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SPECIAL NOTICE

We have agents in the field who are duly authorized as follows: Mr. E. M. Graves, who resides at Sheridan, will canvass Yamhill and adjoining counties...

THE ORELINK in Central Park, New York, will have to be protected in some way, as our climate bids fair to ruin the inscriptions, showing indications of crumbling away.

MORIS TAYLOR, a man being identified with leading efforts in New York City, died a few days ago. A steamship on this coast being named for him, makes the name a familiar one.

THE O. & C. RAILROAD COMPANY are pushing work towards Jackson and Josephine counties as fast as possible and will this year probably reach Upper Cow Creek, near the line of those counties...

THE MONMOUTH, ILL., Review, of May 26th, has a notice of the death of Major John C. Bond, one of the oldest residents of that county, and highly respected.

A NEW RAILROAD project is now talked of, with base of operations at Spokan Falls. A company has incorporated to build a railroad from Rathdum, above Spokan Falls...

NOW THAT horse-raising becomes an important branch of business in Eastern Oregon, horse thieves are very numerous and inflict great loss upon stockmen.

THE NEW YORK Herald shows up the tricks of the demagogues in the last Legislature of that State, and the management of Gould and Vanderbilt to prevent any legislation concerning transportation.

PORTLAND'S ENTERPRISE: Portland cannot be strictly called a place of great enterprise, except in the narrow way that it keeps on hand, at full prices, stocks of goods to meet the demands of country customers.

What Portland wants is commerce. The town is located upon two rivers, and one hundred and twenty miles from the ocean. The natural seaport is one hundred miles lower down, and yet the power and wealth of Portland draws the commerce of the whole region one hundred miles further up stream.

Conversing with a gentleman of considerable wealth, we asked why the bars were not scraped to improve navigation during the present high water. He replied that it is too much to expect Portland to do this work unaided by the rest of the country.

Let us see how that is: Outside of Portland there are few rich men in the State, not a dozen who can be considered magnates to compare with hundreds in Portland who have grown rich easily.

The country is hard worked and never over well paid. The country earns all its gets by the sweat of the brow, while the wealth of Portland is so great that single individuals could apply one year's income for that purpose and keep the rivers and bars all cleared, so that vessels could reach their wharves at all stages of water.

We repeat what we have said often, that the producers of the whole region have no interest in clearing the bars above Astoria. Portland alone is interested in having ships come to her wharves, and her capitalists should recognize that fact and act upon it.

PROSPECT OF CROPS AND PRICES.

Our crop prospects in this valley are not as good as we thought they were a month since. Winter wheat suffered from freezing, and reports from the hills, in some sections, are to the effect that the crop is seriously injured by the winter.

East of the Mountains they have a soil that retains moisture and can support a growing crop on less rain than is needed in this valley. Dr. Blalock, from Walla Walla, was here last week, and says his 2,300 acres of grain looks well.

country East of the Mountains, and may make some difference with their harvest. If the present indications continue we place the exportable surplus of the Columbia river for the next harvest year at 200,000 tons, same as for the year just passed.

The Oregonian also predicts that freights will be lower, and that wheat will sell at \$1.55 to \$1.60 per cental here. In its calculations about freights, that paper counts on a much larger quantity of wheat to ship than we shall probably have. California may also have a light yield, probably much less than they claim in their prints.

Another fact about Western Oregon is that the area of land in wheat is not increased. There may be increase in some localities, and extra good crops in some localities, but that is not generally the case.

CHANGED CONDITIONS OF WESTERN OREGON.

We are coming upon a new era in Oregon production, based upon a change of commercial conditions. It was only lately that we confidently said that the Willamette Valley was Oregon.

The Willamette Valley is no longer the granary of the North Pacific. The development of the Upper Country has brought about wonderful changes. One sure result is to be the building up of a great city here at Portland, and with the influx of population will come a demand that will cause manufacturing to grow up here in Portland and in the valley towns.

Wheat growing will continue to a great extent, but the men of judgment will appreciate the situation and prepare to reap the rewards that await enterprise. Like G. W. Hunt, of Sublimity, they will import sheep for mutton as well as wool, for this market will every year demand better meats and pay better prices for them.

The cattle business of Eastern Oregon has dwindled greatly. In many districts, where the grass was eaten down by great numbers of animals, it waves now luxuriantly, without any to crop it.

decline in importance or be put on a different basis. Farming here has passed the era of virgin fertility, when the eager soil gave crops without more than half cultivation. We have reached "hard pan," and will be apt to "bump bed-rock," to use familiar mining phrases, if we do not take a proper view of the situation.

THE LATEST HORROR.

With advance in the world's progress come also the attendant vices that curse the civilization they spring from and distort. Of late this region has known its full share of crimes and murders. The haunting demons of vice are with us constantly, while only a few years since we were measurably free from such evils.

All the facts show that the murdered man Brown was deliberately enticed into this den of prostitution, and because he dared to accuse its inmates of a crime of a light order, before a grand jury, he was drugged and murdered.

The lesson seems to be that we should indict and put on trial, and banish from the land, the chief agent that caused the crime, that leads to almost all crime and breeds crime as naturally as like produces like throughout all the world.

Multnomah county Pomona Grange.

Editor Willamette Farmer: Multnomah District Pomona Grange No. 6 held a very enthusiastic meeting at East Portland, Saturday, June 17, 1882.

Resolved, That indebtedness within the State should be allowed on State taxes, indebtedness within the county on county taxes, and indebtedness within the district on district taxes.

July Meeting and Baker City Races.

The following is the programme of the July meeting at the Baker City race course: July 4th—Saddle race; purse \$100; \$70 to first horse, \$20 to second, \$10 to third.

Redding's Russia Salve has proved its efficiency by a test of 75 years' constant use. Try it.

QUEEN OF THE PACIFIC: This is the name of the new steamer, just launched by Messrs. Cramps & Sons, of Philadelphia, for the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, to be put on the ocean route to San Francisco.

This new vessel is by far the finest specimen of naval architecture ever turned out from the establishment of the Cramps, notwithstanding their handiwork is marked indelibly upon some of the leading steamers in the Atlantic and Pacific coast trade.

Her cost will not be far from half a million dollars when ready for sea. The Queen of the Pacific has been built to obtain the highest class in bureau veritas for transatlantic service, and holds a certificate to that effect.

She has valve pistons, the first ever applied in this country, similar to those on the Alaska, and is expected to develop 3,000 horse power, and a maximum speed of engine of 80 turns per minute, which, with 100 pounds of steam, will give her a speed of sixteen knots an hour.

Working on about half power on her trip, she has made 60 turns, easily developing the speed of over 13 knots; which exceeded the expectations of her builders and special superintendent, J. C. Henderson, to whose good taste and liberal views much of the credit is due for such a perfect ship.

Those who are coming to Oregon can feel all confidence that the ocean voyage will be made with all possible comfort and safety, as the ships already on the line—the Columbia, Oregon and California, and new iron screw steamers, perhaps not equal in size and magnificence to the Queen of the Pacific, but they are models of marine architecture, and every ship of the line was made as strong and safe as human skill could perfect.

Fair at Hillsborough.

A reporter of the Oregon Tribune says that the horses already on the grounds are the most celebrated stappers Ever congregated on the Pacific coast.

Later on Tempest, a 2:38 entry was put around the course in very good shape. The following trotting entries have already been made. Our readers will detect among this list the names of many noted trotters:

- Dexter, entered by James Meisner, of Portland. Sweet Home, entered by Hoggboom, of Walla Walla. Gold Foil, entered by L. B. Lindsley, of Reedville. Gold Foil was formerly a Walla Walla horse.

There are twenty entries. Among the runners now on the grounds are the following: JEROME PORTER'S STABLES. Trade Dollar, Cadie R., and a two-year-old named Nevada, owned by R. E. Byber, of Portland.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON Mr. F. F. Hanna, traveling agent for D. M. Osborne & Co., gave a trial of the new 1882 Osborne (wino) self-binding harvester in the rye field of William Kirkman, Esq., about two miles north of town.

THE PORTLAND MAIL says that the most disastrous flood ever known since the settlement of the Skagit, took place recently, and a hundred thousand dollars will scarcely cover the loss to crops, dikes, improvements, etc.

Ashland Tidings: The Indians in Modoc county, Cal., eat large black crickets, which appear in great numbers in that section every summer. The Adin Araya, of last week, says: The festive cricket appears in our valley now in sufficient numbers to appease the appetites of our Indians; consequently, they stand on their dignity when asked to work.