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PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

We are glad to say that the latest news concerning the condition of the President cause belief that he is nearly or quite out of danger, and there is every reasonable ground to hope for his rapid recovery.

OUR SUMMER CLIMATE.

The telegraph brings us word that men are falling dead in the streets of Eastern cities, also in Europe, caused by sunstroke. The heat has been intense East of the Rocky mountains and fatal in numerous instances...

During such cool weather as we now have the ripening grain matures slowly and produces the full plump berry that is so appreciated abroad, standing at the head of the English market among cereals of all nations.

For the past two weeks our market has been supplied with ripe peaches, pears, apples, etc. We always consider that The Dalles fruit has much nicer flavor than any brought from abroad.

Our Summer so far has been a delightful episode, with occasional showers and refreshing sea breezes, so that our people have hardly felt the necessity of seeking health at the sea coast or in the mountains.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE GIFT-MAKERS.

This is an age when the venal side of human nature comes uppermost decidedly too often. Money is more a consideration than ever before. The times have given opportunity for schemes and speculations on a large scale...

Mr. Garfield should be recovered. Speculators, monopolists and stock gamblers proposed to reward the good woman, for being a good woman and showing common sense, with a grand present of coin. Wall street thinks gold a cure for all ills.

Should the President die, then such provision for his family will be in good taste, and his widow will deserve national remembrance, but no living President should be the recipient of such bounty.

To-day the wishes of Americans and all the world attend the almost murdered President, and the sympathies of his countrymen are given him without regard to party. Circumstances now condemn him to all, and he has only to deserve the confidence and respect of the nation to become and remain the idol of popular favor.

THE JULY CAGES.

It looks as if the meeting to take place next week at the new park, near East Portland, would be a matter of special interest to horsemen and all others interested in sporting affairs.

GENERAL NOTES.

Steamboat men are predicting early low water in the Willamette this season. The absence of snow in the mountains is the fact upon which they base their judgement.

Mountaineer: C. B. Hyde, Oak Flat, brought into our office a small bundle of wheat which certainly will convince the most sceptical that the soil in this section is capable of producing a good crop.

Farmers will do well to look out for barbed wire patent agents who are going about establishing agencies to sell wire. They will give a farmer the agency for his township.

Our shepherds have sold their wool for a good price—ranging from 22c to 30c. Wm Dutton got for his 27c,—an average of \$2 per head, net, paying all expenses from Umatilla Landing to San Francisco.

A cattle driver who arrived here this week from near Klamath Lake says grass is plenty and stock are sleek and fat in that country.

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E. L. Bryan brought us in some fine samples of wheat and oats a few days ago, and we were very much surprised to hear him say that they were raised on white land, which has always been supposed to be almost worthless.

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CROP REPORTS.

Compilation for the Coming Wheat Harvest Throughout the World Gleaned From Telegrams, Etc.

VIENNA, July 14.—The Austrian harvest promises to be fully up to the average.

PARIS, July 14.—The wheat crop of France cannot exceed an average, and may be slightly under it. The best crop cannot exceed an average.

ODessa, July 14.—Advices state that export of grain to foreign countries from interior provinces of Russia by the Warsaw route has taken such gigantic proportions as to cause great embarrassment to the railway management.

LONDON, July 14.—A Berlin correspondent says that there is every prospect that the harvest will be much worse than last year.

LIVERPOOL, July 16.—The leading grain circular says that, under the influence of continuous sunshine, the wheat trade has been extremely quiet.

LONDON, July 18.—A Vienna correspondent says: The latest estimates of the harvest in Hungary agree that the yield of wheat will be much larger and of better quality than last year.

GRAIN HELD OVER IN CALIFORNIA. The directors of the Produce Exchange have filled their report of the amount of the flour and grain crop of 1880 in the State July 1st.

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LETTER FROM OHIO.

LEONARD BERG, June 26, 1881. Editor Willamette Farmer:

Once more my thoughts revert to Portland and my Willamette friends.

The WILLAMETTE FARMER in its tendencies is, I consider, one of those journals whose influence for good will ever be admitted by the unprejudiced and candid reader.

I was lately talking with the agent of the Joslin Comedy Company, who are now already booked for a tour through California, Oregon and Washington Territory.

The total eclipse of the moon and the comet have been a source of much philosophical and learned speculation, and, if the half of the predictions for 1881 should transpire, needs only to be added the day of judgment to render the thing complete and close the books.

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Why?

The Dalles Mountaineer makes the following statement and pertinently asks why such facts are suffered to exist:

After Mutton—Capture. Albany Herald. Some ten days ago, two young cougars attempted to capture their breakfast from Mr. Eph. Jackson's band of sheep, corralled near the house in Sweet Home valley.

Clickitat Agricultural Society. Goldendale Gazette. The constitution has been adopted and articles of incorporation filed; the incorporators being S. H. Miller, D. F. Hartley, Ed. Letterman, J. Nesbit, Sig. Sichel, Pat. Ryan and S. W. Childers.

Flax. Oregon Colonist. In Linn county they are just ready for pulling nearly two hundred acres of good flax as has ever been seen.

Nice Horses. Baker County Reveller. One day last week we inspected a good sized band of horses and mules belonging to Mr. H. Kenpison living in the out-skirts of Baker City.

SINGULAR WEATHER.—Last Saturday it was hot. In the evening the wind blew and during the night it rained. On Sunday it was quite cool all day.

GOOD SUGGESTION.—In a letter to us from the Oregon State Fair, J. L. Sharpsteen, Esq., says: "From observations here, it seems to me that in all cases the Pavilion, and all buildings designed to receive articles for exhibition, should be removed some distance from the race track and grand stand.

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A MURDEROUS ATTEMPT.

A Man Named Switzer Shoots and Mortally Wounds a Mr. Kinney, a School Teacher.

For some time past a young man named Kinney, by profession a school teacher, and who bears a most excellent reputation among the schools of Eastern Oregon, had lived and taught school at Grasswood, Umatilla county, and as young men have and always will do, naturally fell in love with and was finally engaged to a young lady who lived with and was partly raised by a man named Switzer, who kept a store and the post office in that section of the country.

Switzer then said that he did not intend that anyone should marry her. Kinney then said that he understood that he said "Yes, I did and guess I had better do it now," and no sooner had he uttered the words when he pulled out his pistol and fired, the ball striking Kinney in the eye; this was followed up until the pistol was empty, one other shot struck the already wounded man over the eye, the missile glancing around and coming out by the ear.

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