

# OREGON SCOUT.

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UNION, OREGON.

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT'S income from his capital is said to be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 a month.

A SOUTHERN woman has the scissors that were used by her father in cutting a suit of clothes for General Washington, as he was entering upon his first Presidential term.

FLOWER culture is suggested as one of the most attractive and profitable occupations which women are fitted to pursue. Two New Orleans ladies went into the business a few years ago, and are rapidly growing rich.

THE city of East St. Louis is troubled over the affirmation by the Supreme Court of an order to compel the levy and collection of a tax to provide for the payment of bonds issued by the city, which, with interests and costs, amount to \$1,000,000.

IN the postoffice at Concord, N. H., the postmaster found a pouch the other day that had been lost nineteen years, and which contained 119 letters for that city. There were three registered letters with money in them, and their non-receipt had upset half a dozen offices.

A CALIFORNIA tramp has a novel way for obtaining money. He fixes up his arm with castile soap and caustic to represent a scald, and begs for aid on the ground that he just met with an accident. He is said to have worked his game successfully for four years in various parts of the State.

WHILE the body of the 1 to Emperor William of Germany was lying in state his daughter the Grand Duchess of Baden, placed an ivory crucifix in his hand. Some vandal stole the crucifix, but no clew to the thief has ever been found. The story has been kept a profound secret until a few days ago.

THEY do not treat the book agent with incivility out in Iowa. He sells a book called "The History of Prohibition," and it is in great demand. Some men have bought dozens of copies. It is a peculiar book. Between its covers is a half pint bottle filled with the best Milwaukee whisky.

NUMEROUS conger eels, killed by the frost, have been washed up on the southern coast of England. Some of them weigh seventy pounds, being seven feet long and twenty-four inches in circumference—miniature sea-serpents, in fact. No similar occurrence has been known since the Crimean war.

KIT CARSON'S old partner, Dick Wootton, who, among other notable deeds, once drove fourteen thousand sheep sixteen hundred miles overland to California, and made \$40,000 by the operation, and who is now seventy-two years old, has just had his sight restored by an operation by a Chicago surgeon, after eight years of blindness.

CREMATION is beginning to be taken up by beneficiary societies. The German Workingman's Aid Society, of New York, which has been in the habit of paying the funeral expenses of dead members, has voted to buy \$500 worth of stock in the crematory at Fresh Pond, Long Island, and eighty members have agreed, when they die, to be cremated.

THERE is a curious well in Williamsburg County, South Carolina. It is about twenty feet deep, and the water on one side of it is all the time bubbling up as if boiling. On the other side the water is continually sizzling and popping as though confined in a hot vessel. The noise can be heard some distance from the well. The water is cold and fine.

A DOG testified to his ownership in the Hennepin County (Minn.) Court. He was claimed by two men, one of whom stated that he had been stolen from him two years before. At the word of command of his old master the dog said grace, bowed, opened the door and went through a number of clever tricks, at once settling the question in his owner's favor.

SOME months ago a cat strayed in at the residence of Sam Hodges, of New Richmond, Ohio. The children took care of it and it became quite a pet. This cat has a curious freak. It has been with the children a great deal when they were playing on the piano, and when one of them leaves the piano-stool the cat will jump up, sit on his hind legs and strike the keys of the piano with its fore paws.

# TELEGRAPHIC.

An Epitome of the Principal Events Now Attracting Public Interest.

The Knitting works at St. Paul, Minn., burned. Loss, \$117,000; insurance for \$77,000.

A Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the first ever organized in Mexico, has recently been formed in the City of Mexico.

The boiler of a small river boat exploded at Pass Loutre, La. Capt. Biddle was killed, and two colored roustabouts fatally scalded.

An explosion of natural gas occurred at Stewart's furnace, at Sharon, Penn., and four men were horribly burned.

Frederick W. Toye, township clerk, his wife and three children were burned to death in their house at Ufington, Ont.

Mrs. Sawyer, wife of Senator Sawyer, of Wisconsin, died at Washington. Mrs. Sawyer has been an invalid for many years.

Two pioneer ladies died suddenly of heart disease in Tiffin, Ohio, Mrs. Margaret Habich, aged seventy-one, and Mrs. Sarah Cooley, seventy-six.

Willie Fogelson, aged thirteen years, died at Wooster, Ohio, from the effects of a kick from a horse, received in his abdomen.

In Lowndes county, Alabama, Harrison H. Hunston, colored, was killed by lightning. The current tore a hole in his hat, broke his neck and crushed his arm, without breaking the skin.

St. Paul's Cathedral at Buffalo, N. Y., burned, as the result of an explosion of natural gas. The building was valued at \$250,000; insurance, \$60,500.

At Peru, Ind., John Keppardt and Albert Beyer were arrested for drunkenness and placed in jail. Keppardt soon began snoring which so incensed Beyer that he kicked him to death.

Dudley Porter, son of Ex-Gov. James D. Porter, at Paris, Tenn., was shot and killed by Alexander B. White. Porter had accosted White, and made a motion as if to draw his pistol.

Thomas Carre, aged sixty-six years, dropped dead at his work-bench in the Scioto Valley Railroad shops at Portsmouth, Ohio, of rheumatism of the heart.

A cyclone struck the village of Pecatonica, Ill., wrecking several houses and innumerable out-buildings. One woman and three children were injured, but not fatally, by flying timber.

A. Myers, hired by J. E. Cordell, agent for an Indianapolis novelty house at Shelbyville, Ind., is charged by the latter with having robbed him of \$200 worth of lace curtains, sold them for a song and skipped.

Sergeant Porter Webster was killed at Topeka, Kas., by Private David Lemons. Both were of the Twenty-fourth infantry, stationed at Fort Reno, and Porter was sent to arrest the latter.

The Southern Baptist Convention met at Richmond, Va. Rev. J. P. Boyce, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of this city, was elected President, vice Dr. P. H. Mell, deceased.

The examination of Emperor Frederick's throat, dissipates the last hope of his recovery. The disease is spreading, and though the Emperor shows considerable strength, he is liable to a sudden and an early death.

Near Bloomington, W. Va., Pat Farley, an insane man, while walking with James Boughner, suddenly grew violent and, seizing his companion, after a hard struggle, threw him over a cliff 125 feet high, causing death.

Charles Turner, a grocer of Allegheny City, Penn., shot his wife in the back and then shot himself in the head. Death was instantaneous in both cases. The cause of the tragedy was jealousy.

Fire in the medical department of the university at Philadelphia, destroyed many valuable pathological specimens, wax models and delicate instruments, which will be difficult to replace. Loss to building only \$10,000.

The dam at Hamlin, Mich., went out with the flood, and 2,000,000 feet of logs in Hamlin Lake went into Lake Michigan, carrying with them seventeen houses along the stream. The logs belonged to Pardee, Cook & Co. No lives lost.

During a family quarrel at Denver, Col., between Henry J. Barron, aged seventy-seven years, his son-in-law, J. S. Higgins, and Higgins' son-in-law, which originated over the ownership of a dog, Barron shot and instantly killed Higgins.

While the officers were all at dinner thieves kicked in a window of the Pratt County Bank, at Pratt, Kas., and got away with \$4,016, all in currency. Precaution had been taken to partly turn the combination of the safe.

William Kenniston, an old farmer at North Booth Bay, Maine, was murdered by Llewellyn Quimby, aged 20. The murderer was captured after a desperate fight, during which he received a severe scalp wound from a shot fired by A. H. Kenniston, his victim's son.

A terrible tragedy is reported from Osceola, Ark. A widow named Allen was ravished and murdered, and her 16-year-old boy and 10-year-old girl were fatally injured, by four miscreants. Four young white farmers who attended a dance in the neighborhood Saturday night have been arrested on suspicion.

# COAST CULLINGS.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

Wm. P. Henderson, a printer, was found near Meris, Cal., with his skull crushed, having apparently been killed while asleep on the track.

Gonshee, one of Apache murderers of Diehl a year ago in the Saddle Rock district, Ariz., has been convicted of murder.

Henry Holmes, a carpenter, died of lockjaw at San Rafael, Cal. A few days ago he was handling a plank, when it slipped from his grasp, and a nail in the end went through his foot.

The entire business portion of the town of Tipton, Cal., was destroyed by fire. Thirteen buildings were burned. The loss was nearly \$35,000; insurance, \$10,000.

The new cruiser Charleston will be launched at the Union Iron Works shipyard, San Francisco, on the 4th of July. The affair will make the occasion of a celebration at the shipyard.

D. Sullivan was drowned at Astoria, Or. It is supposed he fell in going off a ladder on the steamer A. B. Field, at Leinenweber's cannery. He was a deckhand on the Field.

A gang of cowboys took possession of Stewart, Col., and about demolished the postoffice and its contents. About 100 shots were fired, but no one was hurt.

James Turner, employed by the California Southern railroad at Old Town, Cal., was killed by throwing himself, while temporarily insane, before an incoming freight.

Robert Beardsley, proprietor of Beardsley's hot springs, three miles below Challis, Butte county, Idaho, was drowned, while fording Salmon river. His team were also drowned. The body has not yet been recovered.

John Leahy, a carpenter at work on the Spring Valley Water Company's buildings near Belmont, Cal., fell from a scaffolding a distance of thirty-five feet on a cement pavement, and was instantly killed.

M. J. Gillen, while painting the court house at San Andreas, Cal., was instantly killed by the scaffolding giving way, and his being precipitated head first to the ground, a distance of twenty-five feet.

A two-year-old son of J. M. Farley, of Nicasio, Cal., fell into a vat of boiling water, and was frightfully scalded. The water had been prepared to scald hogs, and the boy, unnoticed, walked into it.

Not less than 100 armed men, with blood hounds, are searching for two men who brutally assaulted Lizzie Woughtel, at Winters, Cal. Rewards for their arrest now aggregate \$2,000.

At the crossing of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, Ben Pressett, of Salt Lake, Utah, was crossing the track with two horses, when an engine struck them, killing him and both horses.

Charles Chapman, a well-known farmer of White Rock, Eldorado county, Cal., expired from the effects of a barley beard, which lodged in the man's nose, about a week ago, causing inflammation which resulted in death.

A man named Seybold met with a horrible death at San Francisco. He was engaged in piling iron rails at Battery street warehouse, and while in a stooping posture rails tumbled down on his head, crushing it to a mass. Seybold leaves a family in the East.

The Bar Association at San Francisco has decided to disbar Attorney H. H. Lowenthal, whose connection with the Little Pete bribery case will be well remembered. The association has appointed a committee to prosecute him in the Supreme Court.

A former employe of the California Southern railroad named Long was caught in the act of misplacing a switch in the yards at National City, Cal., and arrested. It is claimed he was trying to wreck a train in revenge for being discharged.

A boiler in the works of the Sacramento (Cal.) Wool Pulley exploded with terrific force. The building was a wooden structure, was 32x40 feet in dimensions, and was literally blown to pieces. The men being at dinner, there was no loss of life.

H. S. Wheeler, recently employed by the government in the construction of lighthouses on the Oregon coast, dropped dead of heart disease at Alameda, Cal. Deceased who was a member of the Masonic order, is about 55 years of age, and a widower.

A three-story brick building owned by the Sharon estate, and occupied by the West Coast Furniture Co., burned at San Francisco. The loss to the building is estimated at \$50,000. The Furniture Co.'s loss is \$15,000, insurance \$10,000. A finely wrought cabinet intended to hold records to be sent to the Sydney exposition from this State, and valued at \$2,000, was destroyed. The furniture factory of A. Johnson, and the carpenter shop of John Cuff, adjoining, were damaged to the extent of \$1,000.

Wm. Zitin, while prospecting in the hills near Sheridan, Nev., came across "Mudge," the Indian who, a few weeks, killed three Indians to avenge his brother's death. "Mudge" held a parley with Zitin, keeping the latter covered with a rifle, and said there were seventeen more Indians he would have to kill, and "it was war to the knife." He was accompanied by another Indian, and swears that he will not be taken alive. The Indians whose lives he threatened fear to sleep outside the town and come in at sundown.

# MARKET REPORT.

Reliable Quotations Carefully Revised Every Week.

WHEAT—Valley, \$1 25@1 12 6 Walla Walla, \$1 17 1/2@1 18 1/2.

BARLEY—W hole, \$1 10@1 12 1/2; ground, per ton, \$25 00@27 50.

OATS—Milling, 42 1/2@45c; feed, 44 @45c.

HAY—Baled, \$15 00@17 00.

SEED—Blue Grass, 14 1/2@16c; Timothy, 9 1/2@10c; Red Clover, 14@15c.

FLOUR—Patent Roller, \$4 00; Country Brand, \$3 75.

EGGS—Per doz, 18c.

BUTTER—Fancy roll, per pound, 50c; pickled, 15 1/2@20c; inferior grade, 15@22c.

CHEESE—Eastern, 16@20c; Oregon, 14@16c; California, 14 1/2c.

VEGETABLES—Beets, per sack, \$1 50; cabbage, per lb., 2 1/2c; carrots, per sk., \$1 25; lettuce, per doz, 20c; onions, \$1 50; potatoes, per 100 lbs., 50@75c; radishes, per doz., 15@20c; rhubarb, per lb., 6c.

HONEY—In comb, per lb., 18c; strained, 5 gal. tin, per lb. 8 1/2c.

POULTRY—Chickens, per doz., \$5 50@6 00; ducks, per doz., \$5 00@6 00; geese, 60@8 00; turkeys, per lb., 16@18c.

PROVISIONS—Oregon hams, 13 1/2c per lb.; Eastern, 13@13 1/2c; Eastern breakfast bacon, 12 1/2c per lb.; Oregon 12@13c; Eastern lard, 10@11 1/2c per lb.; Oregon, 10 1/2c.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, \$2 00 @2 50; Sicily lemons, \$5 00@5 50; California, \$3 50@5 00; Naval oranges, \$6 00; Riverside, \$4 00; Mediterranean, \$3 75.

DRIED FRUITS—Sun dried apples, 7 1/2c per lb.; machine dried, 10@11c; pitless plums, 13c; Italian prunes, 10@14c; peaches, 12 1/2@14c; raisins, \$2 25@2 50.

WOOL—Valley, 14@15c; Eastern Oregon, 12@14c.

HIDES—Dry beef hides, 8@10c; culls, 6@7c; kip and calf, 8@10c; Murrain, 10 @12c; tallow, 3@3 1/2c.

LUMBER—Rough, per M, \$10 00; edged, per M, \$12 00; T, and G sheathing, per M, \$13 00; No. 2 flooring, per M, \$18 00; No. 2 ceiling, per M, \$18 00; No. 2 rustic, per M, \$18 00; clear rough, per M, \$20 00; clear P. 4 S, per M, \$22 50; No. 1 flooring, per M, \$22 50; No. 1 ceiling, per M, \$22 50; No. 1 rustic, per M, \$22 50; stepping, per M, \$25 00; over 12 inches wide, extra, \$1 00; lengths 40 to 50, extra, \$2 00; lengths 50 to 60, extra, \$4 00; 1 1/2 lath, per M, \$2 25; 1 1/2 lath, per M, \$2 50.

BEANS—Quote small whites, \$4 50; pinks, \$3; bayos, \$3; butter, \$4; Limas, \$3 00 per cental.

MEAT—Beef, wholesale, 4@4 1/2c; dressed, 8c; sheep, 3 1/2c; dressed, 7c; hogs, dressed, 7@7 1/2c; veal, 7@8c.

COFFEE—Quote Salvador, 16c; Costa Rica, 18@20c; Rio, 18@20c; Java, 25c; Arabuckle's roasted, 22 1/2c.

SALT—Liverpool grades of fine quoted \$18, \$19 and \$20 for the three sizes; stock salt, \$10.

PICKLES—Kegs quoted steady at \$1 35.

SUGAR—Prices for barrels; Golden C, 5 1/2c; extra C, 6 1/2c; dry granulated, 6 1/2c; crushed, fine crushed, cube and powdered, 7 1/2c; extra C, 5 1/2c; halves and boxes, 4 1/2c higher.

A few years ago a school ma'am in Cumberland County, Maine, was presented by her beau with deeds to some California lands. Both considered them worthless; but a woman hates to part with any thing, so she put them away. Recently she received an offer of \$250,000 for the land, valuable mineral deposits having been discovered, which she promptly accepted.

Thirty-five years ago a prominent farmer of Wayne County, O., was a passenger on a train on what is now the Fort Wayne road, and neglected to give his fare to the conductor. A few days ago he called on the station agent at Wooster and told him he wanted to pay for the ride, as his conscience had been troubling him for thirty-five years. The money was paid over with interest in full and forwarded to the general passenger agent.

Sweet Omelet.—Grease a small baking dish with fresh butter. Beat the whites of six eggs to a froth and add to the beaten yolks; mix in very gently two ounces of powdered sugar and the juice of a lemon; heap into the dish quickly and lightly; sprinkle with powdered sugar and grated nutmeg, and set in a very hot oven until a golden brown. Serve immediately in the dish in which it is baked.

A Pretty Tidy.—Take a piece of coarse white net, the size you wish the tidy, which is for the foundation. On this sew alternate rows of dark satin ribbon and white oriental lace. Finish the outline with a full frill of lace. Draw closely together in the center and tie in position with a narrower ribbon than that used for the tidy. Attach it to the chair or sofa with safety pins.

A French physician, Dr. Felz, mentions a curious apparent cause of left-handedness. One child in a certain family was left-handed, and the second appeared to be so at the age of one year. It was then learned that the mother had always carried her children on her left arm. She was advised to change, and, held on her right arm, the infant, having its right hand free to grasp objects, soon became right-handed.

# OREGON NEWS.

Everything of General Interest in a Condensed Form.

Pendleton will spend \$2,000 more in extending the levee along the Umatilla river.

The wife and child of Hon. J. D. Burnett, of Douglas county, are very sick.

W. P. Watson, of Toledo, fell from a building, on which he was working, and fractured one of his ribs.

Henry Keene, of Sublimity, set a spring gun for gophers, and while explaining its operation to a friend lost one of his thumbs by its unexpected discharge.

G. W. Duncan, a prominent citizen of Stayton, who suffered severe injuries by falling from a step-ladder some days since, is not expected to recover.

The House committee on commerce made a favorable report of the bill authorizing the construction of railroad bridges across Snake river and Clearwater river.

No hopes are entertained of the recovery of Mrs. Stephen Minard of Roseburg, who was injured in the runaway of the team on the mountain road to Coos bay.

A horse William Harris was riding near Pleasant Home, reared and fell back on the man, injuring him severely. He was unconscious for about two hours after the accident.

A son of Dr. W. C. Warriner, of Portland, was seized with an epileptic fit, while on the road, near Lebanon, and was not discovered until nearly forty-eight hours afterward. He was taken to his sister's home in Salem to be cared for.

Patrick Cummings, a saloon-keeper at Antelope, forged the name of his half brother Edward, to a note and obtained \$180. He then left the town owing about \$1,000. His creditors are making efforts to catch him and bring him back, when he will be prosecuted for forgery.

Palette Lane, a Siletz Indian, ran away with an Indian maiden named Anna Jones. They were pursued and caught at Eugene City, and at once returned to the Siletz. Lane was married to Miss Eliza Halo Gleece about three weeks since, but tired of his new wife and slid out with Miss Ann.

The towns are bidding for the county seat of Wallawa. Joseph has offered to furnish the county building for a period of ten years providing the county seat remains there, while Enterprise has made the same offer for a term of two years.

W. M. Stanley, while riding near Ashland, was accosted by a man who stepped up to the horse, and with his hand in his pocket demanded that he get off and give him the horse. Mr. Stanley at first thought it was some acquaintance, but when he insisted upon it Mr. Stanley pulled out a revolver, when the highwayman hastily fled.

Archie G. Wolford, the son of John M. Wolford, the merchant and hotel-keeper of Silverton, has recently left home and no one knows where he went, although he came to this city and boarded the train for the south. Archie was about 22 years old, and married Elva Beard on the first of last March. The young husband and wife did not get along very well, so he left home.

A. J. Taylor, Samuel Marsh and Mr. Selph struck a quartz ledge near Gold Hill recently, which shows very rich prospects. It is on the same ridge as the ledge from which Ray and McDonnell were reported to have taken several thousand dollars near the surface last year. The men pounded out \$326 with a hand mortar in one day, and think they have plenty of that kind of rock.

A new depot and warehouse is building at Central Point for the O. & C. railroad. The building will be 20x60, and contains an office, waiting room and warehouse; also a sidetrack platform 580 feet long, and is to be finished in first-class style, to be completed and ready for business about the 1st of July. The town site owner pays for the building and the salary of the agent for two years, who will be appointed by the company.

A warrant was sworn out before Justice Lyons of Fox Valley, Linn county, charging Mart Smith, his brother, and another man, whose name could not be learned, with the attempted murder of Charles Thomas, two weeks since. They are now in custody. The Smiths are enemies of the Thomases, and are supposed to be leaders of the vigilance committee sworn to exterminate them or make them leave the country.

Bennett camp, No. 8, Indian War Veterans, near Salem, have elected the following officers: John G. Wright, captain; John Savage, first lieutenant; N. R. Doty, second lieutenant; T. C. Shaw, orderly sergeant; E. H. Piper, commissary sergeant; D. C. Thomas, color bearer; Wm. Townsend, musician; E. J. Chambers, corporal of the guard; delegates to the state encampment, Frank M. Smith and T. C. Shaw.

# "A LITTLE NONSENSE."

—Of course Solomon was the wisest man. A fellow with 700 wives has a chance to get instruction.—Journal of Education.

—It was Mrs. Parvenu who wanted her dressmaker to furnish her with "one of them elegant French robes, in the directory style!"

—Stranger to workman driving railway spikes.—"Are you working for the contractor of this road?" Pat.—"No, sir; O'm workin' fer the extender as it."—Tid-Bits.

# AGRICULTURAL.

Devoted to the Interests of Farmers and Stockmen.

Saving the cream daily until enough for a churning has accumulated is wrong. The best butter is made from cream that has been recently removed from the milk.

A good deal is said about the "dairy form" of the cow. But it must not be taken for granted that every angular cow is a good milker, and every smooth, straight-lined cow a poor one.

After the hen is set and process of incubation begun, it is desirable that nothing disturb the hen. Every precaution should be taken to keep her setting steadily until time for the eggs to hatch.

According to some experiments recently made in Holland, cattle fed on hay with other food increased in live weight more than those fed with ensilage, but those fed with ensilage gave more and better butter.

Poor, sandy soil should not be left uncultivated. Carefully prepare the land, sow to buckwheat, and plow the buckwheat under when the crop is in blossom. In this way the land may gradually be made productive.

A few stakes around a young tree, with barbed wire wrapped around the stakes, will protect trees from animals. With this method fruit trees may be planted in a field given up to stock.

Pyrethrum or bulach will kill the apple-tree worms. With a bellows blow the powder into the nests (or webs) after four o'clock in the afternoon—the later the better—for the worms will then be in the nests. The powder will kill them instantly.

Pig pens should not be in the same location every season. By having them movable much valuable manure can be secured from the saturated earth around the old sites, while the change to fresh places will greatly promote cleanliness and health.

It is not best in planting young orchards to trust to labels or to memory. Both may fail. The only sure way to know what trees are planted is to make a record at the time of laying the orchard out in a map and marking on that each variety.

In multiplying very scarce and dear varieties of potatoes, gardeners plant the eyes in hot beds early, placing in rich soil, and from each eye will get several plants. These may be set out in the open ground, and cultivated the same as potatoes planted in the usual way.

There are a good many cattle coming out of their barns and stables this spring with the hair rubbed off in some places. Whether it be barn itch, or some other minute parasite, the old fashioned cure is the best: Sulphur and lard well applied. This knocks all off them.

If a sample of sweet grass is divided, and both parts are kept at a favorable temperature for ripening, and the air is excluded from one and a free exposure given to the other, both will sour at the same time, but flavor will only be increased in the one exposed to the air. Churning the two parts will show this.

The peppermint growers of Wayne county, N. Y., where three-fourths of the world's oil is produced, are complaining that the prospects this season are the worst for twenty years. They say that Japanese oil is now being sold in America at such rates that the former large profits from the business are greatly lessened.

Do not now trim shrubbery that blooms on last year's wood, if you desire abundance of flowers. The best way is to cut out the old and weak wood immediately after flowering. A judicious thinning, if too large and thick a head remains, will improve the quality of the flowers, but to cut back the whole head is not the best way in America.

The garden should be near the house but free from shade. Set no trees of any kind in the kitchen garden. Have it laid out so that as much work as possible may be done by horse-power. A sandy loam is the best soil for most vegetables. Use no green manure in the garden. The standard fertilizers are good. Use wood ashes freely and slops from the house. The secret of success in gardening, as in courtship lies in small attentions frequently and steadily bestowed.

Mr. D. B. Widr, says he has solved the problem of the plum curculio. A mixture of one pound of Paris green, or London purple, and sixty gallons of water sprayed over the trees just before blossom buds shall open, then a spraying of soap emulsion two weeks later, with a third spraying about June 10th, will effectually destroy the curculio, as well as kill leaf lice, aphids and other injurious insects.

There are in America over 4,000,000 farms, large and small. They cover nearly 20,000,000 acres of improved land, and their total value is something like \$10,000,000,000. These figures are not, of course, very comprehensive. They simply convey the idea of vastness of area and equal vastness of importance. The estimated value of the yearly products of these farms is between \$2,000,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000.

In order to improve the oat crop, take a washtub or a large barrel, fill it two-thirds full of water; pour half a bushel or so of seed oats at a time into the tub of water, and skim off all oats that will not sink to the bottom. Drain off the water and dry the oats that are left. You now have a fine quality of oats to sow. They will give you fully seventy-five per cent. better yield than before, besides having a superior lot of seed for your neighbors the following year.