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### NEIGHBORING TOWNS

#### PROGRESS AND DOINGS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

A Budget of Interesting and Spry News From All the Cities and Towns on the Coast—Thrill and Industry in Every Quarter—Oregon.  
Twenty-five new dwelling and business houses have been erected in Gold Hill during the past six months.  
The dwelling-house of George Doust, three miles south of Grant's Pass, burned to the ground last week. Nothing was saved.  
The buoy that was placed outside the Columbia river bar went adrift lately, and floated ashore five miles north of the river.  
Among other triumphs of its glorious climate, Curry county points with pride to three families in which mothers and children are within school age, and draw school money.  
The first issue of the new college journal of the agricultural college was published at Corvallis last week. It is a twenty-nine page publication, and all of the mechanical work was done by students.  
The Moon peach orchard, west of Grant's Pass, has about ten acres of thrifty peach trees, about eight years old. Frost has killed the buds every year, and there has never been a crop raised there.  
A farmer of Cresswell, Lane county, 14 1/2 weeks, shipped to Port Townsend, Wash., forty head of choice stall-fed beef cattle. They averaged 1,200 pounds and he received three cents per pound gross for them.  
T. H. Decew, of Ontario, Canada, who has large holdings of timber lands up the North Santiam, says it is his intention to put in a saw mill, with a capacity of 100,000 feet a day, either at Albany or Halsted. The mill will also manufacture fruit and berry boxes.  
After having been closed down for some time, the Astoria planing mills has started up work again. A new pony saw will be put in in a few days, and the mills will commence to cut cedar door bolts. They have a number of orders ahead which will keep them busy for some time.  
E. Egbert and his brother brought to The Dalles last week, a mastodon tooth, which they found in excavating for a grade one and one-half miles from the new bridge across the Deschutes. The bones of the animal were traced, though they crumbled on exposure to the air. The skeleton was found in a bed of clay.  
The chief attraction for Klamath people just now is the annual fishing operations of the Indians on Lost river. About 200 Indians are camped there, and several tons of suckers are already drying on poles for the year's subsistence. On Sunday the camp is thronged with sightseers, for the Indians hold services both morning and evening, filling in the interval in games and dances.  
The net indebtedness of the city of Corvallis is \$15,778. This is shown by the quarterly report of the police judge, which places the total amount of outstanding orders at \$14,755; estimated interest on same, \$3,000. There has been applied on one of these orders in cash, \$1,977, leaving the net indebtedness at \$15,346. The receipts for the last quarter were \$1,757; the expenditures were \$914.  
The people in Pendleton were horrified one day last week at the sight of a runaway team, with a boy being dragged between the front wheels of the wagon. Within a block of Main street, however, the boy managed to get the horses under control, and coolly climbed to the top of his load from which he had fallen. He was dragged on the ground for about three blocks, but sustained no injuries whatever.  
Eagles are becoming numerous and destructive to lambs in Curry county. Will Goff saw one at work the other day, and with a rifle, broke a wing and leg. The bird was then captured, and a fight arranged to the death with two dogs. The eagle was a large and powerful one, measuring over seven feet, and the battle royal lasted over an hour, up and down the yard, at the end of which time the bird lay dead on a feathered-covered field.  
After noting the condition of the government snag boat Corvallis, Captain Fisk has ordered that she be abandoned, and it is impossible to raise her. The Three Sisters is still at the scene of the wreck, and the crew will remove all the apparatus from the Corvallis that can be saved during the present stage of water. Unless knocked to pieces by driftwood, the machinery can be removed by the low stage of water in the summer season.  
Major Harper, agent at the Umatilla Indian agency, has announced that, during his visit in Washington recently, he brought up before the department the question of paying the Indians some money due them on account of sale of reservation lands. In response to the request he preferred, the department consented to pay \$25,000. This amount will be transmitted during the course of the next three or four months, and will give about \$25 to each reservation resident who has tribal rights.

### Washington G. A. R., is visiting the camps in the eastern part of the state.

There is a movement on foot to put a very light draft trading boat on the Lewis river, which will go up as far as the water will permit.  
Two head of cattle slid from a deep hillside in the vicinity of Ten-Mile, in Asotin county, the other day. One was killed outright and the other badly crippled.  
At Smith Creek, Pacific county, last week, a cougar was killed that measured seven feet four inches, and an enormous wild cat was killed at the same time.  
A Colfax nurseryman has contracted to furnish 5,000 fruit trees to the Burrell estate, near Garfield. The trees will cover 100 acres, the greater part of which will be planted to the Palouse apple.  
About twenty-two miles west of Chehalis, a few days ago, a fir tree was felled six and a half feet through at the butt, which measured 181 feet to the first limb. There was not a knot or blemish on the log.  
Ever since bass were placed in Medical Lake, it has been questioned whether they could live in its waters. This has been satisfactorily demonstrated in the affirmative, for they can be seen frequently jumping from the water.  
Plowing began in the Kittitas valley last week in earnest, and is now under full headway. The ground on account of all the snow having been absorbed by it, is in first-class condition and the prospects were never better for excellent crops.  
From many sources the Walla Walla Statesman learns that the fish law is being openly violated in Walla Walla county. Men and boys may be seen almost every stream angling for trout. The sport does not become lawful until May 1.  
Louis Melberg, a car-repairer on the Great Northern railroad, was fatally injured in Seattle by being caught between the drawheads of two flat-cars. A coupling link was driven through his body, tearing his intestines in a horrible manner.  
Mrs. Nancy J. Noyes died in Seattle last week, at the age of 91. Deceased was born in Walden, Vt., in 1805, and came from good old Puritan stock, her parents being among the first of the New Englanders, coming over soon after the Mayflower.

### ORCHARD AND FARM

#### USEFUL INFORMATION CONCERNING FARM WORK.

A Roomy Farm Barn at Small Cost—A Tenant Farmer Gives the Story of His Successful Career—Economy in Wintering Stock.  
In the accompanying illustrations are given the elevation and the interior arrangement of a farm barn that probably gives the most room for the money of any that could be devised. Its square construction and flat roofs permit all the hay and fodder to be placed above the first floor, thus leaving this entire floor free for the quartering of stock, while the cellar below can be utilized for the storing of roots, which should form no inconsiderable part of the feed consumed by the stock, and for the storage of the manure, the root cellar being, of course, separated from the manure pit by a tight wall. A perspective view of the barn is shown in Fig. 1.  
Such a barn is excellently adapted for the keeping of sheep, three sides of it being devoted to the pens for these, while the feeding of all the sheep can be done from the main floor; or, it can be very well made to serve the purpose of a dairy barn, with a silo in one corner, extending from a cemented floor in the cellar to the hay and fodder floor. When arranged for sheep, the pens can be advantageously arranged, as shown in Fig. 2, each pen having communication with the neighboring pen, and also with the feeding floor. An inside feeding rack may be used, into which hay and other fodder can be pitched directly from the feeding floor, and this, in some respects, is the best plan to pursue. For it permits a tight board fence between the feeding floor and the pens, to a height of three feet or so, thus keeping the lambs from coming through from the pens to the feeding floor and soiling the floor and hay. But if the flocks are fed directly from this floor, let a perpendicular opening be provided for each sheep to feed through, rather than the long horizontal opening provided by the removal of one board from the partition, which is so commonly seen, but which necessitates the wearing off of all the wool above the sheep's necks, to the loss of the wool and to the sheep's manifest disfigurement.

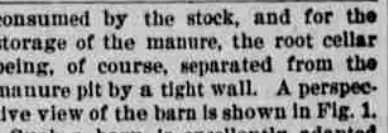


FIG. 1. PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF BARN.

A Successful Tenant Farmer.  
I began on a run-down Vermont farm of 165 acres with thirteen cows, two yearlings, two shoats, ten hens, and now have fifteen cows, three springers, six yearlings, fourteen hogs, eighty hens, and plenty of rough fodder to keep them, says L. S. Glynn, of Vermont, in the Agriculturist. This year I sowed five acres of fodder corn, planted eight acres of flint corn, began feeding green fodder Aug. 10, and roots later on, and am now feeding cured fodder and about seven pounds of grain (composed of equal parts corn meal, wheat bran and gluten meal) three times a day to each cow. Am milking thirteen cows, six of them farrow, and carry the milk to the Marshall creamery. Last year the hens brought in about \$60. Next year I shall sow ten acres of Sanford corn, having raised my own seed, and am working to keep forty cows on this place. I am in favor of the silo, but cannot afford one on a rented farm, so will run my fodder through a shredder. I think siloing is the only way to bring up a farm. I shall try siloing about four acres of oats to cut green and make hay of, and shall experiment with muck, as we have a large amount of it and land adapted to its use. The great trouble with farmers here is, they are too apt to sell their stock if short of fodder. Now, I am in favor of buying grain and keeping the stock, as more stock means more hay, and more hay means better farms.  
Economy in Wintering Stock.  
In my travels for many winters in institute work I have watched the practice on hundreds of farms, and the number of farmers who draw fodder from the fields each day as wanted, and feed it on the ground, and who allow their cattle to drink ice water, and to roam over the farm in all weather, is large. Even on those farms where there are good barns, and the cattle are stabled at night, they are often turned out early in the morning, and in all weather must shift as best they may, and after filling with ice water may be seen hugging the fence "with cringing back and closely gathered feet, waiting with dumb endurance for the night."  
If there was no other loss than that of the extra food required to maintain vital heat, I believe it would amount to fully one-third; but there is in addition a loss of food trampled under foot and a loss of manure.—Exchange.

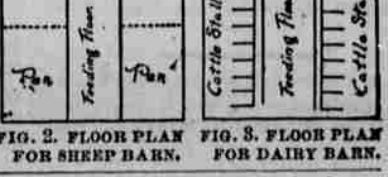


FIG. 2. FLOOR PLAN FOR SHEEP BARN. FIG. 3. FLOOR PLAN FOR DAIRY BARN.

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### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Trade was dull and featureless in every line during the week. Receipts of produce were small, and prices were without change. A full assortment of early California produce was received; also a lot of Mexican tomatoes, which sold at \$2 to 2.50 per crate. Good oranges are becoming scarce and high. Eggs are quoted firm at the old price. Poultry and butter are weak, and groceries are unchanged.

**Wheat Market.**  
No business is reported in the local market. Buyers are in the field, but holders ask prices far above the export value, and they seem to be in a position to hold on. Shippers quote export values here as follows: Walla Walla, 57 to 57 1/2; Valley, 60c per bushel.  
**Produce Markets.**  
Flour—Portland, Salem, Cascadia and Dayton, are quoted at \$3.15 per barrel; Goldrop, \$2.95; Snowflake, \$3.20; Benton county, \$3.15; Graham, \$2.90; superfine, \$2.25.  
Oats—Good white are quoted weak, at 27c; milling, 28@30c; gray, 22@23c. Rolled oats are quoted as follows: Bags, \$4.25@4.25; barrels, \$4.50@7.00; cases, \$3.75.  
Hay—Timothy, \$9.00 per ton; chest, \$6.00; clover, \$6@7; oat, \$5@5.50; wheat, \$5.50@6.50.  
Barley—Feed barley, \$14.00 per ton; brewing, \$15@16.  
Millet—Bran, \$13.00; shorts, \$14; middlings, \$18@20.00; rye, 65@67c per cental.  
Butter—Fancy creamery is quoted at 40c; fancy dairy, 30c; fair to good, 20c; common, 12c per roll.  
Potatoes—New Oregon, 25@30c per sack; sweets, common, 5c; Mercers, 3 1/2c per pound.  
Onions—Oregon, 5c per sack.  
Poultry—Chickens, hens, \$3.50 per dozen; mixed, \$3.00@3.50 per dozen; ducks, \$3@4.50; geese, \$5.00; turkeys, live, 10@12c per pound; dressed 12 1/2c.  
Eggs—Oregon, 9c per dozen.  
Cheese—Oregon full cream, 14@15c per pound; half cream, 9 1/2c; skim, 4@5c; Young America, 10@11c.  
Tropical Fruit—California lemons, \$3.00@3.50; choice, \$2.00@3.00; Sicily, \$4.50; bananas, \$1.75@2.50 per bunch; California apples, \$2.50@3.00 per box; pineapples, \$4@5.00 per dozen.  
Oregon Vegetables—Cabbage, 1c per lb; garlic, new, 7@8c per pound; artichokes, 6c per dozen; sprouts, 5c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.75 per crate, 40c@1 per dozen; house lettuce, 40c per dozen.  
Fresh Fruit—Pears, Winter Nellis, \$1.50 per box; cranberries, \$9 per barrel; fancy apples, \$1@1.75; common, 50@75c per box.  
Dried Fruits—Apples, evaporated, bleached, 4@4 1/2c; sun-dried, 3 1/2@4c; pears, sun and evaporated, 5@6c; plums, pines, 3@4c; prunes, 5c per pound.  
Wool—Valley, 10c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 6@8 1/2c.  
Horns—Choices, Oregon 1@3c per pound; medium, neglected.  
Nuts—Almonds, soft shell, 9@11c per pound; paper shell, 10@12 1/2c; new crop California walnuts, soft shell, 11@12 1/2c; standard walnuts, 12@13c; Italian chestnuts, 12 1/2@14c; pecans, 13@16c; Brazil, 12 1/2@13c; filberts, 12 1/2@14c; peanuts, raw, fancy, 6@7c; roasted, 10c; hickory nuts, 8@10c; coconuts, 9c per dozen.  
Provisions—Eastern hams, medium, 11 1/2@12c per pound; hams, picnic, 7c; breakfast bacon 10@10 1/2c; short clear sides, 8 1/2@9c; dry salt sides, 7 1/2@8c; dried beef hams, 15@18c; lard, compound, in tins, 7 1/2; lard, pure, in tins, 9 1/2@10c; pigs' feet, 8@9c; \$3.50; pigs' feet, 40c, \$3.25; kits, \$1.25. Oregon smoked hams, 10 1/2c per pound; pickled hams, 8 1/2c; boneless hams, 7 1/2c; bacon, 10 1/2c; dry salt sides, 6 1/2c; lard, 8-pound pails, 7 1/2c; 10c, 7 1/2c; 50c, 7 1/2c; tins, 7c. Country meats sell at prices according to grade.

**Merchandise Market.**  
SALMON—Columbia, river No. 1, talls, \$1.25@1.60; No. 2, talls, \$2.25@2.60; fancy, No. 1, flats, \$1.75@1.85; Alaska, No. 1, talls, \$1.20@1.30; No. 2, talls, \$1.50@2.25.  
BRANDS—Small white, No. 1, 2 1/2c per pound; butter, 3c; bayou, 1 1/2c; Lima, 4c.  
CORDAGE—Manilla rope, 1 1/2-inch, is quoted at 8 1/2c, and Sisal, 6 1/2c per pound.  
SUGAR—Golden O, 5 1/2c; extra O, 6 1/2c; dry granulated, 5 1/2c; cube crushed and powdered, 6 1/2c per pound; 1/2c per pound discount on all grades for prompt cash; half barrels, 1/2c more than barrels; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.  
COFFEE—Costa Rica, 22@23 1/2c; Rio, 20@22c; Salvador, 21@22c; Mocha, 20@31c; Padang Java, 30c; Palembang Java, 28@29c; Lahat Java, 23@25c; Arabuck's Moka and Lion, \$21.80 per 100-pound case; Columbia, \$21.30 per 100-pound case.  
RICE—Island, \$4.45 per sack; Japan, \$4.00@4.50.  
COAL—Steady; domestic, \$5.00@7.50 per ton; foreign, \$3.50@11.00.

**Meat Market.**  
BEEF—Gross, top steers, \$3.25; cows, \$2.25@2.50; dressed beef, 4@5 1/2c per pound.  
MUTTON—Gross, best sheep, wethers, \$3.00; awes, \$1.50@2.75; dressed mutton, 5c per pound.  
VEAL—Gross, small, 5@6c; large, 3@4c per pound.  
HOGS—Gross, choice, heavy, \$3.25@3.50; light and feeders, \$2.50@2.75; dressed, 3 1/2@4c per pound.

### SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

Flour—Net cash prices: Family extras, \$3.85@3.55 per barrel; bakers' extras, \$3.55@3.65; superfine, \$2.85@3.00.  
Barley—Feed, fair to good, 70c; choice, 72 1/2c; brewing, 86c.  
Wheat—Shipping, No. 1, \$1.07 1/2; choice, \$1.10 miling, \$1.15@1.22 1/2.  
Oats—Milling, 75@82c; surprise, 90@95; fancy feed, 82 1/2@85; good to choice, 70@75c; poor to fair, 60@65c; gray, 75@82 1/2c.  
Hops—Quotable at 205c per pound.  
Potatoes—Sweets, \$2.75@3.00; Burbanks, Oregon, 40@65c.