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Turn over a new leaf - see how many new names as subscribers you can get to the farmer's paper and friend, the WILLAMETTE FARMER.

Some one very kindly sent us two ears of corn, wrapped in a copy of the Kansas City Daily Journal. They came some weeks ago...

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

Now that the people have indicated their polls their dissatisfaction with existing customs in politics, there will be a race between the two parties to show earnestness in the prosecution of Civil Service Reform...

CO-OPERATION

The only possible relief and security for producers must come through co-operation. One man with abundant means may succeed, but even he can succeed better if all his class co-operate with him for mutual good...

THE NICANAGUA SHIP CANAL

Our government can well afford to encourage the productive power of its Pacific Coast States by reasonable expenditure of millions, if necessary. The support of any enterprise that can accomplish this will come in the range of national duty...

keep pace with it. We complain that the excess of national income is a hundred millions annually over our needs. Why not use some of the national wealth to increase the power of production...

The great advantages to result to the Pacific States, and the nation at large, by this enterprise, can be secured by the pledge of government aid to insure payment of 3 per cent. interest on the reasonable cost of the work.

Give us this canal, and the wheat fields of the Pacific will be more prolific than ever; they will attract more emigration; the whole Columbian region will be more prosperous and have more certainty of prosperity for all time.

Let us suppose—as would be the case—that steamers carrying 5,000 tons could load here or in California ports, and make the voyage via Nicaragua to Liverpool in a month, charging the same that we now pay for a four month's voyage around Cape Horn.

But we are met with the assertion that the Panama canal is in course of construction, and when completed will answer all needs. The Panama scheme is French and not American.

DOES FARMING PAY?

Mr. J. B. Knapp, last week, asked what cause have farmers to complain? He enumerated the going prices of farm products to back his inquiry...

What is worth now a dollar a bushel at Portland, sacked. That gives an average of 80 cents a bushel over the whole Willamette Valley, and 60 to 70 cents east of the Cascades.

EVAPORATION—ON PAPER

The Disseminator notices an editorial from the Oregonian, about the evaporation of the moisture in the earth, says fine cultivation will pack the earth so close as to hold the moisture in, and that is why it is necessary to cultivate.

Why, then, is not the farmer happy and contented? Why are times hard and money hard to get? There is a reason for it. There is a reason for everything. The solution must be that poor farming and poor management are so prevalent that they offset the prosperous condition of the country.

of a fair yield. So it is with everything on the farm. Some men are naturally apt and succeed, while others blunder in everything they touch. Some learn of their neighbors, and improve by every one's experience.

Seriously, if there is to be prosperity to the farmer now, when will it come? Millions are spent in carrying forward great public enterprises, and the country has much benefit from those sources.

ENSLAGE

The report on silos and ensilage published by the Department of Agriculture gives returns from records of practical tests made in various parts of the United States and Canada.

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OUR NEW DEPARTURE

Since we announced and have practiced our intention of leaving the field of common journalism open to the secular press of the country and confine our efforts to farming matters and such matters as are appropriate for a family journal and general literary subjects selected especially for the entertainment and advancement of the farming community...

CORN AS A CROP

It has been always claimed that this is not a corn country. Many things that have been received as positively certain have become uncertain with the lapse of years. It was asserted that we could not grow clover here. Native clover covered the Willamette hills when the pioneers found them in 1845, but it soon died out, though it appears yet once in a while.

Dr. S. R. BRITTAN says: "As a rule physicians do not by their professional methods, build up the female constitution, while they seldom cure the diseases to which it is always liable in our variable climate and under our imperfect civilization. Special remedies are then required to restore organic harmony and strengthen the entebled powers of womanhood; and for most of these we are indebted to persons outside of the medical profession."

ONE WEEK'S WORK

We examined the FARMER last week with considerable interest to see if it filled the desire we have to make it fully up to the wants of the farmers of this region as an agricultural and literary journal.

Let us go over that issue and see what it has in it. There are several articles about the country, from different sources, that ought to interest general readers. Page one commences with a stirring endorsement from friend Knapp of our remark that: "The Farmer must Assert Himself," etc.; a Wisconsin farmer compares California with our region in a way that shows independence and ability.

yielded well, but he had trouble in saving it as it was not dry when harvested. The past season he had a splendid corn crop, and when he sold out it looked "as well as corn grown anywhere."

We also of late heard the remark made that some variety of corn would grow here to an enormous size, but would not ripen. That, we thought, is the solution of the ensilage problem. If we can import seed and raise stalks of size, and plenty of them, we can make fodder as cheaply as they can in any part of the world.

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On the inside Aunt Hetty's page is interesting for mothers, wives and children as usual; it has several nice poems, choice recipes, pieces about flowers; how to adorn home, "Self-Control" and this children's letters.

COMPARING NOTES

Our friend Knapp comments to patrons and others to take the Grange Bulletin, a weekly newspaper published at Cincinnati, Ohio, for \$1 60 a year. The Bulletin is exactly the same size as the FARMER, columns are the same, same amount of advertising and reading, only the Bulletin type is larger, therefore the FARMER contains the most reading.

STORM AND FLOOD

For nearly all of December the weather has been rainy; at times very heavy rains have fallen, accompanied in some parts of this valley by high wind, though not sufficient to do damage. In consequence of such rainfall as have occurred streams have all risen to a high stage, and considerable damage resulted.

NEW PROPRIETOR

James Carson, a thorough hotel man, has taken charge of the Narrow Gauge Hotel, and fitted it up in good shape, and proposes to keep a hotel second to none of its class in the city. It will hereafter be known as the Jefferson House, and Mr. Carson's popularity will insure it a good run of custom.

THAT POOR BRIDDER

That poor bridder, invalid wife, sister, mother, or daughter, can be made the picture of health by a few bottles of Hop Bitters. Will you let them suffer when so easily cured!

for a double purpose. Through the drain the surplus of water is discharged. There is only need of a certain quantity of it; the water should be down where the roots of plants can reach it, and in the shape of moisture, not of actual standing water.

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