ED. FARMER: I see that the patrons of your valuable paper are on the alert as to their interest. This fact will be seen by consulting the valuable correspondence of the WIL-LAMETTE FARMER. Now, as we have canvassed several subjects through the FARM-ER, let us say something about the Canada thistle. It is among us and we must get rid of it or it will compel us to retreat and leave our farms to grow up to Canada thistle. The first that was noticed here was in Portland, 3 or 4 years ago, now it is all over the country, more in timbered land than in the prairies, from the fact that the seeds germinate much more readily on account of there being more moisture. The Canada thistle grows about 21/2 feet high, with a great many side branches forming an oyal head, and will grow as thick as fern, with a pink bloom. When the seeds get ripe, about the first of September, they are carried for miles by the wind, supported in the air by a kind of lint fastened to one end of the seed, it is the next thing to impossibility to handle them while binding grain even with gloves. No kind of stock will eat it, and, if thick enough, its forms a complete hedge.

March 31, 1877.

The Oregon Universalist State Convention will be held eight miles Southeast from Halsey, commencing June 7, 1877. There will be conveyances at the Halsey depot, on Wednesday and Thursday, to take all who come on the cars to the place of meeting. All wishing to avail themselves of a free ride, as above stated, will please write to the secretary, letting him know on which day we may expect them. Come one, come all.

A. J. WIGLE, Sec.

Harrisburg, Oregon. Enoch Smith, of Eugene City, as we learn from the Mercury, shot hunself on Wednesday morning, whether accidentally or not is not known. The wound is supposed to be mortal. In 1850 he was sentenced to be too weary or too busy to add to their comhanged, with one or two others, for a murder in Polk county, but it being ascertained that he was guiltless, he was pardoned by the Governor, the pardon arriving after he was taken to the gallows.

Good Showing,-To show what a farmer's wife can do, we make the following statement: Mrs. Mary Ramp, of French Prairie, last year made 1280 pounds of butter, and sold 1130 pounds, from which she realized \$120. The first two months she milked three cows; in the month of June, seven; cows; then five till Sept. 1st; then four till Nov. 30th; then five till the 1st of February.

SUICIDE.-Ralph Wilcox, clerk of the U. S. District Court, committed suicide in his S. District Court, committed suicide in his will be deeply felt, and her place hard to office, Wednesday morning, at Portland, by fill, but ours the loss and hers the gain. Yet shooting himself with a pistol. He left a note saying whisky was the cause.

DISCHARGED. — W. C. Morand, charged with the murder of T. D. Davis, had a lengthy hearing before Judge Woodward, at Portland, and was discharged on Tuesday, the evidence being insufficient to hold him

RECORD OF A PIONEER.—The Portland apers report that a fine stab of the finest Italian marble has been prepared at that city, to be erected over the grave of the late Rev. H. H. Spaulding, at the Lapwai Agen-cy. The slab bears the following inscription:

"Rev. Henry Harmon Spalding, Born at Bath, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1803, Commenced the Nez Perces Mission in 1836, Died among his people at Lapwai, I. T., August 3, 1874, aged 70 yrs., 8 mos. and 7 ds.

Biest with many sculs as seals to his min-istry."

After-Dinner orator: "It's in the wonderful insight inter 'uman nature that Dickens gets the pull over Thackery; but on t'other hand it's in the brilliant shafts o' satire, t'gether with a keen sense o' humor, that Dickery gets the pull over Thackens. It's just this: Thickery is the humorist, and Dackens is the satirist. But, after all, it's 'bsurd to instoot any comparison between Dackery and Thickens." So none was "in-

The newly discovered coral reef off the coast of Spain forms the summit of an isolated submarine mountain, having a circular base, with a radius from the summit of twenty miles. The mountain rises regularly from a depth of 16,500 to 14,500 feet, capped with live coral. The bank around the edges gives indications of comparatively recent volcanie disturbance.

SUNDAY TRAINS IN CANADA,-Railway trains are not to be permitted for the future to run on Sundays in Canada. The Domin-ion government has issued orders that no trains are to be run on Sundays, excepting in cases of great emergency. Of this emergency the authorities are to be the judge, no Sunday train being permitted except on direct government order.

William Snooks, better known as Billy Snooks, a resident of the Warm Spring Res-ervation, after an ineffectual attempt to elope with one of his father's wives, became dis-gusted with life and committed suicide. All this occurred within the last five or six days at the Reservation,-Mountaineer,

HARVEST HANDS .- The Walla Walla Union says: "In view of the indications of enor-mous crops the farmers are beginning to study the problem of harvest hands. Last year they were not as plenttful as they might have been, and this year more than ever will be required."

SALEM.

Salem is the capital city of the State and is beautifully located, viz: on the east bank of the Willamette river on a magnificent prairie, on a plain that commands a distant view of the surrounding country and especially the snow-clad portions of the Cascades. Situated on the O, &. C. R. R., 50 miles south and 14 miles west of Portland and 50

miles on an air line from the ocean.

The State capitol is now nearly finished and will cost \$500,000. Marion county court house cost \$110,000. The State penitentiary is located here; it is a large, commodious structure built of iron and brick—cost \$75,-000. A female academy, under direction of the Catholic Church, cost \$60,000. There are five common school buildings, built of wood, in which are maintained, by tax, free schools the entire year. One merchant flouring mill, run by water, with a capacity of grinding 800 barrels of flour in 24 hours, one custom flouring mill run by steam, one large lumber mill with a capacity of making 25 000 feet of lumber year day one linesed. 25,000 feet of lumber per day, one linseed oil mill, (capacity, 125,000 gallons annually), one furniture factory and one chair factory, two sash and door factories, one foundry and two machine shops, one plow factory, two wagon shops. The city has the best water power in the State; never a flood and never a lack of water. Ten churches, owned by as many denominations, one opera house, one banking house, two grain elevators, the city lighted with gas; there are three daily and three weekly newspapers and one magazine, one semi-monthly amateur paper and two job printing offices.—

Cor. East Oregonian.

MRS. LYDIA S. BATEMAN. - Death has been very active among the benevolent women of Cincinnati during the past winter, but none of those who have been called from the harvest field will be more missed by the poor than Mrs. Lydia J. Bateman. Her name has been a household word in many a poverty been a household word in many a poverty stricken home, and many could say, as they wept over her coffin, "We have lost our best friend." Though her sympathles and charities were universal, yet her work among the colored people of Cincinnati seemed ever nearest to her heart, and that work was the last to be laid aside. For more than ten years she had taught in the Buxton Colored Mission Sahbath School a large class of Mission Sabbath School a large class of mothers, in whose families she felt a warm interest, and for whom she cared at every opportunity, and for whose improvement, in every way, she labored assiduously, never pathy they might make upon her. Besides her own class, she interested herself in ev-ery member of the school as one of the vis-iting committee, seeking the needy and the sick at their homes, reading the Bible and praying with them or giving material aid, superintending a sewing school for the col-ored children for several winters till her health failed, and everywhere making herself a power for good among the colored peo-ple. Her tenderness for children was unbounded. A devoted mother berself, she felt deeply for the orphan and neglected child of whateyer race, and this tenderness made her an invaluable member of the Board of Managers of the Children's Home for many years preceding her death. There as well as in the Buxton Mission her loss so humble was she it will be with a glad sur-prise that she will hear the sweet, "Inasmuch as you did it unto one of the least of these, you did it unto me.'

The above is from the Cincinnati Commercial, and the lady referred to was a sister of G, M. Stroud, the well known Conductor on O. & C. Railroad.

STRIKES AMONG FISHERMEN .- A gentleman just from Astoria informs us that there is a strike among the fishermen at that place. The disposition to compel the own-ers of the large canning establishments to come to terms and pay a higher price for fish this season than ever before, seems to prevail to a very large extent. Already 289 men have quit work and signify their determination not to commence again unless the pro-prietors of fisheries accede to their terms. These fishermen demand 50 cents for every salmon, while the various canneries refuse to pay more than 37½ cents apiece. When our informant left there was a general dead-

The Tacoma Herald says: The first installment of railroad iron, now en route for this port; will arrive on the next trip of the steamship City of Panama. Thereafter, each ocean steamer sailing for this port will bring 250 tons of iron until the entire amount is

Angora Goats.—Large numbers of Angora goats are being exported from California to Mexico, where, it is thought, they can be raised with greater profit. To give the experiment a proper test, the Angora Goat association of El Dorado co., has purchased thirty-two thousand acres of land in the state of Sinalaga about dichty willow. of Sinaloa, about eighty miles from Mazatlan.

Members of the Christian denomination at Ashland have subscribed \$950 toward the erection of a house of worship.

The Wool Market.

The price of wool greatly interests our readers, as many of them look to coming wool sales for the means to assist them through harvest. From the San Francisco Commercial Herald, the best financial and commercial authority we know of, date April 12, we take the following:

It now seems probable that November next will find California in possession of ten per cent, less sheep than it owned last No-yember, so great has been the destruction of flocks everywhere south of the Merced riv-er, caused by lack of feed. Even on the Nor-ris ranch, a few miles east of Sacramento, the sheep are starving to death in the sight of plenty. The market for free long stapled wools remains very strong, but all classes of defective wools are lower in price, and must year they were not as plentiful as they might have been, and this year more than ever will be required."

MARRIED.—On April 2d, 1877, at the house of the bride's father, by B. Jennings, J. P., Mr. John Murray to Miss Louisa Cone—all of Marion county, Oregon.

"Sal,, 'said one girl to another," "I am so glad I have no beau new!" "Why so?" asked the other. "Oh, 'cause I can eat as many onions as I please."

A thrifty wife wonders why the men can't manage to do something useful. Mightn't they as well amuse themselves smoking hams as well as cigars?

A congregation in Maine has concluded ed that a preacher may skate if he wants to, but he must keep his mouth shut when his foet fly up.

The commissioner of the general land office at Washington has approved a list of 3,113 acres of land in Langell valley.

Work has begun on the life saving stations at Cape Hancock, and on Shoalwater bay. A sixtion will also be erected at Neah bay. and which no doubt will attract the attention of all buyers and dealers.

The following account of the above mentioned sale has been received in the regular

news dispatches: SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—Falkner Bell & Co., to-day held their first auction sale of Co., to-day held their first auction sale of wool at their new warehouse, on Townsend and Sixth Sts. The enterprise has attracted considerable attention from wool-growers and dealers, being the inauguration of a series of similar sales expected to exercise a good deal of influence on the market. The attendance was good and bidding spirited: the whole line being disposed of by 12 o'clock and the sale opening at 11 o'clock. There were offered 1,115 bales California and 32 bales of Australian, all carefully graded, and prices were on the whole rather better than ruling at private rates. The bulk went off at from 13 to 18½ cents, some better grades bringing higher figures, and a lot of northern going at 22½c, while some poor and burry sold as low as 8½@9c. The bidding was all by local houses, but it is believed that a considerable portion was actually taken for considerable portion was actually taken for Eastern, probably Boston firms. The sale was considered by the projectors a complete success, surpassing their expectations as to the quantity taken and prices realized. It is expected another sale will be held within two or three months. two or three months.

The Wheat Market.

The certainty of war in Europe and the further knowledge of a short supply until harvest, has caused considerable excitement in the English market for breadstuffs and an advance to twelve shillings per cental for the very choicest lots. Those are the extreme figures and the average is considerably less, though probably Oregon cargoes will bring that price. Twelve shillings is not a high price for wheat in England, or at least not near so high as it occasionally reaches. It is a higher figure, however, than has been quoted since early last fall. We give figures for Liverpool quotations for club wheat of former years, at this time, as follows: April 11th, 1876-10s to 10s 6d; 1875-(same date) 9s 5d to 9s 10d; 1874—(same date) 12s 8d to 13s; 1873-11s 9d to 12,

From the Commercial Herald we learn that freight rates are merely nominal in San Francisco; that vessels are waiting there for the new crop to be marketed in July, with no great prospect of cargoes then. There is no wheat shipping to Europe from San Francisco, but the price in Liverpool affects the market and causes the advance we feel here in Oregon. At Portland, the quotations given are \$2 to \$2.10 per cental, and Salem buyers are in the market at \$1.15 per bushel. which is at the rate of \$2.10 per cental at Portland, and, calculating freights at an average price and other charges, would be equal to 13s per cental at Liverpool, or one shilling more than the highest quotations.

Our market on this coast is really dependent on the home demand, California has no surplus and we are shipping flour there, and the demand there causes the advance here. This state of things will doubtless continue until after harvest, and it is likely that the home demand and the northern trade, with British Columbia, Puget Sound and Alaska, will require all we can spare.

The prospect for the future is good in any event. A miller at Oregon City says he is ready to contract for 20,000 bushels of wheat to be delivered after harvest, and gives his private opinion that if the European war does not take place wheat will still be one dollar a bushel in the fall. The farmers of Oregon have everything in their favor, and they know it, and are bending all their energies to secure a large harvest.

Last week we gave prices at one dollar a bushel here in Salem. There was no excitement at that time, and Mr. Herren was not in the market as a buyer. Friday, the day after we went to press, wheat went up to \$1.07 and has since advanced to \$1.15 per bushel. Salem Mills and W. J. Herren are both in the market at that figure.

As to the remnants of wheat still in first hands, Mr. Kinney seems to think that 20,-000 bushels will reach Salem from the surrounding country, and that there is still 30,-000 bushels to come to the river from Polk FURNISHED county. At the present prices there is every inducement for holders to market their grain.

The Local Produce Market

At Salem wheat still one dollar. European advices show advance and firmness in price, and small stocks to go on, which, with the prospect that war will probably be declared immediately between Russia and Turkey justifies the hope for good prices immediate ly after harvest.

Oats are worth 50@55c; hay in small dedull at not over 30e for any quality; apples 371/4@40c; butter, fresh rolls, 25c per lb; eggs lie per dozen. The general promise is of extraordinary crops and a coming good market, and our farmers may realize next Fall great prosperity.

Portland Produce Market. We copy the following from the Oregonian

of the 19th :

Wheat—The market is very quiet and average quotations \$1 90al 95 per cental.
Flour—Best brands \$5 50a6 00 per bbl.; outside and country brands, \$5.25a5.50; fine and superfine, \$4 75a5 00.
Oats—Best, 60a62 common, 57a60c.
Hay—Choice timothy, baled, \$15a16; loose \$14a15.

Bacon-Sides 12a13c hams, 13a16c; shoulders, 10c. Lard—Oregon-made, fresh, in tins, 13a14cc

pr lb; in kegs, 12a13c.
Chickens—\$2 50a34 50 per dozen.
Butter—22a35c; Cheese, 15a1dc.
Eggs—18 to 20c pr doz.
Potatoes—30 to 35c.

San Prancisco Market. BY TELEGRAPH.

San Francisco, April 17. Wheat-Liverpool prices unchanged, but in New York and Chicago there is a weak feeling in the market. Shipping here quotable at \$2 40a 245; milling, \$2

Oats-\$2 00@2 30. Barley-Browing, \$1 023/a\$1 70; feed, \$1 573/a\$1 65. Legal Tenders,! 64 baying; 93, seiling. Liverpool wheat market to-day-11s td@11s 3d for average California; 11s 9d@12s 0d for Club.

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