

A few Valuable Suggestions.

Ed. FARMER: Reading in your paper I find many letters of inquiry from persons desirous of coming to Oregon, and have been the recipient of some myself, and have heard others say the same. There seems to be a continual inquiry by people from Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, and other states, about Oregon, the reason being that they are tired of that cold, sickly, stormy, and bug-eaten country, and seek our State as a home where they can enjoy health, comfort, and happiness, having seen by the exhibition at Philadelphia that we have in our State, in the way of climate an abundance of everything that is necessary for the wants of man or beast.

We frequently meet with persons sent out by their friends, like those sent by the children of Israel, to visit the promised land, asking for and sending back fruit, wheat, and other products to show their friends in the old home to let them see that these reports are not without foundation. As these men see our fields waving with golden grain and our orchards loaded with fruit, they exclaim: "the half has not been told us," it so far exceeds their expectations that they seem lost in wonder. I find an old friend, from my once home in Iowa, sending fruit back, and wheat to be ground at the mill there, to let his old friends and neighbors have one mess of biscuit from Oregon flour.

Now, Mr. Editor, in view of these things, and the State Fair now approaching, I wish to say to the good people who are coming to the Fair, to bring along such products as potatoes, apples, beets, turnips, wheat, oats, rye, and in fact anything they can to help show what Oregon can produce, even if they do not care to compete for the premiums, and all persons who may contemplate competing bring a duplicate of their exhibit so as to let all new comers who desire, have specimens to send back to friends in the States, to let them see for themselves that the exhibit at the Centennial was not a put up job, but that we can do that right along for twenty-five or even one hundred years if necessary. Now friends, let us all do our best, one and all, to make this one of the best fairs ever held in Oregon.

President Watson tells me we are going to have some one to show the immigrants through the different departments and make a specialty to give them a good chance to acquire the information they have come three thousand miles to get. Therefore, if we have such a country and climate as we claim we have, don't be selfish; there is room for all who want to come and live and not crowd, and seeing them be happy won't we be blessed also; so, come one, come all, and let us have a glorious time at the Grangers camp meeting.

AT THE STATE FAIR.

The WILLAMETTE FARMER will be represented on the State Fair Ground by the presence of one of the proprietors, who will have a desk or staff in some convenient place for the transaction of business of all kinds. Money can be there received for new subscriptions received, advertising contracted for, and any business matter will be promptly attended to.

"THAT HUSBAND OF MINE."—This is the title of one of the most popular books of the present year, a bright, lively charming volume, giving a wife's experience with a very clever and very careless husband, and a love story charmingly mixed up with it. The book comes to us from Lee & Shepard, publishers Boston, and is for sale by J. K. Gill, Portland, Oregon, cost \$1 with cloth binding and 50 cents with paper cover. It is a pleasant thing to have such a book to while away a leisure hour and it is easy to see after reading it why it has had so much popularity.

SURGICAL CASE IN CANYONVILLE.—Mr. J. P. Gilmore's daughter has been suffering for months with a white swelling on her left shin (Necrosis of Tibia), causing profuse running sores, and able to get about only on crutches. On the 15th quite a number of our citizens gathered at the residence of Mr. Gilmore and witnessed Dr. Davis and Dr. Merrie administer chloroform and remove a large piece of bone from the young lady's shin. She now enjoys every prospect of speedy recovery. Dr. Davis is a resident of Salem, and we congratulate Mr. Gilmore on being fortunate enough to secure the services of so skillful an operator.—Roseburg Independent.

FLAX IN BAD ORDER.—Gen. Tannatt, who came down from Seio, Monday, informs us that a great deal of flax laid in the swath in the Forks of the Santiam, where they raise a great deal of flax for seed, and this weather will damage it greatly, as after being wet oil cannot be manufactured to good advantage from flax seed.

Mr. John C. Ball, once merchant in Salem, has turned farmer in earnest, and with the help of his son Will, has raised an excellent crop on his farm near Turner, once known as the C. K. Red place. We can testify to the excellence of his watermelons and cantaloupes.

WHEAT IN UMIQUA.—Mr. J. T. Bradley writes from Yoncalla: The farmers here are nearly done thrashing. There is about fifty thousand bushels of wheat stored here at Yoncalla, but none is sold as yet.

NEXT ELECTIONS.

The next State elections take place October 24, in Iowa and Ohio, where there are full State tickets to elect, including the Legislatures. In the latter State, the Legislature elects a United States Senator to succeed Stanley Matthews. In Colorado, on the same day, is an election for members of the Legislature.

An express train in Russia, carrying 6,000,000 of roubles, has altogether disappeared, without leaving the slightest traces affording a clue as to what has become of it.

Medal and Diploma.

From the Albany Democrat, of last week we take this:

C. P. Burkhardt, proprietor of Burkhardt's experimental grain farm, near this, has just received a bronze medal, forwarded to him for the best display of wheat at the international exposition last year. A diploma has also been awarded him for his display of grain, which, with other diplomas given to Oregon men, have been sent to A. J. Dufur for distribution, and has not yet been received by Mr. B. His display of grain was very fine, and seemed to attract more attention than anything else from the Pacific slope. He had on exhibition twenty-three varieties of winter wheat, seven of oats, three of barley and three of rye. One peck of each was displayed in a small open bag, behind which sat a sheaf of the same variety. This would show the grain itself, and the height and quality of the straw. Mr. Dufur, in arranging the display, put a bag of the large Goose (or Maccaroni) wheat in front of a sheaf of rye which measured nine feet and a half in height, and he says it was very amusing to hear the comments made upon that wonderful rye from Oregon by the people of the eastern states. This display from Linn county accomplished more for Oregon, perhaps, than all the printed documents which have heretofore been circulated in the east, and Mr. Burkhardt is entitled to the credit.

THE MARKETS.

The Wheat Market.

European advices up to the present week, which will be found in this issue, are favorable for the continuance of a brisk demand and the maintenance of good prices. This report is more important because at the present time the English and European harvests are so nearly finished as to enable those interested to form a nearly correct opinion of the results and to predicate opinion of the deficiency to be supplied as well as of the surplus that other countries may be able to supply.

We feel more certain than before that we shall have good prices for wheat through the whole season, and it is not improbable that next spring may see a flurry in the wheat market again that will bring high prices.

The various causes that operate in favor of high prices through the year may be thus enumerated: 1st, the Russo-Turkish contest is to be prolonged and must affect the wheat market more another year than the present one; 2d, there is an actual deficiency in English and continental harvests, added to which the English crop is heavily damaged by storms that have injured the wheat; 3d, the stores of wheat were very nearly exhausted when the harvest commenced, while usually a great amount of wheat is held over from one harvest to another. It was last summer the case with all other nations, as with us, that the excessive price called out the last bushel the producer had to spare, and the stocks in warehouse were closely used up; 4th, freights from the Columbia river rule remarkably low this fall and will probably continue so, as ships are chartered to come here from San Francisco at \$2 1/2 to \$2 1/4 per ton, which is as low as we could possibly expect.

With all these facts in our favor we can reasonably suppose that we have a safe market, even though we have had a decline since last week, Portland offers being \$2 per cent, and Salem figures \$1.65 per bushel instead of \$1.67 1/2.

We need not anticipate any very serious fluctuations of price for the next two months. Our harvest was nearly gathered a week ago, and the rain previous to that time had rendered some wheat that was exposed to the weather unmerchantable, and the severe rain that fell early the present week must have done great damage to wheat uncut or in the shocks, and will be very disastrous if it continues. The present month has been one of the most rainy Septembers of which we have any recollection.

There was little, if any, grain grown in this valley that could not have been cut three weeks ago, and our farmers cannot complain of want of good weather up to that time, and since that time must lay the fault of their losses to the want of machinery sufficient to complete the harvest in good time. Many waited for headers until they were losers by the delay, and we know one farmer whose grain was stacked five weeks while he waited for a thrasher. There are many of them fortunate to escape as well as they have and will learn at least, in the future, to have their grain well stacked as a precaution against bad weather.

We learn of a great deal of wheat badly damaged in this county, some men being large losers, and the worst luck befalling men who do not own machines and depended on hiring their grain cut and threshed.

San Francisco prices have been depressed by so much good milling wheat being received from Oregon, more than was needed to meet the demands for home consumption.

The worst feature of the English market is that there is a greater decline in connection with orders for floating cargoes on this coast than for wheat on the spot, showing that speculation is not confident of the future of the wheat market.

San Francisco, Sept. 25.—The Bulletin, in its comment on my saying "There has recently been more wheat in the wheat market than at any previous time this season. Forwardings have been larger and loading of ships more active. Up to last Saturday night, deliveries for the season were 1,185,000 bushels besides 291,000 qrs. flour. It is true the quantity is not a third of what it was for the same time last year, but the crop is not over half as large. Some of the recent activity is due to concessions in freights."

Mr. James Caird, in his annual letter to the London Times on the prospect of the wheat crop in England, estimates the deficiency at 88,000,000 bushels, a large portion of which, in the present state of Europe, must come from this country. He says: "We must, therefore, look to America for a considerable increase even on her great exports of the last four years, and, if the war in Turkey continues, the vast resources of the United States and Canada will, indeed, be severely taxed to make good the wants of this country and Western Europe."

European Grain Market.

London, Sept. 25.—The Mark Lane Express says the condition of wheat is general-

ly bad. In the north many samples are selling as low as 40s and even less. As the damp weather comes on, the condition of English wheat will render it almost unfit for use, and a large proportion unsalable till Spring. Prospects of next crop are not favorable. It now seems probable we shall receive from India this year only half what we expected; from Egypt also the shipments are on a less extended scale and seem likely not to equal expectations. Russia continues to ship fairly but not largely, as predicted. Shipments from America are liberal, but not excessive. Whether they will become larger in the next few months, remains to be seen, but there is no longer the pressure to sell which there was under the first belief of an enormous crop. The truth of the matter is, the large surplus of the American crop this year begins to be more clearly understood. It may be admitted that there is a surplus of 100,000,000 bushels, yet with the unprecedented exhaustion of stocks throughout the States, the usual exports to other ports, a larger export to the continent, the present moderate prices, and the disposition that growers will naturally feel to hold over such fine quality at such prices, it is not likely the export to Great Britain this year will exceed that of some former years unless prices should advance and offer an inducement to growers to sell more freely.

The Salem Markets.

Wheat is bringing \$1.00 per bushel; oats 47 1/2c; potatoes, 37c; onions, \$1.00; tomatoes, 50c; apples, 37 1/2c; pears, 50c; beans, 33 1/2c per lb; sun-dried apples, 6 1/2c; plums, 10c; 12 1/2c per lb; fresh roll butter, 20c @ 25c per lb; eggs, 22 1/2 @ 25c per doz. Fresh roll butter is abundant and probably will remain so during the fall as the rains will improve the pastures, besides which there is a great amount of packed butter through the country. Hay and mill feed rate as in our last issue.

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We are requested to give notice that a joint sale will be held at the State Fair, at the time elsewhere advertised, of thoroughbred cattle owned by G. W. Dimick and B. E. Stewart and Sons, of Yamhill, consisting of short-horns and Holsteins, in addition to the Short-Horns and Devons advertised elsewhere by Mr. G. W. Dimick. The stock belonging to B. E. Stewart & Sons consists of about twelve head of very choice cows and heifers. The Short-Horns have been bred to Mr. S. G. Reed's fine Short-Horn Bull, "Red Ron Governor." This will be a fine chance for stock-raisers to secure good animals of the different breeds referred to and no doubt many will come prepared to take advantage of it.

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