

A POISONOUS PLANT.

Dangers of the Deceptive Poison Ivy.

It is Easily Mistaken for the Innocent Virginia Creeper and the Careless Plecter Comes to Grief.

Desperate before the rashness of youth, parents make short work of arguments. "Some plants are poisonous; we cannot say this one is not; therefore, we decide that it is poisonous, and charge you all to neither touch nor handle it."

It would have been, after all, very simple to teach him the truth in the beginning, for we have, in fact, only two native plants in the United States which are poisonous to the touch, and but one of these is likely to be met with.

Thus toxicodendron, Greek and Latin for red poison bush, is its name in botany and in medicine. It is an acrid, resinous, leucous plant, the skin of a crowd of minute watery blisters, which may pass through several stages of malignancy.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Maxim gun has only one barrel, yet it can discharge 600 shots in one minute. A pet cat bit the finger of a little boy in Jasper county, Mo., and he died ten days later of blood poisoning.

IMPROVED TOURIST SLEEPERS.

Railroads are According to Demands of Middle Classes Who Want Better Sleeping-Car Service.

In response to the demands of the times the O. R. & N. and its connections are placing in operation a much better grade of tourist sleepers for Pacific Coast service than at any previous time.

Daily, on the O. R. & N. east bound fast mail, is attached one of these latest improved tourist sleepers, a model of beauty and handsome appointments.

The Wheat Trade.

Very few wheat transfers were made last week, and from present appearances no important trades are likely to be made in the immediate future.

Pasturing Sheep on Alfalfa.

We have pastured sheep on alfalfa part or all of three seasons. One season we lost as high as ten per cent by blight, but this was due largely to inexperienced.

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INDIAN SUMMER.

October winds his parting horn.

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THE ORDINARY SLEEPER.

A New Feature in Western Travel. The Pullman company now operates two grades of sleeping cars via the Rio Grande Western Railway.

Glorious News.

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State News.

George and Bill West, brothers, are under arrest and in jail at Canyon City, Grant county, for robbing G. W. McElroy's store at Hamilton.

At Oregon City Saturday Judge McEneaney sentenced Harry Clark to the penitentiary for six years for stealing a certificate of deposit for \$100 from Hugh Miller.

The first full cargo of wheat ever shipped from a Pacific coast port for the Orient, will leave Portland for Yokohama in January.

James K. Keady, of Heppner, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. W. Morrow, United States Commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on December 1, 1897.

GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Blue Mountain Eagle. John Ambrose and wife stayed in town over night Saturday, held enroute to their home near Ritter, from Heppner, where they had spent a pleasant week visiting with old-time friends.

Editor Patterson, who has been with his family in Indiana visiting home for the last three months, writes in a recent letter to the manager of the Eagle, that they expect to depart for home on the 20th inst., arriving here, if not delayed, by the 25th.

SMART ALECK DRUMMER.

Called Down by a Bright Young Umattila Indian. The La Grande Observer saves a group of Umattila Indians who had been working in the best fields near La Grande.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND OFFICE at La Grande, Ore., Nov. 13, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. W. Morrow, United States Commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on Saturday, December 2, 1897, viz:

HIRAM E. CLARK, of Heppner, Ore., Homestead entry No. 1229 for the southeast 1/4 southwest 1/4 south 1/2 southeast 1/4 section 21, and northwest 1/4 northeast 1/4 section 28, township 2 south, range 28 E. W. Morrow, United States Commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on December 1, 1897.

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FAST TRAIN SERVICE DAILY TO THE EAST VIA GREAT ROCK ISLAND ROUTE. Fast Express Colorado Flyer. Leaves DENVER 9:00 p. m. Arrives ST. LOUIS 6:15 p. m.

UNION PACIFIC R. R. THE THROUGH CAR LINE. THROUGH TICKETS TO THE EAST AND SOUTHWEST. PULLMAN PALACE SLEEPERS. FREE RECLINING CHAIR CARS.

CHICAGO Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y This Railway Co. Operates its trains on the famous block system. Lights its trains by electricity throughout.

ARE YOU GOING EAST? If so, be sure and see that your ticket reads via THE NORTHWESTERN LINE. CHICAGO, ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, AND OMAHA RAILWAY.

THE REGULATOR LINE. The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation Co. STEAMERS. "DALLES CITY" AND "REGULATOR".

OREGON SHORT LINE RY. QUICKEST AND MOST DIRECT LINE TO UTAH, COLORADO, NEBRASKA, KANSAS, MISSOURI RIVER and all Points EAST and SOUTH. LOOK AT THE TIME.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. W. Morrow, United States Commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on December 1, 1897.

WISCONSIN CENTRAL PASSENGER DEPARTMENT. MILWAUKEE, Nov. 5, 1897. PATRONS OF THE WISCONSIN Central Lines in passing through Chicago may require some assistance in the way of having their hand baggage taken for or to train and carriage or bus, or in many other ways, and they will find all that is desired in this respect in the service of the Ushers at the Grand Central Passenger Station, who have recently been uniformed with brown suit and red cap. They will be in waiting at all trains prepared to assist passengers, and it is hoped that our patrons will fully avail themselves of this additional provision for their comfort.