

WEST NOW TO PRODUCE ITS OWN CRANBERRIES

Astoria, Ore., Jan. 10.—Next year the peat bogs near here, on both the Oregon and Washington sides of the state line, will produce 33,000 barrels of cranberries, enough to take care of the entire Pacific coast which has been largely served from eastern fields, according to J. S. Dellinger, president of the Oregon Cranberry Growers association.

The remarkable success of Mr. Dellinger, publisher of the Astorian, as a grower of cranberries is typical of the industry on the Pacific coast, now largely concentrated in about 700 acres near this city, although the wild berries thrive from Oregon to Alaska. He started several years ago with an experimental plot of a few acres and now he has 30 acres in cranberries at his picturesque farm, "Dellmoor." Each acre, he estimates, is good for an average production of 100 barrels and this year the growers received \$12.50 a barrel.

The Pacific Cranberry Exchange, the coast growers' selling agency of which H. S. Gane of Santa Barbara, Cal., is manager, is beginning to offer stiff competition to the American Cranberry Exchange, the eastern organization representing the Cape Cod district and the fields in New Jersey and Wisconsin. This year Pacific coast berries were shipped as far east as Denver. The cranberry now is the only fruit shipped from the east to this coast.

The cranberry fields about Astoria are real peat bogs that will burn when dry and that quake when walked upon. They have been cleared of timber, the stumps torn out, sanded, drained and prepared for irrigation. The cranberry vines form a brilliant green carpet on the fields, studded with millions of crimson berries.

Mr. Dellinger said the growers' association contemplates an advertising campaign to make popular the all-year-round use of the berries.

Until the 1919 season, early frost, the greatest menace of the eastern fields, was unknown. Coming unexpectedly last season it took most of the crop which could easily have been saved by flooding the fields as a preventative measure.

October Mists.

These autumn mists are the mists of June grown older. This mellow atmosphere, these days of old-gold studies of tree and shore, of soft, yellow, shimmering mists, of half-lights among the woods, where the leaves drop thickest, and of occasional clear gray skies, are the rarities of the whole year. They stay with us until the Indian summer has come and gone. . . . and with the first flurry of snow they come back, the airy sprites of the clouds, to whiten all the fields, where in the blossoming summer time they had many a curvet and romp with the winds, and many a caress from the sun. Sometimes they slip the leash of winter, and in a single night touch the trees, the wayside bushes, the rocks and fences, not forgetting even the ragged pine-stumps in the pasture, with a marvelous fretwork of crystal splendor, that flashes in the morning sunshine and every crest and pinnacle.—Herbert Milton Sylvester.

Pisa's Leaning Tower.

The famous leaning tower of Pisa is of pure white Carrara marble in the Gothic style. Its departure from the perpendicular has been variously interpreted, but there is little doubt that it arises from the softness of the soil on which it stands and which has given way.

FEW APPLICANTS FOR ARIZONA LANDS FOR WHICH A DRAWING WAS ARRANGED

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 10.—All persons who filed applications for tracts of the 10,000 acres of government land which was to have been disposed of by lottery here on December 23, will be enabled to have just what they want instead of "drawing straws" for the desirable portions, this condition being due to the fact that there were not enough applications filed to cause any contests.

With the stockmen busy trying to save their herds from total extermination during the stormy season, and with a lack of understanding on the part of many persons as to the procedure to be followed, not as many responses were received as had been expected. Applications were received for approximately 5,000 acres, each bidder being held to a maximum of 160 acres. The state land board will meet soon to determine whether the remainder of the tract shall be

disposed of by lottery, and it is likely that the plan will be given another trial.

All persons taking this land must agree to pay at the rate of not less than \$15 an acre for it. After the land has been thoroughly advertised through the state, it will be assigned by lot. The numbers of all applicants will be placed in a receptacle and the board member will draw one out at a time, the applications being given new numbers as they are drawn. In view of the fact that the price of land scrip is now worth from \$17 to \$25 an acre, the price fixed by the state seems unusually attractive.

This is the first time in the history of the state that the lottery method has ever been used in disposing of public lands. It is also the first time that the state has fixed the acreage at so small an area.

ITALIAN STEAMER HITS MINE AND 700 DROWN

London, Jan. 10.—An Exchange Telegraph agency dispatch from Genoa says that the Italian steamer Principessa Mafalda is reported to have struck a mine and sunk with a loss of 700 lives. The owners of the ship have no confirmation of the reports. Lloyd's agency here discredits the rumor.

TO PROVE IDENTITY OF BABY WITH FOOT PRINT

New York, Jan. 10.—A system of taking foot prints of children has been adopted in the New York Nursery and Child's Hospital to prevent infants born there from going to the wrong mothers. Its adoption was due to the fact that a soldier's wife who recently gave birth to a baby in that hospital at first denied that the child was hers. The young mother, who had been reading stories of accidental substitution of children at hospitals and similar public institutions, declined to nurse the baby.

"We brought all the proofs we could muster," explained the superintendent, "but the mother persisted in her hallucination. She became hysterical with grief and fright. Finally, I brought her our records which showed that only a little colored baby and her own had been born in the hospital that day. That convinced her, but just think of what would have happened to that poor woman if other white babies had been born on the same day."

In order to avoid a similar experience the superintendent engaged a finger print expert to instruct the head nurse in trying the system on the babies. "We found we couldn't get good prints of their hands," said the official. "Their feet, however, came out beautifully and for greater security the mother is finger-printed also."

Very young babies, it was said, may look just alike but their feet are quite dissimilar. One child, the superintendent declared, will have a perfectly formed miniature pedal extremity, another's will print mostly vague criss-cross lines and still another will look like "an egg and five toothpicks."

Under the present system, which has been in operation nearly six months, the child's foot is inked and stamped on the hospital chart of the mother. Although he may not resemble any one in the family and though no one can tell where he got his nose or his eyes or his mouth or the color of his hair, a comparison of the footprint taken at birth it was said, will tell whose child he is from among the hundreds of infants in this New York institution.



Dr. Ernst F. W. Alexanderson, who invented the Alexanderson magnetic alternator used in the transmission of wireless telephone messages across the Atlantic. Dr. Alexanderson has figured conspicuously in the development of radio machinery.

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At the Churches

Bethany Presbyterian Church
Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Classes for all ages. Morning worship at 11, "The Personality of God." First in a series of five sermons on God. Young People's meeting at 6:45, "A Strong Character and How It Is Obtained." Evening worship at 7:30, "The Sympathy of Jesus."

Next Thursday evening, January 15, will occur the annual meeting of the church and congregation. The usual pot luck supper will precede the meeting. Following the supper reports will be read from all departments, agencies and officers of the church, officers will be elected to succeed those whose terms expire, and plans will be laid for the work of the year. Every member should be present.

St. Luke's Episcopal
Sunday school at 10 a. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

The annual church meeting will be held immediately after the evening service and it is earnestly desired that all members be present. Help the nation-wide campaign by attending the services. Rev. Philip K. Hammond, of Ashland, vicar in charge.

Salvation Army
Revival services are in progress. Mrs. Sawyer will speak at 8 o'clock tonight.

Sunday meetings will be held as follows: Jail meeting at 11 a. m.; Bible school at 2 p. m.; Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m.; salvation at 8 p. m. Mrs. Sawyer will be with us Sunday evening. All are welcome.

Ensign J. E. Strautin.

Newman M. E. Church
Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth League and intermediate league at 6:30.

In the morning the pastor, Rev. Joseph Knotis, will preach on the theme, "Our Work." In the evening his theme will be "The Beauty of the Name Christian." Everybody welcome.

Baptist Church
All the regular services at the usual hours. Music led by the orchestra and large chorus choir in charge of Prof. Applehoff with Miss Calvert at the piano. Bible school at 10 with classes for all ages. Morning service at 11, the choir will sing "Just for Today," sermon on "The Other Comforter." B. Y. P. U. at 6:30, Harold Barton leader. Evening service at 7:30, the choir will sing "Something for Thee," sermon on "Those Stories Jesus Told." A cordial invitation to all.
C. M. Cline, preacher.

Church of Christ
New equipment was voted this week for our growing Bible school, which meets every Sunday morning at 10. Communion service at 11, followed by discourse on "Greater Christian Experience." 7:30 is the hour for the evening worship. The subject will be, "Why Christians Only." You are invited to "make our home church your church home."
Chas. R. Drake, minister.

St. Anne's Catholic Church
Sunday masses at 8:00 and 10:00 o'clock.
Rev. J. G. Vien, C. S. V., pastor.

First Church of Christ Scientist
Christian Science services are held every Sunday in the W. O. W. hall, at 11 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. The subject Sunday is, "Sacrament."
Reading room is open from 2 to 4 p. m. daily except Sundays and holidays. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the reading room.

JOHNSON TO REPRESENT CURRY IN LEGISLATURE

Salem, Ore., Jan. 10.—Information reached Salem today that J. P. Johnson, of Gold Beach, had been appointed to represent Curry county in the house during the special session of the legislature next week. He succeeds J. R. Stannard, who died at Bandon while en route to Salem to attend the last regular session of the law makers. Mr. Johnson was appointed by the Curry county court, and is without power to vote. George Chenoweth represented Curry county in the house at the 1919 session of the legislature, but afterward was arrested and tried on a charge of murder and committed to the state hospital for the insane. He was only recently released from the hospital and has returned to his home in Curry county.

THOUSANDS FROZEN IN ESTHONIAN BLIZZARD

Reval, Russia, Jan. 10.—Thousands have been frozen to death in a blizzard which swept across Esthonia on New Years day according to news received here today. The reports stated that 300 bodies of refugees had been found in a forest between here and Narva.

Famous Baltimore.

The world's first telegram was received in Baltimore May 24, 1844, at old Mount Clair station. Its contents were: "From Washington to Baltimore, What God hath wrought!" The same city had the first public building to be lighted by gas. It owned the first gas company founded in America, June 17, 1816. Of all this we are reminded in the Popular Science Monthly. Baltimore also was the first city to raise a monument to George Washington. It built the first clipper ships. The first merchant submarine to cross the Atlantic, the Deutschland, docked in Baltimore. America's first railroad ran from Baltimore to Ellicott Mills in 1830. And it is the birthplace of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Verily, Baltimore is "on the map."

GET UP AND GET BUSY IT'S WASHDAY



IF HUBBY HAD TO DO THE WASHING

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