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The Coming Season.

We are fairly introduced into the climate of Spring, with fruit trees in bloom and all nature preparing to robe itself in leaf and flower. The middle of March finds the mosquito at work in favorable localities. The swallows sing under the eaves, and fields and pastures are well advanced. There has been less than the average rain-fall and the whole Winter has proved much milder than is usual, even though our Winters are usually mild. We hear that the mountain roads have been open and travel has gone on all Winter. Crossing the Cascade mountains every month in the year is something not usual—we fail to remember that it has occurred during twenty-seven Winters since we came to Oregon, and it would be an interesting matter to have some of the oldest settlers give their experience. Mr. J. L. Parrish tells us that 1848 was much such a season as this, and we should like to have those who remember it give us fuller particulars. It is evident that there is but little snow in the mountains at the present time. It is not supposed that the late heavy rains, that resulted in the highest water in the Willamette known for several years, left snow there, because the weather was warm, too warm to bring snow, even on the mountains, and warm enough to melt what was on the lower ranges. Had there been much snow to be melted, the flood in the Willamette would have been disastrous.

We enter Spring with the season much earlier than usual, and no doubt the absence of the great mass of snow from the wide mountain districts that envelop this valley, have something to do with the mildness of the present month, and will exert considerable influence over the remaining Spring months and upon the character of the Summer and early Fall. It is an important matter to anticipate in some measure what this effect will be, and provide for any unfavorable influences that may result.

We see no reason why we may not expect an early Spring, for even though the rains should be abundant and continue well into June, as is usual, still those future rains, lacking the chill influence of the mountain snow in usual volume, will hardly be cold enough to retard vegetation. Certainly, so warm a March was never known before. Then, again, it is a very serious question to answer, whether the Spring rains are not to a considerable extent, induced by the deep snow drifts that usually lie in our mountains. To the South of us, in the mountains of California, there is much less amount of timber, and very much less snow lies there than in the mountains of Oregon. The great difference in climate—there being little rain-fall in that State after the present time—suggests that without the usual heavy snow deposits in the mountains we must expect less abundant Spring rains and a more or less earlier and dryer Summer Season.

We throw these suggestions out for our farmers to reflect upon and guide their conduct by if they think them important. It really does seem that, under the circumstances, all grain should be sown as early as possible. Owing to the favorable Winter the farmers have made excellent progress and except when the ground is low and wet, and has to dry before it can be cultivated, there need not be much, if any, very late planting. It would be safe to get all work done and seed planted, as soon as possible, and then, if the season is favorable they will not be loser, and if it is unfavorable they will be greatly gainers.

We do not profess to be wise, but merely would admonish our people to use caution. It would be a very interesting matter to have all the years back to 1840 well written up, to show the character of all the seasons and the state of all the crops. Such reliable statistics would be valuable to study and learn lessons from, and on the same system of reasoning by which the signal service is conducted, and prognostications of the weather made with such uniform correctness, observations of part seasons might be made useful to form opinion of the seasons in the near future.

We all view the success of crops as a

certainly the present year, and unless some untoward condition or destroying cause shall intervene, that fortunate result will probably be realized. In any case the wisest and most observing men among us should accumulate experience by study of Nature under all varying circumstances.

The Cause of Temperance.

We have always maintained in the FARMER a reasonable, and we thought judicious advocacy of the great cause—Temperance. As a farm journal and family newspaper, we consider it a duty, as well as pleasure, to assist every good cause, and Temperance is one of the best, one that goes hand in hand with Religion and the best good of society.

The FARMER, however, has its especial field of labor and we disinterestedly conduct it for the interests of the farming community. We unhesitatingly decline matter every week, that is offered, much of which is excellent and good in its place, but we don't think its place is the WILLAMETTE FARMER, because we have to discriminate and not accept what is good if we do not think it is suitable.

With regard to Temperance we must say that we do not recognize that it is to be advanced by writing eloquent essays and earnest appeals in the newspapers, so much as by proper education at home, and direct influence and disinterested sympathy in the community. The Good Templars do well to keep their faith pure and strong and to restrain all within their reach from the evil effects of intemperance. That is their mission and they accomplish great good by their generous and kindly efforts. We give space to the Directory of the Order, and the interesting correspondence of the Head of the Order, in his travels through the State. We have his respect and confidence and admire his activity and energy. We publish the news items of interest to the Order, and have not often room for many essays and appeals.

We make these remarks to place the relations of the FARMER with the Temperance cause rightly before our readers. We give in this issue the outbreak of a young lady who rebels against us because we could not find room for her zealous attack on the "Demon Rum." The letter we publish is a vastly better production to our mind, and forty people will read it where one would read her eloquent appeal. The fact is it is very easy to say enough on that theme. Work is what is wanted to root out intemperance. We are in favor of a strict legislation on this subject as the world can be educated to accept, and there is not much use in making laws until the world can be got to accept them. Laws cannot be made and enforced in a free country by a minority, so we must go to work for a lifetime to educate public sentiment and reform public morals. Of course the press can do something—can do much, but organized personal influence can do much more and that is what must be depended on.

We have no fanaticism—no mere spasmodic effort in our idea of Temperance, but we have a constant determination to always be ready with a word in due season.

**CONTEMPLATED ROPE FACTORY.**—We have had the pleasure of receiving an introduction to Mr. Moulson, of Montreal, Canada, who visited Salem this week in company with Hon. A. J. Dufur, and whose present visit to Oregon is in consequence of having attended the Centennial and there became acquainted with Mr. Dufur and learned something of Oregon, its products and resources. Moulson desires to establish in our State a rope factory to supply the demand here with home manufacture. The hemp would have to be imported, but he might also use the coarser flax for some sorts of goods and in time develop production here of part of the raw material needed.

Notice Pioneers.

The Board of Directors of the Oregon Pioneer Association are requested to meet at the office of the Oregon State Agricultural Society, at 2 o'clock p.m., of the 1st Friday of April. Friends of the Organization respectfully invited.  
 J. HENRY BROWN, Secretary.

**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 incurring the disease, simply and only because they are in the habit of using Hostetter's Stomach Bitters as a preventive. It has frequently happened, and the fact has been amply attested by the parties themselves, that persons surrounded on all sides by neighbors suffering the tortures of this shivering and burning plague, have enjoyed absolute immunity from it, thanks to the protection afforded by the Bitters. Nor is that standard anti-febrile cordial less efficacious in remedying than in preventing chills and fever, biliousness, miasma, and disorders of a kindred type. Taken between the paroxysms, it speedily mitigates their violence, and eventually prevents their recurrence. These facts, convincingly established by evidence, appeal with peculiar force to travelers and sojourners in malarious districts.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Christian Church of the State of Oregon held at Dallas, Polk county, Oregon, Feb. 24, 1877, on motion, A. W. Lucas was elected President of said Board, Thomas B. Newman, Secretary; I. Levans, Vice President; and R. S. Crystal, Treasurer.

Notice to Tax-Payers!

ALL PERSONS OWING TAXES IN MARION County, must pay the same before the 31st day of MARCH, 1877, as the Delinquent List will be made out at that time.  
 J. A. BAKER, Sheriff of Marion County.  
 March 23, 1877

Administrators Notice.

THE undersigned, having been duly appointed by the County Court of Marion county, Oregon, administrator of the estate of H. C. Dayton, late of said county, deceased; therefore all persons having claims against said estate will please present the same to the administrator at his residence, near Hubbard, in said county, within six months from this date, and persons owing said estate will please make immediate payment.  
 L. C. DAYTON, Adm'r.  
 March 23, 1877

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ROMANCE & ADVENTURE.

THE PROPERTY OF WILLIAM CHALMERS, will stand at **Cornelia Farm**, Cornelia, Washington county, the driving season, from April 1st to July 1st. They gained two first premiums at the Oregon State Fair last fall, for the best half-bred draft colts and the best farm team.  
 TERMS—\$20 for hire, payable when the mare is known to be in foal. Mares disposed of before foaling, to be paid for as in foal.  
 W. M. CHALMERS.

JACKS AND MULES!

KENTUCKY JACKS AND MULES.

A LARGE IMPORTATION OF THE STOCK OF the very best Pedigree of Kentucky will arrive in California for Exhibition and Sale during the month of March.  
 These animals are imported by the owner, W. J. LYLE, of Danville, Kentucky, and will be superior to any animals of the kind yet imported.  
 They are all PREMIUM JACKS of the State—one of these Jacks is the champion of the best Fair, and has won 32 FIRST PREMIUMS.  
 Every one of these Jacks is of the BEST Pedigree, and they are the finest animals in every way in all Kentucky, a State that has devoted more time, money, and care in raising Jacks than all the other States of the Union.  
 These Jacks have proved themselves the VERY BEST of Breeders, as Mules got by them out of ordinary Mares will average 16 hands high, animals that have sold at \$500 and \$600 each.  
 These animals will be won by the special notice of Breeders in all parts of the Pacific coast.  
 Mr. LYLE will have his Stock on exhibition in San Francisco about the 15th to the 25th of March, and they can be seen at the large Stock Yards of Messrs. Lloyd & Rogers, corner 9th Street, junction of Hayes Valley and Market Street, the best stock-yard in San Francisco, where purchasers can examine them.  
 Mr. LYLE anticipates bringing on, also, a fine lot of SHORTHORN CATTLE, of high Pedigree; also, BERKSHIRE SWINE, and KENTUCKY MERINO SHEEP, all of the very best stock.  
 It is the plan of Mr. LYLE to bring only the VERY BEST STOCK of each kind, and only the best, such as can be guaranteed to be such.  
 Catalogues having FULL PROGRAMS of all the animals will be ready for the examination of all who desire to secure this stock, which the Importer is confident will be the FINEST LOT OF STOCK of the kind EVER YET IMPORTED INTO CALIFORNIA.  
 Mr. LYLE will have, in addition to the Pedigrees of this stock, GUARANTEE CERTIFICATES from the officers of the best institutions in the State, giving strong proof of the reliability of Mr. Lyle as a stock Breeder, and of the excellence of his Stock.  
 After a suitable time in the Exhibition of this stock, which is not sold at PRIVATE SALE, there will be a LARGE PUBLIC SALE at the best given place in California. Of the time and place of this sale, due notice will be given.  
 All persons who wish information, respecting the number and character, or prices of these animals, are invited to call on or address the Editor of the CALIFORNIA FARMER, San Francisco, who will cheerfully render all information promptly.

**W. J. LYLE,**  
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STATE FAIR, 1877.

Commencing Oct. 8.  
**POST STAKES:**

**For 2 Year Olds.**  
 Premium of \$50 for 2 year olds, bred in Oregon or Washington Territory, dash of one mile. Entrance \$5; in full, \$10; to be added to the purse. To close, and name the colt, with sire and dam, May 1st, 1877.  
 1st premium.....\$100 00  
 2d premium, 2 of balance..... 50 00  
 3d premium, remainder of stake.  
 Premiums given on following conditions and graded accordingly:  
 If 5 start.....\$50 00  
 If 4 start..... 40 00  
 If 3 start..... 30 00  
 If 2 start..... 20 00  
 If 1 start..... 10 00  
 In the Post Stakes for running and trotting, all starters shall be bona fide, and have been in training.

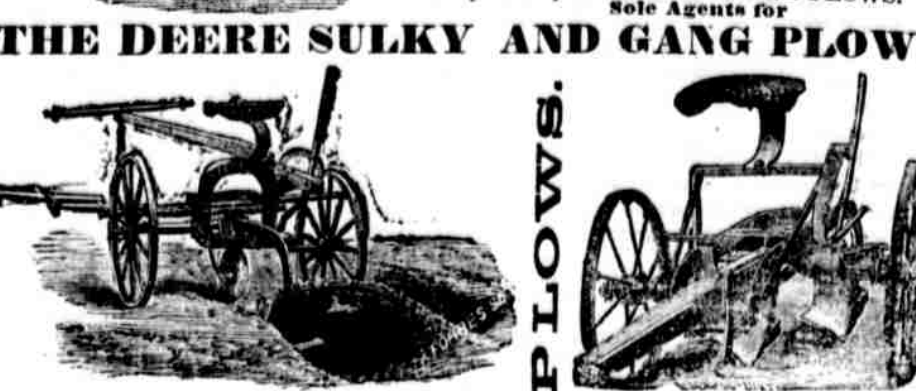
**For 3 Year Olds.**  
 Premium of \$50 for 3 year olds, mile heats 3 in 5, for horses, mares or geldings, bred in Oregon or Washington Territory. Entrance, \$5; half forfeit. Entrance money added to the purse. Entries to close, and name the colt, with sire and dam, May 1st, 1877.  
 1st premium.....\$40 00  
 2d premium, 2 of balance..... 20 00  
 3d premium, remainder of stake.  
 Same conditions as running Post Stake.  
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 E. M. WAITE, Secretary Oregon State Ag'l Society.

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Notice  
 I have given that I have been duly appointed Administrator of the estate of A. F. Walker, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them to me at my office in Salem, Marion county, Oregon, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice.  
 J. A. STRATTON, Administrator of said estate.  
 March 2, 1877  
 \$552 877 F. O. VIGGERS, Augusta, Maine.