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WHEAT FARMING.

The London Economist says the main advantage of the American farmer seems to lie in the cheapness with which he obtains his crop.

Eugene Lawrence in one of his able contributions to Harper's Weekly, takes for his subject "The Care of the Land" in which he states that in all the grain-producing regions of the world the land is steadily deteriorating.

It is settled that Europe must look to the new lands of America for bread, but the time has already arrived with us when the East looks to the West, and wheat farming yearly recedes farther and farther from the Atlantic seaboard.

Every ship load of wheat that leaves the Columbia River bears away the life and heart of our soil. We plow deeper and may sometimes summer-fallow, but the effect of such farming as we generally find in Oregon is to deplete the land of its wealth, and rob it of its fertility.

This saving process had best begin now with us, or at least we should recognize that we are spendthrifts and reckless wasters of a noble heritage if we take all and return nothing.

FUTURE OF AMERICAN FARMING.

It is probable that in the near future the approach of storms of rain or wind will be announced by our Signal Service everywhere throughout the country.

such a convenience; for whenever it shall be widely introduced, many labors in the fields, which are now woefully performed during the torrid heat of our midsummer days, can then be pleasantly done in the cooler summer nights.

RAISING POTATOES.

Editor Willamette Farmer: OREGON CITY, May 18, 1879. As it is raining and but little out-door work can be done, a few words about raising potatoes would not be amiss.

We must put the ground in good condition, cultivate well, dig as soon as they are ripe, and properly care for them through the winter.

Prepare your ground in the fall by plowing deep; do not harrow it for the reason that the frost of winter will pulverize the ground so well.

All annuals should be planted shallow to do well. The best crop of potatoes I have raised were planted about two inches deep.

Neighbor A. says that he has not money enough to carry on other farm operations and if he pays out money it will be on wheat.

GEN. FREMONT, of Arizona, has a scheme for bringing the waters of the Gulf of California back to their old basin in Southern California, which, he says, would create an inland sea suitable for navigation about 200 miles long, 50 miles broad and 300 feet deep.

FRUIT GROWERS' MEETING.

According to announcement there was a gathering of persons interested in fruit culture, at the city council room, last Saturday afternoon.

S. Luelling, having been President of the old Horticultural Association of Oregon, was invited to take the chair.

H. Hanson spoke of the need of a pomological society for the protection of fruit-growers, so as to authoritatively pass upon the quality and character of fruit offered for cultivation.

W. S. Failing, who was a member of the old association, spoke of the interest taken in such societies in other States, and of Horticultural exhibitions by the Society, six years ago in this city, and the way matters should be conducted.

G. W. Walling thought it was a matter of more importance than many would imagine; that action upon the fruit interests in Oregon would attract attention all over the country.

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AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

Editor Willamette Farmer: Having seen several articles in your paper and other papers referring to self and wire binders, which involve questions of vast importance to the farmers of this State, as at the present time agricultural machinery absorbs almost every dollar of the net earnings of the farm, and where there is a want of economy and skill, at the end of each year a balance is found against those improved "labor-saving machines," and as the season for purchasing the most expensive of this machinery is at hand, I propose to lay before your readers some of my experiences and observation.

I have kept in the front rank with reference to those improvements. In 1865 I swung a cradle forty successive days (Sundays excepted). This is the cheapest mode of harvesting, but under present circumstances it is too slow.

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FINE weather makes fine photographs. If you don't believe it call on Frank Abel and test it. And you will be convinced.

Crops in California.

The San Francisco Bulletin of May 12th, concludes there will be no more rains, but that was not a correct surmise, as the late rains have extended to that State. It says: "There will be a complete failure of the wheat crop in three large counties, viz, Fresno, Tulare and Kern, except where artificial irrigation has been employed."

The coast counties will produce larger crops this year than last. These counties are at their best, agriculturally, with from fifteen to twenty inches of rain.

The wheat harvest will commence about the first week in June and the Bulletin thinks there is the promise of a fairly good yield for agriculture in that State.

Large Sale of Furs.

The Albany Democrat says: Our readers will remember of reading in our paper from time to time articles in regard to the labors of a party which has been trapping up in the Cascades during the past season, and it will probably interest them to know with what success the party has met.

How about the old horse? What is to be done with him? Or, what is to be done with a horse that is growing old? These are hard questions for a humane and moderately circumstanced farmer to answer.

EVERY reader of this paper can have their one month's subscription to our illustrated Magazine of choice literature LEISURE HOURS, by sending eleven cents to pay for mailing the premium that goes with the magazine, viz., a pair of Easter Cross Chromes.

DR. KNECK can be consulted free on that terrible disease, to which so many are heirs to—Catarrh. Call and see him. Selling cheap. F. Selling.

The Spring Care of Horses.

There is but little wonder that the life of the average farm horse is so short, and in many cases it is a wonder that they last as long as they do. The curly comb and brush are not used as often or as vigorously as they should be. In the morning the horse should first be fed with a good strong feed of grain and a moderate amount of hay, the stable then cleaned and the horse well curried off, the latter having much to do with the thrift of the animals.

Tile-Drainage.

J. G. Brown writes for the Marshall, Iowa, Republican that he has been putting in some tile, and is pleased with the results. He began by putting tile in the ploughs, through the pastures and feed lots, where the rains and live stock had been tearing out deep gullies.

KENNEDY'S SHEEP DIP.

Years before manufacturing, selling and using Sheep Dip, with a view of getting an article that will be acceptable to sheep men as a remedy for the disease known as Scab in sheep. Objections have been made to the use of my Hemlock Dip, on the ground that it was poisonous, and in some cases it produced death when the dip was swallowed, or taken into the stomach by the sheep when dipping; this of course was one objection, and in the hands of inexperienced parties and rude workmen, a sufficient amount of care in using the dip was not observed, and notwithstanding its efficacy as a remedy for the skin disease, its use was constrained to abandon its use through fear of handling it.

Mr. George Rabbe, wholesale dealer in saddle hardware, leather and findings, Denver, Col., under date of April 11, 1879, in ordering some 60 gallons of dip, says:

"I believe you have struck the thing now on which I will eventually succeed in making big sales. It works to perfection so far, and all those that have used it are much pleased with its operations. Will send you a few testimonials soon. I have no fear but we shall come out on top eventually."

Mr. Kennedy will be in Portland for some time, and anyone wishing to see him will find him at J. McCracken & Co's, Front Street.