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Pruning The Fruit.

It is a good time now to study the fruit trees from the standpoint of their need in the way of pruning. He who makes the best study of such matters and prunes accordingly to the needs of the individual tree and not by rigid rule will make the greatest success. A bulletin from the Departement of Agriculture says:

Every kind of tree or plant, in fact, every individual, presents its own peculiar problems to the pruner To do the work most judiciously the operator must understand the principles involved, then apply them to each case. Skill in pruning can come only with experience and practice.

Perhaps the most important thing is to observe the manner in which the fruit is borne. For instance, an apple or pear tree bears its fruit mostly on "fruit spurs" and so would not be pruned in the same way as a peach tree, which bears its fruit only on last season's growth. A quince tree, which growth made the present season, would naturally be pruned differently from either an apple or peach tree, produces its fruit on the tipsof the tree;likewise the correct pruning of grapes is based on the fact that the shoots of the present season produce this year's crop. The same principle in pruning holds true throughout the whole list of fruits—that is, the manner in which the fruit is borne should govern the manner of pruning.

In a general way, it may be said in regard to tree fruits that all dead branches should be removed and the top of the trees be kept sufficiently open to admit an abundance of sunlight for the coloring of the fruit. Reasonably open tops are also of great advantage in spraying the trees aud in harvesting the fruit. The natural habit of the tree should suggest the form to be adopted by the pruner. In other words, a tree, the branches of which naturally droop cannot well be pruned to an upright form, and a tree with a strong tendency toward forming an upright head cannot readily be made to assume a decidedly spreading form. Of course these natural tendencies can be influenced in a measure by the manner of pruning, but they cannot be entirely overcome. The tops should be kept symmetrical and as well balanced as possible. The pruning of the various kinds of small fruits is based on the same general principles as the pruning of fruit trees—that is the manner in which the fruit is borne and the character of the growth should govern the method of pruning.—Northwest Pacific Farmer.

High Tide Reached.

The discharge of 75,000 employes by the railroad of the country indicates that the end of an era of unprecedented high prices, both of living and labor, has been reached.

The country has been traveling the pace that kills.

It must now re-adjust itself to normal conditions.

Labor, like every other commodity, is amenable to the law of supply and demand. Artificial stimulation of production and consumption cannot be carried beyond the point where it becomes a burden.

The country has reached that point. Extraordinary consumption had enlarged the demand for labor. As the cost of labor increased the cost of living advanced. Persons of limited means were obliged to economise. The result is a falling off in demand for manufactured goods.

This means a limitation of production and a lessened demand for labor. The law of compensation re-asserts its sway. Prices will necessarily re-adjust themselves—find their level. Labor being governed by the same inexorable rules, will fall into the natural corrent. It will lose nothing, because the cost of living will be reduced in proportion to the reduction in wages.

This re-action does not predicate hard times. It simply indicates the restoration of normal values.

Thoughtful labor leaders are beginning to realize these facts and are advising workingmen to adapt themselves to the change in economic conditions.—From the Chicago Journal.

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Council Proceedings.

The city council met in called session Wednesday night, all of the members being present.

The monthly reports of the recorder, marshal and treasurer and the annual report of the marshal and treasurer were read and referred to the finance committee.

The following bills were then read and allowed:

Geo A Robinson, rent,	$ 2 00
Lee Goodman, salary	60 00
E G D Holden, recorder's fees	15 85
Frank Morse, lights	27 00
C A Hollingsworth, teaming	1 00
J M Whetstone, work on curfew	2 00
Coquille Steamboat Co., scowing	8 50
Lee Goodman, for laborers on water works	26 00
N Lorenz, mdse for jail	3 00
Mehl & Co., piping and sundries	121 26
W W Gage, nightwatchman	6 67
Goodman & Krewson, moving curfew	2 00
Goodman & Krewson, building hose tower	75 00
Bulletin, printing water receipts	15 00
R S Knowlton, treas salary	50 00
R S Knowlton, sundries	5 05
S S Sherwood, work on reservoir	3 00

The retiring council then adjourned and the incoming council was called to order and on roll call, a full attendance was registered. The retiring officers were: A. J. Sherwood, mayor; L. Harlocker, N. Lorenz and J. J. Stanley, councilmen. The incoming members were G. Lorenz (re-elected) and J. A. Davenport, councilmen and J. J. Stanley, mayor. L. H. Hazard, one of the newly elected councilmen, had failed to qualify within the time required by the city charter, so his seat was vacant. The bond of E. G. D. Holden as recorder (re-elected) with J. J. Lamb and C. M. Skeels as sureties, was read and approved.

The mayor then announced the appointment of R. S. Knowlton as treasurer, Lee Goodman, marshal and W. T. Kerr, councilman, which were all approved by the council. The complete list of city officers is as follows: Geo. O. Leach, D. H. Johnson, B. H. Burns and W. T. Kerr, councilmen for one year; N. Lorenz and J. A. Davenport, councilmen for two years; J. J. Stanley, mayor for two years; E. G. D. Holden, recorder one year; Lee Goodman, marshal and R. S. Knowlton, treasurer for one year, or at the pleasure of the council.

B. H. Burns was duly elected chairman of the council for one year.

The mayor stated that he would defer the appointment of the various committees until the next meeting which would probably be in the near future.

The council adjourned at 11 p. m.

Dishonest Packing.

The writer has had an object lesson this winter in dishonest packing. We have been buying for family use out of cold storage Michigan apples, put up in bushel baskets. The varieties were Baldwins and Roxbury Russets. The latter had been repacked by the broker, and were of uniform size throughout the package. But the Baldwins were as they left the orchard. They were fine on top and for the next layer or two, when they began to decrease in size, and when the center of the basket was reached they were not only of small size, but had lost their identity. A bill is now before the New York legislature which requires every fruit grower who packs fruit for shipment to put his name and address on the package. Such a law should be in force in every state. It would compel the fruit grower who is inclined to cheat in his packing to be honest or quit the business.—Practical Fruit Grower.

From a financial point of view the past theatrical season has been very disastrous. Many good star actors are rushing into vaudeville, content with weekly wages.

A Boston editor thinks the American people do not want the postoffice officials to deny the use of the mails to quack medicine vendors because, even if they are made of alcholic "food" he thinks they cure by faith, because the wrapper on the bottle says they will. This is a pretty thin argument but it comes from Boston.

The Company of artists—20 in number—of the Empire Stock Co., which will be at the Opera House, June 20, 21 and 22, is said to be the best in their profession and are praised very highly by the California Press where their company has been playing to crowded houses.

General Summary.

From "Weekly Crop Bulletin" of the Department of Agriculture:

The rains during the fore part of the week were timely and very beneficial, but in the Willamette valley and a few other localities more rain is needed for late crops and meadows.

Fall wheat and barley are heading nicely, and the frosted wheat in Umatilla courty is improving and will probably turn out better than expected. In Wasco county there are numerous complaints of weedy fields, but the fall grain crop as a whole is very promising. Spring wheat, barley and oats are doing well. The alfalfa harvest is progressing and rye is being cut for hay, the yields in both cases being above the average.

Ranges and stock are in excellent condition, and the flow of milk in the dairy districts continues good. Orchard grass, vetch and clover will be ready to cut in about ten days. Hops, corn, potatoes and gardens have made good progress during the week. The hop yards apparently are free from vermin and the vines look promising.

Strawberries are plentiful and their quality is extra good. Cherries are plentiful and their quality is extra good. Cherries are ripening, and while they have suffered considerable damage from frost and cold rains, the yield will be larger than expected earlier in the season. Italian prunes will be the lightest in years. Peaches promise fairly good returns, and apples are extra gook. In the coast counties and some portions of the Willamett valley caterpillars are more numerous than usual.

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Somebody who wants to explain what the editorial "we" signifies says its meaning varies to suit the circumstances. For instance, when you read that "we expected our wife home today," "we," refers to the editor-in-chief; when it is "we are a little late with our work," it includes the whole office force, even the devil and the towel; if "we are having a boom" the town is meant; "we received over 700,000 immigrants last year," and it embraces the nation, but "we have hog cholera in our midst" only refers to the illness of the man who takes the paper two or three years without paying for it.—Ex.

In one of his messages to Congress, Washington made note of the fact that there was a balance of $15,000 in the Treasury for running expenses. He felt quite comfortable over it. But we have progressed since then. It is estimated that the Republican Convention in Chicago will this year cost about $1,500,000. The last convention cost $1,130,000. The items were: fares of delegates, $166,000; hotel charges, $732,000; reporting the proceedings, $130,000; outlay for the convention proper, paid by the city, $60,000. These are all "legitimate expenses."

Bones of a Mastodon.

The bones of what is supposed the remains of mastodon were unearthed yesterday by Thos. Cardwell, on his ranch two miles south of town.

While plowing his plow struck and upturned a bone which Mr. Cardwell noticed was of unusual size. The afternoon was rainy so he with his father-in-law, John Curl, went back and dug out a number of huge bones, consisting of a shoulder blade, backbone, ect. Two sections of the vertebra which measures o foot in diameter were brought ta town.

The find was made on the very top of a hill and the bones are imbedded in the clay. Mr Curl went back today to make further investigations with the hopes of unearthing some of the teeth. The bones found so far are badly decomposed.—Harrington, (Wash.) Citizen.

The question now is, of what is the wonderful "shimore" powder composed, which the Japanese are using with such terrible effect against the Russians? It is said to be the most terrible explosive known to mankind.

Note and Comment.

It is estimated that George J. Gould's private fortune is not less than $70,000,000. He is a Republican and talks of going into politics.

In excluding certain patent medicine circulars from the mails on the ground that they are for fraudulent purposes. the Postmaster-General is undoubtedly acting in the public interest.

A Virginian has invented a rotary washing machine run by a bicycle. The two are hitched together, and with a boy on the bike, and a lighted cigar, the wheel spins away and the washing is soon done.

The Parker boom has received a great accession of power by the earnest utterance of Grover Cleveland in favor of the jurist's candidacy. In some quarters it is regarded as almost equivalent to Judge Parker's nomination at St. Louis.

A man never loses anything by being polite. A Buffalo gentleman, waiting for a train, saw a woman slip upon something and nearly fall. He hurried to assist her and helped her rise, and as he did so she dropped a valise which proved to be his own, which he had left in the depot a few minutes before, and which she was attempting to steal. —Ex.

By preaching and protesting against the cruelty of blinders and the overcheck for horses, Dr. Wickers Fell, of Washington, has really made progress in introducing the reform. The result seems to show that his contention is correct that horses are much more useful when given all the freedom compatible with safety.

Dreadful accidents seem to happen to Englishmen when traveling in America. Dr. Hurlbut, a London scientist, lost about a pint of the bacilli of black plague on the street in Chicago, and has not yet been able to find them. They may hereafter be found by people who are not looking for them. These English tourists ought to have a police escort.

The very latest invention is solid air. Following the production of liquid air. solidity has now been attained so the one is able to grasp a chunk of atmosphere and hurl it through itself, so to speak. Professor A. L. Metz, the discoverer, thinks its temperature is about 320 degrees below zero, which might make it just the stuff for chairs and sofas in the summer time.

There will be twenty Democratic State conventions during June, as follows: Arkansas, at Hot Springs, June 14; Colorado, Denver, June 7; Georgia, Atlanta, June 1; Hawaii, Honlulu, June 6; Weiser, June 6; 6; Illnois, Springfield. June 21; Indian Territory, Durant, June 16; Kentucky, Louisville, June 8; Michigan, Detroit, June 1; Minnesota, Duluth, June 22; Mississippi, Jackson, June 15; Missouri, Joplin, June 29; Nebrasha, Lincoln, June 1 North Carolina, Greensboro, June 28; North Dakota, Fargo, June 21, Oklahoma, Anardako, June 1; Texas San Antonio, June 21; Utah, Salt Lake City, June 8; Vermont, Burlington, June 22; Virginia, Richmond, June 9.

Professor L. C. Howard, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has just returned from the South where he studied crop foes and parasites. He thinks that an effective enemy of the cotton boll weevil has been found in "a large, reddish-brown ant" which protects the cotton in Guatemala. These ants spread themselves over cotton fields four or five to a plant, and busy themselves in eating the destructive weevil. Whether this tropical insect can learn to hibernate as far north as our Gulf States is the problem still unsolved. It lives in subterranean tunnels, three feet under ground. The find has excited lively hopes in the breast of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Let's see. Who was it that three or four years ago likened the Filipinos to savages and Apaches? There are fifty now making the grand rounds of observation in this country and Secretary Taft says they are "Gentlemen of culture and refinement." A hundred Filipino students have wintered in California and Professor Gates of Pomona College says of the eight in attendance: "They are doing exceedingly well without exception. It would be hard to the extent of practical impossibility to pick out any haphazard bunch of eight students of whom the same could be said." Yet as in the case of the Porto Ricans, it has been decided that they cannot be allowed to practice law in this country because they are not citizens, and cannot be allowed to become naturalized because they are not foreigners! Martin Travieso, a graduate of Cornell Law School, is going to bring his status to the test of the courts.

$100 for the Best Letter About This Section.

Prizes of $500 are offered to the person who writes the best answer to the question, What are the advantages and disadvantages of this section? The money is offered by Orange Judd Farmer of Chicago to draw out plain and truthful statements from actual experience of practical farmers as to the merits of this and other sections of the country. That paper proposes to publish the best of the replies. If a sufficient number answer from this section, it is possible that Orange Judd Farmer's commission of land experts may make a special tour to investigate this county. All this work will certainly have a tedency to widely advertises this locality, increasing the demand for land and enhancing the value of country property.

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Germany is going through a great industrial depression. Not even beer and black bread relieves the situation. Why not set the army at work and stop building palaces, ships and forts.

Sued by His Doctor.

"A doctor here has sued me for $12.50, which I claimed was excessive for a case of cholera morbus," says R. White, of coachella, Cal. "At the trial he praised his medical skill and medicine. I asked him if it was not Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy he used as had good reason to believe it was, and he would not say under oath that it was not." No doctor could use a better remedy than this in a case of cholera morbus, it never fails. Sold by R. S. Knowlton.

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