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REMEMBER THE WILLAMETTE FARMER is true friend to agricultural interests, and we propose giving timely hints on all subjects.

Mr. H. V. MATTHEWS, who visited Salem some months ago, is on his way back there. He has purchased valuable property adjoin Salem.

By a private note from Mr. G. W. Hunt, of Whiteaker, Marion county, we learn that his Shropshires are wintering well.

MR. P. H. RAYMOND has long held the position of Postmaster at Albany, Oregon, and filled the position ably and efficiently.

SEED WHEAT can be purchased, as will be seen by articles published elsewhere, at a slight advance over quotations.

POINTS ABOUT WHEAT. M. Hendris, of Wheatland, who was in this city last week, speaks of a field of white clawson wheat on the farm of Mr. Martin.

We hear it repeatedly asserted that the old favorite white winter wheat has stood the winter better than most varieties.

Our white winter wheat has been tested here for almost half a century. When our friends have reported experiments in growing wheats for trial of the yield and other qualities.

We notice that white winter falls very little, if any, behind any other, and averages with the best. When the Hudson Bay Company wanted to have wheat grown here...

That region is emerging from the present winter with a prospect for the greatest harvest that was ever gathered there.

Until very lately wheat sold, all through the regions east of the Cascades, for less than 40 cents a bushel, even as low as 35 cents and 50 cents was a fair price.

Editor Willamette Farmer. I would like to ask the question in your columns what to do for split hoofs in horses.

HEKMAN, Minn., Jan. 29, 1883. I have a span of heavy Norman mares; they have their forward hoofs split in the center or toe, that in driving them on frozen ground with a load they sometimes get quite lame.

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almost or quite half a century stands well as well as when it was brought here. There is a better wheat grown. We should like to know the actual history of this wheat...

We farmed a little from 1853 to 1859 and it was a maxim in those early days among wheat growers that it was safe to sow white winter wheat up to the tenth of March.

Another point on wheat just now is this: Wheat that was drilled in well stands much better now than wheat that was sown broadcast.

Capt. Ankeny has a farm of 4,000 acres on the Santiam bottom, near the mouth, mostly in black loam, but lying partly under the bluff hills.

Now, we are ready for all to relate their experience and swell the popular knowledge of wheat culture and the staying qualities of different kinds of wheat.

A gentleman who farms near Woodburn informs us that his wheat and that of his neighbors is sprouting finely and the expect a good crop.

The same gentleman says that Mr. M. C. Dimick, in the foothills of the Cascades, quite into the mountain, has faithfully attempted to raise an orchard and has failed.

D. W. Burnside, of the Imperial Mills, Oregon City, bought 20,000 bushels of spring wheat grown by Messrs. Kyte and Frizzel.

A very remarkable change has come over the prospects of this Northwest region within a brief period. It is only lately that stock buyers have come from the East to purchase cattle and sheep, and even horses, to drive East.

Prices advanced rapidly as soon as our people got wind of the markets, and now are high enough to justify the best of care for all stock.

For a great many years we have known and been friendly with G. W. Lawson, who died in this city last Friday, of pneumonia, and was buried Saturday, at his old home, Salem.

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and the farmers of Walla Walla thought they had fortune at their doors. Wheat is now worth nearly or quite a dollar, owing to the great home demand, and when the immense promise of the present season shall be realized there is no reason why farmers should not get 75 cents a bushel.

The action of the Board of Trade we publish elsewhere, and as yet the committee have not acted, but Messrs. Sibson, Church & Co. inform us they have acted on their own account to ascertain what can be done, and will give farmers the benefit of whatever can be done without charge or commission.

The best quality of seed wheat in San Francisco can be calculated at \$1.25 per bushel, and the expenses, including insurance and waste in handling, will be 80, so good seed wheat from California can be laid down here at \$1.33 per bushel at the outside.

Of course they do not wish mixed wheat. Everding & Co. telegraph that there will be no trouble in procuring good seed at the price named.

By the time farmers get their estimates made they can ascertain through their local merchants all the points they wish to understand. A telegram sent to San Francisco as an order, can be filled immediately, and steamer unloads in three days after loading.

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During the past week we have had beautiful weather and some days have been balmy as spring. February gave us one week that was absolutely delightful, but even those balmy days had frosty mornings to chill and keep back any tendency of the sorely tried wheat plant to sprout, if there was a germ left to show life.

People are coming to the conclusion that they must resort to some other means, but under most conditions that will prove to be a mistake. The quickest and safest way is to simply harrow or drill in wheat on the same ground, as stirring deeper will bring up only foul stuff to do injury.

Mr. Davis Shannon, of Howell Prairie, says his wheat is killed and he has bought seed to re-sow it. Mr. Bonney, of Woodburn, said last week that wheat there was growing, but Mr. Settlemier said this week all the wheat about him is killed.

Some recollect that about five years ago they plowed up wheat for winter killed that proved to be an injury, as their neighbor's fields grow and made a better crop from the old planting than theirs did from the new.

There must be 250,000 acres to be seeded, at a rough guess, and at the best price possible for wheat, the seed and labor will cost \$3 an acre, while the difference in harvesting will be one-third, or at least one-fourth, unless we have an unusually favorable and growing spring.

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Our quotations speak of beef and mutton net weight an on foot. The stock raiser who sells beef and mutton off the range ought to know how to calculate the weight of an animal, which is a matter we do not intend to touch upon, more than to say that some men earn handsome salaries and others make fortunes by having a sharp idea of the weight of animals, or, in other words, "guessing" off the weight of a lot of cattle and sheep.

The weight of a lot of cattle and sheep. The butcher's rule is by measurement of an animal, and so approximate to the truth. The shrewd buyer who can take in the points and see exactly where an animal gains or loses in weight, will make a fortune for himself or employers. Probably Thomas Cross understands the points, and can get at weights as well as any man in Oregon.

A well bred animal, that give weight; it is deeper through, broader, compact in build, and has solidity that cannot be found in the wild Texas steer, or the Spanish stock we found in Oregon in 1850.

Conversing with Mr. West, a buyer of Salem, the other day, when on the train, we got some reliable points that may be useful. A well fed beef animal, either fattened on range or stall fed, killed twelve hours after feeding, should weigh 80 pounds of meat for the block to every 100 pounds of live weight; adding the hide and tallow, and the weight will increase to 75 pounds to the 100-pound live weight.

Take a rough bonny animal, not built compactly, and not in good condition, though making a fine quality of meat, and the meat for the block will not weigh over 50 pounds to the 100 pounds live weight, and the hide and tallow over.

The ordinary count is 50 per cent. meat, but the butcher would gain greatly if this was the actual calculation for good beef cattle.

Mr. West gave the quotations for meats as follows: Mutton, 4 to 5 cents, live weight; beef, 5 to 6 cents, live weight. The difference of one cent lies in the character of the meat. If it is choice the higher price is readily paid. These may be considered the prevailing rates at this time through Western Oregon.

Mr. West is constantly buying for Portland butchers and visits all parts of the country. He is another man thoroughly posted as to meat matters and weights of cattle.

The advantage in improved stock is that you get more and better meat in the best parts of the animal and smaller bone. Mr. West says our stock is not improving late for the reason we do not import fresh blood to invigorate it. He says beef was better years ago than now. This is important to our farmers at this time when we are entering upon a period of meat raising instead of so much wheat growing.

Mr. West says there is doubt that the market for meats will be fully sustained in the future, as we have asserted. The man who has good meat can depend on a good market and a fair price.

We spoke, last week, of a sale of stall fed beef at 6 cents per pound, on foot, or live weight, from Lane county, and that animals four to five years old sold for \$90. Inquiry places \$40 as average values of such stock last fall; there has been not to exceed seventy-five days and not necessarily, and sixty days of feeding; the cost of feed should not be over \$20, and may not be over \$15 a head for this lot, so that a reasonable cost per animal would be \$60, against which the purchase price was \$90.

We will suppose the man with 100 acres of good grass land buys young stock and grows hay and roots, and raises and fattens what meat he can on that much well improved land. Is it not evident that his outlay will be small, his cares light, his farming safe and his income reasonably certain? He markets his growing crop when he feeds it, and the manure left on the place is a small bonanza.

We should like to have some experienced stock raiser figure up the amount of business a man could do with 100 acres, a few acres to cultivate and the balance to good pasture. Mr. West says out hay is the best of fattening feed, but should be left as long as possible, until within a week of ripening, then will do good, whereas, if cut green stock will eat it greedily, but get very little good. That we can bear witness to, that green cut hay disappears rapidly.

This question of meat refers to sheep and swine as well, but we have confined it chiefly to beef this time. It would be a great gratification to be furnished with practical information from stock men on all these points. They cannot do a greater favor to the country than to show what it is capable of in the line of producing choice meats for our growing home market.

Bad weather for mining. The head of the Sterling ditch is thawing out and piping is about to commence. The prospects do not seem favorable for an extended run for many of the miners.

Klippel & Keaton of Poorman's creek are able to work eight hours out of twenty-four by catching the water in their reservoir.

J. T. Layton of Applegate is hiring quite a force of men to clean out his long line of ditch, which work will take sometime. He has not done much so far, but expects to make a good run yet.

The melting snow has enabled many to work their claims. There is an unusual quantity of snow in the mountains and those whose ditches head there will have an ample supply of water for awhile.

Ross & Co. have purchased C. H. Barkdell's title to the quartz ledge in Blackwell district which paid so well about two years ago, when \$600 was pounded out with a mortar in a short time. Prospecting will be commenced as once.

Most of the miners are busy at work since the pleasant weather began, but unless rain begins to fall soon, there will be a dearth of water. Those who rely on gushes and short creeks are not liable to do much this season, without the spring is late and wet.

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Relief for the Farmers Who Have Suffered from the Freeze-Up. A special meeting of the Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon to consider the following communications:

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 26, 1883. To the Board of Trade of Portland, O.: GENTLEMEN—Inasmuch as the farmers of Linn county are compelled to import seed wheat from abroad for spring sowing on account of its absence in the valley, and as they must pay the high market rates now ruling, therefore we, the undersigned, respectfully ask that the Board of Trade of Portland, Oregon, use its influence with all carrying companies to secure reduced rates of transportation for the same, and that said companies notify the public through the press at what points suitable seed wheat for spring sowing can be obtained.

P. Cohen, Burkhardt Bros. Senders & Sternberg, I C Dickey. Graft & Fromm, W H Goltra. Fred Muller, A L Vance. A B McNeill, Allen & Martin. W C Tweedale, B W Cundiff. J Gradwohl, E W Langdon. S E Young, F M Redfield. McFarland & Co, John Conner. C E Wolterton, H H Hewitt. P-ters & Blain, F M French. Hoffman & Joseph, Monteith & Settenback. Fosbery & Mason, L E Blain. L Finn, R S Strahan.

O. R. & N. Co., MANAGER'S OFFICE, PORTLAND, OR., Feb. 28, 1883. Donald Macleay, Esq., President of the Board of Trade, Portland, Or.: Dear Sir—The O. R. & N. Co. will make a rate of one (\$1) dollar per ton, until further orders, as seed wheat from San Francisco to Portland. Yours truly, C. H. PRESCOTT, Manager.

OR. & CAL. R. R. COMPANY, GEN'L FR'T AND PASS'G' OFFICE, PORTLAND, OR., Feb. 28, 1883. Donald Macleay, Esq., President of the Board of Trade, Portland, Or.: Dear Sir—I am instructed to say that this company will transport seed wheat in car loads from Portland to stations south on the East side division at the nominal rate of seventy-five cents per ton, on the West side division at fifty cents per ton from Portland to stations south, to cover transfer charges at Portland. From way stations to points south on either division will transport free in car loads up application to our agents. This will continue in force till March 31st. This will continue in force till March 31st. Yours respectfully, E. P. ROGERS, G. F. & P. Aet.

A committee consisting of Col. John Mc Craiken, W. J. Burns and Charles P. Church, were appointed, with full power to act in the matter.

A vote of thanks was tendered the O. R. & N. and the O. & C. railroad companies for the liberal offers in regard to transportation.

After the meeting adjourned the committee immediately telegraphed to San Francisco and other points for seed wheat.

Farmers who have suffered the loss of their crops by the freeze-up may be benefited by the propositions contained in the following: C. H. Prescott, Manager of the O. R. & N. Co., generously offers to transport wheat for seed from San Francisco to Portland for the nominal sum of one dollar per ton, and Mr. Koehler likewise offers, on behalf of the O. & C. R. R., to transmit from Portland to all points up the valley in car load lots for the actual expense of transfer at Portland, viz: 75 cents per ton.

All parties desiring to avail themselves of the above facilities, and ordering in ten-ton lots, upon notifying the undersigned, will have their orders attended to with dispatch at figures to cover actual cost. SIBSON, CHURCH & CO.

BURSTING OF AN EMERY WHEEL.—Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock, an Emery wheel in the Union Iron Works, on Frost street, corner of Main, burst, and seriously injured Frank Reed who was working at it. It appears that the speed of the wheel, which was very rapid at the time, was suddenly considerably augmented by putting on the blast. Mr. Reed, formerly engineer of Tiger Engine Company No. 5, Volunteer Fire Department, was a new hand apparently, with the Emery wheel, and when the revolutions were increased another workman, a few feet distant, knowing the danger, threw his wheel out of gear, and noticing that Mr. Reed continued working, started over to give him a pointer, but before he could get to him, the wheel burst, sending fragments in all directions, one piece striking Reed on the right leg above the knee tearing the flesh off and shattering the bone, another piece tore through the roof. Mr. Reed was taken to his home at 69 Montgomery street, between 3d and 4th, thence removed to Good Samaritan Hospital. It is thought that the leg will have to be taken off.

ROMANTIC.—One of the passengers on the Dakota says the *Intelligencer*, was a young lady from the east, whose object in coming to this country was to marry a man she had never seen. They had become acquainted through friends and by letters, and after a protracted pen ink and paper courtship had concluded to chance matrimony. The man was on the wharf to receive her, accompanied by the lady's friends. She duly came ashore, and after a general and very hearty handshake, and a proper amount of "business," she was introduced to her intended husband. They stood off a moment, each taking a good look at the other, and then with a little glary she sprang into his outstretched arms, and for a minute or two there was some of the most rapturous hugging and kissing yet done in this townsite. The couple were apparently oblivious of the crowd of