

What is the Matter with Kansas—No. 1. DAMASCUS, Oregon, March 4, 1875.

Mr. Editor: I am a recent arrival in this State, being nothing less than a Kansas "starvo out" or "grasshopper refugee."

Without going into details as to how the grasshoppers came in 1869, and once before that year, and again in 1866, '67, '68.

In '69 they rained all over Kansas the second fall crop the State ever produced; the first fall crop was raised 1861.

There has been but very little of the quartz taken out yet, and less tested. The tests are very unsatisfactory, some showing mere traces of gold and silver, and others giving as high as \$78 to the ton.

There is a doubt with some whether we ever need a road there. I am strong in the belief that we do. On Grave Creek they have found some fine ore.

A Quick Trip from Salem to Astoria. Not long since the Willamette Chief made a quick trip from Salem to Astoria that is worthy of mention.

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JACKSON COUNTY. MOUND RANCH, Jackson Co., Ogn., March 24, 1875.

Mr. Editor: As I learn from persons coming to the Galice Creek mines, in Josephine county, from your valley, that there are many things published in the papers down there that are leading people astray concerning these mines, I therefore take this method to say a few words through your columns to all who will read this short article.

Obituary. Died, of consumption, near Howell Prairie, March 8th, 1875, at 5 o'clock A. M., George P. Williams, aged 29 years and 6 months.

The meeting was opened by prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. A. J. Joslin; then a song by a company of Patrons, after which the Deputy Grand Master, D. B. Rinehart, proceeded to deliver an oration; and for about one hour and a half that large and intelligent audience listened with the most breathless attention.

THE MARKETS. COMMERCIAL. SALEM, March 12, 1875.

All reports from Liverpool agree that the wheat market is firmer with a slight advance, and a generally healthier look. We do not expect any great advance before harvest because the world's wheat surplus is very great and nothing but great failures of the next crop in the principal wheat growing countries can secure us great prices another year, much less the present one.

Portland figures correspond to those heretofore given. LONDON, March 9.—This week's Mark Lane Express says since its last issue there has been a firm feeling and better prospects throughout the trade.

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There were dense fogs on the mornings of the 9th, 13th, 20th and 26th, and the evening of the 12th, that of the 20th, continuing until 11 A. M. and being very dense, falling fog, almost rain. There were light sprinkling showers on the 23d, but not sufficient to gather in the rain gauge.

The daily mean temperature for the month was 29.37°. Highest daily mean 41°, on the 25th. Lowest daily mean, 24°, on the 13th.

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LINN COUNTY.

To-day, March 5th, the writer called on Mr. W. M. & D. Sherer, of Linn county, who take your valuable paper, and took a stroll through their poultry yard, and to see their Cotswold sheep and Poland China hogs.

The Sherer Brothers have a fancy for good stock—all good farmers ought to have—and it is not at all fancy either, for any farmer of any experience knows that the better the stock the greater the profit; besides the satisfaction there is in tending and feeding a good nice animal, compared to a poor one. It seems very strange that intelligent and enterprising farmers do not take more pains to improve their stock, especially their sheep and hogs. But no, they plod along, many of them, year after year, and do nearly as their fathers and grandfathers did before them.

These new breeds of hogs are far superior to the old races, yet many farmers take no interest in securing the improved breeds but go on raising hogs on the old plan of letting them "root, hog, or die."

They say the old breed can get their own living, while the new must be fed and taken care of, and so they prefer the old. Those who raise the new say it takes less feed, and pays a greater profit by one half, and surely they ought to know when they have tried both kinds. The new breeds do not root up the ground, do not run so much and are not troublesome about getting out of their enclosures as others; their snout does not look as though it was made to root with, it's too short to do much in that line; and another advantage over the old is, they fatten young, which is an item worth looking after. The sheep were tame as pets and showed that they had good treatment.

The hens were a beautiful sight. The White and Brown Leghorn and Houdan are breeds that are not setters, and right here the old breed comes in to help hatch and rear the new.

Everything on the farm goes to show the Sherer Bros. to be men of enterprise and intelligence.

GRANT COUNTY. CANYON CITY, Feb. 23, 1875.

Mr. Editor: It may be of some interest to your readers to know what the Patrons of Husbandry are doing in Grant county, and as there has just been held a public meeting to which all were invited, I thought a brief statement of the proceedings might not be entirely without interest.

Ever since the first Grange has been organized here, there has been a great curiosity excited in the community generally to know what the Patrons intended to do, and also whether they would succeed in keeping up their organization. It was given out that on the 23d inst., being the anniversary of the birth of Washington, there would be a public meeting of the Patrons and everybody invited to attend. The morning of that day dawned amid a violent snow storm, but that circumstance did not keep the people at home, and the Good Templars hall where the meeting was to be held was packed from centre to circumference.

The meeting was opened by prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. A. J. Joslin; then a song by a company of Patrons, after which the Deputy Grand Master, D. B. Rinehart, proceeded to deliver an oration; and for about one hour and a half that large and intelligent audience listened with the most breathless attention. His oration is spoken of by those who claim to be judges in such matters, as one of the best, if not the best, they ever heard.

At the close of the address, a sister of the Order sang a solo—being a prize song of the Patrons—after which Col. Geo. B. Curry was called to the stand and proceeded to deliver an address which proved to be one of his happiest efforts; and for another hour and a half the audience was completely spell-bound.

The Colonel brought out many facts and figures to show the necessity for the organization of the Patrons of Husbandry; and if people doubted the permanency of the Order before, I think all such doubts will be henceforth and forever banished from their minds. Everything passed off in the happiest manner, and everybody seemed pleased, especially the Patrons, for it certainly was a proud day for them, and one long to be remembered.

The order is steadily increasing in members and interest in this county, and if the same interest continues to be manifested will in a short time embrace nearly all the farmers within its fold.

There is just as much need of the order here, as elsewhere, and already we are beginning to reap the fruits of the organization in more ways than one. N. Y. Z.

Bug Catching Time Approaches. PORTLAND, March 8, 1875.

Mr. Editor: Friends of Oregon and lovers of natural science, as spring opens will have an opportunity of collecting and preparing the wild plants of Oregon. Saving of the various land shells and insects, and capturing reptiles, birds, eggs, etc., in order to make one complete collection these should all be sent to the Museum, Portland, where such things are kept and exhibited to the advantage of Oregon and for the advancement of science. Yours truly, T. A. Wood.

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