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The young orchards of this valley need the protection and care of the owners very materially. Where they are neglected by the orchardist it is not only a loss of time and money to himself but to the country as well.

Farmers of the Yakima Valley are on the alert, it is said, to protect their fruit from injury by frost by means of "smudges," or "frost fires," recommended by the State Board of Horticulture.

Citizens of this country are prone to wonder for what is Major-General Miles retained in office, and some are pondering over the question as to why a commander-in-chief of the United States armies is needed at all.

Notwithstanding all these facts, General Miles is compelled to remain a mere figure head, an army commander-in-chief with no power to command. He has no voice to say about the conduct of affairs, than the ordinary citizen, and not one tith of the authority possessed by the machine politicians who seem to control events in the realm of the war department.

Movements are ordered, promotions are made, plans are decided, and all the multitude of detail is carried on without the commander-in-chief having one word to say. It is the apparent intention to snub and humiliate General Miles just as often as an opportunity presents itself.

Fair-minded men will record against President McKinley a story of insult permitted and frequent happenings calculated to lose to the army and respect due it from the people through the country.

er and Distinguished commander who holds what has become the merely nominal title of commander-in-chief.—East Oregonian.

The citizens of Wallowa county have petitioned the secretary of the interior for protection from the Indians. They leave their reservations during the summer months and flock to the mountains where they fish and hunt in open violation of the game laws of the state, slaughtering deer, elk, and exterminating the wild game, besides drinking and carousing.

This county is similarly situated. While there are not so many Indians of late as heretofore, they still come—the Warm Springs and Columbias—and as a consequence deer have become very scarce. It should be stopped and we think the residents of this section will invite the "noble reds" to return to their reservations this season when they come.

The Fulton & Taylor teams arrived from the Rose valley works this morning with 40,000 pounds of refined borax. This is the first of the year, hauling having been discontinued during the winter months on account of the bad roads. The works were not closed down, however, and there is a large quantity of borax on hand to be brought here for shipment.

This is one of Harney county's industries that has received but little attention by the residents of the northern part and which has been overlooked by the outside press until quite recently. The borax works are situated near the Pueblo mining camp, both of which will startle the outside world when a little more developed.

With the good prospects of a \$10,000 fraternal hall being erected by the I. O. O. F. and K. of P. lodges and the building of a 50 foot front by Geo. Fry, Burns is taking on some very substantial airs. It shows thrift and prosperity and makes good impression on visitors from a distance and older settled places. There are many towns in Oregon twice as old as Burns, which are not near so large and not so substantially built.

The work now being prosecuted by V. K. Chesnut and Prof. Lake of the State Agricultural College, in studying and investigating poisonous plants of the stock ranges of Eastern Oregon, will be of much benefit. Mr. Chesnut should be given all assistance possible by the stockmen upon his visit to this county. Should he find an antidote for the poisonous his good to our stock interests cannot be valued.

Colorado has restored capital punishment with provisions that no one shall be executed on circumstantial evidence alone, and that all executions shall take place at the penitentiary and the date kept secret. Also nothing but the bare announcement of the execution shall be published. We consider the proposition of all executions taking place at the state penitentiary a good one. Our legislature should make such provisions.

Since General MacArthur has been forced to arrest a lot of rascals at Manila, he ought to apologize to Editor Rice, whom he expelled several months ago for telling about, says the Winnemucca Silver State.

It is certainly a good showing for our county when it is not necessary to empanel a grand jury for the regular semi-annual term of circuit court. On another county had to empanel a grand jury.

A gentleman here this week from Portland says the longer we keep a railroad out of this valley the better. Opinions differ on this matter. One thing is certain, we now have one of the most prosperous sections in the world and still we have just begun to develop the country.

The recent associated press dispatch sent out from Washington to the effect that General Miles would be a candidate for the presidency on the democratic ticket in 1904 will not be taken seriously. The democrats would have to think that over for some time.

Why don't those who are interested in the copper mines of Pueblo make an effort to get in on the next annual report of the geological survey? A portion of it will be devoted to the mining camps north of us.

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