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Views of the Vice-President of the Pacific Meat Company.

Vice-President W. W. Spaulding of the Pacific Meat Company, of Tacoma, in speaking of the livestock supply of the Pacific Northwest said recently: The wholesale shipment of cattle from Oregon and Washington within the last few months has taken practically all the feed cattle out of the territory and which it will not pay to feed because what they eat goes into growth, are supplying the Northwest markets. But such stock will not be available in the winter, and it will be necessary for local meat companies to then buy their stock in other states.

"It is estimated that \$2,000,000 came into Oregon and Washington since last fall for cattle. The cattle were nearly all bought in the fall, but not shipped until spring. The majority of herds went to Kansas and Nebraska. They were not wanted for immediate conversion into steaks and roasts, but for fattening purposes. The corn growers of Nebraska were confronted by a great problem of overproduction. They had corn enough to feed their families and their domestic animals for years, corn to yield a river of fluid that animates, corn to burn, to sell and to speculate upon. The corn for speculation was the primary cause of the mischief played with our cattle supply. The wily speculators slipped into the Northwest, bought all the 3 year old cattle in sight and hustled to the corn burdened lands of the Middle West, others to eat and turn into gold the yellow cereal which otherwise would not have been worth a song. The time will come ere many moons when the quarters of those fattened cattle will lie upon the butcher's blocks of the cities of the East.

"As a result of the big shipments to Nebraska and Kansas, the price of cattle—on foot—advanced a cent a pound here, and the price of beef went up 2 cents."

Artesian water has been found on a farm near The Dalles at a depth of thirty feet. If the well furnishes a bountiful supply it will prove a great thing for The Dalles and that section of Eastern Oregon. Artesian water in Eastern Oregon would make it the richest and most productive section on the face of the earth.

### Sage Brush.

Vale Advocate: Growing throughout the arid region of the intermountain section of the United States in several varieties of the common sage brush (artemisia tridentata) which, with the greasewood forms the principal vegetable growth of this vast area.

To the stranger who sees the small white sage, the taller and coarser black variety and the dark green greasewood, each growing in distinct localities and spotting the landscape like a leopard's skin, the sight means nothing more than a chance occurrence of nature, but to the person acquainted with the soil and vegetation of this portion of our country, the cause of such arrangement is as plain as the result itself.

No analytic chemist could classify the soil more accurately than the man who has had years of practical experience in its cultivation. Nor is it necessary for such a person to test the same with plow and seed; its nature and quality can be as fully determined by passing over it and observing its vegetation.

Where the black sage brush grows the soil is good and improves in quality as the brush increases in size. The white sage grows where the hardpan comes closer to the surface, while alkali seems to be necessary to the growth of greasewood, and the percentage of this salt in the soil, can be very accurately determined by the character of the vegetation and size of the greasewood. Greasewood land is often too strongly impregnated with alkali to be of any value until it has been neutralized by fertilizers of some kind or has been reduced by a free use of water. This requires years of labor and great expense, so that in selecting farming land in the arid belt choose only that covered with black sage, and of this the largest and tallest that can be found.

### May Take Hawaii Without a Treaty.

A special dispatch from Washington to the Times Herald says: The administration has taken steps to keep its grip on Hawaii. Any aggressive interference on the part of Japan will result in the landing of marines and the hoisting of the American flag with or without the ratification of the pending annexation treaty. The administration, realizing that some crisis might arise while the treaty still hangs fire in the senate, has taken steps to be prepared for any emergency.

Rear Admiral Beardslee will have when the next steamer arrives in Honolulu, instructions giving him power to act at the first sign of aggression on the part of Japan or trouble of any kind with which the local authorities are not able to cope.

It is definitely settled that the battleship Oregon, will be dispatched to Hawaii as soon as she can be prepared for the voyage. This will give Admiral Beardslee three vessels, the Oregon, Philadelphia and Marion. Japan has at present but one vessel in the harbor at Honolulu, the cruiser at San Francisco awaiting orders which may take her to the Hawaiian islands.

### Plucky Hunt for Gold.

A special to the Republican from Phoenix, Ariz., says: John F. Hays and Henry Blake returned from the desert region near the Mexican border bringing a story of extreme suffering and of success in discovery of the famous California mine, one of the most famous lost mines of the southwest.

The mine lies south of Sentinel station on the Southern Pacific a distance of about 80 miles and in a region that appears absolutely waterless.

For 10 days the men and their burros were compelled to live by drinking the bitter juice of the cactus.

The men could stay at the mine only a short time but brought back samples of gold-speckled ore taken from the bottom of the shaft where yet were the tools left by the miners of 30 years ago.

They will outfit and return well prepared as soon as they regain their strength.

### A Woman of Worth.

One member of the family of the late Jay Gould is occupied with labors other than those of increasing the immense fortune he accumulated by methods which some people consider at least questionable.

This is Helen Gould, his daughter. Whether it is from natural kindness of disposition or from a realization that money so produced should in some manner be returned this young woman constantly occupies herself with work of charity. Not ostentatiously, but with a genuine shirking from notoriety, she has constituted herself the almoner of poor children of New York city, and right gracefully does she bear the burdens of the office. While one sister is abroad keeping up the extravagances of a titled husband, and her brothers are spending the old man's substance at home in social wastefulness, this daughter is living a useful and beautiful life, and carrying sweetness and light into many a home which before her coming knew nothing but poverty, bitterness and equal.

### Killed by Lightning.

Last Thursday a terrific electrical storm past over the middle fork of the Weiser, about 50 miles north of here, says the Weiser Signal, and one of the bolts struck a man named Howard Moore and he was instantly killed. He was herding sheep for O. W. Porter, whose headquarters are at Huntington. The man was unaided, and unsuspecting some accident to him, a search was made and his body was found out in the hills by the aid of his dogs. The marks of the deadly bolt were on his head and the skin was broken on the back. The unfortunate man was brought to Salubria and there given a proper burial. Deceased was about 45 years of age and was a brother of Mrs. C. W. Porter.

### The Wife in Russia.

"This is a curious custom you Americans have of referring to your wives by their husbands' names" observed Glanvock Kaaplon, an intelligent Russian traveler. "I suppose the American holds his wife in as high esteem as the Russian holds his, but if at home I should speak of my better half as Mrs. Kaaplon my friends would at once conclude that my domestic relations were not as

pleasant as they should be, and that I was thinking of a legal separation.

When I first heard an American speak of his wife as Mrs. Jones, for example, I felt almost like presuming on my acquaintance by intruding into his private affairs and asking him what the trouble was at home. Yet I soon learned that the custom was universal over here, but still I cannot get used to it.

"My wife," is the plain, blunt way I speak in Russia of the lady who, I suppose, I would have to call Mrs. Kaaplon in polite society in America. In some of the more fashionable circles of St. Petersburg this American social custom has been adopted, though I was told by a prominent government official not long ago that the czar disapproved of it.

### To Buy an American Girl.

At the recent celebration of the coronation of the czar a beautiful American girl, who had the honor of a special invitation to all the state functions, attracted much attention, and among her many admirers was a magnificent and altogether illustrious young grandee of the east, attached to the suit of ambassador extraordinary, Li Hung Chang. This youth calmly announced to her people that he would like to buy her, whatever the price might be. When it was explained to him that American girls were not regarded marketable commodities, and that in any event her family did not desire to part with her, he was greatly disappointed; but gracefully accepting his dismissal, he asked leave to perform to her an "act of homage," such as was offered in his country to princesses of the blood royal.

This courtesy, of course, could not be refused, and a day was appointed for the ceremonial. The young lady and her friends feeling naturally very serious and a trifle nervous as to what this "act of homage," might consist of. At the time appointed the oriental noble arrived accompanied by a numerous retinue of friends and servants, quite like Aladdin in the story of the wonderful lamp. All were clad in the most magnificent garments. They drew up before the house where the girl was staying, and the would-be purchaser, with a smaller following, entered, his attendants bearing an enormous horse-shoe or half circle of flowers. This he laid at the young lady's feet, while he delivered an equally flowery oration in his native tongue, which was translated for her benefit.

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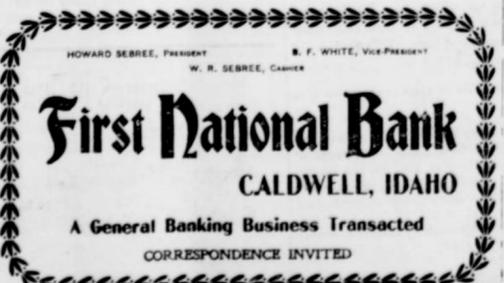
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