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WHEN THE FROST IS ON THE PUNKIN.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,
And you hear the kyock and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,
And the cluckin' of the guineys, and the cluckin' of the hens,
And the rooster's hallooing as he tipsies on the fence;
O! then the time a feller is feelin' at his best,
With the stars 'n' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest,
As he leaves the house, bare-headed, and goes out to feed the stock,
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

They're something kinder hearty-like about the atmosphere
When the heat of summer's over and the coolin' fall is here—
Of course we miss the flowers, and the blossoms on the trees,
And the hummin' of the hummin'-birds and the buzzin' of the bees;
But the air's so appetizin'; and the landscape through the haze
Of a crisp and sunny morning of the autumn days
Is a picture that no painter has the colorin' to mock—
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

The husky, rusty rustle of the tassels of the corn,
And the raspin' of the tangled leaves, as golden as the morn';
The stubble in the farries—kinda' lonesome-like, but still
A preachin' sermon to us of the barns they grewed to fill;
The strawstack in the meadow, and the reaper in the shed;
The houses in their stalls below—the clover overhead!—
O, it sets my heart a cluckin'-like the cluckin' of a hen,
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!

NANCY HANKS is surely queen of the turf. On August 31, at Independence, Iowa, she trotted a mile in 2:54, beating her own world record of 2:57.

EDITOR CLARKE, of the Ontario (Cal.) Record, was married last July and is already taking great interest in a kindergarten department in the public schools of his town.

The Farmers Journal Publishing Co. filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State last week. It is proposed to publish at Portland a state organ for the Peoples party.

Prof. M. W. SMITH and wife of the The Dalles, have been appointed Superintendent and matron respectively of the reform school, and Rev. W. C. Chattin has been appointed teacher, vice L. N. Gilbert resigned.

It seems that Oswego stands a good show of being selected as the site for the government gun factory in the northwest. The establishment of such a plant there means everything for Oswego, and the surrounding country.

FROM a recent published report it seems that there are only eight counties in the state that have turned over to the state treasurer the amount of the state taxes due. Among the eight we are pleased to notice the name of Yamhill.

The authorities at Washington having gotten rid of the Louisiana lottery, would better get a little farther and put a stop to the Louisiana prize fight. Three pairs of brutes are billed to publicly slug one another in New Orleans within the next thirty days.

It must be awfully dusty east of the Cascades. The Long Creek Eagle comes to us so filled with sand that it is unpleasant to handle. If editor Patterson is as gritty as his paper is by the time it gets over here, he is pretty sure to win in the rough-and-tumble scramble for fame and dollars in the newspaper field.

JUDG BOWMAN, a former Polk county pioneer and at one time an eastern Oregon cattle king, is peddling books for a living at Fossil, Gilliam county.

AGRICULTURAL horse races are receiving the customary encouragement in Oregon this year by the offering of hundred dollar prizes to traveling horse jockeys as against one dollar for the result of a dozen years of painstaking labor on the part of the farmer or stock raiser.

It has been discovered that the Indians who have been coming down from British Columbia every year to pick hops in Washington, violate the alien labor law, and they will henceforth be kept out of the state, which will be \$3,000 to \$10,000 better off each year by employing people who will spend their money where they earn it.

UNLESS the cholera can be stamped out effectually very soon, there is little doubt that with the thousands of visitors at the Columbian exposition next year, a scourge will visit this country such as it has never known. It is a question worthy of serious consideration whether the world's fair had not best be postponed, should the present threatening aspect continue.

The city administration of Portland should be changed semi-annually, so that all may have a chance at the bootle box. Ex-chief of Police Parish has been sued for over \$15,000 said to have been retained by him in settling with the city treasurer. This is too much for one man, and should have been divided up among a number of needy fellows who might be found willing to take it.

It is stated that five hundred men will be employed by the nickel mining company at Kiddle in Douglas county. A small town has been laid off in which will be built neat cottages with modern conveniences for the families of the workmen. No saloon will be allowed, and any workman who gets drunk will receive the information that his services are no longer desired.

The cruisers Baltimore, San Francisco, Charleston and Yorktown, which have been lying in Pacific coast waters for some months, will after a thorough overhauling at Mare Island navy yard, be recalled to the Atlantic coast. They may about as well keep them there for all the good they have done, or are likely to do, aside from furnishing pleasure to thousands of sightseers and a harvest for hungry photographers.

The cholera, which has been raging in Germany, Russia and other continental countries, has reached London. That it will reach America there is little doubt, as with the vast amount of travel between England and America, it will be a miracle if it does not reach us. New York has made preparations to meet the emergency, by providing quarters and enforcing strict sanitary regulations, but the skill of man has not yet attained success in the treatment of this scourge, which threatens us.

OREGON farmers who allow themselves to be skinned by any man selling a "Texas hedge fence," or any other kind of a hedge fence, will have occasion some day in the not far distant future to kick themselves for their credulity. The Bois D'Arc or orange hedge, so common in the east a few years ago, originated in Texas, and has, along with all other easily propagated hedge plants long since been declared a nuisance, and in most places has been dug up to make room for board or wire fences at last.

DEVELOPMENTS made by an investigation of the Multnomah county court records would indicate that marriage lacks a whole lot of being a complete success in Oregon. To offset the 916 marriage licenses granted last year, the records show that 229 divorces were granted. This is nineteenth century civilization in all her beauty. It is high time some of the philosophers of this country turn their attention toward a solution of this vexing social problem, and find out what causes bring this condition about. From being the foundation for funny jokes the matter has grown so serious that it is a

subject of unfavorable comment in other countries. We who boast so much of our high degree civilization will soon rank with France in our disregard for the sacredness of the marriage relation, if a halt is not called soon.

SOME people in this country seem to have a curiosity to know just how much opposition fruit trees can overcome and live. Their orchards are either left to grow up to weeds or if plowed, are left in great furrows and ridges to bake by the heat of the sun. It is needless to say that some day these persons will be kicking over their failure to succeed in fruit raising, and attributing it all to the country, while their neighbors who profit by the experience of others and exercise a little common sense in the care of the orchards they have planted, will be reaping a golden harvest.

NINE chances out of ten the many so called "distinguished physicians" traveling over the state and stopping only a short time in a place, are downright frauds, who know really nothing about the practice of medicine. A doctor that has a sleepskin from one of the many American medical colleges is generally a dozen times more deserving than the quacks who prey upon the credulity of the public by going from place to place, announcing that they are graduates of some foreign medical institution. There ought to be a law against such a system of imposture.

The Valley Transcript tells of a little sorrel mare ridden by a man in search of a physician, that covered a distance of eight miles in thirty-five minutes. The Transcript very sensibly says: "This story is not flashed over the wires from pole to pole and from center to circumference, as were the details of the performance of Doble the driver and Nancy Hanks. But a handful of people compared to the world's great multitude will ever hear of it. Yet in the presence of benevolence divine, with a God of mercy presiding in infallible judgment, who shall say that in the record of record—not made by stop-watches and newspaper flash-heads, the simple incident herein recited shall not outshine and outlive the other?"

The following statement furnished by the transportation companies doing business on the river, shows what a vast amount of business is done on the river above Oregon City:

Passengers, No. 111,560	8,367
Grain	14,894
Lumber	818
Live Stock	314
Cod	251
Wool	269
General Merchandise	45,869
Total	70,873

With this amount of traffic with the river in its present condition, it would not be hard to figure out something really immense if the national or state government would expend enough to make it navigable at all seasons of the year.

The September Californian is a striking issue. It contains a sensational expose of spirit photography, from the pen of the well-known scientist, Dr. Elliot Coues of the Smithsonian Institute. Dr. Coues slashes the bogus spirit photographers without mercy, and makes most entertaining reading—having traced down all the fraudulent pictures. The illustrations to this paper are striking and will create consternation in the army of frauds who prey upon unsuspecting people. A timely and beautifully illustrated article is on yachting about San Francisco, by Mr. Yale, editor of the Mining Review, a well known yachtsman, and authority in such matters. The illustrations are racy and numerous, being instantaneous views of every famous yacht on the bay. A remarkable expose of a secret society in Honolulu in which superstition ran mad, is found in the illustrated article entitled "Black Art in Hawaii," by the Rev. Dr. Fisher, a former missionary. Higher education in California is well illustrated in a well-written article on Troop University, August Weir, a brilliant writer, continues the series on what California can do at the World's Fair, and a plea for the preservation of the Missions by Mrs. Powers, the illustrations being by Fern, showing Pala, San Luis Rey and the old mission of San Delgas. Among the arti-

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cles on foreign subjects is an entertaining one on India, by the well known author and scientist, Dr. Simms. Richard H. McDonald Jr., the well known San Francisco banker, and political economist, makes an earnest plea for reform in a scholarly paper on "How to Secure Good Municipal Government." No question is of more importance to California than that of the Nicaragua Canal, and the third in the series of papers, by W. L. Merry is given, treating the financial side of the question with ability. Stories by Mrs. Bagley and Dorothea Lummis, poems, book reviews and discussions of questions of the day by Ex-Gov. Lionel A. Sheldon, make up a number of especial interest.

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A PACIFIC COAST TREE QUARANTINE.

In spite of the State's quarantine against eastern nurserymen the state of California is determined to keep up its quarantine regulations against trees shipped there from the east. Every reason which calls for the enforcement of such regulations is equally applicable in Oregon and Washington.

There is an additional reason coming to the front why Oregon especially should follow the quarantine regulations adopted in California. The nursery industry of Oregon is developing very fast. The natural conditions are very favorable therefor and already a considerable trade has been developed by Oregon nurserymen in California. This trade promises to assume large proportions if nothing interferes with its development.

One of the lines in which this trade is developing largely is that of peach trees. The Californians are very alert to prevent the introduction of the fatal disease known as the "peach yellows" into California. They will not allow any peach trees to be brought into California from districts where the peach yellows prevails. They find that within the past year several carloads of trees have been shipped from infected districts to Oregon and Washington and they suspect that those trees ultimately found their way to California.

A large shipment of peach trees was sent from Portland to California which were badly infested with borers and the lot was burned under the direction of the California Board. Investigation showed that this lot of trees was not shipped by a nurseryman and the trees were undoubtedly shipped to Portland from the east and retailed from Portland in order to get around the California quarantine.

Prof. Alexander Crow, quarantine officer of California, and Secretary Allen, of the Oregon State Board of Horticulture, have been corresponding in reference to this matter, and Prof. Crow very plainly intimates that unless Oregon adopts the quarantine regulations in force in California and stops the importation of fruit from the infected regions in the east, California will be compelled to quarantine against Oregon. This would be a severe blow to the Oregon nursery business, and one which it would be well to avoid. It would certainly appear to be best for both Oregon and Washington to join with California in adopting a uniform method of preventing the introduction of pests and diseases upon the coast.

The peach yellows which California fears so greatly is said by such an eminent authority as Prof. Meehan to be most dangerous in moist, cold climates. This being the case it is far more to be dreaded in Oregon and Washington than in California.

The quarantine laws of California are the result of experience which Oregon and Washington will do well to profit by.—Rural Northwest.

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