Scro, March 30, 1878.

Editor Willamette Farmer: You will confer a great favor by pudlishing the following proclamation of the Master of the National Grange. WM. CYRUS.

Proclamation.

MONTICELLO, MINNESOTA, March 8, 1878.

WORTHY PATRONS: This day I am officially notified by the Secretary of the National Grange that the amendment reducing membership fees for men to three dollars, and for women to one doller, has been incorporated into our organle law, and that the amendment giving States an increased number of votes has been rejected.

SAMUEL E. ADAMS, Master. Re-proclaimed by WILLIAM CYRUS, Mas-

ter Oregon State Grange.

In Memoriam.

BUTTE GRANGE, No. 148, P. of H., WASHINGTON COUNTY, March 20, 1878. Whereas, Death has removed from our midst our brother, Charles M. Wood, there-Resolved, That in him our grange loses

an efficient and faithful member. Resolved, That we tender to our brother, E. Wood, and Sister A. M. Wood our heartfelt sympathy in this sorrow and bereave-

Resolved, That our hall by draped in mourning for the usual time, in token of respect to our deceased brother. Resolved, That the FATMER and Oregon-

ion be requested to publish these resolu-

M. RICHARDSON. Committee. W. C. HICKLIN, Sec.

Waitsburg Grange No. 1, P. of H., meets the third Saturday in each month. This grange has among ite members some of the most substantial farmers in this part of the country, and a good degree of interest is be-ing manifested in its meetings. At the reg-ular meeting in January, the following persons were publicly installed as officers for the ensuing year: M., A. G. Loyd; O. J. Paulson: L., D. J. Storms; Sec., Mrs. S. J. McKinney; S., A. N. Boothe; Chap, R. L. Dashill; A. S., J. W. Highland; P., Mrs. L. Loyd; F., Mrs. M., G. Stearns; L. A. S., Mrs. Lizzie Brown. Bretheren of the Order in good standing are invited to make themselves known in passing through the coun try. I almost forgot to say that Bro. Elder G. W. Richardson formerly of Salem gave an excellent lecture on the benefit and ad-vantages of the Grange. This and the boun-tiful dinner provided by good sisters were

highly appreciated by the grange and their guests. R. L. D. Waitsburg, W. T.

Obituary.

Died, at Baker City, Baker county, Oregon. March 20th, 1878, M. A., wife of C. M. Foster. Sister Foster was a respected and esteemed member of the Patrons of Husbandry; charter member of Boker City Grange and the first delegate sent from this county to the Oregon State Grange. She leaves t husband and two children besides many relatives to mourn her loss. The family has the sympathy of many friends in their sad

The active working Granges in Tennessee now number 566 with a membership ranging between 12,000 and 15,000. Four years ago the Granges numbered 1,107, with a memberabip of about 80,000. Of the entire number of Granges organized, 100 never held a sec ond meeting. Prominent Grangers say that the order is now in much better working order than heretofore, with the prospect of more effectively carrying out its original object—the cultivation of social intercourse and the advestion of farming class.

the Misouri State Grunge, and a prominent and onusually efficient member of the Na-tional Grange, is a great loss to the order, not only of his own state, but that of the country at large.

LONG TOM, Mar. 27. Mn. Epiron: I thought I would write up a little incident which happened to me on Friday March 22. It was a lovely Spring little birds were chirping merrily in the grove; the piping of the quail was heard from the thicket. Everything seemed wrapped in the glories of Spring. I took my gun and walked out in search of a deer. Having bunted without success until hun-ger reminded me of a lunch which I had carried along, I stopped beside a sparkling brooklet to dine. After dinner I lighted my pipe and lay me down upon the green grass to enjoy a good smoke. "Old Soi" stood about midway in the heavens while he shed his soothing rays upon the verdant robed earth; the little brook babbled gaily as it flowed down the mountain toward the river, the birds sang sweetly in the trees.

The beauties of spring were prominent all around ite. As I lay there watching the smoke from my merschaum mount in spiral columns towards the heavens, I was thinking how pleasant to be alone with nature and my pipe. I raised my eyes to behold the surrounding beauties, when to my great astonishment I beheld a buge panther not more than thirty feet from me. crouched, and seemingly just ready to spring v. in ma. I grasped my rifls and sprang to my feet: I wood horror struck for a mement, then slowly the faithful piece went to my five and as the report reaced from chill to chilf and from tree to tree, the leasten missile spot directly to the animals heart. It was a fatal shoot; he spreng directly toward me and fell a lifeless mass at my very feet. So ended the hie of the largest panther I ever saw. Being a man whose veracity is questioned by some persons on Long Tom, I would invite all doubting per sons to call at my house and see the largest hide ever taken from one of the feline race on the waters of the Long Tom. D. W. TAYLOR.

ALBANY WILL CONTRIBUTE -Last Monday some of our heavy men were talking to-gether about the Rrownsville Narrow Gauge Railroad, when one of them spoke up and d he would give \$2 000 towards it. An immediately said he would give \$1000, was followed by still another gentle-

> yery good start for a subscription.
> |r probable that all our moneyed iberal as those we have men Democrat. er from Yakima W. T 1878: On the 16th Haukine, a boy of an Atlatum creek aworb saw

said he also would contribute \$1000.

A Little More on the Grass Question, with a few Suggestions on Civil Service Reform.

Editor Willamette Farmer:

The discussion of the question of the identity of Velvet grass with Mesquite grass, during the past winter, led the writer to make inquiries in Clatsop county as to whether seed of the former-which, so far as I have yet been able to learn, is the same that has been recently circulating under the latter name-could be got in Clatsop county, and I received the following in reply upon that subject from Mr. R. J. Mor rison, of Skipanon:

DEARFIR: Your letter making inquiries about Velvet grass and was received some days ago. The grass can be had here of al most any one. Mr. Carnahan has quite a supply, so also has Mr. Chas. Ward. I have experimented a little this winter with that kind of hay. I fed three cows in the stable with that alone (except what grass they could pick), and they are fat enough for beef. I also fed a bull on Velvet grass, and let him stay out all winter, and he is now fat. Of course, I gave them all they wanted twice a day; as we can raise plenty of it, we can afford to feed it in plenty. It may not make as good hay as Timothy, but we can be sure of plenty. I have noticed that when we used to depend on Timothy we generally lost quite a number of cattle every spring, and since the farmers have raised this kind hay there has been but a small loss. do not know anything of Mesquite grass.

During the discussion, you, Mr. Editor, wrote to Hon. Richard Williams, and Mr. E. M. Waite, Secretary of the wrote to the Department of Agriculture, at my suggestion, for seeds of the received the card addressed to him, and gave the subject his prompt attention, and the Department of Agriculgrass seeds, in the ordinary thin musby Mr. Williams.

that the trial of grasses best suited to the climatic conditions of the Pacific coast from San Diego to Puget Sound has been a common theme for the agriby him for a quarter of a century, and still used, with this direction plainly printed on the package:

"The object of this distribution is to diss minute new seeds and extend those that have proved of sectional value. It is there-lore indispensable that the Commissioner be advised of the results of experiments."

I am sorry to say that, in my judgment, the management of the Departold stock and am breeding the pure Berkment of Agriculture ought either to wake up or shut up. Its officers either shire, and I have a male now of a late imto study the climatic condition of the extended and diversified area of our in America. He is the finest breeder I entire country, so as to be able to assist | have ever seen and I think him the finest the development of its different divis- | hog upon this coast, expect to show him at ions, or it may better be closed, and next State Fair. Last State Fair his pigs the expense of it saved to the nation. took two thirds of the Berksbire premiums. In the infancy of the WILLAMETTE My friend Hunt said: "Cross has good Berk-FARMER, I suggested that some man sbires," but I wish here to admit good feed from this coast who knows by experience that a portion of the Union lies cannot advise anyone to try blood without west of the Alleghany mountains, care and attention. We can yet improve; I should have a place at one of the desks can see a decided improvement in mine in in the Department, so that its man- two years. morning, the sun rose bright and clear; the agers, if they have not time to read, might be conveniently told, the condi- and had a reputation second to none. I will tion and wants of agriculture herc .-But, Mr. Elitor, I now think that the Department has distributed very common varieties of field and garden seeds and my next was from Gov. John P. Gaines, long enough. J. MINTO.

Waitsburg, W. T.

Touchet River, (pronounced "Too- them a ld them in Victoria fer \$125 each. shay,") 19 miles from Walla Walla, surrounded by a rich and fertile district improve them four hundred pounds? Well, of country, and an industrious and prosperous community, and is the center of a large trade, being on the direct and gave it the best of attention. I purroute to the Pulouse, Spokane, and the chased of him every season until his death, vast region north of Snake River. It and at four years old his best steers would has a great many advantages, and the' dress one thousand pounds. That was the its growth has not been so rapid, its improvement has been permanent, Daily stages connect with Walla Walla, Lewiston and Colfax, and telegraphic communication with the world. Quite | 2 100; be was again put upon the scales after a number of persons have taken up having been driven to Portland and claims this season on the bunch grass pulled down 2000 and his four quarters of hills close to town, and as far as they beef net weight was 1.400 only shrinking have been tested, these hills produce better than the bottom lands. There is still considerable vaca it land, in from two to eight miles from town. Improved land sells for from five to twenty dollars per acre, prices tending upward. Produce is low, wheat 50 cents per bu. The farmers in this part of the country lost heavily by not getting the'r wheat off last fall, we hope that the means of transportation will be better this fall, and that grain will not have to lay at the depot grounds at Walla Walla for six weeks exposed to the weather, as was the case last year. The O. S. N. Co. are preparing for the fall rush, and claim that they will be able to meet the de-

mand. So may it be! R. L. DASHIELL.

Lindsay De Lasmutt, indicted for robbing a sale in charge of Geo. A. Sheppard at Sheri dan, Yambili county, last November, was tried at Lafayette last week, and on Saturday the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty." Breeding Hogs and Cattle.

I will now relate my experience in breed-

Editor Willamette Farmer:

ing my stock and the remarkable improvement. First I will here state how I got up the celebrated "Cross bog," well known all over this valley, and as well liked. A great many have acknowledged to me, since the introduction of the different breeds, that my old stock was as good as any they have got since. First purchase was in the spring of 1853, a coal-black sow purchased from W. S. Barker; next sow also coal-black, from he proprietor of a certain grocery in Salem called after the sow, "black sow grocery." My male was caught in the woods; I caught nim in the brush behind the Institute; i saw him at different times through the winter and tried to find an owner, but could not, and in the spring of '54 found him behind the Institute and we run him down on foot and caught him. He was so very poor it was not hard to do. I never found an owner. The pigs I showed at the first State Fair and our first County Fair were pigs of the aforesaid black sows and the woods'hog. At our first County Fair the Hon. Samuel Brown came to me and asked me where I got such fine hogs; said he had sent East and paid fifty dollars each for pigs and they were not as good as mine. I asked Mr. Brown if he would accept a pair of those pigs and put them in the pen with his imported ones; that all I would ask for them was to (48 Ralph Geer says) experiment with them, give them the same keep and prove them. Next spring I went to see them and found Oregon State Agricultural Society, them far superior to his imported ones and Mr. Brown said they were much easier kept and much the best. By careful selections in real "Mesquite" grass. Mr. Williams five years I had them almost entirely white; cecasionally one with a few black spots. This calls to mind an incident worth relating: I had one superior spotted sow a very choice one with me and I repeatedly refused ture sent four packages of Orchard to price her. One time the energetic and enterprising farmer, Mr. Jesse Parish, banterlin quart sacks, to each party named ed me to price her, but I told him she was not for sale. He replied: "price her high' Now, Mr. Editor, in view of the fact | so I thought I would bluff him and I priced her at \$50, and he pulled out the money and took her to his home near Albany, and the first litte: he sold one hundred and twentyfive dellars worth of pigs and kept two. Such was the reputation of the "Cross hog." cultural press of Oregon and California My next male hog I got was from Mr. Dove, for many years, and that this particular living near Eola, a spoited pig. I saw him "mesquite" has received its full share in the road and after much enquiry I found of attention, I submit to yourself and he belonged to Dove. I gave him \$10 to readers if it is not trying to a man's deliver him in Salem, and he tied a string to rain. patience to receive a few packages of his leg and drove him before him. My a variety of grass that has been tried next purchase of a male was from W. S. Ladd, Portland, a Barkshire that came from New York, for which I paid him \$125. He was a grand accession to Oregon and would have been chesp at one thousand dollars. I bred him seven or eight years. The next was the importation of 1871, which I purchased from the best breeders in Canada and Illinois. I found them much more suitable for first class quality of bacon suitable for San Francisco market, and killed off all my

must be mixed with good breed. There is undoubtedly one half in feed and care, and My cattle have been noted far and wide give my start in them and show an improvement of four hundred pounds per bead. My tiest purchase of Durhams was from Mr. James Watson, deceased, of King's Valley, deceased, a cow and a bull call imported from Kentneky. From them I raised the best lot of steers upon this coast. I showed at one time fifty upon the Fair grounds, This is a beautiful little town on the which many will remember, and after I fed Some of my critics will say how did you let us see. Mr. James Watson was in my opinion one of the very best of stock men in Oregon, and bad one of the best stock farms heaviest weight I got from him, and I got them up to 1,400. I sold one to A. H. Johnson, Portland, for Christmas bref. We put him on scales in Salem; he pulled down

> thirty-two per cent. Next I sold one to Mr. T. B Newman, now living in Delias, net

> weight 1,400; he then kept market in Salem

and killed him for a Christmas beef. Next

and not least was the Oregon baby, which I sold one half interest to Mr. T. B. Nawman

for five hundred dollars and Mr. Nasman

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nerd. I raised none so good as from my old stock, and I am satisfied they were the best berd on the Pacific Coast.

I am now upon my Mill Creek farm and have started to improve and build up another herd, and though smitten I am not disecuraged. I am starting a few Merino sheep and the sheep men may expect to hear from me. I have got a few calves from Hon. M. Wilkins, a cross of Devon and Durham, and I will give you a description of Mr. Witkins cattle shortly. Yes, I am converted. Those best acquainted with me know I did not like the Davon nor the Merino sheep, and I was more stupid than Ralph, I did not like to

experiment. In conclusion I will mention a circumstance at the S ate Fair. I was put upon the commlitee on best abeep for wool and mitton. T. L. Davidson objected, said I was prejudiced against Merino, but I served and was requested by the balance of the com-mittee to cast first vote and I gave it to Merino. When I met friend Davidson he remarked: weil. I am glad you can lay aside your projudices. Mr. Editor I am much encouraged by receiving letters from readers asking for information upon stock and said my letters was read with much in-terest, and if I can add anything that will advance the interest of your readers I shall be glad and will take pleasure in answering any inquiries any of your readers wish to ask. I will try and give you the notice of Hon. M. Wilkins stock next week as it is due him and the people, and I shall do it with great pleasure.

THOMAS CROSS.

ED. FARMER: Please publish my report of eggs laid by 43 hens during the month of March: Whole number, 684; and I will say that the two Plymouth Rock pullets laid 31, making in all for January, February, and making in all for January, February, and ex ship brought about a slight reduction lin March, 1000 eggs, in 90 days, which I consider the value of this class of grain. Russia is LUTHER MYERS.

PORTLAND, March 14, 1878. LUTHER MYERS—Dear Sir: Received the eggs you sent me Feb. 16, and set them the same day, 13 P. Rocks. All hatched March 8.h. Yours truly, Mrs. J. Heiney.

IRVING'S STATION, March 22, 1878. LUTHER MYERS—Dear Sir: The 13 Golden Spangled eggs you sent me, one was broken on arrival. We set them March 1st, and on March 21st 10 batched. They were all strong, nice, healthy chicks, and true to mark.

Yours, with kind regards, L. G. BELKNAP.

SEATTLE, W. T , March 29, 1878. ED. FARMER: We have had a warm win-ter here, and a wet one. Rain, rain, rain, nearly all the time and very beavy winds, Vegetation is forward and people are planting on up-land. Cherries, plums, and pears have been in bloom for the last week. I should like to ask Mr. Wm. Alkire, if they irrigate and if they raise corn in the Palouse country, we are two or three families that 1861. are going over the mountains the coming summer and would like to know the truth. We want a prairie farm and not so much RUTH JONES.

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Young HENRY .- Mr. James Richards advertises his fine draft stallion, Young Henry, which comes of good stock for the breeding of excellent work horses, the kind we have great use for in this State.

DIED.

At Marion Station, Marion Co., Oregon, December 8th. 1877, of typhoid f-ver, Effle, youngest child of Emanuel and Jane Metzger, aged 3 years, 4 months, and 9 days.

Our Effic has gone To the beautiful land, How sudden came death To take ber away; How swift the glad spirit Obeyen the behest, And entered the heaven The home of the blest. How sad are our bearts

As we miss her dear face, And know that no more She shall fill her own place. Our Effin has risen Above earth and sin, The home of the Angels Has welcomed her in.

Jefferson, Oregon. N. L. METZGER. March 27th, 1878, at her home, near Turner, Ida Denyer, aged 13 years, 10 months, 15 days. The bereaved family have the sympathy of their many friends in this their hour of trial, but

Let us be comforted to know, Only the body lies below, Within the grave that bannts us so

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THE MARKETS.

We hear of a further decline in breadstuffs at Liverpool, but our home buyers continue to pay a dollar a bushel here for the use of millers. No wheat of consequence is now being shipped, and no tonnage in the river, unless recently arrived at Astoria.

The decline in Liverpool shows that the general faciling there is that concessions will be made to avoid war, flerce as the English feeling is at present.

Oats are depressed and dull sale. Forty gnis per bushel would be an extreme price to pay, here at Salam, for shipment, though 45 may be paid to satisfy the local demand.

Hay continues at \$16 to \$18 per ton. There is plenty to be had down on the Columbia river.

Coun'ry produce rates as follows with Salem merchants: Potatoes, 65c per bushel; butter, 20c to 25c per pound; eggs, 15c per dozen; bams, 12c to 14c per pound; shoulders, Se to 9e per pound; sides, 11e to 12e per pound; lard, 10c to 12c per pound.

European Grain Market.

London, April 1 —The Mark Lane Express says reports concerning the wheat plant from all parts of the kingdom continue satisfactory. The country trade is steady but not active. The provincial markets are scantily supplied with home grown grain. Im-ports of foreign wheat into London bave been liberal. A pressure to sell American wheat auxious to dispose of her produce, and with her and America competing it is difficult to see whence trade is to derive strength to ensele prices to hold up. India may be dis-regarded fer the time, as she connot ship much wheat until the new crop is gathered, but Germany has been steadily exporting to this country

Politics have once more monopolized the entire attention of the trade. With fair arrivals at ports of call, the floating cargo trade for wheat is firm. Owing to a more unset-tled state of political matters prices advanced 2 to 3 shillings per quarter. The contin-tinental demand continues; Maize improved 94 to 1s per quarter. Barley ruled firm at 6d

per quarter advance Liverpool, April 2.—Breadstuffs quiet: wheat 9×10-3@10×1d for red western spring; 11s 6 1@12s 6d for California club. Receipts of wheat the past three days, 58,000 quarters; American, 54,000.

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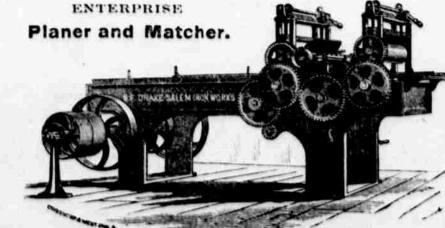
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for tive hundred dollars and Mr. Nasman exhibited him in San Francisco and at Sectamen o State Fair and after he had done showing him sold him for \$900 to the butcher; his weight was 3,100 live weight, and at the California State Fair he was soknowledged by all to be the best animal they ever saw. Some of the large breaders from Kentucky said they had seen most of the premium cattle of the States and acknowledged him the best they ever saw. I forgot to state that four of the lot I sold Robt. Hutchinson in Victoria dressed over (1,400 each.) I then imported Illinois and Helchiena around the Horn, bred by J. H. Spears, Illinois. Now, Mr. Critic scrutenise this and say if I may not venture to give a little humble advice. Ralph Geer may think I am slighting him if I do not name a purchase frem him of Grand Admiral, price \$1,300, but Admiral did not improve my TEAM ENGINES, SAW MILLS, GRIST MILLS, REAPERS, PUMPS, AND ALL KINDS of machinery made to order. Machinery repaired at short no ice. Pattern P aking done to forms, and all kinds of Brees and Iron castings furnished at short notice. Also, manufacture forms, and all kinds of Brees and Iron castings furnished at short notice.