We are Somewhat Skeptica'.

The *News* says that according to the Washington Territory Land Office, there in Yakima and Walla Walla counties, in that Territory, 2,600,000 acres of first-rate agricultural land, capable of producing forty bushels of wheat to the acre, and that there are five counties in Eastern Oregon that will combined, give as great or greater arable area at the two counties named. And the *News* says that in these great arable districts the late Fall and early Spring rains mature the crops before any probable summer drouths could arrive.

Now it is quite true that there are large bodies of land in the regions spoken of by the *News*, but unfortunately for the most part they are not arable. They are rich and "capable of producing forty bushels of wheat to the acre," if there was rain or any adequate means of irrigation. In this particular they are lacking as well in the heavens above as in the earth beneath. The "late Fall and early Spring rains" in that country are so light that they barely serve to turn the old bunch grass green, when everything becomes parched and dry from heat and drouth. There are small bodies of land which lies along the border of streams where irrigation can be brought in to save famishing nature and there are also springy pieces of ground, as in parts of Eastern Washington, which are excellent farming lands, but these portions are exceedingly small compared with the vast plains of sage brush and bunch grass country that cannot be made productive without water. As rich as is the John Day river bottom lands wheat would not mature ordinarily without irrigation. The time may come when these lands will be made productive, but it will not be until an extensive system of irrigation shall have been inaugurated.

The Death of "Gloster."

The fast trotting-horse Gloster, eight years old, by Volunteer, owned by Alden Goldsmith of New York, died on the 30th of last month. His death was caused by an affection of the lungs. A post mortem examination was made and both of them were found to be diseased. They had evidently been so for some time. Gloster was buried at the track of the Bay District Fair Association. He has been on the turf two seasons and has established a wonderful reputation for speed and endurance. He trotted in Rochester in August last, four wonderful heats. The first was a dead heat in 2:18; the second he won in 2:17¾; the third in 2:17, and the fourth and last heat in 2:19. The doctor says that Gloster was liable to drop dead in any race which he has been engaged of late. About two years since he was afflicted with fistula in the shoulder, and they think that this may possibly have had something to do with his subsequent sickness and death. Mr. Goldsmith was offered $30,000 for Gloster but, refused it, during the season.—*S. F. Chronicle.*

THE TERRITORIES.

Six lads were recently fined $2 50 each, at Salt Lake, for betting and racing an the Sabbath day.

The amount of quartz sold in Helena, Montana, during the last six months, has placed over $150,000 in circulation. It is thought the amount will reach $500,000 next year.

The sheep-owners of the Little Colorado and tributaries, Arizona, have taken their flocks to New Mexico or some other country, in order to get rid of paying county and territorial taxes.

The Denver *News* says: The infamous work of poisoning whole flocks of sheep down in Southern Colorado bids fair soon to arouse a spirit of retaliation on the part of the sheep men. We hear low mutterings of reprisals against such cattle men as are known to be engaged in the diabolical work of poisoning sheep, and there is a prospect that cattle may soon be afflicted with epidemic scourges. Such things are a blot upon our Territory and should be stopped.

The Boise City *Statesman* of October 24th says: "This has been a remarkable year, for two crops of most kinds of vegetables would have matured. We had a nice mess of green beans this week and will have green peas in a day or two, the second crop, grown from the seed raised this year. Potatoes, beans, radishes, lettuce and several other kinds would have yielded the second crop. We might have the luxury of green corn, had it been planted late enough. In fact there has been no frost to kill vegetables since the 1st of April last, seven months."

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Wheat, ₱ bushel	63
Flour, ₱ barrel	4 50
Corn Meal, ₱ lb	05
Potatoes, ₱ bushel	37½@50
Eggs, fresh ₱ doz	25
Butter, good fresh role ₱ lb	30
Chickens, ₱ doz	250@3 00
Bacon, sides ₱ lb	10@ 12
Cheese, ₱ lb	20@ 25
Dried Plums, ₱ lb	16@ 20
Dried Apples, ₱ lb	4@ 5
Syrup, ₱ Keg, (retail)	2 50
Coffee, (retail) ₱ lb	27½
Tea, Japan (retail) ₱ lb	75
Tea, Green, (retail) ₱ lb	1 25
Salmon, best ₱ ½ barrel	5 50
Sugar, by the keg ₱ lb	8@ 12
Lard, ₱ lb	14@ 16
Mutton, ₱ lb	8@ 10
Beef, ₱ lb	6@ 8
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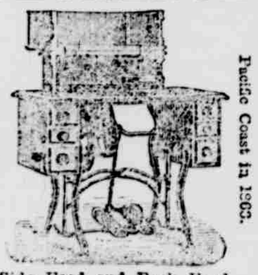

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