



Correspondence.

THE COMING FRUIT INDUSTRY.

St. Paul, Minn., April 10, 1883. Editor Willamette Farmer: Your favor of the 4th received asking us for a letter upon the prospect for the fruit business next autumn...

and tried to defend himself, and because he was successful against numbers your correspondent jumps at the conclusion that he is somewhat of a pugilist...

Winter Wheat. BALM GROVE FARM, Or., April 16, 1883. Editor Willamette Farmer: In reading over the last issue I saw a piece in regard to winter wheat...

FARMING NOTES.

Crop prospects are fairly good in Western, and all reports from east of the mountains speak of an outlook that is as good as can be desired...

HARNEY VALLEY.

Its Situation, Resources and Future Prospects. Climate, etc. From the Lakeview Examiner. Recently, in company with a couple of Alturasites, we paid a hasty visit to the Harney valley...

CHARACTER OF THE SOIL.

In the northern part of the valley, the portion visited, the bottom lands along the creeks are a rich black loam, covered with sod, while on the higher ground the same soil with a liberal sprinkling of sand is found...

CLIMATE, ETC.

The climate is much the same as that of Goose Lake, Surprise and other valleys in northern California, the temperature last winter falling as low as 25 deg. below zero...

TIMBER RESOURCES.

The mountains to the north and northwest of Harney valley are covered with a dense growth of pine, juniper, mahogany and other woods...

POPULATION, TOWNS, ETC.

The population of the Harney valley is estimated by those best calculated to know at about three hundred, and is increasing rapidly. The principal settlement is in the northwest corner of the valley...

there is any necessity, as it could be hauled for less with a good margin for profit.

SETTLEMENT OF THE VALLEY.

The principal portion of the valley, lying as it does within the limits of the reservation has not been surveyed, and settlers, of course, can only have a squatters right to this land.

WILD BOWL AND OTHER GAME.

Every known variety of wild water fowl is found in the Harney valley in innumerable swarms and having been hunted but little they are comparatively tame and would be a bonanza for the sportsman who has been accustomed to the disgusting shyness of the birds in older settled communities...

MAIL FACILITIES.

The lack of adequate mail facilities is another serious drawback to the settlement of this section. There are at present two mail routes to Egan, one from Canyon City and the other from Prineville, both weekly.

SCHOOLS IN ELKHART COUNTY.

In seeking a new home, one of the first questions the better and more desirable class of people ask is, how about the facilities for education? As in all new countries advantages generally are still very inferior to those of the older settled regions...

WHAT ENTERPRISE ACCOMPLISHES.

Among all the foreign companies doing business in Oregon none have been more successful than the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company. This is mainly due to the energy and ability of the agent, Mr. A. McKennie...

NERVELESS MEN.

Is there under the face of heaven a more pitiful sight than a man who has lost nerve power and vim? And why is the sad spectacle so common? Because diseases of the kidneys, bladder, liver and urinary organs are so prevalent...

Sheep shearing has commenced in earnest in Umatilla county. If they will only put it up in good order, it will greatly increase its value.

THE FUTURE OF THIS REGION.

The other day we heard an intelligent man deliberately argue that we have a few years of good times before us and then may look out for a reaction. In about three years, he thought, Portland would be deserted, or on the wave, and the country generally be in a state of decline.

It is fortunate for society that "it takes all sorts of people to make a world." Some croakers are needed to remind us of possible catastrophe. But if any region of the known world has an eminent future before it, such a future awaits the Far Northwest.

It is not claiming too much to believe that this portion of the United States is about to assume importance of the highest degree. Old settlers have lived here in blissful ignorance—many of them—of the progress the world is making.

Some men are nationally great and possess comprehensive minds, with organizing power and executive force to accomplish vast results. Such men become connected with Oregon interests and enterprises a few years ago and to day wield tremendous influence and handle immense capital for the development of the resources of our region.

The touch of Midas, according to Grecian fable, turned everything to gold. We see the touch of a fellow man inspire slumbering and inanimate regions to become populous and productive.

What does capital see to justify the vast enterprises he has placed on foot? Is he a mere visionary or is he a man of wonderful nerve, whose prescience can be depended on? That he is not a visionary is to be inferred because men of superior judgment follow his counsels and furnish the means to conduct all these vast and various enterprises.

Let us look at the capabilities and resources this country possesses that have enlisted millions in such profession. First, there is a country extending from the Pacific to Lake Superior that will richly repay the construction of railroads through it.

Philadelphia is as far from the ocean as Port, and has extensive Portland commerce, but its connection with railroads creates its chief importance.

We might carry the thought of what progress has in store into the regions of Puget Sound, and fancy what its commerce will be and what cities will line its shores; show how its fisheries and trade of the North Coast will create wealth; go east of the Cascades to study its future and look into its destinies.

great sea port as well as the chief point for inland commerce. The destiny of Portland is to be decided by railroads.

Capital is always on the outlook for opportunities, recognizes the value of this Northwest county, its immense resources, the latent wealth that only needs the Midas touch of enterprise to turn to gold, and hastens to reap the profits that will result development.

We shall also soon see the unlimited water powers that exist west of the Cascades converted to manufacturing use. Populous towns will spring up everywhere that a water mill can be operated. The completed overland railroad and cheap fares will bring thousands of working people here and make it possible to manufacture everything needed by the States and people of the Pacific.

As to agricultural prospects there is no room for doubt. Land will become more and more valuable and good farming will reap rich harvests. The summing up of all our resources and the possibility of their development need not be made with expectation of unreasonable profits.

Looking at facts in the light of experience we see that the great cities of the Atlantic seaboard are making at this time their greatest growth in wealth and population. A century hence they will be growing even faster than now.

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Portland, April 14, 1883. Editor Willamette Farmer: Your correspondent carries the idea all through his article that I have held my boy up as an example, as a pattern for imitation, as a sample copy; such was not the intention and such is not a fair interpretation of the case.

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