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CLATSOP COUNTY PRODUCTS.

The wealth and prolific resources of the soil of Clatsop county could scarcely be overestimated, as may be seen from an examination of a few samples of the productions of this soil now on exhibition at our office.

Mr. F. Bearman, living in the vicinity of the Seaside House, Clatsop plains, has left with us the grain of five stalks of Surprise oats, which is assuredly the finest we have ever seen in any country, and, it is estimated, will produce from fifty to seventy bushels to the acre. Mr. Bearman sowed two bushels of seed to the acre, on clay bottom land, and feels confident the yield will not fall short of fifty bushels. The ground was prepared in the ordinary way in April, but he thinks he should have sowed three bushels of seed. This grain is in the fullest state of perfection, and will weigh much more than the average per bushel.

There is an abundance of land of this quality in Clatsop county, which has an area of 1,280,000 acres, only a very small part of which is under cultivation. A very large proportion of the whole area is susceptible of high cultivation, and no more profitable employment can be found in any country, than that of opening and improving these lands. This has been proven by the glorious results following the development of the soil of Clatsop plains and the valley of the Nehalem.

We have in our office at this time samples of wheat and oats from lands along the Fish-hawk river, a tributary of the Nehalem, showing what may be done in that direction. This wheat is of the white (Oregon) winter, fall club, and red-bearded varieties, and was grown upon lands owned by W. H. Lewis. It will produce seventy-five bushels to the acre. Now when any one says Clatsop county will not produce wheat, there is evidence to show to the contrary.

The oats on exhibition at our office in the sheaf, was raised by B. W. Gilmore, also on the Fish-hawk, and the stalks measure eight feet eight inches from the roots. These reflections take home with you, toiling thousands in over crowded cities, where you are compelled to labor incessantly for a bare subsistence; ponder over the facts, and conclude to become a pioneer in a rich land like this where only a few years at most are necessary to place you in possession of comfortable homes, and the luxuries of well stocked farms.

The Fort Wayne, Indiana Gazette says: R. P. Mink, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, roadmaster on the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad, died last Monday under very remarkable circumstances. While directing his groom in the attendance of the horses, he suddenly dropped and, as was supposed, expired. The weather being warm, the body was packed in ice and brought down to this city en route for Valparaiso, Ind., for interment. Arriving at the destination where full preparations had been made for the funeral, the friends and relatives were thunderstruck to find evident signs of life around the body. It prespired freely. The funeral of course was delayed, and yesterday afternoon blood flowed freely. Restoratives were applied, but without effect, and R. P. Mink is now a dead man, but it is past question that he was consigned to his icy tomb while life was still abundant, as the fact of his having so well withstood the awful confinement attests.

The political pot is beginning to boil, in San Francisco, and the approaching election promises to be very hot. The Democratic County Committee had a boisterous session Monday night.

A murderous attack was made at Redwood city California Sunday night upon an old woman named Mrs. Welch, by two burglars who entered her house and demanded money. Being told there was none, one of them with a slung shot inflicted serious and possibly fatal injuries upon her person. A little girl escaped from the house and gave the alarm, whereupon Sheriff Edgar succeeded in capturing the villains and lodged them in jail.

The Udderzook Murder.

For weeks past frequent allusions have been made in the telegraphic reports to Udderzook, as the murderer of Goss. Nothing very comprehensive could be gleaned from the dispatches, but our Eastern exchanges relate that Goss, the murdered man, was a young Baltimore mechanic earning some \$15 a week, who had insured his life for \$20,000 in four different companies. His shop was burned recently and a mutilated body was found in the ashes. His widow then sued one of the companies for \$5,000 and gained the suit, although the affair savored strongly of fraud on the part of Goss or his supposed widow, and through the connivance of the attorneys she obtained the full amount. Udderzook was the employe and confident of Goss, and assisted him in the swindle, and after the money had been obtained he murdered Goss for the whole of it, and the body was recovered. It now turns up that the body found in the fire was one procured for the occasion from a cemetery in the vicinity. Goss is dead after all. Udderzook will be hung for murder, the pretended widow will go to the penitentiary for swindling, and the Insurance Companies will be reimbursed if they succeed in finding the money. Between the chase of the woman after the policies, that of Udderzook after the coin, and the Sheriff after both, it has been rather lively and likely to increase risks.

Capt. Randall, is making a hydrographic survey of the channel between Portland and St. Helens bar, preliminary to dredging to a depth of seventeen feet, for which there is a Federal appropriation.

The San Francisco Bulletin says: Both Duluth and Tacoma, the Eastern and Western termini of the Northern Pacific, are cities of the future. There has been a raging land speculation at Duluth, and probably the same thing will occur at Tacoma. But it will be years before this western terminus will figure prominently as a city.

ABOUT WOMEN.

A Wisconsin girl is a cabinet maker. She ought to move to Washington.

English passees ladies are said to be marrying rich Parsee merchants in India.

The lady admirers of Pere Hyacinthe have presented him with a silver chalice.

A Princeton, Ill., girl actually died of grief because her new spring hat fell into the river and was ruined.

Miss Mattie McClellan Brown is on her way to England as the accredited representative of the Good Templars of Ohio.

An Irishman puts this question: "Would you rather go through a giddy waltz with a pretty girl than go through a pretty waltz with a giddy girl?" Of course.

A Missouri lover called his girl a Mo. duck, in response to which misunderstood compliment the lass lifted a handful of hair from the top of his hair—a modified scalping operation.

A Philadelphia mantua maker imprudently announces that she makes her dresses fireproof, not realizing that her customers wish toilettes to attract rather than to repel their flames.

An old woman in Maine crossed over a bridge that was marked "dangerous" without seeing the sign. On being informed of the fact on the other side, she turned about in great alarm and recrossed it.

The Ladies' Sewing Society of Whitefield, N. H., has bought five acres of land for a cemetery, so that when any poor girl breaks her back over a sewing-machine at fifty cents a day she may be sure of burial at corresponding rates.

A girl in Macoupin county, Ill., told her lover she would marry him if he could milk three cows clean while she was milking two. He failed, and at last accounts was practising on all the cows he could see, with the hope of getting another trial.

The introduction of the postal cards is making fearful havoc with the eyesight of the distributing and assorting clerks in those offices where females are employed. The male clerks, having no inquisitiveness, of course, are not driven to such a railroad rate of reading.

Rev. Dr. Goodspeed, of Chicago, said in the course of a recent Sunday sermon: "The devil understood what was necessary to blast Eden, when he led the woman to be false to God, to herself, and to her husband. A bad woman, an untrue woman, is the prime corrupter of society, and the destroyer of its peace."

A Vienna letter says one New York lady is said to have offered \$50,000 for a dinner service in the Austrian department, and to have shed tears of disappointment on finding that it had been a lid. She offered the same sum for a similar set, to be got ready at a certain date, but was told that the demand was impossible.

"A WORLD OF CHANCE."

Fort Clatsop, Aug. 11, 1873.
EDITOR ASTORIAN:
While walking with Mr. Frank Barrows, of Lewis and Clarks river, the other day, through his garden, examining the growth of the vegetables, the above-named story—with which almost every one is familiar, who attended school fifteen years ago—came flitting across my mind, with a freshness almost akin to reality. Yes, the roots of the trees spread themselves in the air, the apple-trees bore fruit in the ground, the coffee froze on the fire, and nearly distracted our friend with the tooth ache, as the ice instead of hot coffee came into contact with his grinders, the sun rose and set within a few minutes or hours, or staid away for years, all just as it happened, etc., and so on through all the affairs of life.

But our friend awoke and found it all a dream. The apple-trees right side up, the coffee hot as it should be, the sun going his rounds with regularity, causing apples to grow on the branches, potatoes in the ground—no! stay! all seems right but the potatoes. Just before me stands one, two, three, half a dozen hills, with perfect potatoes, growing to the very top of the vines. At every point where a limb from the stem puts out, is a well formed potato from the size of a small hen's egg down to the size of a small marble. These are of the early rose variety.

The same thing may be seen on the farm of Mr. Hess on Clatsop Plains among the Demick variety. Now are we in a world of chance, or is the soil so rich that there is not room in the ground for the potatoes to grow so they have to climb out on the vines, "who can tell?" What country can beat it? W. H. S.

To Investors.—The Northern Pacific Railroad Company has now built, equipped and put in operation, nearly 517 miles of its main line of road through an excellent country and along what is known as the Valley Route to the Pacific. The finished portions already enjoy a large and fast increasing traffic. The sections approaching completion connect the chain of Lakes with the navigation of the Upper Missouri and Columbia rivers with Puget Sound, secure at once a large and profitable business and entitle the Company to about 10,000,000 acres of excellent average land in fee simple.

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