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It is learned that experiments are being made with sage brush spray for the extermination of insect pests on fruit trees in Oregon. Should these experiments prove successful it will revolutionize the fruit industry in state, as the spray can be made for a mere song and from the hitherto despised sage brush of the arid regions of the state, serving a two-fold purpose—getting rid of two pests at one and the same time. We have long contended that some use would eventually be found for this shrub, for there is nothing in nature but has a beneficial place could we but find out what particular ill it will cure. Sage brush flourishes where it receives slight cultivation therefore there is no fear of the supply falling short of the demand at any time as it grows where nothing else will and a little cultivation will make it produce a double crop. Taking the sage brush spray and the alkali for fertilizing the worn out lands of western Oregon and for neutralizing the acidity of others, we may safely predict that with the advent of a railroad into the interior of the state that a new era of prosperity will sweep over it and the crops produced will be second to none, even in the pioneer days. There is every reason to believe that when the right percentage of alkali is added to the soil of this part of the state that it will renew the life of any that is run down and will neutralize the acidity that is known to exist in many parts of this valley, making it impossible to produce paying crops of any but certain plants and in some cases a net wholly a loss to the owner. Tiling and alkali will make all such lands worth \$100 an acre where now they are practically worthless. Is it not worth while boosting for a railroad to the great deposits of this mineral substance? We have heard the oft-repeated saying that "What is one man's food is another man's poison" with little appreciation many times, but it certainly is applicable to the alkali deposits in this state, for in many places they utterly ruin the land for any use until it is leached out, which often requires years of flooding. In other places the alkali forms the finest fertilizer and causes the land to bring forth wonderful crops of almost unbelievable proportions. So we believe will it be found to do in this valley, especially on the "white land". There is not a doubt but it will make the soil more friable for our personal experience with alkali soils has proven this to be a fact.

In view of the fact that the automobile accident of Saturday brings closer to home to us, than

any heretofore noted, the dire necessity for the enforcement of speed regulations of these machines, it may be well to inquire what protection, if any, the general public has against reckless drivers. We hear of men being run over and being either killed or badly mangled almost daily through the utter disregard of the speed limit on the public highways of the state. There seems to be but one way to bring some of these fellows to realize that others have rights and must be respected and that is the resource to the shotgun. Buckshot will perforate tires with ease and if one or two should perforate the driver so much the better; it will be a strong reminder that "there are others." This matter of speeding machines to the highest limit is working a hardship on good roads in the western part of the state. An argument advanced, and not without justification, by many of the farmers is "if we make good roads we will be unable to use them until winter for fear of getting run down by an auto." This has been brought about by the fact that wherever a good piece of straight road has been made, there autos congregate to try their speed. This is done in such numbers as to prevent the use of some pieces of road for ordinary traffic. Only a short time ago one of the rural carriers of this part of the state narrowly escaped being run down by an auto on a bridge where there is a sharp turn in the road, the machine coming at the rate of fifty miles an hour was stopped close enough that the carrier's horse could touch it with her nose. What are we going to do about it?

#### Brain and Muscles.

According to Miss Loane, the author of "From Their Point of View," more men are tramps and more women are miserable housewives if married or underpaid slaves if single because they cannot or will not use their brain power than because they are too lazy for hard bodily labor. The amount of purely unintellectual drudgery diminishes every year and the demand for intelligent workers increases.

The author had one woman patient, a worker among London poor, a chronic sufferer, who managed to keep house and children in far more perfect order than vigorous neighbors always scrubbing and scouring. She was once asked how she contrived to do this, and she replied:

"I makes my mind do three parts of it. It isn't so much what I does, but what I stops from having did."

#### Old Laws.

There still exists in London a bylaw which forbids a cask of beer to be unloaded between certain hours, but no mention is made of casks containing any other liquor.

Lucerne has on its statute books a law which is not enforced. It prohibits hats of more than eighteen inches in diameter, forbids the use of artificial flowers and imported feathers and orders that a license of 75 cents a year shall be paid for the right to wear ribbons or silk or gauze.

#### Sowing For Them.

As a countryman was sowing his ground two smart fellows were riding that way, and one of them called to him with an insolent air. "Well, honest fellow," said he, "tis your business to sow, but we reap the fruits of your labor," to which the countryman replied, "Tis very like you may, for I am sowing hemp."—Catholic News.

#### Cab Wit.

The French have an expression about "cab wit"—that is, a Frenchman returning from a party and alone in his cab thinks of lots of clever things he might have said. There is a great deal of cab wit outside of France.—Atchison Globe.

#### Chicken Cheese.

Boll two chickens until tender, take out all bones and chop the meat fine. Season to taste with salt, pepper and butter, pour in enough of the liquid to make it moist, then put into a mold. When cold turn out and cut in slices.—Boston Post.

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