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FOR THE INFORMATION of all our readers we inform them that we have the latest markets in each issue. Some people think the daily papers only get the best news. They forget that it is ours the moment it is published, and we give it to them. Besides this, at 10 o'clock on publication day we can get all the important news that will be published the day following.

THE WALL WALLA STATESMAN has great faith that sometime the Sound will be the great port for the producers of the interior. The grain and products of the country East of the Cascades will be bought by exporters and shipped wherever they can ship the cheapest.

THERE is no newspaper in the Northwest that any way near fills the place we occupy in supplying farmers with information suited to this part of the country, reliable facts of agriculture, communications from the people, good family reading and miscellany of a scientific and profitable kind.

THE ASTORIA accuses us of favoring extensive land grants to railroads that refuse to comply with the conditions of the grants, a position we have never held. Fair treatment of honestly conducted enterprises is all we favor.

SOME newspapers pander to public prejudice, playing for popularity by criticizing all expressions friendly to corporations. We believe in popular rights against corporations, and in holding them subject to public use at a fair price.

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watch all proceedings of politics or business to see how they affect you; we serve up to you valuable information of the world's progress and make a contribution in every issue to the pleasures of home.

THE Yakima Signal in its first issue figures up the land grant of the N. P. R. R. as worth \$53,000 to \$100,000 a mile, and complains because 30,000,000 to the east is to be exchanged for preferred stock. The Signal makes its calculations from prices charged by J. M. Willis, land agent at Sprague.

WE should like to have a club gotten up at every post-office in the country, and will make a liberal offer to any responsible person who will undertake the work.

TOO MUCH EDUCATION DEMANDED.

Congress is doing the right thing in passing Acts to reform the civil service, but it is proposed to act very absurdly in prescribing the test for office holding. Candidates are to be subjected to a competition as to their knowledge of geographical and mathematical subjects and other matters entirely foreign to their duties.

Such limitation as civil service reformers propose would shut out many sons of farmers and mechanics, who are entirely competent to transact business, but have not had educational opportunities to enable them to compete with high school graduates.

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A FARMER'S STORY.

We have read, with a great deal of interest, the truthful story we publish to-day of a friend of ours, who did what he tells in his communication, and lives to respect himself for doing it, and to enjoy his well earned property.

Living in Portland four years, we have learned the cost of the things grown by the farmer. We have concluded to live again, soon, in Salem, within a half hour's walk of our own little farm, so as to save the great expense of buying things we can grow on the place.

ANY person not a subscriber, who will get us three new subscribers, not now on our list, and remit \$7.50, will receive the paper free one year as compensation for the effort.

OREGON PAPERS.

Under this title Mr. D. H. Stearns has published an interesting volume of sketches concerning Oregon, descriptive of the scenery of different districts, and containing excellent lithographs of many towns, mountain views and prominent buildings and other objects.

THE Yakima Signal, vol. 1, No. 1, was issued at Yakima, W. T., the first week in January. It is a large size eight-page paper, and very handsomely printed.

WHAT IS GOOD FARMING.

J. Brandt, Jr., is Superintendent of the Oregon & California railroad, and a very busy man in the great responsibilities. Such a man is certain to have correct ideas and to put them in execution.

Mr. Brandt bought a farm that had been run to wheat for nearly 30 years; the old fields only brought fifteen bushels to the acre. He saved and hauled out manure and brought the land up to 35 bushels. Hay is very high this season.

Every farmer should combine stock with wheat farming, and make and feed hay and not crops to the stock. Saving and using the manure and feeding the crop on the place as much as possible will keep up its productive capacity.

FIRST: How to save manure in the best manner and with least expense? This includes the whole question of feeding all kinds of stock, whether the manure should be sheltered and stored, and as to bedding animals with straw or something to absorb liquid manures.

WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY.

Mr. Wm. West, of Chehalis, W. T., sends us five new subscribers and says: "I have done this in order to get the farmers interested in the support of a paper that advocates their interests and furnishes them with information without which no farmer can be successful."

NOTE—If all our readers would take the same interest that Mr. West does, and that many others like him do, it would have a good result. 1st. It would bring a large number of readers and workers within the influence of this journal.

THE FARMER is preparing a general description of the Pacific Northwest, to be used for Eastern circulation, and thinking many of our readers may be glad of something of the kind to send to friends in other States.

DELVANS, Wis., Sept. 24, 1878. GENTS—I have taken not quite one bottle of the Hop Bitters. I was a feeble old man of 78 when I got it. To-day I am as active and feel as well as I did at 30.

FAILURE OF CO-OPERATION.

We have said considerable of late about the failure or suspension of all the cooperative schemes, especially those connected with the grange, in Oregon. The New York Times concludes that the conditions must be different from those existing in England.

IF your friend or neighbor does not take this paper, why cannot you persuade him to try it, and so do a favor to him, to us and yourself? To him because he will get a good newspaper to read, and to us because we want more patrons, and to yours if because we pay well for the trouble you take.

Selecting Merino Rams.

While it is not practicable to use a different ram for every ewe in the flock, and in most cases the select on must be confined to one, still great care and careful investigation should be exercised in selecting—first, to obtain a ram that has as many excellent points as possible.

In-Door Work.

The importance of planning for in-door work during stormy days, is not fully appreciated. There are many things that can be done as well when it rains as during fair days.

What it did for an Old Lady.

COSHOCTON STATION, N. Y., Dec. 28, 1878. GENTS—A number of people had been using your Bitters here, and with marked effect. In one case, a lady of over seventy years had been sick for years, and for the past ten years had not been able to get around half the time.

The Bad and Worthless.

are never imitated or counterfeited. This is especially true of a family medicine, and it is positive proof that the remedy imitated is of the highest value.

Canal at The Dalles.

The report of C. F. Powell, corps of engineers, of his survey for a canal and locks at The Dalles, is an instructive document. Capt. Powell states that the total fall from Celilo to Dalles City, a distance of 13.6 miles, is, at extreme high water 61.7 feet.

Who Should Come to this Country?

We have two communications to-day from persons in the East, asking several questions, which summed up, are, who should come to this country? We answer for the most part; no one should think of emigrating without sufficient means for self-support for at least a short time after reaching this section.

Good health is the first requisite of a person who proposes to emigrate to this country, with a view of improving his condition in life. Although the climate here is so favorable as to insure exemption from many diseases which prevail in other States, and to promise relief in certain ailments, the chances are that emigration will prove a mistake in the case of confined invalids, who are compelled to work for a living.

Everybody that has tried Ammen's Cough Syrup continues its use; besides they tell their neighbors of it. We were in a drug store the other day when a customer asked me for a bottle of Ammen's Cough Syrup, saying, "I do not know anything about it myself, but my neighbor advised me to buy it for my child, and tells me that the use of three bottles has entirely cured his cough of two years standing; in fact, he says it is the best medicine in the world for coughs, colds and lung complaints."

The Umatilla Reservation.

From the report on the bill published last Tuesday, written by Senator Slater, and submitted March 9, 1882, by Senator Dawes, we glean the following facts about the Umatilla reservation: "The Umatilla reservation was created by treaty with the Walla Walla, Cayuse, and Umatilla tribes and bands of Indians, occupying lands partly in Washington Territory and partly in Oregon, which treaty was promulgated April 11, 1859."

The number of lands required for allotment.

According to the provision of this bill not exceeding 70,000 acres. This with pasture and timber lands, to be used in common, will amount to 120,000 acres. Not less than 50,000 acres of timber and pasture lands will be left after all allotments.

The number of Indians on this reservation.

As shown by the report of the agent for 1881, is 751. Males, 330; females, 421. Of the whole number 504 are wholly clad in citizen's dress, and 125 partly. Two hundred and fifty-two families are reported as engaged in agriculture, and 492 malewhores, and ungrants manual labor in civilized pursuits.

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When your wife's health is bad, when your children are sickly, when you feel worn out, use Brown's Iron Bitters. THREE new subscribers and \$7.50 will entitle you to the WILLAMETTE FARMER one year. There is no neighborhood in all the Northwest where an active man, woman, girl, or boy cannot earn a year's subscription to this paper by a little attention for a few days.