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Wheat Growing.

Mr. McCulloch, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, says that in the Western and far Western States, the yield per acre is steadily decreasing, excepting on the new land when first cultivated.

There is a great deal of nonsensical misstatements in the writings and sayings of many in the United States, who at the present day attempt to teach the body of agriculturists how to farm. They have one old-time, threadbare complaint of farms being too large; whereas the real fault is that the capital employed is too small, or that the occupier knows nothing about good, self-sustaining farming.

American Books.

England still affects an unfavorable opinion of American literature. In 1820 Sydney Smith sneeringly asked, 'In the four quarters of the world, who reads an American book?'

TURKEY'S INTENTION.

The London Times publishes a letter from Constantinople, written by an English gentleman holding a position of high trust and confidence in the Ottoman empire, which forebodes the terms upon which Turkey will treat with Russia for peace.

ITEMS FROM BUENA VISTA.

Our correspondent at Buena Vista sends us the following news items under date of January 25th:

The fine weather has made our farmers happy, and they are making preparations to commence plowing.

Mr. James Smith and his crew are running a lot of fine logs to your city, from the Luckiamute.

I understand that a man by the name of Tuck and his wife have "split the blanket," by mutual consent. Too much whisky is the cause.

The county seat question is not being agitated just now to any great extent, but "still waters run deep."

The District School under the management of J. T. Fletcher and Prof. Homer, is progressing finely and they are giving general satisfaction.

The population of our little burg had an increase of one last Wednesday morning. The stranger is boarding at the house of J. W. Hobart. He don't like this country very well and occasionally indulges in a few squalls.

The sound of the pottery bell is no longer heard in the land. We long to hear the music of its chimes at morning, noon and at night once more.

The saw mill that is being erected by Mr. Joseph Smith—of the Smith family—will soon be completed. It will have capacity to cut about twelve thousand feet of lumber per day.

It is Mr. Smith's intention after awhile to erect in connection with the saw, a grist mill. The citizens in this vicinity need just such an institution as a grist mill and I feel confident that the mill would do a good business.

Evidently One of Them.

"A rough customer," says the Corvallis Democrat, "supposed to have been with the thieves, in Salem, on the night of the raid by the police force of that city, one night last week, and escaped on to the boat and came up here. He had an ugly gash on the side of the head, and another on his face—evidently having been in a close place. He told several stories as to the cause—but was seen to make tracks away from this city. Look out for such fellows." We will wager a second-hand tooth brush that the man referred to above is the identical "rooster" that John Minto knocked down with his cane the night he attempted to rob Mr. Gray's safe.

Did not Blind Them Over.

The Chinamen who made the assault on the person of Mr. William C. Riggs, in Spring Valley, had an examination before Esquire Pearce, of Eola, last Wednesday, and were discharged. From what we can learn of the affair, the justice did very wrong in discharging the Chinamen, as it was a direct assault, and the Squire so admitted after they were discharged; but did so on the ground that he did not want to bind them over and send them to jail—as they had no money—and ran the county in debt to keep them.

Articles Filed.

Articles of incorporation of the Eugene Real Estate Company, have been filed in the Secretary of State's office, with George Belshaw, Mathew Wallace, P. F. Davis, J. E. Holt, S. D. Holt, R. B. Hayes, Jacob Gillespie and Jas. A. Elbert, as incorporators. The capital stock is \$5,000, divided into ten shares of \$500 each. The principal office is at Eugene City, and the business of the corporation is the buying, holding, selling, and leasing of real estate.

Meeting of the Literary Society.

The different societies of the University held their annual reunion last evening, and a more enjoyable time could not have been anticipated. Quite a large number of invited guests were present. The exercises were of a literary character, and the members who took part in them acquitted themselves with credit. As these joint meetings occur but once a year, of course they are highly appreciated by the different societies.

Hand Sawed Off.

Last Saturday a man by the name of Wm. Sleppy, living over in Polk county, while working about an edger accidentally slipped his right hand upon the saw and literally cut the hand off. Dr. Doane dressed the wound and placed it in as fine condition as circumstances would permit. Mr. Sleppy loses his whole right hand, there not being even so much as a tinger saved.

A Beautiful Light.

The furniture store of Mr. Arnold Myers was "lit up" last evening by gas, manufactured by a machine invented by John Parrott, of this city. The flame produced by this machine is beautiful, and does not dazzle the eyes. The cost of this light is but one dollar and a quarter per thousand feet. As you pass by the store, drop in and take a look at it.

ROBBERY AT GERVAIS.

GERVAIS, Jan. 24th, 1878. Burglars broke into the store of S. L. Gaines last night and took between 60 and 80 pairs of pants, two pistols and a fine coat. The loss amounts to between three and four hundred dollars. M. M. P. S. Parties are on track of the robbers.

Closed.

The Buena Vista pottery has again been closed, by the sheriff, we understand. Mr. C. H. Myers' lease of the establishment having expired.

One of the workmen at Oregon City engaged in repairing Dement's building found a copy of the Chronicle and New York Cadet dated May 10, 1851, between the ceiling, where it has laid over 25 years.

A man, supposed to be the fugitive Grayson, who escaped detective Cherry, a few days ago, in Portland, is thought to have been seen on Saavie's Island.

A ship of fifteen hundred tons measurement, the largest ever built on the Sound, will be constructed at Seabeck, on Puget Sound, this season. There are yet 60,000 bushels of wheat in the granaries between Sheridan and McMinnville.

Recorder's Minutes.

This morning at the hour of the town clock over which is presided by a woman with sore eyes, had just reached the hour of ten, when officer John Minto introduced to his Honor, the person of John Rogers, who took a seat beside the table and commenced whirling his hat on the tip of his finger. "This is the first time that we ever had the pleasure of beholding the carrot-colored hair of yours and the wart on your left ear; you say you are a stranger in a strange land without friends or money, and no visible means of support; you have walked the streets of Salem until your boot heels are almost worn off; the base of your pantaloons look as though you had been sitting on the ragged edge of the sidewalk; in fact, you are charged with that miserable crime, 'vagrant.' Yes, Mr. Rogers, that is the charge, and I shall see that you exert the energies that the Lord hath given you by sawing wood for the city for five days." The door closed upon him, and his Honor was alone; and shortly afterward the sound of the saw was heard in the wood-shed, making about three strokes to the minute.

LETTERS AND PACKAGES.

The following is a list of letters and packages in Wells, Fargo & Co's office in this city uncalled for:

- Rev. Atkinson, D. D. Minnie Gleason, Hugh Fields, Geo. Boharmon, J. Foster, David Wheelan, J. Stanfield, W. Green, Merrill Lane, H. Paulsen, G. Simmons, O. M. Vail, D. H. Volder, Wm. Wright, Birdie West, Miss M. E. Young, H. Shoemaker, G. W. Hunt, A. Prescott.

Who Owns It?

A few days ago a lady on Piety Hill was on her way down to the city and in passing near a barn a little bullock of about eighteen months or two years old became enraged at the dress the lady had on, it being red, and he came at her on the charge, bellowing and throwing his head. Fortunately there was a board fence near at hand and the lady went on top of that fence in the twinkling of an eye, and only in time to prevent being gored by the bullock. A noted expounder of Blackstone happened to be riding past that way, and after several attempts he succeeded in driving the infuriated animal away. This is the second time that we have heard of a like occurrence in that portion of the city, and doubtless by the same beast. Whoever he belongs to, the owner had better do something with him before he hurts some one and is killed for it.

It Might Have Been Worse.

Mr. Henry Myers, who lives near Dallas, in Polk county, took his gun out to shoot some ducks that had "lit" near his place. The gun had been loaded for some time, and when Mr. M. fired the barrel bursted, one piece of it striking him on the cheek, and cutting a severe gash. Fortunately Mr. Myers sustained no other damage, with the exception of a good scare.

Notice to Our Citizens.

The clerk of this School District, J. W. Cox, began taking the census within the city limits, this morning. The enumeration includes ALL in each family between the ages of four and twenty years, whether attending school or not. Heads of families will please bear this in mind when called upon. As our apportionments from the State and county funds are based upon this report, it is necessary that every person of school age be on the list.

The "Heathen Chinee."

The inhabitants of the Flowery kingdom in this city, are making great preparations for the coming Chinese New Year, next Tuesday, when our citizens may prepare themselves with a small wad of cotton to stop up their ears from the continuous rattle of fire crackers and Chinese bombs. This state of proceedings will last about one week. It's fun for the Chinamen but lightning on the American citizen.

No Rubbin' it out—Not Gwine to loabe dis Worl' ter Play Snow Ball.

Since the different papers of late have been discussing whether or not there was any hell or eternal punishment, we overheard a couple of gentlemen of African descent—father and son. The old man is a consistent church member whom we shall call "old Tom," and while our clergyman and other theologians are wrestling with the devil and other kindred subjects "old Tom's" conclusion may have some weight. While they were resting from work yesterday noon, in the shop, Ned said: "I heah'd er white man reedin' in de paper dis mornin' dat folkes wuz battin now wheder dere wuz eny hell or not?" "Shucks," said old Tom; "you'ae got dat wrong cend fostom, sho!" "No sah; dat wuz what he red in de papers?" "Whedder dere wuz any hell?" repeated Tom. "Yes sah, whedder when er man give out up heah, he went ter hell, or jess dissolved ter duss agin?" "Looker heah! I dont want no 'spute wid nobody, but ef enny man come a foolin' round me wid dat sorter skrippter he's gwine ter heah me git up yonder inter shoutin' tones!" said Tom. "Why is dat?" "Kaise taint gwine ter do; yer jess make er nigger blebe dar ain't no heaharter an see what yer comes ter. Ebery secon' house 'ell be a court house, an' de houses twixt 'em 'ell be jale houses. Hita mighty hard ter keep 'em strate now. Wids de sheriff an' hell bofe 'fore dar eyes!" "Den you'ae on de side ob de fish an' brimstone?" "You'ae right honey! Ef you tink you'ae gwine to lebe dis world ter play snowball some whar, you'ae rong. Dar's er warn place jess beyant heah fer de danigers of dis hell business an' chicken-lifters generally, ese I'ae gwine ter swap my hynna book fer er pack er kyards.

A dry-goods clerk at Muscoda, Wis., was engaged to two girls at the same time, and made desperate love to each. But love, like murder, will out; the girls became aware of his perfidy, and like girls first attempted to scratch his eyes out, and then united in an everlasting bond of union to seek revenge. Purchasing a revolver apiece, they waited on him at his place of business, the other day; he lit out of the back door and has since kept himself locked in his boarding-house apartments.

TAXES.—Treasurer Brown says that the several counties are paying into the treasury their quota of taxes more promptly than ever before.

Let the People Rejoice.

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