

## HERE TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS IN REGARD TO GROWING GINSENG

Charles A. Trapp of Houston, Mo., Believes That Rogue River Valley Is Ideal Spot in Which to Grow Ginseng for Market.

Ginseng farming, as is well known, has become an extensive industry in many parts of the middle west, has even reached to California, and has lately been introduced into the state of Washington, where it has been grown with partial success, but that the Rogue River valley should become a sought Eden for the growth of this Chinese cure-all has scarcely been given a thought. Ginseng farming is one of the most profitable pursuits to which the soil can be put in case the country is adapted to the growth of that herb, and as a usual thing a country which will grow oak, cottonwood, alder and pine is adapted to the growth of ginseng. This herb, in its growth, requires but little heat, in fact, in South Missouri the original home of ginseng farming in the United States, the plant is grown under shade, and in its wild state is found growing in a mulch of dead leaves and forest debris, in the most shaded places. The herb is used more exclusively in China than in any other country and is considered by the Celestial as a panacea for all diseases, and especially is it sought for the royal family of the dragon kingdom.

For the purpose of investigating the soil and climatic conditions of the Rogue River valley to ascertain as to whether the plant may be successfully grown here, Charles A. Trapp of Houston, Mo., who has worked on and known of the original ginseng farm since its inception, is here and will search all parts of the valley for the desired spot upon which to establish this new industry. Mr. Trapp believes the plant may be successfully grown here without the expense of shading it, and in this manner may be grown on a much larger scale than in other climates, and should all conditions prove favorable, he expects to purchase hillside lands and enter the business on a large scale, as he represents well established and wealthy ginseng growers of the middle west. Mr. Trapp states that no profit can be expected from the roots of the plant until after the third year, but the berry is very profitable and is obtained after the first year. The roots, when prepared for market, are worth from \$12 to \$20 per pound.

A large ginseng farm is only a small piece of ground, two or three acres constituting a whole plantation, as the plant requires much time and attention.

## KISSING GIRL

### WEAK VEHICLE

However, the Capable Cast Made the Show Possible—Harry Hermesen Was Really Funny, But Made His Own Part.

"The Kissing Girl" at the opera house last night was well attended. The performance pleased, but the credit is due to the actors rather than to the play. The play itself is rather a weak vehicle and nothing short of a very capable cast would make this play possible. It has no particular merit either from a musical or dramatic standpoint, but the singers in the cast had real voices and the comedians were really funny. Louis London has an unusually good baritone voice and was at one time leading baritone with the Bostonians. Dick Temple is a good singer as well as a capable actor. He comes from a line of old opera singers. His father was the Mikado in the first performance of this opera in London.

Harry Hermesen was really funny, although he had to make his own part, as the author of the libretto never conceived the idea of wit or humor. Miss Venita Fitzhugh has a splendid soprano voice which she used like an artist. Her solo was "The Rose," and was the musical gem of the evening. In fact, we might go down the line and mention the entire leading cast, as they deserve special mention for their sincere effort to please the audience, more especially as they had so lame a play in which to bring out their several abilities.

A non-reader's dollar is frequently a 50-cent dollar in its buying usefulness.

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## STRIKERS FIGHT ON FRISCO STREET

One Taxi Is Wrecked—Driver Exchanges Shots With Strikers—Claims He Shot in Self-Defense—No Arrests.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 1.—Striking taxicab drivers and non-union substitutes engaged in a battle early today in which shots were fired and one taxicab wrecked. The disturbance was the second of its kind since the strike was inaugurated three days ago, although the strikers number less than 50 men. The wrecked vehicle was driven by James Ashcroft, the same driver who exchanged shots with strikers. Ashcroft says he was attacked and fired in self defense. No arrests were made.

## GREAT SHAKE-UP IN JAPANESE ARMY

TOKIO, Dec. 1.—The promotion of 2000 young army officers to important positions in the line, a great number of retirements of elderly officers and several changes in the roster of naval officers were ordered today by the war and marine ministries.

The shaken up the greatest in both branches of the service since the organization of the modern army and navy. The changes were caused by the increase in able young officers who saw service in the Russo-Japanese war and thereby became fitted to occupy the positions held by the older men. The ministry resolved to weed out the veterans and re-vivify the army with young blood. The same reason governed the changes in the navy.

## JAP CHARGED WITH MURDER ON TRIAL

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 1.—The taking of testimony in the trial of Genkyo Mitsunaga, accused of having murdered Mrs. Katherine Wilson in a fashionable home section of Denver, began today. The jury to try the Japanese was completed and sworn in last night.

The body of Mrs. Wilson was found May 9 in a parking case in the basement of her home. She had been strangled to death and her body mutilated. At the time it was reported that mysterious ideographic markings or symbols were found on her forehead and suspicion was directed to the Japanese, who had disappeared.

Mitsunaga was employed as a housecleaner in the Wilson home. He was traced to McCook, Neb., and arrested. He made a statement declaring he was in the Wilson home at the time Mrs. Wilson met death, but that a white man committed the murder and forced him to assist in disposing of the body.

## BLACK INK INJECTED INTO PATIENT'S VEINS

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 1.—Thos. L. Pulling, until recently head nurse of a hospital here, in an appointed meeting with Chairman Graham B. Hobson of council committee on relief of the poor, has made charges of alleged mismanagement and negligence at that institution. Among other things, he declares that a patient suffering intense pain was given hypodermic injections of black ink, a female nurse mistaking the bottle for one of a drug compound containing chloral, the patient dying before the mistake was corrected. He said the patient's death was reported due to typhoid fever.

## Chicago Has Snow Storm.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 30.—One man frozen to death and 22,000 persons destitute and suffering with cold was the toll of the first real winter day Chicago has experienced this season. William Cronin, an aged man, was found frozen and dead, beside a fireless stove in a squalid basement. County Charity Agent Belmont declares that 1000 aged persons are wandering homeless and in danger of death or starvation or exposure, and that 22,000 persons are suffering without reckoning the 45,000 striking garment workers who are dependent on donations.

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"The Volunteer Organist," which is offered at the Medford soon, is a beautiful, sentimental play from the pen of William B. Gray and well known to our theatergoers. It possesses the power to appeal to that which is good within us and adds yearly legions to its multitude of admirers.

The story of the drama is simple and is blended with genuine comedy and exceptional pathos. There is not a dull moment throughout the play, and the plot is never permitted to drag. In the quaintness of the characters presented and in the realism of its reproduction of phases of Vermont life, it is truth itself. It is without such tiresome melodramatic devices as a deep-dyed villain, a persecuted heroine, an old man and murder, and a peculiar fact, it is constructed out of a popular song. The story it tells is that of temperance in physical indulgence and liberality in religion. The danger of alcoholic intoxicants, the wickedness of hypocrisy and the saving grace of sin-

cere religious professions and strict moral conduct are all properly shown.

The wonderful church scene, pronounced by experts to be the exact replica of the famous edifice, in conjunction with the gifted choir boys, who in this scene sing the beautiful solos, "The Holy City" and "The Palmers," seemingly lift its beholders into the realms of the most holy.

President at Reception.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—President Taft forsook his official duties this afternoon to attend the official coming-out reception of his daughter, Helen. The president, with the others, took tea in the reception room of the white house.

Not to "know" when buying is lit the better than not to care. Either failing in a housewife grows, sooner or later, into financial "trouble" in the home.

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