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While wheat has not paid largely, it has still paid well—or fairly well—for labor expended. All other crops have paid better, so far as they were marketable.

All the experience we gather from 1882 goes to show that the man who has different branches of farming to support him thrives the best. Mixed husbandry is possible here, and pays well when prudently followed.

SOME FACTS ABOUT WHEAT.

The superior quality of Oregon wheat is matter of pride and satisfaction to Oregon wheat growers. We have always gathered information bearing on this subject and study the characteristics of different seasons with interest.

Mr. D. W. Burnside, of the Oregon City Imperial Mills, has been in the business for 18 years. In a recent conversation, we learned some things worth repeating.

The great enterprises that have been in course of construction have made rapid and satisfactory progress. The gap in the line of the Northern Pacific road is rapidly closing.

Mr. Burnside loaded one vessel that already had 600 tons of choice wheat of crop of '81 on board. He examined this carefully, to see if there was danger of his own cargo being contaminated.

A SUB-AQUEOUS AMALGAMATOR.

We came across an item, in some of our Oregon exchanges, this week, that refers to some person who has a valuable gold mine on the ocean beach.

farmer that if he would raise these things they will sell them for him. Then we ask: How can our farmers afford to lose such an important revenue?

The latest of all inventions, however, comes from Salem, and is devised by Mr. Wm. H. Leininger, of the Chemeketa Hotel.

So far as our whole region is concerned—and we count all the Columbia basin as our region—we have every occasion to be satisfied with the prospect of the future.

James S. Chaffee, Wassau, N. Y., has a silo by the side of and parallel with his barn, and so arranged that the ensilage comes from the silo to the floor, directly over the animal's to be fed.

Really and Truly a Good Farm Gate.

A gate is useful in the last degree. A farm, to be complete, should have plenty of them, and good ones at that.

The other day, at Salem, we met Frank Rice, blacksmith, as good a man as Salem has in it.

The advantages are that the gate and fixtures are of iron, though not heavy. It is so simple and strong it cannot get out of order.

WASTED OPPORTUNITY.

We met, the other day, a lady who had lately moved and commenced housekeeping in one of the best towns in Linn county.

December as Pleasant as May. How many people living above the 46th degree of latitude, in any part of the world, saw a Christmas Day so pleasant that the peppermints were spring up, and the sunny atmosphere was like a May day?

James S. Chaffee writes: The ensilage loses its green color, but retains form and consistency, with no appreciable loss of moisture.

This Great and Glorious Country. With her crop of 6,000,000 bales of cotton, toward 600,000,000 bushels of wheat, and over 1,500,000,000 bushels of corn, we may look upon our enormous and astonishing imports as not alarming.

Washington Territory vs. Nebraska. From the First (Neb.) Times. We republish below a letter from Mr. Lyman Wood, formerly of this place, but who now resides in Washington Territory.

Money is plenty, health No. 1, wages good, saws, hammers, steam whistles and factories are running merrily on every side, and everything booming right along.

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Mr. J. H. McTear writes from Colfax, W. T.: "We are having a splendid fall and winter, up to this time (Dec. 15) there has been some frost and a very little snow, but it is all gone and it is muddy at present."

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SEATTLE, W. T., Sept. 1. Ed. Times and friends in Fifth: "The merry May hath pleasant hours, and dreamly they glide, as if they floated, like the leaves, on the silver tide."

Do not for one moment think I have forgotten you. After a fellow arrives in heaven he generally wants to rest awhile, look around a little, renew old acquaintances, form new ones, ascertain what kind of a people he has fallen among, take his bearings, get the lay of the land, etc., before returning to earthly affairs.

A Sad Bereavement.

At Home, Dec. 20, 1882. Mr. S. A. Clarke: Dear Sir—It is my sad task to inform you that dreided disease, scarlet fever, has visited our family and taken from us our oldest daughter, Eleanor Mabel, died November 30th, aged 10 years, 3 months and 20 days, and our fourth child, Morton A., aged 4 years, 11 months and 6 days, died December 4th.

This is truly a nice country, and I just revel in this cool, gray climate; for the mist and gloom of these soft, mild rains twice a month are balm to my soul, moisture to my system, oil to my ears, and luxurious repose to my nerves.

Youth to full stature grown, Age that is youth again, Each heart shall know its own, With never a touch of pain.

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