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STORMS ON THE NORTHWEST COAST.

The prevailing winds of Summer, with us are from the North, and their effect is to temper the season and give us cool and delightful nights, even through midsummer, so that scarce ever a night occurs when a blanket is not needed for comfort.

We are writing this upon Christmas day. Last night we had a warm rain and this morning we have good weather for farmers to plow and, indeed, our country exchanges bring us word that plows are doing lively work, for a week or so past through the whole Willamette valley.

There are storms, of course, on the Pacific Ocean, but we hear of no such wrecks as those of the Atlantic coast, and the mid-ocean storms do not consign ships to the depths as they so often do there.

Our prevailing winds are off the Ocean, from the southwest and the northwest. They are the regular trade of the North Pacific, which enables vessels to keep a good offing, and when they grow into a storm the tempest bears no comparison to the storms we read of elsewhere.

The general healthfulness of the country is of course promoted by the uniformity of seasons and our freedom from the great extremes and sharp vicissitudes known elsewhere and generally throughout the world.

The National Debt.

Editor Willamette Farmer: In your last issue is a communication from M. Phillips, in which he gives the figures of our National Debt, quoted from the President's message, to the present Congress, and then asks, "who is right?"

Now, my friend, it is not the hard work that we do, that makes us intelligent, but it is the way we apply our minds. Some men work hard and allow some of his neighbors to dictate for him. Now this is not right; every man can learn to understand the working of the State machinery, and must learn before we get things in the right shape for our future welfare.

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Concerning Secret Societies.

SCHOLL'S FERRY, Oregon. Editor Willamette Farmer: Secret societies seem to be the worst troubles our friends at Roseburg has. He says, and I find myself opposed to current theories upon so many subjects, that it would be difficult to please the general reader. Now, Mr. Editor, he says he is opposed to current theories; that is, he is opposed to raising fine horses, cattle, hogs and sheep.

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