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BROME GRASS.

A New Forage Plant Grown in the Palouse Country.

One of the interesting exhibits at the Spokane fair, from Latah county, Idaho, was brome grass, or Russian forage grass, which is being extensively cultivated, in that section with splendid results. The Latin name for the grass is Bromus inermis, and the first seed sown in Latah county was imported direct from Russia. The Latah county farmers soon abbreviated the name to "Brome," and it is, therefore, sometimes improperly called "broom grass" by persons unfamiliar with it.

John P. Mix, one of the gentlemen in charge of the Latah county exhibit, says the introduction of Brome grass has solved the question of pasturage in the Palouse country, a question which has long confronted the farmers of that country. "This grass has found its true home in the Palouse country," says Mr. Mix to a Spokane-Review reporter, "and it is the finest pasture grass that grows. This grass was introduced into Latah county six years ago, by J. C. Reumens, who sent to Russia for the seed. He sowed it with alfalfa, which it crowded out. Brome grass grows as high as timothy, and has more foliage, and it forms a sod like Kentucky blue grass. It is as green in August as in June. It has been tested for producing milk, and found to yield more milk than orchard grass or alfalfa. It requires about 15 pounds of seed per acre to produce good pasture the first year it is sown. It is claimed that it will pasture five head of cattle to the acre, and it is the best hog pasture in the world. M. J. Shields, of Moscow, sowed 80 acres of it, and says the seed is worth \$1 a pound to any farmer who wants a good pasture. The grass is spreading all over our section of the country, and the seed can now be purchased as low as 25 cents a pound. Orders for seed have been received from as far away as North Dakota and Nevada. Farmers who would like to try it can procure seed from either Mr. Shields or F. C. McLam, of Moscow, both of whom are now growing it extensively. In my opinion brome grass is the coming pasturage of this country."

the first Monday in December, remarked:

"I think there will be very little law-making, as things are so badly mixed, politically. The house is republican by over 100, the populists hold the balance of power in the senate, and the executive is democratic. Under the circumstances there is not much opportunity to pass any law, as it must suit all parties."

"How about financial legislation?"

"There will be very little, if any, in my opinion."

"What do you think of the respective chances of republican aspirants for the presidential nomination?"

"I have no means of forming an idea, except from the talk I hear and the things I read. I should judge that they stand in the order of McKinley, Reed and Allison. Reed is undoubtedly one of the brightest men in this or any other country, but the question is whether he is not located too far east to be the most available and successful candidate."

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis left for home on Sunday evening train, after receiving calls from a number of Walla Walla friends at the State hotel.

Fight With a Bear.

P. H. Roberts, of Scoggins valley, had an experience last Monday, which he is apt to remember for some time. His brother had shot at a bear and broken its forearm, but the animal got away. Mr. Roberts heard about it and took up the chase, overtaking the bear after a fourteen-mile chase. Fifteen times the bear turned on him, and once he struck it in the back with an ax, but did not disable it. When they reached Sain creek, man and bear clinched, rolling over at the water's edge, the man on top about two-thirds of the time. The bear set his teeth through one arm and disabled it, and the man was just fainting from a powerful blow on the side of the head, but he rallied for one more cut at the bear and the animal decided to call it a draw, and retreated. Nothing has been seen of the bear, but the blood and imprints in the soft earth of the creek bank showed the hunters what the struggle was.

A Romantic Marriage.

The Elgin Recorder tells of a rather romantic marriage which occurred at Union Wednesday, when Mr. Walter Watson, a prominent young man of Wallowa county, and Miss E. Wagness, late of England were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock. The bride arrived at La Grande Monday evening, direct from England, and had never seen her intended husband, the courting having been done by letter. Mr. Watson went up to La Grande and both parties being satisfied with each other's appearance they proceeded to Union Wednesday and were married. The newly wedded couple returned on their way to their Wallowa county home.

Patent Right Interest Sold.

Mr. Jacob Gearhart, the inventor of a three-horse double-tree calculated to equalize the draft, has sold one-half interest in his patent to Wallace & O'Toole, the price being \$5,000. The device is receiving universal indorsement and orders are largely in excess of the supply, although the patent has so far been introduced to only a few of the farmers of this valley. Everybody who has used the double-tree says it fills the object for which it was intended, and the purchasers share the faith of the inventor that it will become a rapid seller.—La Grande Chronicle.

Lumber and Logs.

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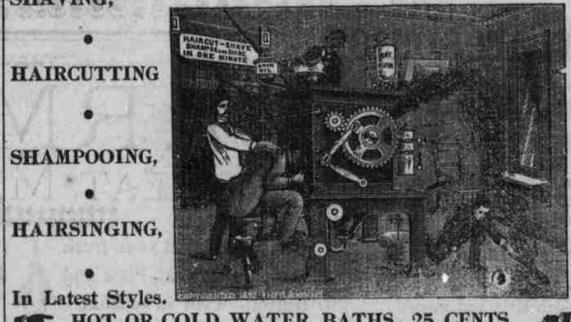
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Officers Elected.
The grand lodge Knights of Pythias, elected the following officers:
Supreme representative, J. A. Waddle, of Portland, vice George H. Hochstetler, term expired; grand chancellor, Dr. Greary, of Medford; grand vice chancellor, Turner Oliver; grand prelate, O. Patterson, Heppner; grand keeper of records and seal, G. F. McConnell, Ashland; grand master of exchequer, E. M. Sargent, Portland; grand master at arms, J. R. Greer, Hillsboro; grand inner guard, Harry Schoop, Portland; grand outer guard, Charles Fellows, Portland; colonel commanding, L. F. Cook, Pendleton; adjutant, Frank Motter, Portland; Dr. J. R. Hill, trustee, vice F. A. Golden, term expired.

An Epidemic of Damage Suits.
It is reported that the Walla Walla Water Co. is to be sued for \$10,000 damages. It appears that, after taking a drink of water during the dog days the man thought he had swallowed a frog. It is confessed the frog had no existence but all the same the company is responsible because it was their water he drank.

CONGRESSMAN ELLIS.

He Visits Walla Walla and Submits to a Short Interview.

Hon. W. R. Ellis, one of Oregon's congressmen, was registered at the State hotel last Sunday, says the Walla Walla Gazette. While Mr. Ellis was known as the best looking man in congress and deserved the reputation, and while he is in perfect health otherwise, he yet suffers from the effect of an accident three years ago, when his leg was badly broken. The injured member occasionally bothers him a great deal, and he was lately undergoing treatment at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland. After having left the hospital he went to Pendleton, where Mrs. Ellis was stopping, and they concluded to visit old friends in Walla Walla before returning to Heppner. Mr. Ellis was seen by a Gazette representative and in reply to a question as to what he thought of probable legislation at the next session of congress which convenes

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Should the State Longer Tax the People for the State Fair?

To an observing person, says the Oregon City Enterprise, it cannot be seen that the Oregon state fair is in its decline. Each year, in spite of the best efforts of the management, the exhibit and attendance become smaller until it is no longer an industrial or financial success. The era for fairs all over the United States seems to be past. The world's fair was the culmination of the spirit of rivalry and pride that goes to sustain fairs, and since the close of that greatest of all efforts the interest in the small local fairs has steadily decreased. From the best information obtainable there has not been a fair in the United States this year that has been the success and equalled the interest that such fairs in former years maintained.

The American people are a quick, emotional people, and they soon tire of a diversion and want something new. Baseball and several other fads have had their day, and the farm and factory exhibits having ceased to be a drawing card, horse racing was made to be a leading feature of the modern fair; yet that now is ceasing to draw. The racing feature has dwindled into a gambling device, in which the fast-horse seldom wins, and the evil efforts of the poolroom and its attendant crowd of disreputable and dishonest toughs has driven decent people away from the races.

With the failure of the state fair to accomplish the object for which it was established, the \$5000 given to it by the state each year is wasted. This, with the amount given to the district fairs, making a total of \$10,000 a year that the taxpayers have to dig up, and the return they receive for this hard-earned money is very small indeed. It would be far better and be of more advantage to the agricultural and manufacturing interests of the state if this \$10,000 was expended on the highways each year.

Marriage Annulled.

The marriage of Ethel Pitts and Henry Pitts was Saturday annulled by Judge Parker, at Tacoma. Mrs. Pitts is a young American girl about 17 years old, and her husband is a negro, aged 40. Pitts was cooking in a restaurant in Astoria during the summer of 1894, and was a frequent visitor and a friend of Mrs. Pitts' father. Mrs. Pitts alleges that one evening, about a year ago, Pitts met her, and with threats forced her to go aboard the steamer and journey to Kalama, where he frightened her into marrying him before a justice of the peace. He then brought her to Tacoma, and kept her confined in a room on D street, bringing her meals to her. During his absence, a short time afterwards, she escaped. Pitts went to British Columbia.

DIVERSIFIED FARMING.

The Farmers of the Famous Grande Ronde Taking up Modern Ideas.

The farmers over in the Grande Ronde have quit trusting to luck and wheat for a livelihood, and propose to diversify the production of their farms. They are now on the right road.

If there is one thing more than another that makes a country prosperous it is diversified farming, says the Chronicle. The Grande Ronde valley has been sadly neglected in that particular, and the farmers have just begun to realize the fact. Those who stick to wheat alone are no better off today than they were when they located here, while the very few, who have tried a diversity of products, are nicely on their feet, so to speak, and the future promises very bright for them. However, the year 1895 has been of great and lasting benefit to the farmers of this valley as it has thoroughly convinced them that one-product farms do not pay as handsomely as do the farms upon which a diversity of products are grown. One can look for a revolution in the farming industry of the valley. Already numerous farmers are communicating with

nurserymen, and improved live stock breeders, with a view of planting an orchard, and adding good stock to their bands. Many who have raised wheat, alone, are preparing to plant an orchard, buy some good cattle and hogs and raise enough vegetables to carry them through the following year.

The Grande Ronde valley is famed for its fine stock and fertile lands. It is also forging to the front as a fruit-raising center, and the people who realize the importance of offering inducements to intending settlers, are becoming plentiful. There is no other country in Oregon that can offer superior inducements for those who desire diversified farming.

A Dead Beat.

The editor of the Walla Walla Statesman mourneth thusly:

"A well known attorney recently introduced us to, as a good newspaper man, a fellow whose appearance indicated hard times, in fact he was 'down at the heel like a Whitechapel bird catcher.' We gave him a job at \$45 per month on the strength of his introduction, took him to a restaurant and told the proprietor to give him all he could eat, gave him an order for a complete outfit from shoes to hat and he appeared respectable. As we had to leave home for a couple of days we gave him instructions to do the best he could in newspaper work. On our return we found him getting over a lager beer booze, not having done a thing since we left. He was advised to get and be mighty quick about it, and he got, but not before he had stolen a pistol belonging to his friend who had introduced him. He went over to Vansycle and climbing on a wagon the pistol went off and shot him through the hand. It is a pity it did not kill him for he is a hobo and nothing else. Has papers from military men, says he was private secretary to General Sheridan, but he is a dead beat. He is now in Eastern Oregon."

One of the First Repeaters.

Commissioner General Dunne, on his recent tour of inspection of the Oregon National Guard, secured in Eastern Oregon an old rifle which he considers the father of the present repeating rifles. The rifle bears the name of Porter, of New York city, as the patentee, and 1851 as the year of its manufacture. It has a revolving cylinder, like that of the present revolver, with nine chambers. It was made for powder and ball, and there was a place at the side for a percussion cap, which was struck by the hammer when the trigger was pulled. After a shot was fired the next chamber was turned by touching a lever.

Sentences Passed by Judge Eakin.

In the Union court Saturday Judge Eakin passed sentence upon the following: John Williams and E. J. Ross, each two years in the penitentiary for the larceny of a gun; John Jackson and James Whitney, each one year for the same offense; William Bennett one year for cattle stealing; John Stricker, fined \$100 for larceny in a dwelling. William Cuthbert was found guilty of larceny of cattle, and will be sentenced Monday.

For Better Water.

Pendleton's city council and mayor went gunning for a supply of better water for the county seat. If reports are true, and no doubt they are, Pendleton is seriously in need of better water. Thorn Hollow was visited by the council and they found there a sufficient supply, so they think, for a gravity system. The water at that point flows from springs, and of course is pure.

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