

FRUIT PESTS.

An Interesting Experiment Being Conducted in Washington.

CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE GRAFTING OF BUDS.

Census Bulletin Showing the Increase in the Colored Population, as Compared with that of the Whites--The Record of Minister Blair on the Chinese Question Transmitted to the Flowery Kingdom.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Irwin F. Smith, Special Agent of the Department of Agriculture in the Division of Vegetable Pathology, is conducting an interesting experiment of great interest to California fruit-growers bearing upon the propagation of a destructive disease of the peach tree known as "the yellows."

He has already found by experiment that the buds affected by this disease when grafted in healthy stocks, will invariably produce stunted trees similarly affected, and a like result has been obtained when buds apparently healthy were taken from the diseased branch.

The object of the experiment now in progress is to determine whether the disease is not communicable even under conditions which would seem to be much more favorable to the production of sound trees.

The buds used in this experiment have been obtained partly from the healthiest portions of trees not largely affected by the disease and partly from trees in which no indication of the disease had appeared, but which are growing in infested orchards. In order to eliminate as far as possible all occasion for doubt as to the directness of the experiment, trees produced from these buds, having originated in buds and not in the stocks, the latter were produced from seeds obtained from districts in Tennessee, lower Maryland and lower Delaware, which have so far been entirely free from the yellows.

The practical object of the experiment is to determine the degree of care on the part of the nurseryman and peach-grower which is necessary to use in order to guard against the introduction of the disease in the process of budding.

THE COLORED RACE.

Census Statistics Relating to the Increase in the South.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The Census Bureau has in preparation a bulletin giving the population of the South Atlantic and Southern Central States, Missouri and Kansas by races. The total population embraced in this count is given as 23,575,259, of which 16,883,235 are white, 6,566,106 are colored and 10,888 Chinese, Japanese and Indians.

In the States included were found in 1890 fifteen-sixteenths of the entire colored population of the United States, so for the purpose of the colored race increased more rapidly than the white. Since 1830 the whites have steadily increased at a more rapid rate than the colored people. This increase is not effected by immigration for which, with the exception of Kansas and Missouri, these States received comparatively few immigrants.

In 1830 there were nearly six colored inhabitants to ten white, but this proportion has been reduced to a trifling more than four at the present date, or by nearly one-third its amount.

The deficiencies of the ninth census, says Porter, are apparent. Several tables are given which show the movement of the colored element of population during the last half century. There has been no extended movement of this element since the time of the civil war. Indeed, with the exception of the District of Columbia, the border States appear to have lost rather than gained, and during the last decade there has been a perceptible backward movement of the colored element from the border States into those bordering on the gulf, particularly into Mississippi and Arkansas. In these two States this has resulted in the production of a more rapid increase of the colored element than of the whites.

ADDRESS TO NEGROES IN THE NORTH.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The Interstate Civil and Political Rights Association of the United States, an organization of colored men, has issued an address to the negro voters in the North, in which, after referring to the defeat of the election bill in the Senate, they say important elections are at hand, and that they are urged to vote for the candidates who are known to be a firm friend of the negro, a free ballot and a fair count.

WORLD'S FAIR.

Several Governments Accept the Invitation to Participate.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The Spanish Government has notified the Department of State that it will participate in the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago. Minister Lincoln also called a brief announcement to-day that the Government of Great Britain had accepted the invitation to make a display at the fair.

It is a curious fact that the first action taken by any foreign nation in connection with the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America should be the Republic of San Domingo, on which was located the first settlement of Spaniards in the New World. Nathan Appleton, a well-known citizen of Boston, engaged in the construction of a railway in San Domingo, has been requested to take charge of the large exhibit of that republic.

Lieutenant Welles, of the United States Navy, Commissioner to Venezuela, reports that the President has received him very cordially, and announced that Venezuela would accept the invitation to participate.

DESIGN FOR THE WOMAN'S BUILDING. Chicago, March 25.—Miss Sophia A. Hayden of Boston, wins the \$10,000 prize offered for the best design for the woman's building for the World's Fair. Miss Lois L. Howe, also of Boston, takes

the second prize of \$300, and Miss Laura Hovey of Boston, third prize of \$250. Miss Hayden has been wired to come to Chicago and elaborate her plans.

The design is one of marked simplicity, in Italian Renaissance style, with colonnades broken by center and end pavilions. The structure is to be 2,000 by 400 feet, and fifty feet to the cornice. There is no dome, the chief feature of the ornamentation being the entrance.

Miss Hayden is a first-honor graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

ACTION TAKEN IN GERMANY. BERLIN, March 25.—A conference in which prominent German manufacturers took part, and in which the Chicago World Fair and the prospects of Germany being there represented were discussed, was held here to-day. The manufacturers concurred in the belief that representation worthy of the German Empire only could be obtained if the Government sent a Commissioner to the United States with power to secure to the manufacturers of Germany the right to contemplate exhibiting all the advantages which German industry is entitled to.

It was decided to issue a call for a mass meeting of the German manufacturers of this city on April 2d, at which a committee of merchants will be appointed to represent Germany at the representation of the products of German industry.

MINISTER BLAIR.

The Report That His Record Has Been Sent to China Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—It will be remembered that a day or two after Senator Blair had been nominated to be Minister to China it was published that his record had been cabled at length to China by the legation here. This statement was met by the usual denial, but it can be stated positively that the information was absolutely correct, except that the matter was mailed instead of cabled. It is reported that the Chinese legation that no telegrams were sent to the home Government except the bare announcement of the nomination, but Blair's record followed very soon afterward in a bulky package.

In an interview in a New York paper, Blair to-day rendered a decision on the matter. He is believed here that he has named this somewhat distant period of departure, and will have an opportunity to hear whether China will receive him, before he starts on his journey. Secretary Blaine said this afternoon that he had not a letter of instructions had been issued, and he replied: "I have nothing to say about the letters of instruction, but I will say that Blair will go to China."

Land Decision Affirmed.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Secretary Noble to-day rendered a decision affirming the action of the Commissioner of the General Land Office in rejecting the application of Cyrus F. Clapp, to locate a Valentine strip on 320 acres of unsurveyed land adjacent to the town of Port Angeles, Washington. The ground for action is that the land sought to be entered is within the Port Angeles townsite reservation, and held in reserve for the benefit of the town, and, therefore, not subject to location.

Jefferson's Anniversary.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The National Association of Democratic Clubs has issued a circular letter addressed to the Democratic clubs throughout the United States, inviting them to appropriately celebrate the anniversary of the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, on Thursday, the second of April. The life of Jefferson is contrasted with what they term the "centralization, prodigality, favoritism and corruption of the last Congress."

The Sayward Seizure.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The Attorney-General has received a letter from Judge Bugbee, Judge of the District Court of Alaska, acknowledging service of the rule made by the United States Supreme Court three weeks ago, that prohibition should not be issued in the case of the British sealer Sayward, and saying that he expected to make return by the next steamer.

Pension Awards.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The following pensions have been awarded: Oregon: Original—Johnson White. Second—George W. Stephens, Christopher Schaefer, Increase—William R. Harris. Original—Dow—Harriet F., widow of Daniel G. Dow.

Old War Vessels to be Sold. WASHINGTON, March 25.—Bids were opened at the Navy Department to-day for the purchase of eight naval vessels which have been condemned and ordered to be sold to the highest bidder. Seven of the vessels took an active part in the war, and their histories are full of romantic interest.

Harmony Prevails.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—General Mahone and John W. Langston have, it is stated, settled their differences, and will hereafter work in harmony for the promotion of the interests of the Republican party in Virginia.

Kincaid Murder Case.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The taking of testimony in the case of Kincaid for the killing of Congressman Tanilbe was completed to-day. Several witnesses were examined.

FINANCIALLY EMBARRASSED.

A. Whitney & Sons, Car Manufacturers, in Trouble.

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—The firm of A. Whitney & Sons, car-wheel manufacturers, is reported to be financially embarrassed. The firm is now composed of John R. and James S. Whitney, surviving sons of the founder. The rumors of the embarrassment of the firm were confirmed by James S. Whitney, who declined to give details.

The car-wheel works were founded by Asa Whitney in 1849. When the works were built they were among the finest in the country, and an immense business was built up. The founder died, leaving an estate valued at \$1,000,000, and the moment of the concern fell to three sons—George, John R. and James S. After the death of the father it was found that he had left a large dowry to his son George, who had married Bishop Howe of Reading. This dowry was secured in the manufactory.

A couple of years ago it was found the firm was in a bad way, and it was regularly paid, and an appeal was made to the courts, when an order was made assessing the unpaid interest, and the plant is said to have been mortgaged to secure its payment. George Whitney died in 1885, leaving an estate valued at \$500,000. John R. Whitney had also retired from the firm, but at the time of placing the mortgage on the plant he was constrained to come back into it, and is now the senior member. Since then the works have been doing a fair business, but have been gradually falling behind younger establishments. In last year's rating of the firm by commercial agencies it was put down to between \$200,000 and \$300,000, but their credit was good at that amount.

All fallen fruit, no matter how small or how early in the season, should be destroyed. It is in the fallen fruit that many insects mature. They can be better destroyed by destroying the fruit than in any other manner.

SENATOR PALMER.

Grand Jubilee in Honor of His Election to the Senate.

SPRINGFIELD CROWDED WITH ENTHUSIASTIC DEMOCRATS.

The British Steamship Strathairly Wrecked Off the Coast of North Carolina, and Nineteen of Her Crew Reported Drowned—A Horrible Accident Occurred at a Salt Mine in Kansas, Resulting in the Death of Four Men.

Special to the RECORD-UNION. SPRINGFIELD (Ill.), March 25.—The election of General Palmer to the United States Senate was celebrated in this city to-day in a jubilee, which for crowds and enthusiasm has had no parallel since the election of Grover Cleveland. Indeed, the celebration was not confined to Illinois, for the Democracy of Missouri, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan participated in the jubilee, either by personal representation or words of cheer. It was a day of ovation to General Palmer from dawn to dusk, and to-night fireworks are blazing and the shouts of the rejoicing Democracy are frequent.

Every morning train coming into the city was crowded with visitors, and several special trains were run in to accommodate the crowds pouring in to join the meeting. Marching clubs from all over the State were in the city.

Senator Palmer and his distinguished visitors, who included men of prominence from many outside points, held a reception at the Palmer residence to-day, and in the afternoon the hall of Representatives was packed to the doors, and there was a great crowd outside when the speaking began.

The President of the Day, Speaker Crafts, received an ovation when he appeared. He made a brief speech, and introduced the new Senator.

As Senator Palmer was seen to appear on the stand a tremendous uproar began. Men mounted the roof, waved their hats and umbrellas, threw newspapers in the air, and gave every other possible manifestation of enthusiasm. The ladies in front of the speaker's stand were also very much excited, and a lot of Italian immigrants.

The speaker spoke briefly, expressing his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him, and referred to his campaign for Governor in 1888, and said he would have been elected if the Democratic party had been better organized. He then referred to the elements of success, but they lacked the courage.

"In 1890," said he, "the Democratic State Convention, held at Springfield, patriotically determined that the people of the State should be consulted in the choice of Senator. More than ninety counties responded to the call and mentioned my name as suitable to be presented to the people as a candidate for Senator. I accepted the duty and went out to the people, and by the aid of the young men of the State to rally for the right. They responded, and a plurality of thirty thousand votes was given for the candidate for Senator. I was taught and the lesson learned was that any party in this country which hoped for success must win that success by an honest, earnest, manly, frank, and patriotic policy. They are the best protectors of their own rights."

General John C. Black was the next speaker. In closing his remarks, he said: "I say to you that, whether content with the great honor you have just given him, or whether the people of the United States are to be represented by truth and justice and a wise policy, shall call him to other and more exalted stations, wherever he stands, your Democratic party shall lay upon him the burdens you shall lay upon him." (Great applause.)

Colonel J. C. Johns, editor of the St. Louis Republic, followed. His allusion to the growing political power of the West were received with cheers, and when he finished the cheering was so loud that he was obliged to leave the stand by a warning to the East hereafter New York and the South are not to dictate the Presidential nominations, but that the great West should be permitted to assert her sovereignty, the vast audience went wild with enthusiasm.

"In this election," he said, "carried with the consent of the people, we are choosing United States Senators. It means that the United States Senate shall be a club of millionaires, and that hereafter in Illinois elections it will be a matter of course that the people shall choose and control their representatives in Congress, whether they sit in the Senate or House. I predict that the United States will be the Union; and if it goes Democratic, that will be the end of the hoary superstition that the only avenue to a Democratic victory in Presidential elections is through a combination between the South and New York. The agricultural West is the natural breeding ground for Democratic principles, and the West will not retreat deep in Western soil, it will not attain the bloom and fruition of permanent control of the Union. The lesson of the day is that the people shall choose and control their representatives in Congress, whether they sit in the Senate or House. 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