

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 can wish to have discussed.

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.

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.

Our correspondence from the people has always been interesting, and with more room at command and the greater circulation we are acquiring with the growth of the State population, we can reasonably expect that its interest will increase.

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.

In addition to essays, original and contributed, 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.

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.

It is hardly necessary to say to our regular readers that the FARMER will always preserve the best moral tone and endeavor to carry the best and purest influence to the family circle.

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THE SHERMAN TROUBLE.

So many conflicting stories have been going the rounds of the press concerning the reported difficulties between Gen. Sherman and his wife, growing out of the announcement of Tom's determination to enter the priesthood, that we feel it nothing but right that the public should know the facts in the case, as they come to us from the most reliable sources.

Gen. Sherman's ambition was that his son should enter the legal profession. Mrs. Sherman, on the other hand, had conceived a great idea for her son, and had created him to the priesthood.

When Mrs. Sherman was making her war-fare on dancing the general perpetually shocked her by skipping at every soiree and reception at Washington; and when she went to the confessional he was tearing down the avenue behind the lightest stepping horses in the city.

Mrs. Sherman believes there is no salvation outside the Catholic church, and in accordance with this belief seeks to anchor all her friends to it.

When Tom informed his father that he was about to become a priest the father tried to induce him to break his mind that he had been deceived and duped in the whole matter.

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Remarkable Echoes.

In the sepulcher of Metalla, the wife of Sullio, in the Roman Campagna, there is a bell which repeats five times, in five different keys, and will also give back with distinctness a hexameter line which is repeated twice and a half seconds to utter it.

A Singular Death.

A remarkable case of death from remorse for a deed of exceptional cruelty to animals is reported from Denmark.

Moth-eaten and faded, pale with their age and long imprisonment in dark halls into which the sunlight never creeps, are the old Venetian tapestries.

At a regatta time the poor, pale phantoms rise from their graves in the iron bound coffers or the joyous banqueting halls, and flutter mournfully from under the window arches, mocked at by the stone satyr heads, or sweep below the carvings of a balcony high to the water's edge.

On festa days the damasks make blood-red stains against the gray stones, turning them to white. They have served through victory feasts and holy tides, have symbolized rejoicing over warrior and monk, but they still glow warm in the noon-time sun.

They still linger in the churches, those old velvet and damasks with the odor of the centuries upon them. They glow crimson about the columns, or cover the walls, framing in the fair-haired pictured shapes.

The history of the sea-girt city is intertwined with these stately arras, grand and royal in their very humiliation, no less than with the great canvases that the dying Republic bequeathed to its posterity.

The annual election of Idaho territory came off on the 6th.

The church music of the eighteenth century is profane, if you will; saints and angels are made to sing like heroes and heroines; but what the opera heroes and heroines sing is pure, so lovely, so noble, that there remains nothing prur, lovelier or nobler for the saints and angels.

Down amongst the seaweed stems and pointed rocks we perceive a long, black, tangled string, like a giant's leather boot-lace set to soak; let us trace it in its various folds and twists, and disentangle some of it.

Now is the time to look after your interest in the improvement of your sheep, and as I have been in that business for the last twenty years, and have for sale

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Apple, Pear, Peach, PLUM AND PRUNES Also a large quantity of SHED TREES.

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SKINNING vs. SCALDING HOGS.

I saw a man yesterday dressing a small pig in a manner which was novel to me. Instead of the long and laborious method of heating water and scalding and shaving, he simply skinned the animal.

THE DAIRY INTERESTS.—The Dairy interests of the United States have taken a high position in our domestic and foreign commerce, and as the field for their expansion is almost unlimited one, they certainly have a bright future.

Josh Billings murders the English language and drives in Central Park in an elegant turnout.

A Gentle Hint. In our style of climate, with its sudden changes of temperature,—rain, wind, and sunshine often intermingled in a single day,—it is no wonder that our children, friends and relatives are so frequently taken from us by neglected colds, half the deaths resulting directly from this cause.

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