

OREGONIAN RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

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Entered as second class matter at the post office at Newberg, Oregon.

The State assumed charge of the normal school at Monmouth last week.

Will the Portland Dispatch inform us where the "John S. Hopkins University" is situated?

The authorities have ceased trying to force ex-senator Blair upon the Chinese as minister, and are casting about for some other politician out of a job.

COMMANDER BOOTH AND WIFE, of the salvation army are in Portland. It is to be hoped that they will be able to shake up some of the dry bones down there.

The Idanha soda springs in Idaho are now the property of the Pabst Brewing Co., who will hereafter be enabled to furnish all classes with something to drink.

OREGON is steadily forging to the front rank in her mining interests. Nothing but the most favorable reports have so far been received from the mining districts this season.

The announcement that Alfred Lord Tennyson has gone into the dairy business will be no surprise to those who have read his milk-and-water jingles of the past few years.

The very foolish custom of exhibiting large sums of money has again resulted disastrously in Portland, Mr. Charles B. Hogg, a young business man having mysteriously disappeared.

BELIEVING in the saying that the third time is the charm, Salem people are indulging in a good healthy bout of getting a post office building. Senator Dolph has promised to try it again at the next session of congress.

A LITTLE blunder in a big business cuts quite a figure sometimes. Five million dollars is what it recently cost Uncle Sam to reimburse some Chicago merchants for a slight overcharge in import duties on a shipment of hat trimmings.

COFFEE drinkers need expect no further decline in the price of that article for at least a year to come. Arbuckle Brothers have very considerably informed the public that there is a shortage in the crop. There must be another breach of promise case on hand.

WE ARE pleased to announce the marriage of our old friend Parnell to Mrs. O'Shea. They will both please accept little sympathy we have in stock. It is to be hoped that they will subsist a little now, so that people may now and then be enabled to get a bit of readable news.

The women are taking the lead in preparations for this world's fair. The first work done on any of the buildings was begun last week on the woman's building and the structure is to be built according to the plans of Miss Sophia B. Hayden, of Boston. It is to be 200 by 400 feet in size and three stories high.

THOSE who have wondered at the need for so many companies of the O. N. G. will have ample evidence of their usefulness tomorrow. The town that celebrates independence day without a company of militia will be away behind the procession this year. Aside from this can any one tell what earthly good they are?

THIS statement is made that Russia has exerted a great influence in civilizing the wild tribes in the interior of Asia. Those tribes were surely in a deplorable condition if Russia could exert any elevating influence over them. If Russia has any elevating influence to spare it might well exert a little of it on some of her subjects at home hereafter.

CAPTAIN U. B. SCOTT, owner of the steamer Telephone, is having a new boat built at Portland, to be called the Flyer, which he says will be the fastest commercial boat in the world. It is to cost \$125,000. Cap. Scott traveled 10,000 miles in the east and inspected all the fast boats on the great lakes and in New York, Boston and Philadelphia in order to get the best plans.

THIRTY skeletons are reported to have been found in an old building in Chicago Sunday. Ward politicians of Carter Harrison's time, only waiting a political opening to become as lively as ever, we presume, Portland is congratulating herself over the burial of a similar batch a few days ago, but they'll be lively enough in '92. Corruption is no sign of death in a political sense.

TEN YEARS ago Wm. Hobson, who died last week, was laughed at for his opinions regarding the future development of this valley, and yet all his expectations up to the time of his death were fully met. Wm. Hobson was one of the most conscientious men and one who lived up to his conviction of right as near as any man we have ever known. He lived a life above reproach and always had the respect of those who knew him. His words of cheer and words of kindness will long be remembered by many. His life's work was done when the seasons came.

A CHILDS paper is published at Delaware, Ohio, that is said to be edited by a little girl six or eight years old. The parents of this precocious child are no doubt very proud of it but if they would have the child spend its time playing with dolls and making mud pies they would show much better judgment. An old head put on young shoulders makes a worn out body long before its time.

THE Roseburg Plasterer favors the speedy erection of a brick jail in that city, as "the hideous sounds produced by pounding and kicking against the wooden walls of the present city bastille by boozey inmates, is an intolerable nuisance." Better get down to the root of the matter and suppress the hideous cause of all this disturbance, and even a wooden jail would have an occasional spider web across its door. Besides it would be a great deal cheaper.

WHEN a man gets foolishly enough to ascend into the empyreal blue a mile or so by means of a hot air balloon, and then cut loose and trust his neck to the tender mercies of an overgrown umbrella, he styles himself "Professor." He is in great demand as an attraction for the various fourth of July celebrations this year, where he will be expected to outdo the American eagle in the soaring line. We notice that "Prof. Hagal" is advertised to positively appear in his double back-action neck-breaking act in at least two towns tomorrow, and the reports are not all in yet.

NUMEROUS farmer's warehouse companies are being organized in different sections of the state. This is a good plan, and all right where farmers desire to store their grain for better prices but just listen to a word of warning and advice from your aunt Isaac. There are more farmers warehouses in Oregon now than there will be in the fall, unless the most scrupulous care is exercised in the selection of managers. A blundering manager will lose you more in ten days than you can save in ten months. And again, if you get a good man, stand one side and let him run the business. There never yet was a business so large that it took a dozen general overseers. The whole thing is a ticklish business; a good thing if it proves a success, but a bitter pill if it proves a failure.

MEN may talk of the advantages of a saloon in the town, but there is one thing that you may not have noticed. When they start out to boom a town, to tell of its merits through the medium of the press, it is precious few puffs the saloon gets. And when the aid of the artist is invoked in order that splendidly illustrated circulars may be gotten out, you will see the school houses, the churches, the banks, the stores and mills and factories shown up very prominently, but never a saloon. Now, if the saloon is an element for good in a town, why not advertise it as one of the attractions? If your streets are to be paved with saloon license why this laxity in acknowledging its potency for good? If you are inviting men to come to your town to invest in any enterprise, you have not performed your whole duty unless you have advertised your saloons. And yet, this is just the last thing in the world that you would do. This is a practical age, and people are more or less inclined to take a thing only on its merits, and if some of these ardent curlstone advocates of the saloon do not give the advantages of that institution proper prominence, the chances are that it will be left away behind in the march of progress. The real facts in the case are that they who favor the saloon are interested parties, every time, and you could expect nothing else of them, but interested as they are, they are ashamed of it, and being too cowardly to attempt to show up an institution which they know is a curse, in its true light, they say nothing about its presence in the town. This is what we would call inconsistency.

FERTILIZERS FOR STRAWBERRIES. A few weeks ago we reproduced an article from The American Garden by Mr. Joseph Harris, in which nitrate of soda was highly recommended as a fertilizer for strawberries. Stephen Fox, editor of the Dispatch, who is considered the best authority on all matters pertaining to strawberries in Florida, says in the last issue of his paper: "We hope none of our readers will follow the advice of that eminent authority (for the north,) Joseph Harris, and use nitrate of soda on their strawberries. If they do, they will be extremely likely to hear from their commission merchants that unwelcome report, 'received in bad order, soft, mouldy, rotten.' Nitrate of soda will make an admirable growth of foliage in the fall or early winter, but it is potash the plants need now, to develop fruitfulness and render the fruit firm and of a good shipping quality."—Florida Agriculturist, Feb. 11th.

REMARKS OF JOSEPH HARRIS. If potash applied in Florida "now," or when the fruit is formed will "develop fruitfulness and render the fruit firm and of a good shipping quality," it is an important discovery. The English strawberry growers near London, who produce large berries by the free use of liquid manure, find that it will not do to continue its use beyond a certain time in the growth of the fruit or the quality will be injured. And it is found that a large dose of nitrate of soda after the fruit is formed may have the same effect.

The first time I used nitrate of soda on strawberries I was afraid to put too much and so I sowed broadcast, perhaps about 200 lbs. per acre. Finding that it did not injure the plants I sowed about as much more, and continued sowing about every time it rained, or I "felt like it" till I must have put on an enormous dressing. It was an old bed, and the effect was wonderful. Of course I do not know whether the fruit would have carried from Florida to New York, but I know it was

very good on our own table. And since that time I have used nitrate of soda every year on our strawberries. It certainly improves the size and appearance of the fruit, and no one ever found fault with the quality. Mr. Powers says it "will make an admirable growth of foliage." This is precisely the effect it has with us. The plants are large and grow with great vigor, and are "full of sap." They will stand drought well and keep far longer in bearing than plants on poorer land. We set out plants in the spring and give the land a dressing of superphosphate and nitrate of soda, say 500 lbs. of each per acre. If the soil was poor and sandy we would use potash also, or buy a superphosphate containing potash. Keep the land free from weeds or the weeds will devour the nitrate. Then the next spring sow another 500 lbs. of superphosphate and nitrate, each per acre, broadcast over the whole land. Sow as early in the spring as the frost is out of the ground and keep the land clean with shallow cultivator and hoe, and if other conditions are favorable I believe you will have a fine crop of strawberries of the highest quality. Please observe that the nitrate and superphosphate are sown early in the spring—not when the fruit is forming.—The American Garden.

PRESERVATION OF FRUITS.

It is the healthy, well developed, and in most instances, the well-matured fruit, that keeps best and keeps longest. The conditions required are that the fruit be healthy, that is free from wounds, bruises or infections caused by insects, or climatic influences: anything contrary to perfect soundness introduces the process of decay, which is the inevitable order of all vegetable matters after perfect maturity has been reached.

The conditions necessary to bring about this perfect state of the fruit are, that the fruit must be grown on rich, congenial soil, in its proper season, and given sufficient time to fully develop itself; but not in every case to fully mature all its qualities, for with many kinds of fruits, this must be checked in order to retard decay. In other words, some fruits must be fully ripened on the parent bough, while some must be gathered before fully ripe to prevent loss of flavor and early decay. To have fruit keep well is of as much importance as that of plentiful production, and, indeed, more so, because it is only that which is preserved and got into market that brings the profits; hence the importance, when growing fruit, of ever keeping in view the conditions necessary to its hardness and keeping qualities. Some soils and locations, even on the same farm or premises, may not be adapted or suited to certain kinds of fruit; where this is the case, the fruit, to some extent, is not well developed, and its power to resist decay is weakened, hence it is so important to understand something of the requirements of the fruit to be planted, the soil or peculiar situation best adapted to its growth, also the proper time it should be planted, and the cultivation it should have.

Fruit growers who know and understand these conditions and requirements, and are careful to comply with them, seldom fail to have their fruit keep well. For exemplification, if sweet potatoes, which are very difficult to keep, be grown on warm, rich, loose soil, planted early enough to grow and fully mature before frost touches the vines, then dug when the ground is dry, that they may be dry and clean, then laid in a dark, cool room, or at once stored away in a frost-proof cellar or store-house, and spread out in shallow boxes, with a light covering of sand, all the time handling so as not to bruise them, they will seldom fail not to keep well; but any infringement on these conditions, planted too late, or in cold, wet soil, or dug before matured, or bruised, or kept too warm, too wet, or frozen, all alike, will insure injury, if not ruin. This example, though of rather more than usual difficulty, serves to show that proper growing, as well as proper harvesting and storage, are all alike necessary to insure preservation.

With most kinds of fruits, it is better to gather them just when, or before, fully ripe, because most fruits from this point on begin to lose flavor, and incidentally decay sets in. This is to be prevented by gathering and removing from atmosphere; changes to a lower temperature, which arrests the ripening process and the loss of flavor, and for a time holds the fruit in what we may term a dormant state. The place of storage seems to require about these conditions: A uniform temperature, perhaps that is safest between 35 and 40 degrees; no changes or spores are likely to be active here; the room dark, or nearly so, and so damp that moisture will not escape, and the air just active enough to prevent stagnation.—JAMES I. BAIRD, Ky. American Garden.

Rumor, and well defined rumor, too, says the U. P. railroad is going to take up the abandoned narrow gauge track from here to Ray's Landing, put on it the best of rolling stock and extend it clear on through this city, past Marquam and down to or near Molalla Corners. The object of this move is to tap the wheat belt for their boats on the upper Willamette. The Marquam and Molalla men will give full right-of-way, timber, etc. In view of this the road, of about 20 miles length, would cost but little and it would be a grand feeder that would prove a small thorn in the S. P.'s side. While this is mostly given out as rumor, yet it is known that a prominent U. P. official was looking around over this prospective route for eight or ten days during this month.—Woodburn Independent.

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