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The organization of a horticultural society at this place means much for the fruit industry in this community. It means that there will be concerted action looking to the bettering of horticultural conditions of this county. It means that there will be no tinkering with the inspection of fruit and that no favorites will be played by the fruit inspector, or if so that he will lose his job very sudden. There is no section of the state that has better advantages for raising better fruit and very few that have been more neglected. There are few sections of the Willamette valley that produce good peaches and this is one of them. To be sure they do not have the high coloring of the southern Oregon peach, yet they are finely flavored and are large. This section of the state is pre-eminently the home of the Italian prune and it is profitable where any care is taken of it. Another thing the horticultural society can do is to take up the matter of best varieties of fruits and berries to plant for canning purposes. With our cannery and evaporator we have as good a home market as it is possible to get anywhere and all that is needed is careful selection and skilled culture to insure as good returns as are to be had in the west.

Chamberlain for President.

This week saw the making of U. S. Senator George E. Chamberlain, in the highest position in the gift of the people of Oregon, considered higher than that of Governor. His rise has been wonderful, with few parallels anywhere, and it is not yet over. If he continues to serve the people as independently and fearlessly as he has as Governor, there may be another call for him. Such is his shrewdness if he should ever run for the presidency it will be at a time when his candidacy will amount to something. He is far the superior of Mr. Bryan as a statesman and tactician. Mr. Bryan is a great orator and a man of clean character, but he lacks the tact one needs to progress politically, without the discernment of situations possessed by this man of the people. Going into the senate in the manner in which he has his career will be of peculiar interest to everybody from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the Democrat predicts a brilliant career in the office.—Albany Democrat.

The Mail Order Route.

An exchange moralizes as follows over the results of the inroads of the city department stores into the business of local tradesmen:

"People who send out of town

for baby buggies usually start out their children in life the mail order way. He grows up and wears Sears Roebuck pants, rides a Montgomery Ward bicycle, takes his girl out riding in someone's else buggy, kicks on paying taxes, stands the grocer off, beats the butcher down on his bills, owes the printer for his newspaper, gets all the credit at home he is allowed, pays all his cash to Chicago merchants, and then wondering as he lies stiff, cold and stark in his final six foot resting place, why he is unadorned and why his tombstone is unadorned with fresh wreaths, while his widow has married the grocer and promises to pay off the butcher and printer. Life is a funny proposition for the mail order man.

All business men of this town and surrounding country as well as all progressive farmers and others who have the growth of the community at heart, should join the Commercial Club and help boost for a bigger and better Monmouth and Polk county.

Preserving Eggs.

Eggs may be preserved for several months by different methods. If put up right in the spring they may be kept till the following fall or winter. They will not be as good, however, as fresh-laid eggs. A method that will preserve the original quality of the eggs for an indefinite period has not yet been discovered. By cold storage, eggs are put up in large quantities during the spring season when prices are low, but where it is desired to preserve a small quantity for home use the cold storage method is not practicable.

Besides cold storage, there are two methods of keeping eggs that give good results. They are the lime method and the water glass method. If the work be properly done, either water glass or lime will keep the eggs in fairly good condition.

Eggs intended for storage should be fresh and clean. Washing the eggs rather injures their keeping quality and it should not be done unless the eggs are dirty. March or April eggs will keep better than May or June eggs. The sooner they are put into storage after being laid the better they will keep. If necessary to keep them a few days before being preserved they should be kept in a cool, dry place.

THE LIME METHOD.

Dissolve a pound of lime in five gallons of water. The water should be previously boiled to sterilize it, and then cooled. Stir thoroughly, and let settle. Then pour off the clear liquid into a wooden or earthen jar or tub. Fill with eggs to within an inch of top of liquid. This will allow for evaporation. The liquid should not be allowed to get lower than top of eggs. When the vessel is filled with eggs cover it with coarse muslin or factory, over which spread a paste of lime to exclude the air.

THE WATER GLASS METHOD.

Water glass (sodium silicate) may be purchased at the drug stores. Use the liquid form and the commercial grade, in the following proportions: Water glass, one part; water, eight parts. Use earthen jars or wooden tubs or barrels that are perfectly clean, and store in clean place. Water glass should not cost more than 75 cents a gallon. The material used will cost about a cent per dozen of eggs stored. Either of these methods closes the pores of the eggs, and when boiled the shell will crack. Puncturing the shell with the point of a needle will prevent this.

James Dryden,
Corvallis, Oregon, Feb. 16,
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