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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, Siamra fig, Thompson seedless grape and other fruits, while recent importations in the line of grain include macaroni wheat, the Khersou 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 twenty-one 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 egret or plume taken from the white heron as a decoration for her hat is doubtless ignorant of the fact that in securing these plumes a portion of the skin is removed from the back between the wings and that its removal means the death of the bird. And this is not all of the tragedy, for the plume hunter takes advantage of the mother love of the bird by hunting at nesting time, her attachment for her nestlings being so strong that she remains near them in the face of an attack and thus falls an easy victim. Not only she gives up her life, but her nestful of little ones starve to death, deprived of their mother's care. This briefly is the story of the egret. It is one of sufficient pathos to appeal to any woman who is refined, has human sympathy and is not utterly depraved and hard of heart.

There will be held on Oct. 10-15 at Watsonville, in the beautiful Pajaro valley, in California, the "apple annual," as the yearly exhibition of the fruit in this particular locality is known. Watsonville is the center of the largest apple shipping section as well as the center of the largest single apple growing district in the world. Within a radius of a few miles are to be found more than a million trees, which will this year produce 3,000,000 boxes of fruit, or about 300,000,000 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 a splendid advertiser in the past is that apples were given away to the thousands of visitors, it being the view of the backers of the show that a luscious apple in the hand, or more particularly in the mouth, was a better booster than merely nicely printed pamphlets in a fellow's pocket or under the library table. A new exhibit pavilion is being built as a permanent home for the "annual," and it is expected that about twelve and one-half acres of floor space will be occupied by the exhibits this season. While the show has up to the present been a strictly state affair, it is possible that next season it may be opened to competition from the whole country, as the Watsonville people, whose slogan is "The apple show where apples grow," believe that with their Newtown Pippins and Belleflowers they can meet all comers.

The logan and phenomenal berries are among the most popular as well as best paying small fruits produced in the west. They reach a high state of perfection in the valleys of the Pacific slope. The two plants are much alike in habit and appearance, the only noticeable difference being that the leaves of the loganberry are a trifle darker than those of the phenomenal berry. In appearance the fruit of the two plants resemble large blackberries in shape and are deep red in color, while in flavor the phenomenal berry is a trifle milder than the loganberry. The origin of the two fruits is similar, both being the result of crosses. The loganberry is a hybrid resulting from pollinating the Aghinbough blackberry, a wild variety of California, with pollen from an Antwerp raspberry, its originator being Judge Logan of Santa Cruz, Cal. The phenomenal berry, one of Burbank's creations, is a cross between the improved California dewberry and the Cuthbert 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 is ideal for these two fruits, and it 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 removed. As in the case of many other small fruits, these berries will give largest returns with heavy fertilizing.

The attitude of the city of Portland and the leading dailies this year in regard to patronage of the fair is worthy of contrast with the manner in which some of our own citizens and business men acted. The cordial interest shown by the East Side business men and by the managers of the commercial club should put some neighboring knockers to shame.

Street improvements are under way that may be the cause for some objections on the part of a few, but let them once complete the work planned and then they will be as proud of the improvement as anyone. Don't be a "tight wad" in street improvements. They repay every time.

Marriage Mats.
The famous Tunis marriage mat is held twice a year, in the spring and in the autumn. The Tunisian girls attend by the hundreds, each with her dowry in coin and jewelry disposed about her person. The "golden girdle of maidenhood" encircles her waist, and in it is an unshated dagger. When the dagger is gently removed by a passing gnat and presently returned, it means that a proposal has been made.

A prettier custom prevails among the Oorian maids, who, at stated intervals, assemble in the market place. In front of each is a lighted lamp, an emblem of conjugal fidelity. A young man feels attracted and gently blows upon the flame, extinguishing it. When the girl relights it, it is a rejection; if she allows the lamp to go unlighted, however, the suitor is acceptable.

with this same element the Telegram condemns. If that isn't inconsistency we do not know the word. If the so-called Home Rule Association were honestly proposing something that would be of benefit to the state it would be different. But they propose to improve the constitution by having a clause adopted whereby a part of the people are enabled to support an institution that increases the burden on the whole people, without recourse on the part of those who are unjustly taxed.

A couple of issues since, we had occasion to speak of certain conditions existing at Kelly's 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 irregularities. These suggestions were not made at random. They are the result of observation and information gathered by conference with other observers. The evidence all points one way and that is that at least one road boss is incompetent and dangerous to the economical and faithful execution of the work. It does not seem to be a new thing either. He was reported unfavorably once and retained on condition of better conduct. But resolutions and promises have proven unavailing in the face of a consuming thirst and worse influences. Incompetent men have been kept on the pay roll, favoritism has been rampant, devotion to duty a dream. During the last summer it is said that the teamsters have been laying off in the side roads and in the brush to avoid being docked for partial days' work. Where they should have reported for work at 7:30 they came at 8. The real foundation for all the trouble seems to be a roadhouse, liquid refreshments and congenial friends. Just why the county officers cannot find some way to close up those roadhouses and get rid of its incompetent road bosses, is a mystery that will be solved some time and a few good votes could be made in the vicinity of Lents by immediate action.

The Oregonian of the 16th in a write-up of the prevailing high prices in real estate gives some highly misleading information—as it frequently does. It says the people developing the country through which the O. W. P. runs are mostly foreigners and that Japanese and Italians are farming most of the fertile land near the car line. Now there isn't a Japanese farmer between Brookwild and Gresham, except a hired man on the Cotton farm. Beyond Gresham we only know of one or two. It says, "Out on Eagle Creek near Hogan there is a colony of Swedes, their post-office is named Hogan," which is not a postoffice. There are some Swedes near Hogan and they are reliable people, too good to be slurred by the Oregonian or any other irresponsible purveyor of public misrepresentation.

It must keep the Telegram squirming to fill one corner of its valuable space with such a lot of hot stuff about the moral degradation of the city council and the villany of the saloons of Portland, the dives, and the police and at the same time be serving the Hell Rule Association with several columns of free space, condemning the efforts of the people who are proposing to improve the moral tone of the state by dropping partnership

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 forms of superstition." Chaldeans, Egyptians, Hindus and Chinese were given to it. The Jews became addicted to it after the captivity. It 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 scientific discoveries, a good and practical wireless telephone. The natives have for purposes of ceremony, peaceful and warlike, drums of various dimensions, made of wood, and these, when beaten, emit sounds of about an octave in range. 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 proof of it one day. Our caravan was ready to start when our head servant stopped suddenly in his track, listened intently and then gave unmistakable signs of pleasure. We learned later that the indistinct sounds conveyed to him the news that a boy had been born to his brother in a neighboring village."

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 at the last I wrote two letters, one accepting and one declining, and threw them on the table and settled to decide which I would send after 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, besides—here 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, because thereby you prevent them from telling their troubles.

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Springwater Division

STATIONS	EASTBOUND															Freight
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PORTLAND	6:25	7:45	8:45	9:45	10:45	11:45	12:45	1:45	2:45	3:45	4:45	5:45	6:45	7:45	8:45	9:45
Golf Junction	6:30	7:50	8:50	9:50	10:50	11:50	12:50	1:50	2:50	3:50	4:50	5:50	6:50	7:50	8:50	9:50
Stanley	6:35	7:55	8:55	9:55	10:55	11:55	12:55	1:55	2:55	3:55	4:55	5:55	6:55	7:55	8:55	9:55
Lents Junction	6:40	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00
Sycamore	6:45	8:05	9:05	10:05	11:05	12:05	1:05	2:05	3:05	4:05	5:05	6:05	7:05	8:05	9:05	10:05
Jangle Creek	6:50	8:10	9:10	10:10	11:10	12:10	1:10	2:10	3:10	4:10	5:10	6:10	7:10	8:10	9:10	10:10
Linnemann	6:55	8:15	9:15	10:15	11:15	12:15	1:15	2:15	3:15	4:15	5:15	6:15	7:15	8:15	9:15	10:15
GRESHAM	7:00	8:20	9:20	10:20	11:20	12:20	1:20	2:20	3:20	4:20	5:20	6:20	7:20	8:20	9:20	10:20
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