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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

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PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Farmers in the Palouse are happy over the recent rains. A Chilean employed at the Tacoma mill fell dead Monday last.

The Tacoma jail has thirteen prisoners in six cells. Criminals increase as fast as the town.

Stockmen in Umatilla county complain of short grass and hard frosts make it shorter.

Several valuable horses have died near Sherman, Lincoln county, of a new and unknown disease, which seems to affect the lungs of mares only.

The new tug Sea Lion is soon to arrive from San Francisco to engage in the Puget Sound business.

The Cornwall Company, at Whatcombs, will push the railroad over the Cascades; also will build to promising prospects on the Nooksack early in the spring.

The Farmington Register tells how L. Dennis tucked a quarrel with one Barnum, a working man, and got knocked down. He tried to shoot Barnum and got into jail for it.

John Lochlin fell off a train and had his fingers crushed so that amputation was necessary. He was in the hospital for several days.

The new mill of the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company, will be of colossal size, being just twice the length of the present building, and will have a capacity of 600,000 feet of lumber per day.

Messrs. Harris and Young, owners of the Tom Payne mine, now have seventeen men on their pay roll. Their Salmon mill has been kept running on very rich ore for the past several weeks until the late cold weather...

William McCloud, living five miles west of Pullman, with his family, got up at 5 o'clock as usual, went out and did not return. He was found hanging by the neck to a beam in an old barn a mile away.

A verdict was rendered by the jury in the United States circuit court that is said to involve the collection of millions of dollars in royalties annually from canners of fruit, salmon and other commodities in the United States for use of a soldering iron.

Theresa Barados, of Oakland, Cal., is seeking divorce from Francisco Barados, on grounds of cruelty. The latter was married in 1846, and is now the father of twenty-two children, eleven of whom are boys and four girls.

While the work can be done before the ground freezes, a large supply of dry dirt should be stored for winter use. It is an excellent absorber and deodorizer and is cheap.

There are 3,000 women telegraph operators in England earning anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 a year. The telegraph being a branch of the Civil Service in England, it is necessary for them to pass a competitive examination before employment is given them.

The Empress of Japan is rapidly becoming one of the best informed women of her time. She is a hard student of German, Russian, French and Italian, and it is said that Her Majesty has certain days of the week upon which Japanese is a forbidden language.

AGRICULTURAL.

Turn the sod under after frost appears if you wish to kill out the cut-worms.

Winter cots grow in Virginia and are seeded down in the fall. It might pay to try a small plot in this section.

Cold frames can be used for forcing some of the hardy plants in winter. Early cabbage and lettuce are grown in this manner.

Mix wood ashes, cinder and gravel together for your garden walks, and run a roller over it after each rain until it is well packed.

The best varieties of early raspberries are the Tyler and Souhegan. The Ohio and Mammoth Cluster are excellent late varieties.

In feeding grain to poultry it is better to vary it, allowing wheat and oats as well as corn. Cooked potatoes make an agreeable change for laying hens.

Plant your trees, vines, etc., this fall. Do not postpone the work until spring. If you cannot possibly plant this fall, get the trees now and heel until spring.

Watermelons for the Christmas dinner are not an impossibility. It is said that they will keep perfectly if put away in a mow of well cured hay, free from dampness.

Sweet potatoes will fatten a pig sooner than will corn. The small tubers can be used as well as those that may be damaged by cooking them for that purpose.

Here is a good health mixture for hogs: One bushel of charcoal broken into small pieces, a peck of wood ashes and twelve bushels of salt.

It is computed that this year's corn crop, if loaded for railroad shipment, would fill 2,878,571 cars and make a train that would reach 16,449 miles, or two-thirds the way around the world.

If mice are troublesome they can often be easily got rid of by soaking wheat in a good solution of arsenic and burying it at the roots of trees where the mice will be likely to find it.

In France whitewash is used to protect the frame and interior of buildings from fire. The beams, joists and under side of floorings being thickly coated with a lime-wash before they are placed in position.

Now is the time to secure ram for early lambs of the mutton breeds are desired next spring. Sheep should not be too fat at this season if intended for breeding purposes.

It is a curious fact that wasps' nests sometimes take fire, as is supposed by the chemical action of the wax upon the material of which the nest is composed. Undoubtedly many fires of unknown origin in hay-stacks and farm buildings may thus be accounted for.

The wells on the farm should be cleaned out every fall. Despite all precautions but few wells are free from water. It is not safe to use water that becomes affected before cleaning, but do it now, before the late rains come on, so as to render the work easier.

Good cider vinegar is always salable, and it pays to convert the surplus apples into cider for the purpose of making vinegar. The artificial vinegar can be used for choice pickles and other purposes for which good cider vinegar only is adapted, and does not, therefore, largely compete with it.

PORTLAND MARKET REPORT.

WHEAT—Valley, \$1 40@1 42; Walla Walla, \$1 32@1 35.

BARLEY—Whole, \$0 85@1 00; ground, per ton, \$20 00@21 50.

OATS—Milling, 32@34c; feed, 28@30c.

HAY—Baled, \$10@13.

SEED—Blue Grass, 12@15c; Timothy, 7@8c; Red Clover, 11@12 1/2.

FLOUR—Patent Roller, \$5 00; Country Brand, \$4 50.

EGGS—Per doz, 30c.

BUTTER—Fancy roll, per pound, 25c; pickled, 22@25c; inferior grade, 20@22c.

CHEESE—Eastern, @13c; Oregon, 13@14c; California, 14c.

VEGETABLES—Beets, per sack, \$1 00; cabbage, per lb., 1c; carrots, per sk., 75; lettuce, per doz, 10c; onions, \$ 85; potatoes, per 100 lb., 40c; radishes, per doz., 15@20c; rhubarb, per lb., 6c.

HONEY—In comb, per lb., 18c; strained, 5 gal. tins, per lb., 8c.

POULTRY—Chickens, per doz., \$3 00@4 00; ducks, per doz., \$5 00@6 00; geese, 6@6 00@7 00; turkeys, per lb., 12c.

PROVISIONS—Oregon hams, 12c per lb.; Eastern, 10@16c; Eastern breakfast bacon, 12c. per lb.; Oregon 10@11c; Eastern lard, 10@11c. per lb.; Oregon, 10c.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, \$ 60 @ 75c; Sicily lemons, \$6 00@6 50; California, \$6 00@6 50; Navarinos \$6 00; Riversides, \$5 00; Mediterranean, \$4 25.

DRIED FRUITS—Sun dried apples, 4c. per lb.; machine dried, 10@11c; prunes, 10@11c; Italian raisins, 10@12c; peaches, 10@11c; raisins, \$2 40@2 50.

HIDES—Dry beef hides, 12@13c; curries, 6@7c; kip and calf, 10@11c; murrain, 10 @12c; tallow, 4@4 1/2.

WOOL—Valley, 15@18c; Eastern Oregon, 19@15c.

LUMBER—Rough, per M, \$10 00; good, per M, \$12 00; T. and G. shouthing, per M, \$13 00; No. 2 floor, per M, \$18 00; No. 2 ceiling, per M, \$18 00; clear rough, per M, \$20 00; clear P. 4 S, per M, \$22 50; No. 1 flooring, per M, \$22 50; No. 1 rustic, per M, \$22 50; stepping, per M, \$25 00; over 12 inches wide, extra, \$1 00; lengths 40 to 50, extra, \$2 00; lengths 50 to 60, extra, \$4 00; 1 1/2 lath, per M, \$2 25; 1 1/2 lath, per M, \$2 25.

vegetables and meal, there is not much danger of overeating, and it is better for the bird.

An English farmer who has been investigating the caterpillar pest, which has proved so destructive to the fruit and nut crops in Kent, has concluded that the spaw which produced the caterpillars was deposited by the swarms of butterflies which swept the coast last autumn, and which were supposed to have been driven over the continent by the storms.

H. Hendricks, of Ulster county, N. Y., writes that he has found very satisfactory results in close pruning of grapes. Last summer he stopped the rampant growth of the canes by pruning each one at two leaves from the last cluster of fruit, and pinching off every second leaf on the main stem. The result in amount and quantity of fruit was eminently satisfactory.

An Ohio man answers an inquiry as to how a cow can be cured of kicking; thus: Take a surling of sufficient length to go around the cow just in front of the legs and hips; draw it gently but firmly. You can then sit down and milk quietly. After repeating this a few times, draw the surling lightly but, if she persists in kicking, draw it tightly. In time she will give up the contest.

The color of the leg seems to be a matter of importance. Experiments show that, contrary to expectation, a black hog, such as the Essex and Berkshire, thrives best in the South, while the white breeds, such as the Chester White, Yorkshire and Cheshire thrive best in the North. The Poland China, a spotted hog, and the Jersey Red are preferred in the Western States.

Raspberries will thrive on almost any well drained soil of moderate richness, but wet land is always injurious and often fatal to them. Harrow smooth and fine and plant deep. Plant in late fall or early spring, in straight lines seven feet apart, with bushes three feet apart in the row. If planted late in the spring, tender shoots are liable to retard future growth. For the first season give clean culture, and if desirable, other crops may be grown among them without injury.

Prof. A. J. Cook, of the Michigan Agricultural College, says his plan is to keep only large, fine mares to do his work on the farm. Those that are half percheron will do, though those of three-quarter or seven-eighths blood will be better. These high-grade percherons are fine walkers, and they break them it is only necessary to hitch them in at three years of age and go to working them. The fall colts are valuable, and can be raised at a profit. He says he is delighted with his plan.

It is the verdict everywhere that creameries stimulate farmers to keep more and better cows. Mr. J. H. Hale says that where creameries have been located many of the brush pastures have been cleared up within the past few years, and he notices that more of this work is going on than has been ever before. He is often shown farms that before the days of creameries kept from three to five cows that are now keeping from eight to twenty.

Now is the time to get rid of the poorer animals. It will not pay to winter them, as better animals will give larger returns for shelter, care and feed. It is not economy to keep a poor animal throughout any season, but it is most extravagant to keep it through the winter. It is the height of folly in stock-raising to sell the best and keep the worst, or to sell the best and keep the worst soon after you best will be no better than your worst is now, and your worst will be such that the more you have the poorer you will be. The decision is made that before the days of creameries kept from three to five cows that are now keeping from eight to twenty.

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A prominent woman lawyer of Ohio is Miss Florence Cronise, of Tiffin. She has been in active practice for fifteen years and has secured a competence and a large list of clients.

The Chinese Government has refused an English firm permission to set up cotton cleaning machinery in the province of Szechuan. It is made that foreigners have no right to start manufacturing in Chinese soil.

Panama is to have a street railway. The builder has been granted a franchise for fifty years, during which time he is to pay a privilege tax of 20 per cent. of the net profits of the road. At the end of that time the road and all appurtenances revert to the municipality.

R. Kondo, of the Mining University of Japan, said to be the wealthiest Japanese outside of the Royal family, and the operator of sixteen gold, silver and copper mines, is about to visit the Lake Superior mineral region to obtain a knowledge of the mining machinery used in this country.

The Chinese frequently place little metal idols within the shells of mullets, removing them several years afterward covered with mud, and resembling pearls; they also lay strings of small pearls separated by knots inside of the shells, and on taking them out, after a lapse of some years, obtain large and costly pearls.

The Steel Car Company is said to be constructing a fire-proof steel car at Boston, which will contain nothing that can burn except the upholstery, and even that is constructed of unimportant material. Not only immunity from fire, but an increase in strength, a decrease in the liability to telescope and diminish dead weight are expected to be some of the good features of the new car.

Wm. Wilson, the gambler who killed Frank Robinson over a game of cards, at Los Angeles, Cal., is still at large.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

Jay Gould allows his daughter \$25 a week for pocket money, most of which she spends in charity.

Baron Houtter, the telegraph king of Europe, keeps a secretary whose sole business it is to investigate and relieve cases of distress.

Since his interview with Mr. Parnell, Mr. Gladstone has expressed himself with much admiration for the Irish leader's personal qualities and political sagacity.

A gentleman residing in Bath, Me., recently gave an account of a trip he took thirty-five years ago from Bath, Me., to Peoria, Ill., which cost him \$141.50. The same trip can be taken now for \$35.

President Cleveland, Mr. Blaine, Speaker Carlisle, Senator Ingalls, Warner Miller and Cordelia S. Cox are a few of the men prominent in public life who began their careers as school teachers. Mayor Hewitt paid for his first trip to Europe out of the proceeds of a year's school teaching.

Mrs. Leland Stanford's jewels are valued at a round million dollars. Her diamond necktie is the finest in the United States, and possibly in the world. It cost seventy-four thousand dollars, and consists of large, "blue-tint" solitaires. Besides this she has several pairs of magnificent solitaire earrings and enough other precious stones to fill a quart measure.

It is said that the Princess Maud of Wales carefully collects in the yards of the Sandringham House and in those of Windsor, Balmoral and Osborne all the peacocks' feathers, and begs them also from her young friends of the English nobility. With this plumage without cost, she makes pretty hand-screens and sells them at the bazaars for the profit of poor little children.

It has been discovered that nearly every Colorado statesman has red hair. Ex-Governor Grant has a Titian top. "Jim" Belford was a shining light in Congress owing to his brilliant hair. Representative Symes, successor, has a head which is said to look like an angry sunset across a field of carrots. Ex-Senator Tabor's hair has a reddish tinge. Minor Colorado politicians show the same remarkable characteristic.

Charles Crocker, who left an estate of \$25,000,000, was never so happy, it is said, as when he was out of his fellow millionaires. It is told of him that he enjoyed with the keenness of a boy the sport of running up the price of a picture or bit of bric-a-brac that another millionaire was bidding on, and that he was equally well pleased to see his neighbor to pay a big round sum for it or if it was knocked down to himself.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE."—A new novel has lately been published in raised letters for the use of the blind. It is said to evoke a great deal of feeling.—Terre Haute Express.

A good housewife never opens the condensed milk can with her husband's razor, nor will a loving husband carry the horse with the nutmeg grater.—N. Y. Evening Sun.

A man that marries a widow is bound to give up smoking and chewing. If she gives up her weeds for him, he should give up the weed for her.—St. Louis Humorist.

"Oh, when does the honeymoon end, tell me, pray."—And the gall show itself on the honey? "The honeymoon ends, I believe, on the day when the wife says she must have some money."—Boston Courier.

"Citizen—"What are you doing with that man?" Policeman—"I've just arrested him." "Citizen—"But he's as deaf as a post." Policeman—"He'll get his hearing before the magistrate."—Harper's Bazar.

"Lady of the house (shivering)—"Has the furnace gone out, Bridget?" Bridget—"I think not, mum; I've been at the gate all the evening with a gentleman firm of mine, and it didn't go by me, I'm sure." "Citizen—"But he's as deaf as a post." Policeman—"He'll get his hearing before the magistrate."—Harper's Bazar.

"Doctor (who has been taking a dispensary patient's temperature)—"Now, my good woman, how do you feel?" Patient (examining the thermometer with considerable awe) "Much better, thank you. Sure an' that's a wonderful thing that'll help a body so quick!"—Judge.

Churchy—"I gave Deacon Snapper \$10 this morning for the Kangaroo Mission Church in Homicide alley." Mrs. Churchy—"O, Arthur! how good you are; I wish I could do something for the mission." Churchy—"Wait till they start the foundation, my dear, and then you can contribute some of that angel cake of yours for the corner stones."—Lovelock Citizen.

"Do you see how proudly the woman walks?" "I do. Is she a millionaire?" "Oh, no. It would be her husband to raise \$500 in cash." "But she can't be proud of her beauty?" "No." "Then what is it?" "She has made thirty tumblers of jelly this all, and not one of her neighbors has made over fifteen. She has a right to hold up her nose."—Detroit Free Press.

BEAUTIFUL HANDS.

What They Are and How Every One Can Have Them. Really beautiful hands are rarely seen; hands white, smooth and shapely, whose finger-tips curve upward like the pink petals of an opening rose, and whose nails are polished like the heart of a blushing sea shell. Such hands had the lovely Queen of Prussia and they may sometimes be seen among us, but are more rare than almost any other physical charm.

A small hand is not necessarily attractive, proportion being one of the chief elements of beauty; but the perfect member must be a trifle long, with gently tapering fingers. Such are the hands that we describe to poetic and sensitive people, idealists in art or character. Heavy hands with thick, square-topped fingers could never belong to a really fine creature as assuredly as the sign of a prosaic nature. The hands should be slightly rounded, the thumb reaching half way up the first finger, the middle one extending a nail's length beyond the first, the third about half a nail's length shorter than the middle finger, while the fourth should be about the same length as the neighbor. The skin should be soft and fine, the lines almost imperceptible, and the whole hand should be exquisitely supple.

It is probably used rather than nature that makes most hands so very unlike this ideal, for through the perfect in shape and some are hopelessly coarse in texture, for the most a great improvement is possible. Smoothness and dainty cleanliness can be preserved and cultivated; stainless tips and polished nails cost little but some minutes of time. With them no hand can fail to be pleasing, even though it may never serve as an artist's model; so none need display the almost universal blemishes except they be engaged in the roughest labor. Nearly all housework can be done in gloves, which, though they seem a little troublesome at first, can soon be worn without inconvenience. Especially in sweeping and dusting are they useful to protect the skin from dirt and hardening, and in these exercises they are not in the way. But during sleep they can always be worn, care being taken not to have them too tight, as that would disturb circulation. Nothing is more certain to improve the hands than the slight sweating thus secured. It whitens, softens and renders it more supple. In addition there are creams and pastes to be applied, many of which are excellent. The following recipe has been taken from the French "Yolk of fresh eggs, 2 scruples; sweet almond oil, 2 table-spoonfuls; rose water, 1 ounce; tincture of benzoin, 36 grains. Beat the yelks up with the oil, and add successively the rose water and the tincture. Put this inside the gloves and sleep in them."

Above all, wet the hands as little as possible. Wash them in tepid water with a little borax and mild soap, and never omit to dry them thoroughly after washing.

The care of the nails is of prime importance. A brush should always be used, and it is not sufficient to remove the stains that so many carelessly are acids that will complete the work. Some people use lemon juice for this purpose. If they are then brightly polished they will be so much improved that the effort will seem well spent. Preparations for this use are now quite common, but another is suggested. This consists of equal parts of cinabar and pulverized egg, rubbed on with a small sponge. Then a little oil of bitter almonds may be passed over them to still further enhance their luster. This care will be sufficient to give any woman a pair of attractive hands.—Chicago News.

Good Whether It Cures or Not. Self-massage is recommended as a cure for dyspepsia. The method is: First thing in the morning and last thing at night rub the abdomen down the left side and the right in a round circle, also rub down the breast; now pass across the room once or twice, and then snap the lower limbs, like a whip, for exercise. Now twist the lower limbs, first on one side, then on the other, and rock upon the heels. Now for the lungs and abdomen; first take in half breath, then exhale all the air possible, then fill the lungs to their full capacity, walk across the room and back, at the same time throwing the arms back. Now in a half breath send out every particle of the air inside the chest, and then breathe all you see the abdomen working like a bellows, and you will soon become a deep breather. For more extended practice in deep breathing the morning before rising is a good time, providing there is full ventilation and the air inside is pure and fresh as the air on the outside. In the winter time before a good fire wash the hands and wet the back of the neck, arms and lower limbs slightly, and rub down with a coarse towel. This is sufficient for a beginner, but the chronic dyspeptic needs more extensive exercises.—United Presbyterian.

Five tablespoonfuls of milk and one cup of granulated sugar will make an excellent frosting if flavored with lemon or vanilla, boiled five minutes and then beaten hard until it is both stiff and cool enough to spread on the cakes. The great advantage of this frosting is that it is economical and that it can be used as soon as thoroughly cold. It is very nice with chocolate or cocoanut stirred in, and at this season, when eggs are apt to be stale, is preferable to the old-fashioned kind.—Detroit Tribune.

Never urge another to do anything against his desire unless you see danger before him. Do not ask another to do what you would not be glad to do under similar circumstances.

Never omit to perform a kind act when it can be done with any reasonable amount of exertion.

Do not make criticisms at the expense of others which you would not wish to have made upon yourselves.

Remember that good manners are thoughts filled with kindness and refinement and then translated into behavior.

Do not consent to a visit or departure; nothing can be more vulgar. See that costumes fit the time and occasion.

These are days of real suffering and genuine agony for the silly women who are "laced to death."

The latest arrangement in Paris for a wedding at home is a floral umbrella, under which the happy pair stand.

The latest wrinkle in manners is this: To show great politeness advance one step and bow; to show the reverse sentiment draw back a step and bow.

"No gifts," reads a foot note on the invitation cards to a wedding in New York. The bride explained by saying that she did not want her marriage made a donation party.

Never intentionally wound the feelings of a human being.

Never talk or laugh aloud in public places or upon the street.