igh rates of charterage, towage, pi-
tage, etc.
The only source of rellef that now a discernable, isa healty competition the river; we do not desire opposition, because that means strife for the mastery, and one or the other her poys withdraw, and the shippompany carries out the schedule ot rices that is now printed, there will be nothing to complain of there will langer is, that the old line will come $s$ low, if not lower, and all will patnize the old line; consequently the lraw, and then we will be in as bad fix as before. I am told that the Id company has said they will never an a boat through the locks, and if they do not, they certainly cannot arry freight as cheap as the Willamette River Transportation Company

## Few Plain Words.

butur willamette Farmer:
As I am at this time giving my atention to farming and breeding tock, I read with much interest the discussions of farmers in their different Clubs, and I attended one in my locality in which I was requested to take part and become a member. I declined to Join, and gave as my reacon that 1 would wait until I could acertain by theiractions what course they were going to pursuc. If they were going to try to make two spears of grass grow where only one had grown, also to ascertain how to carry the most stock on their pastures, and the management of stock and best breeders compared with common stock. The most important feature, as I look upon it, has not as yet been brought belore the clubs, and that is pasturing stock in winter atter it bemore waste than farmers are aware of, and the loss since I have been in and in burning straw, I have no douit amounts to millions. Such diseus sion as will bring forth practical results will not only be very interest ing, but very proitable. But to meet and denounce trading men, and call them speculators, and say they were forming rings and laying plans to steal your property-in the latter courselof a club, I could not join them, considering the time would not only be wasted, but it would work a ser ous injury to Oregon. We want to encourage trading men to come give them encouragement. I have known by reputation, and ns 1 have known by reputation, and as 1 hav
laid down that and retired on one of my farms, four miles from Salem, ask you to take this in all kindness
from me, as those hard words re, are not meant for me, as I am," hope retired, and hope to remain on my farm with my little family, and breeder of good stock, and in introducing the best grasses and studying the best mode of farming.
Farmers of Oregon, f wish your
best interests, and would like to talk with you every one personally, but
that cannot be. But, if desired, I will write a few articles, and bring
some points before the clubs for the some points before the clubs for their
discussion. You all know 1 am not f practical farmer, but it is admitted ing stock, some I raised the best and heaviest bullock on this coast, also
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