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Send for advertising rates.

The open Columbia river transportation company has reconsidered its resolution to quit business this month.

The porter house and the t-bone may be availing, but the wheat cakes are still on terra firma - and that's something for which to be thankful.

Butter and eggs are just now showing an inclination to seek the higher altitudes; perhaps as a relief expedition in search of beef - let the steer go.

Old Beaverdam forecasts an unusually long and cold winter; in parts of Colorado and Wyoming on the 14th and 15th, brisk snow storms were experienced; the earliest that snow has fallen there since the year 1903.

The farmers' free list bill, through which the democratic party hoped to capture the farmers' vote, was so loosely drawn that its final clause is so vague that no one can tell whether or not it applies to about 150 articles largely used and necessary in agriculture.

Those ugly looking clouds that were pressed upon us by the nasty east winds last week were made to hike back Sunday night and Monday, by a high old sou'wester, and Old Sol again sets in peace, the dust and dirt of the angry contest have settled and Indian Summer once more comes to the front.

More than 1,200 people assisted James J Hill to celebrate his 74th birthday anniversary at St. Paul on the 16th. It was a memorable occasion and a fitting recognition of the significance to the northwest of Mr. Hill's career. One need not consider him an altruist to be ready to acknowledge that the states between Lake Superior and the Pacific ocean owe him considerable benefit.

This horse disease in Kansas recalls the fearful epizootic that swept over the country in 1873, and the Biblical account of the plagues of Egypt; men not yet old can remember the strange silence and emptiness of the streets of the great cities of this country during the epizootic period. Horse cars, for those were the days of equine conveyances, ceased to run, and grass grew between the tracks of the street railways.

Now that the harvest season of 1912 is rapidly closing and there is promise of unusually great prosperity in every part of this wonderful American continent; making it one of the greatest years ever known, with the government depositing millions of gold in the leading banks to help in moving the crops, isn't it enough to take the wind out of the high call money bucks of Wall street, and isn't it enough to make the crazy, rattle headed moose bull 3d term grafter ashamed of some of his political villainies? Surely it ought to be.

School books and supplies are at the Observer Book Store.

Summary of Assessment Roll of Sherman County Oregon, for the Year 1912.

We print today the complete assessment summary for the year 1912, as prepared by Assessor Otto Peetz. There is a slight increase in the amount of taxable land; valuations being practically the same. There is a decrease of nearly \$28,000 in valuations in merchandise and stocks in trade this year, over the last assessment. There is a good sized increase in the valuations of farm machinery, automobiles, etc. There is nearly 200 less horses and mules in the county this year than last, and a falling off in the number of cattle owned. Sheep and goats have increased in numbers 1,150; hogs nearly 500, and dogs 18. The county might get along without the increase of dogs, but the increase of sheep, goats and hogs, shows a disposition to utilize what has heretofore been allowed to go to waste in too large amounts.

	Value
Number acres taxable land, 271,260	\$4,205,340 00
Number acres non-taxable land, 143,347	361,265 00
Improvements on taxable land	221,890 00
Town lots	66,955 00
Improvements on town lots	174,835 00
Merchandise and stocks in trade	1,900 00
Manufacturing machinery	124,800 00
Farm machinery and implements	141,500 00
Automobiles, carriages, etc.	149,135 00
Money, notes and accounts	85,575 00
Household goods	453,360 00
Number of horses and mules, 6,193	39,100 00
Number of cattle, 1,652	42,450 00
Number of sheep and goats, 16,974	17,585 00
Number of hogs, 487	4,035 00
Number of dogs, 18	
Total value \$6,073,385 00	

Railroads, rolling stock, telegraph and telephone lines are not included in above list.

There is no Excuse for Waste of Fruits

That The Inland Empire is annually losing thousands of dollars by not utilizing its unmarketable fruit, is very certain; thousands of tons, peaches especially, are rotting on the ground this year. Besides, what becomes of the windfalls and the slightly defective fruit, not quite up to the standard required of shippers, it is absolutely impossible to accurately estimate the value of the wasted, every bit of which should be converted into cider, vinegar, denatured alcohol, peach butter, peach marmalade, peach brandy, are only a few of the products which could be made from slightly damaged fruit; then there is the long line of preserves from all varieties of fruits large and small. While on the subject there are a good many tons of potatoes that need attention; slightly inferior and yet might be used to make denatured alcohol, a product which is coming into more general use every day, and the starch industry should become an important factor, where the supply of raw product is so ample.

When it comes to picking grapes this fall, secure some ordinary paper sacks large enough to easily slip over clusters of the grapes, tie them at the top and around the stems, before the fruit is dead ripe, and it will last till the first hard freeze, as the sacks protect it from heat, sunlight, birds, insects, and moisture; a small hole pinched in the bottom of each sack, will prevent the accumulation of moisture and consequent mold and rot.

Home dried apples, peaches and pumpkin, made pretty good pies and sauce for the family when the writer of this was a boy, and now is a good time to go to it for next winter; act upon the suggestion, and you will thank The Observer for making it, and will have found another ready way of cutting out the sham; "high cost of living."

Mark Schlusell, always considered a sufferer from supposed looseness of nuts in his head, was last week taken into custody on a charge of insanity, and had his mental condition investigated by the Multnomah county board.

Hop-Hop-Hop.

Are you just barely getting around by the aid of crutches or a cane? Unless you have lost a limb or have a deformity; if the trouble is rheumatism, lumbago, stiff joints, or anything of like nature, use Ballard's Snow Liniment, and in no time you can throw away your crutches and be as well as anyone. Sold by Moro Pharmacy, 25c, 50c and \$1.

Long Widowhood.

In 1753, in the ninety-sixth year of her age, died Jean Countess of Roxburgh. She was not a very remarkable woman, but her memory is preserved on account of her long widowhood, which lasted seventy-one years. Her father, the first Lord Tweeddale, fought at Marston Moor in 1644. This Countess of Roxburgh's long widowhood is insignificant when compared with that of a certain Ames Skinner. According to an inscription in Cambridge church, this worthy woman died in 1499 at the age of 119 years, having survived her husband only eight years less than a century. - London Telegraph.

The Faith She Favoured.

"I have the faith that moves mountains," he declared.

"I wish," his wife complained, "you had the faith that would move the ashes out of the basement." - Chicago Record-Herald.

COFFEE BERRIES.

Round Kernels Are Stronger and Richer Than Flat Ones.

Everybody is more or less familiar with the term "male berry" applied to coffee. The term refers to the form and style, not the sex.

An examination of any kind of coffee will show that about one kernel in every twenty-five is quite round, like a bean, while all the others are flat on one side, like the half of a split bean. These round or male berries are always found on the young, vigorous, new wood of the previous year's growth at the end of the branches.

The old wood produces flat berries only. Each "pod" or fruit of the coffee tree contains either two common flat berries or but one round one. The substance of the fruit in the one case all goes into the single male berry, and in the other it is divided among two flat ones.

This undoubtedly accounts for the greater strength and richness of the male berry. In private plantations, where the trees are carefully pruned and cared for and the ground well cultivated and fertilized, the coffee is always of finer quality and the proportion of male berries is larger.

The round berries may be seen in all kinds of coffee. Rio Ceylon, Maracchino, Mocha, and other varieties contain them as well as the Java. - Exchange.

CALIFORNIA'S BIG TREES.

They Were First Seen by a White Man John Bidwell, in 1841, that John Bidwell discovered the "big trees" of California. He was the first white man, so far as we know, who ever beheld those monarchs of the forest.

Nine years later a hunter named Dwyer was led into the company of the forest kings by a bear that he was chasing, and it was by Dwyer that the knowledge of the monster trees was spread abroad, but to Bidwell belongs the distinction of having been the first civilized man to gaze upon the wonderful trees.

The "big trees," as the mighty sequoias are called, are found in Calaveras county, Cal., chiefly in two "groves," the Calaveras and the Mariposa, at an altitude of about 5,000 feet above the sea. They are probably the remains of extensive woods belonging to a long past epoch. Unfortunately few of them are left, there being only a few hundred left.

These mighty conifers are easily the most remarkable of all trees both in age and in bulk. They are from 200 to 400 feet in height and from 15 to 40 feet in diameter. - Louisville Herald.

Chinese Complexions.

A French writer has given in La Presse Medicale the results of his observations on massage in China. He remarks that the exquisite complexion of the young Chinese women is due not to enamelling, as has been suspected, but to careful manipulation of the face done by expert masseuses. They begin by a gentle pinching of the cheeks between the tips of their fingers, which lasts fully ten minutes, then apply lotions on absorbent cotton, then an unguent, and finish by kneading the cheeks with an extreme delicacy of touch, always proceeding from the nose and commissures of the lips toward the ears. This is a harmless and physiologically correct process which can be recommended in cases, rarer than they should be, where the physician is consulted concerning a faded or otherwise unattractive complexion.

Where Israel "Murmured."

As soon as our loads were arranged and the riding animals selected, we mounted and rode off across the desert or plain of El-Ka'a in a northeasterly direction, aiming for the Wadi Hebrun. The wind was blowing hard and the sand stung considerably. In ancient times El-Ka'a was called the Wilderness of Sin. This was the place where the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron, lust after the despised and bread they had left behind in Egypt, and this was where God, hearing their cry, sent them manna, which was supplied for the next forty years. The desert presents a fearful picture of desolation, for, with the exception of some bushes that persist in growing in spite of the arid surroundings, all that the eye meets are boulders, sand and gravel. - Wide World Magazine.

Isa and Gorge.

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