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Secretary Hitchcock, of the interior department, is reported as saying that the recent big republican majority in Oregon may be taken as an endorsement of his policy regarding public lands. The Condon Globe thinks the secretary is either talking to make a noise or else he is as ignorant as a Hottentot as regards the real status of his famous land policy in the minds of the people in the state. Oregonians most emphatically do not endorse his policy and he has no occasion to plume himself in pride as being responsible for the results of the recent election. Had the present administration been obliged to rest its case on Mr. Hitchcock's popularity in Oregon it could have expected to come out of the recent election looking like thirty cents. Undoubtedly it was the intention of the farmers of the original homestead law to make it possible for the rank and file to get 160 acres of government land for their own use and benefit without resorting to perjury or doing a lot of impossible things and also to safeguard the public domain, so far as possible, against the raids of grafters, speculators and land sharks of every description.

A New Orleans dispatch to a Chicago paper says that the Japanese are negotiating for a large number of creole ponies and Texas bronchos for use in the war. The dispatch further states that on account of their staying qualities and the ease with which they are fed, these animals make ideal mounts for the Japanese sabers. If the Texas broncho or the creole pony has any staying qualities or any other qualities that commend him for a war horse that are not possessed by the Oregon range horses, it is something new in the equine world. The Oregon cayuse by environment and breeding long before the advent of the white settlers developed into the toughest known specimen of the horse world, and the introduction of better blood has intensified his merits and removed his defects, until today the ideal cavalry horse is found in this state. The Boer war and the strife in the Philippines created a demand for a large number of these animals, but there are still quite a number which the Japanese would do well to examine before placing their orders elsewhere.

European and American military experts who have witnessed artillery maneuvers in the Japanese army have been loud in their praise of the rapidity and precision with which the little brown gunners handle themselves. In modern warfare the tendency is to fight at longer range than formerly, so that the artillery is constantly becoming a more important arm of the service. One difficulty with securing good gunners among the Japs is said to be the poor eyesight that is a national characteristic. This obstacle has been overcome in a measure by choosing for artillerymen only those with the keenest vision. The Japanese fieldpiece is the Arisaka twelve pounder, invented by General Arisaka, the master of ordnance.

The careful, conservative plodder who makes fifteen or twenty millions in stock during five or six years always has the utmost contempt for the simpleton who loses his money fooling with a get-rich-quick scheme.

One of the largest imports from Russia into America is willow clothes baskets. The huge hampers so commonly in use in this country are nearly all made in central Russia by peasants, although some come from the Danube Valley, and there is a considerable domestic manufacture. The importation this year will be about one million dollars' worth.

Osier willow, from which they are made, has been worked by the Russian peasants for centuries, and was formerly the material from which they wove their houses. The method of cutting, peeling, twisting and manipulating the withes is handed down from father to son.

Proverbial "Land Office Business" was transacted at the state land office in Salem during the first twelve days in July. A total of \$25,000 was received in payment for school land and other entries under the general land laws. This indicates a stage of rural development and a prospective increase in the occupancy and value of agricultural lands that has long been a dream of the promoters of Oregon's prosperity through development. A state cannot be prosperous in a wide sense while vast areas of its agricultural lands are untilled, and practically unoccupied.—Oregonian.

The mayor of an Ohio town has resigned because he found he couldn't hold the job and live up to his religious belief. Some mayors will wonder if his religious belief pays him a salary.

Athena wheat on the New York market is an incident quite out of the ordinary. Should the incident occur often enough it will probably have the effect of stimulating better prices for wheat.

Probably a shortening of our political campaigns is one of the earthly impossibilities, but it would be a good thing if they were materially condensed.

We have not learned whether or not Col. Wood has returned from the Walla Walla Fourth of July celebration.

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