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FIGHTING TRUSTS.

Drummer Tells of What His Fellow Travelers are Doing.

P. E. Dove, of New York city, is registered at the Portland. He is president of the Commercial Travelers' National Association...

"Trusts and combines," said he, "have reduced the number of drummers in the United States by 35,000, and 40,000 more will be laid off by the time the present plans of organized capital mature."

"No, I don't. I think we will have to teach the Filipinos a whole lot before they begin to want anything. They need missionaries and school teachers more than they do drummers."

The Republican editors met in Portland Monday of last week. The members of the association will demand the legal patronage of the country, while there is a Republican administration in power.

Salem Statesman: About 1000 claims for bounties, under the scalp bounty act, were received at the state treasury during the past week, being the claims audited by the county commissioners' courts during the January term.

Fire in East Grand Forks, N. D., destroyed a saloon and burned to death W. D. Kelly, one of the proprietors, and T. J. McAdam, former mayor of the city.

If plans are carried out which Collis P. Huntington and Boston capitalists have under consideration, one of the largest cotton mills in the country will be put up at Newport News, Va., in the near future.

Portland Telegram (Rep.): Everybody knows that there isn't a scintilla of sincerity in any opposition which the Republican leaders will make to their best allies and supporters, the trusts.

President Kruger reports contributions coming from all points of the world to aid the Boer cause. Fraternal orders are all contributing heavily. Over \$60,000 has been received in two weeks.

A receiver has been appointed to wind up the affairs of the Independent Order of Foresters of the state of Illinois. The order has been in existence for 25 years.

Two people were frozen to death in Chicago Friday. It was the coldest day of the winter, the mercury touching 8 degrees below zero.

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WAR FOR THE BRITISH.

Boers Were on Both Flanks of Buller's Advance Lines—Too Hot to Hold, so Retreated.

London, Feb. 9.—2:35 p. m.—There is still no news of Buller's doings today or yesterday. A dispatch dated Freetown, February 8, but probably written with the advanced lines of Wednesday, and sent to Freetown by runner says:

"A force of the enemy are on both of our flanks, and continue to render our position extremely difficult to maintain."

Head Lager, Ladysmith, Feb. 7.—An armored train yesterday made a sortie from Chevelly toward Colenso and landed 2000 British troops on the right of the Boer position. The Boers immediately crossed over and made an attack with rifles and artillery, forcing the withdrawal of both the train and the troops to Chevelly.

Fighting on the upper Tugela river lasted until 8:30 o'clock Thursday evening. Particulars are lacking. Fighting at Colenso and along the upper Tugela has been proceeding since 5 o'clock this morning.

London, Feb. 9.—6:40 p. m.—Up to the present time, the war office has evidently heard nothing of Buller's retreat, as described in the dispatch from Boer Head Lager, Ladysmith, February 8. When shown the Boer despatch, the officials appeared utterly dumbfounded. Apparently, they had not the least suspicion of the possibility of such an outcome to the operations.

ANOTHER TROUBLE ON HAND. London, Feb. 9.—A special dispatch from Cairo says: The mutiny of the Sudanese troops at Khartoum has assumed serious proportions and is causing great anxiety.

ENGLAND'S GREAT FORCE—194,000 MEN. London, Feb. 9.—Speaking in the house of commons, George Wyndham, parliamentary secretary of the war office, said that in addition to the 180,000 troops in south Africa, recently mentioned in his speech, the government had decided to send 17 more battalions of militia and 3000 yeomanry, making a total for the militia of over 20,000 and for the yeomanry 8000. The total in south Africa, he added, would then be 194,000 effectives, exclusive of sick and wounded.

PLUMER DEFEATED. Pretoria, Feb. 5.—Colonel Plumer's force, on February 2, attacked the Boer position near Hlamontsi, and after heavy fighting, including an endeavor to take the place by storm, the British were repulsed. Their loss is unknown. No Boers were injured.

BULLER'S THIRD DEFEAT. London, Feb. 9.—It is stated on reliable authority that Buller's dispatch, announcing Monday's and Tuesday's movements, was particularly hopeful. He described the position gained as effective, so the news of another retirement is exceedingly bitter to the British, and though it comes from Boer sources, there is little disposition to disregard it.

The news spread rapidly and naturally disappointment was visible on all sides, although the long silence from the Upper Tugela had already aroused the apprehension that Buller might have found it impossible to go forward, in which case he would have no option but to cross the river.

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Goebel's Murderers—Two Men Arrested.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 9.—Two men suspected of complicity in the murder of Governor Goebel were arrested in a boarding house today. Their names are Silas Jones, of Whitley county, and Gottchalk, of Nelson county. The men are said to have slept in the executive building for some time and they will be kept in confinement until something more definite is known of their whereabouts at the time of the assassination. Both strongly deny any knowledge of the murder.

Where is Aguinaldo?

Chicago, Feb. 9.—A special to the Chronicle from Washington says: The war department believes that Aguinaldo has escaped from the island of Luzon. The department officials would not be surprised to hear from him next as being in London or Paris in company with Agoncillo.

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One hundred and two sunstrokes were reported in Buenos Ayres, on the 14th inst. Of these 93 were fatal. The temperature was 120 in the shade.

The South African war is costing England \$5,000,000 per week.

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Anton Wirth, Pomologist and Horticulturist, vs. the Rural Northwest.

MARSHFIELD, Oregon, January 28, 1900.

EDITOR HERALD: In your last issue, under local items, appeared an epitome of my article, "The Problem of the Curl Leaf of the Native Prune," published in the Rural Northwest. According to this article I would have taken issue with Mr. Dosch, secretary of the state board of horticulture, when in fact my article, as sent in to the Rural Northwest, did not contain anything not in harmony with the theory advanced by Mr. Dosch.

I am sorry to state that the alteration of sentences by the editor of that paper, changing the meaning, and the omission of sentences calculated to support my views, brought me in a somewhat unpleasant position. Not being an expert in English grammar, I admit that alterations of sentences may be often necessary, but must say that a different meaning given unauthorized to a sentence by an editor often causes unpleasantness.

For the purpose of vindicating myself before the readers in this county, concerning the contents of the article in question and of the epitome of that article in your paper, I would solicit from you the favor of publishing the original article as I sent it to the Rural Northwest, a copy of which is herewith enclosed. Yours, very truly, A. WIRTH.

THE PROBLEM OF THE CURL LEAF OF THE NATIVE PRUNE.

Editor Rural Northwest: In a conversation lately, a reader of the Rural Northwest claimed the arguments in the comments on the curl leaf of the Italian prune were very plausible. Having a somewhat adverse opinion, and believing in discussions of important horticultural matters, I would beg some space to give my opinions for deliberation.

In perusing the article of Mr. Dosch on the "Curl Leaf," in the issue of August 15th, and the comments on that article by Mr. Lowndes in the issue of Sept. 1st in the Rural Northwest, I found the recommendation made in the former in case of damage done by frost, "split the outer bark on the opposite side to give more sapflow," and the statement, after many years' observation, I have come to the conclusion that all prune trees showing curl leaf are bark-bound which naturally checks the sap flow, mainly attacked by the latter. The writer seemingly intended to annul the theory by the bold assertion that sap in tree trunks flows only through the sap wood, the cells of which are little affected by surrounding bark; that no amount of bark binding would damage those cells, for there are only imperfect and infrequent connections between these different tissues; that bark may be completely removed and the sap will flow just the same, and that an unyielding iron band around a tree will not check the sap flow naturally or otherwise.

These assertions appear to be, at the first glance, somewhat convincing, but close observation discloses them in reality, as incompatible with the fundamental principles of plant growth. It is a well-known fact that the flow of the crude sap, although chiefly along the sap wood, occurs also in unglified tissue; that no separate movements of the crude or elaborated sap—the writer deems to call food material elaborated—exists in any part of a healthy tree, and that all along lateral or horizontal currents or flows are also taking place. It is also demonstrated that capillarity and diffusion or osmotic action by root pressure are chiefly the cause of sap movements, crude and elaborated, therefore it seems a strange supposition that any of the stated obstructions would not impede them.

Under "bark bound" I understand an impeding of the uniform expansion of cells, of the formation of cells and of reserve material, by a bark devoid of flexibility. The consequences of an unyielding bark are manifold, and it is my opinion that the curl leaf of the Italian prune is also influenced by it. A hindrance in the expansion of cells, a jamming of tissue or the vessels conducting the assimilated nutrient sap and of the reservoirs of reserve materials by an unyielding bark, cannot otherwise than imperil all life functions, including the flow of the crude and elaborated sap, and therefore must sooner or later determine in the destruction of a tree if a natural influence or artificial help should not change the conditions.

Incision, or often better yet, shaving off the parts of the bark affected, gives the cramped cells and tissues beneath again a show to expand and therefore also to the impeded sap a chance to fulfill its mission, or in other words, "giving it a free flow."

From scientists we always expect a foundation or demonstration of assertions, and I believe that any scientist who has sufficient cause to minimize the danger caused by an affected, unyielding bark and denounce or condemn the slitting of it in such cases, should be aware of the ineffectualness of using sarcasm, insinuating comparisons as a joint assistance in demonstrating his assertions.

Observation led me to the conclusion that the bark-bound condition of a tree is due mostly to lack of nutriment, and therefore I consider the slitting of the bark in such

a case, although curative or helpful, not a lasting remedy. Trees relieved by slitting of the bark of a bark-bound condition caused by lack of nutriment should be supplied at once with available plant food, or the condition will recur and the tree will finally perish in spite of the treatment.

Very often the feeble growth of a tree is laid to a bark-bound condition and the slitting kept up until all vital energies are exhausted, when the application of available plant food would have been the proper remedy. The habit of going from tree to tree and making needless incisions, as often practiced, believing it to be beneficial, is entirely objectionable.

The assertion, in the comments mentioned, that the Italian prune suffers from transpiration in our climate during the bright summer days, and that the cause of it lays in the weakness of the lower epidermal structure of the leaves and the evident lassitude of the stomata, and that the sap delivered to the leaves passes off by excessive evaporation instead of descending to the bark, causing the curl leaf and the bark-bound condition, seems not well founded. It is a known fact that whenever the loss of water by transpiration is greater than the roots can supply, the leaves lose their stiffness, or wither, but the curled leaves in question are more stiff than those not curled. It is also a fact that in other climates with as bright, or even brighter summer days the leaves of the Italian prune do not curl, which seemingly shows that the transpiration doctrine is lacking plausibility. I believe in case of the curl leaf the transpiration is impeded instead of being too excessive, and also the respiration and assimilation, in fact the whole life functions, caused by lack of available nutrient substances at a certain stage of growth. It is a further known fact only aqueous vapor escapes through the stomata and that the sap delivered to the leaves contains besides water, dextrose, sugar, mineral salts, and also matter accumulated in its course through the tissues, which substances are not subjected to evaporation.

The proposition united on by scientists as stated also in the comments, that the action of a few sprays upon the foliage, and of certain acids and salts upon the roots of trees, will assist the leaves in retaining their water supply until it is acted upon by the gases of the air, seems to me analogical in effect to the proposition united on by Christian scientists that prayer and work will keep destitution from the door.

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Cost of Engaging in Politics in Montana.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Former Governor S. T. Hauser, of Montana, was a witness before the senate committee on privileges and elections in the contest against Senator Clark today. He said he thought he could take "the credit, or discredit of inducing Clark to assist us in the campaign, and afterward to become a candidate for the senate."

"I also told him," said the governor, "that we wanted him to help stand the boss Irishman off." "Assist how?" a member of the commission asked. "By the use of his brains, his money and his following," was the reply. Clark objected to entering the contest on account of the expense. He (the witness) had assured him that the primaries would not cost to exceed \$30,000 or \$40,000, and after that the campaign for the senate would not go beyond \$50,000 or 60,000. This amount, he thought, would cover all legitimate expenses, and speaking of legitimate expenses, Hauser said his idea of legitimate expenses in a campaign in Montana was very different from what it was in the eastern states.

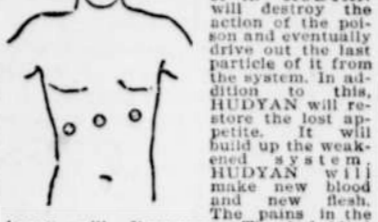
"We have to have money to fix the workers and saloon men," he said, "but I do not include the purchase of votes, either in the legislature or out of it. That certainly is not proper."

He then gave some figures of the expenditures in former campaigns, saying that in the capital contest at least \$1,000,000 was spent, and "in the first state election," he added, "the big four, so called, put up \$15,000 or \$30,000 or \$40,000 each to begin with, to say nothing of subsequent expenses. Asked who constituted the "big four," the witness replied: "Colonel Broadwater, Clark Daly and a gentleman named Hauser, (meaning himself)."

Biggie Horse Book is as full of good sense as an egg is of meat. Its motto: "Always speak to a horse as you would to a gentleman," is the keynote of its treatment of the whole subject. There are twenty-five chapters, including advice on feeding and watering, stable management, whims and vices, ailments and their remedies, harness hints, about stables, colts' education, care of the feet, etc. many of the illustrations have been made from life. The book is handsomely printed and substantially bound in cloth. The price is 50 cents, free by mail; address the publishers, Wilmer Atkinson Co., Philadelphia.

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Miss McGraw, who has been engaged as teacher in our public school, leaves this week for her home in California.

Phillip Reichart, a Coos bay boy, who has been living in San Francisco for several years past, is to be married the latter part of this month.

Prof. J. B. Sneddon returned home last week to attend the funeral of his deceased brother. He has been teaching school in California for the past three years.

The reception given Robert Golden, Marshfield's last returned volunteer, in Odd Fellows' hall last Saturday evening, was a grand success. After the customary addresses the hall was cleared and a dance followed.

George Nay is in receipt of a letter written under recent date from his brother, Marshall, who is at Dawson City, Alaska. The latter is enjoying good health and doing fairly well. He reports having seen Ed Thompson, Nels Rasmussen, Frank Elrod, Ed Hayward and several other Coos bay people, most of whom are prospecting. Marshall expects to return home next summer.

TO THE DEAF—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noise in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, gave \$10,000 to his institute, so that deaf people should be able to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Address, No. 827, The Nicholson Institute, 789, Eighth Avenue, New York. (Dec 10)

The Empire took 6000 ft. of Myrtle blocks from the stove works last trip; these are for use in dry docks at San Francisco.

The public school at Allegheny closed down yesterday after a seven months' term. Miss Grace Gould was the teacher and gave great satisfaction.

George Woodward and wife arrived on last Arata from the city. George has taken the position of baker in the Model bakery, G. W. Canning, proprietor.

The Arata took 500 sacks of spuds from the Marshfield warehouse which should bring a good price, although the market is reported to be overstocked.

Chas. Newman, a ship carpenter of Seattle, has secured judgment for \$12,000 against the steamer Homer for injuries in a collision. Newman was struck by a falling block and is paralyzed from the hips down.

The city fathers of Empire City have ordered a water tank, which will be located in the upper part of town, and supplied with water from the lake. It is to be used for fire protection. This is a good move and shows considerable public spirit.

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FOR GOLD STANDARD.

Republican League of Clubs Declares that it Must Prevail.

Portland, Feb. 8.—The Republican State League today held its biennial convention in this city, elected officers and delegates to the national league, endorsed the gold standard, declared for the permanent retention of the Philippines, and adjourned at 10 o'clock tonight.

The only contest of the day was over the election of president. J. M. Church, president of a bank at La Grande, was the only candidate up to the time the convention met this morning, but a quarrel in the Union county delegation developed, and J. W. Scriber, cashier of a bank at La Grand, was brought forward as a candidate for president. The vote resulted: Church 593, Scriber 276. On motion of Scriber the vote for Church was made unanimous.

Following are the officers elected: President, J. M. Church, Union county; vice-president, I. A. Macrum, of Washington. Member of the executive committee at large, J. W. Meldrum, of Clackamas; member of the executive committee of the First congressional district, Theodore Cameron, of Jackson; member of the executive committee of the Second district, Geo. W. Johnson, of Wasco.

Delegates at large to the national league, O. V. Hurt, of Benton; W. H. Moore, of Sherman; Chester Dolph, of Multnomah; D. E. Harding, of Linn; W. A. Howe, of Yamhill; S. B. Eakin, of Lane.

Delegates from the First congressional district to the national league; J. C. Hayter, of Polk; W. H. Odell, of Marion; E. D. Stratford, of Douglas; C. S. Moore, of Klamath. Second district; J. H. Johnson, of Clatsop; J. E. Hazelton, of Multnomah; W. H. Conyers, of Columbia; I. S. Geer, of Harney.

An amendment to the constitution of the league was adopted, providing that the league shall meet every four years, instead of every two years.

The resolutions adopted by the State League endorse the administration of McKinley, declare for the gold standard and expansion. The money plank says: "The Republican clubs of the state of Oregon, in convention assembled, reaffirm their loyalty to the gold standard, and their opposition to the free coinage of silver."

Consul Fee, at Bombay, India, in a dispatch to the state department, speaking of sailors who have been thrown upon his care at the consulate because of utter destitution, says that he is inclined to believe that there is a gang located in New York who make a business of procuring men by fraudulent means as sailors for foreign ships, and that, in consequence of this, many men are shipped on foreign vessels who are utterly unfit and unprepared for such service, and who, when discharged in a foreign port, are absolutely helpless.

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(Myrtle Point Enterprise).

Capt. W. E. Ruckleff departed for San Francisco Wednesday on a business trip.

Misses Kattie Thom and Cleo Rose went to Coquille on today's train, for a visit with friends.

J. L. Knight, the stockman, took a carload of beef cattle to the bay Monday for E. G. Flanagan.

Albert Barklow has sold his place near Myrtle Point to J. R. Devault for the consideration of \$1500.

E. G. Flanagan, the Marshfield stockman, took a carload of mutton sheep from the vicinity of Eckley to the bay Monday for his Marshfield market.

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