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EDITORIAL COMMENT

A couple of issues since, we had occasion to speak of certain conditions existing at Kelly's proposing something that would Bute and the road work radiating from that place. We later expressed an opinion as to the proposition of an investigation as to the propriety of reported a part of the people are enabled irregularities. These sugges- to support an institution that in- hunter takes advantage of the mother tions were not made at random. They are the result of observa- people, without recourse on the tion and information gathered by part of those who are unjustly them in the face of an attack and thus conference with other observers. The evidence all points one way days' work. Where they should the beginning. have reported for work at 7:30 they came at 8. The real founby immediate action. The Oregonian of the 16th in a write-up of the prevailing high The attitude of the city of town Pippins and Belleflowers they Brookwild and Gresham, except Street improvements are un- in shape and are deep red in color. a hired man on the Cotton farm. der way that may be the cause while in flavor the phenomenal berry Beyond Gresham we only know of one or two. It says, "Out on of a few but let them bet let the part The origin of the two fruits is similar. of one or two. It says, "Out on of a few, but let them once com- both being the result of crosses. The Eagle Creek near Hogan there is plete the work planned and then loganberry is a hybrid resulting from a colony of Swedes, their post- they will be as proud of the im- pollenating the Aughinhough blackoffice is named Hogan," which is provement as anyone. Don't be with pollen from an Antwerp rasp not a postoffice. There are some a "tight wad" in street improve- berry, its originator being Judge Lo-Swedes near Hogan and they are ments. They repay every time. gan of Santa Cruz. Cal. The phenomreliable people, too good to be slurred by the Oregonian or any other irresponsible purveyor of public misrepresentation. squirming to fill one corner of in coin and jewelry disposed about her its valuable space with such a lot person. The "golden girdle of maiden-hood" encircles her waist, and in it is of hot stuff about the moral deg- an unsheathed dagger. When the dag- is ideal for these two fruits, and it radation of the city council and ger is gently removed by a passing galthe villary of the saloons of that a proposal has been made. Portland, the dives, and the po- - A prettier custom prevails among the lice and at the same time be Ooraon maids, who, at stated intervals, serving the Hell Rule Associa-of each is a lighted lamp, an emblem tion with several columns of free of conjugal fidelity. A young man space, condemning the efforts of feels attracted and gently blows upon the people who are proposing to improve the moral tone of the allows the lamp to go unlighted, how state by dropping partnership ever, the suitor is acceptable.

gram condemns. If that isn't inconsistency we do not know the word. If the so-called Home Rule Association were honestly be of benefit to the state it would be different. But they propose to improve the constitution by taxed.

with this same element the Tele-

A copy of "African Game tle ones starve to death, deprived of and that is that at least one road Trails," Rosevelt's new book boss is incompetent and danger- which has been running serially ficient pathos to appeal to any woman ous to the economical and faith- in Scribners, has reached our who is refined, has human sympathy ful execution of the work. It desk and merits creditable no- of heart, does not seem to be a new thing tice. The volume is printed on either. He was reported unfa- good paper, fine large type, well vorably once and retained on illustrated and in Rosevelt's clear condition of better conduct. But and interesting style. We be- nual," as the yearly exhibition of the resolutions and promises have lieve it has the merit of being fruit in this particular locality is proven unavailing in the face of reliable, which cannot be said of a consuming thirst and worse all such works, and we suggest influences. Incompetent men this book as an excellent work to apple growing district in the world. have been kept on the pay roll, have on the library table, good favoritism has been rampart, de- for old and young and especially which will this year produce 3,000,000 votion to duty a dream. During the latter. The combination of boxes of fruit, or about 300,000,000 the last summer it is said that the natural history and travel and teamsters have been laying off in adventure has all in it that is the side roads and in the brush necessary to make a boy or girl to avoid being docked for partial hungry to the last, having tasted

There seems to be almost limitless possibility as to valuable additions which may be made to our lists of grains and fruits through importations from other countries. Already to this source we must credit the orange, lemon, Smyrna fig, Thompson seedless grape and other fruits, while recent importations in the line of grain include macazoni wheat, the Kherson and sixty day oats and the Russian and Turkey wheats. Several varieties of hardy alfalfa from northern Siberia are being now tested by the government, and much is expected from them. Much as has been done along this line, it is believed that it is but a small beginning.

An Englishman named Galvayne has discovered a new method of determining the age of a horse after it has reached the age of ten. He has noticed that at this age a groove begins to appear on the upper part of the corner teeth of the upper jaw and continues to grow down as the tooth is gradually worn away for about eleven years. At the end of that time the groove begins to wear away and at the end of about nine years has entirely disappeared. Thus at the age of sixteen the groove would extend about halfway down the tooth, at twentyone it would extend the entire length and at twenty-six would be found on the lower half of the tooth. Heretofore the general appearance of the teeth, degree of wear and slope have been the chief means of determining a horse's age.

Many a woman who wears the algret or plume taken from the white heron as a decoration for her best hat is doubtless ignorant of the fact that in securing these plumes a portion of the skin is removed from the back behaving a clause adopted whereby tween the wings and that its removal means the death of the bird. And this is not all of the tragedy, for the plume creases the burden on the whole love of the bird by hunting at nesting time, her attachment for her nestlings being so strong that she remains near falls an easy victim. Not only she gives up her life, but her nestful of littheir mother's care. This briefly is the story of the aigret. It is one of sufand is not utterly depraved and hard

There will be held on Oct. 10-15 at Watsonville, in the beautiful Pajaro wood, and these, when beaten, emit valley, in California, the "apple an- sounds of about an octave in range. known. Watsonville is the center of the largest apple shipping section as well as the center of the largest single Within a radius of a few miles are to be found more than a million trees, apples. At the exposition in question it is expected that there will be sixty carloads of exhibits, twenty being carload lots. A feature that has made the Watsonville show very popular and ure. We learned later that the ina splendid advertiser in the past is distinct sounds conveyed to him the Last spring one of our most view of the backers of the show that particularly in the mouth, was a betdegree to secure their commen- the Watsonville people, whose slogan is "The apple show where apples grow," believe that with their Newcan meet all comers. The logan and phenomenal berries the people developing the coun- with the manner in which some best paying small fruits produced in at the last I wrote two letters, one try through which the O. W. P. of our own citizens and business the west. They reach a high state of accepting and one declining, and perfection in the valleys of the Pacific threw them on the table and settled slope. The two plants are much alike to decide which I would send after two plants resemble large blackberries berry, a wild variety of California, enal berry, one of Burbank's creations, is a cross between the improved California dewberry and the Cuthbert The famous Tunis marriage mart is raspberry. As is often true in the case of other hybrids than horticultural, neither of these crosses is as hardy as its parents and often kills back with a zero temperature, but this difficulty can be overcome by covering the canes during the winter. A rich, mellow soil should be well drained. Largest returns are possible with abundance of water at the proper time. A very satisfactory arrangement in planting is to set three feet apart in rows six feet apart and to train the vines on a wire trellis arranged on T posts. About four canes should be allowed to mature in each hill, the weaker being re-

ASTROLOGY.

One of the Most Ancient Forms of Superstition.

Astrology means the "science of the stars." The encyclopedia calls astrology "one of the most ancient long before. forms of superstition." Chaldeans, Egyptians, Hindus and Chinese were given to it. The Jews became addicted to it after the captivity. It either. spread into the west and into Rome at about the beginning of the Christian era. Astrologers played an important part at Rome, where they were called Chaldeans and "mathematicians." Although they were often banished by the senate and the emperors on pain of death and were

otherwise persecuted, they continued to hold their ground. Even Ptolemy the astronomer did not escape the infection, which in his time had been universal.

Mohammedanism was well adapted to astrology, and the Arabs cultivated the "science" with great ardor from the seventh to the thirteenth century. Some of the early Christian fathers argued against astrology in its earlier form and others received it modified to some extent.

Probably the palmiest days of astrology were the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. At two of the oldest universities in Europe chairs were founded for its teaching-at Bologna and at Padua. No prince's court was complete without its astrologer. After the renaissance the study of astrology was vigorously opposed, though for centuries many men continued to believe in it, among whom, at least to a certain extent, was Napoleon. The merciless ridicule of Swift had much to do with its discredit in England.

Drum Tap Messages.

Writing from German Africa, a European tourist says: "We found here in the dense forest, among people who know nothing of modern cientific discoveries, a good and practical wireless telephone. The natives have for purposes of cereof various dimensions, made of Aside from the ceremonies, the drums are used also as means of communication, and the manner of striking, the number of strokes, the pauses, etc., make up words and sentences which are readily understood for miles around. We had was ready to start when our head servant stopped suddenly in his work, listened intently and then gave unmistakable signs of pleas-



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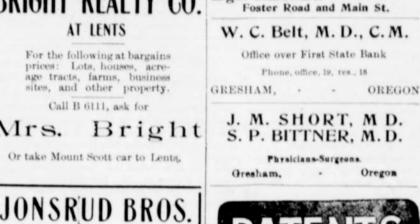
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prices in real estate gives some Portland and the leading dailies highly misleading information- this year in regard to patronage as it frequently does. It says of the fair is worthy of contrast are among the most popular as well as runs are mostly foreigners and men acted. The cordial interest that Japanese and Italians are shown by the East Side business in habit and appearance, the only nofarming most of the fertile land men and by the managers of the ticeable difference being that the near the car line. Now there commercial club should put some leaves of the loganberry are a trifle darker than those of the phenomenal isn't a Japanese farmer between neighboring knockers to shame. berry. In appearance the fruit of the

Marriage Marts.

held twice a year, in the spring and in the autumn. The Tunisian girls attend It must keep the Telegram by the hundreds, each with her dowry

How Tennyson Decided a Matter. Here is Tennyson's own account to Mr. James Knowles, editor of the Nineteenth Century, of how he was offered and accepted the laureateship: "The night before I was asked to take the laureateship, which was offered to me through Prince Albert's liking for my 'In Memoriam.' I dreamed he came to me and kissed me on the cheek. I said in my dream, 'Very kind, but very German.' In the morning the letter about the laureateship was brought to me and laid upon my bed. I thought about it through the day, but could not make up my mind whether to take it or refuse it, and

my dinner and bottle of port."

St. John's Eve.

Curious and quaint beliefs still prevail in some parts of England concerning St. John's eve. Lassies still place their shoes before retiring for the night at right angles, forming a T, reciting the lines,

Hoping this night my true love to see, I place my shoes in the form of a T.

under the idea that their future husbands will be revealed to them in dreams. Formerly supper was placed on the table with the belief that the future husband would enter by the open door. There is, too, a prevalent idea that especially fortunate are the children born on St. John's eve, the rhyme running: Under the stars on the eve of St. John, Lucky the babe that those stars shine on.

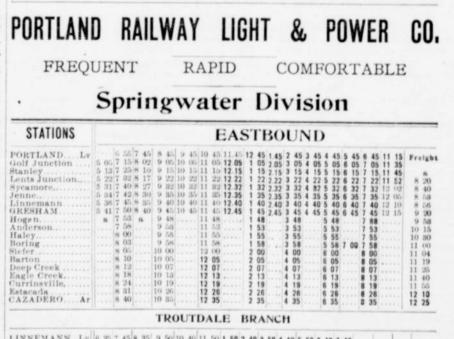
Bury Your Troubles.

Train yourself to keep your troubles to yourself. Don't pour them out upon acquaintances or strangers. It isn't their fault if you have troubles, and they don't want to hear of yours, because they have so many of their own. And, besideshere is a point to consider-if you insist on telling other people of your grievances they will at length come to dislike and shun you, bemoved. As in the case of many other small fruits, these bersies will give cause thereby you prevent them largest returns with heavy fertilizing. from telling their troubles.

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