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American Beef in England.

In an interesting paper furnished us this week by Mr. Thomas Cross, he refers to a copy of an English journal sent him by his nephews, who are in the meat trade in the Old Country, and we have read with great interest the graphic account, therein published, of the introduction of American beef, mutton and pork into the markets of the great manufacturing city, Sheffield. It is so interesting and furnishes such a comprehensive account of the methods and business of preparing the beef and shipping it to the English market, that we shall publish it next week. The prophecy of Mr. Cross, that before many years we shall be furnishing beef for the English market, is not unreasonable, and his point is well made that we should be improving our herds so as to furnish a better article of beef.

The Sheffield paper and Mr. Cross's letter allude to the difference in values between what is called American beef and Texas beef. The latter is similar to the Spanish cattle that roamed over these Willamette hills and prairies twenty-five years ago, and such herds the writer of this saw as he drove his ox team through this line of valleys, toward (California, in 1851. That class of cattle has nearly passed away, but its impression still remains, and Mr. Cross says truly when he urges the necessity of improving all such stock. In many instances the best plan would be to make them fat enough for beef, for scrub stock of all kinds are poor property. Mr. Cross means to show the necessity of improving this stock by crossing with better, and where a cow has even tolerable points, no doubt crossing with thoroughbred would secure progeny that would make beef fit for any market. This improvement must be made to enable us to be successful stock-raisers in the near future.

Russia and Turkey.

Of late the dispatches have little to say about war measures on the part of Russia, and a great deal to say about the reforms Turkey is instituting, very much in accord with the suggestions of his subjects are disposed for peace; that Russian finances are not equal to a war standard, and that the Russian army is found to be deficient in many respects. It is even charged that there has been great corruption and swindling in relation to army contracts, so that neither in number or material is the Russian Empire situated to make offensive warfare. Also, it seems to be conceded that the Turk can and will make a desperate stand, and as he will not be required to take the offensive, it is certain it will be difficult to conquer him.

The Season.

On our table we to-day came across visinity to Hon. A. J. Dufur, Centennial an old letter that we had nottime to Commissioner, is at last complete and ready answer, where a would-be immigrant for that gentleman's acceptance. It has been to Oregon asked several score of questions, one of which was: "When does Spring commence?" If we had answered this manifold question-asker by letter, instead of sending a bundle of documents, the answer would have been: we have had Spring all Winter, with green grass and farmers plowing since, his experience travelling through this and putting in grain, and wheat-fields planted early looking like meadows in May. Spring in Oregon has an enduring quality. Sometimes " Winter lingers in the lap of Spring" through March, not with frost and snow, but March, not with frost and snow, but with cold and inhospitable storms of rain that are severe on stock. February is a month when farmers generally plow and sow wheat; Winter wheat at that, and on uplands put in oats and even plant potatoes.

The present Winter has been Springlike, and farmers have utilized it to put an extra area of land under cultivation. March is proving very rainy, and sometimes even stormy, but the days are warm and not, therefore, hard on stock. It is very likely that the latter part of the month, and all of April and May will be favorable for sowing grain, on low lands at least. Last season the late-sown Spring grain was altogether the most productive and best. Spring crops of wheat generally do well.

At the present time the fruit buds are swelling and almost bursting; plum trees are commencing to bloom, and it is to be hoped they won't be caught by a bad frost and ruined. The season is said to be a month ahead of last year. The raspberry leaves have taken form in bloom before long, if Nature maintains the kindly countenance manifested at the present time.

As proof of the mildness of the Winter we state that quite a number of rosy-cheeked apples are hanging on a tree in the garden of Mr. J. H. Moores of this city. One of the same he picked and brought to us, a few days ago, that is as sound as it was last Novem-ber. He should let the rest remain and see how they will prosper. Plgs at the farm, \$3, and shipped for \$6. Light Bramah chickens: \$1.50 each, shipped for \$6. Light Bramah chickens: \$1

The Mt. Jefferson Pass Road.

It seems to me a question of great importance to the public and especially to those who have subscribed stock, whether the Mt. Jefferson Pass Road is to be built or not, and whether every man interested, in the community, will take hold to help build it. The matter has been talked of long enough and it is time now to begin to do someand it is time now to begin to do some-thing. It looks as if men who ought to take hold and are able to take stock are waiting for poor men living in the much in accord with the suggestions of European powers. All these measures leave less excuse for the Czar to commence war, and the intimations are ed it will do a great deal toward buildthat both the Czar and the majority of ing the road and bridging the Santiam. would consist of about 240 square miles and at government price would be worth \$161,090, and if the land grant is not granted, we still have the mail route, and that will be a great benefit to the country and some use to government. The time is about up when the thing ought to be in shape for action and it is strange those interested don't take hold of it. Many about here have de-clared if it was necessary they would double their subscription rather than to see the enterprise fail. Now men, come to time, for time is precious. Our friend Mr. H. S. seems somewhat discouraged with his canvass, but I think he did very well, as nearly every man applied to took one or two shares, and some as high as ten shares. Some men who have taken stock are dmost compelled to work out day by day for their support, but they want to open up a mail route through the Cascades, and have a line of communication daily from Salem to Eastern Oregon by way of the Mt. Jefferson Pass, and settle up the lands along the road and develop the country. Men in the vicinity are generally poor and have about all they can do to make a living, as this region is a little to one side, but they all say they will double their amount of stock if it is needed. The amount subscribed in this vicinity is \$1,500, so hold your grip gentlemen and make a start on the road and then it will help to build itself.

THAT CANE .- The very handsome cane presented by the citizens of Salem and exhibited for awhile past in the show windows of the jewelry establishment of W. W. Martin, on State Street, and is one of the handsomest things of the kind ever seen hereabouts. The head is a gold knob. eight sided, with a setting of beautiful gold quartz. Mr. Dafur will always have a beautiful me-mento of the regard of our citizens. FAT BREF,---- Mr. Cross wrote not long

valley, purchasing beef cattle for the Salem market, and rather boasted of the excellence of the beef, though the cattle had, in many instances, been fed but little all Winter the Bunch Grass Pastures in the Fall.

Breathing Miasma without Injury.

There is no exaggeration in the statement that thousands of persons residing from one year's end to another in fever and ague regions on this Continent and elsewhere, breathe air more or less impregnated with miasma, without incurrine the disease, simply and only because they are in the habit of using Hos-tetter's stomach Bitters as a preventive. It has fre-quently happened, and the fact has been amply attest-by the parties themselves, that persons surrounded on all sides by neighbors suffering the tortures of this shivering and burning plagno, have enjoyed absolute immunity from it, thanks to the protection afforded by the Bitters. Nor is that standard anti febrile cor-cial less efficacious in remedying than in preventing chills and fover, billious remittents, and disorders of a kindred type. Taken between the paroxysms, it speedily infiguies their violence, and eventually pre-vents their recurrence. These facts, convincingly es-tablished by evidence, appeal with peculiar force to travelers and sojourners in malarions distriots. There is no exaggeration in the statement that

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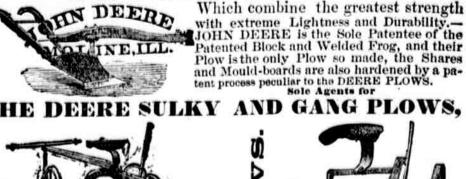
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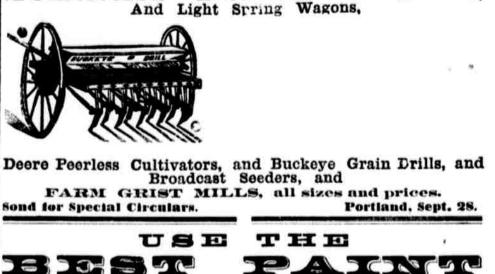
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From able contemporaries we hear it stoutly asserted that there will be no war in Europe the present summer, and certainly the news for a fortnight past has not been warlike.

War in Europe means money in the pockets of Oregon farmers, to be sure, and we feel interested in studying the situation to determine for ourselves what the result will finally be. There is too much charity in our hearts to make us anxious that the nations should wage war with all its horrors, to give us a better price for our surplus breadstuffs, while at the same time we cannot help but recognize that their calamity will be our opportunity, in case war should be inaugurated. Under the present aspect of affairs we may as well conclude that war will not happen immediately, and on the part of hu-manity and modern civilization we should hope that the nations will 'learn war no more."

THE WEST SHORE.-Considering the times and circumstances we must concede to the West Shore the morit of showing great enterprise by its publisher and excellence in the quantity and quality of matter furnished its readers. The many illustrations of scenery and buildings of our State are calculated to carry abroad a favorable idea. The wood cuts of prominent citizens are correct portraits, but wood engraving is not calculated to give humanity a refined appearance, and the victims of this part of Mr. Samuel's en-terprise are fit subjects for commiseration.

Gov. Grover has been sworn in as U. S. Senator.

ALEX POTTER. Fox Valley, March 12, 1877.

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G, G, GLENN, Sec.