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Well we are very pleased to think that life is not all toil and worry, but that there are enlivening oases that peep out as we pass along and leave beauty-spots intermingling with the thorns and discomforts met by the way. This was accentuated Saturday evening when the Monmouth Concert Band made its first public appearance and discoursed music for the citizens of Monmouth who had gathered to the band stand for the occasion. While the band has not attained to what they expect to accomplish, yet they have made good progress, and the public showed by liberal applause that the efforts of the band to entertain were appreciated.

This part of Oregon had its hot weather visitation last week which came with accumulated force culminating Sunday with the hottest day of the season and much discomfort, mercury playing around the century mark for some four hours as if contemplating whether to fall or rise, but went down with the waning day. Since then the air has been cooler, but the blistering rays on Sunday left their touch upon ripening berries in places where exposed.

According to information at hand there is a general movement of idle men toward the Pacific Coast. Many of these are said to have the appearance of mechanics or tradesmen and profess to be looking for employment. Trainmen complain that they are experiencing difficulty in keeping these men from westbound freight trains, and say that not for many years have they noticed so many loiterers in the vicinity of railroad yards, stations and along the right of way. Upon one or two occasions bands of these men are reported to have taken possession of an entire freight train. The inquiry to be entertained in regard to the above item of news is this: What is the cause of all this idleness and the reason for the western movement.

Olcott Reducing the Graft

Secretary of State Ben Olcott deserves commendation for reducing the extravagant propensities of his office. He discharged a number of merely political strikers for what there was in it, and reduced salaries.

He has practically abolished the office of assistant secretary of state, and is doing a lot of that work himself. He reasoned correctly if the office could run for years without a secretary, when it had a secretary it could run without an assistant. One place or the other was useless, and there was no excuse for an office that no one had to be on hand to perform its duties.

He has reduced the payroll in

addition about two hundred dollars a month, because employees were overpaid for their work.

The fact is people expect to get about two salaries for doing work for the state, and that is called politics. Very few persons in the public employ could get anywhere near what the state pays them, besides the honor of working for the state.

This is a common sense business proposition, and Secretary Olcott is entitled to praise for his efforts to treat the taxpayers right.—Capital Journal.

How They Do Things

Washington, D. C., July 17—Hail to the tiller of the soil. He has won the respect of the world. Perhaps you have noticed that it isn't so common to decry his occupation as it used to be before Uncle Sam discovered it to be a science. Now young men are flocking to the agricultural schools and colleges and many of them are graduating into professorships, or into positions as experts with the government. One of the latter has just returned to Washington after spending two months in Spain and Sicily investigating lemon growing. He is G. Harold Powell, whose work for the Department of agriculture in the investigation of cases of fruit decay in cold storage and in transit attracted such wide attention. The citrus fruit growers of California held his talents in such esteem that they tried to get him to go out there. When they got up to an offer of \$10,000 a year salary he succumbed, and he is now secretary and manager of the Citrus Protective League of California, a model business organization of agriculturists, which has been fighting for a tariff on lemons that will permit the industry to survive. Having secured that tariff, the organization is now combating the organized campaign of the Sicilian importers to have it reduced. The latter have raised a big fund to influence public opinion in this country and to affect legislation.

BONES OF THE EAR.

The Little Stirrup When Displaced Causes Noises in the Head.

Vibrations of the eardrum are communicated to the inner ear by means of three exceedingly small bones, one of which is called the stirrup. When this particular little bone is displaced, however slightly, the patient hears sounds which are subjective, or, to use plainer terms, noises confined exclusively to the auditory apparatus and not heard by others. These sounds frequently seem like wind whistling through a crevice or a buzzing such as one hears when passing under a network of wires on a windy day. Other sounds of similar subjective origin are classified as musical. They take the form of ringing bells, trumpet blasts, organ notes and the piping of birds. Still another form conveys to the patient sounds such as frogs make as they sit on logs and like the shouts of a crowd at a baseball game.

Dr. Marage, a famous French aurist, recently laid before the Academy of Sciences in Paris the results of his study of a thousand cases of this general sort. He has found that the nerves of the ear in certain cases maintained the conducting position which they assumed when they transmitted the sound of a ringing bell or like sound, and, like an electric button out of position, kept the bell vibrations from being interrupted. Other sounds were produced by the persistent excitation of the auditory nerve centers. High frequency electrical currents and vibratory massage have been used by leading specialists in the treatment of ear troubles in these several conditions, and the results have been encouraging.—New York World.

A Gift.

"I regard conversation as a gift," remarked the studious woman.
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