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Need of Agricultural Schools for California

It has been shown in these columns that our agricultural college has proved a failure under its present management. It has not filled the want for practical agriculturists that have been and are a necessity in this state.

Farmers' Institutes

Farmers' Institutes as conducted by Prof. A. J. Cook of Pomona college are becoming very popular and justly so because they disseminate a great deal of general and specific knowledge wherever they are held.

A Specimen in Entomology

From the latest report of the Agricultural Experiment Station, the aphid which is a much more difficult insect to eradicate than those living above ground, but it is a much easier insect to control than such as the phloxia.

The remedy is simple, and consists in defending this part of the tree by wood ashes or other substances distasteful to the aphid.

We analyze the above account, and place its contradictions in the deadly parallel column:

"Those on the roots" The remedy is simple and consists of a few drops of kerosene, which is applied to the trunk and causing the death of the tree.

When this learned professor says: "The danger from this insect lies almost wholly in their attack upon the crowns of the roots," he shows as much ignorance as he did when he said there were no males to the leucanids, or black scale, for where the woolly aphids work at all it works on all the fibrous roots.

And yet Prof. Hilgard, in his letter of transmittal, has this to say of this "professional entomologist":

Professor Woodworth, in addition to his lecture and laboratory work with three classes, has steadily carried on experimental work on the grounds, and is constantly in receipt of specimens of insects, diseased plants, insecticides, etc., which, together with an extensive correspondence on the same and cognate subjects, occupies his time very fully.

His contributions to the present report, and that of one of his students, Miss Tyrrell, illustrate fairly the kind and method of work pursued by him. He has also made several professional and other excursions to the southern and other parts of the state, for the purpose of ascertaining by personal study the actual and probable success of several of the imported scale-destroyers, whose practical value is still in doubt.

Last week we suggested that these gentry had merely been to sleep; but it would only be a fair conclusion to draw that they had just returned from a call on the \$700 cellar man and specialist student before attempting to pen such matter.

The agricultural chemical works in this city recently put up some excellent olive oil which was made at Pomona.

This oil was sent east and handled by one of the leading wholesale liquor dealers in New York, Boston and Chicago. It was found impossible to dispose of the oil at the price asked, the chief reason given being that it was not pure.

It will be slow work to increase the consumption of California oil as long as the price remains at the present figure, there being such a great difference between that price and the rate at adulterated oils are sold for.

The State University and Agriculture Several weeks ago the Times referred to a movement that had been suggested by one of the regents of the state university, to place that institution more in direct communication with the farmers of the state.

It cannot be denied that much dissatisfaction exists among California farmers in regard to the agricultural work of the state university under Prof. Hilgard, nor can it be denied that there seems to be a considerable basis of reason for this dissatisfaction. It is



A RIP VAN WINKLE PROFESSOR

claimed—and facts are adduced in support of the claim—that the agricultural work of the university is more theoretical than practical, and that the actual needs of horticulturists for information that would be of assistance to them in their work receive but scant attention.

This condition of affairs has led to a suggestion that Southern California should have some kind of agricultural experiment station of its own. It has been suggested that the scope of one of the Southern California colleges might be enlarged so as to give sufficient prominence to the agricultural work.

The Vilmorin of a much lighter green than that of any variety of J. regia, and the edges of the leaves have small teeth, but no serrations as those of the eastern black walnuts.

In 1877 Luther Burbank crossed Juglans regia on pistillate flowers of Juglans Californica. The resultant nuts were planted in 1878, and in ten years the tree from one made the remarkable growth of twelve inches diameter at two feet from the ground.

While driving in a wagon out on West First street last evening an Italian named B. S. Bezi, who resides at Twelfth and San Pedro streets, was injured by being thrown from his vehicle by a collision with an electric car.

CAPTURED THE THIRD PRIZE

Los Angeles to the Front in the Montana Capitol Competition Building Superintendent Charles L. Strange is Third on the List, Carrying Off a Thousand Dollars

Charles L. Strange, building superintendent of the city, has added a large-sized leaf to his reputation as an architect while incidentally giving to Los Angeles an advertisement of more than unusual magnitude.

The new state of Montana is about to construct a state capitol building the cost of which will be when completed, over one million dollars. The structure is to stand at Helena. The capitol commission of the state, of which Governor Rickards is at the head, some months ago advertised for competitive plans and specifications, inviting the architects of the world to submit samples of their skill so that the commission might make its choice in its selection.

It was purely by accident that Superintendent Strange saw a copy of this advertisement in the columns of an eastern architectural publication. It was rather a daring thing to do so far as any hope of ultimate success might be concerned, but Strange determined to enter the competition.

He consulted Thomas Stent, who in his day had been one of the leading architects in this or any other country, he having constructed the parliament building at Ottawa, Canada, and other structures of equal importance.

Stent is not in active practice now, having retired several years ago as a competency, the result of his successful professional labors.

The old gentleman willingly entered into Strange's determination to enter the competition, and between them they began to labor in earnest to bring to the building of the proposed Montana capitol to brains from Los Angeles.

Strange did his portion of the work on the plans during a vacation granted him by the city, and he was able to substitute the while at his own expense to look after his official duties.

Forty-nine plans were altogether submitted by architects from all over the United States to the Montana authorities. The competition was opened at Helena. There was a great deal of hauling and work working incidental to all such competition, upon those who were to pass final judgment. This required the services of a number of the capitol commission, the members of which were apparently unable to arrive at any conclusion.

All of the leading architects in the country submitted plans, seeking to win either the big award in the first prize, or one of the other three, the securing of any of which gives to the successful competitor a national fame. San Francisco was largely represented in the competition which has just ended, as were also New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and St. Louis.

Strange has been busy since Thursday receiving the congratulations of his friends and brother architects of the city.

TWO GOOD CAPTURES

Mexicans Wanted for Highway Robbery and Assault With a Knife Francisco Ballesteros now languishes in the city jail with a charge of robbery against his name, being accused of being one of the two men who on the night of July 28 held up and relieved of his valuables ex-Policeman J. D. Todd on Macy street, near Alameda.

On the night of August 3d he ran across Ballesteros in Sonoratown, and, noticing a stick pin in his coat lapel which answered to the description of the one lost by Todd, took him to the police station, where he was searched. The pin proved to be part of the stolen property of Ballesteros, and he was taken up to await the capture of his partner.

Acting upon information that the man he wanted was in Riverside county, Talamantes went there to look for him. He came back yesterday morning with a prisoner, but not the one he was looking for. His captive was Antonio Ramos, also a Mexican, wanted here for cutting an Italian named Frank Aloi, in a fight on the night of July 26th last.

It was known that Ramos had fled to Riverside or China, and so the officer was on the lookout for him. While driving along the road between South Riverside and Chino Thursday evening Talamantes saw his man and gave chase, capturing him after a long hard run. Ramos did not attempt to deny his identity or crime, and made no objection to being taken back with his partner, as accordingly landed behind the bars at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. In the afternoon he was arraigned in the police court and date for his examination will be set today.

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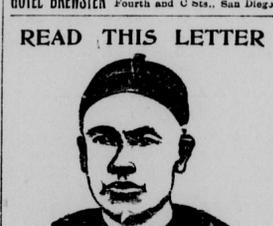
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