

A Board of Immigration Needed.

ED. FARMER: It is with satisfaction that we notice in your issue of Feb. 2, that the Board of Immigration is to be reorganized and set in active operation to meet the large influx of strangers, the coming season, who we are assured intend seeking homes in Oregon.

Small we hope that this new board will be so made up as to have the general interests of the State in its representation and management, and that no invested speculative capital have the control of its movements?

We have been led to feel that Mr. Dufur belongs essentially to Oregon at large, and we shall have confidence that the operations of a board under his organization will be safe for the public to rely upon; and its representation of facts connected with various localities in the State, and their physical advantages, may be forwarded to enquirers outside our limits with safety, and at the same time do justice to all portions of the commonwealth.

We would urge this incoming Board to show clearly in their forth-coming circular the need and chance for mechanics of all classes, who can find homes of comfort and a field for their labors, by establishing small manufacturing for the large number of articles which are now bought at large prices from the shops of New England and the East.

Establish the farmer, establish the mechanic, establish an interlocked interest between the farmer, the mechanic, the wool-grower and the stock-grower on your own soil, and railways opening new channels of transportation will seek your homes, and capital will be freely offered, and the general public be rulers instead of being ruled by a small ring of capitalists, and measures calculated for general interest take the place of many selfish ones.

Heppner, Feb. 11, 1877.

The Peach Plum Controversy.

We are rather amused at the dimensions of the Peach Plum controversy and the earnestness with which our young friends conduct it. The FARMER is certainly impartial in the matter, having no information except hearsay and no interest except to develop truth. Wm. A. Luelling, in the Oregonian, gives the following statement that goes far to show that Walling's plum and the Peach Plum imported from the East are identical:

"Mr. Walling obtained Peach Plum trees; they died; a sprout came up from the root of one of them. So Mr. Walling told O. P. Nixon and so he has told us. The fruit from this sprout proved to be very large and excellent, and Mr. Walling claims that it is different from the Eastern variety of the Peach Plum. If it be different, how, in the name of common sense, did Elwanger and Barry, of Rochester, New York, get it before Mr. Walling did? My uncle in California obtained the Peach Plum from Elwanger and Barry before Mr. Walling's tree came into bearing. We procured scions of my uncle and afterwards from Mr. Walling, supposing them to be different. The scions resembled each other, and, after bearing, they proved to be identical, as no difference could be detected in the fruit. These are plain facts and can be substantiated."

The boys may as well keep cool over the matter, and as Luelling has rather the best of the argument on the Peach Plum, he can afford to let our young friend "Nixon" stir him up a little on his poetry.

FARMER AND CULTIVATOR CONSOLIDATED.—A trade has been going on for a week past between the owners of the two agricultural papers of the State, which has finally culminated in their consolidation, or, rather, the absorption of the Cultivator, of Albany, by the FARMER, of this city. We are informed that after the present week the Cultivator will cease publication, and its subscription list, good will, etc., turned over to the FARMER. This is a move in the right direction, and if a few more papers in this State would go and do likewise the public would be benefited.—Mercury

A home agricultural paper should be found in every family. A good paper cannot be given you without it has a liberal support, which should aggregate the patronage of all the farmers of our State. Feeling the necessity of this when we came among you, we urged before assuming control of the Cultivator, that it, and the WILLAMETTE FARMER, should be consolidated. That end is now reached, and to make that paper, all that you wish, it will be necessary for you to give it an undivided support.—N. W. Garrison, in Cultivator.

We are glad to note the purchase by Messrs. Clarke & Craig, of the Oregon Cultivator. They are proprietors of the WILLAMETTE FARMER, and will, of course, join the Cultivator's patronage to that of the FARMER. We wish them great success in their enlarged field.—Oregonian.

The Cultivator, of Albany, has been merged into the FARMER, of Salem. This we consider a very sensible arrangement. The State has not the population to support two papers devoted to agriculture, and it seems eminently fit that the FARMER should be the one to stand.—Eugene City Guard.

DOUGLAS COUNTY.—From a point on the stage road, a short distance south of Myrtle Creek, can be seen, in fields adjoining, at least four thousands acres of wheat, which now present a magnificent appearance. The yield will be, the season favorable, about 40 bushels to the acre or about 160,000 bushels. Grain, in all parts of the county, gives indications of an extra crop for the coming year.—Herald.

The Baptist church, at Albany, narrowly escaped being consumed by fire last Monday. About 10:30 a. m., the fire broke out

in the woodshed, and in a few minutes the rear portion of the church was in flames. By prompt and energetic action the firemen succeeded in arresting the flames, but not until the pulpit and organ were much damaged and the library destroyed.

THE MARKETS.

The Wheat Market.

Prices are depressed somewhat, owing to higher ocean freights, but there really does not seem to be much wheat market left in our State, as the stocks in hands of warehousemen and millers are light, except in a few instances, and the balance held by the farmers do not come in this stage of roads. Salem Mills, as we stated last week, are running only a day or two in the week to supply the local demand, having disposed of the stock on hand to good advantage before the decline; Imperial Mills at Oregon City are said to have a good deal still in store, and keep in full operation. Messrs. Parker & Morris, of Albany, have over twenty thousand bushels and are trying to make up a cargo, as they have—we hear—an offer of \$1.02 1/2 per cental, sacked, delivered in Portland, if they can furnish a ship load. There is so little grain left in the country that many of the Willamette river steamboats will have to lay up for the season. The European news indicates that there will be no surplus stock on hand at harvest, at least much less than for years past, which gives good reason to hope for good prices and especially so if the much talked of war opens with the spring, of which there seems little doubt.

Our farmers have every possible inducement to make the most of present opportunities for pressing their work of plowing and seeding, where it can be done to advantage, for the prospect seems favorable for good price early in the season. Be ready, therefore, to realize as soon as possible should speculative prices rule the first of September. It will make a vast difference with us all if wheat opens at a good figure some fifteen harvest, so that farmers can be realized to plow farmers, and all who deal with them, on an independent footing. Short supplies for the current year and prospective war in Europe mean a good deal in connection with Oregon agriculture at the present time.

Portland Produce Market.

We copy the following from the Oregonian of the 21:

Wheat—The market is very quiet and average quotations \$1.80 a 50 per cental. Flour—Best brands \$6.00 25 per bbl.; outside and country brands, \$5.00 00; fine and superfine, \$4.75 00. Oats—Best, 60 00; common, 50 00. Hay—Choice timothy, baled, \$18 00; loose \$14 00. Bacon—Sides 14 00; hams, 13 00; shoulders, 10c. Lard—Oregon-made, fresh, in tins, 13 00 per lb; in kegs, 14c. Chickens—\$3 00 per dozen. Butter—30 00; Cheese, 15 00. Eggs—18 to 20c per doz. Potatoes—40 to 45c.

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