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The address of Dr. Adams has taken up so much space that our floral article is unavoidably crowded out. In our next we shall devote a full page to describing and illustrating Hyacinths, Crown Imperials, Snowdrops, Narcissus, and other spring flowering bulbs.

**OUR IMMIGRATION INTEREST.**

The State Board of Immigration has seen fit to resign, as the legislature made no appropriation to pay running expenses. Much as we regret this, it is still a source of consolation for the people of the Pacific Northwest to know that THE WEST SHORE is fully alive to the wants of this section of the Union, and will in future, as it has in the past, attend to showing up our vast resources, and furnish such *disinterested* information as immigrants may require. Any one in the East who really wants to learn anything about this country, can afford to pay 50 cents for three months, or \$1 50 for a year's WEST SHORE, which contains more fresh and reliable information than all the pamphlets ever sent out, and those who cannot afford to pay the small sums mentioned above, it is as well that they are anywhere else as in this country. During the past year, besides the articles on our resources that have appeared in the WEST SHORE, its publisher has answered nearly 1,000 letters of inquiry, sent over 300 samples of wheat, flax, hops and wool, to different parts of the United States, Germany and England, distributed about 35,000 copies of THE WEST SHORE, and made an exhibit of our products at the San Francisco Mechanic's Fair, at a large outlay from his own funds. Have our Board of Immigration done more?

**LOOK UPON THIS PICTURE AND THEN UPON THAT.**

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, Oct. 15.—Snow fell here to the depth of two inches last night.

WASHINGTON, District of Columbia, Oct. 15.—Snow fell here early this morning.

BOSTON, Massachusetts, Oct. 15.—Snow fell here and various parts of New England north and east of here last night to the depth of three inches or more.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Weather cold and stormy. At this hour, 4 A. M., snow is falling fast, the first of the season, but it melts as fast as it falls.

OREGON, Oct. 15.—Weather pleasant, thermometer 65 degrees at mid-day, 55 degrees mornings and evenings. No frost yet for this season, a plentiful harvest just gathered, fruit trees in full bearing, and Heliotropes (the tenderest of flowers) in full bloom, in the open air.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Oct. 30.—Our rainy season has set in; no frost yet. We gathered a beautiful bouquet in our yard to-day, composed of Roses, Heliotrope, Sweet Peas, Fuchsia, Geranium, Mignonette, Violets, Tuberoses, Dahlias, Phlox, Verbenas, &c. Who wouldn't live in Oregon!

The Salt Lake Tribune, an anti-Mormon newspaper, is well worth reading by any one who likes to keep posted on the doings of "Brig" and the other Saints. For a paper published in the stronghold of Mormonism, it goes after Brigham and the other Mountain Meadow Butchers in a style that is truly refreshing. For a sample copy, address, "Tribune," Salt Lake City, Utah.



THE "PULL-BACK"—ANCIENT STYLE.

**OUR WOOL AND FLAX.**

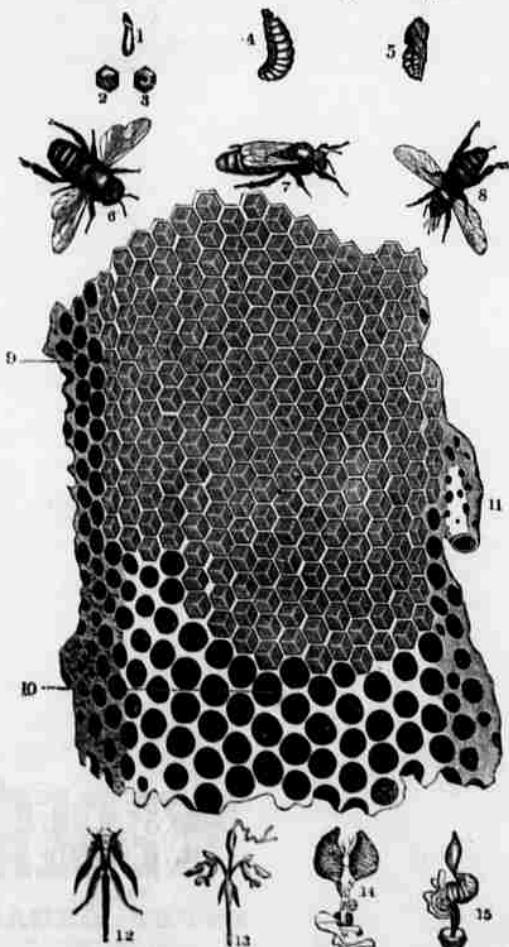
The San Francisco Journal of Commerce, in speaking of the samples of wool and flax sent by the publisher of THE WEST SHORE to the San Francisco Mechanic's Fair Exhibition, says: There were also some very fine samples of wool from Oregon. The same State has sent in a very fine specimen of flax, showing that it is especially adapted to its production. This flax finds its way to our city, whence it is shipped to Ireland, and is worked up into linen cloth and sent back to us with the privilege of paying duty on our own productions. Our citizens can readily perceive how much wiser it would be to have it manufactured on our own coast.

OREGON SWEET POTATOES.—Farmers and others who have been under the impression that Sweet Potatoes could not be successfully raised in Oregon will be agreeably surprised to hear that recent experiments made in Linn county demonstrated the fact that Oregon can produce a Sweet Potato which, if not superior, is fully equal to the California growth. Those raised in Oregon are of a creamy color instead of yellow. We hope farmers in other parts of the State will give the Sweet Potato a trial, should they prove a success here, it will keep many a dollar in the State which is now sent to California.

**PRODUCTS FROM COLLINS' RANCH.**

Collins' ranch is located 12 miles below Hood river, on the Washington Territory side. From the samples of fruits and cereals sent to us, we should judge the land about there must be very productive. Egg plums averaging 7½ by 9 inches, four of them weighing 1 lb and 2 oz. Of apples, we had 3 varieties—"Surprise," weighing 18 ounces, "Blue Pearmain," 17 ounces, and one unnamed variety, weighing 24 ounces each. We also had some very fine potatoes, raised on land that was never cultivated before. One of the potatoes weighed 26 ounces, and the yield was 484 bushels to the acre. The above were not picked samples, but are said to be of the average size.

Eldridge Morse, editor and proprietor of the Northern Star, printed at Snohomish City, W. T., paid our State a visit and took in the State Fair at the same time. Mr. Morse publishes an excellent paper, and we are glad to see that he is receiving liberal patronage even over here in Oregon. We know of no other paper published in Washington Territory that has so large a subscription list in Oregon as the Northern Star. This is owing to the fact that the Liberals all over Oregon have taken a particular liking for Mr. Morse's paper, and contribute freely and liberally to its support.



THE HONEY-BEE, ILLUSTRATED.

**OUR STATE FAIR.**

With the full reports of the Fair published by our dailies and some of the interior weeklies, it would be superfluous for us to give a lengthy sketch of it. No other state in the Union could make as fine a display of fruits and cereals as was to be seen in the Pavilion, and the beautiful array of home manufactured articles would certainly compare favorably in quality if not in quantity with any part of the world. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the President, Mr. W. P. Watson, and some other officers of the State Agricultural Society for the able and very efficient management of the entire affair. We publish in this issue the address delivered on the grounds by Dr. W. L. Adams, of this city; and as no other paper has furnished their readers with this very able effort, it will undoubtedly be read with interest and filed away for future reference.

J. C. Trullinger, Esq., one of our Astoria friends, paid us a neat compliment recently by naming his extensive mills after our publication. They are now known as "The West Shore Mills." May they be run successfully by their present proprietor for years to come without ever being compelled to shut down even one day.

Thos. B. Merry, whose excellent articles have appeared in the WEST SHORE and extensively copied from it into other journals, has bought the Puget Sound Dispatch, and we shall before long expect to see the Dispatch the leader of the Pacific Northwest Newspapers. Here is our 227th Mr. Merry.

Sabbath School Superintendents will find it to their advantage to address the Pacific Christian Advocate, Portland, Oregon, who are now ready to receive orders for new and most beautiful Sabbath School Services, suitable for concerts or holiday occasions; also for chromos, suitable for gifts to Sabbath School classes.

The Wheeler & Wilson Machine has taken the first premiums at all Fairs where it has been on exhibition during 1876. Read their advertisement in this issue.

The Oregon City Enterprise has entered upon its eleventh volume, and we are really glad to say that it improves with age. It is a thorough "home paper," and the appreciation of the people of Clackamas county is shown by the liberal patronage extended to it. With F. S. Dement as publisher it could not be otherwise than a success.

We have received the San Francisco Post, a handsome 8-page, 64-column newspaper, filled with later news than any of our other exchanges; it also contains most interesting reading matter of a general character, and is published weekly, at \$2 00 per annum. Send for a sample copy to the Post Publishing Co., San Francisco.

TO IMITATE GROUND GLASS.—A ready way of imitating ground glass is by dissolving Epsom salts in ale (don't use this as a beverage) and applying with a brush; as it dries it crystallizes.

The delicacy of ordinary friendship is such that it cannot endure a naked or ragged associate.

The ever popular Home Sewing Machine still holds its own, notwithstanding competition. Mr. Traver, the Manufacturer's Agent for Oregon, and Washington Territory, receives large invoices by every steamer of these favorite machines. Take a look at them corner Third and Morrison sts. Mr. Traver is also agent for the Hall Treadle, which can be applied to any machine. Also, for the celebrated "English Leather Manufacturing Sewing Machines" which tailors, boot and shoe and harness-makers will do well to examine.