

WILLAMEITE FARMER.

DEATH OF DR. E. R. FISKE.

There will be genuine sorrow felt in this community when it is known that Dr. E. R. Fiske is no longer with us. He passed away from earth last night, having long been a sufferer of that painful disease, asthma. It is not often that worldlings have the companionship of such a man, unworried in all his accomplishments, unselfish in his aims and without ability to cherishankind. I thought of nothing but the welfare of his fellow men when I was passing towards any of his laws. The world was past him in his race for ambition and good for gain. I just him sometimes but seldom disturbed. He was well informed in many cases of paper feet and found in various cases a great discretion, showing the golden mean in a great physical bulk of thoughts and such. He had his ability to cope with those who strive for success at his expense, for he scorned the common tricks of rascals as well as the false pride of the many.

I am failing that we should remember and emulate his virtues, especially the cheerful humor and kind disposition that made his presence agreeable and profit able to all, and made his own sufferings pass by almost unnoticed. It is used and proper that young people—who were loved by him and who still loved him—shall gather beautiful flowers—beautiful as his—around his urn on his grave and deck his burial. We need not grieve that he is gone, for if there is a home for the blessed soul has entered upon it, and death has been for him a rest.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The Oregon School and College Association of Natural History held its annual meeting yesterday evening. The Secretary reported that the rolls of the Society be the names of—members.

The Curator reported the following specimens at the central museum:

Birds—skins, 163 species, 180 examples; mounted, 163 species, 39 examples; total birds, 200; rep. lips, 30 species, 45 examples; shells—land, 155 species, 309 examples; fresh water, 70 species, 121 examples; marine, 600 species, 1,200 examples; total shells, 1,620; Eggs, 55 species, 231 examples; insects—butterflies, 320 species, 550 examples; beetles, 1,150 species, 2,000 examples; bees, 104 species, 150 examples; flies, 45 species, 70; grasshoppers, 77 species, 108 examples; total insects, 2,225.

The present Board of officers were continuing another year. The officers are—President, Thos Condon, Eugene City; Secretary, P. S. Knight, and Curator, O. B. Johnson, Salem.

A salary of \$500 was voted to the Curator. The Executive Committee was authorized to purchase books and collect ions, which in their judgment, will be for the best interest of the Society.

Adjourned until August, 1878.

OREGON STATE FAIR PREMIUM FOR BASE BALL.

SALEM, Oregon, Aug. 29, 1877.

The Board of Managers of the Oregon State Agricultural Society, offer \$300 as a premium for Base Ball clubs at the coming State Fair, \$200 as a first premium, \$100 as second. Seven base ball entries must be made, or the money will not be offered. Clubs to be governed by rules regulating others who compete for Society premiums. Entrance, 10 per cent, on the gross amount. Clubs to prepare their grounds.

R. M. WATTS, Secy.

The Bonanza.
This fine steamer belonging to the W. R. T. and L. Co., the first boat of that line for the season came in last night in 10 hours from Portland, a remarkably quick run for the low stage of water. This steamer has been rebuilt from the "water up" and is more staunch than formerly, and will prove herself one of the swiftest low water boats on the river. Capt. Tackleberry is in command and the general and thoroughgoing H. L. Hormann is in the office, both of whom will make it pleasant for those who take a trip with them on the "Bright Willamette."

The West Shore.

The West Shore for August is at hand today, and among other good things, contains a large two page "portrait" of the city of Salem. It is engraved from a photograph taken by F. A. Smith, of this city, from the Polk county hills, near Mr. Gibson's. The accompanying sketch of the capital city is in main very correct.

CORRECTION.—Finis D. Prayman, is W. C. T., of Rose Lodge, No. 39, 1. O. G. F., in stead of Francis D., as we printed last week.

The Salem Markets.

Wheat is still quoted at \$1 by our warehouse and mills. The Farmers' warehouse have received 50,000 bushels of wheat already this season; have shipped 20,000, and bought 25,000 bushels. Wheat is coming in slowly at present—owing to the recent rains. Oats are only worth 45 cents per bushel, and but few transactions at that.

Butter and Eggs are scarce and quoted at 25 cents per lb. The demand for fresh butter is good, and there is a great scarcity in our markets.

European Grain Market.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—The *Mark Lane Express* says the weather has been very unusual during the past week, and farmers are considerably delayed in sowing and threshing their wheat, although cutting has been carried on without much interruption. Sun shone again to harden the grain and check a tendency to sprouting. The thunder storms in the middle of last week referred to last week did a good deal of damage, but it is considered the yield of wheat on a few farms will be about average. Reports vary regarding barley and oats, but crops are much improved, and with fair spell of dry weather they would be ready for reaping next week. In Scotland cereals are making an unusually slow progress under the retarding influence of wet weather, but appearances indicate a fair yield of grain although of inferior quality, while there is also a good promise of abundant straw. Turnips and mangolds promise well, but complaints of the potato disease increase. Agricultural returns show the area planted with wheat this year is about 3,100,000 acres. This is about 172,000 acres in excess of last year, but about the same quantity less than in 1876. It also appears that, compared with last year, barley and oats have been sown upon a slightly diminished area. The prosecution of harvest work has been very little business in country markets, but wheat sales are made prices indicate a fall of a shilling per quarter-ton wheat since last Monday. A few lots of wheats

shown in provincial exchanges have been in poor condition and scarcely fit for export, but the condition of the majority of samples off-loaded at Mark Lane Monday last were probably good. Sales were made at £14 for white and £11 for red descriptions. A though no great activity is ever looked for in the grain trade during the harvest time the demand was greater than usual during the past week. owing to enormous arrivals of foreign wheat and oats supplies being numerous and so no week-end and the return Monday last gave over 10,000 quarters. Prices necessarily gave way, so a decline of £2 to £3 per quarter was quite natural Monday on wheat and £1 on oats. Other articles remain without much variation, but oats generally are over weighted by supplies which are pouring in at such a rate that the resources of the various dock companies have been taxed to the utmost to discharge vessels and merchants have been seriously inconvenienced by the difficulty of obtaining grainary room. There are two remaining vessels in operation in the trade at present. Thus it is difficult to forecast what may prove the strongest. On continents America, Russia and Hungary are now favored with abundant crops, while on either the deficiency of horses, France and England, and the blockade of the north-Russian ports and the uncertainty of political events in sea which may during the winter months assume a force greater than at present. The annual pamphlet by Barry and Entwistle on the Monde illus. on the European harvest prospects, says the exports of the wheat harvest in two departments are very good; in six very good; in two, pretty good; in thirty two, poor; and in nine, bad.

Freights and Charters.

The San Francisco *Commercial Herald*, Aug. 23, says:

A few ships have been taken to load when Great Britain during the week at 42 £6 @15, we will find noted below. Several more or ships have proceeded North to Colville River, having been previously chartered and duly noted by me. At this writing we know of no important charters offering for my vessels. If I disengaged tonnage is a key to our requirements with a discouraging outlook for any profitable business this year. The steamers for Hongkong carry cargoes but at low freights. Opposition on the Oregon coast route is very stiff. The steamers carrying freight and passengers at regular rates. At least 100,000, just at hand from Asia rats, we are likely to have quite a fleet of ships here along seeking

San Francisco Market.

[By TELEGRAPH.]
San Francisco, Aug. 27.
Flour—Sipping extra \$145 50; bakers and family, 16 bushels—\$15 50; up-grade, \$4 50 25.

Wheat—The English market is unsettled and fluctuations are expected at this particular period. Within the past few days there has been quite a little stir in freights, which leads us to hope for increased activity in export trade. We quote better grades of shipping at \$2 10 1/2 to \$2 15. The latter extreme for very best. The G. W. Kider arrived to-day from Portland with 8,000 sacks. The market closes Sat. Barley—\$1 20 1/2 25.

Oats—\$1 30.

Potatoes—\$1 30 1/2 20.

Gold—100%; G. on backs, 91 1/2 25; Silver, 62 1/2% discount.

Portland Produce Market.

We copy the following from the Oregonian of the 28th:

Wheat—An incisive market is noted, but good lots could still be placed at \$1 90. Flour—Best brands \$7 00 per bushel; outside and ordinary brands, \$6 50 and superfluous, \$5 75 to \$6 50. Hay—Choice timothy, baled, \$12 15; loose \$10 12. Oats—Best 52¢, common, 50. Barley—\$1 20 1/2 25. Beans—\$1 20 1/2 25; name 12 1/4¢; shoul. 14 1/2¢. Lett—Oregon made, fresh, in 10lb tins 10 lbs, 13 1/4¢. Cucumbers—\$4 25 per dozen. Butter—18 20¢. Cheese, 15 16¢. Eggs—25¢ pr d. Z. Barley—Choice brewing \$1 67 1/2; feed, \$1 50 per cwt. Wool—Dull sales at 23¢ to 25¢.

Legal Tenders in Portland—buying 95; selling, 96.

Silver Coin—45¢@5 per cent. discount.

SALEM MARKET.

MONETARY.

LEGAL TENDERS, buying, 96; selling, 96.

FLOUR, GRAIN &c.

Wheat, best white, 9 bushel..... \$1 00
Corn Meal, 9 bushel..... 9 1/2 00
Flour, best, 9 sack, (1/2 barrel)..... 21 00
Buckwheat Flour, 9 bushel..... 9 1/2 00
Bran, 9 ton..... 15 00 1/2
Shots, 9 ton..... 20 00 1/2
Barley, 9 ton..... 15 00 1/2
Feed Seed, per bushel..... 9 1/2 00
Hay, 9 ton, new..... 10 00 1/2
baled, 9 ton..... 10 00 1/2

GROCERIES.

Sugar, San Francisco refined, 9 bushel..... 13 1/2 00
Island, 9 sack..... 13 1/2 00
crushed..... 14 00 1/2
powdered..... 15 00 1/2
granulated..... 16 00 1/2
Syrup, 9 gal..... 10 00 1/2
Tea, Japan, 9 lb..... 10 00 1/2
Coffee, Costa Rica, 9 lb..... 10 00 1/2
Rice, 9 lb..... 10 00 1/2
Kona..... 12 00 1/2
Java..... 12 00 1/2
Salt, Carmen Island, per cwt..... 10 00 1/2
Liverpool, cut..... 10 00 1/2
dairy..... 12 00 1/2
Ray..... 10 00 1/2

FRUITS, VEGETABLES, &c.

Apples..... 10 00 1/2
dried, dried, 9 lb..... 16 00 1/2
Pears..... 16 00 1/2
Pears, 9 lb per bushel..... 16 00 1/2
Potatoes, 9 bushel..... 10 00 1/2
Onions, 9 lb..... 10 00 1/2
Onions, 9 bushel..... 12 00 1/2

BUTTER, EGGS, &c.

Butter, fresh rolls, 9 lb..... 20 00 1/2

Eggs, 9 dozen..... 25 00 1/2

Chinese Orange prima, 9 lb..... 16 00 1/2

lard, 9 lb..... 14 00 1/2

OLIVE, &c.

Laurel Oil, boiled, 9 gallon..... 1 10 00 1/2

raw..... 1 05 00 1/2

Oil, 9 gallon..... 1 62 00 1/2

Castor Oil, 9 gal..... 7 00 1/2

Nutsholt Oil, 9 gal..... 1 50 00 1/2

Powder, 9 lb..... 1 00 1/2

WOOD, &c.

Shingles, 9 bushel..... 1 00 1/2

Shingles, 9 ton..... 1 00 1