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The physician who has made this startling discovery is Leon Noel. The thesis which he wrote in order to receive his diploma contained the first intimation of his new ideas and that thesis has made him famous. He says he noticed that cancer was more common among people who live in thickly wooded sections of the country, and that it seldom appeared in cities and on high plateaus. He pursued his investigations and now states that the cancer germ may be found in certain trees and shrubs. The boil-like excrescences noticed on trees, Dr. Noel says, are nothing less than vegetable cancers and contain the germs with which he has inoculated animals and caused cancerous growths to appear.

If further investigations prove that Dr. Noel is right in his deductions it will doubtless be possible to vaccinate for cancer and thus render persons immune, as is done against small-pox.

Demand for Cayuses.

Some hostlers in Eastern Oregon are looking forward to an increase in the value of cayuses on account of the expected large demand for these animals for packing in Alaska next spring. Men who have been at Dyea say there is but slight prospect that many horses will be used there next spring. Most of those used in packing over the Chilkoot and White passes last season were starved, owing to the impracticability of packing feed over the passes for them. A tramway will be completed over the Chilkoot pass before long, which will do away with the necessity for horses there. Unless some tramway or railway is built over the pass from Skaguay, horses will be needed there, and men are now in Alaska, considering the matter of putting a pony express on the Dalton trail, which may use up a lot of cayuses. There is not likely to be any demand for horses to go into the interior of the country, for there is nothing for them to subsist on except for a short time in summer, and to pack horse feed into the interior would be impracticable. The speedy wearing out of horses used on the trails last season shows that horses are poorly adapted for that country, or the country is poorly adapted for horses.

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Regarding Homesteads.

The East Oregonian has been asked by a subscriber: "Can a person, having once filed on a homestead and lost it through a contest, file on another homestead?" As a general proposition he could not. Especially if the loss resulted from any violation of regulations or abandonment on his part. Yet if he voluntarily abandoned his homestead on account of destruction of crops, sickness or other unavoidable casualty prior to December 1894 he could. And there might be other circumstances which would entitle such a party to file again, but it would have to be in case where cancellation of his entry was procured for reasons over which he had no control. Otherwise he could not file on a second homestead.—East Oregonian.

A Kansas Farmer's Prayer.

A Kansas farmer recently embellished his prayer with the following tail piece:

"And we return thanks for the high price of wheat, for I have paid off that mortgage, and while we deplore the grievous condition of the poor of Europe who have raised nothing and thus made our wheat high, it is our sincere wish that they shall not suffer. Forgive me for being populist this time and I'll never do it again. If the product of my farm makes me a capitalist, let it come easy, so it won't hurt my neighbor's feelings. Give us another crop we pray next year, and keep the price up and the whole mortgage will go. Amen."

"I just think it's shameful the way that girl spits slang," said a Weston Normal school girl to her friend. "My! if I twirled my talker as she does, my blooming old dad would tan my duds until the dust would be thicker than flies in fly-times." "You betcher brass, and serve you right," replied the other young lady. "My parents are sunflowers of the same hue, and if I should make a faw crack in my conversation they'd thrash the rosy cussedness out of my angelic anatomy quicker than chain lightning." And just then they proceeded to suck the juice of a lemon through a stick of candy.—Milton Regie.

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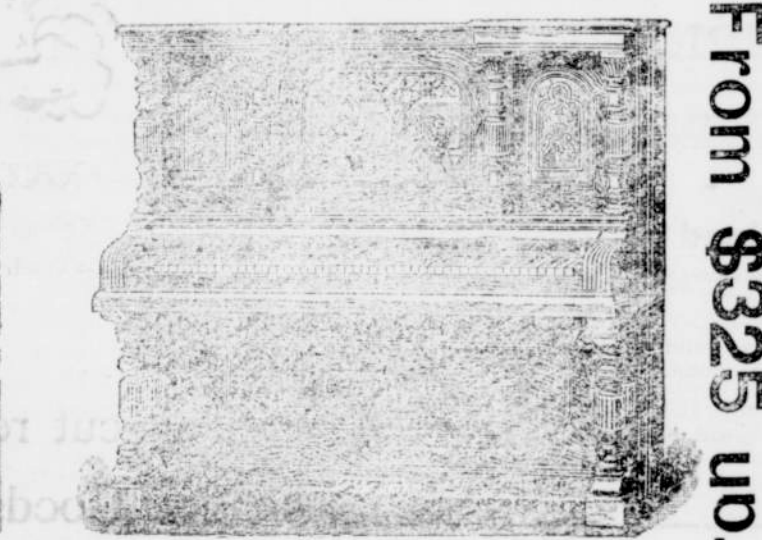
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