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Conversion of Weeds.

Luaher Burbank, the plant life "wizard" says: "Weeds are weeds because they are jostled, crowded, cropped, trampled on, scorched by fierce heat, starved, or perhaps suffering with cold, wet feet, tortured by insect pests, or lack of nourishing food and sunshine. There is not a weed alive that will not, sooner or later, respond liberally to good cultivation and persistent selection."

If Burbank had not done what he has done, we might suppose this to be the verbal effluence of a vegetable and floricultural enthusiast, but with his triumphs in view we are fain to give even this extreme statement respectful attention if not immediate and full credence, says an exchange.

Burbank has produced the white blackberry, the stoneless prune, the thornless cactus, the plumcot—plum crossed with apricot—the crimson poppy from the yellow, the fadeless flower, and many other wonders in plant life. David Starr Jordan says Burbank is a more useful man than the mechanical inventor—Edison, for instance. He has added and is adding to the practical wealth as well as beauty of the vegetable and floral kingdom.

But, as is gathered from the remarks quoted above, he knows he has made only a beginning. He sees vast possibilities of development and reformation along this line—in better grains, nuts, fruits, vegetables, and plants of all kinds. He says it is not difficult to breed new varieties of wheat, barley, oats, corn, rye, potatoes and rice which will produce more grains, kernels or tubers to the head, ear or hill, thus adding immensely to the volume of such products, and to their quality as well. He would destroy weeds as they now exist, of course, yet he believes that with proper cultivation, nourishment, care and propagation even all the weeds might be developed into valuable plants.

If this be true in the vegetable kingdom, may it not be true in the realm of morals? Sins and follies and faults are only weeds, that cannot or will not be exterminated, but may they not, during the centuries to come, be transformed into virtues and useful deeds?

Did you ever count the words in a column of ordinary newspaper print? There are about two thousand words in a column. Suppose you sit down and write a thousand words on some subject, and then another thousand on another until you have written eight or ten thousand. Try it and see if it is right easy. Keep that gat up for a month. Then chase a local item all over town, and after you have gotten the facts right, condense them into a few lines—an hour's work that can be read in a few seconds. Do this for a dozen items that seem insignificant after they are printed, but which you know are important, then have the items criticised and inaccuracies pointed out to you when it is too late to correct them. Oh, yes, it is easy.—Exchange.

"We have no useless American acres," says Secretary Wilson in speaking of the work of the department in introducing new plants and improving methods of agriculture. "There are no bad acres, we will make them all productive. We have agricultural explorers in every far corner of the world, and they are finding crops which have become so acclimated to dry conditions, similar to our own in the west, that we will in time have plants thriving

upon our so called desert lands. We will cover this arid area with plants of various sorts which will yield hundreds of millions of tons of additional forage and grain for western flocks and herds. Our farmers will grow this upon land now considered practically worthless."

From the citations made by "Forestry and irrigation" it appears that the department of agriculture in Washington is co-operating energetically with another branch of the national government in reclaiming the arid lands of the west, Secretary Wilson has sent expert botanists over nearly the whole earth in search of useful plants which can be made to grow with a limited supply of water. Although the hunt is still in progress it has already yielded excellent results. It is believed, for instance, that the so-called macaroni wheat can be made to yield from fifteen to thirty bushels an acre in regions in which ordinary wheat and corn will not grow. Guy Elliott points out in the periodical just mentioned that improved methods of cultivating the soil have come into vogue in western Kansas and Nebraska which encourage the hopes of those who are engaged in reclamation work. By what is known as the "Campbell system" all of the moisture which comes in the form of rain is conserved in the upper stratum of earth, and luxuriant crops are obtained where the annual precipitation does not exceed 15 inches. The author of this plan of "dry farming" is confident that it can be extended "to the foot of the Rockies."

THREE CHINESE ARRESTED.

The citizens of John Day raided Chinatown Monday evening with the intention of arresting opium smokers and confiscating the drug pipes and all others equipments. The raid resulted in warrants being sworn out of Justice White's court for the arrest of Lung On, Moon and another Chinaman for having opium in their possession. The former had a trial before the same officer yesterday afternoon and was found guilty and fined \$50 and costs, from which he appealed to the circuit court. The other Chinamen pleaded guilty and were each fined \$50 and costs, the latter amounting to \$5, which they promptly paid. Assistant District Attorney Marks appeared for the state and Attorney Leedy for the defendants.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

F. S. Rieder, representing the Willamette Valley & Cascade Wagon Road Co. has been down from Burns during the week looking after the affairs of the company. Mr. Rieder is very sanguine the Government will go ahead with the Malheur Irrigation Project and says that all difficulties between the Reclamation Service and the company have been adjusted. There are upwards of 20,000 acres, belonging to the company which will come under the proposed ditch, and the same will be sold to actual settlers within the next three years, or thereabouts. Mr. R. left on yesterday's stage for Burns, but expects to return in a short time, and spend a month or two in this locality. He is a very genial gentleman and well qualified to manage the important business entrusted to his charge.—Vale Gazette.

Joel H. Smith and family of Burns arrived the first of the week and will make Ontario their future home. Mr. Smith has accepted a position as mixologist at the Carter House bar.—Argus.

Geo. Maupin of Red Butte arrived in Vale on Monday for a four-horse team for spring supplies. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Maupin.—Gazette.

C. E. Kenyon, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, paid Weiser a business visit Wednesday.—Ontario Argus.

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Eastern Oregon wool, not already contracted for, will bring 20 to 21 cents a pound for the lighter mountain grades, before the selling season is fairly opened. This will be an advance of three to four cents over the market of last year for the same grades. The Pendleton and common territory will be able to sell for 20, and at The Dalles and Shaniko the price will be slightly higher, owing to the better freight rates allowed the Dalles region because of the water competition.

The foregoing statement was made to the Portland Journal by a heavy dealer in wool from Eastern Oregon, who went on to say: "Last year the choicer grades of wool brought 16 to 17 cents at Pendleton, and correspondingly more at Shaniko. The crop was rather closely taken up, and the buyers apparently believed the market this year would be strong. At any rate, they came into the market last winter and this spring, and wrote contracts for the clips at lower than 20, and a portion of the inland empire clip was taken in this manner.

"It leaves comparatively little that is not contracted for, and that which has not been pledged will bring a high price in response to the sharp demand that is inevitable."

A WONDERFUL INVENTION

It is interesting to note that fortunes are frequently made by the invention of articles of minor importance. Many of the more popular devices are those designed to benefit people and meet popular conditions, and one of the most interesting of these that has ever been invented is the Dr. White Electric Comb, patented Jan. 1, '99. These wonderful Combs positively cure dandruff, hair falling out, sick and nervous headaches, and when used with Dr. White's Electric Hair Brush are positively guaranteed to make straight hair curly in 25 days time. Thousands of these electric combs have been sold in the various cities of the Union, and the demand is constantly increasing. Our agents are rapidly becoming rich selling these combs. They positively sell on sight. Send for sample. Men's size 35c, ladies' 50c—(half price while we are introducing them.) The Dr. White The Dr. White Electric Comb Co., Decatur, Ill.

Fishing For Coyotes.

Ranchmen in this county have discovered a scheme for getting rid of coyotes which have been a source of almost endless trouble, says a dispatch from Santa Fe, New Mexico. Large fishhooks are being tied to bushes, placed some distance from the ground in order to force the animals to jump for the meat. When the jaws of the coyotes close upon the food they are caught by a hook and held suspended until killed. The plan is working extremely well, the ranchmen who have been losing chickens and lambs in large numbers are much pleased with the results.

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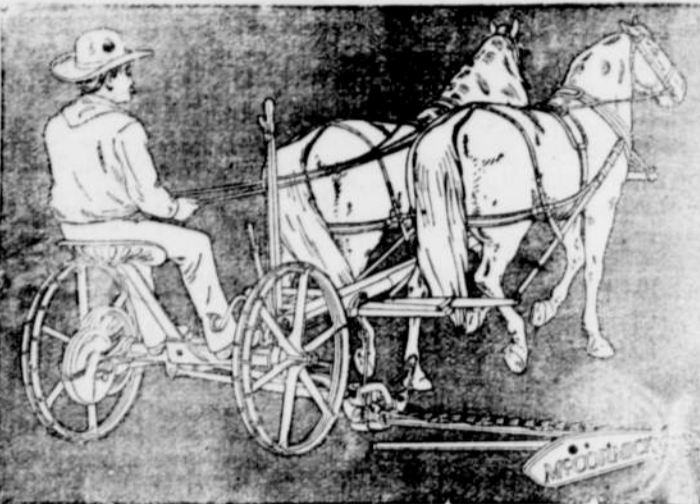
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