

Willamette Farmer.

SALEM, FRIDAY, DEC. 8, 1876.

Hop Culture.

ED. FARMER: As you invite communications from the readers of your paper, I thought I would send you a few lines from this out-of-the-way place.

LANK COUNTY.

Orchard Grass.

ED. FARMER: One of your correspondents wants to know, if I mistake not, how orchard grass would do on a piece of land that the brush had been cut and burnt off, how many pounds had ought to be sowed on an acre, and what it will cost per pound.

I have one bunch in my garden which I have sowed to save seed from. This last summer I saved one quart of seed from this bunch of grass.

Letter from East Portland.

ED. FARMER: Having noticed an invitation in your paper, a short time ago, to those who wished to correspond through your paper, if you will permit me I will make an effort to improve the opportunity.

In giving any information of our lovely country or its noble and generous inhabitants, the farming portion of this county, we say, cannot be better elsewhere for productiveness of the soil; that is, the majority of it.

fail in having an abundance of crops of all kinds, and with the rain we have had to conflict with, we have succeeded in raising an immense quantity of vegetables, fruit, and everything which our Creator has so lavishly bestowed upon us for our support, and it is all properly secured for the winter.

This is not such an extensive farming region as other portions of our State, yet we have Granges and members who are wide-awake and work with a will for the interests of the Order. We met at our hall as usual, on Saturday last, and, having extended invitations to other Granges and to a few friends who were not members, at ten o'clock we commenced preparing the table.

From Josephine County.

WILDERSVILLE, OR. Nov. 14, 1876.

ED. FARMER: Now that election is over and the political excitement somewhat abated, I will try in my leisure moments to dish up a few items for the benefit of the readers of your paper.

Wildersville still lives, and also its Hon. Representatives, notwithstanding the disgraceful affair of edgily burning perpetrated by a few individuals at Kerbyville some time ago.

The County-seat question, in this county, has given rise to a good deal of conversation and excitement. The people on this side of the county, however, feel determined to have a removal, and wait in suspense the two years—the time appointed when a vote will be taken.

The farmers here are improving their time this good weather right along, plowing and sowing grain. Some of their grain is up and looks well.

Our miners are jubilant in expectation of a good yield from their mines this winter. From all parts of the county I hear of more than ordinary liveliness in mining matters. The rocker and other slow means of mining are fast giving way to a swifter and better process.

The old miner here looks on with wonder and astonishment when viewing those giant pipes at work in the English Co's. mine and others in the Galloo creek mining country.

This winter will give employment to more men than usual in working the mines throughout the county. It will require a larger force than for many years past.

The lumber for the Lucky Queen quartz mill is fast arriving at the mill site. It is mostly furnished by Mr. Isaac Irwin, owner of the Rogus river steam saw mill. He tells me he has already let them have 20,000 feet—with more orders to fill.

The prospects of this mine are flattering indeed. If reports be true, this lode is certainly a lucky find; but it is the opinion of your correspondent that there are other leads in Southern Oregon equally as rich, if discovered.

Our two terms of District school, under the management of Miss Lizzie Sheffelin, has just expired. As a lady teacher she has given very good satisfaction. S. A. B.

Make Home Happy.

Make it happy and contented. Home! where we may turn away from the dull routine of this work-a-day world, "for what is life without happiness?" Home! there is magic in that word for which tender memories will always remain. Strive, then, to make it a happy, loving home by kind words and pleasant manners; a home worth remembering after we are no more.

Wealth does not always bring happiness. Far from it. We as often find happiness, true happiness, in the humble cottage as in the mansion. Our lives depend, in a great measure, on what we make them, and on the influences that surround us. The lessons which we learn in youth will cling to us through life. Sow seed in a happy contented home which will bring forth fruit in after years.

"There each will rest contented, Seldom wishing far to roam; Or, if roaming, still will cherish Memories of that best home. Such a home makes man the better. Pure and lasting its control, Home with pure and bright surroundings, Leaves its impress on the soul."

POMONA.

Correspondence from Ohio.

ED. FARMER: I write under a cloud. In fact, with but three exceptions, this would have been a correct preface for the last five weeks. I am informed by a scientific gentleman, who has taken observations for the last eight years, that the rainfall of 1876 aggregates a greater given depth than the rainfall of 1872, 73, and 74, combined.

Society itself presents a discouraged disorganized appearance, and climatic influences have apparently had a demoralizing effect, and business of all kinds seems paralyzed. Tramp robberies have been more numerous than ever before known. Good clothing, watches and valuable jewelry being taken where they could find no money to steal.

In company with Mr. Henry Douglas, an extensive stock dealer, I purpose visiting your country to look at some of the chances spoken of by Jones & Patterson, during the next Spring. JOHN WATERS.

Leonardsburg, Nov. 18.

MEDICATED BATHS.

The principle of applying medicines to the physical system for the prevention and cure of the various diseases to which the human species is liable, is a matter which has received the closest scrutiny of the medical profession in all ages. Cleanliness of person has long been regarded by all, and by practicing physicians especially, as one of the most valuable auxiliaries to the preservation of health.

BURNED TO DEATH. — From Mr. John Berthold we obtain the following particulars of a horrid affair which transpired last Monday afternoon, about four miles east of this place in Linn county. Mr. Edward Hite, aged about 29 years, had been on a spree in Albany, and started for the camp where he and Mr. Berthold were engaged in cutting wood, but did not arrive until about 8 or 9 o'clock Monday morning—having lain out all night, somewhere on the way.

There are four women in the Iowa State University Law School this term. The law is more gracious to women than the Gospel. Bishop Ames of the Methodist Church having decided recently that a woman cannot receive license to preach.

PANE PICTURES.

BY ROSE TERRY COOKE,

A wonder-worker all night long Has wrought his task for me! Now, by the cold and distant dawn, His miracles I see; His gravings on the window-pane, Of magic tracery.

Here lifts an Alpine summit, steep As is the heavenly stair, A way-side cross below the path, But not a pilgrim there; No sad face of humanity, No agony of prayer.

And here, before a lonely lake, A fringe of reeds and fern; Across the water's crystal chill No dying sunsets burn; You hear not on that rushy shore The call of Joke or tern.

Here lies a crowd of broken boughs, A windfall in the woods; Some wild and wandering hurricane Hath wrecked these solitudes: But on that tangled dreariness No living step intrudes.

And here is Arctic waste and woe; A glacier's mighty face, Majestic in its awful march, Slow seaward from its place. Beneath that frown of solemn death There lives no human trace.

But slowly from the joyful East Ascends the dawning sun; Before his look of light and life The magic is undone; The graceful pictures on the pane All vanish, one by one.

Alas! must all the songs I sing, The tracteries of my brain— The little stories sad and glad— Be uttered all in vain? And vanish when the Master comes, Like pictures on the pane?

Or will they, in some kindly heart Remembered, sing and shine? For wrought from man's humanity, Not feeling frost, are mine; I love not to be quite forgot; To die, and leave no sign.

—Scribner for December.

Cardinal Simoni, recently Papal Nuncio at Madrid, has been appointed to succeed Antonelli as Secretary of State to the Pope.

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