

Salem, Friday, Mar. 2, 1877.

#### OUR NINTH VOLUME.

The WILLAMETTE FARMER has entered upon the ninth year of its publication having completed its eighth year and is therefore no mere tyro in journalism but an established fact and journalistic ; success. Time furnishes the great | test and puts the seal either of appoyal or disapproval upon human endeavor. Time has dealt kindly with us in furnishing us friends and patrons who have identified themselves with our success, showing sympathy !with' and appreciation of our efforts to serve the people. It is with pleasure that we acknowledge our obligations, for we recognize that unless a newspaper can command warm supporters from among the best and most influential members of the community it cannot succeed. That we have received warm-hearted and generous support has been with us a matter of pride and satisfaction, and encouragement to hope on and labor for success during slow years when our labors met small reward.

We commence the ninth year of publication with fairer prospects than ever before. We have the field open to us, and efforts at competition having been withdrawn we have reason to hops for and expect the united support of the larming community of the great region; we represent. We hope to be able to improve the FARMER, and ask the aid of all farmers to enable us the sooner to realize our intention and desire to make this paper all they can expect. You need and ought to have a journal in your interest posessing all the elements of truth and usefulness. This can be fully attained when a generous pecuniary support can be depended on, and we can only repeat-what we have often said-that whatever means the public endow us with shall be used by us as stewards who work for your interests.

### A Board of Immigration.

POETLAND, Feb. 26th, 1877.

ED. WILLAMETTE FARMER: After congratulating you, and the farmers of our State in general, on the consolidation of the lot I purchased from Mr. Jasper Wilkins, FARMER and Cultivator and also on the pres- son of Hon. M. Wilkins, a beautiful lot of ent prospects of a good agricultural paper, steers three past, a cross between his beyon PERFECTED BUTTER COLOR good crops, good prices, good weather, good and Durham; those had a good pasture and chear, and general prospericy that seems to access to straw put up in sheds, well cured pervade the p eductive industries in all parts and kept dry, and so arranged they could of our State, permit me to call your atten- pull it out, but the cattle did not stand under

and never was a truer principle of political seen in the State. I also wish to mention a mer, establish the mechanic, establish an good pasture, which I am satisfied fully held offered and measures calculated for general interest take the place of many selfish convinced by what I have seen this spring ones." Now, Mr. Editor, as we duly appreciate the good sense and generous impulses manifested by "Reader," and especially living a distance from market can make where he says, "shall we hope that this money in that that way. new board will be so made up as to have the general interest of the State in its representation and management, and that no invested speculative capital have the control of has a grand stock and stalls for each one with PORTLAND, - - OREGON, its movements," and as we claim the advice, assistance, and co-operation of just such thinking men as "Reader," appears to be, stalls are too narrow and the cattle too much we suggest the following questions, and ask cramped up to do well. My experience is, an unbiased and candid answer by any of your readers.

Shall the influx of immigration into our State for the next few years be so utilized, and the immigrant met with kind words, good advice, and reliable information that will enable him, after a tedious and discouraging jourcey of thousands of miles to obtain a home with the least delay, and where he can precure lands on the most favorable gan and Young, Oregon would bud and terms and become a prosperous citizen within our State? Can such information be furnished the immigrant without an office where plats, maps and a record of Government and school lands is kept, with a list of private lands for rent or sale, with a knowledge of their location and real value? And shall this be furnished free of cost to the im-

Doubtless the foregoing questions will seem easy of solution, and the last one especially will be answered with an emphatic Yes. Such, then, being the conclusion arrived at, let usstill further pursue our inves-

tigution. stationery and letter stamps be oftained free of charge to reply to the scores of enquiries that have to be, and are now being answered every week? Will our printers and newspaper offices print pamplets, publish circulars, and advertise the land in different localities of the State free of clearge? Will any of our public-spirited citizens formish an office, rent free, or can the services of an afficient clerk and extraordinate back. of an efficient clerk and correspondent be obtained without an adequate compensation? Doubtless these last, with similar questions, will be answered with an emphatic No! How then, shall the means for liquidating these expenses to procured !

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A Tour among the Cattle Men of Oregon.

ED. FARMER: I have had an extended tour around our valley purchasing beef cattle, and I find some things wrong, but again I o'clock p. m. All Germans are invited to find upon the other hand many things right, attend. and as I have always taken a deep interest in the welfare of our State and tried to do my part in bringing up our products of cured meats and improving her herds. I have no doubt your many readers will bear with me when I point out their defects and tell them they are going wrong. The first evil I will point out is almost an entire abandoning of good hogs. I did not see one herd properly taken care of and depreciation in stock it is much more than I anticipated. Unless the farmers take more interest we shall have to be fed from the East. Next week I will give some facts about weight of pigs and best breeds and large bogs in answer to Mr. Noyer's enquiry. I have waited hoping some one would answer it. In my next I will give the weight of my spring pigs, Berkshires and common, same age, and different I will lay before your readers some impor-

tant facts concerning cattle. The first lot I looked at was in Polk county upon the farm of Mr. John Wiles, 35 bead of beautiful young steers, 4 and 5 years old. Those Mr. Wites fed hay once a day and they run upon pasture and are good beef in any market. Next was Mr. Charles Lodgsden's, they were mostly four years old this coming spring, and run in the mountains until January and came out very fat. Next was Green B. Smith's, 130 head as beautiful a lot of cattle and as fat as the average of stail-fed cattle sold in Chicago market. I saw them the latter part of January and they had nothing but grass. Mr. John Foster, in Benton Co., had an extra lot of beavy cattle, averaging 900 upon hay and pasture, but Mr. Foster is a model farmer and never fails in having a good lot of fat cattle in the spring, and upon hay and grass. I crossed the river at Harrisburg and found upon the farm of Mr. Thomas Wilson, some as fine fat three years old steers, 4 this spring, as I wish to put in market, they had nothing but pasture, and from Mr. Wigger some very fat cows, and steers three years old the coming spring. They had a straw stack to run to. I got a car load from R. B. Willoughby , that run in the mountains, back of his farm, which we are now killing, and they are as fat as any one wants beef; their pasture range was several hundred feet above the valley. Next of our State, permit me to call your attention to an art.cle in the Farses of the 23d inst. headed, "A Board of Immigration Needed," and signed, "reader."

There are as "Reader." suggests, be nothing of greater importance to the pprosperity of our State, than the encouragement of me. chanics and manufacturers in our midst, them the nicest lot of butcher's cattle I have price should give it a trial sow. Address economy pened than the one uttered by lot I purchased from H. Miller, brought in "Reader," where he says "establish the far- from Ochoco, which had hay to run to and increduced interest between the farmer, the mechanic, the wood 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 seek your homes. better beef than those cattle and am fully we can have good beef by reserving a pasture and letting cattle run to hay, and those

I called upon Mr. Geo. Milligan, living DRUGGISTS, mountains; he is feeding 100 good cattle and drop gates at the end of the stall after a steer enters. I like the plan but am fearful the unless calves are used to being stabled they will no: tear close confinement, and cattle raised east in getting used to close confine- Cresylic Sheep Dip, ment one month's teed is lost. I like Mr. Young's plan and wish he would give us his experience through the FARMER. Mr. Mil- Carbolic Sheep Dip. ligan has the ambition and go ahead, and I have no doubt w'll make it a success. If we had a few more such men as Messrs, Milli-SHEEP PREPARATION,

blossem raa ress. I also found a lot fed by Mr. Walker Young, near Eugene, stall fed, and I take pleasure in saying they are handled the best of any I have found in my travels, and are The Prevention and Cure While they are selling General the best lot I have seen in the State with the exception of a lot fed by myself, sold in Victoria, averaging one thousand pounds, some dressing fourteen hundred, but I had the advantage of Mr. Young in blood, I did not excel him in feeding. I think that cannot be done, but Mr. Young is not alone; the day I was there Mr. Young and his con were crippled, not able to work, but Mrs. Young PAINTS, OILS, GLASS, &C. went to the barn cut feed and fed those cattle. ews, large dealers in Sheffield in meats, and I got from them last week papers and letters which fully proves to me we are to have a revolution of trade greatly in our favor. Seven hundred tons of dressed beef arrived in Liverpool in one day and sold at big prices. In conclusion, allow me to say, I

THOMAS CROSS By a decision of the Supreme Court of Dakota, McCall, the murderer of "Wild Bill," is to be hanged March 1st.

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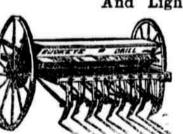
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