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HOW TO PLANT ROSES.

They Should Be Carefully Pruned to Get the Best Results.

In planting the rose the roots should be soaked in lukewarm water for several minutes and then clipped sparingly, each fibrous tendril being allowed to stretch out its full length when set in place.

Care should be taken to have the holes deep and partially filled with gravel to insure good drainage. A piece or two of broken crockery would not be amiss beneath the roots. Then, too, the hole must be large enough to allow freedom to the roots in every direction, for cramped or curled up roots will prove disastrous to the blooms.

At a distance of fifteen inches each way—and roses should never be planted any closer—dig a hole to the depth of twelve inches and deposit a cup of manure. The most weedy, lifeless roots will reach out until they finally locate the fertilizer and will rejoice in the luxury which acts as a stimulant.

If roses are planted in clay soil, mix ashes freely with the well rotted manure in which the plants are set. If manure is fresh it will kill the roses, owing to the ammonia it contains, which is one reason for setting it so far away from the plants. The roots will literally burn up if this precaution is not observed.

Careful pruning is most essential in the culture of the rose. One rule to remember is to cut down all the sprouts to a height of eight inches. This will give your garden a uniformity and the results will be better. The stems which bear the flowers are not those which are even visible when the roses are set. The strength goes into the roots when the shoots are cut down, and new stems appear, growing straight and tall, with the blossoms larger and earlier than those which appear on the old stems. American Beauty roses may be planted either in spring or fall, but nothing is gained by fall planting, as the rose will bloom every month during the summer if planted in the spring.

Tea roses require careful covering in cold weather, but it is unnecessary to do more than scatter a few dry leaves over the American Beauties because of their hardiness. For this reason they are considered the most satisfactory bloomer in the rose family.

HOW TO SELECT COFFEE.

There Is No Economy in Buying Cheap Kinds.

Do not try to save money by buying cheap coffee. Pay 30 cents to 40 cents and you will get flavor and enough additional strength to more than pay for the difference in cost, provided you make it properly, and get less poisonous adulteration. Far be it from any one to say that high priced anything is perfectly pure in these degenerate days; but let us choose the least pernicious. There is no question about dripped coffee being the best, but it takes a good deal more of the berry.

To make it almost as good, first buy a mill and see that it grinds. Grind the little you need for two every morning. Have your pot hot and put in a tablespoonful of coffee ground to a powder for each person. Boil fresh water until it bubbles hard, having measured it first exactly, and dash it into the pot, which settles it and pouring would not do. A cup and a half of water to each tablespoonful of coffee makes a liquid strong enough for any one's health—Harper's Bazar.

How to Stencil Rag Rugs. Have you thought that rag rugs can be made things of beauty by stenciling them? Take a rag woven all over of white rags, for instance; stenciled in some conventional designs in a queer blue or green. It becomes a fit covering for your bedroom floor, a really charming and unique bit of furnishing.

Another pretty variety is the rag rug made of all sorts of bright colors, woven without respect to design and then finished with a stencil border of some solid harmonizing color.

Colors should be bought in the raw tint and then diluted to the shade desired with white lead or common white paint. The latter is better, as the linseed oil in it sets the color and makes the rug washable.

Oak Tree Bark.

The bark of very large oak trees weighs in some cases as much as three tons.

MILL DISTRICT PUT UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Massachusetts Woolen Mills Scene of Rioting When Operatives Strike.

Lawrence, Mass.—Eight companies of state militia, including one field battery, placed the mill district of this city, under martial law, after a day of rioting, due to the strike of 15,000 operatives in the cotton and woolen mills. At least 15,000 other hands were thrown out of work by the stopping of machinery and the attacks on the mills by the strikers.

Although the strike was instituted originally in protest against a reduction in pay, because of operation of the new 54-hour law, making the working day two hours shorter, the strikers now assert they will not return without a 15 per cent increase and other concessions, including double pay for overtime and the abolition of the premium or bonus system.

At a special session of court 27 rioters were found guilty. Three were sentenced to two years in the House of Correction and the other 24 were given one-year sentences.

The strikers voted to stand by the demands of an increase of 15 per cent and other concessions.

Mayor Scanlon has ordered all saloons to remain closed.

Plan to Merge Selling Agencies.

Portland.—Apple-growers who are keeping in touch with the movement to form a great selling agency for the fruit of the Northwest believe the plan is feasible and that it will be of incalculable benefit to the industry. The programme, as it stands now, is to merge the selling departments of the Hood River, Rogue River, Yakima and Wenatchee unions into one central agency.

COMPANIES ARE SURPRISED

Telegraph Chieftains Comment on Hitchcock's Proposal.

New York.—The announcement from Washington that Postmaster General Hitchcock is about to recommend government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines was received with surprise by officials of the big telegraph and telephone companies here.

"It is a bolt out of a clear sky," declared Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telegraph & Telephone company and of the Western Union company. "Whether the government could run telegraphs economically is very doubtful," continued Vail. "The experience of Great Britain is not favorable." Edward J. Nally, vice-president and general manager of the Postal Telegraph-Cable company, did not believe congress would favor Hitchcock's idea.

Lady Birds Will Save Melons. San Francisco.—Four tons of lady-birds, called in common parlance ladybugs, 60,000,000 in all, sufficient to keep the destructive melon aphids from 200,000 acres of melons, and also used to protect the apple and prune trees and seed gardens of the state, will be harvested in three weeks from the snows of the Sierras by E. K. Carney, superintendent of the state in ectary, with four helpers.

LARGE FORCE TO ASSEMBLE

Klamath Will Be Fied for Great Army Maneuvers.

San Francisco.—The largest army ever concentrated by this government in time of peace will be assembled on the Pacific coast during the summer months. According to dispatches to this city from Washington, it is planned by the war department to order more than 27,000 soldiers into the field in full fighting equipment. This will include all the regular and militia regiments of the six Pacific coast states—Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. Cavalry, infantry, artillery, signal corps and hospital corps will be the different branches of the service which will participate. The grounds selected for the mimic battles will be in and around Klamath Falls, Or.

Roosevelt Can Withdraw. Lincoln, Neb.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and Colonel W. J. Bryan will not be compelled to stand as presidential candidates on the Nebraska primary ballot if they insist on withdrawing. This is the modified ruling made by Secretary of State Waite, who heretofore has contended that a name must remain on the ballot unless the 25 men who filed the petition withdraw it.

Eastern Brewers Will Raise Hops. Galien, Or.—Large Eastern brewers, feeling the necessity of securing a foothold in Pacific coast hopyards, have pooled interests to gain control of heavy acreage in Oregon and California for their own benefit. It is planned by the brewers to plant 1500 acres of hops this year.

CHARLES S. OSBORN



Charles S. Osborn, governor of Michigan, who suggested that Taft and La Follette both quit seeking the Republican nomination.

Brief News of the Week.

Heavy Socialist gains proved the feature of the 1912 election to the German Reichstag.

Differences of opinion among the members caused the resignation of the French cabinet.

France's population is 39,601,509, an increase of only 3,500,000 in 40 years. Paris has 2,388,110 inhabitants.

Since the establishment of the pension system nine years ago the Southern Pacific has paid out \$948,538.

Declaration is made that 32,000 Japanese, all trained soldiers, have been smuggled into Hawaii since the Russian-Japanese war.

The expedition, including 570 men, ordered by the United States government from Manila to China, disembarked at Chin Wang To.

Seven Turkish gunboats carrying contraband goods for troops in Arabia were sunk by Italian battleships off Koutoua. Many Turks are supposed to have perished, but no Italians were injured.

Of interest to women was a demonstration of 1912 gowns at the National Tailors' and Dressmakers' congress in Chicago. A noticeable change is the return to the natural waist line; Empire effects are out of fashion; sailor collars and large lapels have fallen into disfavor and all coats are to have a decided "cutaway" effect.

People in the News.

Colonel William J. Bryan will tour the south, giving a series of lectures. Robert Bacon, ambassador of the United States at Paris, has resigned.

Dr. John Grier Hibben Stuart has been elected president of Princeton University. He succeeds Dr. Woodrow Wilson, who resigned.

W. Morgan Shuster, an American recently removed as treasurer general of Persia, accompanied by his family, is on his way to this country.

Kansas will lose Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, the author of "In His Steps." He has accepted a call from New Zealand to work in a movement against saloons.

Leap year has already brought to master-General Hitchcock, a proposal the only bachelor of the cabinet, Postmaster General. The one who is "willing," writes from Houston, Tex.

Judge Hook of Kansas has addressed a letter to President Taft denying the charges recently made against him with the idea of preventing his nomination to the supreme bench.

In the federal court at Indianapolis, Judge Anderson, declaring that Detective W. J. Burns had rendered a great service to his country, released him from all charges of having kidnapped the McNamaras.

Political News Bits.

Friends of both say that a fair and well understood working agreement has been arranged between President Taft and Roosevelt.

Ollie M. James, Democrat, has been elected to the United States senate by the Kentucky legislature to succeed Thomas H. Paynter.

George A. Neely, Democrat, was elected to congress Tuesday from the Seventh Kansas district, the district made famous by Jerry Simpson.

Governor Judson Harmon has speaking engagements for the week in several western cities, while Governor Woodrow Wilson, his rival for the presidential nomination, has accepted an engagement to address a convention of Michigan editors in Detroit.

It is thought Representative Humphrey will be appointed United States district judge for western Washington to succeed Judge Donworth, who resigned. He is strongly endorsed by Senator Jones, while Senator Poinsett is said to be opposed to the appointment.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Insurgents Defeated in Fight Over Appointment of Committee Member.

Washington.—About the only event of more than ordinary interest in Congress during the past week was the fight in the house over the appointment of a successor to the late E. H. Madison on the committee on rules, the committee which controls the legislative proceedings. It precipitated the first conflict of the session between the insurgent and Regular Republicans. The insurgents went down to defeat and the Regulars with the aid of Democratic voters succeeded in electing Philip B. Campbell of Kansas over Victor Murdock. A resolution to place Warburton, another insurgent, on the sugar trust committee was lost by a large vote.

Small River and Harbor Bill Likely

Oscar Underwood, floor leader of the ways and means committee, is not at all sure that river and harbor legislation will be undertaken at this session. He predicates his doubt on the fact that there is an estimated deficit in the treasury for this fiscal year of \$18,000,000—and on the recent legislation affecting pensions. He frankly says that if the Sherwood bill, as passed by the house, is permitted to stand, it would so cripple the treasury that no new projects or expenditures could be authorized, leaving public buildings and rivers and harbors to another session, except for projects already under continuing contracts.

Political Information Sought

Seeking information regarding the political situation seems to be the chief occupation of most men in Washington at this time. It is almost certain that a man going through the capitol these days will be asked by nine out of every ten men he meets as to the political conditions and to give his guess as to whom both parties will nominate.

The Democratic situation is chaotic and there never was a time when there was so much uncertainty as to who will be the standard bearer, but it seems rather strange that there should be any inquiry regarding the Republican candidate in view of the certainty among most men a few weeks ago that Taft would be renominated. It shows what a change has been created by the fact that Roosevelt will do nothing to prevent his friends from going forward with an effort to nominate him. That is what has upset all calculations regarding the Republican situation.

Employers' Liability Law Upheld.

The constitutionality of the employers' liability law passed by congress in 1908 was upheld by the supreme court of the United States in all cases before it. The court also decided that state courts may enforce that act when local laws are appropriate.

This was the second and finally successful effort of congress to change the old common law rule that an employee of a common carrier could not procure damages from the carrier for injuries resulting from the negligence of a fellow servant.

Taft Is Not Angry With Hitchcock.

Postmaster General Hitchcock's proposal that the government acquire all the telegraph lines in the country and operate them in conjunction with the postoffice department, caused a flood of comment.

After the postmaster-general had been in conference with President Taft an authoritative statement was made at the White House that there had been no friction between the president and the postmaster-general over the latter's proposal.

Speaker Champ Clark declared that government telegraph was too big a subject to discuss until all the details of the postmaster-general's plan became known. Democratic Leader Underwood was reticent and Republican Leader Mann, of the House, treated the project gingerly.

National Capitol Briefs

Vice President Sherman expects to see the present session of congress extend beyond the national conventions.

Secretary of War Stimson strongly urges the passage of a bill to supply discarded army Krag-Jorgensen rifles and ammunition to schools and rifle clubs.

In the opinion of Senator Borah, congress will pass a bill in some form giving the people an opportunity to vote on the direct election of United States senators.

In a message to congress, President Taft announced that this government would refuse to admit free wood pulp and paper from any government other than Canada until the courts had settled the question.

To encourage settlement and make homesteading easier, Senator Chamberlain will introduce a bill providing that any homesteader, after six months' continuous residence, may be entitled to leave of absence for six months of each year.

O. A. TVEITMOE



Photo by American Press Association. O. A. Tveitmoe, the San Francisco labor leader who was indicted for complicity in the Los Angeles dynamiting cases.

BELL PHONE SCRUTINIZED

Department of Justice Investigates Alleged Hello Trust.

Chicago.—A country-wide investigation of affairs of the Bell Telephone company for information bearing on an alleged monopoly which the company is said to create, was reported with the return to Chicago of Charles F. DeWoody, division superintendent of the department of justice.

The investigation, it is said, is being completed by an exhaustive investigation in Chicago. It is reported government agents have been at work in this city and a report to the administration in Washington of the operations of the Bell syndicate will soon be presented.

Trains Wrecked; Three Dead.

Topeka, Kan.—Three are known to be dead and ten more or less seriously injured when two trains were wrecked on the Missouri Pacific a mile west of Norton Lyndon.

Cabinet Split Is Mended.

Madrid.—Premier Jose Canalejas, who tendered his resignation together with that of the other members of the Spanish cabinet, to King Alfonso, on the question of divergences of views as to the reprieve of a rioter who had been sentenced to death, has agreed to resume office with the same ministry.

SCHOONER ADMIRAL GOES THROUGH JETTY

Astoria.—Crashing with terrible force through the new Columbia river jetty in a strong southwest gale and in weather so thick it was impossible to see two feet ahead, the American four-masted schooner Admiral, with all sails set, met its fate at the mouth of the Columbia. The crew of seven sailors and the captain and his wife and child were rescued by Captain Wicklund of the Point Adams life saving station.

The Admiral was in command of Captain Joseph Bender, and was 43 days out from Valparaiso, Chile, in ballast for lumber loading at Grays Harbor.

The Admiral, after tearing asunder 60 yards of the jetty, passed on to the northward towards Peacock Spit, and, after a vigorous but futile attempt by the Port of Portland tug Waltha to tow the helpless schooner to safety inside the bar, capsized in the giant breakers and was left to her fate.

Singer to Sue for Divorce.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mrs. William Rapp, known to the music-loving world of two continents as Mme. Schumann-Heink, admitted that she is planning to file suit for divorce.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Track prices: Club, 80c; bluestem, 84c; red Russian, 79c.
Barley—Feed, \$37 per ton.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$31 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, valley, \$16; alfalfa, \$14.
Butter—Creamery, 38c.
Eggs—Ranch, 48c.
Hops—1911 crop, 44c; 1910, nominal; contracts, 25c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 9@16c; Willamette Valley, 15@17c; Mohair—37c.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, 81c; club, 78c; red Russian, 77c.
Barley—\$35 per ton.
Oats—\$30 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 35c.
Hay—Timothy, \$14 per ton.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Train Hits Snow, Killing Laborer. The Dalles.—As the result of a worktrain on the Deschutes railroad hitting a large snowbank, Mike Zaklan, a laborer, is dead and Lem Gleyovanovitch is not expected to live. The two men, who were employed as snow-shovelers, were standing on the forward platform of the caboose when the train ran into a huge snowdrift. The impact caused the cars to telescope. Zaklan was so seriously crushed that he died almost instantly.

Land Values Rise in Harney. Burns.—The beginning of railroad construction is having its effect in stimulating real estate values here. Most of the landowners who hold valuable water-rights along Silvers river, Malheur lake and even small creeks, who a few years ago would have been glad to have parted with their land for \$20 to \$30 per acre, expect it to be worth \$50 to \$100 per acre as soon as the railroad reaches this valley.

TESTING PLAN SUPPORTED

Mining Towns Indorse Idea of Having Scientific Stations Established

Baker.—Every mining town in eastern Oregon is making strenuous efforts to further legislation in congress to authorize ore testing plants for Oregon, from the \$100,000 appropriation recommended by Secretary of the Interior Fisher. The mining organizations of Baker, Sumpter and Prineville, as well as the commercial clubs have passed resolutions endorsing and promising financial support to the movement that has been inaugurated by the Oregon Mining Congress. The plan of the Oregon Mining Congress is to have a plant in Baker and Grants Pass. The testing plants hold the same relation to the mining industry as does the experiment stations to agriculture. Judge Thomas C. Burke, of this city, president of the Oregon congress, and L. D. Mahone of Portland, secretary of the organization, have completed a tour of the entire district and the plan was approved and support promised in every camp.

La Grande Party on Long Tour.

La Grande.—A party of 36 or 40 La Grande business men left early Sunday morning on the first lap of a junket that is destined to take them to the southernmost parts of Oregon on a 1400 mile sightseeing and "get acquainted" tour. They stopped in Portland and Salem, and will stop at all the principal towns down to the most southern point.

Japan Buys Berry Plants. Canby.—The Canby branch of the R. M. Kellogg company, of Three Rivers, Mich., has shipped 2000 strawberry plants to Japan by mail. It is claimed that the orient will soon be large purchasers of Oregon plants. They can be sent by mail, parcels post, in 11 pound packages to Japan, cheaper than they can to Portland.

LANE SEEKS ROADBUILDER

County Desires Expert Engineering Advice in Highway Construction.

Eugene.—Employment of an expert roadbuilder, to have direct charge of all road construction in Lane county, was decided upon by the county court, and the court is now seeking a suitable man for the place. A practical man, capable of directing the work, and of giving the county expert engineering advice, is what is wanted. The court expects to keep for itself the planning of road work and the final say as to what roads are to be improved and how, but they want an expert who will advise them as to the best forms of construction to use in the different sections of the county, and to give accurate estimates of all the different elements of cost of any proposed improvement. The present road supervisors will not be displaced, but will rather be aided by the expert. There are over 1600 miles of road in Lane county, little over half of which have any sort of improved surface.

Philomath Banker Gets Long Term.

Corvallis.—James Evans, whose real name is Charles James Evans, was given an indeterminate sentence of from two to 20 years in the state penitentiary, having been found guilty of forgery, in connection with his management of the First State bank of Philomath while cashier of that institution.

Pendleton Requests \$35,000 Additional. Pendleton.—In response to a telegraphic suggestion of Senator Bourns, the Pendleton Commercial club has voted to ask congress for \$35,000 additional appropriation for a federal building in this city.