

Farm and Household.

FRUIT DRYING.

As the fact becomes more and more evident that this is one of the best countries in the world for fruit growing...

We recently noticed an article in the Oregonian, written by some one signing himself "Citizen asking for a trial of the various fruit dryers now in use in Oregon..."

THE CROPS.

The wheat crop is nearly all harvested and threshed, and the most of our farmers know what returns they have for their year's labor...

Potatoes will hardly be an average yield, although from indications, late planted potatoes will be much better than was some time ago anticipated...

The Bark Louse on Fruit Trees.

The following letter on this subject from Prof. Marsh, written for the Portland Independent should be read by every farmer and orchardist...

In addition to Prof. Marsh's suggestions we will offer one: Cultivate thoroughly the ground about the trees...

by lice when the ground was thoroughly cultivated. Read what Prof. Marsh says:

Having noticed that many apple trees in Portland are becoming infested with a small insect known as the bark louse, I think it may be well to put our farmers on their guard against it...

Among the genera of this family are the coccids, to which the coccus caeli, which produces the cochineal of commerce, and the coccus leuca, which produces the Lac of commerce.

The species of which I am speaking forms a small scale on the bark of certain trees, apple and pear, as well as the currant and plum. The scale is small and of the same color as the bark...

At this time of year the small brown insects are, part of them, moving on the surface of the bark, or lurking under loose pieces of it. They soon deposit the scales beneath which the female lays her eggs and dies...

These species, like the aphids, multiply immensely owing to their mode of alternate generation. From the male and female pair are produced females which of themselves produce females for several generations...

Miscellaneous.

Mrs. Jean C. Breckenridge is going to move from Kentucky to Arkansas.

Somebody is hiding in the woods near Nashua, N.H., and shooting at boys who venture near.

A person looking at some skeletons asked a young doctor where he got them. He replied, "We raised them."

Seventeen bears have been killed in Mattawamkeag, Maine, this season. The State pays five dollars for each capture.

The accusation made by Miss Allen against the Rev. Mr. Porter of Westbridge, Vermont, is under investigation by the church.

One of the lady teachers in a Detroit school is named Mecca. She has a pilgrim who worships at her shrine, and is presently expected to Mecca change her name.

The University at Copenhagen now admits women students the same as men, only they can't study theology or pass examinations that would authorize them to preach.

Miss Mollie Allen, of Lakeport, Cal., has again received \$26 50 from the Supervisors of Lake county on account of squirrel tails, the work of her own hands in two weeks.

Several Chinamen working on the Southern Pacific Railroad, near the Colorado desert have died recently from intense heat. The thermometer often marks 120 in the shade.

If, in instructing a child, you are vexed with it for want of adroitness, try if you have never tried before, to write with your left hand, and then remember that a child is all but hand.

The gamblers of Blanco city, Texas, have addressed a circular to the fraternity in other places, warning them against "Arkansas Bill," an expert at cards who pretends to be a greenhorn.

Joseph Tatroau of Jackson, Andou county, the same person who a few weeks ago cut his throat in an attempt to commit suicide, shot himself through the head the other day killing himself instantly.

Law-abiding liquor-sellers in the neighborhood of City Hall Square complain of the partiality of the police in allowing the Tribune's rum shop to be open on Sunday when all respectable bars are closed.

A certain minstrel manager advertised in one of the sporting papers for a tenor singer "whose vocal abilities are first class and who knows how to work up a laugh when the end man is getting off a joke."

The managers of the San Joaquin Agricultural Society have contracted for the building of 300 feet of new stalls at Agricultural Park. Each stall is to be 11 by 16 feet with shingled roof and water-tight.

The Huntington-Crocker party are visiting Anaheim. The extension of the Anaheim branch of the Southern Pacific Railroad to San Diego, to forestall the Texas Pacific road is the presumed object of their visit.

The grass in the Antioch graveyard took fire a few days ago from the burnt offerings at a Chinese funeral and the entire inclosure was burnt over.

John Burland was assassinated in his store at Peach Tree, Monterey county, on the 7th instant by M. J. Byrnes. Deceased was considered a desperate character, and was about to shoot Byrnes, but the latter got the drop on him.

W. S. Greenwood was shot and instantly killed at Garberville, Humboldt county, on the 7th instant by M. J. Byrnes. Deceased was considered a desperate character, and was about to shoot Byrnes, but the latter got the drop on him.

Dixon is one of the liveliest towns of the State. The town is crowded with teams laden with grain, two long freight trains per day bearing the wheat to market, make things lively around the depot, while the hotels are now crowded.

"As to being conflicted with the god, said Mrs. Partridge, 'high living don't bring it on. It is incoherent in some families, and is handed down from father to son. Mr. Hammer, poor soul, who has been so long ill with it, disinherited it from his wife's grandmother."

A wife who had been lecturing her husband for coming home intoxicated, became incensed at his indifference and exclaimed: "Oh, that I could wring tears of anguish from your eyes! To which the hardened wretch hiccupped, 'Tain't nait no use ole woman to be bore for water here."

Colonel H. W. Rowel, of Rockford, Illinois, a reformer of men, has undertaken the job of drilling a Cold Water Army of about 300 boys. He had them out on the 3rd on a grand review and dress parade and they made a very fine appearance.

There is a remarkable cat living in Whitteville, Conn., near Lake Whitney. It is seven or eight years of age and goes fishing for its meals. It will stand in the water up to its thighs and seize small fish and eels. Some of the latter have been twenty inches long.

A surprising precedent for Mayors has just been set by the chief executive officer of the city of Lawrence, Massachusetts, who has requested the Marshal to resign on account of his failure to keep the peace on the day of the Orange procession.

The Pangolo of Naples reports an interesting discovery at Pompeii, consisting of a number of wooden tablets with writings. They were found carefully arranged in an ivory box. The backs of the tablets are smooth and unwritten upon, and their faces, upon which the writing is found, are surrounded with a kind of frame or border.

The New York Graphic has this about the ownership of the paper founded by Horace Greely:

When Mr. Orton was frightened at the resignation of the working staff of the Tribune at the time he proposed to make Schuyler Colfax its editor, he was induced to transfer the fifty-one shares of stock of which he had control to William Walter Phelps, who was the dummy of Jay Gould in the matter. The shares, it is understood, stands in Phelps' name, but are mortgaged to Jay Gould for \$510,000, the marked up value of the stock.

Mark Twain is as fully determined as ever not to lecture any more. He writes as follows: "DEAR REDPATH: Here you are again with your customary annual lecture temptations! Your offers have been pious before; but this time you surpass yourself when you say you will pay me what-sover I ask."

The American Laureate on Sartorius, Jr.

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A writer in the Woman's Journal, taking for a text a couple of anecdotes about the fondness of the Vassar girls for candies, etc., and of the Harvard boys for wine and cigars, sensibly remarks: "If the young ladies and gentlemen above described had taken their meals at the same table, less candy would have been consumed by the former, less wine and fewer cigars by the latter."

While the poet read it his voice grew husky with emotion, and as he presented it to the President his eyes dropped modestly to the floor, and his frame shook convulsively. The hero at Appomattox was also deeply affected, and when he had recovered sufficiently to speak, said in earnest tones: "My dear Childs, how-how can I ever repay you for this?"

What the Pacific Coast has put into Uncle Sam's Cash Box.

During the past thirteen years, since the law went into effect in 1862, to the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, the Internal Revenue collections on the Pacific Coast have amounted to \$53,848,839.57, divided as follows:

California, First Dist. \$40,850,839.08 California, Fourth and Fifth Districts 6,987,505.69 Oregon 2,447,604.76 Nevada 2,026,718.23 Washington Territory 550,105.06 Utah Territory 511,012.30 Arizona Territory 109,562.98

Total \$53,848,839.57

The First District embraces San Francisco and the counties south. More than one-half of the collections has been received from the distilleries, beer breweries and tobacco. During the past two years these industries have contributed more than 90 per cent. of the collections.

A RECENT DISCOVERY AT POMPEII.

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Signor Fiorelli has given an account of the discovery to the Archaeological Academy of Naples, and it is expected that it will throw much light upon the conduct of business transactions under the empire.

CHILD'S, A. M.

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"I've just come in from Philadelphia," he said, "and I've brought a little present for your grandson, which I hope you won't think it too bold in me to offer." Then he carefully unfolded a morocco wrapper and produced a slip of elegantly

bordered white silk, upon which, in letters of gold, were embroidered the following stanzas:

TO ULYSSES ALGERNON SARTORIS. Born by the sea, the sounding sea, O what a glorious thing it is to be Born by the sounding sea; O happy, happy fate.

More radiant than gas or oil of sperm, To crown with grand paternal joy A sure "third term."

The agitated bard looked cautiously around and then whispered in his Excellency's ear something of which no record has been preserved, although the word "laureate" was audible. The President gave him a glance that burned to his very soul, as he replied: "I'll put it in the message, Childs; I'll put it in the message."

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