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IMPORTED TREE PESTS.

In the matter of protecting our orchards it looks as if the United States must eventually shut off the importation of nursery stock. Many valuable varieties of fruit have been brought here from Europe and the Orient; but there is not much of it that cannot be propagated somewhere in the United States. In bringing in nursery stock there have also been brought in many destructive diseases.

It is estimated that 60 per cent of the pests that must now be fought in the orchards and nurseries were imported with tree stock. State inspection is not sufficient to protect the fruitgrower against them. Many trees with earth about their roots are brought into this country. In this earth the root diseases may be imported; or there may be insects in the pupa state.

It is practically impossible for an inspector to discover pests thus concealed. Some states have already placed a bar against foreign importations, particularly to nurseries. But this is not protection, because there may be reshipment from some other state, and often there are importations direct to individuals and not through the nurseries.

It may be argued that there are valuable trees and fruits, which should be cultivated in this country, that have not yet been introduced. For these doubtful provision could be made by federal enactment. Many nurserymen have already become converts to the theory that the only remedy lies in federal legislation, and the practical exclusion of foreign trees except where they may be absolutely examined, root and branch, propagated and observed before distribution. Some of the diseases like the white pine blister, which is threatening vast areas, do not develop the first year.

The subject is not without its difficulties, but it is attracting the attention of the entomologists and horticulturists and has been made the topic for discussion under the title, "Stopping Importation of Tree and Plant Pests," at the international forestry conference held in Washington last week. The Oregon department of entomology has been awake to the difficulty of protecting nurseries and orchards from imported diseases, and reports that there is a growing sentiment in this state even among the nurserymen favorable to a general quarantine.

THE MESS IN MEXICO.

Persistent reports indicate the withdrawal of Pershing's command from Mexico and the return of the national guard volunteers from the border. Yet the Mexicans residing in the area of Mexico occupied by United States troops object to their withdrawal.

When the United States soldiers leave order is going to be followed by banditry and the natives are going to be exploited, just as they have been robbed by the Carranzistas and Villistas, according to which faction it is that happens to be in their vicinity.

Not one step has been taken toward the real solution of Mexico's problem. Up to this time it has been a case of benevolent intentions based upon a faulty conception of the problem, and the result has been vast expense and bother for the United States with absolutely nothing done to compromise Mexico's troubles.

When Pershing's command has withdrawn the United States will still have to maintain a large force along the entire length of the boundary to protect our border citizens. The Mexican troops on the other side will afford no protection against bandits and outlaws. We shall have all the old conditions in worse form. The American people can only regard Mexican conditions as satisfactory upon the hypothesis that it is of vital importance to avoid any rupture with Mexico so long as the war in Europe rages. But if it be not the purpose of the government to have an accounting immediately upon the clearing of the European situation, then it is impossible to con-

ceive what the ultimate purpose of our Mexican policy really is.

Even if it is our government's intention to remain out of Mexico and permit the factions to destroy each other, that policy will necessitate a disregard of all the crimes committed against American citizens and against American property. And it will also require a permanent force of more than 100,000 men and all the expense that will entail just to protect our citizens on this side of the border.

If there is in our policy any real altruistic purpose, any intention to be of service to Mexico, to assist her toward peace and order and the rehabilitation of her industries, then nothing is occurring at this time that gives the slightest hope of ultimate success.

IT GAVE PLEASURE.

Timothy Brownhill, formerly a newspaper man of Gresham but now the editor of the Journal at Kent, Washington, writes in his paper concerning the Gresham Outlook's holiday edition as follows:

H. L. St. Clair, of the Gresham, (Oregon) Outlook, recently sent us a copy of his Christmas edition. Nothing could have given us more pleasure than the perusal of that splendid paper. The cover pages are the most artistic coming to our desk this year, and the contents of the inside pages are all and more than one could reasonably expect to find in a paper published in a town the size of Gresham. The edition would do credit to a town many times the size of Gresham.

Fifty-nine weddings took place in Portland and Vancouver last week. One hundred and eighteen souls with but fifty-nine thoughts and 118 hearts that beat as 59. Let us hope that they will all be able to celebrate next new year's day at least six blocks from the courthouse. But the divorce mill will have to keep on grinding.

Next week, or next, at break of day, borne in a choky sort of way, will float a wild Marconigram from Oregon, saying, "How dry I am." Then from the south will come the refrain, to soothe the walling, unrest and pain, and wipe the tears from Oregon's eye, "Come down this way where it ain't so dry."

The inquisitive subscriber at Troutdale asks: "Will husband stay good if his wife quits her place at the fireside?" Inquisitive dear, what a foolish question! The more important matter is, will husband stay good if wifey keeps her place at the fireside.

From the way the shipbuilding industry along the Willamette river is flourishing, it appears that the only thing that keeps Portland from being the leading shipbuilding city in the country is the lack of an ocean beach just at the edge of the town.

With all the chores that congress has to do in the next six weeks, there is not much time for individual limelighting. But that will not prevent the energetic ones from getting all they can out of the situation.

The stockholders of the express companies may not welcome a bone dry situation, but their receipts from "shipments" into Oregon during the past year ought to enable them to keep out of the poorhouse.

A professor of Western Reserve university declares that in love as a basis of marriage is vulgar and low. Any person with that sort of view is usually the one that gets his "leg pulled."

We have been warned to look out for a counterfeit ten dollar gold certificate. We'll do it—if one should happen to find its way into our santon by entering through the wrong door.

It isn't safe yet to advise the natives to "take 'em off." There may be a blizzard lurking somewhere around the corners yet, and this Oregon mist may not have come back to stay.

Potatoes have now reached the point where the plain people of the cities are face to face with the choice between potatoes for supper and a pleasant hour at the movies.

That leak investigation at Washington has got to the point where it will soon be seen whether there is going to be an adequate stopper applied.

At this season of the year there is probably nothing more attractive than a cold wave that has been sidetracked or delayed in transmission. It begins to look as if that government information leak will be found about the same time that Villa is captured.

Education seems to be the crying need of Mexico, but how in the world are we going to let Mexico know it?

Norway, Sweden and Denmark are to have iron money; and we'll soon be making it out of potato peelings.

SEEING THE SUN RISE.

A week or so ago an enthusiastic crowd of mazamas climbed to the summit of Larch mountain through five feet of snow just to see a winter sunrise over the shoulder of Mount Hood. But they need not have gone to all that trouble, for in the first place everybody knows too much about them. They are the common property of so many that we do not care to discuss common property. In the second place they are not very popular. We would rather they were not so common with us, for in most cases concerning ourselves we have been compelled to get up before the sun if we would conserve the daylight of the short winter days, and then we are in the mood to welcome it; and most of us who work for a living and compelled to see the sun rise are somewhat apathetic concerning his arrival. The alarm clock repeats its self-righteous summons once or twice before we climb out of bed to stop its noise and light the morning fire.

There, beyond the fringe of the mountain summits, is the winter sunrise, and the fact is that if we were not in such a hurry to get back into bed to wait for the room to get warm, we might well admit that the winter sunrise is as beautiful as any summer sunrise we ever got up early enough to see.

It may be a sleepy sunrise with clouds like a heavy eyelid lifting enough for the sun to peer through with its one sullen eye. It may be a gay and golden sunrise lighting a world that is white with newly fallen snow and playing with strange colors on roofs and lawns and trees. It may be a red sunrise, a sunrise in war paint, that brings to mind the old refrain of our grandmothers, "Red at night, sailor's delight; red at morning, sailor's take warning." In spite of its own brilliant beauty such a sunrise sets you thinking of great gray seas and ships tormented by storms. A red winter sunrise seems, somehow, a thing of mystery and fear; it belongs to the night rather than to the day, and it welcomes the smoke of early fires with which it makes its dress more somber.

The winter sunrise may be, of course, just a placid gray and yellow sunrise with a tint of blue or rose left over from last summer's stock and preserved for special occasions when the sun is in a humor to be very good and industrious all day, having been much too gay the evening before. The winter sunrise is more human than the summer sunrise, a lovely detached thing that wakens a world of birds and plants, but lets the world of people sleep on unmindful of its charms. The winter sunrise is concerned with people. To be sure it has no birds or plants to waken, and wakening people is a thankless task, but the winter sunrise goes about it very cheerfully, taking what pleasure it may in seeing that we get up in the morning, although its beauty is unappreciated by a sleepy world.

A majority of the stockholders of the telephone company sustained their unbroken record of staying away from the annual meeting yesterday. They will have an opportunity next Monday to make amends, but that will not compensate the prompt ones who wasted a whole day and had to adjourn without doing anything.

A gasoline engine driven machine has been invented to bale hay or straw in cylindrical bales. It is a sporting rifle that an Ohio man has invented.

According to a Munich physician heat prostration is directly due to the reduction by the high temperature of the acids in the human system.

Brushes have been invented for polishing either stoves or shoes that have a reservoir, controlled by a valve, to feed polish to the bristles.

Finland is investigating conditions surrounding the employment of women and children in bobbin factories in Viborg and Lahtis.

There are said to be 800 uses for the palmyra palm, which grows throughout tropical India.

The government of Chile has authorized the erection of a technical industrial school.

William Hoylans, of North Versailles, Pa., age one hundred and six, is an expert rifle shot.

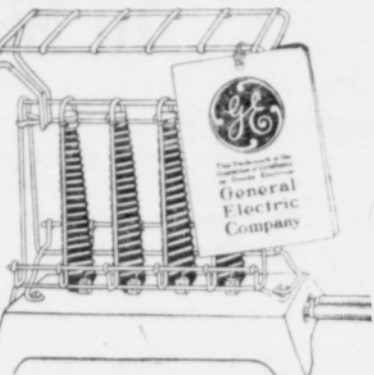
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