

WOODBURN, Aug. 12, 1877.

DEAR SIR: In answer to your inquiry about those seedling prunes sent you, I would say: My father has never tried to dry them whole, but they dry full as well as the best by splitting them, equal to Coe's Golden Drop. He has named them the Golden prune.

J. H. SETTLEMIER.

Mr. D. M. Morris, writing from the hills South of Salem, says: From fourteen bundles of wheat I filled out one bushel and 32 pounds. Said bundles were six feet.

R. H. Dearborn, Harness maker, Salem, has extra hands at work making harness to supply the needs of farmers who are commencing to harvest. He does the largest business in harness and saddlery in this part of the State.

S. Friedman, next to Post office, Salem, gives notice that this is the last month goods can be bought of him as he is closing out his stock and will open next month, at his old stand, opposite the bank, in Durbin's block, with an entire new stock of goods.

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

Having found business better than we expected, we have been somewhat retarded in the repair of instruments, as the shipment of the fact was inadequate to the demand. We take pleasure in informing the music loving public that we have arranged for greatly increased shipments and will continue to keep constantly on hand the largest stock of pianos, organs, sheet music, etc., in the city, and we request those contemplating purchasing or others interested, to call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere. Remember the place at the old Overland Store Room, Grosvenor's block, Commercial street, Salem, Oregon.

Respectfully,

G. L. GIBSON & G. L. GIBSON BROS.

TAKE NOTICE.

All persons are hereby warned not to purchase a certain promissory note made by Clarke & Craig, of Salem, Oregon, in favor of Mart V. Brown, of Albany, Oregon, dated about February 10, 1877, for the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, without interest, and payable March 1, 1878 (being the only promissory note, of such tenor, amount and date, given by said Clarke & Craig to said Mart V. Brown), for the reason that payments have been made on same, and there are legal objections to same, which we shall maintain against all holders.

CLARKE & CRAIG. Salem, August 10, 1877.

The San Francisco Bulletin says: The wheat crop in the San Joaquin valley south of the Merced river has been, with few exceptions, an entire failure this year. The farmers have not got back their seed; and what is worse, a great many of them are not able to buy seed for the next year's crop.

The narrow gauge railroad from Seattle to the coal mines on the Black river is a complete success. Trains run it regularly, from 20 to 30 miles per hour. Eighteen cars of coal, averaging 10 tons each, have been run in one train, and in a short time this will be increased to 25 cars per train, with two and often three trains per day.

The Astorian says the cargo of the ship British Army, just cleared for Liverpool, is by far the most valuable cargo ever shipped from the Pacific coast. It consists of 54,475 cases of salmon, valued at \$345,200. The vessel also took considerable wheat. She went to sea with a draft of 21 feet.

The Gravel Post Office Robbed. The Postoffice at Gravel was surreptitiously entered on the night of the 21st inst., and \$25 belonging to the United States, and \$5 worth of stamps stolen. The robbers are known, and warrants have been issued for their arrest. The Postmaster did not miss the amount until the 4th inst., and the lapse of time intervening between the robbery and the discovery, gave the thieves an opportunity to escape.

A Big Lot of Clocks. If "time is money," W. W. Martin is the wealthiest man in Salem, in fact a millionaire. He received yesterday, direct from the manufactory, over 100 clocks of different sizes and patterns, and this morning they are all up and most of them running. If you are in a hurry, step in and listen to the multitudinous ticking of the storesaid new arrivals.

Clothes Stolen. Clothes line thieves are around and paid the back door yard of Mr. John Farrar on Commercial street a visit last night. Several shirts, a number of collars and a good supply of underclothing were taken. Our citizens should be on their guard and take in their washings at night, whether they are dry or not.

To be Amputated. Mr. Richard Mine, living about 7 miles north of this city, and who was injured some time since by a tree falling on him, is to have one of his legs amputated. The time fixed for the cutting is tomorrow and several physicians from this city and Gravel will assist in the painful operation.

Horse Impaled. One of the fine animals belonging to Roe & Co.'s Real Estate bureau, this morning attempting to jump a picket fence surrounding the yard they were loose in, fell on to the fence impaling himself in such a manner that he died in a few moments. The animal was worth about \$150. "No insurance."

Relic Found. Jack Green found this morning, in the vicinity of the Capital saloon, an ancient carpenter's plane that looks as if it might have been brought here by the first Missionaries that pitched their tents on Chemuka Plains. It was turned over to Mr. O. B. Johnson, of the State Historical Society.

Headed this way. The Tom Thumb party of Hippitians et al, at last accounts, were at Marysville, California headed for Oregon overland. The troupe will probably be present at the coming State Fair to delight the crowd that will be on hand at that time.

The State Fair. Mr. Waite, the Secretary, has received the premium program, from James Vick, Rochester, N. Y., to be given on premiums awarded for display of 6 weeks, 1877. Also, show cards for use of exhibitors for the premiums.

FROM COQUILLE.

COQUILLE CITY, July 27, 1877.

ED. FARMER: There is another steam-boat on the Coquille river. She passed down the river yesterday, being "tided" down to Parkersburg, to receive her engine. She is called "Ceres," and is a nobby little propeller about 45 feet long, fitted up in style, expressly for carrying passengers. She has a little "bar" on board, and other modern improvements, and is a regular baby ship.

Aug. 4th. The baby ship, "Ceres" came up the river to-day. Her machinery is in all O. K. She runs like a hen-partridge, and as soon as inspected, will make regular trips. Skiff-pulling is about played out on the Coquille River.

Aug. 9th. Harvesting is in full blast here now. More grain is being raised here every year. The favorite wheat is "Blue Stem" or "Noah's Island." It is raised mostly on bottom land, where winter wheat cannot well be raised; and people are slow in finding out that the up-land raises the best wheat, and finest flavored vegetables. The bottoms can't be beat for grass. Some are raising barley, with good success. Oats do well; Peas ditto.

I went down the river last Sunday, and visited the places of two farmers; both in the bottom. Their houses standing on the immediate bank of the placid Coquille. Such grass, potatoes, peas, beans, onions, and other "truck," as is here to be seen, cannot be discounted anywhere. These men have cut a ditch through the river bank to drain the low lands back which is seven feet wide, four feet deep and two miles long. This cut shows the soil clay below, sand and decayed silt on top. Here one can raise timothy grass that his cows can hide in and it will be green the year around. To be sure these lands overflow more or less every winter.

But the Coquille valley needs people to develop her advantages, and many a man, now with Bunch Grass on the brain, might do well to examine this locality before there comes another hard freeze out winter in Eastern Oregon.

WOODBURN, Aug. 15, 1877.

Harvest is now in full operation in our neighborhood, and wheat is coming in freely. The receipts in Mathiot Bros. warehouse, for the past week have been from 25 to 35 loads per day, and are daily increasing. The wheat is of good quality but has fallen below the expectations of the farmers in quantity. The average is from 15 to 22 bushels to the acre, when it was thought it would be from 25 to 35 by the appearance of the straw, but notwithstanding that our farmers figures have been set too high, the deficiency is made up by large a reape and the amount of wheat in this county will be double that of last year. The oat crop is of astonishing beauty, and surpasses anything in the annals of Oregon. Many fields on this prairie will yield as high as 75 bushels per acre. Some few fields have been threshed, and the yield and quality are fine and abundant. Oregon will have two-thirds more to export than last year.

A. MATHIOT.

The Traveling Fraud.

NEEDY, Aug. 7, 1877.

ED. FARMER. While reading your paper I noticed a piece headed "A Traveling Fraud." Now, will you please describe him, as we think we have him in our neighborhood. One year ago last Winter a man came to our house with a little boy four years old. He wanted a home for his little boy; said that a friend of Mr. Ring's, in Oregon City, sent him to us as it would be a good place, for we had no small children. He told a pitiful story. We kept the child one month. We did not want him any longer. He soon married a whom in this neighborhood, and is now living three miles from Needy. He is always traveling. Says he is fixing threshing machines, for which he claims to be an expert. The neighbors say he is always coming home with plenty of money. No one knows of a machine he has fixed yet. Now the real boy, through curiosity, would like to have a description of this man Crocker, as your paper calls him. Max O. E. RING.

The description given of this man Crocker, by those who have seen him is: about 5 ft 9 in. tall, heavy sandy whiskers, slight build, limps a little and carries a big cane, wears black hat and pants, and light yellow or brown coat and vest, to match his whiskers. He tells a pitiful story and generally says that some neighbor or friend of the family sent him to the house he visits.

THE DALLAS, Aug. 7, 1877.

The following named are the officers of Harmon Lodge, No. 161, The Dallas, Or.: R. Campbell, W.C.T.; Louise McNulty, V.T.; Geo. Watkins, R.S.; Wm. Mitchell, L.S.; Chas. Phillips, F.S.; May Faxon, C.; Frank D. Sanders, P.W.C.T.; Clara McFarland, M.; Viola McFarland, I.G.; Wm. McDermott, O.G.; Frances Sulpes, R.H.S.; Josephine Marsh, L.H.S.; Orlando Morgan, A.S. Geo. Watkins, R.S.

An Eye Put Out.

We learn from Mr. J. H. Albert, who returned from McMinn this morning, that a son of Mr. Holt, living near that place, had his right eye put out yesterday. Sunday morning. The lad was milking when the cow suddenly threw her head around and the tip of one of her horns grazed his eye in such a manner as to forever destroy the sight of it. The boy's escape from instant death was indeed a narrow one.

The Wheat Market.

Wheat went up a peg the very day we went to press last week, too late for us to make mention of it. Buy yesterday's price to \$1.05 per bushel here in Salem. We find no change in quotations elsewhere. The foreign market is as it was, but the advance in this locality is partly because of need for wheat to supply the local demand at Salem mills and partly because of the opposition steamer line putting down freights to \$2.00 per ton, thus making it an object to ship wheat to San Francisco for reshipment there at a saving of 50c or 75c per bushel. In preference to shipping from Columbia river at current freight rates.

The new steamship line is made out of very old material and is an attempt to compel the O. S. S. Co. to purchase the Orizaba and Los Angeles, two of the oldest hulks on the coast, to prevent opposition. We are glad to see cheap passage and cheap freights legitimately effected and yet we cannot but doubt the advantage of such rotten opposition, which is apt to entail very serious loss at times, as in the case of the Pacific, lost off Puget Sound. The O. S. S. Co. have new and commodious vessels that are a credit to this trade and we hope to see them pursue a liberal policy and receive fair support.

New York, Aug. 12.—The Tribune says: Those who expected the war in the east to cause an immediate increased demand for American broadstuffs, as well as an advance in their prices, thus far have been disappointed. England has certainly imported more wheat and flour since Russia declared war against Turkey than before, but Russia at the same time has increased its export of the same commodity to England in a wonderful degree. For instance, the returns of the British board of trade show an importation of wheat from Russia into England during the month of June last amounting to 5,140,000 bushels, while during the corresponding month of 1876 it was only 865,000.

London, Aug. 12.—The Economist in discussing these figures, attributes the comparatively large supplies of wheat received in England from the East to the effect of the war in hastening the dispatch of all available grain from the disturbed territory, some of it coming by rail through Germany by way of Marseilles. That it was the war, the editor of the Economist continues, and not the recent rise in prices which gave this impetus to the export of grain from abroad may be gathered from the fact that the month's imports of wheat from undisturbed countries, notably America, are much less instead of greater, notwithstanding the high prices. Another cause assigned for increased exports from Russia is the depreciation of domestic paper money in that country.

Portland Produce Market.

We copy the following from the Oregonian of the 16th: Wheat—Offering scarce; quotable firm at \$2 per cent. Flour—Best brands \$7.00 per bbl.; outside and country brands, \$6.50; fine and superfine, \$7.75-8.50. Hay—Choice timothy, baled, \$12.15; loose \$10.12. Oats—Best 50c, common, 62c. Bacon—Sides 12.15; hams 12.15; shouldered, 95c. Eggs—Oregon-made, fresh, in 100 tins, 14c; in kegs, 13.14c. Chickens—\$3.00-\$4.00 per dozen. Butter—18.20c; Cheese, 15.16c. Eggs—25c per doz. Barley—Choice brewing \$1.67 1/2; feed, \$1.50 per cwt. Hops—16.17c.

San Francisco Market.

(BY TELEGRAPH.) Wheat—Shipping, \$2.50; 27c; milling, \$2.47 1/2. Barley—\$1.87 1/2 @ 65. Oats—\$1.75. Potatoes—\$1.20 @ 20. Gold—105 1/2; Greenbacks, 94 1/2 @ 95; Silver, 60 1/2 @ 61. Legal Tenders in Portland—buying 94 1/2; selling, 95 1/2. Silver Coin—4 1/2 @ 5 per cent. discount.

SALEM MARKET.

MONETARY. LEGAL TENDERS, buying, 94 1/2; selling, 95 1/2. FLOUR, GRAIN &c. Wheat, best white @ bushel, \$1.05. Oats, @ bushel, 60c. Corn, @ bushel, 45c. Flour, best, @ sack, (42 barrel), \$5.00. Buckwheat Flour, @ bushel, 50c. Bran, @ ton, 15.00. Shorts, @ ton, 10.00. Oil Cake Meal, @ ton, 10.00. Flax Seed, per bushel, 1.00. Hay, @ ton, new, 16.00. baled, @ ton, 15.00. GROCERIES. Sugar, San Francisco refined, @ lb, 13 1/2 @ 14. Crushed, 14 1/2 @ 15. Powdered, 15 @ 16. Granulated, 15 @ 16. Syrup, @ gal, 25.00. Tea, Japan, @ lb, 50.00. Imperial, @ lb, 25.00. Coffee, Costa Rica, @ lb, 25.00. Java, @ lb, 25.00. Salt, Caron brand, per cwt, 1.00. Liverpool, coarse, 1.00. Dairy. Butter, @ lb, 25.00. Eggs, @ doz, 25.00. Apples, @ bushel, 50.00. Peaches, dried, @ bushel, 15.00. Plums, @ bushel, 15.00. Pears, @ bushel, 15.00. Beans, @ bushel, 15.00. Potatoes, @ bushel, 15.00. Onions, @ bushel, 15.00. Cabbage, @ doz, 15.00. FRUITS, VEGETABLES, &c. Apples, @ bushel, 50.00. Peaches, dried, @ bushel, 15.00. Plums, @ bushel, 15.00. Pears, @ bushel, 15.00. Beans, @ bushel, 15.00. Potatoes, @ bushel, 15.00. Onions, @ bushel, 15.00. Cabbage, @ doz, 15.00. BUTTER, EGGS, &c. Butter, fresh rolls, @ lb, 20.00. Eggs, @ dozen, 25.00. Cheese Oregon prime, @ lb, 15.00. Lard, @ lb, 15.00. OILS, &c. Linseed Oil, boiled, @ gallon, 1.00. Coal Oil, @ gallon, 1.00. Lard Oil, @ gallon, 1.00. Nutsfoot Oil, @ gal, 1.00. Tallow, @ lb, 1.00.

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