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Among the many creditable Oregon publications received this week we find the Pacific Northwest, Oregon's great farm monthly, which contains the most complete story ever published on the interior of Oregon. The opening article is by Prof. Thomas Shaw, the best authority on agriculture in the west and now in the employ of James J. Hill, having charge of the experimental farm work throughout the country covered by the Hill system. Prof. Shaw recently made a 1200 mile automobile trip from Ontario to Medford, then north through the Rogue, Umpqua and Willamette valleys and has furnished the Pacific Northwest with a series of articles showing the possibilities of the territory covered. His article is followed by one from Addison Bennett who spent two months in the field gathering interesting data which is set forth in Mr. Bennett's usual breezy style. The Oregon Development League, is given two pages and the State Threshers Association has a full report of its recent convention.

That Oregon will have a population of 1,200,000 when the next census rolls around is the prediction of R. B. Miller, traffic manager of the Harriman lines in the Northwest. He bases his figures on the constant western trend of populations as disclosed by former census statistics. He estimates that the United States will have a population of 113,000,000. This additional population, he believes, will pour westward to find an outlet in the vacant agricultural lands of the coast states. Nowhere is there a greater area of unclaimed land than in Oregon and the migration will cover this area as it seeks new territory to occupy.

Another "deal" recently made by Bowerman which smells to heaven, is the appointment of Armstrong, a Portland Business College man, to a membership on the State Text Book commission. The acting governor looked over the heads of Oregon's educators and named Armstrong, who is unknown educationally in this state, except as a business course specialist. As a result, Bowerman's hair is being brushed the wrong way by the educational people of the state, who heartily condemn Armstrong's appointment.

"Northpole" Cook has returned. He stated that he did not lie about his discovery of the earth's top, but that the shadow of the earth's big stick had made him mad, crazy, insane—nutty, as the street talks. If he had been Peary's cook on the trip and had returned with endorsements from Santa Claus, a credulous world would have paid homage and obeisance to this human icicle and pitched in a penny apiece to make a bronze and marble prize in memory of his achievement.

Thousands of pounds of black walnuts and acorns are being shipped by the Government from Arkansas to District Forester Chapman of Portland to be distributed for seed throughout the burned over forest areas of the Pacific Northwest. Forest rangers will take charge of planting the seed and within the next quarter century it is expected Oregon will have great quantities of hard woods available for furniture making and other uses.

A project to create a reserve for mule deer in the lava bed region of Klamath county has been started and the matter will be brought to the attention of President Taft. Opposition has developed, however, on the part of sheepmen who want to retain the lava bed country for winter range. They contend the deer reserve should be created in the mountains nearby.

Anent the asylum muddle, the Weston Leader puts more meat in three lines than is contained in several columns of editorial matter we have read on the subject. The Leader says: "A 'deal' is charged. Undoubtedly there was a 'deal.' Jay Bowerman is as full of deals as a rat is of microbes."

Wealth in Oregon streams as well as in the fertile soil of the Beaver state is shown by the figures of the annual take of salmon in Oregon waters, chiefly the Columbia river. A total of 290,000 cases, 35,000,000 pounds, was packed during the past year, having a value of \$3,500,000.

Second-hand hair ought to be cheaper since the Chibese have begun cutting off their queues. Ladies can probably buy their "rats" at a reasonable figure hereafter, as a few hundred million pig tails should make quite a difference in the hair supply.

The insurgents of Mexico are winning some important battles. Perhaps old Diaz will consent to retire and cease to aim to be a permanent president.

The fellows who control prices of the necessities have a good idea of aviation. They sure know how to keep things "up in the air."

A Mole's Nest.
Among common animals few have been less studied in their life history than the mole. Mr. Lionel E. Adams says that under the "fortress" which the mole constructs above the surface of the ground will always be found a series of tunnels running out beneath the adjacent field. A curious feature almost invariably found is a perpendicular run penetrating about a foot below the bottom of the nest and then turning upward to meet another run. A mole is never found in his nest, although it may yet be warm from his body when opened. Guided by smell and hearing, a mole frequently locates the nest of a partridge or pheasant above his run and, penetrating it from below, eats the eggs. The adult mole is practically blind, but there are embryonic indications that the power of sight in the race has deteriorated.

"The leading question," said the colonel, "is the financial one."
"Right," replied the major, "and I was just about to ask you to add \$5 to that \$10 I borrowed from you yesterday."—Uncle Remus' Magazine.

"The easiest thing I know of," says the philosopher of folly, "is to begin to save up some money next month."—Cleveland Leader.

A MASTER OF METAPHOR.

It Must Have Relieved Him to Get This Out of His System.

A water consumer in a certain city, whose supply had been turned off because he wouldn't pay, wrote to the department as follows:

"In the matter of shutting off the water on unpaid bills your company is fast becoming a regular crystallized Russian bureaucracy, running in a groove and deaf to the appeals of reform. There is no use of your trying to impugn the verity of this indictment by shaking your official heads in the teeth of your own deeds.

"If you will persist in this kind of thing a widespread conflagration of the populace will be so imminent that it will require only a spark to let loose the dogs of war in our midst. Will you persist in hurling the cornerstone of our personal liberty to your wolfish hounds of collectors thirsting for its blood? If you persist the first thing you know you will have the chariot of a justly indignant revolution rolling along in our midst and gnashing its teeth as it rolls.

"If your rascally collectors are permitted to continue coming to our doors with unblinking footsteps, with cloaks of hypocritical compunction in their mouths, and compel payment from your patrons this policy will result in cutting the wool off the sheep that lays the golden egg until you have pumped it dry, and then farewell, a long farewell, to our vaunted prosperity."—Everybody's.

When to Eat Fruit.

To obtain the most benefit from the succulent fruits they should be eaten at the end of the chief meal. Bananas are an exception and may be eaten with any meal. They are very acceptable cut in thin slices and eaten with bread and butter. Stewed fruits often have their virtues wasted through being eaten at the wrong time. Six or eight stewed prunes half an hour before breakfast are beneficial; so are stewed figs or stewed apples eaten before breakfast. Peeled oranges cut into thin slices so that the juice is set free, with sugar strewn over the slices, are not unlike pineapple and form a highly efficacious aid to digestion. Grapes should never be eaten except after the chief meal of the day. Taken when the stomach is comparatively empty, they are a specially harmful fruit.—Family Doctor.

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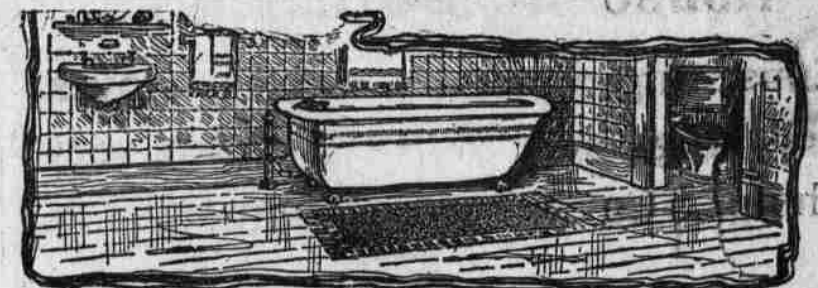
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