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SAVE THE FRUIT

Judging by the report of Eastern newspapers of the terrible dry season and loss of orchards, as well as other crops, and the consequent enhanced price of all green fruits...

What is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and as Oregon has choice fruit naturally, it should be prepared with such care as to secure for the very name of "Oregon fruit" an excellent market.

GOOD VARIETIES OF PLUMS TO DRY

A friend requests us to give a statement of the different varieties of plums and prunes to dry, and so we make a statement so far as our knowledge extends...

Our own orchard is planted with Peach plums, Columbias, Washingtons, Bradshaws, Coe's golden drops, and Reine Claudes, which ripen somewhat in the order of their naming.

Bradshaw is not good to plant because it dries away too much to be profitable, which is not the case with all the others named. Columbias and Washingtons come in to occupy the time until the 10th or middle of September.

From personal experience we commend the Peach plum, Washington, Columbia, Jefferson, Yellow egg, and Coe's golden drop as plums to commence drying August 1st...

WHAT CAN WHEAT GROWERS DO?

We publish on the inside, this week, the full report from the Pacific Rural Press, of the wheat growers' meeting at San Francisco September 6th, and we give on the outside the further report of their conclusions at their second meeting...

We have been sorely blamed because last year the WILLAMETTE FARMER boldly took this same ground, and insisted that tonnage could be held in check by the united action of wheat growers...

ADVERTISING RATES

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growers are mistaken in their figures; that the surplus from 1880 was 700,000, and that the surplus for 1881 is 600,000 tons, making a total of 1,300,000 tons...

The aspect of the tonnage matter on the Columbia river is about as follows: The wheat held over from last year added to the crop of 1881, for the whole Columbia region can be safely placed at 300,000 tons...

DROUGHT AT THE EAST

From early in July until now there has prevailed a terrible drought through the middle and Atlantic States, reaching from the Mississippi river to New York...

This disastrous drought that has caused such unprecedented loss and suffering, and has spread for over two months over such a vast area of territory, must add to the loss of crops by lessening the yield of corn and vegetables...

COUNTY FAIRS

Linn County Agricultural Fair is to be held next week at the grounds of the association near Albany and as there is to be no State Fair this Fall the farmers of Linn and surrounding counties should spare no effort to make this fair a success in every particular.

A FEARFUL LESSON

Last week we announced the murder at a low drinking place on Ross Island, in the river near Portland, of James A. Smith, who was lately clerk of this county and very popular and much respected as the possessor of many fine qualities...

multitude of friends to favor him. In all this community it seemed difficult to name one more favored by Nature, with kinder heart and more agreeable manners...

Shall this go on forever and forever? Shall time bring no cure? Must humanity be degraded and destroyed by this curse that makes fiends of men and demons of women...

DEATH OF MRS. JUDGE WATSON

Mrs. Isabella Watson, wife of Hon. J. F. Watson, Judge of the Second Judicial District, died at their home in Roseburg last Thursday, of a brief and severe illness...

Once every few weeks, owing no doubt to its want of confidence in itself, a certain newspaper that need not be named, recites to its readers the catalogue of its virtues...

GARFIELD IS DEAD

Two nearly midnight when his light went out, then shortly the wires, with lightning flash, proclaimed through all the land: "Garfield is dead!"

DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT

Monday evening the noiseless wires sent to every village between the oceans the dreaded but expected news that the President was dead.

General Garfield was something more than a political aspirant—he was a statesman, whose counsels had been prominent in Congress, and whose moderation commanded the love and admiration of his political opponents.

Garfield had won, even in manhood's prime, the highest honors the world could bestow, while others who are successful wait for them to later years.

The murder of the President came as a result of a great defect and criminal practice in our political system. The greed for office, the spoils system that has grown like a canker in our politics...

RUST PROOF WHEAT—ODESSA

Messrs. Beatty and Pugh, of Salem, send us a box containing a sample of Odessa red wheat, that is perfectly clean and white in chaff and stalk...

able showing in two particulars, as it confirms the statement that Odessa wheat is rust proof, and also shows that it would be more productive than most other varieties.

It is probable that these gentlemen can supply a limited demand for clean seed of the Odessa variety, and those who wish to sow rust proof grain next Spring can learn further particulars by addressing Messrs. Beatty and Pugh, Salem.

A Happy Marriage

We receive cards of the marriage, last Tuesday, at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Strong, at Salem, parents of the bride, of Miss Mary E. Strong and Mr. Wm. S. Kinney, son of the late Robert Kinney.

Splendid Potato Samples

A few days since we received a package containing half a dozen potatoes. They were long and smooth and made a nice appearance.

"I also send you by mail a sample of a new potato which we received from the Commissioner of Agriculture as a variety that had been sent from Peru.

Manufacture of Agricultural Implements. It is often a matter of wonder that manufacturing is not carried on here, especially of farming tools, as we have wood and iron of native production to make them of...

The New Northwest

This enterprising paper and advocate of woman's suffrage has recently made valuable improvements in the appearance of its pages. But now they again further improve by using tinted paper.

Resources of Oregon and Washington. David and W. G. Steel have laid before us a copy of the above named publication for July and August. It is compiled for Eastern distribution, and is neat in typographical appearance.

Personal

During the past week Mr. D. C. Ireland, of the Astoria, called upon us. We learn from him that he has disposed of the Astorian and will turn it over on the first of the coming month to the new management.

A READER asks us to ascertain when the Washington Territory fair begins. It is held at Olympia but are not advised when it opens.

Died

On the 10th of August, Laura A., beloved wife of Mr. R. J. Bowles, of East Portland. She leaves an infant child four months old.