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Correspondence.

ED. FARMER: Several months have passed since we sent you a cor...

Several families have taken up claims at Elkhorn, on the little north fork...

Mr. Morris, formerly of Sublimity, has opened a store at Smith's ferry...

This is the converging point of both valleys of the Willamette and main north forks of the Santiam...

Grass For Pastures.

COTTAGE GROVE, April 14, 1876. ED. FARMER: As the rain is pouring down in torrents to-day...

As seen as it gets hold of the ground, it sends out runners in every direction, and stops everything that it finds in its way...

I saw about three-fourths of an acre of alfalfa in Coyote valley, eighteen miles south of Eugene...

At a regular meeting of Val Fontis lodge, L. G. T., a committee was appointed to arrange a programme of entertainment for the celebration of the organization of the lodge...

The Willamette was higher at Albany on Tuesday last than ever before known in the month of April...

From Clackamas.

FERN HILLS, Clackamas Co., April 12, 1876. ED. FARMER: As it has been a long time since the signature of your humble correspondent has appeared in the columns of the FARMER...

Roots—well, perhaps, a little sympathy for our valley cousins would not be amiss when we see them sinking round through mud and water...

I am glad the FARMER is finding its way to the homes of many new subscribers; it is just the paper we need, containing such information as a farming community requires.

TOBACCO.

ED. FARMER: Through the columns of your excellent paper tobacco seems to be a rather Nott-y question, and because extravagant calculations have been made about the cattle raised from the tobacco money...

Can any of you prove that it is not a filthy practice? It takes the muscle of your wife to clean after you; why don't some of the women write on this subject?

The Grass Question.

I agree with you that this is a very important and difficult question to solve. how to renew our old worn out pastures, and make them as good as they were when this country was first settled...

How to Dress Mutton.

ED. FARMER: As some are writing about mutton, I thought I would write a few words to regard to dressing mutton to prevent it having a sheepy taste or offensive smell...

Hop Raising.

ED. FARMER: Will you please give us an article in your valuable paper on the culture of hops—the kind of climate, soil, &c., required, or suitable?

Rather Important—To Us.

We enclose in the paper, this week, circulars to those who have not paid for the FARMER since Aug. 1, '75...

YAMHILL COUNTY.—The Reporter says: "Notwithstanding the prevalent idea that there will be a great decrease in the acreage of grain sown this season, from what we observe and learn throughout the county...

MEETING IN OPPOSITION TO THE RAILROAD AT WALLA WALLA.—A special to the Journal, dated Walla Walla April 17th, states that at a meeting of the Walla Walla County Council of Grangers, held Friday, April 14th, the following proceedings were had:

It was also moved and carried that a committee of one be appointed to confer with the O. S. N. Co., or any other company, regarding the construction of another railroad from Walla Walla to Wallula.

By private letter from J. A. Moon, dated Goose Lake, March 24th, the Sentinel learns there has been a heavy loss of cattle and sheep in that region the past winter.

A Boise City dispatch says: The jury brought in a verdict not guilty in the case of Steve and Jack Henderson for robbing the stage Feb. 2d.

Marcus Talmage came over the mountains from Tillamook last week, arriving in the valley on Saturday. He came on foot, as it was an impossibility to bring a horse out, the snow being from three to fifteen deep in the mountains.