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WINTER FEED OF SHEEP.

Mr. Editor: I notice the present severe spell of winter weather is causing some loss amongst flock-owners, who are well prepared to give all the feed their flocks require. The loss generally comes from over-feeding, and not getting the sheep to drink sufficiently. This induces costiveness and fever, and death in some cases, to grown sheep, and acts against the secretion of milk in ewes weaning lambs.

My general practice—induced by rather costly experience—is to feed lightly at the commencement of a spell of feeding weather until my sheep take to drinking, then gradually increase the feed to a sufficient quantity.

The kind of feed best for sheep is of quite as much importance as the quantity and manner of feed. There has been great loss from feeding over-ripe timothy hay. Hay for sheep, especially for a breeding flock, should be green when cut, not partially ripened, as is the common practice in cutting it for horse-feed. Of feed, additional to hay, oats is probably the best grain to feed with safety; but for a flock of ewes with lambs, it is a dry feed. The best kind of feed for milking ewes that I have yet found is a mixture of oil meal and bran. I am now using such a mixture: 100 pounds of oil-meal to 400 pounds of bran, thoroughly mixed together, allowing each ewe about a pound of it daily.

I have over 50 head of thoroughbred Merino lambs dropped since this snow came, and I never had ewes and lambs succeed better than they are doing, by giving this feed and a very little green hay, with an occasional feed of oat straw on days when the sheep can't be turned out to get to the ground; but being sure always that they get all the water they will drink. The ewes seem to give milk as well as if on the spring grass.

I should say here, perhaps, that I have, in former years, lost lambs after turning out to pasture and discontinuing the feed given when the sheep was in staid. This season I propose to guard against that by continuing the oilmeal and bran until I know that the ewes are getting full feed without it.

JOHN MINTO.

STORY OF A POOR MAN.

Father Aldrich is growing to be an old man, and he was always a feeble one. This winter application was made and lately granted by the County Court allowing him subsistence at the expense of the county. Twenty-five years ago he was called Father Aldrich by the mission folks, and we hear a story about him dating back over quarter of a century, that quite reconciles us to his being granted assistance in the winter of his years. They held camp meetings in the olden time under the oaks that were scattered over the block where Mr. Ellisa Strong lives, on the hill beyond the covered bridge. At one of these annual gatherings Father Aldrich came early and helped the work of preparation and all the week he did much to make the rest comfortable, so much so that the brethren passed around a hat quietly and raised a small purse, amounting to \$7 in coin, which was given to him as some remuneration for his attentive efforts. The same day it was proposed by Father Wilbur, in a sermon he was preaching, to take up a collection for the benefit of the poor and the weak of the church. Wilbur had Aldrich in mind when he made the proposition. It was seconded and carried out by a collection taken upon the spot, but the most liberal contributor was old man Aldrich himself, who actually turned his pockets inside out in his eagerness to bestow his newly acquired wealth on "the poor of the church." The old man must have been amazed when his own was returned to him with interest, as it was when the service was over. Father Aldrich loves work too well to be a burden on anybody when he can support himself.

Times at Ochooc.—A. D. Pettyjohn writes home to his father, Lewis Pettyjohn, on the 13th of January, the weather was very cold at Ochooc, but snow was only one inch deep. He had lost only 6 head of old sheep and had had 4 sheep killed and three had strayed. Out of 20 young lambs that had been dropped he had saved 12 in spite of the severe weather.

For California.—Mr. John Hughes, wife and one child, left this morning to take the Oregonian for San Francisco, where they will spend some months traveling for health and pleasure. Mr. Elissa Strong will superintend his business in his absence, which will be acceptable to the public. His family will be cared for in his absence by Mr. and Mrs. V. K. Fringle, the parents of Mrs. Hughes.

The Oregonian gives an interesting history of an old horse which came across the plains with J. C. Fremont in 1842, owned by H. Ludvig, which though over 30 years old is a lively old beast.

Josephus Holmes occupies the corner opposite the postoffice, with one of his stores.

HOME MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Mr. Editor: On account of obstinate difference of opinion, understanding, purpose and interest among the stockholders of the abovesaid Company, it is very evident to a large majority of those most interested in home manufactures, that the present organization should be speedily and quietly dissolved. And, indeed, a dissolution would have been accomplished at the last meeting on the 2d of this month, if those who desire it had been there, or represented there, to vote for the measure. A dissolution cannot be effected, at present, without a majority vote and a majority is not entitled to vote, not having paid the first assessment of 20 per cent. as levied by the Directors. Therefore a majority of the Directors have declared their willingness to reduce the assessment to that amount for each, which will cover the expenses incurred by the Company, about \$2.50 for each share, if the stockholders will attend the next meeting, on the 23d of this month, prepared in person or by proxy to settle everything for which the company is liable. If the dissatisfied stockholders will not attend to this matter, a majority of the Directors are firmly of the opinion that they are in duty bound, and will proceed to collect the delinquent assessments according to law.

Some of the stockholders have declared their intention of staying at home, attending to their own business and letting the organization die from default of action; but this I believe, is a mistake of judgment, for the following reason: probably as many as 100, are in favor of going forward with the work "without money," besides several shares have been sold or given by persons in Marion to others in Linn upon condition that the work shall be prosecuted; thus erecting a moral obligation in its favor. Not alone with these, but the refusal on the part of delinquents to pay their assessment and continue, or to come up and liquidate present indebtedness and dissolve, will create a feeling which will hardly stop short of the extreme incident to legal proceedings. Now, gentlemen, let me ask you to be sure and punctually attend the meeting called for the 23d of February and there and then to move this obstacle in the way of successful home manufactures. T. W. DAVENPORT.

HOME HILL, Feb. 5, 1875.

LETTER FROM ASTORIA.

ASTORIA, Feb. 3, 1875.

Mr. Editor: The ice blockade still continues and to-day with the wind again blowing strong from southeast it bids fair to continue some time yet. The steamer Dixie Thompson went up the river yesterday, but only proceeded little beyond Oak Point, where she found the channel of the river filled with ice, piled up four feet thick. It would be very dull were it not for the unusual number of vessels lying here, either waiting to take on cargoes here or to proceed up the river to Portland, as soon as the river is opened. There are now 18 vessels in all, as follows: The Essex, Euterpe, Conflict and Parsee, all iron built; of wooden built, the Lizzie C. Troop, one of the finest and said to be the largest vessel that has ever entered the Columbia river, being 2,000 tons burthen. The Coralia, Wetterhorn, Willy Rickmers, Menshikov, Breadnought, Rival, Jane A. Falkenberg, and the Middlesex, the last now loaded and ready for sea. The L. C. Troop has discharged most of her cargo and is now lying her hold ready to take in wheat. The Parsee and Conflict are still unloading ballast. The Wetterhorn expects to load at Portland. The larger vessels never expect to see Portland. We have all the more patience in waiting for the opening of the river since we feel that each day the river remains closed but adds a feather in Astoria's cap. There is not enough wheat at this port to load one good sized vessel, when there ought to be at least 500,000 bushels, for the vessels here and soon to arrive ought to have almost immediate dispatch, for every day now is worth much more than the same time two or three months ago, unless it should be that the prospect for the next harvest in Great Britain should have a tendency to raise the price of grain. The world will soon find out that Astoria is the shipping port of Oregon. The larger class of vessels are finding their way here, and they cannot go to Portland if they wished to and so the grain must come here for them. This is the natural sea port, and Portland with all her capital can't make it otherwise. Let our farmers and shippers bear this in mind and next season send the bulk of their wheat here for shipment. In order to accommodate them, we already have one large warehouse and more can and will be built. It is a grand sight to see 9 vessels, all anchored along side and around the Farmers' dock, but it detracts from the enthusiasm to look inside the commodious warehouse and see it nearly empty. The Portland papers will try in vain to show from the record of past seasons that the river is not liable to freeze up only about once in ten to thirteen years. It was closed about a week last winter and may be again next winter, but whether the river ever closes again or not, matters but little, for large vessels cannot go to Portland. They must be loaded here.

C. H. W.

Good carpets, oil cloths, etc., can be bought of Herman & Hirsch, who keep assortments in that line of goods.

D. CLARK AND WIFE HEARD FROM.

We take the following from the *Patron's Helper*, published at Des Moines, Iowa, by Mr. Garretson, who was here in the fall of 1873, putting the machinery of the Grange in working order:

Soon after reaching our office on Friday morning last, we experienced a surprise that made our heart glad: Bro. Daniel Clark, Master of the Oregon State Grange, on his way to the National Grange meeting at Charleston, S. C., had called in company with his good matron, Sister Clark, to make us a visit. The company of these dear friends revives within us a thousand pleasant recollections of Oregon Patrons, and incidents connecting them to us, and to the early days of our Order in their State. Brother and Sisters Clark report the Order in that far off but beautiful land, in a prosperous and healthful condition. A movement with such noble aims, and under the management of such an able and faithful head as Bro. Clark has proven himself to be, could not fail in any State. At the last session of the National Grange, Oregon was represented by Bro. Clark alone, who took rank as one of the ablest members of that body. At the coming session there will be added to the delegation from that State the strength of a pure and intellectual woman. Brother and Sister Clark remained guests at our domestic until Sunday evening, when they pursued their way to Charleston, via Washington City.

TUESDAY, Feb. 9.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.—Mr. R. E. Morris, who runs a meat market on State street, has his slaughter house and rendering house about one mile and a half southeast from town. Sunday noon he went out and extinguished all fire, and yesterday morning on visiting the establishment he found the rendering house had burned down and the slaughter house had caught fire and was in great danger. He managed to save the slaughter house, but the rendering house, fixtures and contents are a total loss. Besides the fixtures it contained 90 cans of lard, three or four hundred lbs of tallow &c. He counts the total loss between \$300 and \$400, and is unable to account for the presence of fire there but it was probably lurking upon the premises.

FARMERS' WAREHOUSE.—Our Granger friends concluded their business yesterday and inform us that as soon as plans can be matured they will commence work on the large warehouse to be built by the Salem Shipping and Storage Company, on the river lot lately purchased of M. M. Miller, below the gas works, near Marion Square. W. J. Herren, Esq., as Secretary of the company will have general charge of the business, which is a choice that will give general satisfaction and inspire confidence. He will soon move his residence to town to be able the better to attend to his duties in that connection.

INCORPORATIONS.—Articles of incorporation were filed this morning incorporating an Alden Fruit Drying Establishment in Clackamas county. Incorporators: Messrs. Charman, Warner, Lacourette and Hunsaker—who will make it succeed if possible.

QUITE ILL.—We learn that Mr. Waterous, father of Mrs. A. A. McCully, is lying very ill at the residence of his daughter, in this city. The old gentleman is well advanced in years, served in the war of 1812, and has been in fair health until within a few days past.

The woolen mills are finally thawed out and the water and steam pipes are repaired. Picking and carding commence to day and the looms will be crashing ahead before the week is out.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

T. McF. Patton and wife to E. N. Cooke, 5 acres, near Salem; consideration, \$500.
Edwin N. Cooke and wife to Francis M. Patton, lot No. 1, of Cooke's addition to the city of Salem; consideration, \$500.
R. H. Dearborn and wife to W. H. Watkins, an undivided half of the brick owned by W. H. Watkins & Co.; consideration, \$2,500.
James R. Udell, and wife to Zachariah T. Smith, 40 acres in T. 2 S., R. 2 W.; consideration, \$5.

Correction.

HUMBOLDT, Feb. 8, 1875.

Mr. Editor: I see in the *FARMER* of Jan. 22d, in the list of tax payers of this county, you have put mine at \$120, whereas I paid \$270, not that it makes any difference to me but my neighbors are complaining that my taxes are too low. Please correct the error and Oblige your friend,
ALFRED HOVENDEN.

LIFE INSURANCE.—T. J. Cottle, agent for the North Pacific Mutual Life Association, advertised elsewhere, has returned to Salem and is ready to receive applications for policies. Patronize home institutions.

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 24.—Lafayette Williams, Clerk of School District No. 24, hands us the following list of children under age of 4 and 20 years: Boys, 620; Girls, 653; total, 1,273.

HE SLEPT WELL.

A letter from San Francisco tells of the adventures of a well known Portland gentleman who lately went East, who followed the fortunes of King Kalakaua about that city to enjoy the splendors of royalty, going to the circus and going to Church simultaneously with his Hawaiian majesty. M. —, (but we won't name him as he is modest) managed to keep awake during the circus, but the Church episode was too much for him. He slept and he slept well. When he sleeps his nasal organ performs mysterious sounds and the sounder he slept the more those sounds prevailed. He attracted more attention than the preacher and waked every other sleeper in Church, even the Church sleepers. Portland papers please copy.

STATE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.—A company under this name has been incorporated and organized by Gen. S. Coffin, T. B. Jackson, F. J. Babcock and Samuel Bass, for the manufacture of wagons, carriages, agricultural implements, furniture, and doing a general jobbing business. The Directors are Messrs. Coffin, Babcock and Jackson. The Company will have their shops on the State Penitentiary grounds, they having contracted for the labor of the prisoners and the water power and shops belonging to the grounds on favorable terms. They propose to use, so far as it is possible, Oregon material in all their work, and to make the very best that can be made and sell at the lowest rates.

WHITING SCHOOLS.—Mr. Orchard is making arrangements to organize a writing class in North Salem, with a fair prospect of success. If encouragement is offered he will also commence a class in South Salem. His class in Salem meets Wednesday evening for permanent organization at the Central School House. He proposes to give prizes to scholars making the most satisfactory progress.

SCHOOL TAX.—The school tax is 3 mills on the property valuation, which is \$3,726,389. If the whole tax could be collected it would amount to \$11,180,06, but there will be some delinquent tax that won't be realized, but Marion county expects to raise \$10,000 and pay it over within a week.

A little cherub up town, who continually did cry, was offered five cents to dry up. She did so long enough to exclaim: "It's wuff moren five cents for me to stop crying," and resumed with a zeal that started the shingles on the roof.

JUNCTION.—A friend writes that Junction presents as lively an appearance as any of the towns on the railroad and is shooting rapidly ahead.

BOUND OVER.—Wm. Rodgers was bound over to appear at the next term of Court, and failing to give bail to the amount of \$500 he went to jail.

Everybody who has a cold or cough will do well to try some of Mrs. Rohrer's cough remedy, which contains the healing properties of mountain balm.

DIED.—In Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, Jan. 16, 1875, Newton Drury, a native of Illinois, aged 25 years and 11 months.

SUPREME COURT.

TUESDAY, Feb. 9th, 1875.

Thos. J. Buford, respondent, vs. New York Life Insurance Company, appellant; appeal from Marion county; judgment below reversed and cause remanded for a new trial. Grant County, respondent, vs. F. C. Seis, appellant; appeal from Grant county; judgment below affirmed.

A. H. Johnson, appellant, vs. S. N. Arriagon, respondent; appeal from Clatsop county; ordered that cause be set down for rehearing at next term.

Ordered, that a regular term of this Court be held at the Supreme Court rooms in the City of Salem, State of Oregon, commencing on Monday, the 19th day of July, A. D. 1875.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order, duly certified, be forwarded by the Clerk of this Court to the County Clerks of the several counties in this State, and such Clerks are hereby directed upon receipt of such certified transcripts, to cause the same to be entered upon the Journals of the Circuit Courts of the State, for their respective counties.

Ordered, that Court stand adjourned sine die.

WEATHER RECORD AT THE DALLES.

Mr. S. L. Brooks sends us a record of the weather kept at Dalles during the month of January, which shows that there were 8 clear days in that month, 19 days that were hazy or cloudy, four days when snow fell. The mean temperature for the month was 50° above zero, the lowest being 15° and the highest 27°. The snow fell was 2 1/2 inches equal to 1 1/2 inches of rain. The rainfall was only .17 of an inch.

The Sheriff has gone to Scio to make somebody trouble there.

STATE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

This enterprise, which we told of yesterday, promises to become one of considerable importance. The objects of the corporation are thus set forth in the articles on file at the office of the Secretary of State.

The enterprise, business and occupation of this corporation shall be the manufacturing and selling of wagons, carriages, agricultural implements, furniture and other articles, and the buying and selling of real estate and a general jobbing business.

The principal office for the transaction of business shall be located at Salem, Marion county, State of Oregon.

The capital stock of this corporation shall be twenty thousand dollars, with power to increase its capital stock.

It is as important to properly utilize the convict labor as to develop home industries, and it is certainly, and we hope will be a successful idea, to employ the labor of convicts to test the practicability of home manufacture.

SALEM PLOW FACTORY.

The Plow Manufactory lately connected with the saw-mill in this city is now owned and conducted by Mr. W. Q. Adams solely, and he has on hand a large number and good assortment of plows of all sizes required for Oregon farmers. Mr. Adams is experienced in the business, and is a man of the most reliable business character. He has entered on this as a permanent occupation and does as honest work as the best iron and steel and the best Oregon wood, carefully prepared, can be made to represent with skilled labor to shape, weld and fashion them.

He has on hand 12 and 14-inch plows also a superior wheel cultivator, and two shovel plows for cultivating ground and gardens. We hear a great deal about home manufacture and the necessity of patronizing home industries and this institution is as near it as we can ever attain. Mr. Adams has all requisite facilities for making these implements to the best advantage. His plows have now been thoroughly proved and tested and those who desire to purchase can call and see the stock and judge for themselves.

RICH MINES IN SOUTHERN OREGON.

We hear lively reports of late about the rich quartz discoveries made in Southern Oregon. If the half is true, then Oregon need not envy Nevada her great "bonanza," for we have a ledge, or lode, 100 feet wide to work on that contains incalculable wealth. These rich discoveries are located on Galice Creek. Claims have been taken at a lively rate and a telegraph line is to branch off to it right away. Assays show well, and there seems to be a healthy prospect of rich mines for the future. D. Courtney has discovered the great Chelistan mine, said to equal all found before. Martin Peterson, Esq., writes concerning these mines in a manner to show he has confidence in their value and extent. The people in that region are making great preparations to entertain the rush of prospectors and speculators expected with the advent of good weather.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 10.

ADJOURNED.—The Supreme Court adjourned to-day sine die and we not only shall miss the daily reports of proceedings, but also the faces of the members of the Court whose judicial dignity has not the least detracted from their social value. We are under obligations to Mr. Bellenger, Clerk of the Supreme Court, for furnishing us a report of the proceedings during the term and very cheerfully acknowledge the same.

DIED.—Mr. Waterous, father of Mrs. A. A. McCully, died at the house of his son-in-law in this city at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning and his remains were taken for burial, this morning, to Harrisburg, the late place of his residence. He was suddenly taken with illness on Sunday. Mrs. McCully is absent in California at the present time.

President Gatch is suffering from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism, which has detained him from his duties at the University this week, but he is hoped to be able to hear classes at his own house to-day. Having enjoyed the best of health always his present affliction seems more grievous than joyous.

The Sacramento papers announce the arrival of A. B. Macabam and troupe at that city, and the Union speaks a well of his lecture and the exhibition given by C. C. Applegate and his Indians to exhibit in their customs. The war whoop raised up the Sacramento.

MARRIED.—On Monday last, at the house of Mr. James Garrett, near Peoria, Linn Co., Mr. Dan Wagner, of Marion, and Miss Matilda C. ...