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According to the oldest settler this is the coldest summer since 1881.

The Spokane Chronicle sounds the following note of warning to those rushing to file for the reservation land drawings: "The registration for the drawing of the reservation lands which began last week opens a field for bunco men and land seekers should be on their guard against being swindled by the smooth sharks who are after their money. It is a safe way to rely on the information given out by the land department and published in the newspapers. All that is really necessary at present if you wish to participate in the drawing is to find a notary who is authorized to receive applications and he will see that your papers are correctly made out."

The arguments of the attorneys for James Finch before the Supreme Court last week were unique to say the least. It was contended that hanging is unconstitutional in Oregon because the constitution recites that all punishment be meted out with a view to reform the criminal, and if Finch is hanged, as ordered by the trial jury how can he be reformed. In the event the Supreme Court sustains the contention of Finch's attorneys that the law providing capital punishment is unconstitutional, how is the state going about it to reform the murderers whom it has already hanged?

At Gresham, Oregon, on October 13 to 17 next will take place the third annual Multnomah county fair at which time attractive cash premiums and special prizes will be awarded to the most successful exhibits. This is one of the best county fairs in the Pacific Northwest, the members being active and up to date in their efforts to develop the agricultural interests of that section of the state. A large pavilion is being prepared and new stock pens and machinery sheds will be provided to accommodate the exhibits, which will be numerous. The fair is for the benefit of the farmers and dairymen of the eastern part of Multnomah and Clackamas counties of which there are a large number.

Scientists have recently made the discovery that the brain of the female child at birth is heavier than that of the male child, but that it decreases as she matures. This fact explains her greater power of concentration, her intuitiveness and refinement. She makes up in quality what she lacks in quantity. A twenty-dollar gold piece is not so large as a silver dollar but it is worth twenty times as much.

The numerous aspirants for governor will be pleased to learn that Governor Benson has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election at the next election, but will be a candidate for re-election as secretary of state. This announcement will throw down the bars and open wide the field of aspirants for gubernatorial candidates and the woods will be full of near-governors by the time primary elections roll around.

Application for requisition papers on the governor of Kansas have been granted by Governor Benson to District Attorney W. L. Levens of the eighth judicial district for the return of J. W. Pauley, who is wanted in Baker City to answer a charge of forgery. J. H. McCord is named as the special agent to serve the extradition papers in the east.

Mayor Rogers of Salem is going after the automanias in great shape in that city. He has put himself on record to the effect that those exceeding the speed limit will be cinched. The declarations of Mayor Rogers should be followed by the mayors of every town in the valley.

Colonist rates are to go into effect again on September 15. These low rates from the east are a wonderful stimulus to immigration, adding annually many thousands to the population of Oregon, in which Lane county shares to a very noticeable extent.

While Portland turned down the commission form of government which has been so successful in Galveston, Texas, Des Moines, Iowa, and elsewhere, Kansas City, Mo., has adopted it.

A Sacramento man is up against it good and hard. Besides being penni-

less he has thirteen sons-in-law. No wonder his life is hoodooed. He is up against the number thirteen in its worst form.

A California brute sewed buttons on his baby's tongue and now the supposition is that he has a great future in store both before and after death.

Gresham held a cherry show last week and the cherries exhibited there are said to have been equal to those at the Salem cherry fair.

Now that the Standard Oil brand of butter is used on the Rockefeller table everybody ought to be willing to concede the merit of it.

It costs no more to raise the best breeds of live stock than it does the poorest, and pays well the person so engaged in it.

With the ideal weather prevailing at present the call of the mountains and seashore is not very insistent this season.

MISSOURI BOT-TOM A HUMMER

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supervisor of the district that is easily accounted for.

On our return trip we found the celebrated rose hop yards which are under the management of Sherman Hayes. There are something in the neighborhood of 250 acres in this yard, about 200 acres of which is in hops they having plowed up about 50 acres of the yard this season and sowed it to oats. This field of oats was one of the finest fields seen in the valley and will yield 60 bushels to the acre if it will go a pound and fully demonstrates the fact that hop ground turned under makes the very best soil for grain.

The next place visited was that of our friend Percival and our modesty forbids our guessing over what we saw. He has 55 acres of hops and anyone who knows Bill knows he has nothing but the best and in this connection his reputation does not belie him. Here we found them at work spraying hops and to anyone that has never witnessed the sight it is worth their while to visit any of the yards in their vicinity and see one of the patent sprayers in operation. Mr. Percival has just completed a new barn in place of the one that was destroyed by fire last season during hop picking. From the platform of one of the dryers on this place, of which there are four, one can stand and look over 700 acres planted in hops. The scene is one of thrift and activity, reminding one of a suburb of a large city, the large dryers looming up in the distance like factories.

From here we stopped at the place of Tom Fennel who has one of the best small hop yards in the bottom. There is a trifle less than 20 acres in the yard and in addition he has about five acres in cherries and garden. This season he marketed over 4000 pounds of cherries from his orchard besides a large quantity of berries and vegetables. Mr. Fennel recently completed one of the prettiest bungalows you will find anywhere in the county, having built it on modern plans with porches in front and the rear. Mr. Fennel purchased the place some years ago for \$2900. At the present he could turn it for \$10,000 without any trouble. As an indication of the productiveness of the soil it might not be out of place to state that here we saw sweet peas blooming before the vine got out of the ground.

Adjoining the Fennel and Percival yards are the Zoller Hop Yards of which that prince of good fellows D. P. MacCarthy is manager and part owner. These yards have an acreage of about 200 acres and about 170 of which are in hops this year. The yards are conducted on the most modern lines of any in the district and Mac can, at a moment's notice, tell just what it costs to operate his yard. While the cost varies a trifle one year with another he estimates the average to be about eight cents. A large portion of this yard, like that of Percival, was trel-lised, was entirely free from weeds and looked thrifty. In speaking of the crop in general Mac estimated that it would fall short fully 40 per cent of last year, but with the increased price the growers would be much better off on account of the shortage. Besides hops considerable attention is paid to fruit and diversified farming. Here we found machinery of the most modern make for the handling of the work, besides the best lot of horses seen on the trip. While

Mac was busy showing us around his housekeeper, Mrs. McKinney and her sister, were busy preparing a good old fashioned Missouri feed the menu consisted of spring friers with new potatoes and green peas, and if you have ever been a guest at the Zoller Hop Yards you know the rest.

F. B. Parker, who has in the neighborhood of 200 acres located on the hill side above the Zoller hop yards, paying particular attention to fruit, garden and diversified farming with flattering success. He had a large crop of cherries this season besides berries and other small fruits. This place is well adapted to fruit raising and gardening as it is well supplied with water for irrigation purposes. The yield per acre in vegetables and potatoes we are almost afraid to state.

O. Butler, father of our townman, Dr. Butler, owns 250 acres next to Mr. Parker's place, and notwithstanding he crossed the plains in the '40s, we found him hard at work laying the foundation for one of the finest farms which is in that section. Mr. Butler is experimenting with different varieties of fruit and berries with a view of adopting those best adapted to the locality. He has also set out a small tract to English walnuts. Garden produce of all kinds does well on the place which is well supplied with running water the year around and could be irrigated at a trifling expense. He has just completed the building of a new barn and contemplates the erection of a new residence in the near future.

S. Cox owns about 55 acres above the Butler place, which is said to contain excellent soil but owing to lateness we did not get up that far.

After Supplies.

Arthur Moore, proprietor of the Peoples' Cash Store, returned home Tuesday from Slab Creek, Tillamook county, where he has a general merchandise business. He came out after supplies and reports a large number of campers in that vicinity at present, there being between 75 and 80 camps already established. Mr. Moore expects to start back today or tomorrow with three wagon loads of flour and feed which he has purchased in this city from the Oregon Milling and Warehouse Company.

Tortured on a Horse

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ARE ROADS TOO WIDE

German Highways Narrower, but Better Maintained, Says a Consul. The following information concerning the superiority of the highways of Germany as compared with those of the United States is furnished by Robert J. Thompson, consul at Hannover: German roads are perhaps subjected to a hundred times more traffic than similar roads in the United States. These roads range from twenty to thirty feet in width, while in our middle and western states, where traffic is comparatively light, we take land of an average value of \$100 per acre and cut it up with roadways sixty-six feet in width, practically two-thirds of the same being given over to weeds, which furnish an inexhaustible supply of seeds for the adjoining farm lands. The farmer in Germany who has conquered the weeds on his ground need have no thought of them being started again from uncultivated or uncared for land along the roadways. There are no weeds, no mud, no chuck holes, no sand stretches in the roads. One of the simplest and most practical measures that could be taken for the betterment of roads in the United States would be to reduce their width to from one-third to one-half of what they now are.

In the United States public highways in the states given below may be estimated as follows: Minnesota, 80,000; Wisconsin, 60,000; Michigan, 60,000; Iowa, 70,000; Kansas, 70,000; Nebraska, 50,000; Missouri, 80,000; Illinois, 80,000; Indiana, 70,000; Ohio, 80,000; total, 700,000 miles. Reducing the width of these public highways, which now average sixty-six feet, to thirty-six feet would give back to the farmers of these states for cultivation 2,500,000 acres of generally tillable land, which at an average valuation of \$100 per acre would mean the restoration to the producing values of the states named of \$250,000,000.

Automobiles to Haul Road Drags. At Salina, Kan., an effort is being made to induce each automobilist to drag several miles of road after each rain. The theory is that the use of the drag places the earth on the crown of the road, where it dries and hardens. After another rain a repetition of the dragging carries on more earth, which in turn hardens, and after a few such applications of the drag there is a considerable hardened surface to the road which does not easily disintegrate. The employment of the motor car to haul the drag would demonstrate a hitherto unemployed utility of the machine.

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