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Cash and Credit.

Our readers see, hear and read of many examples of the advantage of having coin in hand to do business with—to work farms to advantage as well as to sell merchandise or carry on manufactures, and we propose to give them another example from our own experience; not that we desire to bring our personal affairs too prominently into notice, but because our affairs concern them to some extent, for if we succeed well and make an excellent newspaper, they have the benefit of it, the FARMER being their newspaper, and we being their agents to make it useful to them.

At the present time we have many thousand dollars due us on back subscriptions, and if every one had paid us in advance, as should be the case (for you cannot get any first-class journal in the world without advance payment), we should have money to conduct every department in the most thorough business shape, and not owe any man a dollar; could put on more editorial force, and use spare means to canvass all parts of the State, to lay in supplies of paper and material, and you would have as much benefit as we from that state of things.

As it is, we lose $1,000 or more a year, bad debts; lose interest on sums due us, and pay out heavy percentages to collect many back accounts. So that our losses may be placed at $2,000 a year by doing a credit business. About one-third of our subscribers pay promptly in advance, and we owe it to them that we can succeed at all.

We recognize that the country needs a first-class popular journal to represent the producers, and we have lately assumed greater liabilities and expenses by enlargement, believing that we shall be sustained. The way to sustain us is to secure us all the cash subscribers you can, and pay your own subscription promptly in advance.

One reason why we have enlarged was because we thought if we made a first-class paper we could collect payment in advance, and if we cannot do that, we do not care to do business. There is more to be made at most anything else than selling newspapers on credit. We have tried it and we know all about it, and we mean what we say.

Any man can easier raise $2.50 in advance than $3.00 at the end of the year; and as the year will soon begin again, we request all to renew promptly, to pay up arrearages and pay in advance for 1879, and then this farm journal will stand by them with a stout heart, with all debts paid, and means to use to best advantage.

The FARMER is essentially the family newspaper, and we request every member of the family to interest themselves to see that it is paid for. Sometimes the richest farmers on our list are the most negligent, and it is often more neglect that we are not paid. If the good wife and mother will watch out for us and see that we are paid, no doubt her influence will secure the desired end. If the ladies will befriend us in this respect, we shall be all right, and we shall try all the harder to make a newspaper that they will be pleased with.

We commence this week sending out reminders to those who are behindhand, and we hope those who receive duns won't oblige us to repeat them, but pay up immediately. We are determined to collect back dues, and shall have no hesitation to send out duns frequently and disagreeably.

It is a shame and disgrace to Oregon that the only paper in the State that can be called the people's own advocate and defender, is hampered and embarrassed because it cannot collect its dues. That kind of "patronage" is about "played out." This refers to those who owe over one year, and at the same time we want it distinctly to be understood that hereafter we expect payment within SIX months of commencement of subscription. The best and safest way is to pay promptly in advance.

Subscription Rates.

A subscriber suggests that we make our rates $2.50 payable within six months instead of three months, and $3 after six months, and we accept the amendment, suggesting to those who can pay in advance that it of course will be very acceptable, but in cases where our friends find money stringent we will accept $2.50 within that time.

Many Thanks.

Our request for payment of back dues has brought favorable answers from a few, and we return thanks to all who thus responded, but there is room for about a thousand more to do likewise, and the money is much needed in our business. Dunning is disagreeable to us, and we much better enjoy giving thanks for cash receipts.

The Boss Pruner.

W. E. Peck and J. S. Anderson are traveling through the Willamette Valley selling the orchardists a new pruner, of recent invention that is evidently the greatest improvement made in that line. They have their headquarters with H. Hansen, of Portland, orchardist and nurseryman, who called our attention to it, claiming it to be the clever seen by him. These gentlemen work canvass the country and those thousands them can judge for their ber of persons co. We ordered one machine in this and believe Mr. Hansen's recommendation to be more for it.

Grades as Milkers.

A recent writer suggests two very important questions, the facts in relation to which, and the principles controlling the case, should be well understood by all dairymen and breeders of dairy stock. His query is, do heifers from native or scrub mothers by bulls of thoroughbred milking stock make better milkers than their dams; and if so, why? Why take the qualities of the stock from the sire rather than the dam? It is an indisputable fact that many native cows are superior milkers and butter makers and this quality is transmitted to the daughters in some cases, until a family exists of local celebrity. This characteristic, however, has generally been lost in the course of three or four generations, for want of care in keeping up the regular line, or by the yearly infusion of blood of base or unknown quality. It is quite possible that remarkable milking qualitie, in an individual native cow might be perpetuated to remote decendants, and even increased, by careful selection of the sire and in-and-in breeding. But that is the method by which are produced, and requires skill and intelligence of a higher order, and years of observation and labor. With a good native cow as the basis or stock, much anxiety and time may be saved, by an immediate infusion of the fixed blood of a thorobred of the desired type, and the result will always answer the first question in the affirmative. The calf will be better than the dam in some respect and worse in none. As an accident or sport it is possible that the dam might be a better milker than the dam or breed of the sire, and the calf taking the type of the sire be inferior to her, but the rule taught by experience is the other way. In this case the characteristics of the offspring are determined by the law known now, that the longer a class of animals is developed in a single line, the greater is their transmitting power, with the more certainty do they impress their qualities upon offspring. The blood of the dam having no line descent, and with modulated force, is overborne by the thoroughbred sire. Theoretically the progeny of such a connection is more than half thoroughbred, and should develop more than half of the sire's stock qualities, in milk and form. There is but little danger of reverting to original form if this method of breed be adhered to; but even if there were, it is undoubtedly the cheapest, quickest, and surest way to develop fixed milking qualities from native cows.—*Colorado Farmer.*

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Judge A. E. Wait, of Canby, Clackamas county, raised six bushels from one pound of this grain—equal to 360 pounds.

L. Green Responds.

Elsewhere we publish for Mr. P. Finnucan, a dispatch received from L. Green, proprietor of the Western Reserve Nursery, Perry, Ohio, now at West Oakland, Cal., notifying that Finnucan is his agent. Any persons interested can call at this office and see the letter to Mr. Moscher, where Green positively says he has no agents, and does not know Robinson, Finnucan's partner. Mr. Green can hardly be considered reliable, in view of these contradictory statements. Last winter one Miller, then a partner of Finnucan's, is to be told Perry Watson, bought 444 trees and 4 rubs of H. W. Pettygrove's nursery, East Portland, with which he filled orders received for Eastern customers. These trees, lately received, may have come from Ohio, but the conduct of Mr. Green, and the various and frequent contradictory reports about true pedigrees, give people who have ordered trees a natural distrust, which will be hard to overcome.

NOTICE.

Mr. P. Finnucan desires us to inform our readers that the following telegram has been received from L. Green;

WEST OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 25, 1878.

To C. H. Howard: Mr. Finnucan is our agent. Trees packed as sold.
L. GREEN.

Nov. 29th 1878.

FOR NEXT WEEK.—Pencil notes from "Charity Grange, in old Linn county," came to hand just as we were getting ready to adjourn for Thanksgiving, and will appear next week. Some other matters are in keeping for another issue.

The Legislature at the late session passed a new fence law. All "worm" fences must be five feet high to the top "rail," or top rail. Other kinds of

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Administrator's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the County Court of Marion County, State of Oregon, duly made on the 16th day of November, A. D., 1878, authorizing and licensing the undersigned administrator of the estate of Liberty Steele, deceased, to sell, in the manner provided by law, a part of the whole of the lands hereinafter described, to obtain funds with which to pay the debts of said estate and the expenses of administering the same, I will, as such administrator, at the court house door in the city of Salem, in said Marion county, on Saturday the 28th day of December, A. D., 1878, at the hour of two o'clock p. m. of said day, sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for U. S. gold coin, to be paid on day of sale, the following described lands belonging to said estate, or so much thereof, of the north end thereof, as may be necessary to obtain funds with which to pay the debts and claims against said estate, and the expenses of administering the same, to wit: A part of the donation land claim of H. D. Caldwell and wife, in township three (3) south, range one (1) east of the Willamette meridian, in Marion county, State of Oregon, and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at the N. E. corner of said claim and running thence west 19.67 chains; thence west 20.00 chains; thence south 15.67 chains; thence east 39.67 chains to the place of beginning, containing 38 acres more or less.
EDGAR N. STANTON,
November 22, 1878—4w. Administrator.

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APPOINTMENTS.

Wm. Lee, Veterinary Surgeon, having made a successful trip through the valley as announced in his communication published elsewhere, has concluded to make another tour, and sends the following list of appointments:

Roseburg, Nov. 28 to 30.
Oakland, Dec. 1.
Harrisburg, Dec. 3.
Shedds, Dec. 4.
Albany, Dec. 9.
Corvallis, Dec. 10.
Salem, Dec. 12, at Gaines Fisher's stable.
Dallas, Dec. 13.
McMinnville, Dec. 16.
Portland, Dec. 18, at National Hotel stable.
Oregon City, Dec. 19.
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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 Marion county, and the Court has fixed the 7th day of December, 1878, at the court house in said county, for the hearing of said account and for the settlement of said estate and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear at said time and place and show cause why said account should not be allowed and said estate be finally settled and the administratrix be discharged from her trust. Given under my hand this 15th day of November, 1878.
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