

Letter from Linn County.

Editor Willamette Farmer: Thinking a few lines from this wheat growing county might be of some interest to the many readers of you most valuable paper, I write this.

The prospect that now presents itself is very encouraging to the farmers of this county, as the yield of small grains bids fair to excel in quantity that of last year. The amount sown in this county this season is much larger than that of last year. The farmers here have bestowed more labor on the same amount of land in preparing it well before sowing than ever before, which will well pay them for their trouble.

The time for using wheat sacks is drawing near, and in consequence, the price of the sacks is gradually advancing. The grain speculators plainly see that the farmers of Oregon are going to control the sale of their surplus wheat this year, and I suppose the speculator calculates to make us pay for the sacks at a much higher rate than usual, thinking, I suppose, if they cannot gouge us in one way, they will in another.

My advice to the farmers or wheat producers of Oregon is this: that they build granaries in their fields, or near where they thrash, sufficient in size to contain their thrashed wheat until that work is done. This can be accomplished in a few days, the cost of which will not be over \$40 or \$50, much cheaper than the sacks. After the wheat has been taken out they can use the lumber for any other purpose. Then let them buy fifty two-bushel cotton seamless sacks to haul their wheat from their granaries to the warehouse; and, when done, their sacks will do for another year; and in this way just let the speculator keep his burlap, worthless sacks until he will sell at a fair rate.

The question of building warehouses in Albany by the farmers, and having them controlled by the farmer and wheat raiser, is no longer in doubt, as the enterprise was made manifest on yesterday. About one hundred farmers assembled at the Court house, and elected a board of directors, who will immediately proceed to erect one or two very large warehouses in the course of six or eight weeks, so as to be in time to receive the present crop in store.

The State Convention which is to assemble at Salem on the 10th of this month, promises to be the largest collection of thorough farmers that has ever assembled west of the Rocky Mountains, and at that convention a vast amount of interest, made manifest to the outside world, would be of great benefit to Oregon, and show that the farmers are susceptible of controlling the sale of their surplus products in a more satisfactory manner than has been the case heretofore while controlled by speculators.

The erection of a stupendous warehouse and wharf at Astoria is indispensable, in my judgment, and the move by the farmers never will be complete until this enterprise is perfected and accomplished.

C. P. BURKHART, Albany, June 3, 1874.

THE Detroit people have a train of pleasant recollections now, whenever they take a glass of water, if they are in the habit of using water as a beverage. A submarine diver went down the other day to make some repairs to the pipes leading from the river from which the supply is obtained for the water-works. He was somewhat startled to find the corpse of a man sitting on stone and leaning placidly up against the mouth of the pipe. The dead man was well dressed; had a gold ring on one of his fingers, fine boots on his feet, but had lost his hat. Otherwise he looked well enough for a corpse, in such weather as he was experiencing, and without waterproof clothing. The diver did not recognize him as an acquaintance, and was about to give him a lift towards the surface, when the water-pipe ghost floated away beyond his reach. He did not look inside of the pipe to see how many had been sucked in. The incident is a very suggestive one.

A little girl was one day reading the History of England with her governess, and coming to the statement that Henry I. never laughed after the death of his son, she looked up and said, "What did he do when he was tickled?"

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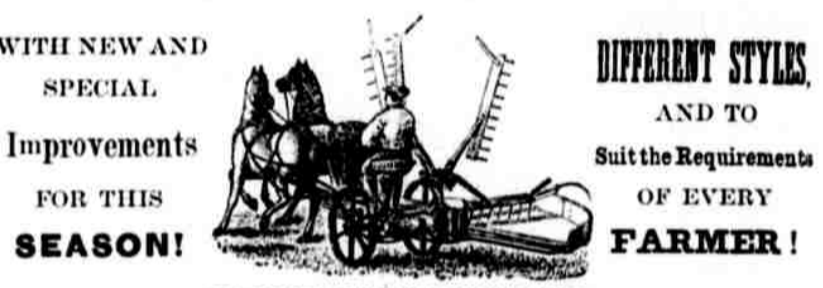
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