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GOOD TIMES AND HARD TIMES.

The early rains were favorable to farmers, putting the ground in good and sow fall grain. The present low speculation of anxious and fearful souls. price of grain causes most of our country friends to exercise economy and prudence in the management of their affairs, and a good deal of energy in securing as good a prospect as possible for the next harvest.

The worst times we ever have here compare favorably with the most fortunate years known to farmers in the extreme west, that is the extreme west east of the Rocky mountains. RAILROAD NURSERY. We have had more than average prosperity for the few years past, and that prosperity has had the effect to make many expect too much of the future. We should know nothing of hard times if our producers were not in debt. The man who owns eighty acres even, of good land in the Willamette-and there are few farms so small-and uses all reasonable economy and injustry, and has good health with all, need not lack means for a comfortable living. Of course many are necessarily somewhat involved, for they have bought their land on credit in part, and are working head to pay for A few thousand trees of the new the same. Such can do better in this State than any other of the Union, but these times of partial stringency make it necessary for them to manage closely. But those who can avoid debt should do so, and be satisfied with moderate prospects instead of risking what they have in purchasing what they can do without. It is useless to preach the necessity of avoiding debt.

We, the undersigned, hereby testify that we have examined the fruit of the Silver Prune in a green state; also, dried by the Plummer process. We have also examined thoroughly the Cock Golden Drop Plum, and we find the Silver Prune far superior to it in every respect, and entirely a new variety; and we recommend it to the fruit growers of Oregon as a superior prane, both in a green and dry state.

Marshfield, Coos sounty, Oregon. preach the necessity of avoiding debt, because human nature is so constituted that a great proportion of the human race will take chances and court disaster.

Here, in this valley, a quarter of a century of cultivation of the soil, which has spread so that it now includeds the arable land in every direction, has produced the effects noticed everywhere else, and results are not so certain and reliable as they once were. We shall after a few years have more and more evils to contend against; our orchards will be subject to insect ravages, and so will our crops-us well as to blight in some respects. Our stock will know diseases not found among us now. Our native pastures, are already worn out, and if we are to avoid hard times in the future our farmers must bear in mind the necessity of good cultivation in the present, so as to husband the soil and its resources, which cannot forever bear without complaing the strain of a too continuous and shiftless cultivation.

Hard times can in great part be avolded by diversified production. All wheat may do well enough in most years, but the really successful farmer, on a reasonably small sca'e, can have eggs, chickens, butter, vegetables, fruit in abundance for his own use, and some for sale, besides fattening pork, raising stock, and having sheep to shear, which will bring in more or less income all the year round. This sort of farming is the most interesting and possesses the most attraction, affords occupation to the whole family, given a wider field for observation and experiment, and is calculated to make those who follow it irdependent and self-reliant,

The grasping ambition to saw thou sands of acres of grain is not a public benefit, while the country filled widsmall farmers that are happy and have independent homes, yielding a vari and varied production, indicates all that is desirable for the greatness and prosperity of a nation.

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PENNANCE TO SHERIDAN. Mr. H. B. Som PELTON HORSE POWERS merville writes to us that the narrow graps railroad will be finished to Shoridan, Oct. and the first load of wheat will be sent down to Dayton on that day. This road will prove a great convenience to that part of the coun-

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A determined effort was made at New York on Thursday by the Synod of the Reformed Episcopal Church to settle the vexations dispute concerning the existence of hell. A resolution was adopted declaring the belief of the Synod in "the eternal punishment of those who die in their sins," and that the General Council be requested to formally recognize the doctrine at its next meeting. This is refreshing, as by the action of the Synod the work of finding a solution of the problem need not rest so heavily on the mind of the average layman. General Stewart L. Woodford, Vice President of the Synod, announced his disbelief in the doctrine of eternal punishment, as generally understood, and the existence of a hell. He also announced his intention to withdraw from all official connection with the Synod if the resolution should be adopted. Having decided order for plowing and they are improv- that there is a hell the Synod went no further, ing this clear pleasant weather to plow but left collateral inquiries to the uncertain

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