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Notice to Subscribers. OFFICE OF WILLAMETTE FARMER, February 28, 1883.

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

ON THE MOVE. We have made rather a sudden determination to remove the WILLAMETTE FARMER to Salem; therefore we send our subscribers a half sheet rather ahead of time.

We have a family home at Salem and a farm close to town, so that it is quite an object to live there, and there is no reason, that we can see, why we cannot serve our patrons from there as well as from here.

Mr. Clarke will make up the markets from Portland, as now, every week, and except the mere substitution of the name Salem for Portland, there will be no change whatever in appearance and published matter.

We moved here, five years ago, thinking the advantages would be much greater than we found them.

Known as well as we are, and being independent of local interests, we can retain all the advertising custom as well as all the subscribers we now have, and be ourselves more happily situated in many respects.

WE ARE saying considerable about dairying, lately. The reason we say it is that every day Portland grocers sell a thousand rolls of California butter at a dollar a roll.

EVERYWHERE we hear that warehouses are full to overflowing and the wheat surplus is larger than was anticipated.

WE SEE a statement made that Mr. Villard is bargaining for large and safe steamers to connect at Duluth, on lake Superior, with the trains of the Northern Pacific Railroad and take wheat from there to New York.

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meant. Americans are not destitute of culture and refinement and while many who have made quick fortunes air themselves in Europe and are disgusting in their want of manners, they cannot be more thoroughly contemptible than were a number of so-called English gentlemen, who were lately as guests of Americans given the tour of our continent.

THE NUMBER of people who come from the country to attend the Mechanics' Fair is shown by the loaded trains that come down the valley and down the Columbia river and the crowds that fill the hotels from all directions. The Mechanics' Fair grows into a State holiday.

THE WAY railroad stocks tumble sometimes is worse than a wonder. Of late, Transcontinental, that holds within itself all the Villard properties, has tumbled from what it cost, one hundred cents on the dollar, to thirty-four cents.

ARE WE SELF-SUPPORTING?

From what we learn from the leading merchants of this city we find that the country will be benefited by having direct through connection with the East, as the tariff of freight is lower than has ever before existed.

Where we fear danger to our material interest is in opening up competition with our agricultural and other products.

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met two farmers on the cars who plainly expressed the opinion that Oregon farmers don't like to work. They said California butter went to the towns around them and farmers often had to buy it or go without.

THIS HAS been an unfavorable year, but it has been equally so in California, yet California is actually feeding us and reaping a great harvest from it.

TAXING MORTGAGES

WE LATELY saw a gray-haired gentleman from Marion county, who had every appearance of a well-to-do farmer, try to sell to Portland bankers some \$10,000 of mortgages he held on Marion county property.

WE ARE not disposed to discuss that feature now, though it is an interesting one. This gentleman—a farmer who had loaned money—was anxious to convert his mortgages into money again at some sacrifice and could not find a purchaser.

IT IS impossible now to borrow money on property, because banks say they will not lend money under the present law. The law is well enough if property was fully assessed.

THE OREGON AND WASHINGTON FARMER. THE FARMER makes a specialty, which no other journal does to the same degree, of collecting all the information contained in the many newspapers of the Pacific Northwest concerning the progress and development of the country.

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FRUIT INTERESTS.

THE OREGONIAN is not exactly right in treating the question of fruit raising, though it is correct in its assumption that this is a good region for many varieties of fruits, and that fruit raising should be a very important branch of production.

WE HAVE for years past done and said much to encourage tree planting, and have planted, under many difficulties, one of the largest prune orchards in Oregon.

WHATEVER people may tell the editor of the Oregonian, there is much good dried fruit made in this country in ordinary years, but this has been an unfavorable season, as fruit generally blighted.

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vested in railroads and telegraphs ought to earn a fair interest on cost and nothing more. When a man of transcendent genius accomplishes great results, he ought to be rewarded liberally, but he should not be allowed to manipulate the enterprises we, the people, intrust to him, to create fictitious wealth that is mere robbery of the public.

SO FAR as legitimate enterprises are concerned, we favor as many as the country can use. Let us have railroads and not grudge fair returns for honest investment. The movement that will soon command popular attention in the near future will relate to corporations and their encroachments.

WE ARE and always shall be on the side of the people. Our columns are open for expression of their views on all important subjects. Railroads are so new and so useful that people generally consider them a great blessing.

Looks Like Fraud.

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PROSPECTUS. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING THE WILLAMETTE FARMER

Within the reach of every farmer in the Pacific Northwest, we shall after this date reduce the price as follows:

One Year, in Advance, \$2.00. Clubs of Ten, (money with names), \$15.00. Clubs of Five, (money with names), \$7.50.

This new schedule of prices is meant to accommodate all class and leave no room for complaint or dissatisfaction. At the price named above this paper the cheapest on the Pacific Coast.

We understand the interests of agriculture in all this region and intend to continually study and work for the advancement of the class we represent.

We shall visit all sections and personally report our observations. We shall compile from our content pages of the press all facts relating to development and progress, and material interests of farmers in all parts of the country.

We shall keep pace with production in every department, and report, through correspondents and from personal observation, all important facts concerning farming in all its branches, including productions of grain, grasses, fruits and vegetables; concerning stock raising, the value of cattle for meat and for dairying; of horses for all purposes; of sheep for wool and mutton, or both; of swine and poultry. Also, as to bees and honey.

We shall continue to study the markets and inform our patrons on all points, so that they will be able to judge the situation for themselves.

We shall carefully call such miscellaneous matter for use as will benefit and instruct both young and old. The FARMER aims to be an educator in every department of life.

Our editorials will freely and independently discuss every question that interests the people from the standpoint of right. So far as we have influence, it shall be exerted in favor of good principles, good government, true religion, temperance and for education of the masses of the Generals, and State Governments.

The Home Circle is edited by a lady of mature experience in the home of the farmer, and well acquainted with the ways of the world.

It is as a family paper that the FARMER sustains the closest relations to the people and exercises the most salutary influence.

The WILLAMETTE FARMER is not local in character, as the name might mislead you to believe. It was named fifteen years ago, when the Willamette Valley was Oregon, but it has expanded and grown with the growth of the country and represents all the agriculture of Oregon and Washington.

This is the farmer's own organ, open for all to relate experience, seek information, and state any grievance they may have to complain of against whoever and whatever seeks to oppress or deceive them.

The Editor brings to your assistance the experience of 33 years spent in this region; intimate knowledge of the country; many years connection with agriculture and twelve years' acquaintance with many of you in the columns of the FARMER.

The reduction of price is made in expectation that it will bring increased circulation. We ask every friend to aid us in that respect, and shall appreciate the good will of all who do so.

Oregon Railway and Navigation Company.

Between Portland and San Francisco. Leaving Astoria Wharf at midnight, as follows:

Table with columns: FROM PORTLAND, FROM SAN FRANCISCO, and various dates and times for train services.

RAILROAD DIVISIONS.

On and after Sept. 2, 1883. LEAVE: Portland at 6:15 A. M.; Albina at 7 A. M. ARRIVE: at Albina 7:45 P. M.; Portland at 8 P. M.

MIDDLE COLUMBIA, WILLAMETTE AND YAMHILL RIVER DIVISION.

Table with columns: Leaves Portland for, Mon., Tue., Wed., Thurs, Fri., Sat.

General Ticket Office—Car. Front and D Sts. C. H. FERGUSON, JOHN MUIR, Manager. Sup. of Traffic, E. P. SOGGER, Asst. Sup. Traffic, Gen'l Agent Pass. Dep. A. L. MAXWELL, Ticket Agent.

NOTICE!

WANTED TO RENT—A SMALL FARM WITH in front one to three miles of the city of Portland; with house, barn and never failing supply of water with at least from fifteen to twenty-five acres under plow.

STOCK MEN, ATTENTION!

A Rare Bargain. 200 acres of land three miles north of Goldendale, W. T., and thirteen miles from Columbia, which is situated on the Columbia river, opposite "Grant's Station," on the O. R. & N. Railway.

House and Large Barn. The above is offered at a bargain on easy terms. For further particulars apply to OLDFATHER & HARBVEY, Washington St., OREGON, or to GOLDENDALE, W. T.

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