

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

Rev. Mochell of Woodburn will preach at the Christian church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

Ed Herren was in Portland on business Monday.

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On Decoration Day, Saturday, May 31st, there will be no exchanges in the Aurora Telephone Central Office between the hours of 1 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

Henry Miller went to Portland on business Wednesday.

Miss Fritz of Seattle has taken a position with S. O. Miller.

W. S. Hurst went to Portland on business Monday.

H. L. Bents bought 201 bales of hops this week.

Miss Numda Geisy, who has been employed as stenographer in the law office of Carey Martin at Salem, has returned home.

A. Lundeen and wife accompanied by Mrs. Geo. Lea drove into the country Wednesday for a pleasure trip.

Miss Mable Seward of Macksburg has taken a position at the New Aurora Hotel.

Ed Bales is helping out in Dave Keil's saloon, during the latter's illness with rheumatism.

Gus Keil went to Portland Monday to visit friends and relatives there.

Thursday was Ascension Day at the German Lutheran Church. There was a large attendance.

L. J. H. Ehlen of Grimm neighborhood was in town Thursday.

Joseph S. Erbsland of Butteville was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Eugene Marshburger and children spent several days this week as the guests of Mrs. Marshburger's parents.

A force of men are at work on the Pudding River bridge putting in a new approach.

C. C. Molson, the Needy merchant was in town Wednesday.

James Wolf, the Silverton merchant was in town Thursday on business.

Ed Herren was called to Portland on business Thursday.

Mrs. John Hurst returned Thursday morning from Salem where she went to have some dental work done.

The pump for the waterworks plant arrived Wednesday and is now being installed.

Herman Abram and family of Houlton, Ore., are visiting with John Lundeen.

A birthday party was given at the home of Dr. W. W. Geisy Monday night in honor of Miss Anna Getz. The evening was pleasantly spent at cards.

Quite a number of the young people took in the ball at Woodburn Sunday. Woodburn won by a score of 2 to 5.

W. S. Hurst has shipped 15 carloads of potatoes within the past few days.

Frank Miller went to Seattle to see Uncle Sam's battleships.

Miss Grace Smith of Salem was the guest of her sister, Friday.

Miss Ione Geisy is home from Portland.

Miss Fay Smith was happily surprised by a number of her friends at the home of her friend Leta Bents. Miss Smith has returned to her home at Wenatchee, Wash.

The Knights of Pythias will hold a grand celebration and picnic at Hubbard, Saturday, June 6th. An excellent program has been prepared, consisting of recitations, speeches, orations, etc. Mr. J. R. N. Bell has been chosen orator. A ball game between Canby and St. Paul will be played, and the event promises to be a big success.

Farm and Garden

POTATO CHARACTER.

Signs of Good Keeping and Good Cooking Quality.

The characteristics of potatoes as to keeping quality and general excellence become very apparent about this time of year and should be borne in mind when the question of seed for another crop comes up.

Potatoes of a corky appearance or touch are usually preferred to the smooth and clear skinned tubers. This appearance or touch is in some instances a variety characteristic, but in



TUBER SHOWING SKIN BUPURNS.

general it indicates a degree of maturity or development which promises good cooking quality. On the other hand, the potatoes of smooth and clear skin are oftentimes excessively watery or immature.

The presence of lenticels—that is, bodies of cells which during growth enlarge and rupture the skin—is not objectionable, for they usually indicate normal growth and development in a healthy environment.

In an investigation of the quality of potatoes carried on by J. W. Gilmore at the New York Cornell experiment station parts considered in the physical examination were the surface or skin, the cortical layer or portion immediately under the skin and varying from .1 to .5 inch in thickness, the external medullary area—that is, the main starchy part of the tuber—and the internal medullary area or central portion of the potato, which often branches into the external medullary area and is more or less translucent on account of its high moisture content.

As regards the skin, it was noted that uneven tubers with deep eyes were undesirable for market, while a netted skin indicated maturity and, as a general rule, good quality. A smooth skin indicated immaturity, and hence poor keeping quality and a tendency toward undesirable flavor. Scabby potatoes were often mealy and of good color, but undesirable from the market standpoint. Tubers which had grown in part exposed to the air were heavy and soggy when cooked and of poor color and undesirable flavor.

In general it was found that when the cortical layer is thick and dense the tubers are of poor quality, and this condition is an indication that they grew near the surface, where the temperature and moisture conditions were more variable than deeper in the soil. A uniform external medullary area indicates an even distribution of starch cells and of starch grains within the cell. When this layer is not uniform it is an indication that the starch cells are unevenly distributed and interspersed with watery areas. A large



TRANSVERSE SECTION OF POTATO. [A, skin; B, cortical layer; C, outer medullary layer; D, inner medullary layer.]

and branching internal medullary area indicates that there is a large proportion of the potato substance which does not contain enough starch grains to rupture the cell walls when the tuber is boiled, and hence a soggy rather than a starchy cooked product results. When the internal medullary area is small it is an indication of uniformity in the starch area and a small proportion of watery substance.

Hayrack Talk.
Overhead hayracks compel the horses to inhale dust. This is bad for the lungs.

Hay should be well forked and shaken and slightly damped and fed on the floor or in slatted mangers. The farmer should not buy his work horses. He should raise them. He can grow them at a profit.

It is better for the average farmer to raise draft colts.—Farm Journal.

Continuous Cropping.
It has been observed by S. Fraser of New York that mangels and sugar beets grown continuously on the same land for four years were much more susceptible to leaf spot than when grown in a rotation with other crops.

Pigs in Pasture.
The damage done by hogs to alfalfa pastures is estimated by a Nebraska man at one-half the crop or less.

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Stand by the University.

We believe it is the duty of every voter in the state who believes in giving the young men and women a chance to secure a higher education, to vote for the University appropriation. To turn down the state university would give Oregon a black eye in the estimation of eastern states, whose people are looking this way with a view of coming here to spend their money for homes. Oregon has been under the ban of grafters and political tricksters for many years. The referendum was invoked on the university appropriation out of a feeling of petty jealousy on the part of certain people living at Albany, a neighboring city to Eugene. A campaign of misrepresentation was then started for the purpose of misleading the people and appealing to their prejudice. All kinds of false statements have been made regarding the management of the university. One of these is that the University is paying a football coach a large sum of money. This is not true. The football boys hire their own coach and pay out of the proceeds of their games and not a cent is taken from the taxpayers for this purpose. The teachers of the university are greatly discouraged and many of them—practically all of them—will quit if the state votes down the appropriation. For three months they have served without pay, because there is no money in the treasury. The girls' dormitory and the new library building are not being used because there is no money to maintain them. This niggardly policy toward the college that affords young men and women a chance to get an education is going to react with disastrous results if it is carried out. Nearly one-half of the students are now paying their own way through school and fitting themselves for positions of trust and influence in after life. This is their only opportunity. In God's name let us wake up and give the rising generation a chance! Vote yes on the appropriation bill and do a service to yourself and the state in which you live.

INHUMAN TORTURES.

The Old English Custom of Burning Women Alive.

The horrible punishment of burning women alive seems to have existed in Saxon England, but perhaps only in the case of slaves. Under the Norman rulers any woman, bond or free, who killed her husband was burned alive, and the same punishment for this crime and also for high treason and even for coining and other minor offenses continued or arose from time to time through the second and third periods until it was abolished by act of parliament in 1790, the last actual execution of this kind having, however, taken place six years earlier. The whipping of women for various offenses continued even later. Public whipping was not abandoned until 1817, and cases of private whipping occurred as late as 1820.

There can be no doubt, we think, that the savage human instinct of cruelty had something to do with the barbarous punishments above mentioned. As the old Roman public lashed for the carnage of the circus, so the Spanish populace crowded to the auto-da-fe in the flourishing days of the Inquisition, so the lower (perhaps not only the lower) strata of English nationality took delight in witnessing tortures which in all probability were devised and kept partly for their entertainment. Judge Jeffreys in sentencing a woman to be whipped is reported to have said:

"Hangman, I charge you to pay particular attention to this lady. Scourge her till her blood runs down. It is Christmas time, a cold time for madam to strip. See that you burn her shoulders thoroughly."—Cornhill Magazine.

H. M. Cake For Senator.

H. M. Cake is the man for senator. The fight being made on Mr. Cake on the ground that he is not supporting Statement No. 1, is for the purpose of befogging voters. The Journal and other supporters of Mr. Chamberlain contend that Mr. Cake should oppose all republican nominees who did not sign Statement No. 1, and advocate those who did. It is entirely out of Mr. Cake's province to presume anything on this ground. These men are the choice of the republicans of their respective districts, and we base our ideas of government on the principle that we are to be governed by the decision of the majority. For instance, in the Marion county part of the ticket is pledged to Statement No. 1 and that is not. Would it be fair for Mr. Cake, himself a candidate to "butt in" and advocate the election of part of the republican candidates and the defeat of others? The people have spoken and Mr. Cake should keep silent. No man should presume on the right of the whole people, and those who contend that he should, are playing a political game that is not only flimsy, but unfair. We are in favor of Statement No. 1, and expect to fight for that principle as long as there is any fighting force left in us, but we don't believe Mr. Cake should be accused of being noncommittal on the Statement because he doesn't openly knife a part of his ticket. It would be unfair to the republican majority who nominated these men, and we believe that the majority should rule, and that the people should choose their U. S. Senators.

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MUCH SOFT CORN.

Too Poor For Commerce and Will Be Fed on Farms.

Much question having arisen as to the conditions of the corn crop, which the American of husking has revealed, the American Agriculturist, after an independent investigation upon this point, reports in part as follows:

It is the almost universal testimony of the correspondents in the important corn states, and particularly in the Ohio and Missouri valleys, that the quality of the crop is even poorer than was believed a month ago. Completion of husking emphasizes the fact that the grain this year is unusually immature, soft and full of moisture and that it is not of a quality to insure its safe keeping.

Heavy Farm Feeding.

The comparatively high prices ruling having led some to the opinion that a larger part of the crop would be marketed in commercial channels than usual, the returns upon this point in a decided majority of cases were that more than the ordinary percentage of this year's crop would be fed upon farms. This is accounted for by the poor quality of the crop, which renders a large part of it unavailable for commercial purposes, by the liberal supply of hogs and cattle for feeding purposes and by the fact that on account of its inferior nutritive value a larger amount than usual must be fed in order to accomplish the same results.

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