

#### OUR PORTLAND LETTER.

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 28th, 1908.  
(Special Correspondence)

The greatest holiday trade ever enjoyed by Portland and the other cities and towns of Oregon closed on the evening of December 24th. It was estimated that there were exceeding sixty thousand actual shoppers in the stores and upon the streets of Portland at four o'clock Christmas eve. The entire downtown district was a mass of moving vehicles and pedestrians and the aisles of the largest retail houses were almost impassable.

1909 will be the travel year for the Pacific Northwest. The most advantageous rates are in this direction. All of the great railroads of the country are going to bend their efforts toward presenting the resources of this portion of the United States throughout the East, Canada and Europe. The Portland Rose Show and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition will be two important features and railroad men in all the large centers of population predict an enormous travel.

The Pacific Monthly has organized a Progress Department, no begin with the January number. It is the purpose of this Department to condense original items which will interest prospective homeseekers or investors in Oregon. The editor of this department has requested your correspondent to say that he would especially appreciate letters direct from producers giving facts which would be of interest to intended homeseekers.

The enterprising people of Gilliam County will hold a big Progressive Convention under the auspices of the Gilliam County Improvement Association. It is the intention of the people of this county to begin one of the most active advertising campaigns ever carried on by any Oregon county.

Don't forget that it is the duty of every reader of this paper to write to some friend at a distance and tell him of the advantages of Oregon both as to climate and production. Remember that the people of the older states, where the weather is cold, are hovering around the fire and have lots of time to read—get busy.

President Jacob Gould Schurman, of Cornell University, and chairman of the first Philippine Commission, one of America's noted educators, is making a tour of the country, being entertained by the commercial and educational organizations. He was a guest of the Portland Commercial Club at luncheon Saturday and was given a dinner at the University Club Saturday evening.

The Roseburg Commercial Club, after a year of most intense activity, will dedicate their new club rooms on Tuesday, January 12th. There will be representatives present from various sections of the state.

#### To Wash Colored Silks.

Before washing colored silks soak them for a short time in cold water with a little salt in it. If the color is inclined to run this will prevent it to a certain extent. Silks of different colors should be soaked separately.

Wash the silk in a lather of soap and water, squeeze the silk well in this, and work it up and down in the water. Take two or three different soapy waters, if necessary, until the silk is quite clean. Never use the water too hot and never rub soap on.

After washing, rinse the silk thoroughly, first in tepid then in cold water; adding in the last water a little ammonia or salt, in order to fix the color.

Last put through the methylated spirit water to give it a gloss.

In ironing colored silks do not use the iron too hot, or it will destroy the color. If the color is coming out to any extent spread a piece of clean cloth over the ironing sheet to prevent the silk staining it.

#### Hints to Egg Men.

Eggs are generally regarded as cheaper food than the higher-priced meats, but at 5 cents a piece this is hardly true of them. There is nothing else on the farm neglected to the same extent as the poultry yard. Its population is expected to largely shift for itself both as to food and other comforts of life. Yet there is hardly anything else connected with the industry that will so well reward special care and pains. The egg and poultry business is not half developed. The demand still largely exceeds the supply. With our limitless opportunities we import eggs by the million, and even then lack enough to go around.—Boston Transcript.

#### Honey For Burns.

The Swiss Bee Journal says, in speaking of honey as a cure for burns, that a child 2 years old was severely burned on the arm, in boiling water. The member was immediately bathed in honey and wrapped in a linen cloth. The pain at once ceased and the healing was very rapid, the honey keeping the air from the burn. The bandage was changed every day. It was easily removed without hurting the child, by first moistening the cloth with warm water.

#### Cheese Rice.

Cook one cup of rice in two quarts of slightly salted water. Drain through a puree strainer or colander and set where it will keep hot and dry slightly for a few minutes. Mix with the hot rice a rounding tablespoon of butter and one-half cup of grated cheese and a dash of cayenne pepper. Parmesan or any good flavored cheese may be used. Serve hot.

#### Pound Cake

Cream half a pound of butter, add half a pound of sugar, beating constantly; then the yolks of five eggs beaten 'till thick and lemon colored, the whites whipped stiff; a dash of mace and one tablespoon of brandy. Beat hard for five minutes and bake in a slow oven.

#### HELLO! VETCH SEED.

I have 400 bushels of vetch seed, warranted to be free from all foul seeds such as pink and other obnoxious weeds. My seed has been re-cleaned with fan mill and I have both the mixed (one-fourth oats and three-fourth vetch) and straight clean vetch. Prices: Mixed \$1.25 per bushel; pure vetch \$1.80 per bushel or 3 cents per pound.

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#### Cedar Post and Shakes.

I am prepared to furnish cedar posts, cedar or fir shakes in any quantity desired f. o. b. at Detroit.

Anyone desiring material of this kind will do well to correspond with me.

C. D. MATHENY  
Detroit, Oregon.

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