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WRITERS at their week the State Legislature will be in session. It is always the case that no business is transacted until after the election of U. S. Senator...

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THE WILLAMETTE FARMER claims the patronage of the agricultural classes of Oregon. However, it has evidently not discovered that the Southern counties belong to the State...

The Southern counties and their prospects in view of the extension of the O. & C. R. R. that was so acceptable that two of the journals in Jackson county republished it...

WE are going to astonish our friends of the Times by asserting that in four months we have not found as much description of Jackson county, and proof of its agricultural value as we have published in the FARMER...

STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. A called meeting of this society was held at the Court House, in this city, last Saturday...

It is customary to wrap the trees with brown paper bandages, after scraping the bark smooth and burning all the serapings. The worms climb the body of the tree and harbor in the layers of paper...

Mr. Danne claimed to have invented a mixture, a wash or paste, to use in washing trees after they have been scraped, which prevents moths concealed in the bark from coming out at all...

Several other gentlemen took part in the discussion, and many interesting and valuable facts were elicited. It was resolved that a committee of three, with the chairman at it...

head, should examine the subject in all its bearings, with a view to recommending suitable legislation for protection of our orchards...

The importance of this subject is only lightly understood. The damage that the codlin moth alone can do in destruction of fruit in this State, at the present time, is not easily calculated...

All fruit growers who can do so are invited to attend the next meeting of the State Horticultural Society in the county court room...

GOOD FARMING PAYS. This is an old text of ours and we expect to make use of it frequently in the future. Good farming means putting in wheat in season...

On well made summer-fallow we also notice that the ground was this season clear of wild oats and weeds, and wheat is remarkably plump and well ripened. It is gratifying to observe that some Oregon farmers are up to the requirements...

We look forward to see this valley densely populated, thoroughly farmed, and made a very garden of exuberant production. Land will become so valuable here that poor farmers cannot afford to pay interest and taxes on it...

Progress of the Northern Pacific. Anticipating the cold weather which comes early in the mountain country through which the Northern Pacific passes on its journey East, the company is pushing work with the utmost rapidity...

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TAXATION AND INTEREST.

With the meeting of another biennial legislature we are brought to face important questions of State policy. How to raise the State revenue equally and fairly is a very important question...

The Oregon law is deficient. This is the way it works: The owner of the mortgaged land swears off his indebtedness; the mortgagee in Portland is taxed there, if anywhere, and more frequently is not taxed at all...

The past year the authorities of one county enforced collection of the tax from the land, when the owner of the mortgage could not be found, and the courts upheld that way of doing. Probably other counties may do the same hereafter...

Human selfishness is greediest when it can evade taxation. Many a man who is considered honest in business is dishonest when it comes to paying taxes. The tendency is vicious to the extreme...

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The city of Portland put out a six per cent. loan that was taken at a trifle above par by the bankers and some private persons, because there was no taxation on the bonds...

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As proof, because that State has no usury law. Money there is worth all it can bring. Banks take what they can get, and money lenders have no restraint. Loans are made all the way from five to ten per cent. interest...

THE STATE FAIR.

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The stock interests can be made very interesting if the stock men of the State can be induced to bring out their good animals. Our State has within its borders a great deal of stock that is well worth exhibiting...

But we, as a people, are especially proud of our horses, for we can exhibit, from the breeding farms of Oregon horsemen, excellent stock ranging in size from the Shetland pony to Clydesdales or Percherons...

Take the products of the State, as they will be represented, with the live-stock interests, and the miscellaneous and mechanical display that is certain to be made, and the State Fair of 1882 will surely prove a great attraction...

Pre-emption.

Another question troubles a correspondent, says the Walls Walla Statesman, regarding the right of a person to make a second pre-emption filing upon the same tract. In this Secretary Kirkwood has given this answer: "We do not understand this section (2,261) as prohibiting the filing of a second declaratory statement for the same and when, by reason or defects, or any other reason, the first declaratory statement has become unavailable...

Let us suppose that property of all kinds is assessed where it is found, for its full value, and that no offset for debt is allowed. One result will be that every district, municipality and county will have full revenue from the property in its limits. Another effect will be that as property cannot be taxed twice, mortgages will not be taxed. The land will pay the whole tax.

FOR THE STATE FAIR.

We learn that W. C. Myer, importer and breeder of Percheron horses, Shetland ponies, and Jersey cattle, will be at the coming State Fair and has some promising colts sired by Arabian Boy, dams full blood Percheron stallions. Also half and full blood Shetland colts for sale.

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YAKIMA CITY.

A correspondent, describing the county seat of one of the largest and best settled counties of the Territory, says: Yakima City is a small town of about 600 inhabitants, situated at the junction of the Attinum and Yakima rivers. It is the county seat of Yakima county, and, by its geographical position, it is destined some day to be a town of considerable importance.

There is a general feeling in the popular mind that the State Fair, which is to be held from the 18th to the 23rd of September, will prove a great success. Several years have elapsed since the State Fair was held in the fall. Many who were accustomed to its recital from the labors of harvest are anxious to see it recur at the old period. Harvest is well over, and as a usual thing the farmers of this valley have reason to feel satisfied with the result. They can get all their matters in shape so as to be able to attend the Fair, and that they will do in mass there is every reason to believe.

Weather Report for August, 1882.

During August, 1882, there were 2 days during which rain fell, and an aggregate of 0.03 inches of water; 28 clear days and 3 cloudy days. The mean temperature for the month was 63.21 deg. Highest daily mean temperature for the month, 74 deg. on the 30th. Lowest daily mean temperature, 53 deg. on the 25th. Mean temperature for the month at 2 o'clock p. m., 75.32 deg. Highest temperature for the month, 94 deg. at 2 p. m. on the 30th. Lowest temperature, 51 deg. at 9 p. m. on the 7th. The prevailing winds for the month were from the north during 29 days, southwest 2 days. During August, 1881, there were 3 days, and 1.37 inches of water; 17 clear days and 11 cloudy days. Mean temperature for the month, 61.28 deg. Highest daily mean temperature for the month, 70 deg. on the 19th. Lowest daily mean temperature for the month, 57 deg. on the 27th. T. PRANCE.

Baker County Reville: We have before us a work entitled "Mineral Resources West of the Rocky Mountains," published in 1873, by Raymond. On page 213 the author gives an account of several parallel veins of coal which had been discovered by E. W. Reynolds, in French Gulch, in Auburn district. The following is an analysis of some of the coal, taken from near the surface, by Fr. T. M. Brown, a dentist, of Philadelphia: Moisture 14.68 Carbon 62.72 Hydrogen 4.30 Oxygen 14.42 Sulphur 2.08 Ash 3.90 100.00 Mr. Raymond adds: "I presume from analyses that the coal will prove valuable for steam generation and domestic uses."

QUICK WORK.—Robert O'Reilly, who snatched a watch from a man on Yamhill street one day last week, was brought into court yesterday morning and pleaded guilty to a charge of highway robbery, and was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. When asked if he was ever in prison before, O'Reilly said yes, during the war, but he concealed the fact that he had not been out of the Salem penitentiary more than two months when he committed the last offense. He has also served a term at San Quentin.

BROKEN.—The U. S. court of San Francisco decided in the case of the Chinese crew of the American ship City of Sidney, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., that they had the right to land after the 4th of August, the time the Chinese restriction bill went into effect. That being in the employ of the ship before the law was passed, it does not affect them, though they had gone out of the jurisdiction of the United States in the meantime. The U. S. district attorney of California is of the opinion that this decision will open the door for an evasion of the restriction law.

PAINFUL OPERATION.—For some months past Mr. Thomas Perry, of St. Helen's, has been suffering with an internal tumor in the side, and finally decided to have it removed. The operation was successfully performed on Tuesday, the 29th ult., by physicians of this city and a tumor weighing 15 pounds removed. Mr. Perry, although 63 years of age, stood the painful operation with remarkable fortitude without the aid of anesthetics, and is now doing as well as could be expected. He is at present at St. Vincent's hospital.

ROBBERY.—While John Cornell, a workman employed on the farm of Judge Waldo, about ten miles from Salem, was at work in the field, a Chinaman who is employed as cook, went through the house and found \$53 in the bedroom of Cornell, which he took, and left for parts unknown. On coming home to dinner Cornell found that he was robbed, when he came to this city and notified the officer. It is thought that the Chinaman went to Portland.