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RENOVATING ORCHARDS.

We often meet with an orchard of apparently healthy trees, which is practically fruitless. The owner may tell us that it formerly bore abundant crops, but of late years the trees have "run out." They formerly gave good crops of apples. All the other land on the farm was expected to give but one good crop, but this of the orchard was made to give a crop of grain, or a crop of grass or clover to be taken off as hay. The soil soon became tired of doing this double duty. The trees "gave out" because they were robbed of food; the first thing they need is feeding. Of course if the soil needs draining, lay the needed tiles at once, or as soon as the soil will allow. Such orchards are usually in grass; draw on a heavy dressing of manure and spread it, and, as soon as the soil is in proper condition, turn over the sod and the manure with the plow; with the hot weather the sod will decay rapidly. When this is found to be well rotted, give another plowing, and a deep one. If ashes can be had, spread a heavy coating and harrow; in the absence of ashes harrow in a good dressing of lime. If the trunk and larger branches are covered with loose scales of old bark upon which lichens and mosses have a foot-hold, scrape off the loose bark, using a blunt short-handled hoe as a scraper. Then in a damp time or thaw wash the trees with soft soap, made thin enough to apply with a brush. Use home-made soft soap, made with lye or potash. That sold at the stores is usually merely hard soap mixed with water and very weak and quite inferior to the home-made. Mix the soap with enough water to work readily, go over the scraped portions with it, and leave the spring rain to finish the work. In due time the bark will be found beautifully smooth and deprived of all foreign growth. The soap that has been washed into the soil will act as a useful fertilizer. Long neglected trees usually require pruning, and this must depend upon the condition of the tree. Never cut out a branch without good reason for it. If the top has become crowded, cut out enough branches to let light and air into the center; if grown one sided, remove the branches needed to restore the balance. If large wounds are made, smooth the surface and paint them over with some dark-colored paint.—American Agriculturist.

SYSTEMATIZED POLAR EXPLORATION.

Considering the variability of drift-ice movement in the Arctic seas; it is urged that the easiest, cheapest and most promising method of seeking the North Pole is to despatch every year, for ten or eleven years, a certain number of well-equipped steamers, some one of which would be enabled to seize upon the most favorable condition of the ice for a dash to the extreme north. Four routes are recommended, viz: one along East Spitzbergen to Franz Josef Land, and northward, starting from the north of Norway; one east of Franz Josef Land, starting from the Yenisei or Obi; one via Franz Josef Land, starting from the New Siberian Islands or the Lena; and one from a suitable spot in Behring Strait. With an annual expedition by each of these routes, it is believed that the problems of the Polar seas would be solved within the period of eleven years.

THE NEW LEAF.

Now is the time to turn it over. Not only turn it over but gum it down so that it will stay turned. We are talking now to those farmers (there are too many such) who are always growling and croaking and looking on the dark side of things. This is a bright world if you will only open your eyes and see the sunlight. No doubt you have cares and troubles and much to vex and worry you. So has every one. Don't let little matters like these fret you. They are but for a moment; how soon they will pass away and be forgotten! Nothing so transient and trifling should be allowed to disturb one's serenity. We should not expect that everything in this world is to be adjusted to our liking. There will be friction now and then of course, but the best way is to always keep cool, take things philosophically, and remember that "it won't make any difference a hundred years from now." So quit grumbling. Quit it now and thereby make the new year happier for yourself and for all around you.—American Agriculturist.

SALEM.

The city officials of Salem were changed last night. Mayor Murphy and one-half of the Board of Aldermen stepped down and out. And Mayor Williams with one-half of the new Board resumed their responsible positions.

Mayor Murphy has served the city very acceptably to its citizens, and retires with the utmost confidence of this people. Mayor Williams upon taking his seat delivered an inaugural, replete within itself. It is brief. It is to the point. It pledges the city, so far as his influence goes, to the support of the spirit of enterprise already being manifest among us. The rest of the Board are composed of men of enterprise, of sagacious business qualities, and it may safely be predicted that the year will be the most prosperous Salem has ever known.

VACCINATION AND ANTI-VACCINATION.

Statistics are against the few persons who insist that vaccination is useless and unnecessary. A compulsory vaccination law had entirely driven out smallpox from Zurich, so that not a case occurred in 1882. The law was repealed in 1883, and in every 1000 deaths that year two were caused by smallpox; in 1884, there were three; in 1885, seventeen; and in the first quarter of 1886, eighty-five. In England the deaths from this disease in 1838-1842 were fifty-seven, two per 100,000 living; but in the five years 1880-1884 the death-rate was only 6.5 per 100,000. Vaccination has not only vastly reduced the number of victims directly, but seems to have had an indirect influence in rendering the offspring of vaccinated parents less liable to the disease.

An epidemic of diphtheria in 1884 followed the arrival of a flock of turkeys in Skiatos, one of the Grecian Isles where no case of the disease had previously been known for thirty years. Some of the turkeys were sick, and it is believed that the diphtheritic germs were conveyed from them through the air to the first human victim.

The bones of animals were used as skates and sledge-runners in prehistoric Europe, and it seems they are still so employed in northern Germany. The sledges consist of a board resting on the bones of a horse, and the skates have for runners the lower jaw-bones of cattle.

PORTIONS of the Andes seem to be sinking, the altitude of Quito having diminished seventy-six feet in 122 years, and that of another peak 218 feet. A crater has sunk 425 feet in twenty-five years.

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A Seasonable Hint.

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W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

Municipal Election in Boston.

Rain, rain, rain! How it poured Tuesday, December 11th! Will the 21,000 women who have registered go to the polls? Shall we elect the school committee ticket nominated by the committee of one hundred, endorsed by the W. C. T. U. and the "Loyal Women of American Liberty?" These were the thoughts of the best citizens of Boston on the morning of election day; but the women of the "Hub" are used to rain; waterproofs of all hues and descriptions were donned, and, to the amazement of the ward politicians, 17,000 women appeared at the voting places in the various precincts, the majority on foot. They added life and piquancy to the usual monotonous proceedings.

In every precinct there was a band of women workers. The Boston W. C. T. U. has been drilled and disciplined for six years in work of this kind, but their numbers were re-inforced by the "Loyal Women" whose efforts were exclusively for the second ticket, while the W. C. T. U. worked for no-license as well, having made earnest appeals months ago to the women of Boston to qualify themselves to vote on the school question. Mrs. A. J. Gordon, president of the Boston union, gave the women printed directions in regard to their work at the polls, and at each precinct one of the workers had a list of the women voters which she checked, so that it was impossible for any one to vote twice, and carriages were sent for delinquents.

The committee of one hundred organized months ago for the special defense of the public schools, looked sharply after the men in the same manner. The women were at the polls early in the morning, many appearing with husbands or brothers. The newspaper men noted this and commented as follows: "In many precincts almost the entire number of registered women had cast their ballots before noon. This shows that the average woman is disposed to apply sound housekeeping principles to the business of voting, and do her work as a citizen bright and early, so as to have it all out of the way before dinner. They handled their ballots like veteran voters."

The following is from the Boston Traveller: "There is nothing but praise for the pluck and bearing of the voting women of Boston, yesterday. The universal respect shown to them in every precinct speaks well for Boston, and the influence of the presence of ladies at the polls may now be regarded as beneficial to order and decorum."

Rev. Edward Hale said he rejoiced the people were at last awake to the importance of the school movement, and thought that all religions should have an equal representation in the School Board, and that the present ticket was the best elected for four years. Hon. Thomas Bicknell said: "We have learned the power of women to save the state, and all honor to the ladies who saved the schools of Boston." Three cheers were given for the W. C. T. U. and also for the loyal women.

STATYON ITEMS.

W. H. Hobson is a happy man. It is a boy this time.

Dr. W. B. Magers is still very low, with but very little hopes of recovery.

Father Wernher, catholic priest at Sublimity, died rather suddenly on New Year's morning. He was taken to Mt. Angel for burial.

Mrs. Sarah A. Gerkin, wife of David Gerkin, died at their residence near Silver Creek Falls, on Dec. 23rd, aged 52 years. This is the wife and mother and the seventh death in this sadly stricken family, within the last four years, all of that dread disease consumption.

Mrs. Mary E., wife of J. W. Thomas, died suddenly at her home three miles east of here on the evening of Dec. 28th, aged 48 years. Thus passed away one of our most estimable ladies but little past the prime of life, leaving a husband and six children besides numerous relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

The O. P. railroad is still pushing ahead and the end of the track is now within ten miles of Breitenbush's Fork. This is quite a stream and will without a doubt delay track laying for some weeks. This stream was named for Louis Breitenbush, a Frenchman, who was the first to report its existence, having spent some months hunting and trapping on its banks. This was sometime in the fifties.

STATE OF OHIO, City of Toledo } Lucas County, S. S.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co. doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. '88.

A. W. GLEASON.

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To cleanse the stomach, liver, and system generally, use Dr. Pierce's Peppermint.

Imagination never disturbs existing facts.

Brace Up.

You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with Headache, you are fidgety, nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to brace up. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have their basis very cheap, bad whiskey, and which stimulate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before. What you want is an alternative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of Liver and Kidneys, restore your vitality, give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle at Dr. H. W. Cox's Drug Store.

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TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a sure cure for consumption, catarrh, asthma, bronchitis, and all throat and lung maladies. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address, Rev. Edward A. Wilson, Kings County, New York.

Contentment does not demand conditions, it makes them.

Their Business Booming.

Probably no one thing has caused a general revival of trade at Dr. H. W. Cox's Drug Store as their giving away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, and all throat and lung diseases quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial bottle free, large size \$1. Every bottle warranted.

Now is always the very best time if we make it so.

Are We to Have Another War?

Some political prophets aver that we shall. Be that as it may, the battle waged by medical science against disease will never cease until we arrive at that utopian epoch when the human family shall cease to be afflicted with bodily ailments. One of the most potent weapons which the armory of medicine furnishes, is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which is of special utility as a family remedy, as it is adapted to immediate relief and ultimate cure of those disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels which are of commonest occurrence. Indigestion, biliousness and constipation are inseparable companions, and these ailments are completely eradicated by the Bitters. But the remedial scope of this superlatively wholesome and genial medicine takes in also nervous ailments, rheumatism and kidney troubles; its action in these, as in the other complaints, being characterized by unequalled thoroughness.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

The Capitol Adventure Co. was incorporated in March, 1886. Their principal business house and office are in the Opera House, double corner on Court and Liberty streets, Salem. They do a general merchandise business, and in connection do an auctioneering and commission business, buy and sell real estate, cattle, horses and also act as appraisers, administrators, assignees and accountants. They have experienced help that are competent to act in all the above capacities on short notice. The best of references can be given as required, and bonds to any amount necessary. They have given the best of satisfaction as appraisers and assignees.

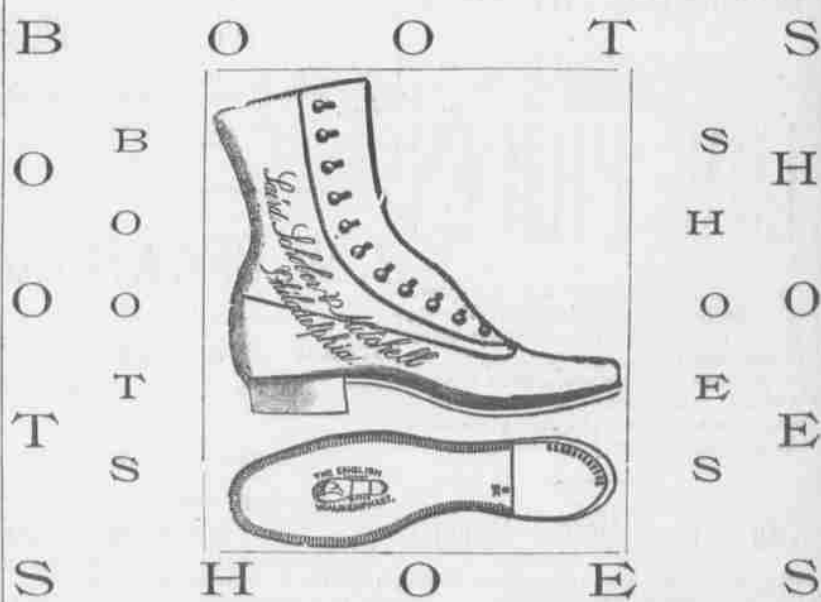
The Capitol Adventure Co. have, for the short time they have been in business, shown to the public that they are doing a legitimate business, worthy of their patronage. Among their patrons you will find the best farmers, who exchange their products to them for their wares; the mechanics and laborers, who know the value of a dollar, and where to invest it; also the refined and talented people go there for their elegant wares. The immigrants soon find themselves to home at the opera house corner, for the reason that the Capitol Adventure Co. sell from ten to twenty-five per cent. cheaper than any other house in the

state, for the following reasons:

First, They buy from first hands in large quantities. They save the profits of the middle men. They save in freight. They also have the advantage of buying bankrupt stocks, and also very often reliable merchants who are pushed for funds sell them the best of goods at twenty to thirty per cent. discount for cash.

Second, They have leased the elegant Opera House building for a long time for almost nominal rent. They have the most commodious and best lighted store rooms in the city. They carry a full and complete stock of dry goods, clothing, hats, boots and shoes, ladies' and gents, furnishing goods, jewelry and silverware, notions, stationery and cutlery, groceries, in fact a general variety such as are usually kept in a first class store. The Capitol Adventure Co. is about the only firm in Salem that tries to command the farmers' trade by buying all their merchantable products, and they retail the farmers' products the same prices they pay, thus saving to the mechanics and laborers from ten to twenty per cent. for the real necessities of life. Therefore the Capitol Adventure Co. asks for the continuance of the public's patronage. You will find them at the Opera House corner, Court and Liberty streets, Salem, Oregon.

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