

Road Work.

Editor Willamette Farmer: I wish through your paper to call the attention of the County Commissioners of this (Marion) county to a little matter that some of the tax-paying, road-working, and road-traveling citizens of this county think it their duty to look after. It is that portion of the road leading from Salem to the Forks of the Santiam, Amnsville, and other places in that direction—near Salem, for instance, commencing near the depot, and following round Mr. J. H. Moores' fence and as far up as a cross or flat swale just beyond the corner of the board fence originally belonging to Messrs. Craft and Watt, deceased. Now, the matter to which I particularly wish to draw their attention is this: Four or five years ago, when J. N. Matheny was Supervisor in Salem road district, I assisted Mr. J. H. Moores to encourage the Supervisor to throw up the road alongside of Mr. M.'s fence, which forms a dam and turns a large portion of the water that formerly flooded Moores' land during the winter season. But this embankment was never made sufficiently high to prevent extreme high water from passing over it every winter and materially injuring the road; and Mr. M., as I am credibly informed, not satisfied with the benefit he has already received from the embankment referred to, has for three or four years last past prevented, in one way or another, the Supervisors in that district from doing efficient and permanent work on the road above-described, which is a flat piece of land and mostly covered with water during the winter season, and in freezing weather I have known it to be impassable on account of ice. By cutting ditches on either side and slightly raising the road it would clear it of water and assist in saving the road below. But it would divide the water at the head of this flat land, and probably turn more water on to Moores' premises than what now flows on to him, but not near so much as ran on to him before there was any improvement made in the road. The Supervisor or last year did a little work in the right place, as I am informed, before Mr. M. was aware of it, but when he found it out he quarreled with the Supervisor. Last week the present Supervisor commenced work on the same piece of road. I met him on the work; he told me if he was let alone he would make a good permanent piece of road of it, but that he would not work there against the wishes of Mr. M., for he did not want a quarrel with him; but on my return, which was before noon, the work was stopped; so I suppose Mr. M. had signified his wish to have no work done there, and if something is not done it will be over another year. But I hope the Commissioners will examine this matter at their next meeting, and, if they find it proper, order the work done. It has been neglected long enough. DAN T. CLARK.

Farmers' Club at Amnsville.

To-day was the regular meeting of our Farmers' Club. There was a fair attendance, and considerable interest was manifested. The following question was discussed: "Is it advisable for farmers to organize themselves into secret societies?" Affirmatively by Dr. F. S. Matteson, Wm. Porter, and Henry Smith. Negatively by J. C. Peebles, G. B. Cornelius, and George S. Downing of the Rock Point Club. The feeling of a majority seemed to be in opposition to secret organization. A synopsis of the remarks would perhaps encroach upon your space.

B. A. Witzel was selected as delegate to attend the adjourned meeting of the State Convention in June.

An essay, read by Wm. Porter, is herewith transmitted for publication in your valuable journal. [It will appear in next issue.]

J. C. PEEBLES, Sec'y. Amnsville, May 3, 1873.

Snake Plagues.—A dispatch dated Elko, May 1st, says:

The mail carriers in from the north report the settlers greatly alarmed at Mountain City. The Snake Plagues are pouring in from all directions. They are painted in war style, and cause a great alarm. The citizens of the County and Mountain City were called to a public meeting this evening to take measures to procure arms and ammunition in case of an outbreak.

Work has been commenced on the new Penitentiary in Washington Territory.

CALIFORNIA MARKETS.

San Francisco, May 7.—Wheat in Liverpool, 11s 8d; 11s 10d @ 12s. Flour—Extra, \$5 25 to \$6; superfine, \$4 50 @ 5 25. Wheat—Very firm at \$1 90 @ 1 95, for best samples, and \$1 80 to \$1 85 for ordinary. Several lots choice, held at \$2. Sales of 1,500 sacks Oregon, \$1 92 1/2. Barley—Feed quotations, \$1 17 1/2 @ 1 25; brewing \$1 30 @ 1 40; small lots choice, \$1 45 @ 1 50. Oats—Good supply; market price, \$2 10 to \$2 30. Rye—50 sks fair, \$2 35; quotable at \$2 35 @ 2 50 @ 100 lbs. Hops—California, 40c; jobbing at 50c. Honey—Choice Southern, 25 @ 30c; choice Northern, 18 @ 22c; strained, 10 @ 17c; comb in cans, \$7 50 @ 9 @ doz, 2-1/2 tins. Butter—Fresh roll 22 @ 28c, though fancy dairies bring 30c; Irkin butter, 25 @ 27 1/2c. Cheese—12 @ 14 for best make. Eggs—Eastern and Oregon, 20 @ 22 1/2; California, 20 @ 27c. Bacon—Jobbing at 12 @ 13 1/2c; hams, 13 1/2 @ 15c; Eastern, 15 @ 16 1/2c. Lard—California, 11 @ 13c; Eastern, 11 1/2 @ 12c. Pork—California, \$17 50, prime; \$19, prime mess; \$20, mess; 21, clear, and \$22, extra clear. Wool—Shipping grades from 17 to 20c; extra fine clip, 21 @ 21 1/2; burry, 12 @ 15c. Three leading houses report sales for the week at 150,000, 257,000 and 150,000 pounds respectively. Hides—Sales for the week embrace 1,050 dry Mexican at 14 @ 15c; 1,640 dry California, usual selections, at 15 @ 16c; 170 salted California, 8 @ 8 1/2c.

PORTLAND MARKET.

Portland, May 8.—The Bulletin's market report contains the following: Wheat—The shipments below by every steamer are of considerable magnitude. Shippers express a willingness to pay \$1 50 @ 1 52 per cental, while choice lots would no doubt bring an advance in these figures. Oats—The market is very dull, and there are but few inquiries. Fears of the appearance of the prevailing horse disease keep the prices down and exporters are willing to pay only 58 @ 60c, sacked and delivered. Barley—There are but few inquiries after this article, and were it not for receipts from San Francisco there would be no activity in the market. They are quoted at \$1 30 @ 1 35 per cental. Flour—Our mills are all busy and the outside demand continues brisk. There are no changes in the prices of small lots, although an important reduction was recently made for a heavy cargo. Hay—The receipts are fully equal to the demand, and the best Timothy is quoted at \$15 @ 18 @ ton. Butter—Owing to the increased supply of Oregon made Butter there is but little shipped up from below. Oregon common is worth 16 @ 18c; choice, 20 @ 22c, and fancy brands find ready sale at 25 @ 28 @ lb. Eggs—The market is well supplied and prices are firm at 16 @ 17 dozen. The John L. Stephens will carry away a large invoice. Hides—Dry, 15 @ 16 with one third off for bulls; Green, 9c, and Salted, 7 @ 8 @ lb. Sheep pelts are firm at 7 @ 8 @ lb. Wool—The market continues dull and quotations are furnished at 18 @ 20 @ lb for a good article.

SALEM MARKET.

Table with columns for MONETARY, FLOUR, GRAIN &c, GROCERIES, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, &c, FISH, &c, and MEATS. Lists various goods and their prices.

Table with columns for Veal, Mutton, Bacon, Hams, Sugar-cured, Sides, Shoulders, and Poultry (Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks).

Table with columns for BUTTER, EGGS, &c. (Butter, Eggs, Cheese, Land).

Table with columns for Rates of Freight and Passage by the Steamer Gov. Grover (UP PT., DOWN PT., PASS.).

Table with columns for New Advertisements (Milwaukee, Oswego, Oregon City, etc.).

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