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opinion can thus assert itself, as it sometimes does, but it makes no amends for outraged justice that such is the case. To cite case after case would be easy enough, for we all know that trial by jury is often a farce, and sometimes a fraud.

Grand Jury often puzzles the wisest brains to decide if jurors are incompetent or dishonest. It is true that Grand Juries are generally composed of good men and do good work, but the exceptions, when they occur, are fearful, as in the case of Star Route matters only last fall.

Our own State has seen all the evils of the system, badly illustrated. It is not possible to get convictions in certain matters, because it is not possible to exclude prejudice or interest from the jury.

While it is easy to denounce a system it is not always easy to set up a better one. Stupid and vicious as the system is, the world was not so well off before it possessed it.

THE ERA OF PROSPERITY now felt throughout the Pacific Northwest is of such a nature as to insure its prosperity. Products of all kinds bear an enhanced price, while at the same time the demand sustains the supply.

WITH the next issue of the FARMER there will appear substantial improvements. The patrons of this paper can rest assured that we shall leave no stone unturned to make a paper well worth the name.

We candidly believe that to abolish juries and create high tribunals to put the law in force would be a step in advance. If the jury system was a necessary and a triumph, it has lived its day and served its end.

The statute contemplates that jury rolls shall be compiled from the names of the most reliable citizens. The law intends rightly: it is human depravity that prevents justice.

WHAT PORTLAND SHOULD DO.

The failure of the river and harbor bill that was before the late Congress works a very great disadvantage to the State of Oregon, which has many interests at stake and especially to the city of Portland that is vitally interested in the improvement of the Columbia and the river between its wharves and the ocean.

JURIES AND GRAND JURIES.

The jury system is considered one of the safeguards of liberty. Trial by jury was an achievement of the greatest importance when it was inaugurated. But when we consider the weakness of the system and realize the frequent failure of justice and the actual frauds that often occur in trials by jury, especially in large cities, in our day, we wonder what the world enjoyed, in the way of securing justice, before trial by jury was actually achieved.

again passes a bill for the purpose. A slight tax either on the property or the business of the city will answer the purpose. If ships are to ground every day in the year on the river bars that will encourage competing points to make the most of the situation for themselves and against Portland.

In this juncture, when Congress has left us in the lurch, something should be done. If the city proves equal to the occasion and takes hold of the work, it will create a good impression in the country and make friends for the city.

In reality, here is opportunity for Portland to win respect and deserve the good will of the country. It will be simply working for its own good and for its best interests. The town has a fight to make—a struggle for supremacy, and the sooner its citizens find out that they must work out their own salvation, the better it will be for them.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

Last week we published the remarks of Mr. Villard to the Board of Trade and citizens of Portland, and this week we give his remarks to the committee of Astoria citizens concerning the railroads in Western Oregon and the prospect of continuing the road from Forest Grove to Astoria.

Reading his account of the difficulties he has encountered and overcome will give an idea of the great ability necessary to conduct such enterprises. Mr. Villard is a remarkable man. He needs only to show the magnanimity his friends attribute to him to pass into history as a man worthy of the world's respect.

"DEATH loves a shining mark" and has just taken from the circle of our friends one who was so beloved that it seems impossible that her gentleness, youth and beauty are lost to earth forever.

When the last hour came she was conscious and prepared. The choir she so long belonged to and knew so well, from the church near by, sang her to sleep with beautiful hymns of her own selection. With Heaven's hymns floating her over the dark river she was transferred from the sound of earthly voices and harmonies to the wondrous music of the spheres.

MESSRS. C. H. DODD & Co., the well known and old reliable dealers in farm machinery and hardware, make their annual announcement to the public. Mr. Dodd by his long, practical experience in this line of business in Oregon fully understands the wants of the public and the farmers in general.

MUCH interest seems to be taken in the WILLAMETTE FARMER just now and many new names are being sent in. We must try to double our present circulation and to accomplish this we call upon every friend and well wisher of this paper to aid us by speaking a good word in our behalf.

Messrs. Lent, McGraw & Young are reliable real estate agents and anything entrusted to their care will be handled to the very best advantage.

PRODUCTS OF OUR REGION.

The world is greatly interested in all matters relating to the Pacific Northwest and at the present time thousands are coming to make homes here. The flood tide of immigration is close at hand and will be at its height when the Northern Pacific road shall be in operation, which will not be delayed longer than three or four months at furthest.

The Willamette valley has been generally farmed to wheat, as producers have looked to it as their most reliable crop. Wheat always brings money, at some price. Wheat is successfully grown over all parts of Oregon and Washington, except localities near the sea and exposed to sea winds and moisture.

Vegetables of all kinds do well. The valley is diversified with hills and prairies. The bottoms are excellent for vegetables and for hops. Of the latter, trial has been made in different portions of this valley with universal success.

Fruits thrive, except that peaches and grapes are uncertain in colder seasons. Probably there is no country where apples, pears, plums and prunes, cherries and all the small fruits, grow better and yield greater returns.

Who recently died in New York City at a good old age, should be remembered as a man who loved his fellow men. His name is familiar to every reader as a philanthropist—one who did not wait till death came to inaugurate his schemes of benevolence, but for very many years he enjoyed seeing the benefits of his liberality.

PETER COOPER.

What is true of the Willamette valley is also true of all the different sections of Western Oregon and Washington. All this region is adapted to producing excellent grass. The hay grass is generally timothy, that yields one and a half to three tons to the acre, according to locality and soil.

Meat production is stimulated by the high price of all meats. Any person who has made a business of fattening beef, mutton or pork could safely engage in the same here as there is no fear that meat quotations will decline.

Take the whole region north of California and west of the Cascades and it possesses a climate which insures good products. Growths are not forced here by hot seasons, but all things grow steadily and mature gradually, so as to develop to perfection all the qualities that cereals, fruits and vegetables should possess.

On Puget Sound they raise hay, oats and potatoes, for their staple crops and find a market for much of their products in California. Their hop yards are increasing; some very large hop yards are to be planted this spring.

The well known house of Seymour, Sabin & Co. has been merged into the Northwestern Car and Manufacturing Co. Mr. Allen, the pleasant and affable manager has been succeeded by Mr. Ackers, a gentleman who comes to this branch with high credentials for integrity and business principles.

Liver, Kidney and Bright's Disease.

A medicine that destroys the germ or cause of Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Kidney and Liver complaints, and has power to root them out of the system, is above all price. Such a medicine is Hop Bitters and positive proof of this can be found by one trial, or by asking your neighbors, who have been cured by it.

The California Spring Tooth Seeder and Cultivator is unquestionably one of the best cultivators and seeders to be found. This firm makes an offer that is both fair and just. See their advertisement on the eighth page. This company have introduced their machines into this State for years past and they are reputed as being the best of their class.

*Those who deaden sensation and stupefy the patient to relieve suffering make a grave mistake. They proceed upon the false idea that it is legitimate to procure relief from pain by destroying physical insensibility. This method, carried to the last extremity, would bill the patient to end suffering. It is not presumed that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will raise the dead, but it will restore those who are given up as hopeless cases.

bushels to the acre or even more. Dr. Blacklock, on his farm near Walla Walla, had 50-60 bushels of grain on 1,000 acres—50 bushels to the acre. Another farmer, near there, had over 2,100 bushels on 30 acres—over 70 bushels to the acre.

Barley is another favorite product and yields heavily. Oats produces well. All vegetables grow in abundance. There are some localities, having considerable elevation, where the more delicate fruits and vegetables are not certain to mature, but the most of that country produces a large variety of fruits and vegetables and cereals as well.

Corn does fairly. We heard, last summer, of fields of corn that yielded 30 to 40 bushels to the acre and ripened well. Hops have been successfully grown in Yakima county, W. T., east of the Cascades, and can be raised on low lands and bench land generally.

Wool the next farm staple to wheat, that is for export. East of the mountains they have immense flocks of merino sheep and clip 6 to 10 pounds per fleece, selling so as to net the prudent sheep raiser a handsome profit.

Cattle command a very high price and the farmer can make largely by keeping them. Horses thrive especially well in all this region. In this branch of stock raising we excel and Oregon horses stand well. The Pacific Northwest is well supplied with draft stock, roadsters, and the best trotting and running families, as well as the best strains of heavy stock ever represented in all this region.

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LATEST NEWS ITEMS.

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Two Frenchmen, subjected to indignities by General Butler at New Orleans during the war, have recovered, respectively, \$10,000 and \$4000 from the United States as a balm for their wounded sensibilities.

Mary E. Schenley is suing for the recovery of the tract of land upon which the greater portion of the wharves of Pittsburgh, Pa., are situated, and which is valued at more than one million dollars.

The heaviest requisition ever drawn for postage stamps in the United States was forwarded from the New York postoffice a few days ago, the number of stamps called for being 21,250,000, worth \$453,000.

A woman at Louisville Ky., who named her twin babies "Jesus Christ" and "George O. Burns," and was made fun of by one of the local papers for doing so, has brought suit against the paper for \$10,000 damages.

A tract of 280 acres of land one mile south of Lawrence, Kan., has been purchased by the government as a site for an industrial school for Indians. It is designed to erect buildings capable of accommodating three hundred pupils.

Brown's Bronchial Troches for Coughs and Colds.

"I cannot very well do without them."—Rev. O. D. Watkins, Walton, Ind. Price 25 cents a box.

FOREIGN NEWS AND Gossip.

Brazil is building four steel gunboats. In Paris men wear breeches. A famous Bey wears one of diamonds valued at \$200,000.

A manufacturer of potted meats has been arrested in London for using donkeys' flesh in his business. A symphony for strings, written by Mendelssohn at the age of thirteen, has been discovered in Paris.

The Italian government charges admission to all the art galleries, always free in the past, and makes \$100,000 a year out of it. The University of Berlin advertises for persons to translate scientific works into modern Greek, Roumanian and Servian.

A student in a Russian university has been sentenced to Siberia for three years for insulting the president of the university and making a disturbance generally. French policemen in Paris are paid rewards of from \$1 to \$5 for making arrests of law capturing offenders, and the minister of justice has decided to increase these by one-third.

Complaint is made at Sierra Leone, Africa, that tobacco imported from the United States is dishonestly packed, and that a large proportion of the importations is not according to sample. The champagne crop of 1882 has proved a dead failure, as last fall was too cold for the grapes to get sweet; but the champagne cellars hold 60,000,000 bottles of earlier vintages to supply the lack.

An impetuous English baronet has found employment as clerk in the Bank of England, another in the Oriental Bank, and a third gains his livelihood in Ireland, earning the small wages of a humble policeman. The gross weight of diamonds which passed through the post office of Kimberley, S. Africa, in 1880, was 144,922 pounds avoirdupois, valued at \$16,839,385. At the end of 1882, 22,000 black men and 1700 whites were employed at the mines in that region.

An Old Citizen Heard From.

From private letters we hear that L. S. Dyar, many years a resident of this city, and postmaster at Salem a long time, is about to move from Linkville to Ontario county, California, where he has purchased land and has already set out fifteen acres in oranges and raisin grapes, besides other small fruits. Severe lung troubles have forced him to leave his fine ranch in the Klammath country, where he was successfully raising fine horses and other stock. His family will leave for their new home early in the spring.

Governor Moody's Residence Burned.

Mr. George H. Jones' residence in South Salem was partially destroyed by fire on the morning of May 3d. It was occupied as a gubernatorial residence by Governor Z. F. Moody. The furniture was saved, and our dispatch says the upper part of the dwelling was entirely consumed. The house is one of the most commanding at the capital, and the loss will be great to the owners as well as to the present incumbent.

Fear Not

All kidney and urinary complaints, especially Bright's Disease, Diabetes and Liver troubles, Hop Bitters will surely and lastingly cure. Cases exactly like your own have been cured in your own neighborhood, and you can find reliable proof at home of what Hop Bitters has and can do.

THE improvements contemplated in the FARMER will be soon acted upon. We shall make this paper a true exponent of agricultural subjects and matters. Live correspondents are wanted as well as agents in every section. We will pay good wages to anyone who is a capable canvasser.

Vigor, strength and health all found in one bottle of Brown's Iron Bitters.