

PRIMITIVE SKILL

BY LA GRANDE
ADVISOR.

10th, with the Linn County Apple Show and the opening of a fine new depot as the features. As an evidence of the enterprise of this Albany delegation each and every one of them bought his roundtrip ticket and left Albany at four o'clock in the morning, starting to work in Portland at 7:15. They were guests at a special luncheon at the Portland Commercial Club.

Portland excursionists will go by special train and the party will be one of the largest that has gone from this city this fall.

The farming demonstration train under the auspices of the Southern Pacific Railway will carry a corps of lecturers, every one of whom stands at the top in his particular line. This is not a new venture, but one that is more popular and does more good each succeeding trip.

Oregon fir never had a compliment which meant so much as the editorial which appeared in the "American Lumberman" of last week, the world's leading lumber journal. J. E. DeFebaugh editor of periodical and known to every lumberman in the country, personally penned the editorial, which says in part:

"Douglas Fir needs no stain to make it beautiful in color, it does not have to be carefully selected for grain, it takes a fine finish and is strong and as hard as many of the woods used for finer purposes. On the Pacific Coast are many fine residences and magnificent office buildings in which this wood is used. It will not supplant mahogany and oak, but should be used side by side with them and for substantially the same purposes."

Mr. DeFebaugh urges its careful consideration by Eastern architects.

UNIT RULE FOR TREE GROWTH

ONE INCH IN FOUR YEARS IS THE SWIFTEST KNOWN.

Interesting Manner in Which Actual Growth of Trees Was Found—Some Vary According to Their Location.

An inch in four years is the swiftest growth known in the case of the trees. Farmers and fruit growers are said to have no reliable unit rule to govern them in knowing how long it takes for a tree to grow an inch, but some carriage makers have found out.

They asked about 40 of the country's prominent vehicle and wheel manufacturers drawing their stock from territory where hickory, white oak, ash and tulip trees grow to select and express to them short across sections of these woods from the odds and ends about their shops. These were to be selected for the average width of growth, and the size of each block was to be one inch lengthwise, one inch across and one-fourth of an inch thick.

They examined these blocks carefully and marked on each block a one-inch space across the average size of growths of the annular rings. They then counted the number of rings within the inch space on each block and registered the total in ink thereupon. Then they counted these totals on all the samples of each of the several kinds of timber submitted and in the usual way thus ascertained the average number of years required for each kind of tree to grow an inch. An inch growth of one side represented, of course, two inches growth to the tree.

They submitted the count, process and result to unquestionable scientific authority. Their general conclusion was that it takes from four to five years for a tree to increase one inch in diameter. Hickory trees varied from 4.87 years to 5.93, according to their location east of west of the Alleghenies. Oak required 4.68 years for the inch, ash, 4.91 and poplar four years.—Chicago Tribune.

WATERPROOFING MATCHES.

Perhaps some of your readers would be interested to know that I have found a simple, inexpensive way to waterproof matches.

Into some melted paraffin (care being taken that it was as cool as possible) I dipped a few ordinary parlor matches. After withdrawing them and allowing them to cool it was found that they scratched almost as easily as before being coated with the wax. Several were held under water for six or seven hours and all of them lighted as easily as before immersion. When the match is scratched the paraffin is first rubbed off and the match lights in the usual way.

Matches treated as above would be very useful on camping or canoeing trips, as they do not absorb moisture. Since more rubbing is required to light them than the ordinary match, it would be practically impossible to set them on fire by accidental dropping.—Scientific American.

MALHEUR PASS ITEMS.

To the Editor:—As I have been away all summer, and have not had a chance to send in items of our part of the Valley. Now that I have moved back will try and pen a few items.

On account of the dry season there has not been much raised and the settlers all went to where they could get work. Many of them worked at the saw mills to get lumber to build with. There are now over 40 houses in our part of the Valley.

We have had our county road viewed out and surveyed.

Have a store and post office at Windy Point (Waverly).

There has been a great change made at Windy Point. Mr. Brakeman has just put up a good house and barn also Mr. Haarschich a large dwelling and many more have taken claims a long the lake and putting up substantial buildings.

A. B. Bennett and his two boys returned from the saw mill and all three are going to put up good substantial buildings, also Eld. Fritch and Charley Brady are going to build good dwelling houses.

Eld. Quier has 15 acres of wheat sowed and it is coming up nicely. Others are getting ready to sow.

We have a five months school commencing next Monday. Miss Augusta Haarschich will teach.

W. H. F.

PEOPLE ARE TO GIVE THANKS

Remarkable Thanksgiving Proclamation Dwells on Growth of National Wealth—Commercial Character-Building.

A Washington dispatch says: The President issued today the annual Thanksgiving proclamation, setting apart Thursday, November 26, as "a day of thanksgiving and prayer."

"Year by year," declares the proclamation, "this Nation grows in strength and worldly power. During the century and a quarter that has elapsed since our entry into the circle of independent peoples we have grown and prospered in material things to a degree never known before and not now known in any other country. The 13 colonies which straggled along the seacoast of the Atlantic and were hemmed in but a few miles west of tidewater by the Indian-haunted wilderness have been transformed into the mightiest Republic which the world has ever seen. Its domains stretch across the continent from one to the other of the greatest oceans and it exercises dominion alike in the Arctic and the tropic realms. The growth in wealth and population has surpassed even the growth in territory. Where else in the world is the average of individual comfort and material wellbeing as high as in our fortunate land.

"For the very reason that in material wellbeing we have thus abounded, we owe to the Almighty to show equal progress in moral and spiritual things. With a Nation, as with the individuals who make up the nation, material wellbeing is an indispensable foundation. But the foundation avails nothing by itself. That life is wasted and worse than wasted which is spent in piling heap on heap, those things which minister merely to the pleasure of the body and to the power that rests only on wealth.

"Upon material wellbeing as a foundation must be raised the structure of the lofty life of the spirit, if this Nation is properly to fulfill its great mission and accomplish all we so ardently hope and desire. The things of the body are good; the things of the better, but best of all the things of the soul, for in the Nation, as in the individual, in the long run it is character that counts.

"Let us, therefore, as a people, set our faces resolutely against evil and with broad charity, with friendliness and good will toward all men, but with unflinching determination to smite down wrong strive with all the strength that is given us for righteousness in public and in private life."

NO TRESPASSING.

Hunting is forbidden upon my place adjoining Burns. Trespassers will be prosecuted.

G. H. VORGTLY.

NO TRESPASSING.

Notice is hereby given that hunting and shooting upon the enclosed lands of the American Land & Live Stock Co. is strictly forbidden. Any person or persons found hunting or trespassing will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

E. R. HILL,
Ranch Manager.

NOTICE

Being unable to give our personal attention to the collection of the accounts due us, the same have been placed with Mr. C. H. Leonard. A year having elapsed since the dissolution of our partnership a prompt settlement of the same is requested.

MARSDEN & GEARY.

Religious Services.

Rev. A. J. Irwin will preach at Harney the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school every sabbath at 2 p. m.

The Harney Sunday school meets at 2 o'clock each Sunday and a cordial invitation is extended to all who can attend to meet with us.

At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor. Devote services the third and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning.

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WATER FOUND TO BE PURE.

Several cases of typhoid fever have developed among workmen at the Horton & Sayer mill during the past summer and it was feared the cause was from the water. Dr. Marsden sent some specimens to the State Board of Health with the following result:

Portland Oct. 31, 1908.
To the State Board of Health,
Portland, Oregon.
Gentlemen:

I have to report examination of four (4) specimens of water received from Dr. W. L. Marsden, of Burns, Oregon.

Specimens were marked:
(1) Upper Spring Burns Milling Co.
(2) Cook House
(3) Log Pond
(4) Engine Room

Upon examination I have found no B. Coli present in any of these specimens and would pronounce all as safe for drinking or domestic purposes.

Yours very truly,
RALPH C. MATSON M. D.
Bacteriologist, to the State Board.

Dr. W. L. Marsden,
Burns, Ore.
Dear Doctor:

Above is copy of report made to the State Board of Health by Dr. Matson, bacteriologist to the Board, upon his examination of specimens of water received from you.

Yours very truly,
ROBT. C. YENNEY,
State Health Officer.

THE EDITOR'S BABIES.

The editor of a country newspaper, whose name is withheld, announced in the following manner, according to the New York Tribune the acquisition in his domestic circle, of two "fair, fat and flourishing" babies:

"Bring out the brass band and place its noisiest members on the highest pinnacle of the town. Sound the loud brass fiddle, and let the nation rejoice; for one of the humblest citizens of the commonwealth hath been justly exalted over his compere, and we have the honor to be that fortunate and meritorious individual.

Still we are not proud; we yet speak to our neighbors occasionally; but at the time it must be admitted that we feel several inches taller than we did a week ago."

Just received a consignment of ladies and misses cloaks--Lunenburg & Dalton.

MEDICINE MEN: THEIR SECRETS.

A young Indian, who is ambitious to become a doctor, and finally a prophet, learns from his father or other member of his tribe the name and medical properties of some herb. He can also, by presenting a sufficient number of ponies to a medicine man, prevail upon the doctor to impart the secret of the herbs to him. Frequently Indians allege that the secret is revealed to them in a dream or by a bird or an animal. After procuring the notice is prepared to begin the practise of medicine. Success in their opinion is only possible with the aid of the Great Spirit, and in order to invoke the help of the supernatural they resort to various sacrifices.

For instance, there is the practice of ascending a butte or other elevation and lying with the face to the ground for several days without food or until they are completely exhausted. During this period they profess to have been taught some song, or the great Spirit converses with them through a weed, bird, wild animal or reptile. They frequently allege that we've come to them and howl and that they understand what the animals say. While treating a patient they place tobacco in little pouches which they tie with sinews. These are painted brilliant colors and fastened to willow sticks about the size of the shaft of an arrow but somewhat longer.

Occasionally as a substitute for these totem strips of flannel are fastened to the tops of the sticks and permitted to flutter in the breeze. The sticks are also gayly painted and inserted in the ground or crevices of rock on top of a hill. This is done to gain the favor of the Great Spirit and secure his assistance in making their practice successful of curing the patient under their charge. The tobacco or flannel constitute, in fact, votive offerings and the custom is no doubt of Oriental origin. They have of course in the meantime given the patient a concoction of medicine made from the herb or

herbs which they especially use, the offering to the Great Spirit being simply supplemental to the giving of medicine but nevertheless considered a necessary ceremony.

The Indian doctors also profess to be able to dream out at will any problem which is difficult of solution during their waking hours. After a novice succeeds in effecting a sufficient number of miraculous cures to render him famous he adds prophecy to his curative attainments and makes predictions as to events which will occur in the future.—Denver Field and Farm.

Painting and paper hanging—A. Horton.

Job printing—The Times-Herald