

GENERAL NOTES.

Weston Leader: Mr. W. P. Crow of Milton informed us that he had at last received his sorghum mill from the East and that he would at once proceed to press out and evaporate the saccharine sweetness to the consistency of syrup.

Messrs. Reeder and Bostwick, of Greasewood, harvested this year seven hundred acres of wheat. Of this, five hundred and fifty acres was fall wheat and the balance spring.

Mountainer: Mr. Cochran has settled near Spanish Hollow, in company with James Downing, and purposes to enter upon stock raising. He reports bunch-grass on the benchland, as being in prime condition; with excellent promise for the coming year.

Mr. J. J. Griffin, of Fifteen Mile reports the product of 60 acres of his bench land wheat to be 2,748 bushels, machine measure of excellent wheat. Mr. G. also gave us a very excellent account of his experiments with tobacco raising.

Wasco Sun: J. L. Hallet after performing such prodigious engineering feats as to place him far ahead of the other great railroad builders of the age, intends to excel himself the coming twelve months on the line of the Northern Pacific.

Walla Walla Union: We have been informed that steps are being taken to establish a fruit cannery in this city, complete in all its departments.

Dalles Mountainer: We were much gratified to meet Messrs. Lauteren and Birce, German and English engineers, employed by the Central Pacific Railroad Company to search a route for rail communication of that road with the Columbia valley.

Jacksonville Times: We learn that Nick Fickle sold 1,000 head of stock sheep to parties from the Umpqua, for \$1.25 per head. The activity of the sheep trade this fall seems to argue well for this industry in our valley.

Walker & Wrisley have closed their syrup manufactory for the season. We understand they have manufactured about 1,500 gallons of syrup this year. It has been of excellent quality and finds ready sale.

J. N. T. Miller and Raphael Moratt are now engaged in packing their large vineyards. As the grape crop is much larger this season than usual, a large amount of wine and brandy will be manufactured.

Salem Statesman: The O. R. and N. Co. is building a new dock and warehouse at the landing here, to take the place of the old one constructed some fifteen or sixteen years ago by Jasper Matheny.

St. Helen's Columbian: Stephen Haines sent us down 12 cabbages, each averaging 28 pounds, and a royal beet. He also sent one down to Enoch Shintaffer, weighing 34 pounds, and a magnificent beet.

Suver Correspondence: Wheat from King's valley is coming in lively, and if the weather is not too bad, another week will about finish the hauling. A good many farmers have taken advantage of the high price for wheat and sold. It has caused money to be quite plenty, and consequently business in our little burg is lively.

Vancouver Independent: Thursday last was the big day at the Clarke County Fair, and the attendance large. Two Portland horses were also on hand to make a pretty trotting race, which had its attractions. Hon. John F. Caples also delivered an excellent address to the people assembled, which was well received.

Vancouver Independent: One of the farmers living in the Flatwoods district sends us a report of the butter production this season in the district, within a mile each way of the

Flatwoods school house, which is getting to be one of the best butter producing districts in this county. Following are the names of the farmers, and the number of pounds of butter they have made for sale this season:

On the Curtis place.....2,200
Mr. Cross.....1,000
Mr. Anderson.....800
A. Higdon.....2,100
A. Leeper.....1,100
E. J. Ricketts.....1,800
Total.....9,006

The variety of potatoes known as the Peerless does some big things in this country at times. We have seen several specimens weighing 5 pounds, and once the product of one hill was brought to this office, weighing over 25 pounds, the largest potato going 5 1/2 pounds.

Walla Walla Statesman: After Mr. Villard viewed the enormous stacks of grain piled up on the Blue mountain line, he ordered lumber to be hauled immediately for the purpose of protecting it from the inclemency of the weather.

Spokane Chronicle: It is understood here that Gen. Miles, like Captain Hunter and other military officers, favors the plan of creating at Spokane Falls one large permanent encampment, abandoning the three military posts now sustained by the government, and at certain seasons of the year taking part of the force from the encampment for field duty; for instance about the fishing season for the Indians in the Colville regions.

Walla Walla Union: The unexpected good price obtained for wheat this fall has made the farmers of this county feel happy.

Mountainer: It is surprising to know that every State in the Union except Colorado produced tobacco. Kentucky leads all the States, planting 226,120 acres, and raising 171,120,784 pounds.

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Correspondence Goldendale Gazette: Columbus is getting to be quite a lively place, hauling in grain and railroading making things look quite lively here. About thirty teams loaded with wheat arrive every day.

Cheney, Spokane county, Tribune: The meeting called at Medical Lake on Saturday of last week for the purpose of organizing a County Agricultural Society was so thinly attended, on account of bad weather, that it was thought best not to take any definite action in the premises, but to call another meeting at an early day.

Dalles Times: Col. Thomas S. Lang assumed editorial charge of the Mountainer this week. We extend the fraternal hand to the Colonel, and feel satisfied that under his management the paper will prosper, as there are few able writers on the coast.

Wheat is selling at a fair price, but owing to the great distance farmers have to haul to shipping points a very small price is realized in the end by the producer.

Waitsburg Times: The immense crop of fine fruit was ruined by the frost on Wednesday night. Never since we have been in the valley have we seen a finer fruit crop than was raised this season, but with the exception of what little was gathered prior to last Tuesday, which will probably not exceed more than the one-hundredth part, all is entirely ruined, being frozen solid on the trees.

The Wasco Sun says: The Texas Ferry Railroad will be finished before the end of the coming month. Mr. J. E. Thielsen, in charge of the work, with one blast removed no less than 11,000 cubic yards of solid basaltic rock. The propelling force consisted of 46 boxes of Judson powder, each box containing 50 pounds, making the whole amount over one ton of powder.

Pendleton Tribune: Jacob Frazier returned from Hopper on Monday last, where he had been for the purpose of selling some fine bucks, and sold \$2,500 worth. He has sold this year 800 bucks, receiving therefor \$5,425.

Goldendale Correspondence: The wheat buyers are doing a good business, and several thousand bushels are being unloaded daily at the Columbus wharf.

For evidence of the increase in our valley, our merchants are filling their stores with more goods than any previous year, and are all doing well.

Weston Leader: Mr. Joseph Galleher has, we learn, about eighty acres to cut and thresh yet.

Sisalaw Fair.

Sisalaw, Lane Co., Oct. 20th, 1881.

Editor Willamette Farmer: The Sisalaw Agricultural Society held their third annual fair on the 19th of this month. The fair was a success considering the stormy weather for a week beforehand and up to the morning of opening the fair the rain came down in torrents.

John Simpson, best Oxfordshire buck, first premium; Cotswold buck lamb, first premium; Cotswold ewe lamb, first premium; Cotswold ewe, first premium.

J. Richards, best Cotswold buck, first premium. P. F. Davis, best colt for draught, first premium.

Belshaw & Davis' colts, sired by Merry Mason, first premium.

D. H. Coleman, four dogs and two pups, first premium; Hopeton oats, first premium; Colman wheat, first premium; prim potatoes, first premium; garnet chili, first premium; leopard, second premium; yellow rutabaga, first premium.

Geo. Landrith, Early Goodrich potatoes, first premium; psacabob and sweet potatoes, first premium each; long red beet, first premium; white, French and yellow turnip, first premium; prim fall pear, first premium; butter, first premium.

F. M. Nighwander, yellow bellflower, white bellflower, rambo, golden russet, baldwin, red cheek pippin and fall green apples, each first premium; white chaff club wheat, first premium; Hopeton Oats, second premium; early York cabbage, first premium.

J. A. J. Crow, yellow beets, first premium; white beets, first premium; leopards and Baltimore blue potatoes, first premium; Marblehead cabbage, first premium; winter radish, first premium; red top turnip, first premium; orange and golden crown carrots, first premium each.

Mrs. Geo. Belshaw, sofa cushion, first premium; patchwork quilt, first premium; cotton quilt, second premium; stand pin cushion, first premium; hanging pin cushion, first premium; crocheted tidy, first premium; crocheted lamp mat, second premium; lace sofa tidy, first premium; lace chair tidy, second premium; jar cantelope preserves, first premium; emmabar, first premium; silver ore, first premium; shells, first premium; petrified sage brush, first premium; petrified mushroom, first premium.

Mrs. A. J. Nighwander, best variety of canned fruit, first premium; butter, first premium; sample knit lace, first premium. Miss Emma Douglas, nine years old, patchwork quilt, first premium.

T. M. Doak, seek-no-further apple, first premium.

W. N. Crow, pen work, first premium. Mr. Geo. Belshaw delivered the annual address, which was well received.

A Good Word.

ALBANY, Oregon, Oct. 26, 1881.

DEAR SIR: I want to express my most sincere thanks to you for the article in last week's paper (Oct. 14), entitled "Facing the Situation." I think an occasional article of like good sense would place the FARMER prominently at the head as the farmers' paper.

We request all who have received postal cards requesting renewal to examine the dates carefully, and in case of any error, inform us, that we may correct the same. We have received several such corrections, and looking back to the dates named find that our cash book always confirms the claim made. Errors will occur in keeping such a list, because all is set up in type, and the printer sometimes makes a mistake in his work.

ITEMS BY TELEGRAPH.

Gen. F. A. Walker, superintendent of census, has resigned.

The steamer Wisconsin for New York carries 400 Mormons.

Insurgents under Ali Bey Amer attacked Laroupe, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

Fritz Stein, formerly Sacramento correspondent of the San Francisco German Democrat, is believed to have committed suicide.

The relics of the Franklin expedition recovered by Lieut. Schwatka are placed in the museum of Greenwhich Hospital, England.

The O'Leary 100-hour go-as-you-please contest was ended in New York on the 23d inst. Horly, 395 miles; Cronin, 369; Curtis, 325.

Officers of the army and navy on the 24th gave a grand ball at Fortness Moore, winding up the Yorktown centennial celebration.

The Home Manufacturers' Association recently passed a resolution of sympathy with Farrell and other imprisoned land leaguers.

Notices have been posted in the neighborhood of Boyle, Ireland, county Roscommon, recently threatening all tenants who pay their rent.

The land league had a secret meeting in Dublin Saturday while police occupied their rooms. The meeting determined to pursue agitation.

Grant declines making any effort to shape the cabinet by advice or solicitation, nor is it true, he says, that he has urged the retention of Tyner.

Chas. Ehrlich was stopped on the morning of the 23d near Camptonville, Cal., by two robbers, who compelled him to deliver over \$150.

Confederate bonds have been dealt with and quoted at the Frankfurt exchange at 2 and 2 1/2 per cent., the demand coming from Rotterdam.

The Spanish chamber of deputies elected a budget committee consisting of thirty-five members, only five of whom are protectionists.

Some of the priests oppose Parnell's programme, and some tenants are paying rents. The Fenians are growing active in France, England and America.

The federal council intend to propose to the federal assembly that the Swiss consulate at Washington be transformed into a delegation.

Despite the government's proclamation, there was a large gathering on the 24th near Carnockford, a priest presiding. A "no rent" resolution was passed.

Attorney General MacVeagh has appointed Walter S. Davis assisting prosecuting attorney to assist District Attorney Corkhill in the Guiteau case.

Last week the police of Frankfort-on-the-Main seized and confiscated all posters and bills in restaurants which give information to those intending to emigrate to America.

Paul Boynton arrived at Yankton, D. T., on his trip from the head of the Yellowstone to the mouth of the Missouri, thirty-five days out. He leaves to-morrow morning for below.

It is thought that Garham will relieve the Republican senators of all embarrassment by withdrawing as a candidate for secretary, as soon as Mr. Sargent's name is sent in.

Several more arrests under the coercion act were made in Ireland on the 24th, including Miss Holmest of Ballydehale, for persisting in exhibiting a "no rent" manifesto in her window.

Military and police evicted several of Callinor Harman's tenants in Boyle on the 24th. The mob afterward held an indignation meeting and wrecked property belonging to non-leaguers.

Kennedy and Davis, of Portland, Me., have accepted the challenge of Hammer and Courtney, of Halifax, and offer to row a series of three races—two single and one double scull—for \$3,000 a side.

The steamship Nevada from New York, ran aground at the entrance of the harbor, but after some time and much trouble, she was hauled into deep water, and came here for a supply of coal.

There were 200 vessels bound in Frith of Froth, among them 12 large sea-going steamers, each first premium; and all their crews and some were partially dismasted. Much wreckage is coming ashore.

In St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Philadelphia on the 24th, a centennial celebration occurred, and thanksgiving service for the victory of the French and American armies at Yorktown was rendered.

Four hundred strippers in Lorillard's tobacco factory who went on a strike last week, resumed work on the 23d. Collapse of the strike will not interfere with the firm's plans in the southwest.

Two Fourth Ward brazeners, of New York, Frank McGowan and Denny Lyons, fought a prize fight on the 23d in New Jersey. McGowan won in 79 rounds, both being badly hurt. Lyons is in a critical condition.

Information was received at Denver that four ranchmen named York, Purdy, Baker and Moore, living on Lower Gila river, have been killed by Indians. The Indians are that the murderers are White Mountain Apaches.

It is stated that Queen Margerite will accompany King Humbert on his visit to Emperor Francis Joseph. It is understood that the king's proposed visit to Berlin will be postponed unless Emperor William's health improves.

The Texas and Pacific railway surveying party have applied for a military escort, which has not yet been granted. The course of survey leads them through San Carlos agency to Globe, and it is feared the Indians may be suspicious of their movements and give them trouble.

The officers of the Ninth Massachusetts regiment indignantly deny the reported misconduct of their men during the Yorktown celebration. There was absolutely no ground for the complaint. The men are mostly Democrats and many of them Irish-Americans. They were insulted several times on their way home, particularly in Richmond.

Judge Garry was renominated on the 24th by the Chicago Democrats for judge of the superior court. The Republican convention will also doubtless renominate him, this being the third term in which he has been the unanimous choice of both parties, an honor never before conferred here.

Rev. Thos. Harrison, the "boy preacher" is still attracting large and interesting congregations in San Francisco. At the meeting on the 20th, 18 persons made public professions of conversion. This makes 106 who claim to have become converts since these revival meetings were inaugurated.

A Times-Leader special says: Henry Pope was caught in the act of salting ninety-seven tons of ore from 9 ounces to 251 ounces which he was selling to the St. Louis Smelting Co. J. H. Laker, manager, caught Pope and saved a quarter of a million swindle. Pope is under arrest, not being able to give \$10,000 bail.

The condition of the French troops in Africa is reported worse than ever. The number of sick are increasing and fresh troops are needed continually to fill vacancies. The hospitals in Algeria are overfilled.

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