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Letter from Ohlo.

Editor Willamette Farmer: It has always been a pleasant task for me to contrast the opportunities. privileges, and blessings of one section of country with those of another, and for the comfort and consolation of any Ohioans who may have taken up their abode in Oregon, and taken up their abode in Oregon, and er 'discoveries,' so called, is true.—
feel dissatisfied therewith, let them one will have it that the gloriread the following account of matters pertaining to weather and climatology in latitude south of 39 dewords of the poet,

every rose the garlands which had been hung around its head, and with no seeming preferences for either rich or poor, stolidly settled down in winter quarters, with a reality that astonished the oldest settlers. Purple and fine linen, rapidly gave place every rose the garlands which had ple and fine linen, rapidly gave place to the better adapted woolen fabrics. "The forest fell, the wood-pile grew." The cattle and sheep upon a thousand hills, demanded immediate care and attention, and that care and attention remain with our people even unto this day. For stern winter reigns all rugged and severe, except that, as if by way of change, recent rains have flooded the country, carrying away sundry bridges and dams, kneeking the bottom out musical instruments

and dams, knecking the bottom out of roads, and the person liveth not who has seen worse roads or longer miles than now exist here. Feed of all descriptions rated high, and hay all descriptions rated high, and hay ruled in this grass-producing country at twenty dollars per ton. In stock, every thing which could be eaten or sold was removed from the feed list, and pedigree has not seemingly made much difference in the price of stock. The knowing ones who have got some of their stock thus far wintered, say that the man who buys to graze will pay for what he gets to run on grass this time, and no doubt he will.

> As yet, no attempts have been made at putting in spring crops, the forbidding state of the weather preoperations. More fences have been prostrated by winds than during any winter within the knowledge of the writer. Among the elderly citizens, the Pale Horse and his rider have struck right and left, nearly all the of selling farms and going to a better climate, than ever known or heard the war. I was to-day conversing with a gentleman from Colorado, who says that he wintered one hundred head of stock upon the range, and when he left they were in fine condition. In this section of the country six months' feeding at least

is a dead certainty. Now, Western Emigrant, who may read this, let me say to you, if you left Ohlo, sigh not for the flesh-pots you left behind you, nor think you yet that this land floweth; with milk and honey, for the bees nearly all died during the winter, and 35 degrees below zero made milking less

a luxury than necessity. I now predict a heavier flow of emigration to the Pacific slope than ever witnessed before, for the fear of other experiences similar to the past has given to many a lasting impression of the importance of Greeley's great suggestion, "Go West." And but a few years hence the better class of northern European emigrants will hold sway where Yankees fear to dwell, or linger shivering on the brink.

Caution would dictate to any reasonable man that it would be better to avoid the two climatic extremes, to wit, the frigid extreme, which prevails here in Ohio, and the one below, where all claim it is too hot. you at present to your reflections.

JOHN WATERS, JR. Leonardsburg, Ohio, April 17, '73.

On the 28th April, snow fell in Pow-der River Valley, Baker County, enough to whiten the ground.

Stupidities.

Under this head, Dr. Hall, in his Journal of Health for March, 1873, humorously discourses on the tendency of the times, as follows:

"It is really a great wonder that everybody is not dead and buried, and the world itself used up entirely, if the thousandth part of what is told us about microscopical and oth-

told us about microscopical and oth-Stripes float so proudly will soon be-come depopulated, because respect-able people don't have children; an-"November came on with an eye severe, And his stormy language was harsh to hear."
for, on the 17th day, he took from every rose the garlands which had will deposit a sediment which gen-erates typhoid fever; hence he pro-poses that everybody shall quit drinking water. Another says that bread has so much lime in it that it is turning us all to bone, and makes us stiff in the joints, that being the reason we have no lithe, sprightly old men now-a-days; hence we are full of limps and rheumatics long before our time, therefore we had better quit eating bread altogether, and live on rice and sago and tapio-ca. The water-cure folk assure us that pork and beans and ham and

al gentlemen have been torturing poor figures for years to make them tell the stupendous fib that every-body is either crazy or soon will be; that the annual increase is ten per cluding all chance for agricultural cent, consequently in cleven years operations. More fences have been everywordy will be crazy, and more

"The fact is that the people who spend their time in hatching out these tomfooleries, ought to be put to work and be made to earn an hon-est living. This world has been pretty well taken care of fer some pioneers having gone to more con-genial climes. There is more talk of selling farms and going to a better within two centuries, and the climate, than ever known or heard before, and land rules twenty-five fold; and the presumption is that per cent. lower than at the close of the Great Maker of all will so arrange all the autagonistic forces of life for the future as eventually to make 'the wildernees and solitary place to be glad, and the desert to rejoice and blossom as the rose,' and the race be happy still."

> How POVERTY COMES,-It is no wonder that very many people are poor when their hard earnings are wasted in indulgences which do harm instead of good. Bread is the in Dalles City, Oregon, April 19, 1873, great staple of food, and \$200,- the following officers were elected for great staple of food, and \$200,000,000 were spent last year for flour
> to feed poor people. But the tobacco
> sold in the country for chewing and
> smoking and snuff, cost \$250,000,000;
> about \$6 for every man, woman and
> child. This is bad enough, but the
> cost of intoxicating liquors was much higher. Dr. Edward Young, at the head of the Bureau of Statistics in Washington, estimates the amount paid for liquors consumed in 1870 at \$600,000,000; averaginging nearly \$15 for every man, woman and child. A large amount of this is used in poor families, and reduces them to want and wretchedness.

THE Philadelphia Press says that the spirit of the age, and certainly the sentiment of Pennsylvania, is averse to arming a moral cause with legal penalties. It therefore announces with satisfaction that the people of Pennsylvania have just voted by Hoping, Mr. Editor, that none of an immense majority in favor of tiyour readers will have to endure censing the sale of spirituous liquors. either of these, unmodified, I leave The Republican counties go as strongly for it as do the Democratic.

> On Saturday last the house, with all its contents, of Jesse Bunyard, who lives about eight miles from Eugene on Camas Swale, Lane county, was de-stroyed by fire.

OATS AND THEIR ORIGIN.-At a meeting of a farmers' club, recently held at Cobourg, Canada, the secretary gave some account of the origin of oats and the countries where they grow. Its native country is unknown, but most probably it came from Central Asia. There is no mention of oats in the Old Testament; we are told that Solomon fed his horses and dromedaries on barley. Oats were however known to the Greeks, who called them Bromos, and to the Romans who made use of them as provender for grees north, in central Ohio. In the other has discovered myriads of bugs in the chatclaines and waterera. The oats are better suited to a moist than a dry, and to a cool rather than to a warm climate, though their field of cultivation do not extend quite so far north as that of the coarsey kinds of barley. In Scotland, oats are grown to the north point; its Norway their culture extends to north latitude 56 degrees, in Sweden to latitude 63 degrees 30 minutes, in Russia these popular limits appear to correspond with those of rye; south of the parallel of Paris, oats are little cultivated. In Spain and Pertugal they are scarcely known, yet they are grown with considerable advantage in Bengal.

> ROBEING THE MAILS. - For months past, the popular and reliable publishers Messrs. Hunter & Co., of Hinsdale, N. H., have been annoyed and dismayed at the immense losses of valuable letters which were daily occuring. Aided by the chief Detective and two special P. O. Agents, they have at last the satisfaction of seeing beef has juvenile tape-worms in it.
> And here come Tom, Dick, and
> Harry, all in a row, loaded down
> with microscopes and spy-glasses
> which show as plain as day that the
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> The thief carefully examined, aided which show as plain as day that the air is swarming with living monsters and putrid poisons, which fly into the mouth and crawl up the nose and creep into the ear; hence it is death to breathe such pestilential air, and that the best way is to keep the mouth shut, plug up the nose, and ram cotton into the ears.
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> "Ever so many learned professional gentlemen have been torturing." its usual energy, promptness and care, and those who have lost money by mail will now see just where it went, and avoid giving the blame to honest

> > FROM THE COQUILLE. - Captain Ratliffe has his new schooner under way and expects to launch on the 4th of July. He intends to put the engine of the steamer Mary into the vessel in order to cross the bar at the mouth of the Coquille going out and coming in. The vessel will carry 60,000 feet of lumber or one hundred tons of coal.

> > Allen Collier, a young man residing upon the Coquille near Cunningham Creek, narrowly escaped death the other day, from a falling tree. It struck him first on the side of his head

> > and bruised the whole of one side of the body. Although severely injured it is supposed be will recover.
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> > The dwelling house of John Nosfer on Deadman's Slough was entirely destroyed by fire with all its contents last week during the absence of the family. No insurance.—Plaintealer,

At the annual meeting of the Columbia District Agricultural Society helds

OREGON APPLES. - Our markets are almost entirely supplied in the apple line from Oregon at this season of the year. Why is it? Is it because California apples will not keep till now as well as the Oregon, or because we cannot raise enough to supply our own home demand and hence import thousands of boxes annually from our northern sister State? Will our orchardists please tell us?—S. F. Rurat Press.

AT a late discussion by the Champlain Valley, Vt., Horticultural Society, it was stated that a few years ago the fruit of the orchard of Mr. Wright, of Cornwall, was invariably so wormy that the owner thought of abandoning the attempt to grow fruit for profit. The orchard was converted into a hog pasture, and in two years the fruit was all fair.

The reported assassination of a surveying party in the Nehalem Valley by Indians proves to be false.