



Correspondence.

Assessment and Taxation Again.

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cadre mountains, without a thought of how cheap Chinese labor had ruined them. This was in November. They have just returned, and have 175 deer skins, 15 wild cat, 2 otter, and 2 beaver, 1 fisher and 1 otter, and over 1,000 pounds of dry venison to show for their winter's work, besides any quantity of furs they had. Now they are ready for the season's work with over \$400 cash in their pockets, their rifles and traps for next winter, and a large fund of hunting experience to spin yarns on. The President may veto the Chinese bill whenever he pleases for aught that kind of men care.

Protect the Birds. LEBANON, Or., March 21, 1882. Editor Willamette Farmer: Will you be kind enough to publish a little item in your paper in regard to some golden pheasants that O. N. Deany sent to this State to be turned loose for the benefit of the State. I hope it will be advertised in all the leading papers warning hunters against killing them, for a number of years at least, so that they may have a chance to increase and scatter all over the State.

The Scotch Fife Wheat. PHILMATH, Benton Co., March 20, 1882. Editor Willamette Farmer: In your issue of the 3rd I saw a communication from Mr. Belshaw, in which he speaks of the Scotch Fife wheat in a rather disparaging manner. Now I do not intend to enter into an argument with the gentleman about the matter, or pretend to be as well posted, but what little I do know I know certain, and that I am inclined to think is not the case with Mr. B. in regard to the Fife wheat.

Letter from Turner. TURKEY, Or., March 28, 1882. Mr. R. D. Sandford, of this place, the man who is demonstrating the solution of the problem: How to make a living on twenty acres of land, has set out four acres to strawberries this spring. Mr. Sandford believes that strawberries can be marketed at a price that all, rich or poor, may eat their fill, and yet leave a handsome profit for the producer, and his faith in this is shown by his works.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Eagle Valley correspondent of the Baker City Democrat says: This valley will compare favorably with any portion of the State, and it is far ahead of many places. The soil and climate are well adapted to the raising of fruit, vegetables and grain. We also have a very desirable location for stock raising.

Jacksonville Times: E. P. Pickens, of Table Rock informs us that H. Hilver, of Benton county, is now in the valley for the purpose of purchasing 75 head of good horses of medium size for the company of capitalists and farmers engaged in the construction of the railroad between Corvallis and Yaquina Bay.

L. Leonard, a heavy dealer in stock, this week purchased 600 head of wethers from Wm. Bybee and L. Solomon, paying \$300 for them. He has purchased a large number of cattle and sheep in this section, as also in Del Norte and Curry counties during the past few months, buying 2700 head of wethers in the last named county alone.

A heavy immigration to Southern Oregon is expected from east of the Rocky mountains next spring. We are constantly receiving letters inquiring for information concerning this section, and propose presenting a description of our resources at length in some future issue.

Weston Leader: The Willow Creek country, between Heppner and Pendleton, is destined inside of a month to become one of the liveliest agricultural straits. Immigrants are pouring in rapidly, and hundreds are waiting for the opening of fair weather to take up claims.

Lake County Examiner: The long continued cold weather is beginning to tell on the stock in this section, and if a change does not come soon the consequences will be serious. There is a scarcity of hay in the valley, and if what there is should be consumed before the snow gets off, so that cattle can do for themselves great loss must ensue.

Corvallis Gazette: On March 27th, the schooner Sea Foam, Captain Winant, 11 days from San Francisco, sailed in over the bar on an ebb tide. She brought car wheels and iron fitting for two construction trains, car wheels and fitting for two complete rock gangs, a large assortment of iron, steel and railroad material generally, and a quantity of oats and feed for the horses on the grade.

The weather east of the mountains has been very warm for some weeks past.

from the present plans, it will be 3 or 4 stories high, and probably 42 by 66 feet, making it a large structure. Its cost will be between \$8,000 and \$12,000. The latest machinery will be introduced of the most approved kind. There will be three runs of burrs, which will give it a large capacity.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer: A meeting of the S. Attle, Puget Sound and Gray's Harbor Railroad and Transportation Company was held, Thursday night, in Seattle. The President, Gov. Newell, and other members of the Board, were present.

Walla Walla Statesman: Interviews with most of our fruit growers indicate that the peach crop this year will be nearly a failure, but that cherries, plums, apples and pears will be plentiful; apples will not be so plentiful as last year as then the trees bore too heavily, but there will be enough for all and to spare.

Stock raising is the paramount interest in Grant county. The recent order to remove stock from the Malheur reservation is a hard blow to that interest, and efforts will be made to have the order rescinded.

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Grange Delegations. GRANGE HALL, April 1, 1882. Editor Willamette Farmer: Pursuant to law, Umpqua Grange met in convention to elect delegates to attend the annual session of the State Grange to be held in Salem on the fourth Tuesday in May.

Resolution passed, That we are in favor of a Statistical Bureau by the National Grange, to furnish through that channel reliable information concerning growing crops and prospective prices throughout the world.

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three, and a friend another \$25. He and will build more. If any one doubts these statements, let him come to Southbridge and see for himself. Seeing is believing. Our cattle are contented and never looked better. One horse-power and cutter should be bought for \$180.—L. W. CURTIS in Massachusetts Ploughman.

IN MEMORIAM. William Coyle. At a regular meeting of Powell's Valley Grange No. 84, the following resolutions were passed: WHEREAS, In the dispensation of an all-wise Providence, death has visited our grange and removed from our midst our much loved brother and Overseer, William Coyle, on March 7, 1882, therefore be it

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