

**A Neighborhood Row.**

As the result of a neighborhood row, Peter McKinney was brought to town the other day, suffering from a gun-shot wound in the left leg. Dr. Coleman succeeded in extracting from 35 to 40 No. 9 shot from the injured limb. Peter resides over on the Little Potlatch, and is employed on a ranch by a man named Hunter. It seems that Hunter's hogs made their escape from the piggery and raided a neighbor's garden, the aforesaid neighbor being a Swede. McKinney went after the swine, but the Swede had them safe and secure in a corral. McKinney endeavored to release the pigs, and a fight ensued in which the Irish lad knocked out the Swensky boy. One of the Swedes then rushed to the house, returning with a shot-gun, and pulled the trigger of the blunderbus on McKinney with the above result. McKinney will recover, at least his leg will; but there are several leaden pellets therein which it will require an X-ray to discover. —Moscow Standard.

**Fishing for Squirrels.**

Catching squirrels with fishhooks is the latest scheme for making away with these pests. It is said that the plan has come into favor to such an extent in some sections that farmers are relying solely upon this method and abandoning the shot-gun and poison. The hooks are not baited and the squirrels angled for as might be supposed on first thought. The method is this: Take a medium sized hook and with a small wire nail, nail it fast through the eye to a small strip of a board or stick some ten inches long, with the hook at a right angle to the stick. Next lay the stick flat beside the hole and sink it into the dirt a little, allowing the hook to project into the squirrel hole. If the squirrel does not get caught coming out he is sure to when he starts to go into his hole. The hook penetrates his tough skin and holds him fast, and there he stands braced for his best pull, like a faithful draft horse, and dies trying to pull the stick into the hole. It is cruel, but it is said to be effective. —Garfield Enterprise.

**To Fight Grasshoppers.**

Grasshoppers are becoming alarmingly numerous in certain parts of Walla Walla county, especially along the Touchet.

F. M. Lowden reports that he had a seventy acre field of alfalfa cut to the ground by the hoppers. He was glad to see them eat the alfalfa so long as they let his wheat alone, but he fears that they will make inroads on his wheat fields.

Owing to the numerous reports received during the last ten days from various parts of eastern Washington relative to the threatened outbreak of grasshoppers, Professors Piper and Doane of the state agricultural college at Pullman have been carrying on investigations and conducting experiments to ascertain the best means of combatting the insects. From information received in letters and from direct information it appears that the outbreak is due to the large increase in numbers of the native species, and not to the Rocky mountain grasshopper, which periodically does so much damage in Kansas and neighboring states. Only in 1874, "the great grasshopper year," did the Rocky mountain grasshopper get so far west as Washington, and it has not been seen in the state since. The commonest species in the present outbreak is the less migratory grasshopper (*melanoplus attanus*) which is the most destructive of the species found in this state, and which annually does more or less local damage.

In combatting grasshoppers only two methods have been found of any practical value. One of these

is to prevent the traveling swarms from entering the cultivated fields; the other is to catch and destroy the insects.

The most practicable way of preventing grasshoppers from entering a field is by ditching. This necessitates digging a ditch at least two feet deep and two feet wide between the crops to be protected and the breeding ground of the grasshoppers. The sides of the ditch should be perpendicular, especially the side next to the field, otherwise the insects can crawl out. The great majority of the insects that fall or hop into the ditch perish there in the course of a few days.—Walla Walla Watchman.

**People and Events.**

New Zealand's representative Maoris for the Queen's celebration have been selected for their size. Two of the natives weigh respectively 400 and 365 pounds.

It was Bias of Priene, a Greek poet, who was the author of those two popular phrases: "Handsome is who handsome does," and "A guilty conscience is the worst accuser."

George E. Wright of Fitchburg, Mass., divorced his wife and married his mother-in-law. He lived with her six years, and then petitioned successfully for an annulment of the marriage.

A Pawtucket, R. I., clergyman recently performed a marriage ceremony on the opera house stage, and becoming flustered, asked the bride if she was willing to take the groom to be her lawfully wedded wife.

Speaker Gully of the British House of Commons has just cast his deciding vote for the first time since assuming office, there being a tie vote for the second reading of an unimportant bill. It is thirty years since a speaker has voted.

Mason W. Sherrill, the oldest Baptist in Kentucky, has been a deacon for sixty years. At the June session of Kentucky Baptists he will be the only delegate present who attended the first session in 1831. He attributes his strong old age to pitching quoits.

Charles Darwin must be placed among the strongest advocates of foreign missions. After a visit to heathen lands he wrote: "The men who denounce missions forget that human sacrifices, infanticide, bloody wars and cannibalism disappear with the advent of Christianity."

Though the state of Connecticut refused to honor Dr. Barnard, the famous educator, the esteem in which he is held was well illustrated on Arbor Day, when the children of the public and parochial schools of Hartford planted an American elm in his honor, near the South Green.

James Gordon Bennett had never seen his sumptuous New York Herald building till his recent visit to the city. His private rooms in the office are kept constantly ready for use, the inkstand filled, the pens ready to hand, the desk dusted, the bathroom in order, in case he should put in a sudden appearance.

England's oldest Duke, the Duke of Northumberland, has entered on his 87th year. Though he calls himself Percy, the Duke is really a Smithson, the last male Percy having died in 1670. He is extremely religious, and as his wife was an Irvingite, one seat is always kept vacant at his table for the Savior.

The committee on program for the M. T. N. A. convention in New York, June 24 to 28, has secured Mr. Harrison Wild of Chicago to give an organ retinal. He will also serve as a member of the committee on Methods and Results in Music Schools, of which Mr. Charles H. Morse of Brooklyn is Chairman.

As a recognition of his services to their cause the Armenians have

sent to Mr. Gladstone an oil portrait of Archbishop Exmirlian, ex-Patriarch of the Armenians in Turkey. The picture is accompanied by an address from the Guild of St. Gregory the Illuminator, and is described as "a token of respectful gratitude and affectionate regard."

At Pine Bluff, Ark., a few days ago, Gloss Smith was convicted of a murder committed twenty-five years ago, and sentenced to a term of five years in the penitentiary. Smith has lived within twenty-five miles of the scene of his crime ever since its commission, and has served two terms in the penitentiary for stealing during the time. Smith was betrayed by his wife, with whom he has recently had trouble.

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