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NOTE AND COMMENT.

A letter has been produced in Washington which was written by the Spanish minister DeLome to his government, in which the President of the United States is spoken of as a low politician, and other criticism applied of a very offensive nature. DeLome denies the letter, but the Cuban Junta declares it to be in the handwriting of the minister without any doubt. DeLome has since resigned.

When the farmers of Washington can raise what for 25 cents a bushel and get from 65 to 75 cents at the railroad stations, and especially raise thirty-five bushels to the acre, there isn't much inducement for "wheat growers" to go to the Klondike.

It is now claimed that Germany, France and Russia are not only engaged in the disintegration of China, but in the backing of bankrupt old Spain. If this be true the United States should join with England and Japan and drive every Spaniard out of the Western Hemisphere—and every Alliance man off the Pacific!

A habit of the theatre-going people of Yakima of always arriving late at a public performance has become so marked as to deserve comment. By this we do not intend to dictate when, and when not people who purchase tickets shall attend, but some basis of time by co-operation might be arrived at, whereby those going at eight o'clock, the time the performance is advertised to begin, would not have to wait three-quarters of an hour for the arrival of their neighbor.

The McKinley era of prosperity may have struck the country, but if it did, the wage-earners, to be in the swim, have gone on a sympathetic strike with it, and business firms which weathered the gale of the Cleveland panic have also struck the rock of financial ruin, for during the first week of February, R. G. Dunn & Co., report 342 failures, as against 331, the corresponding week of last year.

The EPIGRAM is in full accord with the views of "citizen" as expressed in his communication in this issue, relative to the advisability of building a pavilion large enough to seat at least 3000 people. The necessity for such a building has been felt by many of

our citizens for several years. The value of an institution of the character mentioned would be of inestimable value to North Yakima, and we urge upon our citizens the advisability of doing all they can to further the promotion of the scheme to a final development.

The EPIGRAM must ask its correspondents to sign their names to their letters, in matters pertaining to the three-legged committee business. Several letters have been received this week, all requesting names to be suppressed. This won't do. If you want to fight the enemy, do it open and above board—that is over your name—you are entitled to this hearing, and can have it in the EPIGRAM. You will be afforded all the protection this paper can offer, and from the past record of this three-legged committee's organ you need have no fear of its fangs.

The statement made by a very local paper that the P. of A's are a political organization is in a certain sense true, but that the order is a helper for any political party is false. It is however, true that certain people in Yakima county, who are attempting to take unto themselves powers which have never been delegated to them, are scheming to carry the P. of A. vote, a thing in which they will fail signally. The Patriots are a national order and have for their object good government, by the people and for the people.

It is rather discouraging to men with reform ideas to be compelled to hear a reform editor continually harping on one string. The high-salaried editor of the Herald evidently does not understand the temper of the people of these valleys. They have long since discussed and exhausted the arguments in favor of silver and this threshing over old straw is a bore. Committed to silver, the reform elements are anxious to learn of other vital reforms necessary to good government. The ancient minstrel of the Herald should sing unto the Lord a new song, as the psalmist says.

Rumors of an impending clash between this country and Spain have been revived in Washington and more than usual interest is given to them because of the fact that the stories are based on certain significant movements of the warships of the two countries. The North Atlantic squadron, now concentrated off the Tortugas, is billed for squadron evolutions for the next week, and this maneuver is likely to take the whole fleet within sight of the northwestern shores of Cuba.

A number of the members of the three-legged committee—not through their milk-and-water organ—are taking the EPIGRAM to task for opposing what they are hypocritically pleased to term a union of reform forces. The error into which our critics have fallen is begotten in selfishness, and nurtured in a frantic endeavor to possess themselves of some of the political pap lying around loose. Fusion in the minds of our critics means a strict adherence of all the reform element of this county to the bidding of a certain alleged committee, nine-tenths of whom are seeking office. The majority of populists are so from principle, and cannot be inveigled into lending their aid to a project as unholy and vile as any ever concocted by the old parties, from which they fled to escape the contamination of just such action. The three-legged committee have lost more ground since the exposure of their peculiarities in the EPIGRAM than they can ever hope to recover, and when the county convention comes everyone of them will be so thoroughly hypnotized that they will never awake in the arena of politics again.

Here is an epigrammatic fact, embodying within itself a stump speech that people will do well to ponder. State warrants are now at 2 per cent. premium for the first time in the history of Washington. The administration for this sort of financiering deserves the applause of everybody without regard to party.

The Turks are taking advantage of the alliance between Germany, Russia and France, whose purpose is the disintegration of the Chinese Empire, to kill a few more "Christian dogs"—and the attack this time is laid in Thessaly.

After China issues her new bonded indebtedness of \$74,000,000 at 4 per cent, "payable in gold" she will be in a splendid condition to adopt the gold standard.

And now they have organized a stove trust down in Michigan—with Detroit as a center—and \$100,000,000 as a capital.

The "yellow metal" has accumulated in Uncle Sam's private box at the National Capital to the extent of \$165,000,000 this afternoon.

The British Parliament assembled yesterday, and the Queen's regular speech was read—but the good, old lady didn't say a word about the "Klondike."

That silence on the part of the "organ" is dense that the committee may have to teach it the deaf and dumb alphabet.

WASHINGTON STATE. OREGON NEWS NOTES.

The Puyallup Independent says that there are in Washington about 3000 bales of last year's hops, the greater part of which is choice.

Walla Walla City has taken example of King county—only it has gone this county "one better" and reduced the interest on its warrants 6 per cent.

L. E. West, of Tacoma, was in Lewis county, last week, buying livestock. He was paying for fat steers 4 cents, hogs 4½ cents, and sheep from 4 to 4½ cents.

John Moore, while assisting in the work of putting in place some machinery at the Republic mine near Eureka, February 5, was struck, with terrific force, by a lever. The blow broke his neck and he died instantly.

The ground squirrels are coming out of their holes in Walla Walla county, and the Statesman says: "Now is the time to nip these destroyers of wheat, before the spring increase comes. A few bushels of poisoned grain would work wonders, as feed is hard to get, and they would be eager to eat. Later the poisoned grain has very little attraction for them, as they can get other feed. Active measures, and at once would be the means of saving many bushels of grain.

The republicans of Klickitat county, as a rule, it is said, are much disappointed at Hon. George F. McKinney not receiving the appointment of receiver at the land office at Vancouver, Wash. Mr. McKinney was president of the McKinley Club, of Klickitat county, in 1896, and it was through his efforts, with those of other party leaders of the county, that Klickitat was made the banner republican county of the state in the fall of 1895. Klickitat county has up to this time received no federal patronage.

The lively young mining camp of Eureka, on the Colville reservation, is experiencing an epidemic of gun-plays. There is a number of bad men in the town, who drink reservation whiskey and go on the war-path. Within a few weeks, six men have been shot. A prospector, named Wynn, is the latest victim. Wynn and Dick Frizzel were in an immoral resort, when Frizzel shot Wynn in the groin. It is feared that the wound will prove fatal. A question of jurisdiction has contributed to the lawless conditions. Now that Judge Hanford, of the United States court, has decided that the Stevens county authorities have complete control of the north half of the reservation, it is thought that the lawless characters will be punished and suppressed.

Canadian custom officials yesterday turned over to the deputy United States marshal at Marcus, Benjamin Benson. Benson was found on the road with a wagon load of whisky, on which no duty had been paid. It had been smuggled over the line.

Alaska Mail Contract.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The postoffice department has awarded to the Klondike, Yukon & Copper River Company a contract for carrying the mails for four years from Seattle to Alaska, including Juneau, Sitka and Skagway and intermediate points. There are to be five round trips each month throughout the year, and the compensation is to be \$12,250 per annum.

Battleships and other evidences of Uncle Sam's navy are getting as thick as bees in Cuban waters.

Many of the hopgrowers in Polk county are cleaning up their yards.

All kinds of stock are going through the winter in fine shape in the John Day valley.

The 1012 head of sheep sold by Mays & Son in The Dalles last Friday averaged 99 pounds a head, and went at 4 cents a pound.

Winter weather has interfered little with building in Baker City, and many new dwellings and several business buildings are now about finished.

The ice has disappeared from Klamath lake in Southern Oregon. The coldest weather in Klamath county in January was zero, on the 24th of that month.

Sheep was assessed in Grant county last year at \$1.50 per head, and the reduction of one-third by the state board of equalization makes it easy for sheepmen, considering the increased prices of wool and mutton.

W. M. Butler, the well-known cattle-buyer of Grant, Harney and Crook counties, and also of Idaho, representing the largest cattle firm in Montana, was in Grant county last week. The Canyon City News says that he has completed the purchase of 6000 head in Crook county.

ALASKA NEWS NOTES.

Dawson will soon be in communication with the coast by wire. The Sunset Telephone Company will in a few days commence the construction of a telephone line from Dyea to a point on Lake Lindemann, 50 miles distant.

Several letters have been received from persons in Alaska, and they all agree in saying that Skagway and Dyea are overdone, and many men are there who cannot get work at any price. There is no prospect of getting over the passes for several weeks.

The war department has renewed the attention of congress to the need of additional military protection in Alaska, and in this connection says: "Information received at this department indicates the necessity of legislation to provide effective means of controlling the disorderly element among a large number of people now flocking to Alaska and the prevention of persons who are without adequate supply of food and clothing from entering the territory to perish during the severe winters unless relieved by the government.

Urgent recommendation is made for further military posts and an adequate force in line with the recommendations of the president's message and secretary of war's report.

Strikes on the Big Salmon.

Vancouver, Feb. 5.—The steamship Coquitlam has arrived direct from Skagway, bringing news that rich strikes have been made on Big Salmon. The latest reports from the interior of Alaska are especially encouraging. Minook river and its tributaries as well as scores of other streams in that region promise a surprise to miners in the next year. It is now generally conceded that the winter's clean-up will not be more than \$10,000,000. The Coquitlam passed 20 steamers bound for Skagway. It is reported that Skagway is already overcrowded, and work scarce.

Ratio Out of the Issue.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—The Times-Herald prints the following Washington Dispatch:

"There is a new scheme afoot to restore harmony to the ranks of the democratic party. It is the plan to declare for free coinage of silver, leaving the question of ratio to be determined by legislation and circumstances.

For some days the plan has been under discussion among certain democratic senators and representatives. They have made some headway, and being encouraged by the number of converts they have won, are now preparing to lay the idea before a large number of democrats throughout the country. It is claimed that W. C. Whitney has been consulted and has given his sanction to the scheme.

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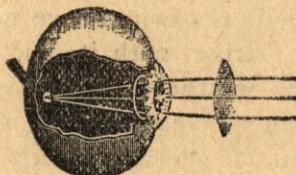
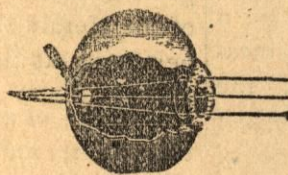
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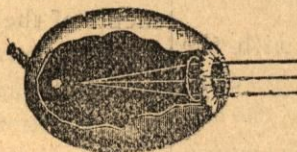
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THE EPIGRAM.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAIL.
West bound,..... 4:50 a. m.
East bound..... 11:20 p. m.

STAR ROUTE LINES.
Fort Simcoe—Leaves No. Yakima Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a. m., arrives at 4 a. m.

Cowiche—Tuesdays and Saturdays. Leave at 1 p. m.; arrive at 12 noon.

Tampico and Ahtanum—Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Leave at 1 p. m.; arrive at 12 noon.

Wenas—Tuesdays and Thursdays, leaves at 8:30 a. m., arrives at 3 p. m.

LOCAL MENTION

Today is Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

Judge Erwin returned Saturday night from Dyea, where he had gone with the Erwin-Coburn outfit, which has in operation a pack train from Dyea to the Summit. Mr. Erwin says, that in his opinion Dyea will be a better point than Skagway, and at present between one-third and one-half more passengers and freight are landed at Dyea than Skagway. The reason for this being that the distance from tide water at Dyea to Sheep Camp is much shorter than by way of Skagway. The price charged for carrying freight over the Dyea trail being 15 cents per pound. Both towns now have close on to 3000 population, with Dyea making a stronger fight for the lead. Upon a clear day the north-bound argonauts constitute a streak as crooked as a black snake from Sheep Camp to the Summit, winding in and out upon the trail.

The quarantine signs which are so numerous in the city, are evidently not understood, by all of our inhabitants and visitors, for this week a lady knocked at the door of one of our prominent residents and inquired what they charged for meals. When the good lady of the house informed her they were not running a boarding house. "But I see the sign here," said the first lady. "Oh, that is measles, if that's what you want." "No thank you," and hasty good days were said.

Some drunken rowdy fired a shot last Wednesday night through the window of Shallow's saloon, and succeeded in making his escape. It is very evident that too many irresponsible characters are carrying guns in this community.

The Supreme Court on Thursday handed down a decision in the case of Anderson Brothers and Danzer, vs. Carothers Brothers and Wright, affirming the ruling of the Superior court of Kittitas county in overruling the motion of plaintiffs for a new trial.

The Spokane Review of Feb. 9, in giving Klondike news mentions Fred Jungst's arrival. Fred had been left at Selkirk to guard a cache, and when he arrived in Dawson City his feet and face had been badly frozen.

The Yakima City people are beginning to improve their streets and are building a sidewalk from the postoffice to the public school and depot.

City Clerk Doust and Justice Dam are having their new office windows over Roaf & Stout's drug store, embellished with hanesome signs.

Rev. Robert Warner conducted the 2nd quarterly meetings at the Methodist Episcopal church last Saturday and Sunday. He left for Ellensburg Thursday morning.

Mr. Jas. Steward, of the Moxee, has rented his farm, and will move up on the Ahtanum, near the academy. After which he will go to Klondike.

The roads from the Moxee valley to Yakima are very muddy and bad.

Church Notes.

On Monday evening, Feb. 14, the ladies of the Congregational church will tender the Rev. and Mrs. Hassell a farewell reception at the church. All the friends of the pastor and his wife are invited to attend.

Revival services at the Christian church continue every night, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Good audiences and a deep interest is manifested. There are baptisms at almost every service. Subject, Sunday 11 a. m., "Temptation;" Subject, Sunday 7:30 p. m., "Christian Unity."

At the Congregational church next Sabbath morning, the subject of the pastor's address will be "Fragments." In the evening he is to speak of "The Coming Church"—an address that was delivered some months ago to a morning audience. By request it is now given as Mr. Hassell's closing service in North Yakima.

Rev. Ulysses F. Hawk will occupy his pulpit at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday. Subject at 11 a. m., "What is Man?" Subject at 7:30, "Is Baptism Essential to Salvation?" Sunday school at 10 a. m. Class meeting at 12 m. Epworth League meeting at 6:30 p. m. Gentlemenly ushers will assist you to seats.

Messrs. Pierson & Mattoon have bought out the grocery establishment of W. B. Terry and are laying in at least three times the amount of stock carried by the former proprietor. The assortment will be larger in every department. Look for their announcement next week.

Col. Taggard made the domestic department of the EPIGRAM a handsome present this week in the shape of an antique china tea service, which he has long possessed. The colonel is never happy unless he is making things pleasant for someone else.

The epidemic of measles continues unabated, but no serious cases have been reported. The attendance upon the public schools have not been materially diminished on this account.

J. L. Coleman lately made to order a set of single harness for Mr. E. W. Dooley, that are about as fine a piece of work in that line as can be found. J. L. is a fine workman, and his ability is recognized by many who want a good article in his line.

Ivory, "Grandpa's Wonder," and borax soap, three bars for 25 cents, at E. M. Harris' grocery store.

Fawcett Bros.

Seeding time will soon be here and Fawcett Bros is the place to get all kinds of farm, field and garden seeds. They carry the largest stock in central Washington, and prices are as cheap as you can get east. Call and inspect their stock and you will be convinced, or write for price list.

Largest stock buggies, carriages, road wagons and carts will be in within a few days at Fawcett Bros. Call or write for prices. They have been in the buggy business in Yakima ten years and know what kind of vehicle is required for this climate.

SHAKESPEARE

Wrote:

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Where is no pleasure ta'en."

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS FOR SALE--10 Acre Farm 500 Fruit Trees.

Notice is hereby given that the real and personal property tax rolls of Yakima county, and City of North Yakima for taxes of year 1897, have been turned over to the undersigned for collection of said taxes, which become due and payable, Monday, February 7th, 1898. Section 71 of Revenue Law of 1897, provides that on and after the first Monday of February succeeding the levy of taxes the county treasurer shall proceed to collect all personal property taxes and if such taxes are not paid on 30 day's notice he shall collect same by distraint.

Dated at North Yakima, Wash., this 20th day of January, 1898.

MATT BARTHOLET,
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TOWN AND COUNTY.

A KLONDIKE OF OUR OWN.—Last Saturday a man employed by Dr. Green in digging a vault on his residence property in the Eastern addition, at a depth of 6½ feet, discovered a streak of black sand; being a miner his curiosity was aroused and he panned out three pints of the sand and was rewarded with at least 10 cent's worth of shot gold, at that rate the dirt would yield 50 cents to a pan. This city, as nearly everyone knows, is built on ground washed from the mountains, and it is not only possible, but probable that there is gold galore right under our feet. Who will investigate this matter further? Let some of our would-be Klondikers do so. There may be millions in it.

HYPNOTISM NO JOSH.—The local investigators in the science of hypnotism have been enjoying themselves hugely the past week, owing to the presence of Prof. Massey of Spokane, in the city. On Monday evening a meeting was held at Judge Moulton's office, at which time Messrs. McMillan, Medill and Miller were put under the spell by the genial professor. Mac. proved a good subject, Medill was declared not thoroughly under the influence, on account of his refusal to talk local politics, but the irrepressible attorney was the star of the occasion. He was made to do all manner of things both wise and foolish, during the time he was in the arms of morpheus. He delivered a first-rate sermon, led the choir in singing the doxology, and then on demand made a political address in which he estimated that the local push now howling so loudly for fusion, expected to be beneficiaries thereof. That must be a fact when even a man asleep knows it.

THE N. P. WRECK.—The Pasco correspondent of the San Francisco Examiner criticizes the actions of the Northern Pacific trainmen after the late wreck, very severely, censuring them for inhuman conduct in leaving two mangled men in the wreck for hours without offering assistance. Four men were riding on the "blind" when the wreck occurred. One of these men killed was named Leland, who was on his way to St. Louis, the other man's name was not learned, but it is known that he was from Boston. Two other men giving their names as Smith and Jones, of Spokane, were badly injured, the former having one leg and an arm crushed, while Jones was bruised about the body.

YAKIMA CITY CREAMERY BURNED.—The Yakima City creamery burned Tuesday night at about 5 o'clock, the loss being complete and amounting to about \$4,000, on which there was only \$2,000, in the German American. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue. Mr. H. B. Doust has sent in a report at the request of the German American company. Mr. Bartholet announces that he will immediately commence the construction of a new creamery on a more extensive scale.

TURNED DOWN.—The alleged editor of the Herald office was turned down last Saturday night by the governing board of the Commercial Club, in his ambition to succeed himself as secretary of the Club for the coming year. The consensus of opinion among the board was that a change was desirable for the good of the organization. O. A. Fechter was chosen Secretary and he appointed Fred Chandler as assistant.

A codfish, fresh and fine at E. M. Harris' Opera House grocery.

MOVEMENTS AND WHEREABOUTS

Movements To and Fro—Whereabouts of Absent Yakimains.

I. H. Dills was a Seattle visitor over Sunday.

Judge F. H. Rudkin was an Ellensburg visitor this week on legal business.

Attorney H. B. Rigg was laid up with tonsillitis, the fore part of the week, but is able to be about again.

Harry Voorhes, who is at present on a business trip to the Sound, contemplates a trip to Alaska before his return to North Yakima.

Bert Allen, Alba Crandall, and Elmer Schwartz left Monday for the Alaska territory. Just what point they may locate in was not known to the Argonauts themselves.

Mrs. Jennie Knox and little daughter Janie came in from Tampico on Tuesday last, and remained until Thursday, visiting friends and transacting business. While in the city Mrs. Knox made the EPIGRAM office a pleasant call.

State Fair Commissioner F. D. Schnebley, was in the city Wednesday conferring with the other members of the commission, relative to the holding of the State Fair. The commission will hold another meeting on the 14th inst.

Judge Davidson convened court on Monday morning, remaining in session two days, when it was adjourned until the 14th inst. The docket is very light, there only being one case for trial, that of Sinclair vs. Sinclair for divorce. Several motions and orders were heard, but nothing of importance.

Mrs. M. B. Winslow was called to Seattle Thursday morning by a telegram announcing the serious illness of her husband, Captain Winslow. The captain is well known in the state, having been here ever since the early sixties. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery. Mrs. Winslow has taken the children with her for an indefinite stay, and will be greatly missed.

D. S. Kinney and wife, of Roslyn, are visiting with Mrs. Kinney's parents in west of the city. Quite a number of our young were entertained in their honor Monday night. They returned to Roslyn by Tuesday morning's train, accompanied by Miss Kinney, who will visit with them for several weeks. Mr. Kinney is manager of the N. P. Coal Company's store at Roslyn.

Don't Take Our Word,

But ask your doctor if there is any cure for Rheumatism. If a member of the old school, he will say there is none. If of the more modern and progressive practice, he will say that Drummond's Lightning Remedy for Rheumatism is the only known specific and that its proprietors offer a reward of \$500 for a case it will not cure. The preparation is both internal and external, consists of two large bottles—one month's treatment, and is sent by express to any address upon receipt of \$5. Drummond Medicine Co., New York. Agents wanted.

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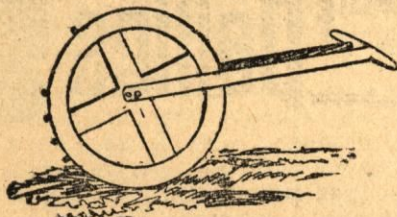
Interesting Statistics.

The English authority on statistics, M. G. Mulhall, in an article in The North American Review, contributes some comments and figures on the southern states. According to this article, the number of acres under cultivation has more than doubled since 1850, and there is now a farming area of $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres per inhabitant as against $2\frac{1}{2}$ in the middle states.

"Still the southern states, considered as a whole, do not raise enough grain for their requirements. All but two, Kentucky and Tennessee, subsist during four months of the year on grain brought from the prairie states. There is, on the other hand, a large meat surplus of 500,000 tons. The number of milk cows is just sufficient for the population of 20,000,000, but there is a deficiency of poultry, the production of eggs allowing only 114 to each inhabitant, whereas the average consumption in the United States is 160 per inhabitant. Besides raising three-fourths of the tobacco grown in the Union the southern states, it is well known, have some crops peculiar to themselves, such as cotton, rice and sugar. The amount of sugar, however, in 1894, was no larger than that produced in 1850—namely, 130,000 tons—and the rice crop was smaller by 35,000. The crop of tobacco, on the other hand, has risen from 65,000 to 130,000 tons and that of cotton from 2,470,000 to 3,480,000 bales."

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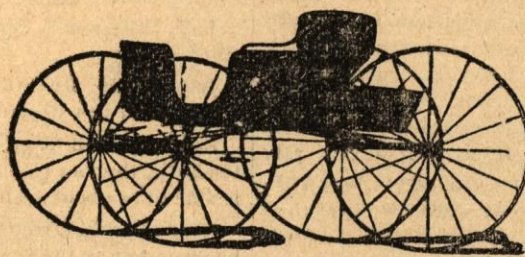
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FRUIT FLOWERS

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Plants For House Culture Suggested by a
Grower of Palms.

At the meeting of florists in Cleveland Robert Craig of Philadelphia read a paper on plants for amateur growers. This contained much of practical value, which was duly reported by The Country Gentleman. Following are a few extracts:

The essentials for plant growing are suitable temperature, light and moisture. More plants are injured in the dwelling house from insufficient watering than from any other cause. In the greenhouse they are surrounded by a moister atmosphere than is suitable for the house, and therefore need less frequent watering. The quantity of water they need varies, of course, with the condition of the plant. If the pot is comparatively small and well filled with roots, the plant will require more frequent watering than if the roots are surrounded with a large quantity of soil, which retains moisture. The experienced gardener readily detects by a glance when the soil requires water. When a plant is growing vigorously and making new foliage, it requires more water than if in a partly dormant condition.

Attention was first called to the hardy plants rhaps, flabelliformis and humilis. The first, the ratan palm, is tall and showy, the latter more dwarf and graceful. These will do well in any temperature from 50 degrees to 65 degrees. An occasional sponging of foliage, say once a week, is beneficial. Phoenix rupicola and P. reclinata were next mentioned as two palms easily



RHAPS (RATAN PALM.)

grown indoors, and also among the best for outdoor decoration. Another good plant for house culture is Aspidistra lurida, green and variegated forms. This is one of the easiest to grow of all house plants and may be kept in health for years. Pandanus utilis, the screw pine, is another easily grown plant of beautiful, symmetrical form and may be kept in the house for years, summer and winter. Pandanus veitchii is also a good house plant. It is beautifully variegated, but more delicate than P. utilis. It requires a temperature not lower than 60 degrees and should be kept somewhat less moist than most other house plants.

The most elegant dwarf palm in cultivation is Cocos weddelliana. It forms a beautiful ornament to place upon the center table. The kentias were mentioned as thriving with less light than most palms. Ficus elastica, a rubber plant, is of easy culture and popular as a room plant. Cycas revoluta for years has been a favorite for outdoor decoration in the summer, and is now rapidly becoming very popular as a house plant.

PORTABLE SHELTER.

Hoghouses That Can Be Moved From
Place to Place.

On most farms a few portable hog-houses will come in good play. They should be made of light lumber, so that one man can load them on to a sled and unload where desired. The best we ever used are 6 feet square, the sills 2 by 6 inch stuff, rafters 5 feet long set up from two sides, with gable ends boarded up close, excepting doors in one end. The roof can be made of plank well battened or covered with metal. The only ventilation needed is the doorway, which at most all seasons need not be closed. We make this house as close as we can with lumber and have never found it too warm or needing more ventilation than that given from the door. The sills should be of some durable timber. If a floor is needed, make it separate from the house and set the house over it. The floor should rest on the ground on some point where the water will shed away from it.

Ours—which are yet good—were made five years ago and cost for lumber and labor \$5 each. When we want to move them, we drive the fodder sled along one side and turn the house over on the sled, one side of roof resting on the sled. We always locate these houses so that the doorways will be to the leeward. We have seen them made of heavy oak lumber, the roof plank put on horizontally, lapping the edges. We do not want them so heavy, nor the cracks formed by the roof plank lapping.

These cracks give too much ventilation and when the wind is driving hard cause it to cut the tender bodies of the animals almost like a knife. There is a right and a wrong way to make even a cheap hog shelter, and the cost between comfort and a shivering makeshift is often but a trifle. A pig can shiver away a large quantity of corn burn it up without profit to the owner.—John M. Jamison in National Stockman.

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ALL DRUGGISTS

A GOOD MOVE.

NORTH YAKIMA, Feb. 9, 1898.

ED. EPIGRAM.—The informal action of the late Fair Commission in advising the erection of a pavilion for public uses in North Yakima, is deserving the earnest attention of our citizens, whose welfare is bound up in the progress of the city; Situated in almost the geographical center of the state and being equi-distant between the Eastern boundary and the ocean, there is but one drawback to North Yakima, as a common ground for all great state gatherings, and that is the want of a suitable building to accommodate large assemblies.

The cost of a structure sufficient to hold 3,000 people would be merely nominal, while the advantage to the city would be vast and far-reaching. A practically, fine safe building, with a space on the ground floor, 100x140 feet, to contain 3,000 persons, can be built and furnished for \$3,000. The rental of this edifice for theatrical and other show companies, for balls, parties, conventions and the like, would more than pay for the outlay, insurance, taxes, etc., and a place could be reserved for a permanent museum connected with the State Fair.

Let us agitate this matter until not only our own citizens, but public-spirited citizens of the state, at large, may take sufficient interest to make the enterprise a practical reality in the short future,
CITIZEN.

Another Protest.

AHTANUM, Feb. 9, '98.

EDITOR EPIGRAM.—I see by the papers that you don't intend to stand in with the kind of reform that some of our leaders are giving us. Now, I can mould butter better than I can politics, and train hop vines better than I can pull wires for office hunters, but I can kick as hard as anyone. I have been approached and asked to deliver, but I didn't have time. I am of the same opinion as Mr. Gildea and Mr. Collins, and will have none of it. As to the deal made by the Yakima committees, we'll settle it by and by. I don't want to pay any money out for something I can't own or depend on and that's just the way a right smart chance of us in this neighborhood feel. I am a fusionist on the right kind of fusion principles and no other.

CAN'T SWALLOW THEM.

COWICHE, Wash., Feb. 8, '98.

EDITOR EPIGRAM.—Some of us populists up here, don't like the way those fusion fellows are running things in town, I understand that the gang has got things fixed up already for the convention next summer. Now may be those democratic politicians that are running the Herald may own a newspaper, and may own the democrat party in this county for all I know, but they don't own the populist party; and what is more they never will.

The democratic scheme seems to be to swallow the populist party, but that won't work, as free silver is not the only thing we want, by a long ways.

I understand that the three-legged committee won't let the Herald talk about anything but silver, and then expects us populists to support such a paper. I understand also that the democratic ring has already got the support of several weak-kneed populists for their unholy schemes, by promising them nominations for office; but they will never deliver the goods to those suckers. The populist convention will make nominations without regard to office brokers.
COWICHE.

STAG SOCIAL.—The local order of the Best People on Earth, gave a Stag Social at their lodge room on Thursday night, at which was present the members and a large number of invited guests. The local Elks have always been famous for their entertainments, and it was to be expected that the social would be a great success. In this none were disappointed, for if the comments of those who attended is any criterion they surpassed any previous effort. The social session was opened by a short address of welcome by Dr. Frank, the competent chairman of the committee on arrangements, who called District Deputy Hare to preside as chairman. The humorous traits of the doctor are so well known by his friends, that the fun actually begun before he lifted the gavel, and from that until nearly midnight there was such a feast of reason and flow of soul, sandwiched with wit, humor and pathos as is seldom witnessed. The courts of America have been frequently arraigned for their delays in the dispatch of business and grinding out of justice, but no fault could be found on that score with the administration of justice in the courts of the Elks, and none deserving or otherwise escaping its stern decrees.

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THE CASE-ROSS GLOVE CONTEST.—The chief topic of conversation among the sporting element is the six-round glove contest between Dick Case, the "Whirlwind," and Young Ross, the "Iron Boy," of Colorado, which took place at the People's Theatre Friday night. Both men have been hard at work training for the event, and each was pronounced by his respective trainer to be in the pink of condition. Considering the fact that neither man has met with defeat, and each has proven the hero of a score of battles, a good, clean contest was to be expected. Which man won we have been unable to learn.

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The Lecture.

An exchange says:—"F. A. Agar's lecture, 'Darkest Africa,' drew a large crowd Wednesday evening, and it proved to be a genuine treat that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. His personal experiences were entertaining and he gave a vast deal of information in regard to the character, customs, etc., of the people of the Congo. His audience showed the deepest interest in his talk, and his curios were the center of attraction. The lecture abounds in information, and is delivered in such a common-sense style that old and young alike are able to comprehend and enjoy it to the fullest extent. This lecture will be given for the benefit of the Baptist church and will be held at the Congregational church, Monday evening, February, 21.

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