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Notice to Subscribers.

To our readers: We publish only a sufficient number of the FARMER to supply actual prepaid subscribers and we cannot supply back numbers.

A PLEASANT feature of the late session of the State Grange was the attendance of all the Masters who have presided over that body in ten years—since the order was instituted here; also, all the Overseers, with one exception, were present.

SOME weeks since we copied a very interesting sketch of Lane county from the Eugene Journal, taking particular pains to indicate the authorship. The printer omitted the credit and it went to the world as original.

We hear very general complaint that wild oats are coming up in land re-sowed in March. Of course that is not true of all land then sown but no doubt a great deal of wheat land is so troubled.

The fruit crop of the whole North Pacific shows the effects of the season. Western Oregon and Washington will have small yield of all fruits, owing to the premature opening of spring.

The grain crop of Western Oregon will be a fair average, though it is early yet to say positively concerning wheat put in in March. The weather has been so cool that crops here have not come forward rapidly.

the soil undoubtedly induces greater evaporation and results in increased rainfall. It is also true that springs break out on land where there were none before, perhaps owing to tramping the surface by stock.

THE MORTGAGE TAX LAW.

The Legislature of last fall enacted that mortgages should be taxed in the county where the mortgaged property lies. The courts have sustained the law and it cannot be set aside.

THE OREGON STATE GRANGE.

The annual session of the State Grange, last week, was a pleasant reunion of the representatives of that order, and the three days they were together were enjoyed very much, from pleasant association as well as from attention to the duties of the occasion.

Now the conscientious man who loans money is doubly taxed, while the unscrupulous money lender "swears off" in his return. That is a hardship to honest men.

come here more freely, and soon the rate of interest will come down. The present tendency is to maintain a high rate of interest. The unscrupulous man will bring money here trusting to the possibility of evading the tax law.

Taxation has perplexed the greatest minds that have ever grappled with finance and always will, but our view of the matter seems to be simple and fair. The trouble will be to bring the popular mind to realize the faults of our old system and to have faith that liberal legislation towards capital will bring about the results we predict.

SOUTHEASTERN OREGON.

The extent of country in Oregon capable of sustaining an agricultural population is an unknown quantity, because a great part of Eastern Oregon is undeveloped and there is no way of judging of its actual resources.

much if the members would only harmonize and co-operate. It may not be that all granges need to co-operate in the same manner, for the purchase of supplies, as many districts possess a competition in trade that secures the purchaser from imposition.

We can heartily commend the order to the good will of farmers. It offers social and educational benefits, and opportunities for business, as it is organized so as to make it possible to work in union.

The columns of the FARMER have always been open to communications and we have always published grange notices free of cost. Considering the benefits that would accrue to the order if its members would communicate proceedings and debates in granges for our columns, the neglect to furnish us with grange literature seems to be culpable.

RAILROAD BUILDING SOUTH.

Ever since Oregon had a history the country south of the Willamette was isolated and peculiar. Early mining excitement gave prosperity to it. When mining was no longer profitable farmers were left with their farms on their hands and little demand for their products.

MUTTON SHEEP.

The value of meats is so enhanced that it seems as if sheep breeders should take pains to secure a breed of sheep that can command extra price as mutton.

ABOUT DRIVEN WELLS.

A resolution was introduced in the State Grange recommending farmers everywhere to refuse to recognize the driven well patent because, notwithstanding the decision of the courts, the patent is not rightly granted.

last week, from Mr. B. L. Gardener, delegate to the State Grange from Baker county. Twenty years ago we resided two years in that county and knew about its circumstances. Then the east side of Powder River valley was left to its natural condition of sage and sand, but now the big sage land is known to be the most prolific of all soil.

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sustained there by a tie vote. If better evidence can be found a new case can be made and carried through to a successful issue. That will be a good thing for the people as the well is in very general use in many sections.

WE HEAR of extensive hop planting this spring, and learn that men with means have ventured into the business, with the intention to remain in it and increase their plantations every year.

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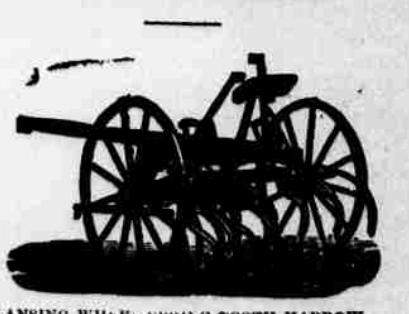
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