

ORCHARD GRASS.

BY ALEXANDER HYDE. We have recently been cutting a two-acre orchard lot of orchard grass...

As to the quality of orchard grass, we prefer it for horses to timothy, and, if cut early, cows and sheep eat it with avidity...

That the readers of The Times may not rely upon one authority solely, we will quote what Secretary Flint, of the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture, says of orchard grass...

Judge Bull, the founder of the Albany Cultivator, and a man of close discrimination in agricultural matters, says: "The Orchard grass is one of the most valuable and widely known of all the pasture grasses..."

Mr. Sanders a practical Kentucky farmer, says: "My observation and experience have induced me to rely mainly on orchard grass and red clover mixed."

With such authorities in favor of orchard grass it would seem that nothing more need be said; but these authorities have been before the country for years, and still we see comparatively little of this grass cultivated...

Table with 2 columns: Item name (Albuminoids, Fatty matters, Starch, sugar, &c., Woody fibre, Mineral matter, Water) and Percentage (4.00, 9.00, 13.30, 10.11, 1.60, 70.00).

Total.....100.00 When dried at 212 degs., orchard grass gives 43.53 per cent. of albuminoids or flesh forming material, while dry timothy gives only 11.36 per cent.

and afterwards in an open field, and now it is to be found all over the farm, self sown, as farmers say, but probably the seeds were scattered by birds, or carried out in the top dressing...

Mr. L. F. Allen, in a recent article in the Country Gentleman, speaks of having grown orchard grass for 40 years on the same spot, and of its producing as well now as ever...

In stocking with this grass we recommend a liberal allowance of seed, at least two bushels to the acre, and it should be very evenly scattered, as the grass is inclined to grow in bunches...

Items from Union County.

Mountain centinel. Two Blacksmiths in Union, who had the contract for shoeing Captain Miles' horses, struck a "fat take."

Travel has been resumed on the Meacham road, although it is not considered perfectly safe, as small detached bands of Indians are thought to be scouting all through the mountains.

W. E. Minor, of the Cove, was suddenly taken very sick on Sunday last, from an unknown cause, but the general supposition was that he had, while eating raspberries, swallowed a poisonous larva.

Not a freight train has passed for over two months. The terrible fate of Smith, Myers, McLaughlin and McCoy has had a blighting effect on the freighting business in this route.

On the steamship Great Republic arrived 1,500 rails, and the locomotive Progress, for the Dayton and Dallas railroad, besides a large quantity of fish plates. The locomotive was lowered to the dock yesterday morning in good order, and placed on the steamer McMinville, and was no very easy job, as the engine weighed ten tons.

Mr. T. H. Cox received a letter from his daughter yesterday containing the startling intelligence that Mrs. Cox was severely hurt by a log rolling over her, and requesting him to come there immediately.

The commissions of the following officers were made out yesterday, and signed by Gov. Chadwick, with the seal of the State placed thereon: J. L. Sperry, Company A, Captain Paul Peterson, Volunteers, and First Lieutenant Charles Murby, and Second Lieutenant, J. McThomas, of the same company.

Mr. Bosch, who has been operating in Eastern Oregon, in La Grande and vicinity, in the employ of Gardner Bros., returned last Monday with his family, who have been with him. He has done an extensive business in Eastern Oregon.

The following persons were appointed Notary Publics yesterday by Governor Chadwick: Albert H. Kennedy, Roseburg; John Bellamy, Baker City; C. R. Woodward, F. M. Stamp and K. W. Ryan, Portland.

THE HOP MARKET.

Philip Wolf & Co., Commission Merchants, San Francisco, in this semi-annual hop circular, say:

It is a well known fact to every person engaged in the hop trade that this line of business during the season just terminating has been extremely unsatisfactory and disastrous to a great number of growers...

In addition to low prices during last season, while European and Eastern yields, on the average, were abundant and of fine, heavy quality, California hops were short as to quantity, and the entire crop of the coast was not up in quality to previous years...

The average quality of California hops was so inferior that we are under the necessity of recording the fact that they were neglected to a large extent in the New York and London markets, entailing a loss, in nearly every instance, to exporters...

Prices in the San Francisco market, for the season under review, commenced, for early varieties at about 15 cents, receding however in September and October, before any lots of hops were taken for export...

As stated before, the crop of our entire coast fell short and did not reach 12,000 bales of 200 lbs. each. Present stock, mostly in warehouses at San Francisco, about 1,500 bales, the largest portion of which however is of very inferior quality.

Our reports from the most important hop-growing districts in Europe and the Eastern States are that the weather has not been very propitious for the growing plants, and as we, in this section, are solely governed by prices of the London and New York markets...

At date of writing choice California hops of 1877, for home consumption, are nominal, ruling at 76/9, and little is being done.

Yours truly, PHILIP WOLF & CO.

Items from Umatilla County.

East Oregonian. Buck Indians do not visit Penitence of late. They have been too insolent for the citizens to bear with them.

We anticipate trouble with the Umatilla and Columbia River Indians at an early day. They are growing more and more restless every day.

John Bowman returned from Col. Mimer's command on the Blue Mountains with his wagon last Monday. When within a few miles of Cayuse station he was fired on by Indians, and chased for some distance.

Another Branch Line.

The McMinville Reporter says the narrow gauge proprietors propose to give us a railroad, if the citizens will pay for the iron, and then take up this indebtedness in freights.

Senator Mitchell is in San Francisco.

A New Cure for Scab.

A subscriber over in Polk, near Bethel tells of a neighbor, fond of trying experiments who tried a new remedy for cure of scab in sheep. Making a tank that looked like a tan yard vat he made a dip that looked like whitewash, then took a forked oak grub and plunged the sheep into the wash, completely immersing Mr. Sheep...

Pacific University and Tualatin Academy.

In our advertising columns will be found the yearly announcement of these institutions located at Forest Grove and under the charge of President S. H. Marsh and a competent and well organized board of professors and teachers.

List of officers of Battis Creek Lodge, No. 307, I. O. G. T., for the term commencing August 1, 1878: A. G. Daardtoff, C. T.; Ella Wagner, V. T.; Josie Daardtoff, S.; Sarah Smith, F. S.; Wm. Savage, C.; H. T. McMillen, T.; Wm. Hodson, M.; Clara Wagner, D. M.; Gertrude Ruby, I. G.; C. W. Barzee, O. G.; Sadie Rodgers, R. H. S.; Phoebe Jory, L. H. S.; Mary Jory, Lodge Deputy.

Health and Wealth.

Both may be easily attained by any one in breeding nature's warning and keeping a close watch over symptoms that may appear which invariably are the indications of an approaching illness. Many dollars can be saved and a great deal of suffering avoided by a little attention to the following symptoms...

The Centaur Remedies are of two kinds. The White is for the human family, the Yellow is for horses, sheep, and other animals.

Dr. Mintie's Vegetable Nephreticum. DOES IT CURE ALL? It is intended for Diseases of the Kidney and Bladder. This great Tonic supplies a long list of ailments...

Dr. Mintie's English Dandelion Pills. DO THEY CURE EVERYTHING? No—They are intended for diseases that result from Mucous Poison and a Deranged Liver.

Dr. Friedman, Auctioneer, and Commission Merchant, will be found Opposite the Bank, Salem, with a good assortment of Clothing, Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes, Ladies and Gents' Underwear, and notions and fancy goods.

Views for the County Map. Mr. T. Jennings, the View Agent for Edgar Williams & Co., is about to close the view canvass.

McCULLY & CILBERT, GROCERS.

Commercial Street, : : : : Salem, Oregon, Keep for Sale Mackerel, Cod Fish, White Fish, Salmon, Lobsters, Oysters, Sardines, Tea, Coffee, Rice, Sugar, Salt, Flour, Bacon, Lard, Hams, Syrup, Nails, Table Cutlery, Woodenware, Glassware, Sago, Tobacco, Cigars, Macaroni, Vermicelli, Pearl Barley, Tapioca, Sago.

New York Stone-ware. THE BEST IN THE WORLD! Also our N. Y. SYRUP, direct from the factory, and superior to anything ever introduced in the market, and our W. TEA—none better.

THE MARKETS.

The Markets. Wheat is rapidly coming in to the warehouses of Salem, and probably to warehouses generally. Over 30,000 bushels have been received, 20,000 at Salem Mills, and the Farmers' Warehouse has been receiving for 7 days past at the rate of 1,500 bushels per day.

Ca. Florida wheat quotations range from \$1.05 to \$1.12 per cental and the market is reported firm. Producers are not selling their wheat very rapidly at these figures.

From all over the country the word comes that the yield of wheat is better than could have been anticipated a month ago, and that the quality is unexampled. It is also said that flax promises a good yield, better than usual, and flax growers will be glad to know that the Pioneer Oil Mill has been sold to Messrs. G. W. Gray and Joseph Holman, and they can depend on receiving \$1.50 per bushel for their seed.

Old oats bring 40¢ per bushel, with no arrivals of new crop yet reported. Experienced dealers say the new crop cannot bring over 10¢ per lb., or 35¢ per bushel. Hay is coming into town lively and seems to be appreciated. It is quotable at \$10 to \$12 per ton.

Wool is slightly depressed, quotations at 20¢ per lb, but there is little wool left in first hands. We notice that for several years past those who brought in their wool the last week in July have received the lightest figure the season.

Butter, fresh rolls are firm at 23 cents per pound. Eggs 20¢ per doz., market weaker. Hog products without change. Potatoes \$1.15 to \$1.00 per bushel. Apples 37 1/2 to 50¢ per bushel. Peas 75¢ to \$1.00 per bushel. Pears, 50¢ to \$1.00 according to quality and market glutted.

California Crops and Markets.

From the S. F. Commercial Herald of late date, we gather some interesting items as to crops, markets and finances. Estimates carefully made of the grain crop of that State places the production of wheat at over forty-one million bushels, and of barley at over twenty-one million bushels, and it is claimed that there will be a million bushels of wheat for export, equal to thirty-three million tons. This shows an immense yield, if the estimate is any where near correct, and the harvest there is so near completion that the information in commercial circles ought to be somewhere near accurate.

Nine vessels had left in July carrying a total of 20,000 tons of wheat and flour; there were on the berth, loading, 47 vessels with 65,000 tons capacity, and fifty disengaged vessels in port with capacity to carry 60,000 tons, with 200,000 tons capacity known to be headed towards California, expecting to load with wheat, this making a total of 385,000 tons, which was considered enough tonnage to satisfy the demand, as it is believed that as prices rule low, only \$1.05 to \$1.70 per cental, producers will not rush their stocks on the market, but hold hoping for a higher price later in the season, by which time plenty of vessels may be expected to arrive. Wheat averages to be worth about one dollar per bushel, sacked and delivered at life water in California.

Financial matters are very satisfactory in San Francisco, money abundant at the banks at 96/10 per cent., while first class paper will be discounted at 80/81 per cent., call loans 56/7 per cent. This shows what our surge elsewhere that money is overabundant in San Francisco and will seek investment in Oregon if we will offer inducements for its coming. We do not know of any thing that would make Oregon more prosperous than to have money procurable on reasonable security, at lower rate of interest, as it would ease the shoulders of many who carry burdens grievous to be borne.

Views for the County Map.

Mr. T. Jennings, the View Agent for Edgar Williams & Co., is about to close the view canvass. Persons thinking of having views taken should decide at once, as the opportunity will soon pass. The company is sparing no expense to have their lithographs first class. The company office is at the Chenuekia Hotel, Salem.

During the month of July there was recorded in the County Clerk's office 23 real estate mortgages, 16 chattel mortgages and 60 deeds.

A. N. GILBERT.