position by friends, and there are others who would not object to the plum.

The treaty between the U. S., Japan and Russia, by which it is agreed that the killing of seals in open sea in Behring Sea and the north Pacific ocean shall be temporarily suspended; having been signed by the representatives of the several governments, the work of the first sealing conference is closed, and this week, the second conference, between the U. S., Great Britain and Canada, will meet. Interest has been increased in this conference by the intimation that the Canadian officials intend to try to negotiate a treaty which will include some sort of commercial reciprocity between the U. S., and Canada.

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If President McKinley and other prominent Ohio republicans in Washington take any stock in the numerous stories appearing in print, alleging the existence of serious doubt of the election of Senator Hanna by the Ohio legislature they hide it well, for to a man they insist that Senator Hanna's election is assured.

## Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

Faith and hope themselves shall die, while deathless charity remains.

Pity is the virtue of the law and none but tyrants use it cruelly.

We never think of the main business of life till a vain repentance minds us of it at the wrong end.

I like the laughter that opens the lips and the heart, that shouter at the same time pearls and the soul.

General observations drawn from particulars are the jewels of knowledge, comprehending great store in a little room.

Surely the church is a place where one day's truce ought to be allowed to the dissensions and animosities of mankind.

Life does not count by years. Some suffer a lifetime in a day, and so grow old between the rising and the setting of the sun.

This tide of man's life after it once turneth and declineth, ever runneth with a perpetual ebb and falling stream, but never floweth again.

Be thou like the bird perched upon some frail thing, although he feels the branch bending beneath him, yet loudly sings, knowing full well that he has wings.

Liberty is the right to do what the laws allow; and if a citizen could do what they forbid it would be no longer liberty, because others would have the same powers.

What we employ in charitable uses during our lives is given away from ourselves; what we bequeath at our death is given from others only, as our nearest relations.

Joy in this world is like the rainbow, which in the morning only appears in the west or towards the evening sky; but in the latter hours of day cast its triumphal arch over the east or morning sky.

Life is thick sown with thorns, and I know of no other remedy than to pass quickly through them. The longer we dwell on our misfortunes the greater is their power to harm us.

Christianity ruined emperors, but saved peoples. It opened the palaces of Constantinople to the barbarians, but it opened the doors of cottages to the consoling angels of the Saviour.

Godness answers to the theological virtues of charity, and admits no excess but error; the desire of power in excess causes the angels to fall; but in charity there is no excess: neither angel nor man come into danger by it.

Moral courage is more worth than physical; not only because it is a higher virtue, but because the demand for it is more constant. Physical courage is a virtue which is almost always put away in the lumber room. Moral courage is wanted day by day.

Life is a quaint puzzle. Bits the most incongruous join into each other, and the scheme thus gradually becomes symmetrical and clear; when, lo! as the infant clasps his hands and cries "See, see! the puzzle is made out," all the pieces are swept back into the box—black box with gilded nails.

Undoubtedly the good fame of every man ought to be under the protection of the laws, as well as his life, liberty and property. Good fame is an outwork that defends them all and renders them all valuable. The law forbids you to revenge; when it ties up the hands of some, it ought to restrain the tongues of others.

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