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**NOTICES OF RENEWALS.**

We have sent out notices for renewals and hope they will receive prompt attention. This is the season when all farmers have money and we have waited until now to ask for renewals.

We request subscribers to bear in mind that we expect prepayment and can do business in no other way. We shall have to collect promptly or take names off the list. We have not asserted the cash principle strictly with the hard times of the past year, but with the improvement of general finances we shall insist on the rule. It has always been a loss to us that we have not followed it strictly.

**YORKTOWN.**

This week the American people celebrate with great magnificence the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and his army at Yorktown, which closed the battles of the revolution. One hundred years have now passed since the surrender of the fleet army Great Britain had in America, demonstrated to the mother country the impossibility of conquering the American colonies that occupied thousands of miles of seaboard and whose sturdy citizens possessed that sort of patriotism that would suffer all hardships, and death itself, for the attainment of liberty. Had the colonies been less scattered the work of conquest might have been possible, for the armies of England could conquer any given portion with united strength, but could not conquer and hold the whole Atlantic coast line, because the Americans were indomitable and revolted again as soon as force was removed, in fact they never ceased to revolt when force was there. The aid of France and the general condition of Europe made it possible for America to be free, and Yorktown was the final scene of the triumph of American liberty. Now that a century has gone we make guests of the family of Lafayette, whose descendants cross the ocean to witness our respect for their ancestor. America and France unite to honor the day of victory so long past, and representatives of England are present to congratulate themselves that British armies did not succeed in keeping America in subjection. The scene at Yorktown is not one of exultant triumph, but a proud remembrance of the glorious deeds of our sires. It is all the more memorable because to-day America and England are in fraternal harmony and every year seems to increase the feeling of kinship and brotherhood.

**WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE CONVENTION.**

The Oregon Woman's Suffrage Association has been in session this week, and seems to be attended by many visitors from abroad, as well as citizens of Portland. The Woman's Suffrage movement has claims upon public attention that cannot be ignored, and seems to gain steadily in public opinion. While we have doubts as to the advisability of drawing our wives, mothers and daughters into politics, we have no contest to make, and feel more doubt than antagonism. We doubt if the great majority of the women of our country can be made to wish the suffrage, and it certainly will not be forced upon them until they do, and whenever the time comes that women demand the franchise, we believe it will be granted them. The great question is: will woman's suffrage make the world better? We need a better world, and whatever can accomplish that end should not be treated lightly.

**HOW TO REMIT MONEY.**

All subscriptions due the WILLAMETTE FARMER can be sent at our expense, by money order or registered letter, as follows:  
If you send money order, (which you had best do if you have a money order office) hand the postmaster the sum you wish to remit and tell him to deduct his order fee from it.  
If you register silver, you must tie it up, without sending it, and it will come cheap as third class matter and you can write particulars on a postal card. To deduct the register fee and postage you can use postage stamps to make exact change, which the postmaster can help you do. As we have no agents in many places remittances can thus be made to us direct and receipts be sent direct from this office to the senders.  
To make this plan convenient and easy for subscribers we offer to pay the expense of remittances as above stated.

The theological debate between Col. Ingersoll and Judge Black, that was begun in the August number of the *Nation*, is to be continued in the October issue of that periodical, by an able and powerful leader from the Colnet, in which he will endeavor to support by argument the propositions made in his first article and defend himself against the assaults of the Judge.

Western Leader: Twenty-six acres of volunteer and fourteen acres of... on the farm of Sam. T. Phillips produced 1,164 bushels.

**LINN COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL.**

Two weeks ago we went up into Linn county, and spent Saturday of that week very delightfully at the Grange Hall in Tangent, in company with the members of the Linn County Council, which met there then. We have often heard of the efficiency of Linn county grangers, and were not disappointed in finding a good assemblage that filled the upper hall of the Grange building, and that showed earnestness and zeal as well as numbers. When the up-train reached Tangent some of the brothers met us, and as it was the noon hour we found the mass of farmers and farmers' wives and sons and daughters all attending to the physical wants of humanity in the lower room, which had two long tables set out with the substantial of life in the greatest abundance as well as excellence. We were made welcome to the refreshments, and afterwards the afternoon was spent in debate of interesting questions to the public, one of which related to the improvement of Yaquina bay and construction of the Oregon Pacific railroad, which we published last week. To realize how earnest the people of this valley are for a more direct outlet to the ocean than our present railroads and rivers afford, one should attend such a gathering of farmers and hear their expressed opinions.

The farmers of Linn county have many good debaters—some very fluent ones, among them, who take hold of prominent questions with animation. Various measures of public interest were then discussed, which we hoped some friend who was present and a member of the Council, would have written it up for us, and indeed there was nothing we heard that could not be made matter for common notoriety, but it is hardly the place of a visitor to take such a liberty.

There were at least a hundred present, which was quite a gathering for the season, when so many were plowing their Summer-fallows. It was a pleasant day, and we met families who had come nearly twenty miles to be present. This shows the earnestness with which Linn county grangers attend to their duties. There was the spirit manifest among those worthy patrons, which, if it existed among all the farmers of the country, could be made use of to effect an invincible organization, and could make effective co-operation possible. Another fact that we noticed with marked pleasure was that almost the entire assemblage were readers of the WILLAMETTE FARMER and its warm friends, a fact we were not aware of, which proves that organization naturally looks to the support of a reliable journal that sustains it, and we sincerely wish it was in our power to do more than we are able to turn the minds of the farmers of Oregon and Washington towards union and co-operation to advance their interests.

That evening we were forced to decline several invitations from old friends and accepted the generous hospitality of Mr. John Luper, who lives near Tangent, on a claim that he located in 1855 under the donation land act, and he was surprised when we told him that two years before that we drove an ox team over that same prairie, bound overland to California. The prairie has greatly changed since thirty years ago, but the grand amphitheater of mountains remains the same, and looks down on the efforts of man with unchanged look forever and forever. We have every reason to remember with pleasure that day, at Tangent, spent in pleasant social intercourse with farmer friends who show spirit and enterprise in sustaining their own cause, and we heartily wish there were many more such.

**THE MECHANICS' FAIR.**

The interest felt in this enterprise, outside of Portland, brings full trains down from the valley counties and keeps the hotels of this city well filled. Despite the continued rains of the first part of the week the people from the country continue to come in, showing that the fact that the exposition is well housed makes it independent of weather difficulties. Some papers here seem to be at odds with the Mechanics' Fair, but we see no especial reason for complaint, though of course some features could be, and no doubt will be improved upon. The arrangement is good and apparently convenient. The Northern annex is filled with machinery and shows many interesting studies for a thinking man or woman with a taste for the mechanical arts. Besides many steam powers, and an electrical power that keeps up the electric lights, that do most of the illumination, there are practical manufactures, like the making of rope and twine, that command especial interest; wood turning in an artistic way; the making of pottery by the Buena Vista firm, and many things that we have not time to notice this week and shall leave until our next. The Southern annex is devoted again to the display of exotic flowers and shrubs and many beautiful plants, and has the same grotto and waterfall. The center of the great building and the galleries, are devoted to the general display and the art gallery is especially attractive because it represents, almost entirely, the work of home artists and recent work at that.

From our standpoint the best feature of the whole display is the exhibit of our agricultural products, consisting of grain in sheaf and in glass, fruits, vegetables and all in greater variety and higher excellence than have every before been seen in Oregon on any occasion.

The display of grains and grasses in sheaf is chiefly made under the supervision of Mr. P. Schulze, of the O. & C. R. R. Company, including a collection made for him and at the expense of his company by Mr. D. D. Prettyman, of Salem, who has done his work well. Mr. C. P. Burkhardt contributes to this department the finest collection, so far as we are able to judge, ever made from his own production by any one Oregon farmer. We alluded to his enterprise in this connection after visiting his farm near Albany last Summer. Besides the general collection made by the O. & C. R. R. Co., there are special lots contributed as follows: B. D. Prettyman gathered over 150 samples of wheat, barley, rye, oats and flax, in sheaves; also,

Oregon grown grain from Eastern seed, shown in glass, compared with the seed that was sown here, showing great difference, the grains being much larger. He also shows fine specimens of corn, from mammoth growth to pop corn, and samples of tobacco, fifty varieties of grasses, including alfalfa over eleven feet high, clover over six feet, etc. Mr. Schulze's collection consists of over 100 samples in sheaf, and over 40 in jars, including speltz, a German brewing grain. C. P. Burkhardt has 36 sheaves and 24 jars. W. W. Baker a small collection of grain and corn.

But most attractive of all is the great collection of fruits, that show to the very best the ability of this country to produce fruits that are unrivalled. D. D. Prettyman has a good collection, nearly 100 plates, many of extraordinary size and beauty, gathered in Marion and Polk counties. Dr. Blalock, of Walla Walla, has fruit from that section. Seth Luelling, of Milwaukee, shows apples. Dr. Henly, of Portland, fine quinces, W. P. Watson, of Hood river, has eighteen varieties of apples and pears; Nathan Percy, from an island down the Willamette, shows over sixty varieties of peaches, apples and pears that cannot be excelled. Other fruits are shown by ex-Governor Chadwick, H. W. Prettyman (whose pound per weighs 2 1/2 pounds) and others. E. P. Wright, of Clackamas county, and one other show plates of strawberries. P. F. Bradford, of Portland, shows dried fruits of his own preparation—a fine collection.

The vegetables are also superior, for this has been a favorable year for them. They include many varieties, but the exhibit is not so great as in the line of fruits. Judge Wait takes the lead with his fine assortment of potatoes.

We may have something further to say after a further examination of the horticultural part of the display, which is certainly fine; and impresses a stranger, or in fact any person of judgment, with a high opinion of the capabilities of this region.

**POLITICAL NEWS.**

The Ohio elections give the State to the Republicans, Governor Foster having about 24,000 majority, and the legislature is strongly Republican.

The anniversary of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, which was the last battle of the revolution, took place on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, and was attended by the President and his Cabinet. The descendants of Marquis Lafayette and of Baron Steuben was also present as honored guests of the American people.

President Arthur is said to have deferred nominations for the new Cabinet until after the Yorktown celebration, because the old Cabinet had arranged the affair, and he wished them to be present as Cabinet Ministers. It is asserted that Lincoln will remain in the Cabinet as Minister of War; late rumors assert that Blaine and James may also remain, and it looks as if the last might do so, as, in answer to his representations, President Arthur has removed the First Assistant Postmaster-General Tyner, of Indiana, who seems to have been blind to his knowledge of Star route frauds. This shows that Arthur has backbone and regard for honesty.

President Arthur keeps his own counsel better than any President has of late, and so far his acts are popular, for he has carried out the intentions of Garfield as far as they were known. He will make new Cabinet appointments the last of the week.

Gorham, candidate for Secretary of the Senate, is said to have withdrawn to insure peace, as his course towards the late President will prevent some senators from voting for him.

Coupling, it is said, has positively refused to have any Cabinet position, though it is not known that one has been offered him.

As soon as the Republican Senators from New York and Connecticut were admitted to seats, the U. S. Senate proceeded to elect David Davis of Illinois, President pro tem, of the Senate, in place of T. F. Bayard, who was first elected. Davis is an Independent, having been formerly a Republican, and he has of late voted with the Republicans, and it is thought his sympathies tend that way, but he is not a party man. In case of the death of President Arthur, Davis would be his successor.

Guiteau was arraigned for the murder of President Garfield, and his brother-in-law, Gen. Scoville, of Chicago, undertakes his defense, and hopes to secure the assistance of Gen. Ben Butler, and will contest the case on the plea that he is insane, and will try to prove malpractice on the part of Dr. Bliss.

The arrest of Paruell and other Irish agitators, by Gladstone's direction, causes a terrible excitement in Ireland and among Irishmen in all countries, but seems to be endorsed by many prudent people as the right thing to do. Gladstone has showed himself a sincere friend to the Irish by his advocacy of the land bill just passed.

**Valuable Potatoes.**

In our notice of the Washington County Fair we mentioned that Mr. Wm. Blanchard had on exhibit early potatoes that he had grown from the seed of the Early Rose, that were remarkably fine in appearance. He has since sent us some of them and we find them indeed a valuable variety, that cook beautifully, but are still firm, and with a smooth skin and every way satisfactory in quality and appearance. He informs us that they ripen very early.

We have also tried some of the potatoes sent to this office by Mr. A. B. Haines, of Elkton, Douglas county, if we are not mistaken, which came from seed sent from the Agricultural Department, Washington. These are also very fine potatoes, no doubt all that he claims for them.

A CORNISH producer 3,688,769 eggs. There's millions waiting for the man who succeeds in crossing the codfish with the hen.—*Common Post.*

**GENERAL NOTES.**

Dallas *Itemizer*: There are now 110,000 bushels of wheat in the Farmers' Warehouse, 80,000 of which were received this Fall.

Pendleton *Tribune*: We understand that quite a number of brick buildings will be erected in the Spring. We have had a big building boom this year, and if we have another next year, of which there is every indication, we will have quite a large city. Besides the new buildings that have been built, old places have been improved, painted, additions added and yards fixed up, so that you wouldn't know the place.

The Blue Mountain Station is still blockaded; Saling & Reese have a goodly quantity, and we notice several large bulks of different brands. Undoubtedly there will be a great deal wasted for want of proper storage. It would require a house 500 feet long by 200 feet wide and 20 feet high to hold what is in sight at this writing; and I know of no way to illustrate the coming and going of teams except by a bee hive; it is a busy place sure enough.

Palouse *Gazette*: Mr. Jonathan Johnson, on Wednesday, brought into this office six mammoth specimens of the flat Dutch turnip, which weighed one hundred and two pounds. The largest of the six turned the scales at twenty-two pounds. The vegetables are on exhibition at the office of the Oregon Improvement Company.

Wasco *Star*: Four apples were brought down from Grant's station last Thursday that will average over two pounds each. They are beauties, of the Yellow Newton variety, and all grew on the same tree.

Jacksonville *Sentinel*: Our railroad prospects are brightening every day, and in less than another year the iron horse will be in our valley. A telegram from Portland last evening states that 12,000 tons of iron for the extension of the C. & C. R. R. will be afloat on December 1. Grading will soon commence at Roseburg, and the intention is to have 20 miles of road ready by May 1. Surveyor John A. Holburn with a party of men is now engaged in locating the road from Roseburg this way. Central Pacific folks are also at work, having surveyors in the field, and J. E. Boggs informs us that four car loads of construction tools arrived at Redding last week.

Jacksonville *Sentinel*: We take the following statistics from the books of the Assessor as taken by him in this year's assessment: Acres of land, 229,678; total value, \$816,449; average value, \$3 55; improved land, 113,000; value, \$970,602; average value, \$5 93; unimproved land, 116,678; value, \$145,847; average value, \$1 25; town lots, value, \$35,911; improvements, \$273,530; merchandise and implements, \$385,504; money, notes, accounts, shares of stock, etc., \$550,550; household furniture, carriages, watches, etc., \$75,206; number of horses and mules, 4,841; total value, \$163,486; average value, \$33 77; number of cattle, 9,039; total value, \$86,820; average value, \$9 60; number of sheep, \$1,332; total value, \$36,125; average value, \$1 15; number of swine, 9,525; total value, \$17,721; average value, \$1 65.

Eugene *Guard*: Work on the Siuslaw road is progressing rapidly, there being between 25 and 30 hands engaged in the work. The road will, beyond a doubt, be completed this Fall, if those who have subscribed work will turn out.

Mr. J. E. Ebbert, of this county, has written to the Ladies' Relief Society of Portland, stating that he will subscribe \$1,000 toward an endowment fund for the Home, providing \$49,000 more can be raised.

Bayers paid 104 to 20 cents per pound for hops the last of the week. Mr. James Campbell, of Camp Creek, sold his hops for the former figure.

E. W. Whipple & Box, of Cottage Grove, have in their warehouse between 20,000 and 30,000 bushels of wheat. Lureh Bros. have between 10,000 and 12,000 bushels, making a total of from 35,000 to 40,000 bushels stored in this place, which is about 10,000 less than last year.

A great deal of inquiry is being made by emigrants for land to rent. If some of our large land owners would cut up their poorly farmed places into smaller tracts, and rent the same, the country and all concerned would be greatly benefited.

Eugene *Journal*: James Campbell sold over 8,000 pounds of hops to Berheim Thursday, receiving 193 cents per pound. It is easy to announce now that the many who have sold should have waited for better prices.

Salem *Statesman*: For the past two or three months the people of Turner have been at Sward's Points, over the matter of building a school house at that place. It appears from what we can learn, that there are 90 scholars in the district, of the lawful school age, with an average attendance of 40. The school house party wanted to, and did levy a tax to build a \$2,500 school house, by a bare majority, at the school meeting, which required a levy of 15 1/2 mills in order to raise the amount, which is being fought to the bitter end, by the heavy tax payers, who offer to compromise by building a \$1,200 school house, but the other parties refused to accept their terms. The case is now in court.

Ashland *Times*: "Skeddit," one of the Indians of the Klamath reservation, is said to have sold \$1,600 worth of cattle this Fall. He is thrifty and very industrious, always at work, usually for some of the white settlers, from whom he takes cattle for pay. Orson A. Stearns, of Lake county, has sent us a specimen of the products of his farm, this side of L. Naville, in the shape of three immense onions, which weigh 64 pounds. They are of the "Large White Italian Tripoli" variety, and the seed, obtained from James Vick, of Rochester, was sown the day Garfield was inaugurated.

John Zumwalt passed through Lakeview several days ago with a load of 2,164 sheep en route to Corinne, Utah. When in the Steam Mountain country, he lost 1,900 head. They

had been driven a long way on the day of the loss, and, being very hungry, ate heartily of milkweed and sunflower. This is supposed to be the cause of their death.

Dayton (W. T.) *News*: The cold wave that visited the Eastern States a few weeks since has at last reached Dayton. On Monday night about three inches of snow fell, surprising the "oldest inhabitant" when he crawled out on Tuesday morning. The snow has entirely disappeared.

Grant County *News*: Peter French was in town this week on his way to Harney, to receive a lot of cattle that he has purchased. He has bought steers to the amount of \$70,000, and will ship to San Francisco during the Fall and Winter.

Cheney (W. T.) *Tribune*: Mr. John Tate, living near Cheney, this week left at the railroad land office a turnip, weighing 33 pounds and measuring 47 inches in circumference. Mrs. Doolittle, living on White Bluff prairie, brought in one weighing 23 pounds. Mr. Denison, living near Spangle, contributed one to the railroad land office, weighing 24 pounds. John Tate, the same gentleman spoken of above, presented six onions, the aggregate weight of which were 7 1/2 pounds. These vegetables create no comment here, and yet for a "country that is too cold and frosty for vegetables," they are very good.

Gross value of property, \$2,463,302; indebtedness, \$694,892; exemptions, \$232,619; total taxable property, \$1,633,851; number of polls, 1,050.

Colfax *Democrat*: Mr. John A. Campbell, who lives three miles above Farmington, came to this country eight or nine years ago, and put out an orchard. This season he has sold 5,000 pounds of apples and 1,000 pounds of plums. He has not made a success of peach-growing.

Walla Walla *Union*: It is reported on good authority that while in this city, Mr. Villard told Mr. Schwabacher that if he would get up a company to build a first class elevator in Walla Walla, we (meaning Mr. Villard and associates) will take one-half the stock. This disposes of the report that Mr. Villard and his associates wanted everything to be had in this country.

The railway station on the East side of John Day river is called by the caustic name of Alkali. The Dalles *Mountaineer* says: Three months ago the only buildings there were the station house of the O. R. & N. Co. and a small store room. Now, we are informed, there are two large hotels, five stores and saloons, about thirty dwellings and more settlers constantly coming in. This point is destined to become quite a business place, being situated at the first accessible point on the line of the railroad, beyond John Day, and the natural base of supplies for a large agricultural section of country along that river and on Rock creek.

Goldendale *Gazette*: A recent visit to the garden of A. I. Lancaster reveals some wonderful things—turnips nearly 4 feet in circumference, onions grown from seed planted in May, 5 inches in diameter, cabbage heads one foot through, potatoes of which 20 will make a bushel, etc. Wm. Wigle, of the Dalles, has just paid Jones & Nesbitt 6 cents a pound for 21 hogs, weighing 3,698 pounds. He says the price was one cent too much, but that he had an order to fill and was compelled to buy. W. B. Noblet, of Bickleton, called yesterday, and says the grain in that section is turning out beyond the expectations of everybody. Very many are now coming from there to our mills for their flour and chopped feed for the Winter. Yesterday G. W. Smith, of Rockland, paid 14 cents per pound live weight for 50 sheep delivered here. They came from the Aler Creek country, 50 of them having been bought of Martin Butler and 450 from John and Robert Graham.

Hillsboro *Independent*: Snow fell last Tuesday through the western part of Polk and Yamhill counties to the depth of a half inch. Snow has been visible on the Coast range for two weeks. A heavy frost nipped all tender vegetation last Tuesday night. It is prophesied by the local weather prophets that we shall have a hard Winter.

**Watches, Jewelry, Etc.**

J. Van Beurden has a magnificent show at the Mechanics' Fair, but has a greater and finer show at his store, 107 First street, where you need to go to purchase at a reasonable price any choice article of jewelry, or a good time keeper. Mr. Van Beurden you will find to be one of the pleasantest and most reliable men you ever dealt with.

**A Good Harrow.**

Mr. J. W. Batchelor, of Butteville, has the agency for a cheap and simple harrow that he and his neighbors have tried very thoroughly and find a great success. Mr. Batchelor is a working farmer and not a speculator, and will mail any one the plan and right to make one on receipt of one dollar. We know John well and can vouch for his good intentions.

**Flows.**

Staver & Walker of this city are agents for the J. I. Case, Steel Beam, Center Draft Plow that we happen to know gives great satisfaction wherever it is used. Read the advertisement with the plow cut and you will see what they claim for it. This house is building up an excellent trade here in agricultural machinery and their goods stand at the top of the list.

**For a Gentleman's Outfit.**

When you come to the Mechanics' Fair you cannot do better than call in at Fishel & Roberts' great establishment, corner of First and Alder streets, Portland, which is the greatest clothing house north of San Francisco, where you can outfit for any thing you need to wear from a tip top hat to a tip toe stocking.

Duryea's Starch is the best in the world. It is warranted pure. None other so easily used or so economical.

**Room for Settlers.**

Arthur White who has been engaged all summer in surveying Uncle Sam's lands in the vicinity of Moses and Grand Coulees, returned yesterday. He says that northwest of Moses Coulee there are three or four townships of good agricultural land, though water is scarce. Several living springs, however, were found there by his party. The country is composed of light, rolling hills, covered with a luxuriant growth of bunch grass, with occasional patches of rye grass and white sage. West of the Coulees, distant four or five miles, there is an abundance of timber suitable for log houses, fire wood and rails; while further off, on the Columbia, there is timber suitable for lumber. The banks of the Columbia are generally high, rocky and precipitous, with only a few places suitable for roads to the river. North-west of the north end of the Grand Coulee there is an extensive region suitable for grazing purposes, but it is too rocky and spotted for farming purposes. The rocks are granitic and basaltic in their formation. There is a good country for wheat raising around Wild Goose Bill's location which is between Camp Spokane on the east, and the Grand Coulee on the west. There is plenty of scrub pine in that region, with occasional bodies of fir, and patches of cottonwood. The pine and cottonwood make good fuel and the fir can be converted into lumber and rails. There are quite a number of settlers on Wilson Creek and in the vicinity of Wild Goose Bill's. This region is about 120 miles north of Walla Walla, and has an altitude of over 2,000 feet above the sea. Frosts are frequent, particularly in the valleys on the bottom lands. Mr. White is of the opinion that it is a pretty good country to settle in, though its remoteness from railroads and markets, make it at present a stock raising and not an agricultural country.—*Walla Walla Union.*

**The Yaquina Bay Harbor Improvement.**

The action of the residents of the valley foreshadowed in our last issue has become an established fact. The meeting called by the Mayor of Corvallis, at the request of a large number of citizens, was held in the City Hall on Saturday, Sept. 17th. The practical step was taken of opening a subscription list which was speedily taken up in the room. An influential committee was appointed to conduct a systematic canvass of Benton county, which is in progress as we write. It was insisted on, that no one should fail to add his name to the list because he did not feel able to give a large subscription, but that what was most desirable was that the list should be large in the number of subscribers rather than in individual amounts. And here we feel proud of being able to point to the fact that while the Oregonian cries to the wealthy citizens of Portland and hitherto cries in vain to dip their hands in their well lined pockets to buy a dredge to clear their passage to the sea for vessels drawing over sixteen feet of water, these valley citizens of ours show their faith by deeds, not words. Heaven (and Congress) helps them that help themselves; and we, citizens of the Willamette valley, do not propose to blow off our steam in denouncing the "cowardly representatives" of Oregon for failing to get us all the appropriations the valley demands, but rather we will strengthen their hands and uphold their knees, by going to work ourselves to provide funds to keep the work going during the coming Winter. So we shall prove to the world that not only our sense of the vital necessity for this outlet, but also our readiness to trust absolutely to the sense of right, never absent united among the people's representatives really in Congress, to devote an amply sufficient sum to supply the people's legitimate demands.—*Oregon Colonist.*

**A Clackamas County Family.**

The *Enterprise* speaking of a visit to the Palmateer settlement says Mr. Garrett Palmateer, the founder of the family, is 76 years of age and does not seem to be over 50. Indeed he offered to wrestle any of his sons or grandsons and was considered in his younger days a fine athlete. He had six sons, five of whom are living near him, each having a family of his own. He has about 24 grand children and several great grand children, and is as lively and merry as any of them. All his sons are good, active, industrious men, and among them have 1,500 acres of as good land as can be found in America. Traveling in this region it is safe to address any one you meet as Palmateer, and "Doc," the wag of the family, says the country around there yields 20 (Palmateers) to the acre. Mr. John Palmateer has a Buffalo Pitts machine with which he threshed over 3,500 bushels of grain on the Palmateer farms alone. This machine has been running for 14 years and during last season he threshed between 6,000 and 7,000 bushels. The entire Palmateer family are men of fine physique and are all intelligent, practical men. The founder of the family, Garrett Palmateer, is as vigorous and active as any of them, and is one of the best informed men we ever had the pleasure of listening to. The soil and situation of the land on the Palmateer farms render them peculiarly adapted to the culture of wheat, and from the crops that are grown in this locality this fact is demonstrable.

LONDON *Truth* has found an English farmer whose carefully kept accounts extending over a number of years justify the estimate that English farmers have lost \$750,000,000 in the last two years by bad weather. In value, this is about as if one and a half wheat crops had been wiped out in this country.

FARMERS will bear in mind that Mr. John Hughes, State street, Salem, keeps on hand Red Clover seed, Blue Vitriol and Sulphur in large quantities, for their especial use. All of these articles a progressive farmer has use for.

Duryea's Starch has received the highest prize medals at the International Exhibition, and in every instance of competition maintaining an unbroken record of success.