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## TELEGRAPHIC.

An Epitome of the Principal Events Now Attracting Public Interest.

Charles Hayes was blown to pieces by an explosion of giant powder, which he was carrying at the Daly mine, Park City, Utah.

An Italian boarding-house burned at Pittstown, Pa. Three children of the proprietor, Christopher Sargali, perished, and several men were hurt.

Robert Taylor shot and killed R. Tenner, at Norfolk, Va., a married man, who had betrayed Taylor's sister. The girl was driven insane by shame, and is in a mad-house.

A riot among the negroes at Longwood College, La., occurred on commencement day. In the shooting which followed several negroes were killed.

Jacob Higgins, a prominent farmer, who lives near Hixan Station, Tenn., committed suicide by hanging himself to a clothes line. He lost his wife a few months ago and has been despondent ever since.

A destructive hail storm destroyed cotton plants and greatly damaging other crops at Sulphur Springs, Texas. Brookstone, in Lamar county, is reported to have been almost demolished, but no loss of life is reported.

Michael Flynn tried to induce his wife, who had left him, to return to return to his cabin at White Bend, Texas, and, at her refusal, shot her three times, killing her. He then shot himself through the heart.

Nicholas Binnar, a half farmer, living south of Adair, shot his son John, aged two. The young man found his mother on the side, killing him.

Arch Stotts, swayed rough on rats at B. died from its. William Stotts, his brother's death, den it, and thus following.

A cyclone zone, Kansas, the thickest place. An hotel and dwellings severely.

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The was er K. stole.

A farm hand, popularly known as "Tony, the Dutchman," had an encounter near Scraper's of bad cat with a wild cat, which means have given clubbed into insensibility.

Mal had torn his clothing, scratched his face. frequently procured a goggles, sash and do beast, and the latter following special stuffed as a memento. Mrs. Baker, of E. her husband the otter who intended pur him to go for the s should call and tremendous attack on at Goodman Mr. Baker went, improvements and an hour or two at road wheel.

was born into the celebrated broadhead surprise of both received direct who insisted the Shelly & Vanduy. any such thing with the money.

A novel school, held at the New on Friday last. twenty brick layers, one hundred Call's Court. plumbers, each armed with a, one of skin, were set loose together with fifty. At the thirty-eight painters and of master carpenters.

Bob Moody and his Berrie went out hunting Maine, and each killed Moody's deer would. young man came over the other barrel of his children went back to his started to cut the deer's freck. It stuck the knife in a great deer kicked out two ran, swam the river.

them leaves will jump up, and strike the its fore paws.

rested on suspicion.

## COAST CULLINGS.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

An Indian horse-thief was shot and killed near Helena, Montana.

Elwood's shingle mill near Blaine, W. T., was burned accidentally. Loss \$5,000.

John Kronkile, treasurer of Alpine county, Nev., was thrown from a horse into the Carson river, and drowned.

The sentence of death has been passed upon Mrs. Pyle and John Hurn, at Walla Walla, W. T., by Judge Lavyford.

W. T. Tompkins, living near Helena, Montana, was shot in the neck by Mrs. Gordon, while trying to get his wife to go home and live with him.

Nelson Silsby attacked John Daly, while drunk, at Becklin, Cal., and kicked him to death. Silsby alleges that Daly insulted his wife.

Max Hoppe, a tramp, shot and killed a man named Adams, near Fort Conrad, Mont., who had been him a free ride.

John Roodes, son of P. Roodes, 19 years of age, was drowned while on the Palouse river, W.

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## MARKET REPORT.

Reliable Quotations Carefully Revised Every Week.

WHEAT—Valley, \$1 25@1 26; Walla Walla, \$1 17 1/2@1 18 1/2.

BARLEY—W hole, \$1 10@1 12; ground, per ton, \$20 00@25 00.

OATS—Milling, 45@47 1/2; feed, 44 @45c.

HAY—Baled, \$14 00@15 00.

SEED—Blue Grass, 14 1/2@15 1/2; Red Clover, 1 1/2@1 3/4; Country Brand, \$3 75. Tim-

EGGS—Per doz, 18 1/2@19 1/2; Butter—Faller, \$1 00; 40c.; pickled, unexp grade, 20@25; Drury.

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## OREGON NEWS.

The thing of General Interest in a Condensed Form.

The stone will spend \$2,000 more in boat along the Umatilla of.

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 sopers, and while explaining its operation to a friend lost one of his thumbs by its unexpected discharge.

C. W. Dumas, a prominent citizen

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## 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 on a map and marking on that each variety.

In multiplying very scarce and dear varieties of potatoes, gardeners plant the eye 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 of them.

If a sample of sweet cream 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 horsepower. 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, aphid 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.

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