

WEST SIDE TELEPHONE.

McMINNVILLE, FRIDAY MARCH 25, 1897.

The outlook for the hopgrowers of the Pacific coast this season seems to be fully as encouraging as last year. Every one is familiar with the almost total loss of the hop crop in Central New York in 1886 owing to the ravages of lice, but it was supposed that the coming season would see a recovery from the depression, as it was thought hardly probable that the scourge would again cause damage. But it seems that not only did the insects kill the foliage of the hop vines, but in many cases the roots of the plants themselves were ruined and it will be necessary in the majority of cases to replant the yards. Should this be generally done, even then the crop would be a light one this season. But it is reported that the hopgrowers are so discouraged that while they will plow up their ruined yards, they will not again venture in the same direction, but will turn their attention to grain, potatoes and other ordinary farm crops. In any event the hop product of Central New York will cut a very small figure in the market this season, and for that reason hopgrowers in Oregon should be very chary in making contracts at prices very much less than were obtained last year.

The president recently pardoned Joseph H. Evans, a convict in the Utah penitentiary, who was serving out a term for polygamy. The pardon was granted mainly on the ground that the man was 70 years old and that he had been imprisoned for two years—nearly half of his term. So obdurate was the old sinner that he refused, even for the sake of pardon, to obey the laws and confine himself to his legal wife. The president, therefore, in pardoning him has set an extremely bad precedent, which is nothing less than an insult to the officers who have been trying to enforce the law against polygamy. In the case of this hoary offender the president's offense is the greater, as there was no special hardship. He is an old man, but in robust health, and it would have been no more grievous for him to have borne the full term of his sentence than for younger men. In a word, Cleveland has made one of the blunders for which he is becoming noted, blunders that are usually due to his pig-headed policy of accepting no advice from those who are well informed on the subjects that he is considering.

A special from St. Petersburg asserts that one general officer in the active service, three cavalry officers, seventeen infantry and artillery officers, within the past forty-eight hours, have been suddenly removed from their quarters and their whereabouts are unknown, with the exception of three. Their relatives state that they have been shot on alleged proof of treason. A second dispatch states the Russian army is undoubtedly honeycombed by a revolutionary element, and predicts a military rising, unless the country very soon employs the disaffected troops in a campaign at a distance from the scene of agitation.

The president has at last appointed the interstate commission, viz: Thomas M. Cooley, of Michigan, for the term of six years; William R. Morrison, of Illinois for the term of five years; Augustus Schoonmaker of New York for the term of four years; Adace F. Walker of Vermont, for the term of three years; Walter S. Bragg, of Alabama, for the term of two years. The Pacific coast was not recognized after all. Oh, well, perhaps we'll have another presidential election out in the far west some of these days.

The Halifax Chronicle, an opposition paper, in discussing the New York Tribune's proposal to abrogate the treaty of 1818, says: "The United States might as well repudiate her war debt and favor a statute cancelling her bonds. The proposal shows the helpless extremity to which one of the ablest of the American press is driven in the course of an international agreement."

The Yakima Signal estimates that there will be 400,000 tons of wheat raised east of the Cascades in Oregon and Washington territory this year. At \$6 per ton, the present rate of the O. R. & N. Co. for transportation to Portland, that company would reap \$2,400,000 from this source alone. Walla Walla expects to raise between four and five million bushels.

The San Francisco Post continues to joke at the expense of Los Angeles. It says: "The enterprise of Los Angeles will never end. She has had 20,000 people vaccinated, and if that does not bring the dilatory eastern visitor she has another attraction in reserve that will. The Perkin-Baldwin case is about to be tried all over again."

Portland merchants are hurrying their freight in before the inter-state bill goes into effect. One firm, dealing in agricultural implements, has 100 carloads on the way.

Overland freight will be advanced from 250 to 300 per cent. After April 1. This is due to the inter-state commerce bill.

W. S. Dodge, ex-governor of Alaska, died at Salinas, California, Saturday.

STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

The Racing Programme for the Fair of 1897—Other Proceedings of the Meeting.

The state board of agriculture met at their room in the state capitol on Saturday afternoon, and continued in session two days. Full representation present. The following was decided upon as the racing programme for the Oregon state fair of 1897:

TROTTING.

Race No. 1—2:50 class, best 3 in 5; purse \$400.

Race No. 2—Breeder's stake: Two-year-old class, best 2 in 3; entrance \$20 \$250 added.

Race No. 3—2:45 class, best 3 in 5; purse, \$500.

Race No. 4—Three-year-old class, best 3 in 5; purse, \$400.

Race No. 5—Free for all, best 3 in 5; purse, \$700.

Race No. 6—2:35 class, best 3 in 5; purse, \$600.

Race No. 7—2:30 class, best 3 in 5; purse, \$500.

RUSSING.

Race No. 8—Salutation stake: 5/8 of a mile, handicap \$150 added to a sweepstake of \$30 each for starters. Ten dollars to be paid May 1. Weights to be published July 1. Acceptance and \$20 to be paid August 1.

Race No. 9—"Oregon Derby," a sweepstake of \$100 each for starters. Forty dollars to be paid May 1. Sixty dollars August 1. One mile and a half. Horses brought from California since February 1, 1886, to carry seven pounds extra; \$200 added.

Race No. 10—"Juvenile stake" for two-year-olds; 5/8 of a mile; \$250 added to a sweepstake of \$50 each. Twenty dollars to be paid May 1, \$30 August 1. Oregon and Washington territory bred and raised allowed five pounds. Colts and fillies brought from California since February 1, 1887, to carry seven pounds extra.

Race No. 11—Mile and one-sixteenth; purse, \$500. Ten per cent. entrance; 5 per cent. to be paid May 1, and 5 per cent. August 1.

Race No. 12—Same day; purse \$100; one mile; 10 per cent. entrance fee; to name and close by ten o'clock on the second day of the fair. Welter weights 28 pounds added to weight for age.

Race No. 13—Free for all, one mile and repeat; purse, \$600. Same conditions and entrances as the 1 1/16 mile race. Winner of mile and 1/16 to carry five pounds extra.

Race No. 14—Farewell stake for two-year-olds, 3/4 mile. Same conditions and entrances as in Juvenile stakes. The winner of Juvenile stake to carry five pounds extra; \$250 added.

Race No. 15—Same day. Goodbye handicap 1 1/4 mile; \$150 added to a sweepstake of \$50 each. Entries to name and close by 6 p. m. of the first day of the fair. Weights to be published by posting on the stand at 10 a. m. Friday, and \$20 to be paid by 6 p. m. of said day.

The following is the remainder of the proceedings of the board which were of general interest:

The premiums in divisions E, F, J, M, N, O, R, were ordered changed and raised materially. These are pavilion exhibits.

It was decided to offer a premium of \$500 for a military drill. Messrs. De Lashmuth, Bybee and Apperson were appointed a committee on arrangements.

The chairman appointed Looney a member of the finance committee in place of Chamberlin.

The secretary was authorized to collate statistical and descriptive information of the resources of the state of Oregon. It is proposed to publish the results of the secretary's researches in pamphlet form for distribution.

The superintendents and committees on awards for the different divisions were appointed.

A committee was appointed to investigate certain charges against F. W. Duncan for having fraudulently entered Mignonette in the two-year-old trotting race at the last fair.

Two thousand copies of list of proposed premiums were ordered printed.

The board decided also to make extensive improvements in the grounds.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Willhelm's ninetyeth birthday was celebrated throughout Fatherland Tuesday, and was not overlooked on this side of the water.

The good work of business improvement goes on. Twenty-one railroads in various parts of the country earned nearly eight per cent. more in the first week of the present month than they did in the corresponding period of March, 1886.

John A. Logan, son of the dead senator, and Miss Edith Andrews, daughter of Chauncey M. Andrews of Youngstown, Ohio, were married Tuesday, at the residence of the bride's father. A number of prominent people attended. The presents given were very elaborate and costly, among them was a check for \$50,000 from the bride's father.

Mrs. George L. Lorillard, will return from Europe in time to look after the general management of her stable of thoroughbred horses during the spring, summer and autumn. She will go on the grand stand at Sheephead Bay in June, when the great suburban handicap will be decided. Mrs. Lorillard will race in her own name this year. Last year she ran her thoroughbreds in the name of the Locust stable.

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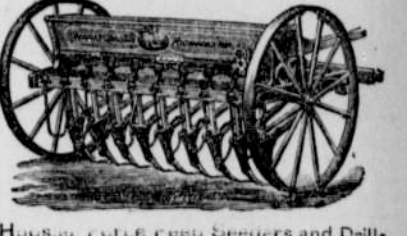
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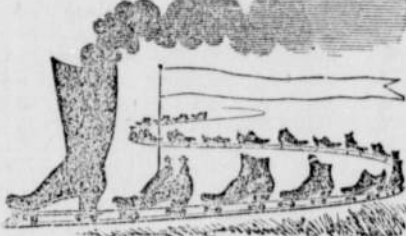


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