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Value of Good Farming.

No doubt the average yield of wheat in Oregon has been greatly reduced the present year, by the anxiety men have felt to improve the certainty of good prices, by having as large a surplus as possible to dispose of. With this idea men have plowed up much land that was so foul as to imperatively need summer-fallowing, and as a consequence they have cultivated weeds and wild oats to the detriment of the wheat crop. The time has come when good cultivation is needed to insure fair returns. If land is worth \$25 to \$40 per acre, the only show to make it buy interest on its value is to cultivate it well and get certain returns in that manner. In traveling through the upper counties last July we could plainly see evidence of poor cultivation, and now that many of these poorly cultivated fields have been cut and threshed the owners of them ought to realize that in the long run there is more profit and vastly more satisfaction in doing good work and securing good crops as a consequence.

Too many men in this world do a hap hazard business and live from hand to mouth. Some men are never fortunate—which is the term they use for not being successful—and almost invariably the fault is in themselves. They fail to appreciate the need of good management and expect too much from labor, however injudicious. It is true that many feel impelled by necessity to undertake more than they can do well, but there is a wonderful deal of truth in the saying: "What is well done is twice done." This maxim applies with as much force to the affairs of the farmer as to any class of business on the face of the earth.

It is an undoubted fact that if every one limited his efforts to doing only what he could do well, he would have an easier life, a more rational one, and reap much more satisfaction from his efforts. This valley is owned, a great portion of it by men who possess more land than they have use for. It is for the best interests of the people that population shall increase, to permit schools and all social privileges and encourage many other legitimate enterprises. Great farms almost invariably mean poor cultivation and scattered neighborhoods. We do not expect to convince every man who has one or two thousand acres that he could make more money and lead a happier life on 320 acres of good land, well cultivated, but we believe that such would be the case and we hope to make some impression by continually keeping the matter in sight.

Thorough cultivation means good crops of wheat and oats, good meadows and gardens and orchards, and pasture lands of the best tame grasses, instead of which we see large tracts of land and much poor cultivation, with not a really good pasture of tame grasses to be found in a day's ride. If there is one important item of farming that is greatly neglected it relates to the cultivation of tame grasses. The original grasses have disappeared. It is of paramount importance that we investigate thoroughly to ascertain what grasses will support the most stock and then proceed to get our pasture lands in good condition and make them as productive as wheat fields, which is done in England and certainly can be done here.

Snowden Springs.

We yesterday had a call from Mr. C. Snowden, of Snowden Springs, Umpqua, who informs us that he has now taken charge of the boarding house there, lately kept by C. F. Yeaton, and is prepared to provide for the public all comforts and necessities. Mrs. Snowden, who has an excellent reputation as a housekeeper, will preside over the domestic affairs, and the comfort of invalids will be especially cared for. Those who seek for pleasure will find the region charming and healthful, and we have no doubt Mr. and Mrs. S. will meet with general and successful appreciation.

FROM SILVERTON.—Mr. Wm. Glover informs us that the harvest near Silverton is almost over. The fall grain has turned out well, but the yield of spring grain has not equalled expectations. The health of that section is good, and we think that is true of most parts of Oregon, as this has been an unusually healthy summer.

The State Fair.

The time approaches for the holding of the annual Fair of the State Agricultural Society, and many circumstances combine to justify the expectation that the Fair will be largely attended and prove a decided success. The season has been very propitious for growth of crops and also for the general health of our people; prices of all our products are such as to cause general prosperity among the farming community; increased interest is taken annually in the State Fair as a means of growth and improvement of individuals and as an indication of the progress and development of our State.

All these circumstances unite to favor the hope that the people of Oregon will be present next month in large force to participate in the enjoyments of Fair week and we hope they will neglect the duty that devolves on them as producers to contribute towards the exhibit, so that in every department the show will be complete, and a satisfactory proof of the capabilities and renown of our State.

There has always been a lack of interest and enterprise on the part of many who could add greatly to the display if they would bring their products and place them on exhibition. They are apt to leave it to others to make the exhibit, not realizing that it requires the united effort of all to make the display a perfect one and most creditable to our State.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

We congratulate our friends and patrons on the prosperity that rewards the labors of the farmers of Oregon and Washington, and we solicit their continued good will and patronage for our paper, promising them that we will make the WILLAMETTE FARMER all that their support will warrant.

We have purchased a large press, capable of doing much more rapid work, with the intention of enlarging and improving the FARMER whenever our circulation shall increase to justify it.

We have many friends who realize the great necessity and advantage in having an independent and fearless journal devoted to the interests of agriculture, and we solicit the friendly services of all farmers to increase our business and so enable us to work more successfully for their interests.

There is a large immigration coming into the State, and we hope to receive increased support from all such new comers. If our old friends will help us to make new ones, we will reward their services by a liberal commission, and thank them besides.

There are many who are in arrears, some of them for a long time, and we respectfully urge all such to remember us now that prosperity is so general. We dislike to send out duns, and hope that all those will respond without further reminder.

The prosperity of this paper should be an indication of the prosperity of the region it represents. Now, that our patrons have an abundant yield and first-rate prices for cereals and all other products, we hope to receive the general patronage and good will we have always tried to deserve.

The Pacific North West is able to support a good newspaper in the interest of agriculture, and it is our ambition to prove that fact beyond a question.

Once more: We need all the help our friends can give to secure an increase of circulation, and we need all the money that is due us on old account. Those who owe us for more than one year are informed that we do not wish to be forgotten, or to have to send them particular reminders.

Distinguished Visitor.

Gen. T. R. Tannatt, of Salem, Mass., visited this city on Monday, and went on to Roseburg this (Tuesday) morning, with Vice President Kohler, of the O. & C. R. R. Company. Gen. Tannatt came out with Mr. Villard, President of the road, and when that gentleman was taken seriously ill in San Francisco came on to Portland to represent him in business matters and will soon return East, probably to come back to Oregon again in connection with railroad matters. The General is a graduate of West Point, was in the army at the outbreak of the war and was commissioned by Governor Andrew as Col. of a Massachusetts regiment. After the death of Gen. Phil Kearney he was in command of his old brigade; was wounded several times, having been in some of the heaviest actions, and at the close of the war resigned his commission to follow his profession as a civil and mining engineer in Colorado. He visited the University this morning and made an excellent address to the scholars. He is much pleased with Salem, and this city will be fortunate if he carries out his expressed desire to ultimately make Salem his residence. He expresses himself as fully satisfied with Oregon. His present visit to Douglas county is for the purpose of personally examining new discoveries of coal in Umpqua, to which much importance is attached.

THE NEW STEAMSHIP.—It will be noticed that there is an advertisement in the FARMER of a new steamship, belonging to the Oregon Steamship Company, that will leave New York with passengers in January. This fine vessel is to be called the Multnomah; she will be 2,300 tons burden, and well fitted up in all respects to work in the line between Portland and San Francisco. It is the intention of the company, we learn, to order the construction of another, similar vessel, immediately on the completion of the Multnomah. This steamer will bring a thousand passengers direct from New York to Port-

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Notice.

In the matter of the Guardianship of Dee Wright, Orr Wright, and Ella Wright, minor heirs of Joseph A. Wright, deceased.

NOW, on this sixth day of September, A. D. 1877, came R. C. Hamby, guardian of said minor heirs, and presented his petition praying for an order to sell the real estate of said minors in Clackamas county, Oregon, described in his said petition, and it is the opinion of the court that it is necessary and for the best interest of the said minors that the said real estate should be sold. It is hereby ordered and decreed that the next day of October, A. D. 1877, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., and show cause, if any they have, why a license should not be granted for the sale of said estate. Service of this order shall be made by publication in the WILLAMETTE FARMER for three successive weeks prior to the 15th day of October, A. D. 1877. JOHN C. PEEBLES, County Judge of Marion county, Oregon. sept14ms

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NOTICE. The "State Fair Ticket" issued by the Oregon Steam Navigation Co., is sold at full rates to passengers going to the Fair, and is good FOR FARE RETURN. Provided it is presented to Secretary Oregon State Agricultural Society, at Fair Grounds, and stamped with his seal. Tickets not so presented, will not be recognized on return, and the holder will be charged full rates. It is hoped all interested will give the matter immediate attention, and save themselves money and trouble. Customary conditions on tickets by Railroads.

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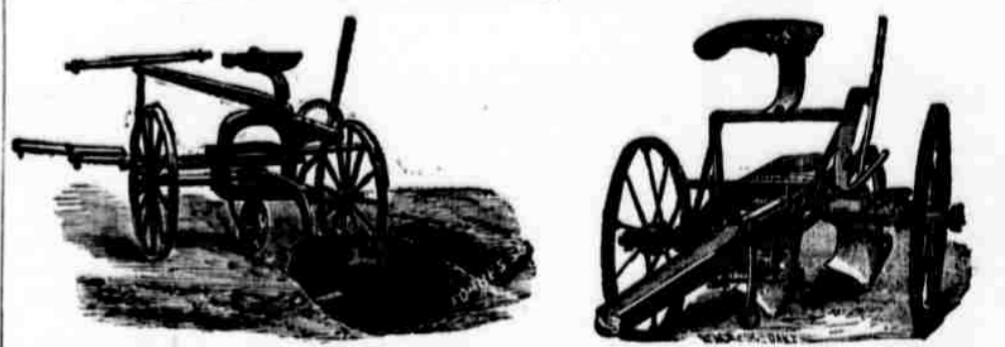
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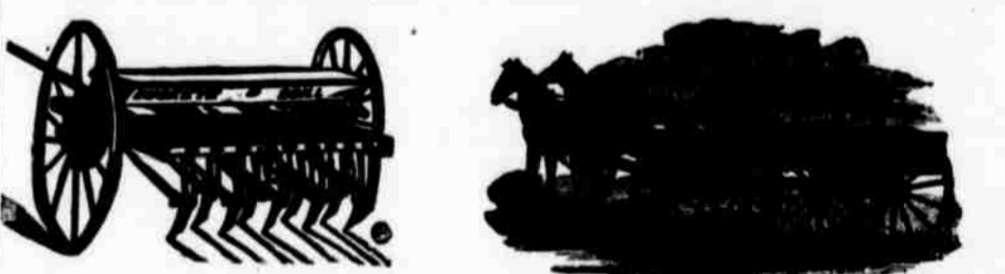


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