



Salem, Friday, Sept. 8, 1876.

State Grange Deputies for 1876

Table listing State Grange Deputies for 1876, including names and locations across various counties and territories.

Notice to Delegates to the State Grange.

Arrangements have been consummated with the O. S. N. Co., the N. P. R. Co., and the O. & C. R. Co., whereby delegates to the State Grange...

MARION COUNTY MEETING, P. OF H.—At a meeting held July 29, 1876, at Grand Marion county, Oregon...

DELEGATES ELECTED.—The following persons have been elected to represent the Clackamas county Granges in the State Grange...

At a meeting of the County Council, P. of H., held at Walla Walla yesterday, F. K. McCoy was appointed a committee of one to inquire into the feasibility...

New Home Sewing Machine. Mr. G. W. Traver, of Portland, for a long time agent of the popular Home sewing machines...

"ALWAYS HANDY."—Mr. Traver also is agent for a convenience that is truly "always handy," for it is an attachment to a stove that enables one to keep warm the dinner dishes, or dry anything by the stove...

Charles Kirby, son of Philip Kirby, living at Spokane Falls, Stevens county, W. T., met a shocking death while in the employ of Mr. J. H. Wells, on the Palouse. He was thrown from a horse while out on the hills...

Capt. J. W. Cochran & Co. let the contract for building their new light draft boat to Mr. Steffen, of Portland, to be completed within 70 days. Length 150 feet; beam 35 feet; hold 5 feet.

The Price of Wheat, and the Prospect.

Last week we published the estimate made in Liverpool that the supply and demand for breadstuffs the present year will be about equal, but late dispatches indicate that the yield is generally less than was anticipated in all England, and the harvests of the American States all promise less than previous figures...

It is true that as a general thing those persons who have disposed of their crop in the fall have had as good prices and easier times so far as money was concerned, than those who have held for an advance. Still there is judgment to be used in this connection. When a great staple has reached the lowest price known for a generation...

The idea is that when a great staple declines too greatly upon a sudden contingency, that is a safe time to purchase and a safe time to sell. So with our wheat; we do not advise any person to involve himself in holding his wheat, but we present these facts for the consideration of all.

We do not look for any great advance in wheat during the present harvest year, though it is more than possible that some contingency may arise next Spring and summer to make the price good. That is a condition that few persons can afford to depend upon, but we consider it fairly probable that wheat will appreciate in value fully 10 cents per bushel within the next six weeks.

Looking ahead one year we may reasonably expect that the price of wheat will be better than now, in which case those will do best who sell with the first rise, as was the case last year. There is a fair show that cheap bread will induce a larger consumption, and the amount to be carried over another year may be short of the usual quantity, in which case even an average yield may not satisfy the demand for the ensuing year. This, of course, is speculation, but the point to be arrived at is: every Oregon farmer should go to work with good heart to make the harvest of 1877 as large as possible.

Double-Headed Wheat.

Mr. O. Dickinson, seedsman, of this place, shows us a bundle containing 500 heads of wheat raised by him from a quart of seed received from Buffalo, N. Y., called "Double-Headed Wheat," but which he thinks is similar to the "Jerusalem" wheat, mentioned not long since in the FARMER. The straw averages over 4 feet; it is a bearded variety, white chaff, the head composed of 8 centric stems with 4 to 6 branches on a side and he has counted 140 grains to a single head. The seed that came from the East was plump but small; the Oregon product has doubled the size and length of the imported seed, and Mr. Dickinson is inclined to think that it will produce enormously, as the quart of seed sowed in drills and cultivated once while growing promises to yield about five bushels. Mr. Dickinson sowed this wheat on the 10th of May last.

The bundle shows us will be sent to the gentleman in Buffalo, N. Y., from whom the seed originally came, who is both a speculator and amateur in wheat growing, traversing the United States and discovering varieties of wheat and other grains to cultivate and sell to growers for seed. This bundle will be exhibited by him at the Centennial, and we trust that a similar bundle of it will be sent to the Oregon department there, so that the original seed and the Oregon growth can be compared and the improvement under Oregon cultivation noted.

Flax.

Mr. Geo. P. Holman informs us that the harvesting of flax the present year shows a greater yield of seed per acre than last year. The straw is not long but the heads are better filled, which is the case so far as the Pioneer Mill has heard from those they have contracted with.

The California Oil Mill, as we saw again noted in the S. F. Commercial, has reduced the price of flax seed in that state to 25 and 25 1/2 cts according to quality. Heretofore the California quotation have been 30 and 35 cts. The Pioneer Mills here in Salem are paying 25 cts for good merchantable seed and will buy all there is raised in the State if offered to them.

Schools.—The Willamette University and all the public schools of Salem began their fall term on Monday, Sept. 4th.

Hop Culture in Oregon.

It is a pleasant thing to notice that as we increase the variety of our agricultural products we demonstrate more fully the fact that the climate and soil of Oregon impress peculiar excellence upon a large number of those products.

It is true that our fields this year turn out less than their usual yield, but it is also true that what wheat is raised this year is of the most superior quality; we know that our fruits many of them have superior excellence, and our special list of products that succeed in a remarkable degree includes other grains, flax and also hops. In relation to this latter product Mr. Wm. Wells, of Buena Vista, writes us that hoppedicking is now in full blast in this State, the quality excellent, and the yield a good average with a fair demand for all the hops raised, at a fair price for the producer.

Mr. Wells sends us a copy of the "Oregon Hop Culture," from the house of Hayden, Lincoln & Co. We call especial attention to the fact that these gentlemen offer a special premium at our next State Fair of \$20, gold, for the best ten pounds of hops grown in Oregon, cured and pressed, which they hope will be largely competed for. The circular contains many valuable hints to hop growers to which we gladly give place in the FARMER.

Oregon Hop Culture.

Mr. Lincoln, who is making a tour of the Hop Districts of Oregon, sends us encouraging reports of the quality of the crop this year. From his letters we gather the idea that the disavow with which Oregon Hops have heretofore been regarded in this market, is due, not so much to the growing of the crop, as to the unfamiliar method of handling it by those gathering their first crop; and as such grower has failed to designate his growth by his brand, the general quality of the product of the State has thus been underrated.

We would give the following hints to those who raise their first crop this season: In growing, set your poles from 8 to 10 feet apart; this will ensure more sunshine to the crop when ripening. Use only stout heavy poles, you will thus need less bracing for over-weighted poles. Watch carefully the ripening of the crop, and gather the moment it is ripe, picking only as they ripen. In picking keep out all stems, green leaves, brown or over-ripe Hops; keep the different growths and ripening separate; be careful not to crush by stepping upon the Hops near the boxes, if so bruised, do not put them with the others. Do not allow the temperature of your drying house to exceed from 100° to 120°—the latter at the outside, as too much heat too quickly applied, injures the pollen, which substance is the germ of the Hops' flavor—watch the drying carefully; after drying, allow the Hops to remain in a loose heap for two or three before bailing. For bailing use only regular Hop bailing, which should be at least 22 oz., 24 oz. preferable, the latter 45 in wide, furnished by us at 15c. by our shippers. Make your bales 18 or 20 in x 4 feet. Brand your bales as follows:

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By following the above directions, we think that those who handle your Hops this year, will find no cause for complaint of the quality or condition of Oregon Hops; and you will thus ensure a heavy demand each successive year for the first-class article, which we are confident can be raised by growers of Oregon. We have offered a SPECIAL PREMIUM at the Oregon State Fair in October, of Twenty Dollars gold, for the best ten pounds of Hops grown in Oregon, cured and pressed. We hope all will compete for this, and make a display worthy of each grower and creditable to the State of Oregon.

POOR YIELD.

While riding towards Aumsville the other day we met a man driving towards town with a load of wheat, who lived near Sublimity, he said, and informed us that much of the winter wheat in that part of the country was turning out not more than 3 to 5 bushels per acre. Cannot some careful observer and good farmer give us his ideas as to what has caused this failure of such wheat? We receive word that in many parts the spring wheat is excellent and makes up for this deficiency. The average yield of wheat in Oregon will probably be less the present year than ever before known.

AN ENGLISH OPINION.—Mr. H. H. Geffry tells us of an Englishman who had spent his life in connection with wheat cultivation and paid particular attention to the exhibit of grain made from all parts of the world at the Philadelphia exposition. Having seen all besides he came readily to the Oregon department and asked to see what we had there, and after long and careful examination of the various varieties he pronounced it as his unqualified opinion that it was the best wheat he had ever seen in his life, and a finer show of grain than was made in any other department.

W. R. Dunbar, G.W.C.T., will from week to week publish in the FARMER, decisions upon points of law governing the Lodges in this State, heretofore. This will be an interesting and valuable feature in this paper, and a member of the Order. He publishes five numbers this week. Look out for them in such number.

BRIDGE CONTRACT.—Mr. Middaugh, of Salem, an experienced bridge builder, has been the contractor to build the bridge across the Little North Fork of the Santiam, a span of 120 feet, with 30 feet approaches on each side, for \$1,100, being the amount of county subsidy and private subscriptions contributed for that purpose.

Visit the popular Florist and Seedsman of the Flower City (Rochester, N. Y.), is ready for the Fall campaign, as will be seen by reference to his Autumnal announcement in this paper. Send for his beautiful and instructive Floral Guide.

E. O. Norton, Esq., is back again in Salem, and is now business manager and local editor of the Streetman.

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SALEM, OREGON. Office moved over BRYMAN BROS.' NEW STORE. Office hours from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Strayed or Stolen.

FROM MY PASTURE ABOUT THE 15th OF August, a red spotted GELDING, two years old, light spring-blue, except star in forehead—washed on the neck shoulder with a B.—of rather coarse or rough build; rather large feet—between fifteen and sixteen and a half hands high. I will pay \$25 for return of said animal, or for any information that will lead to his recovery—and \$10 for the thief, and if not a hard-looking customer, I will raise him \$50 more. G. J. BASKETT, Dixie, Polk Co., Aug. 28,—w4.

Booths on the Fair Ground.

THE booths belonging to the Oregon State Agricultural Society, on the State Fair Grounds, will be leased at auction, for the Fair of 1876, only, on Thursday, September 21, 1876, at 11 a. m. Parties desiring to lease or to bid on the same, will be allowed to bid on more than two buildings. Parties desiring diagrams of buildings, or other particulars will address E. M. Waite, Secretary, Salem.

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