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AN HISTORIC PARALLEL.

How many students of history have sought a parallel for the present state of affairs in Russia? So far as known, the nearest approach to anything of the kind is to be found in the time of Nero. Nero was a weak, vacillating creature; vain and conceited. So one may conclude of Czar Nicholas with but small stretch of the imagination.

Morally, Nero was worse than the Czar, but times, ideas, conditions and the standard of morals were different in Nero's time from what they are today. Nero had mistresses without number, while the Czar is allowed a morganic wife. There is a distinction here without a difference.

Nero surrounded himself with a lot of dissolute courtiers, who forced all of lower rank to bend to their will as they bowed to the caesar. The Czar and nearly all his ministry have for years followed this practice.

During Nero's reign, nobody was certain of life, nor property; there was no law for just protection; virtue and dignity and honor were reviled, and at last there was naught but one vast orgy of rapine and murder. So, on a smaller scale, but equally large according to the present standard of morals throughout Christendom, has been the cruelty and persecution practiced in Russia during recent years.

Czar Nicholas has been surrounded by more than one Tigellinus, nor has he had the strength of character to heed any Petronius who has spoken. Indeed, as in the case of Petronius, any man who dared advocate reforms in Russia was in danger of losing his life. For years there has been a reign of madness, if not terror, in Russia. But it will not continue much longer, or else all signs fail.

At last Nero's time came; the people became bolder; revolt occurred and "Bronzebeard" found himself no longer feared nor respected. He fled for his life, but realizing escape was not for him, concluded to die an heroic death. He placed a knife at his neck, but had not the nerve to drive it home. Epaphroditus struck his hand, whereupon Nero's "feet kicked the ground and he died."

During the recent past Czar Nicholas is reported to have concluded that it was time for him to die. It is said that he scratched himself somewhat, but possibly it smarted a little, or the sight of blood may have sickened him, or some one may have suggested that he refer the matter to his ministry, or—at any rate he didn't succeed. Why was not some modern Epaphroditus at hand.

Can the reader see an historic parallel? Considering the advancement of civilization, has Russia improved to any appreciable extent over the methods of Nero? Will the Czar live to old age, as Czar of Russia, and die a peaceful death? or will he succumb to dirk or dynamite at the hands of an enemy? These are questions that are hard to answer, but are food for thought.

RAISE FRUIT.

If anybody is casting about for something in which to invest some money, it is suggested that they go into the fruit-raising business. There is no reason on earth why this should not be a money-making proposition for all who will give it a trial.

Of course some capital is required, as fruit of any kind requires some time before it can yield. But once started, properly attended the reward for capital

invested and care required should be very satisfying. Land suitable for this purpose, within a reasonable distance of this city, can be secured without paying an exorbitant price.

But he who would essay the task of making money in fruit culture must not be a laggard—work is required and lots of it. The closest attention to various things is necessary. At one time, according to the older inhabitants, as fine apples were raised in the Willamette Valley as can be produced anywhere on earth. Why can they not be grown as fine today? There is no good reason why they cannot.

Small fruits not only pay well, but do capably here. Such being true, why is it that so little attention is given to the culture of berries and the like? No finer berries and various kinds of small fruits can be found than we produce and, yet there is always a scarcity of the same in the local market. The prices are always sufficient to pay the man well who engages in the business.

Do not all run to seed on the same thing, be it wheat, stock-raising, dairying, chickens, or what not; some diversity is what we want and need. Apples and small fruits are neglected. Who can declare, truthfully, that with proper care and attention Benton County fruit would not equal that of Hood River?

Supervisor's Claims.

Following is a list of claims of various supervisors for salary, for the first quarter, 1905:

A. R. Locke, Sup'v. Dis. No. 1.	\$ 7.50
H. M. Fleming, " "	2, 6.25
E. M. Dodele, " "	6, 5.00
John Price, " "	7, 2.50
W. M. Clark, " "	8, 5.00
A. Cadwalader, " "	9, 10.00
W. P. McGee, " "	10, 12.50
J. R. Fehler, " "	11, 11.25
E. A. Buchanan, " "	12, 5.00
J. E. Banton, " "	13, 37.50
Doke Gray, " "	17, 0.00
Squire B. Strow, " "	18, 3.12
H. Hector, " "	19, 3.75
A. M. Gray, " "	22, 6.25

The above claims will be audited by the County Court at the May 1905 term. Objections to allowance should be filed on or before May 6th, 1905.

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VICTOR P. MOSES, County Clerk.

Dated April 13th, 1905.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

BEAVER CREEK.

Sherman Gleason was a Corvallis visitor early this week.

Mr. Daniels has been lately engaged in clearing some bottom land for garden purposes.

Mrs. M. E. Watkins, of Philomath, was visiting on Beaver Creek last week.

Frank Peterson has moved from the Gleason saw mill and is now living near Inavale.

George Winters and Charley Armstrong have resumed their board making again last week.

During the continued fine weather gardening has been the order of the day.

Dick Scott sold a fine bunch of mutton sheep to Mr. Baker, of Soap Creek, last week.

Mrs. D. G. Gray has returned to her home after a few day's visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Otis Skipton.

Mrs. Robert Irwin and family have been visiting her brother, George and William Gates, the last few days.

Mr. Wright has been troubled with rheumatism the last few days.

Mr. Weed spent Sunday with Mr. Wright. These two old veterans give a graphic account of the days of '61.

Mr. and Mrs. Winters were Philomath visitors last week.

Sunday school will be organized next Sunday at the Beaver Creek school house. Everybody come.

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