WILLAMETTE FARMER: PORTLAND, OREGON, DECEMBER 9, 1881



Western Oregon

toseburg Plaindealer : Pitzer Smith re med last week from Eastern Washington ere he has been looking after his stock. He were he has been looking after his stock. He ports stock in that country looking fat and re, with grass six inches high, but the ather is very cold, the thermometer being ht degrees below zero. He also says that nost every one of those little towns up there infested with small pox.

The Roseburg Plaindealer, in a recent issue, The Roseburg Plaindealer, in a recent issue, ys the following deserving compliment to on. J. Finley Watson: "We hear it inti-ated that J. F. Watson is likely to receive e appointment of United States District At-rney for this D.strict. A better selection suid not very well be made. Judge Watson child make a first-class U. S. Prosecuting attorney, and though we can say that this maticial district would lose an able Judge, whose place would be hard to fill."

Roseburg *Plaindcaler*: In every direction farmers are busy speeding the plow, and ground is in fine condition. From present lications a very large acreage will be sown s year in Douglas county.

Eugene Guard: Mr. Howard is engaged in mying live porkers throughout the county. On Tuesday he shipped 146, for which he paid arer \$2,000 One raised by Mr. Calef weighed 10 pounds gross. He paid 55 and 6 cents, ross, according to size and condition.

ross, according to size and condition. The Eola correspondent of the Dallas Item-ter furnishes the following: "Farmers and tockmen, you are aware of the fact that the villainous coyotes are daily feeding on your theep, pigs, chickens, geese and ducks; and are you going to allow such to continue? or are you going to produce a sum of money that would "neither make nor break any man," for a bounty offered the destroyer of the varmint coyote? It is to your interest, therefore take the matter in hand."

Jacksonville Sentinel: A large quantity of new machinery is expected within a couple of weeks for the Ashland Woolen Mills. The es-tablish nent is flourishing, and its goods are commanding a large sale on account of their machiner. superiority.

Eastern Oregon and Washington. Walla Walla Union: During the month of November the U.S. Land Office at Walla Walla disposed of the soil as follows:

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Cash	4,189	97
Final Homestead	720	0.0
Timber Calture	2,335	83
Homestead	3,180	-00
Pre-emption,	4,000	00

Total Dayton (W. T.) Caroniele: According to the report of the Ferritorial Auditor, Colum-The report of the formation assessable property. Last year Columbia was about half a million ahead of King, but the latter is now \$453 in advance. The plain truth of the matter is that a full and complete assessment would have placed Columbia second in rank with several huodred thousand as a margin. The names of wealthy citizens of the county who have paid taxes here for years are for some reason omitted in the last assessment.

Two turning weighing respectively 27 and 274 pounds are on exhibition at the Dayton (W. T.) postoffice. They are of the variety known as the white ruta baga, and were laised by John A. McKnight near that place. He raised two tons on one fourth of an acre of ground. One hundred of these turnips aggre-gated 1000 pounds. They are said to be ex-cellent feed for stock.

The people of the thriving little town of North Powler, says the Bedrock Democrat, of Baker City, are not lacking in en erprise. They had no school in this vicinity; accordingly they circulated a subscription paper ther-by soon receiving sufficient funds to build a substantial school house, 24x36, with 12-foot walls. The building was erected on a half block of ground, donated for school purposes by James Welch. The citizens intend giving a dance on the 9th prox, the entire proceeds to be devoted to procuring desks and a store. The price of tickets is very low, and as the object is so praiseworthy there will be a good turnout. A good teacher will be needed, too, whom the citizens will pay a fair salary.

Pendleton Tribune: Umatilia county pays \$4,984 60.407

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Owing to the wires being down news of the action of Congress and the President's message have not come to hand in time for particular mention this week. The House organized by electing Gen. Keifer, of Ohio, a Republican, Speaker, and Edward McPherson, Clerk, who was clerk previously under a Republican House. The House of Representatives is about one-half Republicans, and the other half Democrats, Independents and Greenbackers, but owing to several absences

the Republicans were in majority.

POLITICAL NEWS

View from Yamhill Mountain.

A correspondent of the Lafayette Reporter writes as follows:

On a beautiful morning, I was seized with a desire to climb to the summit of the Yamhill mountain, to take a look at the sorrounding mountain, to take a look at the surrounding country. I started up the mountain on a zig-zig road, which was made for that purpose; the teams that usually go up the mountain are warranted to pull up or push back in making the ascent. I found myself at last on the sum.nit. Looking to the East, I saw a beau-tiful valley, and at the east side the Cascade mountains. In a low basin stood Mt. Hood, whose top pierced the clouds. My eyes wan-dered south to Mt. Jefferson, and then om south until the mountains seemed to flatten south until the mountains seemed to flatten into a plain, then fade out of sight. West of the Cascades spread out the beautiful valley of the Will mette with prairies, and the water courses studed with tall timber. Sull further to the west, stretching along the coast could to the west, stretching along the coast could be seen, the C ast mountains. The first im-portant, one of which is St. Mary's Peak, west of Corvallis, at the base of which runs the railroad to the coast. After viewing the eistant surroundi gs. I took a view of old Yamhill. First I locat d Sheridan, then the great serp-rut windings of the Yamhill river. The neuron surround the towns of Max preat scrpart whomas of the familie river. The narrow gauge railcoad, the towns of Mc-Minnville, Lafavette, Dayton, Wheatland, Bellevue and Amity, all lay spread out before us. While contemplating the grandeug of thi-one county, the whistle of Mr. Newby's flour-

ing mill reminded me that it was about dinner time.

The Railroad.

Frank M. Cheesman, who has been in the employ of the Nevada & Oregon Railroad Company, during the Summer and Fall, returned home this week. It is his belief that the unpleasantness now existing between the15,132 38 conflicting elements of the company will have no detrimental effect upon the progress of the work of constructing this railway line. It has retarded the work in no particular thus far, and it is the general opinion of those who assume to be informed relative to the matter that the building of the road will continue vigorously. The branch of the Central Pacific, to be constructed from Wadsworth to The Dalles, is sure to be built, and to is fact is Dalles, is sure to be built, and this fact is spurring the Nevada & Oregon Company on to do their utmost to prevent the former line h ading them off. It is the beheff of many that the C. P. branch will reach this valley first, but upon what basis this assumption is made we are not advised. Of ourse the C. P. Company will lose no time in the construction of their line, for there are other and more potent incentives leading them on than merely the rivality of the N. & O., but the list-ter line is making an excellent start, so far as the progress of the work is concerned, and the i ne from Wadsworth will have to reach out most vigorously to overtake it. Gentemen who have passed through here during the past month assure us that we will have a railroad into this valley inside of a twelve months, and all the steam horse racket we want in a year all the steam horse racket we want in a year or two more, to all of which we say, "so be it."—Lake County Herald.

Weather.

The climate of the Northwest is undoubtedly changing. During the past month it has rained, on an average, ten days a week, and some of our pioncers are going to the webfoot land to get some sunshine if the rain don't let up soon. Last Saturday night the sky was overcast with great masses of dark clouds. and as the sun had set, the great luminary was, of course, invisible. The indications of 24.50 62,107 57.063 a storm rose up out of the west and south like New Zealand Seed Oats, some black demon from the nether world : 23.216 87,793 you bat! The wind huried the flee y mes-sengers of the upper deep along as though they were running for a county office and were 02.15127,928 in a tearing hurry to get there. By and-by the rain drops fell, which reminds us that 14.646the rain drops fell, which reminds us that some fool poet says: "R-in drops are tears seed by angels over the sins of the world." Longfellow also says: "The hoo ed clouds, like frars, tell their beads imdrops of rain." At West Chehalem, in Yamhi'l county, during the past week, the weather has been more propitious, and Old Sol actually had been visible. Farmers have been again speed ing the plow, and this time they are making some beter procress, quite a quantity of Winter fallow being now plowed. Alpowal The Nez Perce Neres gives the following de-scription of this point: Arrived at Silcott's warehouse, at the month of the Alpowai, we found a scene of activity,



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Arrived at Silcott's warehouse, at the month of the Alpowai, we found a scene of activity, which was quite refreshing to eyes accustom-ed to the dreary streets of L-wiston. The great warehouse was stuffed to its fullest capacity with fat sacks of golden grain, from the head of the Alpowai and Deadman; on either side of the warehouse sheds had been erected for the shelter of grain, and these also were stored high to the roof. while we count were stored high to the roof, while we count-ed eleven loaded teams waiting their turn to discharge and as many more on the way. The lumber on the raft is to be used in con-truct-

discharge and as many more on the way. The lumber on the raft is to be used in construct-ing another large warehouse at that point, solely for the storage of grain. Of Timothy, of Alpowai, a civilized Ner-meter fence and much of it under cultivation. Timothy is probably the oldest Indian in the country, and claims to remember the first ap-pearance of Lewis and Clark in this country. This old man, a other Indian and the famous scout. Donald McKay, enlisted in the disas-trous "Steptoe Expedition," and transported the Alpowai, and were proceeding with then to Colville, when they were attacked by 700 Indians from all the tribes in the upper coun-try, except the Nez Perces. Timothy also for rised Mr. Spalding across the river, as the second friend to the white man in his time. On the ranch on the creek bottom, at the mouth of the Alpowai, now owned by Day. Moler, are the five apple trees planted by Mr. Spalding in 1835, the oldest fruit trees east of hardy and beat largely, and the additionand trees planted in the last ten years make trip probably the finest orchard in Columbia county. **Durweas' Starphy is** the best in the world. The neutert ritt is the holin ya is a parlor.

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On the opening of the fishing season on the Coquille river, says the News, we gave the names of the parties engaged in the business and an estimate of the number of barrels, and an estimate of the number of barrels, which would probal ly be put up. Now that the season is about closed; we find that the number of barrels actually put up will fall a little short of reaching our estimate. This is owing to the fact that it was impossible to got help to care for the fish, and when a cer-tain number were caught during the day or night, the fisherman had to return to the salting house, sever 1 boats catching at times their allowed number in two hours with drift nets. The number of harrels of salmon put up this year by the parties engaged are as follows:

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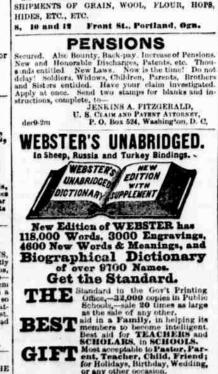
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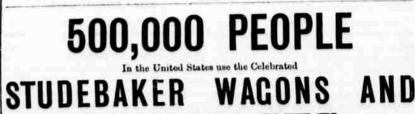
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