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THE WARDS OF THE STATE.

The State charities include three classes of unfortunates who are entitled to the sympathy of the community: the Insane, the Deaf Mutes, and the Blind. The first named—they whose reason is dethroned—receive the unremitting care of competent physicians and attendants...

The Blind constitute an interesting though not numerous class of unfortunates whose senses are bereft of the great delight of seeing nature and participating in the ordinary activities of life.

Still another class receive State instruction—we refer to the Deaf Mutes, whose school has just adjourned for the season and whose closing exercises we have noticed.

Our young man—intelligent and attractive in looks, as are most of these pupils—was not amenable to home influences and would not assist his father on the farm without payment.

This illustrates the value of this school, which is fortunate in having enlisted the sympathies of Rev. P. S. Knight, who during the past year has been principal of the institution and has carried the pupils on to a higher training than they have heretofore received.

It is in discharge of a duty we owe the public that we call attention to the necessity for granting State aid for these institutions and to the several classes of recipients.

Death of Ex-Gov. Abernethy. We regret to announce the sudden death of ex-Gov. George Abernethy, which took place at his residence in Portland, yesterday afternoon, May 3d, in the 70th year of his age.

nethy was one of the pioneers of Oregon, having come to the coast in 1840, in connection with the Methodist Mission. For many years he was engaged in the mercantile business at Oregon City, being head of the firm of Abernethy, Clark & Co., with branches at Oak Point (on the Columbia), and in San Francisco.

At 10 o'clock this forenoon, precisely, the exercises commenced, and the school-room was filled with parents and friends of the pupils, some of the State officers and a number of ladies and gentlemen, friends of education.

The Principal of the school, Rev. P. S. Knight, briefly explained to his auditors some of the difficulties under which the school had been laboring, stating that he had been compelled to divide his pupils into three grades, when he would have wished to have made five.

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PERCHERON STOCK.

Near Ashland, in Jackson county, is the residence and farm (containing 600 acres,) of Mr. W. C. Myer, whose name is now so well known throughout the State as being the introducer of the celebrated Percheron horses.

This gentleman has been engaged for the last thirty years in the business of stock raising, and for the last seven he has applied all his energies to the improvement of draft horses in Oregon.

From careful and continuous examination he became convinced that for that purpose, the Percherons were better adapted than the Clydesdale, or any other of the breeds generally used.

His beautiful white horses excited general admiration when they appeared at Portland, during Centennial week, and also when exhibited at the last State Fair, held at Salem.

And pay the printer's bill! so he is now having a pamphlet printed by Mr. E. M. Waite, of Salem, which will contain all the information he has collected, with regard to stock raising.

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Attention, Horsemen



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WHEAT AND OATS Chopped into Feed, For One-Tenth Toll. Sash, Doors, Blinds, Mouldings, Turning, Stair work, Bedsteads, Bureaus, Stands, Tables, FANNING MILLS, And all kinds of Furniture.

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The Celebrated Thoroughbred Stallion DR. LINDSLEY WILL STAND THE ENSUING SEASON AT SALEM.

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G. W. DIMICK, Hubbard, Marion Co., Or., BREEDER OF Shorthorn & Devon Cattle, BERKSHIRE PIGS, Light Brahma Chickens, Young Stock for Sale.

ROMANCE & ADVENTURE, THE PROPERTY OF WILLIAM CHALMERS, Cornellius, Washington County, the ensuing season, from April 1st to July 1st.

Adventure, The Half-Bred Clydesdale, ONE OF THE FIRST PRIZE FARM TEAM also the first prize three-year-old Draft Stallion at Oregon State Fair, 1876.

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