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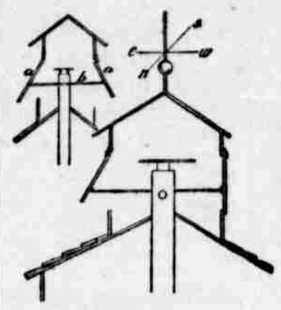
When a man goes into his stable and finds a bushel or two of snow under the ventilator shaft, he wonders if it wouldn't be fully as conducive to the comfort of his cows if he had less ventilation, and it is not essential that we have snow to have ventilation, according to The Farmers' Institute Bulletin, which says the plan here shown will solve the difficulty. A a are windows hung on easy working hinges. B is an iron rod, not too heavy, connecting the two windows and long enough so that when one is closed the other will be open, as shown in the large cut.

When there is no wind, the windows will hang, as shown in small cut. When the wind is in the west, the pressure will close the window on that



A SNOWPROOF VENTILATOR.

side and open the opposite one. Enough draft will be formed to draw all the foul air from below. The cover to the shaft will further prevent snow coming in and will keep sparrows from bothering.

The best plan of cupola will provide for windows on all four sides, connected as shown. The shaft should be open at the bottom, but provided with a slide to close it in warm weather, and an opening should be made near the top of the stable, which may be opened in warm weather when the lower one is closed.

Irrigation of Blackberries.

One important point in the irrigation of blackberries established by the experiments of Professor Jordan at the New Jersey station is that the effect of irrigation is not confined to the year in which the water is applied. The presence of sufficient moisture to provide for the growth and development of plant and fruit seems to favor a growth of cane thoroughly matured and fitted for the succeeding season's work. The dry season of 1898 occurred during the ripening period, and great clusters of nearly developed fruit dried up completely where not irrigated. Nothing of the kind occurred when water was given. The dry period of 1899 occurred very early in the development of the fruit and was not long enough in duration to materially affect the crop, yet the results were again very markedly in favor of irrigation.

New Notion In Growing Lima Beans.

For the past nine years I have raised lima beans in my garden and for two years past have used wire in place of bean poles, and I wish to say that any one having once used wire will never go back to the old system. On the south side of an old building I have set some cedar posts ten feet or more above the ground and about 30 feet from the building. On these posts have been spiked some 2 by 4 scantling. Some heavy screw hooks are fastened to the building, and to the hooks I fasten a heavy single wire (or double if preferred) and run the same to the 2 by 4 for an overhead wire. I have my hills all boxed in with six inch strips of lumber and drive a plug or short stake in the center of each hill and

LIMA BEANS TRAINED TO UPRIGHT WIRES.

then fasten to the stake a wire, such as stovemen use for wiring stovepipe, and fasten the same to the overhead wire. In a windstorm beans receive less punishment than when poles are used, and no wire has ever broken a stem. The soil here is sandy, and by boxing the hills and using water freely I can force the growth and have early beans. Limas have matured here with me in Michigan as early as the 31st of July. The vertical wires that I have used for two seasons I expect to use again, and the cost is much less than poles and more satisfactory. I think my vines have grown in favorable weather not less than six inches in a single day, says a correspondent in Vick's Magazine, who also sends a picture of the portion of his garden here described.

THE BISMARCK APPLE.

Fruit a Handsome Giant—Tree a Heavy and Sure Cropper.

"Among recent novelties that have surely come to stay is this new handsome apple, and whatever may be its deficiencies in the matter of flavor—and some people can hardly find terms of sufficient strength for their feelings—it has attained a position that impels notice. After all, quality and flavor are not everything in an apple. But there is much confliction of opinion in regard to Bismarck, lavish praise and condemnation being about equal.

"Its quality certainly does not commend it very highly as a dessert apple, but a strong point in its favor is its early bearing, and this point may develop to be one of considerable importance. According to reports from England, Bismarck apple is a very profitable one for the London market, and it may therefore be worthy of attention by some of our fruit growers who raise for export." So says American Gardening and quotes the following from an English exchange:

"From the prices realized for it in the public markets it deserves all that can be written in its favor. We have often urged upon growers the necessity of going in for large, fine colored apples, such as the one under notice. It is not only very large, but it carries

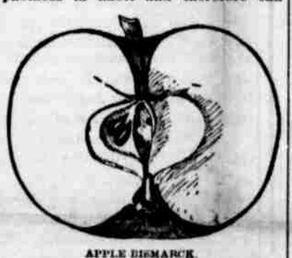
APPLE BISMARCK.

a beautiful color and when put up in an effective manner commands a ready sale and in quantity. It is a late variety—that improves it, in our opinion. When a late high grade apple like this can be obtained, it should be planted freely, for the demand and prices which prevail when supplies are obtainable prove this clearly.

"Bismarck is large in every respect. It is a veritable giant fruit in size, and its cropping properties are gigantic. It is, in fact, one of the heaviest fruiting late apples we have, and as such, all other points considered, it may safely be termed one of the finest apples in cultivation. The tree is a healthy and strong grower. For market purposes it is well suited, and if carefully grown the fruit put up in one and two layer boxes—preferably the former—will command a free sale at good prices. Sold thus it insures a demand from a well to do class of retail fruiterers."

To those who are interested in growing fruits in pots under glass the illustration presented by American Gardening will appeal strongly as showing the possibilities of the Bismarck. This fruit weighed full 14 ounces. The well known private gardener by whom it was grown said in regard to this variety of apple:

"The tree has a tendency to compactness in habit and therefore can



APPLE BISMARCK.

be kept in shape with but little trouble. Should the apple respond to orchard cultivation as it does to cultivation under glass it is worthy of attention, although I do not consider it a first class fruit. Still its handsome appearance will more than counterbalance any weakness in quality. The fruit should be kept a considerable time before being used for dessert. It is one of the best croppers I know and produces fruits of a uniformly large size."

The Dual Purpose Cow.

Numerous have been the articles regarding the dual purpose animal, and it has been noticed that the last ditch in the line of defense taken by the opponents of this valuable animal is the difficulty of producing her, writes Professor A. G. Hopkins of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture in The Breeder's Gazette. Judging from the standpoint of the special purpose man, this objection is well nigh insuperable, and yet when investigation is made among those pure breds and their grades, which are allowed to come the nearest to dual purpose stock, we find that the objection stated is no longer tenable.

No one will deny but that the special purpose cow has her place, and in all fairness we should also allow as much for the dual purpose animal. To be specific, the place for the dual purpose cow, a cow that will not only give a fair quantity of milk and butter, but that will also produce a calf that will make, if properly fed, a marketable, fat animal, is in the west, in northern Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas and the Canadian northwest. According to my own observations and experience, I have no hesitation in saying that the Shorthorn will give us the dual purpose animal, and doubtless such breeds as the Red Polls may also do it. As to the other breeds I am unable, through lack of experience, to claim such a valuable quality or characteristic for them.

Cooking Food For Cows.

There is no advantage in cooking or steaming food for cows in the sense of changing the character of the food by heat as is done in domestic cooking. Corn fodder and similar food will be more readily eaten by cows if it is softened by moisture, and steaming is often a convenient way of doing this. The grain should be fed uncooked or the cut fodder moistened by steaming or otherwise. Cottonseed meal is preferable to oil meal for cows on account of its lower cost. Both should be fed in moderation, the cottonseed because it is somewhat feverish and constipating and the oil meal because it is laxative and tends also to make a soft, oily butter.—Country Gentleman.

Ripeness In Cream.

The preferable degree of ripeness in the cream will be indicated by the following points, says Professor Robertson of Canada: A mild, pleasant, acid taste, a uniformly thick consistency and a glossy appearance somewhat like oil paint. If not at the exact temperature desired for churning, it should be cooled or warmed to that point, which may range from 54 to 64 degrees F., according to the season. It should be strained into the churn, and the churn should not be filled to more than two-fifths of its capacity. If butter color is to be used, it should be added to the cream before the churning is commenced.

UNION COUNTY CONVENTION

The Democrats and Populists Unite and Nominate full Ticket

HELD AT THE COURT HOUSE

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

A mass convention of the democrats was held in the opera house at one o'clock p m, last Saturday.

L A Long, chairman of the central committee, called the meeting to order. Secretary J M Wall read the call.

The chairman then announced that nominations were in order for delegates to the State convention.

Immediately M G Wills, Chas F Miller, J M Wall and J Smith were nominated.

Here some one suggested that the convention was not properly organized since the chairman and secretary were officers of a committee not of the convention. The objection seemed reasonable and the convention proceeded to organize by electing L A Long chairman and J M Wall secretary—nominations for delegates was resumed. They were A B Denny, D R Wheeler, E C Schulmerich, W H Wehrung, H Bernard, E J Ward, J C Lamkin, Melki Johnson, Robt Thompson, Jasper Reeves and John H Cornelius. L A Long was nominated, but he declined because of the serious illness of a member of his family which would prevent his attending the convention.

It was moved that the delegates be chosen by ballot, that a majority of all the votes cast would be required to elect and that one name be written on each ticket. This motion was amended so as to provide that the 5 names receiving the highest vote would be chosen, as amended the motion prevailed.

E C Schulmerich and Jas Reeves were appointed tellers.

The first ballot stood Wills 9, Wall, 8, Denny 6, Miller 9, Wheeler 2, Schulmerich 9, Wehrung 5, Bernard 4, Thompson 1, Reeves 7, Lamkin 2, Long 1, total 63.

The five receiving most votes are M Wills, J Wall, E C Schulmerich, C F Miller and Jas Reeves, so they under the rule were elected. It will be noted that this ballot first indicated the number of persons in the convention.

The second ballot stood Wheeler 2, Smith 5, Denny 7, Wehrung 12, Bernard 21, Ward 1, Johnson 4, Cornelius 3, Lamkin 11, total 66.

The second block of 5's are J Smith, A B Denny, W H Wehrung, Hubert Bernard and J C Lamkin.

L A Long was elected chairman of the county committee and J M Wall secretary. The other members of the committe were not named so it is supposed that the chairman and secretary compose the committee.

The convention adjourned.

POPULIST MASS CONVENTION.

A mass convention of the populists of Washington county assembled in the auditory of the court house last Saturday at one o'clock p m O E Edson chairman of the central committee rapped to order. O E Edson was elected chairman of the convention and G C Miller secretary.

The first business was the selection of 13 delegates to the state convention. It was voted to write 13 names on a ballot and the 13 receiving the highest vote was to be the delegates.

The vote stood, W D Hare 57, Barns 52, Wm Schulmerich 58, T R Kempt 51, E Best 49, O E Edson 54, E G Leady 53, Geo Morgan 56, W J Gleeson 29, G C Miller 54, Geo W Kelly 34, A S Briggs 41, F M Heidel 47, J H Stevenson 45, Hayworth 35, D C Hollenbeck 4, W J Walker 33, Dan Emerick 26.

The 13 receiving the highest vote is Hare, Barns, Schulmerich, Kempt, Best, Edson, Leady, Morgan, Miller, Briggs, Hiedel, Stevenson and Hayworth, so they are the delegates.

W D Hare was elected chairman of the central committee, and J C Miller secretary, but no committee was appointed in addition.

The convention adjourned.

UNION CONVENTION.

The delegates of the union party met last Saturday at 10 o'clock a m in the court house, and was called to order by James H Sewell chairman of the central committee. The call was read by J M Wall secretary.

O E Edson of Columbia was chosen temporary chairman and John Wall temporary secretary. Ralph Wann of Hillsboro was chosen assistant secretary.

A committee of 5 was appointed on credentials, to-wit: Melki Johnson, E Schulmerich, T R Kempt, W H H Myers and W S Tilton.

A committee of 5 was appointed on order of business and permanent organization. This committee was C A Hanley, J C Crocker, C F Miller; G W Hedrick and J T Dorian.

The committeemen on resolutions was one delegate from each precinct, to-wit: Beaverton, A W Pike; Beaverdam, Robt Thompson; Washington, S M Tunstall; S Hillsboro, D Corwin; S Tualatin, D Emerick; N Hillsboro, J hn Sewell; Dairy, T A Ritchey; Dilley, J K Boyd; Cornelius, T S Wilkes; S Forest Grove, Wm Langley, Columbia, J C Miller, Reedville, Sol Jack; Wapato, Ed Beal; E Butte, B G Leady; E Cedar Creek, J M Smith; W Cedar Creek, not present; W Butte, A V Denny; Gales Creek, not present; N Forest Grove, I E Purdin.

Here the convention adjourned till 2 p m. At 2:30 o'clock p m the convention met and received the report of the committee on credentials; which after correction reads thus:

Beaverton—A W Pike, W Tucker, F M Robinson, Wm Barnes, Archie Pike, Wm Hunter, Sr, Wm Hunter, Jr, Paul Smith, T J Foster, M Thomas.

Beaverdam—Ed Moorr, A Reynolds, R Tompson, D C Burson, F Owens, B Reeves, J Forestal, H Vanderkey, J Kassebaum.

Buxton—A A Mead, A Bloodsaw, H Stowell, D P Donold, A Simpson, C A Peterson, M Burgholzer, F Burgholzer.

Cornelius—Jap Reeves, Mike Relling, Robt Irmler, H Haris, A S Briggs, Thos Talbot, Ora Cook, Peter Jenson, John Smith, J Merrell, A Standle, M Cook, A A Phillips, Chas Schneider, Thos Wilkes, S T Dorrien A Honzaik, Lige Miller, C W Henderson, C Bailey, Ed Wolf.

Columbia—O E Edson, G Kelley, T R Kemp, F M Keenan, W C Jackson, J C Miller, A K Watson, A Tews, J C Crooker, U Jackson, T J Willis, J Loftes, C B Taylor.

Dairy—J C Schulmerich, J Watson, John Spierings, N Stoltz, Joseph Harley, Geo Dooley, F Zimmerman, J Vandervelden, H Carp, P Watson, T A Ritchey, N J Wells, Al Craps, J Blanchard.

Dilley—J R B yd, W Arnold, W Tennis, B K Cupper, Wm Stephens, other not present.

West Cedar Creek—Not represented.

East Cedar Creek—W S Tilton, A Cimino, J Tharp, J N Henry by W S Tilton, prox, J S Smith.

East Butte—B H Leady, F Turnbow, W Shaver, J Hayden, M Festler, Otto Meyer, A Burnham.

West Butte—Not represented.

Gales Creek—H G Parsons J H Berry, Percy Hines, G L Proctor,

Mountain—J J Meacham, S Hollenback, B C Hollenback, E Howell, Thos Murphey, James Burgess.

North Hillsboro—John M Wall, C A Hanley, Charles Schneider, John Sewall, Herman Schulmerich, James Sewell, F M Heidel, Peter Boscow, A C Archbold, Cephas Eisenhaur, S Everitt, Silas Bennet.

South Hillsboro—Ralph Wann, W H Wehrung, E C Schulmerich, C Blazer, Allen Haworth, Chas Crocker, O C Zook, E E Hanna, D Corwin, Geo Morgan, W K Taylor, J D Housley, M Ernest, J J Weik.

North Forest Grove—J Stephens, John Vandervelden, H H Clark, F Thacher, Ira E Purdin, H Bernard, Vic Brown, R O Stephens N E Dilley E A Dixon N Parker.

South Forest Grove—W H H Meyers, N J Walker, Geo Bacon, C Miller E D Plaster J A Abbott J J Wirtz, Phil Beal, Milki Johnson, W M Langley, E Jerome.

South Tualatin—Wm Schulmerich, Louis Ennis, Henry Boge, S R McClarken, Dan Emerick, H C Perison, J Brown, F Wallace, J Boge D V Burkhalter, J R Ennis.

Wapato—Ed Ward, M J Gleason, A A Rhodes, M Brown, E Best, S M Stewart, W C Johnson, F N Johnson, G U Hendricks.

Reedville—O Marra, Sol Jack, J Kirkwood, H Strope, — Jacquet, D R Wheeler, J Karestter.

Washington—S A Holcomb, E L Thomas, J W Jackson, Gip Wills, Phil Pezoldt, P F Canada, S M Tunstal, Thos McGlenchy, I D Danty, M Loomis.

While reading the report the secretary was interrupted by a delegate to correct report. By a motion then made persons present from Dilley were seated as delegates.

John Cornelius was seated instead of John Smith and E Bailey South Tualatin instead of C Bailey.

The delegates present were authorized to cast the entire vote apportioned to their precinct notwithstanding a part of the delegates might be absent.

The temporary officers were made permanent.

The executive committee heretofore appointed was continued.

The order of business was agreed to, viz: Nominate 1 senator, 3 representatives, county clerk, sheriff, recorder, assessor, school superintendent, treasurer, commissioner, surveyor and coroner.

The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

WHEREAS; We the union party of Washington county in convention assembled pledge again our party to the fundamental principles of free government and having in view the solemn import of our actions and promises hereby Resolve

1. We view with alarm the rapid increase of the number of professional politicians whose aim is to influence and control legislation for their own ends and we see only disaster at the end of our present methods of legislation. In view of these facts pledge ourselves to work in every legal manner to secure direct legislation by the people themselves to the end that no legislation shall have the force of law until it has been ratified by a vote of the people.

2 We favor a constitutional amendment providing for the election of U. S. senators by a popular vote of the people.

3. We favor the institution of Postal Savings banks by the general government for the benefit of the people.

4. We condemn the action of the last legislature in fastening again on our people, in face of solemn promises of retrenchment by all parties, the excessive and extravagant appropriations for the payment of a large and unnecessary body of clerks and we condemn the action of the governor in approving said appropriations after his stirring appeal to the legislature to cut off such useless expenditures.

5 We condemn the Porto Rico tariff as unjust and unconstitutional and a violation of one of the fundamental principles of our government (no taxation without representation.)

6 We as true American citizens in convention assembled condemn without restraint, the imperialistic policy of the present administration toward Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the inhabitants of the South African Republic and the Orange free state in their unequal struggle for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

7 We recognize the principles advocated by W J Bryan and heartily endorse his championship of the cause of the common people.

A motion was made to adopt. Mr. Burgholzer objected to the wording of the 1st resolution, but the ayes of motion was put before he could get recognition. Some confusion resulted but the chair decided that the motion to adopt was carried notwithstanding the negative side of the question had not been put. It is just to say though that the negative would have been in the minority.

The tellers were Chas Miller, J T Dorien, T S Wilkes, Chas Peterson, F M Heidel, and B G Leady:

The nominations for state senator were W H Wehrung, Wm Tucker, John M Wall and John Stevenson. The latter two declined. Mr Wehrung declined to be a candidate but the convention refused to entertain his declination.

The vote stood:—Wehrung, 127; Tucker, 7; Stevenson, 5; wall, 1; blank, 2; total 182; Mr wehrung having received a majority of all the the votes cast was nominated.

The nominations for representatives were Hubert Bernard, Dr A W Vincent, wm Schulmerich, O E Edson, E Best and A Pike. The ballot when counted stood:—Bernard, 104; Vincent, 15; Schulmerich, 19; Edson

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Remarkable Cure of Rheumatism.

About three years ago my wife had an attack of rheumatism which confined her to her bed for over a month and rendered her unable to walk a step without assistance, her limbs being swollen to double their normal size. Mr. S. Maddox insisted on my using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I purchased a fifty-cent bottle and used it according to the directions and the next morning she walked to breakfast without assistance in any manner, and she has not had a similar attack since.—A. B. Parsons, Kenna, Jackson Co., W. Va. For sale by Delta Drug Store.

In almost every neighborhood there is some one whose life has been saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, or who has been cured of chronic diarrhoea by the use of that medicine. Such persons make a point of telling of it whenever opportunity offers, hoping that it may be the means of saving other lives. For sale by Delta Drug Store.

The Best in the World.

We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best in the world. A few weeks ago we suffered with a severe cold and a troublesome cough, and having read their advertisements in our own and other papers we purchased a bottle to see if it would effect us. It cured us before the bottle was more than half used. It is the best medicine out for colds and coughs.—The Herald, Andersonville, Ind. For sale by Delta Drug Store.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED DURING THE WEEK

Items of General Interest from all parts of the state

TO LOCATE A MONUMENT

New Southern Pacific Station at Medford. Mount Sterling District on the Boom.

A Canby commission merchant says there are many thousands of busheles of potatoes still in the hands the growers in Clackamas county.

Steps are being taken for the erection of a creamery at Sheridan, with capacity to handle the milk of 500 cows. The cost of the plant is estimated at $2500.

The Salem Woolen Mill Company is erecting a new wool warehouse in connection with its mills at Salem. The new building will be two stories high and much larger than the old warehouse.

State Treasurer Moore received Monday a remittance of $5000 from Kalamath county to apply on that county's 1899 state taxes. This is the second payment received from Klamath, the first being $2250.

Sheepshearing has begun in Morrow county, and by next week will be general. The price paid is seven cents a head, as against six cents last year. The yield of wool will be the largest and best in the history of the great industry.

Five sheepbuyers were in Heppner Monday, but no buying seems to be going on. Some growers say they are willing to take $2 50 for straight wethers and $3 for yearling ewes. Buyers say that growers are too busy to talk trade, and that asking prices are too high.

When the new Southern Pacific station, at Medford, was ready to be occupied Saturday a number of the friends of Agent W. V. Lippincott presented him a fine upholstersd chair, captured him and sat him in it and bore him on their shoulders from his old office to the new one.

M. Fitzgerald, of Mitchell, has sold to a Montana buyer 1900 head of yearling ewes and wethers, at $2 50 for wethers and $2 75 for ewes, to be delivered after shearing, says the Long Creek Eagle. As the sheep will shear 10 pounds, and Fitzgrald expects to get 18 cents a pound for it, it will be seen that he figures on his yearlings bringing him an average of $4 42 per head.

Another fine location on Mount Sterling is that of N. H. Lee, who shows samples of ore which go over $300,000 to the ton and all the way from that down to $5000 to the ton. These samples come from a well-defined ledge of remarkable thickness for so high a grade of ore. Quite a rush is expected into the Mount Sterling district as soon as the roads are in condition for prospecting.

A. M. Bunce returned Tuesday from his trip to his Wyoming home, where he found the range pretty dry and the season much behind what it is here. Mr. Bunce says the market has slumped and that the big Swift band are all offered for sale. Mr. Bunce has made the biggest purchase here this season, 9000 mixed yearlings at $2 50. He says that he is now willing to sell them at the same figure, and would be glad to have the contract taken off his hands.

The Condon Globe reports that Paul Greiner and Jim Dunn met with quite a serious loss Tuesday morning by the burning of a smokehouse on Mr. Greiner's ranch, in which they were curing the bacon of 67 hogs, which they had fed and butchered during the past winter. The fire occured about daylight, although no fuel had been put on the "smoke" fire later than 4 o'clock Monday evening. The loss is between $700 and $800, and no insurance.

Wm. M. Blakley, sheriff of Umatilla county, who was appointed on the committee on memorials by the Oregon Historical society, will go to Walla Walla in a few days there to meet James McAuliff, for the purpose of selecting the place where a temporary monument is to be erected to commemorate the battle fought by the pioneer regiment under the command of Colonel Kelly against Peupeu-mox-mox and his Indian warriors, in 1855. The battle took place just south of the state line, within Oregon, and consequently comes within the field of operation of the Oregon Historical Society. It was a general running fight, covering quite a scope of territory.