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WESTERN OREGON. The reports we have received from Western Oregon show that the crop prospects of this section of our State are satisfactory. Last year we had very excellent crops, and had the price paid for wheat here equal to the average of five years previous, the prosperity of the Willamette valley would have been complete.

Another remarkable fact concerning this year's wheat crop in this valley is, that it is realized—also the immense yield East of us—in a year when California has failed to make much over half the crop realized in 1880. Then one of the leading grain houses wrote us their production would average 17 bushels, (when this State averaged 22) so that this year their yield cannot go over 10 bushels to the acre.

While it seems true that we shall have a fair yield of all sorts of products and a fine wheat surplus to export, we also notice that our correspondents speak freely of the evils of poor cultivation, and where they give small crop returns, almost invariably attribute the fact to poor cultivation, which generally means that the land was in need of summer-fallowing to rid it of weeds, chaff or choss and wild oats, which were encouraged to grow by the mild season and early fall rains, and so took possession of the ground.

The point we make is that good farming returns a good average of yield, and while we maintain an average of over 20 bushels per acre it is the fault of careless work and very poor farming that the average is not higher.

Vegetable of all kinds are perfect in all respects, and still abundant. Fruits are somewhat out of late frosts, which affect apples generally, though there will be a great abundance, and more than will be needed for home supply. Peas and plums and prunes yield well; cherries were a good crop generally; peaches and grapes are not fruit that we grow successfully, though they do well in Southern and Eastern Oregon.

We summarize, as follows: In this year, when cereals have been an uncertain crop in many of States East of the Rocky mountains, and when leading papers in California claim only half a yield, Oregon fully sustains her reputation for good yield, excellence of quality and never-failing crops, and Eastern Washington will come to the front, with a heavy export and a very heavy yield of wheat, that shows a plump and beautiful berry, as also does all Oregon wheat.

wealthy men have taken hold of fruit-growing and drying with the expectation of finding a growing and inexhaustible market for such fruits in Europe. Therefore, we look confidently to the time when such a business shall be established in the Columbia region.

THE OREGON PACIFIC RAILROAD. Mr. Wallis Nash, of Corvallis, Vice President of the Oregon Pacific Railroad, has received a telegram from New York informing him that three steamers had left Cardiff bound for Yaguana Bay with six thousand tons of steel rails for the Oregon Pacific Railroad.

PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. We publish this week the full scheme of this company which is something of a home institution, and is engaged in very successful business. Life insurance has become one of the great necessities of our times.

MINNESOTA CHIEF THRESHERS. Mr. Appleford, agent at this place for Seymour, Sibley & Co., informs us that the Minnesota Chief threshers sold their having been introduced through all parts of this country in two years past, have given such general satisfaction as to cause great increase of sales, both East of the Cascades and in the Willamette valley.

WINDING UP BUSINESS. Farmers must not forget that since the death of Dr. Hawthorne, the business of Newberry, Hawthorne & Co. is being wound up, and the stock sold at lower rates, including the Esterly drills and seeders, farming milks and many agricultural tools for which the working farmer has constant need.

Shulaw Wagon Road. State Journal: Quite a heavy force of hands are at work on the Shulaw wagon road, and have completed it across the summit. It is expected that the road will be finished by the end of the fall.

NEW GRASS IN SOUTHERN OREGON. The June and July rains in this latitude have started what some call buffalo or bunch grass, which is often with great avidity by all kinds of stock.

HAT WHITE TONGUE. Demands immediate attention. Nothing so quickly regulates the system and keeps it pure as Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure.

Sheep Husbandry. Speaking of this matter in connection with the denser settlement of the eastern county, a correspondent of the Dayton W. T. News writes: The objection is frequently urged that a great proportion of this large tract of country spoken of, being susceptible of settlement and cultivation, sheep husbandry will be crowded out.

Portland Business College. This old established Commercial School, which has been now running for fifteen years, is continued under favorable circumstances, and with improvements in furniture and appliances.

General Notes. Old "Father Worth", as he was familiarly called, died at his home in Halsey after a sickness of several weeks, aged about 83 years. He has been a pastor in the United Presbyterian Church for many years, and has lived for quite awhile in Halsey and Brownsville.

State Journal. Some evil minded person has said that rust is coming and most of the farmers are cutting their grain for hay. In reply, we say let anyone visit Creswell and vicinity and be convinced otherwise by looking over the waving fields of grain rearing itself above the level of the fence.

Crop Prospects Lane County. Never have the prospects for a bountiful crop in Lane county been better than at present, notwithstanding the cries of some who are alarmed about rust. Within the past week we have conversed with reliable men from every section of the country where wheat is grown, and have been assured that the yield and quality will be excellent.

Weather Report—July, 1881. During July, 1881, there were 5 days during which rain fell, and an aggregate of 1.37 in. of water; 20 clear days and 6 cloudy days, other than those on which rain fell.

Survey Toward California. R. M. Garnett informs us that the R. E. survey has been completed over the Smith river divide, on an easy grade, and no further trouble is anticipated on the other side.

Linn County Fair. Herald: The Linn Co. Agricultural Association held a meeting at the office of Burkhardt Bro's in this city on Saturday evening last and made arrangements to get every thing in shape for the coming fair. The grounds will be put in shape at once and some new buildings erected.

THE NESTROCA COUNTRY. A. O. Yates writes the Enterprise about the Netroca country, as follows: It cannot be denied that we have the finest Summer resort on the Oregon coast, and when the race is completed, will be the most popular place. The road will be of an easy grade, as it follows the course of the Little Nestroca river for half the distance of twenty-five miles through the most varied scenery of the finest timber, winding along the river around graded bluffs, and crossing the river four times, it arrives at last in the settlement, bursting upon a beautiful scene of the roadway of the river to the bay, with birdseye view of Sandi cape in the distance.

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