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SALEM, FRIDAY, NOV. 8, 1878.
ADDRESS TO OUR READERS.
We now occupy a position in the field of journalism where we are able to furnish the farmers of the Northwest a newspaper devoted to their interests and large enough to afford space for every topic which they wish to have discussed. When we purchased the WILLAMETTE FARMER, six and a half years ago, it was not over one-third the present size, and we have steadily enlarged and improved it until it is second only to the greatest metropolitan journal published north of San Francisco.

THE "FARMER" THE PEOPLE'S JOURNAL.
The people of this region deserve to have a newspaper of their own, and this is the only one that can be called so. All others are sectarian or partisan to a degree that prevents their being accepted as exponents of the principles we should all hold in common, or advocates of the interests of the people collectively. It is notorious that the papers that monopolize the news and so most completely occupy the field of journalism, are controlled and directed in the interest of Portland capitalists, wheat speculators and politicians, while the grasping avarice of the most intolerable monopoly that is known to the Pacific Northwest, only receives from it words of commendation.

OUR ENLIGHTENMENT.
With the space at our command at the present time we shall be able to cover a more extended field than heretofore. We shall give the most important news of each week, state, national and foreign, so that a reader of the FARMER can have no excuse for being ignorant of all important events that transpire at home or abroad. It shall be a newspaper, and a people's paper in every important sense.

The FARMER is not only enlarged but it wears a new dress, our type being new, so that the print is plain to the oldest eyes. We hope to make the matter published in its columns correspond with its size and general appearance.

OUR POSITION.
Our editorial columns will discuss popular questions on their intrinsic merits, standing on the broad platform of right and morality, where, unfortunately, political and sectarian journalism can seldom be found, perhaps because it is so wide and their ideas so selfish and narrow, they would be lost upon it.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE.
Our correspondence from the people has always been interesting and with more room at command and the later circulation we are acquiring with the growth of the State population, we can reasonably expect that its interest will increase. We invite all interested in the noble occupation of agriculture and stock raising to send us the results of their experience, or to make known their wants or send inquiries or suggestions to our columns, so to draw out the experience of others for the public good.

THE "FARMER" A GRAND ORGAN.
We hope to make the FARMER acceptable to the grange by furnishing news of the progress of that great order in our own region and elsewhere, and we shall be glad to receive communications showing the progress of its principles and the good accomplished by its working members. We encounter, even among farmers, considerable opposition to the grange, and frequent objection to the publication of grange matters, but we intend to have room in the FARMER for all, and all the good objects of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry have our earnest sympathy and deserve all the support we can give them. It is to be regretted that a society that should have for its object the social, intellectual and material advancement of the whole farming population, cannot be so conducted as to command the support and respect of every farmer in the land. Probably there is a great deal of human nature both in and out of the order.

THE MARKETS.
We have facilities, through the most reliable private sources, for giving the exact news of the wheat markets in San Francisco and Liverpool received up to the hour of going to press. We also state the amount of foreign wheat consumed for your use, and shall watch all matters that relate to the price of produce and the progress of the markets in all the principal centers of our readers. While we intend to give our encouragement to the grange, we mean to be fair to all, and to give all the news that is to be had in the market from wherever our readers are.

WHY WE SHALL SURVIVE.
In addition to essays, original and controlled, relating to agriculture and stock raising in the Pacific Northwest, we shall make selections from the agricultural journals and stock publications we receive from all sections of the Union, with the endeavor to cover all ground necessary for the information of home producers and the advancement of home agriculture.

A certain amount of miscellaneous and scientific reading will be found in every issue, with touches of the humorous occasionally and sometimes a story of interest, suited to our columns. Our Home Circle is conducted by a lady whose experience and literary taste seems to qualify her especially for that department, while every year's experience as a farmer's wife makes it possible for her to comprehend our minister to the social wants of a farmer's family.

NEEDS NEW.
It is hardly necessary to say to our regular readers that the FARMER will always present the best news and the most interesting to carry the best and most influence to the family circle.

We have no bitterness to vent, no angry words to bandy with any, no personal interest to advance at the expense of the general good, and if we have any enemies we do not care to know it, and cannot afford to publish it—we propose to have none, at least among the people, and we care to have no friends, at their expense, among their oppressors.

People of Oregon! this is your newspaper, and we need only your support to make it all you can desire. Can we have it? Will each one endeavor to secure us one more cash subscriber? If you will, we can go on prosperously and do you good service. Even with these "hard times" to contend against we ought to double our list, and we hope to do it with your good help.

Canvassers Wanted.
The WILLAMETTE FARMER will pay liberally to have every county in the State thoroughly canvassed in its behalf, and to have accounts collected. Reliable and competent canvassers will receive good pay in our employ. We wish to have the FARMER introduced to every man's house in Oregon who is able to pay for a newspaper.

Concluded to Go On.
We learn that the People's Protective Transportation Company, of McMinnville, held a meeting at Portland, lately, and considered the proposition to disband, rejecting the same, and instead got the requisite amount of stock subscribed to enable the company to continue in business and will do so.

Donation Land Claims.
The following notice recently published in the Oregon City Enterprise is of considerable importance to those of our readers who own land, the title of which was derived from the Government, under the Donation Law of 1850:

U. S. LAND OFFICE, OREGON CITY, Or., October 9, 1878.
In accordance with instructions received from the Hon. Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated August 30th, 1878, all persons claiming lands in this Land District, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved September 27th, 1850, commonly known as the Oregon Donation Act, and the amendment thereto, whose claims were located in advance of the public surveys of the United States and have not been definitely located in connection with such surveys, are hereby notified to come forward within thirty days from the date hereof and furnish such a description of the particular tracts claimed by them as will enable their definite location on the plats of this office.

The attention of claimants is particularly directed to the fact that in default of such notice their claims are liable to forfeiture under the provisions of the 3rd section of the Amended Donation Act of 1853, which provides that all persons claiming donations under this Act or the Acts of which it is amendatory, shall give notice to the Surveyor General or other duly authorized officers of the particular lands claimed as such donations within thirty days after being requested to do so by such officer; and failing such notice in either case, the claimant or claimants shall forfeit all right and claim thereto.

Donation claimants and those holding under them will best observe their own interests by giving prompt attention to this notice, thereby avoiding the possibility of having their claims declared forfeited under the provisions of the Act above quoted.

Claimants who have not made their final proof and obtained patent certificates for their lands are requested to furnish such proof, and take the necessary steps to obtain their certificates without further delay.
L. T. HARRIS, Register.
T. R. HARRISON, Receiver.

Aiken & Farnham, whose store is in Post office block, opposite Chemeketa hotel, Salem, offer a splendid stock of new goods, and invite cash trade. The inducements they offer seem to secure them many customers from the country.

Administratrix's Notice.
NOTICE is hereby given that Sarah Smith has this day filed her final account as administratrix of the estate of Abraham Smith, deceased, in the County Court of Washington county, Oregon, and that the 7th day of December, 1878, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, is the last day for hearing the same. All persons interested in said estate are therefore required to appear in said court at the day and hour aforesaid, or to show cause, if any exists, why said account should not be allowed, and said administratrix discharged.

PIANO AND ORGAN.
The undersigned has on hand a grand piano and an upright organ, both of the best quality, and at very low prices. The piano is a grand piano, and the organ is a grand organ. Both are of the best quality, and at very low prices. The piano is a grand piano, and the organ is a grand organ. Both are of the best quality, and at very low prices.

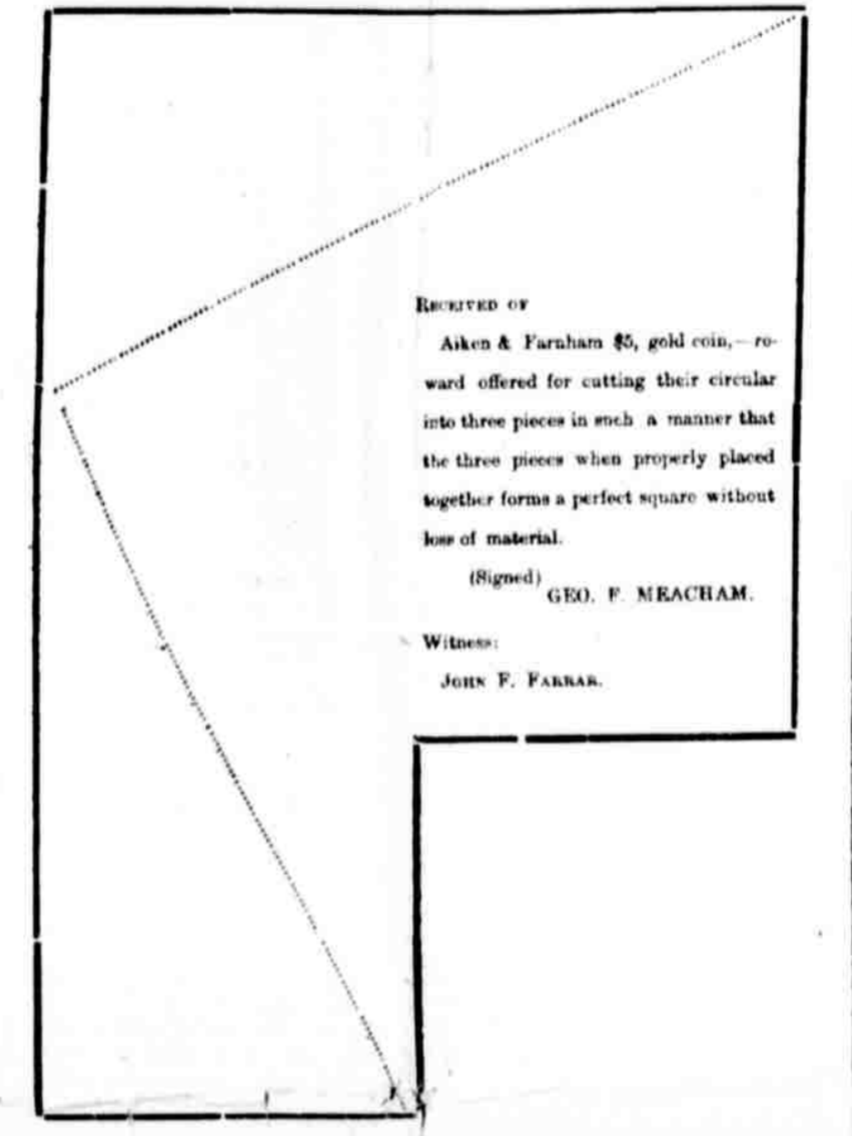
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OUR PRINCIPLES TO ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE OR MISLEAD ANY PERSON, AND That what we Promise we Fulfill, we here give you the Circular, and the Dotted lines show the manner in which it is cut, and the receipt of Mr. Geo. F. Meacham shows that the money has been paid. He was the first person that presented the Circular properly cut.



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REMEMBER And do not ask for credit, for no goods, to the amount of twenty five cents' worth, will be delivered until paid for. Very Respectfully,
Aiken & Farnham, Opposite the Chemeketa Hotel, first door south of the Postoffice, SALEM, OREGON. Dates, October 11, 1878.

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Buena Vista POTTERY.

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Notice.

ON the 17th day of July last, T. Cunningham made an assignment to us for the benefit of his creditors, leaving in our possession, of various places in this valley, a quantity of HEADERS, DRILLS, FERTILIZERS, CULTIVATORS, PLOWES, and other agricultural implements, which must be sold, and are offered at very low prices. All persons having claims against the said Assignant will please present the same, duly verified, at this office, and all parties indebted to him, whether by note or account, are required to make immediate payment of the same to the undersigned, and save the cost of collection. JACOB CULL, Assignee of T. Cunningham & Co. J. M. CUNNINGHAM, Assignee of T. Cunningham & Co. Salem, Sept. 2, 1878.