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The Campbell system of crop culture is based on the conservation of practically all of the moisture in the soil through a dust or surface mulch, and under it as high as forty bushels of corn to the acre have been grown in North Dakota, fifty bushels of wheat per acre in western Nebraska, while better than twenty tons of beets have been produced in Colorado. While this method of crop culture has little value in those portions of the country where there is an abundant rainfall, it does have a tremendous import in all territory where there is fertility in the soil, but annual rainfall of less than twenty inches.

The statement of E. Wagner, a Wenatchee fruit grower, who recently returned from Australia, where he went to dispose of his apple crop, that he "could dispose of the entire output of the Wenatchee valley on the southern continent," ought to encourage apple growers throughout the Inland Empire.

A Detroit boy submitted his mother's name as a candidate in a most beautiful woman contest. He deserves a prize if she doesn't. The boy who thinks his mother is the most beautiful woman won't go far wrong.

A question as interesting to the south as was the Japanese school exclusion to California has been under discussion for some time in Virginia. Objections raised against children in-

fused with negro blood being permitted to attend the white public schools have become a subject of general comment throughout the state, as well as an inquiry into existing laws concerning the intermarriage of white and black.

Workmen on the proposed Panama canal want three months' vacation each year. Why not? The bosses and high-salaried fellows who do nothing have from 6 to 11 months' vacation.

Because the Republican candidate for mayor of Chicago is named Buse it does not follow that he has been a hotel employe or noted for libal contracts with the fair sex.

Reed Smoot, by a favorable vote of his colleagues, will retain his seat in the United States senate, and the dying embers of polygamy have again been fanned into glowing coals.

Judge Hebbard, in San Francisco, seems to be another man afflicted with "emotional insanity." He needs only to shoot somebody to prove it.

The local option bill was again defeated in the lower house of the Washington legislature by a vote of 46 to 44.

The man behind the plow is very much in evidence these beautiful March days.

### NOBLE PROFESSION DEBAUCHED.

In the lengths to which attorneys have gone in the defense of Abraham Roet, the public has part explanation of why courts are sometimes in disrepute and of why they are often criticized. Chicanery is not on any account an admissible means of defense. If it were, law, which in contemplation is a noble profession, would be outlawry, and justice would be a question of which lawyer in the case could be the bigger rascal.

A criminal, though guilty, is entitled to a reasonable defense, but not an unreasonable one. The law guarantees him a fair trial but does not expect unfair means to be invoked for his acquittal. Every lawyer knows, or ought to know, where the fair ends and the unfair begins, and that point should be the limit of effort. Every

ethical consideration, legal or otherwise, insists that a crime be not committed in order to free a criminal. To win at any cost with invocation of such methods as that policy means, may be effective for generous retainers, but it brings odium, often undeserved, upon the courts.

The criminal always has the advantage of the doubt, and that is enough without Hessianizing witnesses and hiring evidence. Specious pleas of insanity, where often there is no insanity, afford a sample of tricks long overworked, and for which courts that are frequently blameless, are blamed. The trial judge cannot blot out the evidence, he cannot prevent jurors from becoming confused by insanity dodges, and many a time is driven by counsel for defense into proceedings that are a travesty on justice, and for prevention of which the court is helpless.

At San Francisco there is the spectacle of a judge and a prosecutor bent on administering exact justice, but so far they are powerless to do so. For weeks and months the criminal has been at bar, but by the loopholes and pretenses of the law, he has held the court at bay. The fullness of his guilt is acknowledged by the resort to every resource to stave off trial and judgment, yet time rolls on with law and justice cheated. It is infamy incarnate and a crowning example of a noble profession debauched and dishonored.—Portland Journal.

### COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The Athena Commercial Association has voted to disband. The Weston Commercial Association preserves a tentative organization for the sake of appearances, but has held no meeting for several months. The great trouble with organizations of this character in the country towns is that they start in with a whoop and end with a whisper. A beautiful town spirit is developed, only to gradually dwindle into indifference. The town's business becomes nobody's business, except that of a dozen or so of faithful business men who must put up the money and do the work, whether the Association lives or dies. At both Athena and Weston they must continue to do so in order to keep things from going to pot.—Weston Leader.

### Church of Christ

V. E. Hoven, Minister.

Services every Lord's day. Bible school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11; prayer service at 7, and preaching at 7:30 p. m. Praying meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Everybody is invited to attend all of these services.

We, the Church of Christ,  
Wear no name but Christ's. Acts 4: 12; Eph. 1:20, 21.  
Have no Priest but Christ. Heb. 6:20.

Accept no Creed but Christ. Matt. 16:16.  
Submit to no Authority but Christ's. Matt. 28:18, 20.

Ask you to believe on Christ. Acts 16:13.  
Ask you to Repent toward Christ. Acts 3:19.

Ask you to Confess Christ. Rom. 10:9, 10.  
Ask you to be Baptized into Christ. Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:27.

Ask you to Walk with Christ. Matt. 11:29, 30.  
Ask you to Live with Christ. 2 Pet. 1:5, 11.

### AT THE M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. Gabriel Sykes, presiding elder of Walla Walla district of the Columbia River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will be here Saturday for the third quarterly conference, and on Sunday he will conduct the quarterly meeting services, at the close of which he will administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All are cordially invited to attend these services. Rev. Sykes will preach at Adams Sunday night, and Rev. Curry will conduct services at the Athena church.

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