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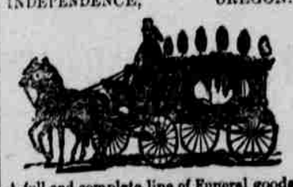

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Pielsticker—Vat's all dat schreechin' apout, Gretchen?
Mrs. Pielsticker—Dem twins vos peen pad again, unt I shpanks dem.—Frank Leslie's Illustrated.

WHEAT.

What is the best kind of wheat for our Oregon soil and climate? This is a question that demands due consideration from the farmers of the valley. In the first few years, in the early settlement of Oregon, the English White wheat was the only wheat produced, and the seed of no other kind could be readily obtained. It was productive, hardy, and withstood the rigors of a hard winter amazingly well. This wheat was first obtained by the Hudson's Bay company, from England, and was sown by the early French and English in the Willamette valley. The climate of England is somewhat similar to that of Oregon, and it would naturally follow that the most productive grain of England would be the best adapted to Oregon. Of recent years many varieties of grain have been brought to Oregon from other countries and different states of the Union, and the quality and productiveness of those grains must by this time have been fully tested. The question then arises, which of all the grains (wheat is referred to) tested, is the most prolific in yield, and the most profitable for the Oregon farmer? We contend that the old English White wheat originally grown in Oregon, is best adapted to our soil and climate. It yields well, is hardy, and affords more sheep pasturage without detriment to it, than any other wheat. We are alluding of course to fall sowing. Experience through the past leads all to be governed by that experience in the future, especially in relation to agricultural pursuits. In our experience of over forty-five years in grain-growing in Oregon, we have taken much observation in relation thereto, and we are ready to declare that the old original White wheat will, taking one year with another, prove the most sure and profitable wheat that can be raised in Oregon. Wheat has been, is now, and in all probability will continue to be, the staple production of Oregon, it is the policy of all farmers that the most profitable grain that can be raised is depended upon for pecuniary profit. We have known a second crop of forty bushels to the acre from one sowing to be raised from the White wheat, and it was raised on the old Niel Gilliam farm near Dallas.

Farmers as a general thing do not discuss with one another the relative merits of the species of productions to which they have applied themselves. We have attended granges, but have never heard such matters discussed in their halls. Sheep husbandry is a profitable industry, and the question of pasturage is involved in its most successful results. The wild grass and outside range having become "non est," then we must resort to the mode by which to pasture sheep in winter. We contend that the old White wheat will afford more pasture, and produce a better crop, than any other variety of wheat that can be sown by the Oregon farmer.

We will be pleased to hear from any farmer, through the WEST SIDE, who may have formed other and different conclusions with reference to the superiority of the White wheat.

Governor Boies, of Iowa.

Governor Boies is one of the most tolerant and benevolent men in the world. It is rarely that he indulges in repartee, but on one occasion during the recent campaign he used that weapon effectually enough to put a stopper upon the husband of Ellen Foster. Ellen's husband is a Federal office-holder who holds his office by right of his wife's services for the party of great moral ideas, and on his way home to vote he fell in with a large party accompanying the governor on his campaign tour. He at once began an attack upon the governor for his attitude on the prohibition question, and quoted scripture by the yard in doing so. The fellow finally became a bore to everyone in the coach. Turning to him quietly Governor Boies said: "You being an office-holder under this administration reminds me also of scripture, Mr. Foster. You will find it in Isaiah—'The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib.'" Ellen's husband went forth to smoke.

FLOWERS ON CHRISTMAS.

Flowers Bloom in Portland Though Snow was Falling.

The ground was whitened with snow Christmas, for the first time this season, in honor of the day. About 7:30 in the morning a fine soft snow began to powder lightly down, and to stick to every thing it touched, and soon every tree, bush, and blade of grass, was ornamented with a covering of the beautiful snow. The rose bushes still show many buds and half-blown roses, some of them almost as pure and white as the snow which clung to every leaflet. It is not often that snow finds roses in bloom, and the flowers seemed to have a great attraction for the tiny flakes which clustered so thickly about them as to weigh them down. Before the sidewalks were fairly whitened, boys were out coasting and snowballing, and in the upper parts of town this sport lasted a great part of the day.—*Oregonian.*

Are You Seeking a Location?

To the immigrant from an old-settled land where competition exists in severity, and the means of a bare subsistence is not easily to be had, Oregon offers inducements for him to come. Here is political and social freedom, a beautiful, pleasant, and healthy climate, a soil rich and fertile, producing every necessary and many of the luxuries of life; streams abounding with delicious fish, forests and fields in which game of many species can be found, and where the industrious laborer is sure to provide a moderate competency for himself in a short space of time. Here are towns starting yearly into existence, whose inhabitants are full of life, energy, and hope, determined and certain to prosper; cities and ports swelling into magnificence before one's eyes, destined ere long to bear sway over the broad Pacific by reason of their wealth, natural position, and power. Here labor is honorable, and meets an ample reward; and here commercial pursuits may gratify the most daring wishes, and the patriotic enthusiast forsee a glorious future to this his adopted country. The peaceful, retiring and contented settler may select a quiet, sunny spot for his abode.

New Electoral Vote.

Following is a parallel table showing the electoral vote of each state for 1888 compared with that apportioned for the different states for 1892:

Vote for 1888.		Vote for 1892.	
Alabama	10	Alabama	11
Arkansas	7	Arkansas	8
California	8	California	9
Colorado	3	Colorado	4
Connecticut	6	Connecticut	6
Delaware	3	Delaware	3
Florida	4	Florida	4
Georgia	12	Georgia	13
		Idaho*	3
Illinois	22	Illinois	24
Indiana	15	Indiana	15
Iowa	13	Iowa	13
Kansas	9	Kansas	10
Kentucky	13	Kentucky	13
Louisiana	8	Louisiana	8
Maine	6	Maine	6
Maryland	8	Maryland	8
Massachusetts	14	Massachusetts	15
Michigan	13	Michigan	14
Minnesota	7	Minnesota	9
Mississippi	9	Mississippi	9
Missouri	16	Missouri	17
		Montana*	3
Nebraska	5	Nebraska	8
Nevada	3	Nevada	3
New Hampshire	4	New Hampshire	4
New Jersey	9	New Jersey	10
New York	36	New York	36
North Carolina	11	North Carolina	11
		North Dakota*	3
Ohio	23	Ohio	23
Oregon	3	Oregon	4
Pennsylvania	30	Pennsylvania	32
Rhode Island	4	Rhode Island	4
South Carolina	9	South Carolina	9
		South Dakota*	4
Tennessee	12	Tennessee	12
Texas	13	Texas	15
Vermont	4	Vermont	4
Virginia	12	Virginia	12
		Washington*	4
West Virginia	6	West Virginia	6
Wisconsin	11	Wisconsin	12
		Wyoming*	3
Totals	401		444

The (*) indicates the new states.

Our average yield of wheat per acre—twenty-four bushels—would delight the heart of the Iowa farmer who expects only fifteen at most. There have been some great yields in Dakota this year, but an average of fifteen bushels per acre in successive years would be deemed satisfactory. It is believed that our fair and fruitful Oregon would produce an average of nearly forty bushels per acre if the same effort were applied in cultivation as is needed in the middle Western states.—*Oregonian.*

If there has ever been evidence of the Willamette valley being turned into a paradise of fruit orchards, those indications are now plainly to be seen. Acre after acre of the best land is being set to nurseries, and orchards by the score are being planted this winter, and many more small tracts of five to twenty acres of the choicest land in all the valley will be turned into orchards in the spring. The example of California in supplying eastern markets with their choicest fruit has been followed, and in a few years Oregon will do the same.

Wanted It Himself.

It was an evening school in Providence. There was a class of restless, dirty newsboys and bootblacks on the front seat, trying to see how little they could study and how much they could annoy the teacher. Finally the teacher called up the class and put them through the catechism on United States history.

"Who discovered America?"

Nobody seemed to know, and the teacher, a long suffering student from the university, lost his patience. Shutting his book with a bang, he dismissed the class with these sarcastic remarks:

"Well, when one of you boys get to the point where he needs to have some one vote for him as governor or president, he will be ashamed to think he doesn't know who discovered America!"

One of the wickedest looking of the boys raised his grimy paw.

"Well, Tom, what is it?"

"I know who discovered America."

"Why didn't you tell, then?" asked the teacher sharply.

"Cos I didn't want to tell all I know," said Tom, while the class went off into a roar. The teacher called up the advanced class in spelling, and there was a smile on his face the rest of the evening. —Boston Herald.

Another Accomplishment Altogether.

An officer who was going ashore from the United States steamship Albatross against a high wind, noticing that the gig made little progress, turned to his colored servant and asked him if he could row. The boy replied that he could not.

"What!" exclaimed his master; "you have been on board ship a year and can't row?"

"'Deed, sah, I'se nevah ro'ed in my life."

"Then it's time you learned! Pick up those oars and try to row, at least."

A light broke over the darky's face, and as he scrambled over the seats to his place he chuckled: "Ef dis is what yo' mean, ob co'se I kin row. I was reckonin' as yo' meant fo' me to ro' like a lion." —Harper's Magazine.

Averting a Tragedy.

So far as a casual observer could see, the crowd coming over on a Hoboken ferryboat the other afternoon was sober and good natured, and many were, therefore, surprised to hear a man suddenly call out:

"Sir, you have insulted me, and I'll knock your head off!"

The speaker was a big man, with bushy hair and a fat face, and he had a cataract in his left eye. The man shouted at was rather undersized and humble looking.

"Yes, sir, I'll knock your head off!" continued the big man, as he flourished his fists about.

"How did I insult you?" demanded the other.

"You have kept your eyes on me ever since I got on the boat! It's my misfortune to have a bad eye, but I don't want to be stared at as if I were a gorilla!"

"Who stared at you?"

"You have, and if it wasn't for raising a row in public I'd make your heels crack!"

"I never even saw you!" retorted the little man, growing very spunky all at once.

"What! Wasn't I sitting right here, and you over there, and didn't you have your eyes on me all the time?"

"No, sir! I was reading that sign to the left of your head!"

"Don't talk so"——

"Hold on!" interrupted a passenger who had pushed himself forward. "It's just as the little man says, and there's no occasion for hard feelings. Gentlemen, the little man is cross eyed! Between the big man being blind in one eye and the little man being cross eyed, they got things mixed, and ought to shake hands and be friends."

"If I'm wrong I beg your pardon," said the big man.

"You jumped on me with both feet, but it was through mistake, and I don't hold no grudge," replied the little man.

Then they shook hands, the crowd gave them a cheer, and everybody said it was always the best way to be sure you're right before going ahead.—M. Quad in New York World.

A Matter of Privilege.

Raff—I look upon you, sir, as a rascal.
Partee—You are privileged to look upon me in any character you desire to assume, sir.—Texas Siftings.

The Right Kind.

"Soggins is engaged to Maude Pottleton. I am glad of it, too, because I think she is the kind of girl to help a man along."

"She is, indeed. They say he never would have proposed if she hadn't helped him over the hard part of it."—Harper's Bazar.

RAILROAD JOTTINGS.

The Pennsylvania railroad has opened its new depot in Trenton.

With all her 400,000,000 people China has only forty miles of railroad.

Passenger trains on the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia now run into the Union station at Atlanta.

The Big Four Railroad company will build two extensive freight depots at Indianapolis. Each will be over 800 feet long.

The Erie railway officers have changed the name of Paramus, a small station on the Bergen county branch of that road, to Glen Rock.

Jay Gould has received concessions from Mexico to build two bridges across the Rio Grande—one at El Paso and the other at Eagle Pass, Tex., for the Texas Pacific.

The tax commissioners of the state of New Jersey have raised the valuation of the Pennsylvania railroad about $2,500,000, principally on account of the new Jersey City depot.

Judge Shackleford, of the Oklahoma City federal court, has ordered the completion of the Choctaw road, eleven miles, to Oklahoma City. The Rock Island will run trains on it.

W. G. Godfree, who has been for some time in the claim department of the Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City road, has been appointed assistant cashier at the freight depot in East St. Louis.

The Pennsylvania company has decided not to make freight trains of its fast passenger trains by hauling two or three express cars and two or three mail cars, but on another train to haul the two classes of business mentioned.

The National Transportation association, composed of the boards of trade and other commercial bodies of the United States, has decided to apply to the interstate commerce commission for an order compelling railroads to adopt a similar form of bill of lading. If the commission does not act promptly congress will be petitioned to the same end.

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