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To Carry Borax.

Last winter C. L. Taylor, president of the Rose Valley Borax Works, went before the Board of County Commissioners and asked for right of way over the bridge that crosses the Humboldt river at this point, to enable his company to run a traction engine hauling wagons loaded with borax between Rose Valley, Harney county, Oregon, and Winnemucca. The request was granted by the County Commissioners. At that time the employees of Mr. Taylor who are engaged to bring borax to this place were seen by a representative of this paper. They then stated that they considered the proposition nothing but talk, as it is practically impossible to run a traction engine over the road between Winnemucca and Oregon. It is said that an engine will not work through a sandy country. Portions of the road en route to the borax marshes is nothing but sand, and the progress of an automobile with wagons loaded with about thirty tons of borax would be impeded.

It is possible that the borax company has decided to use a traction engine as far on the road as possible and haul by team the balance of the way.—Winnemucca Silver State.

Some Churning Suggestions.

Few, if any, really progressive dairymen use any other form of churn than the box or barrel type, having no inside fixtures, says the Press Bulletin of the Oregon Experiment Station. At this time of year when cream is so plentiful there is quite a tendency on the part of the users to fill these churns too full. The cream is churned by concussion, that is, the cream falling as the churn revolves, hence the greater the amount of cream in the churn the less the amount of concussion per revolution, and the longer the time required for the churning. Not only is a longer time required, but a test of the buttermilk will show more butter remaining in it when the churn is overfilled than when only a proper amount is placed in the churn. A box or barrel churn should never be filled more than half full and one third full is better. Cream always swells some during the first part of the churning process and if the churn is filled more than half full there will not be the proper amount of concussion. If there is cream enough to fill the churn more than half full time would be gained by making two churnings instead of one with an overfilled churn.

Very frequently the cream from shallow pans has a "lathery" condition of its surface, which causes clots in the cream which do not break up in churning and appear in the butter as white specks, sometimes of considerable size. This difficulty can be partially remedied by stirring the cream occasionally during the interval between skimming and churning, and can be wholly overcome by passing the cream through a coarse strainer as it goes into the churn. These white specks contain much casein which decomposes easily and thus causes the butter to become quickly "off-flavored."

The citizens of Ashland do not wish to take any chances on getting slashed by a careless barber whom they will, indulges too freely in that which intoxicates, say an exchange. They have petitioned the state board to refuse the libelous barber a license to practice on their faces. The board will give the man an opportunity to prove his worthiness to hold a commission from the state, and if he confines his slashing to the ordinary will not revoke his license. We suppose the severance of an ear or nose would be deemed sufficient cause for revoking

the license. The board has not yet laid down any rule defining the limits in which the barbers may scrape and cut.

Eastern Oregon Weather.

The following is the report of the weather for Eastern Oregon for the past week, as sent out by R. S. Pague, section director:

The mean temperature, 62 degrees, 3 degrees lower than for the preceding week and 1 degree lower than for the corresponding week of last year. The maximum temperature ranged from 72 to 90 degrees in the Columbia River valley up to Sunday, when it fell to 68 degrees; over the Plateau region it ranged from 62 to 86 degrees. The minimum temperature in the valley ranged from 48 to 60 degrees and over the plateau from 36 to 52 degrees. Rain fell on Sunday over the greater portion of eastern Oregon in amounts from a trace to .10 of an inch.

Crops.

The grain crop is making excellent progress. Early-sown fall grain and barley are in places turning color and will soon be ripe. The spring grain is making good growth. Many correspondents report long straw and large heads on the fall sown wheat and barley. The rain on Sunday was of great benefit. Spring grain needs more rain; the acreage of spring grain is larger than usual, due to the freezing out of some of the fall sown.

Haying is in progress and a large crop is being secured. Throughout the stock country the hay is better than usual.

Strawberry shipments in carload lots ceased on the 25th. The crop was better than any previous one. Fruit is assuming a poorer outlook. Prunes are as poor as in western Oregon and probably poorer. Cherries are dropping and peach trees will not need hand pruning this year. Apples are promising in some sections; in others, poor crop will result.

Garden produce is making good growth. Corn and potatoes are in excellent condition and are being well taken care of; a large crop for the refinery at La Grande is now promised.

Shearing is about completed and the wool is being delivered at the warehouses. Excellent reports are received as to the condition of stock.

Poor fruit prospects and excellent prospects for all other products are the conditions today throughout eastern Oregon.

Summer weather conditions have not yet set in, and until they appear there is no danger of the dreaded hot north or northeast wind, which so quickly destroys or materially injures the grain crop. Fall-sown grain in its present stage will most quickly show the effect of the hot winds, and spring sown grain will be in the critical stage about July 15th. It is practically certain that fall-sown grain cannot now be injured by the hot winds, but it is probable that before July 15th summer weather conditions will set in and spring grain may be injured by them, yet it is hardly possible. Until summer conditions appear, showers will prevail at intervals. The rivers rose rapidly last week, and it is thought that the highest water for this year has occurred; the river may remain at heights about their normal for some weeks more, yet it is thought that all danger of high water and floods are passed.

The Reno Gazette publishes an article to the effect that J. M. Fulton is about to employ an automobile to carry borax from his Oregon works to this place. The plan is not a new one.—Silver State.

Indians To Work.

An experiment is being made by the Southern Pacific company with the Indians in Nevada. When G. W. Curtis, superintendent of track and maintenance of way of the Southern Pacific system, made his trip of inspection over the Salt Lake division recently he noticed all along the line large numbers of idle Indians. In California and Arizona the railroad company employs Poor Lo to keep the roadbed in first class condition. Mr. Curtis has hired some of the big bucks of the Piute tribe. They were started out this morning with a hand car, seven in number, from Rye Patch and are to perform the duties of section men such as is at present done by Italians.

An engineer who arrived this morning from the west said he passed them on the road and they all wore smiles of contentment. Just how long they will continue to work will soon be demonstrated.—Winnemucca Silver State.

Royalist Plan.

The following is taken from the Boise Statesman:

Havana, July 2.—La Luche will tomorrow publish a statement regarding matters which its conductors say they have been investigating and carefully guarded for several weeks, owing to the reticence of those concerned and the desire of the latter to avoid premature disclosure, leading to a possible failure of their plans. The paper will say:

"Cuba during the last few months has been a land of many surprises. The latest is the establishment of a royalist party. The new organization is unimportant at present, probably numbering fewer than 50 members, but a well known Cuban general, who claims to be a descendant of Charlemagne, is reported to be the head of the party and the meeting place is usually the Inglaterra Cafe.

"The Cuban general in question is said to be dissatisfied with American rule. He thinks that what Cuba needs is not a republic, but a strong hand at the helm like his own. He is of the opinion that the people of the Latin race prefer royalty, and the possible honors accruing under a monarchial regime."

The Medical Record gives the following advice: Drink less, breathe more; eat less, chew more; ride less, walk more; clothe less, bathe more; worry less, work more; waste less, give more; write less, read more; preach less, practice more.

In a criminal prosecution recently tried at York Neb. the jury, after a brief deliberation, returned the following verdict: "We, the jury, in the abovesaid case do not believe one word that the witnesses have sworn to; neither do we believe that any of the attorneys have spoken the truth, nor that either of them could do so, even if he should care to take the trouble to try."—EX.

The Northwest Herald tells the truth when it says: "The fighting at Manila is not over and there does not seem to be any probable peace in the near future there. So long as the McKinley administration holds a strict censorship over the press dispatches the backbone of the insurrection will be nearly broken in daily, but this can not go on forever—the people will awake one day to the fact that they have been deceived terribly by the McKinley dynasty, and rebuke the deceivers. The war with Aguinaldo may last for years. It has cost this country millions of treasure and much life. Our heroes have gone down unscathed before the Filipino bullets and jingo

gle fever. The game is not worth the candle. 'Benevolent assimilation' is very pretty to talk about but it washes not. And it all comes by the failure of an incompetent and corrupt administration to deal openly and honestly with the islanders.

Forest rangers to the number of forty-five have been appointed by Commissioner Hermann, of the general and office, to patrol and guard the forest reserves of the Cascade mountains. Each ranger is assigned his district and it will be his duty to patrol it each day, extinguishing all fires left by careless fishermen and hunters and arrest all violators of the federal laws. For his services he will receive \$2 per day. These rangers are given full authority as deputy marshals of the United States.

It is stated that "Fighting Joe" Wheeler is to be sent to the Philippines on a "special mission." Just what is meant by this is not explained, but the Philippines will probably get some idea, once this human bomb lands in their vicinity.

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