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THE LEGISLATURE of Washington will have to make several new counties this persion, but we will wait until they are all made before we tell what they are.

DURING THE WEEK OF two past Villard stocks have climbed up somewhat and stand firm at the recovered price, but they are still far behind last summer's time to come.

SENATOR DOLLH has gone East to be prepared for work when Congress assembles. We do not know if Senator Slater bas started, but he will soon leave, as Congress meets the first week in December. Those gentlemen differ in politics, but we hope to learn that they agree to work together for Oregon interests.

JUDGE R. P. Boise, Master of State Grange, went East last week to attend the coming meeting of the National Grange. Brother Boise promises to write and keep us informed on grange matters for the benefit of our readers. We hope to hear from him, so as to explain the work in hand.

OCTOBER IS NOT a month to emigrate in, but we learn from the Bureau of Immigration that a steady stream of immigration leaves the East for points in Washington or Oreg n. During the month this has amounted to 50 a day, or 1,500 for the month. We shall watch with interest the influx for November. During this time many are coming by steamer to Portland or Puget Sound.

WE ARE satisfied that we made a mistake in discontinuing the news feature of portant events, local domestic and forshall concede to the common wish and spare a few columns for news items.

THE OREGON City Enterprise calls at tention to one of the evils of changing officials frequently, as follows: Clackamastis a large county and elects a new nesessor every two years. The new man very naturally omits numerous persons from the assessment and has to learn the whole county every time, whereas, if elected for a longer term he could do his work much better. This is an argument in favor of precinct assessors. Take a citizen, well posted, who has lived long worn out but victorious soldiers home. enough to know all his precinct and he The last two years previous saw little on make a correct assessment of that precinct, while he could not as correctly ess all the county. The assessment hw needs a general revision and the part Legislature should try to do it.

GREAT BOASTS are made because we are rapidly paying off the immense public debt that resulted from the civil war. In a few years the whole debt will be "wiped out." It strikes sensible people that this generation endured its full share of loss in giving the lives of 500,000 men in the prime of life and in paying and losing billions of treasure during the time the war lasted. To tax ourselves to pay all the debt during our Efetime may be brave and is, no doubt, very unselfish, but there is no just reason why we should do so. That debt could be paid off during the next cen tury and no complaint made. This generation is certainly too beavily taxed for this purpose.

THE NORTHERN Pacific Bailroad has whether its competition effects de, but we have the word of a promifreight is considerably lower than veterans who conquered savage hordes lished in the United States.

it used to be over the Central Pacific as well as subdued the savagery of The Agricultural Display at Mechanics Fair route. That means that competition is Nature. resulting in our favor and the producer will be taxed less on his purchases. We \$4,000,000 in value of freights for the year to come. That is also because of States of America not one whit behind competition being effective. It looks a the most illustrious nations of the world. little as if the whole coast wants to de- During the century just gone the world rive practical benefit from the opening of has accomplished more than in sixty the Northern line.

IF OUR farmers could see the immense quantities of California products that comes on every steamer they could gathy er some idea of the wants of our country and of the articles we should produce of butter and cheese and all sorts of fruits and vegetables. We shall get the particulars of these importations from some Portland dealers and give them to our readers next week. Every country that buys what it can reasonably produce docbusiness at a disadvantage. It is the same way with every person. Economy means producing everything wor asonably can that we consume. The past season has been unfavorable and is not a fair test of production. The rapid growth of the country, makes a greater demand than usual, which accounts in some de gree for the present state of things.

In its sharp reflections on Oregon producers, the Oregonian forgets, or fails to give weight to two important facts. One is that the season just passed by has been very unfavorable for production and does not show what ordinarily would be quotations, and it is matter for doubt if the supply of home products. Again, they recover all the ground lost for a long the rapid growth of population in cities and towns creates an unusual demand, greater than ever existed before. Heretofore, the farmer who took pains to grow root crops or anything out of the common way, found no reliable market for such "market stuff." This has often occurred, and it has discouraged experiment by enterprising farmers. So with fruit, as we showed last week. Heretofore our market has been easily overstocked with the very articles and products we now require from California. We believe the demand for California products will never be so great again, unless some unusual cause exists, as now, to create the demand.

THE OREGONIAN wants to see vineyards planted in Jackson and Josephine. We have for some months past taken pains to interview men from Southern Oregon as to the capacity of that region to grow grapes and peaches, and have been disappointed in finding no enthusiasm on that subject. We shall try to visit that valley (Rogue river) as soon as the road is through, to get solid facts So far as we can learn, the lands really favorable to the peach and grape are limited in extent. That is the reason we have not said more on the subject. the FARMER, and shall renew it in brief When we get time to visit that country shape so as to give a summary of all im- we shall give reliable facts as to its adaptability for those fruits. Even eign that transpire. We should much where they grow grapes, it may be posprefer to make the FARMER independent sible they are not equal to those grown of news but, as so many prefer it, we farther south. We prefer to learn more before we advise people to go there and engage in the growing of such fruits. though we fully believe it to be the best part of Oregon for fruits of all kinds and for growing corn.

WASHINGTON AT NEWBERG.

A fortnight ago New York celebrated with great ceremony and dignity, the closing act of the revolutionary war when Washington broke up camp at Newberg, on the Hudson, and, delivering his farewell address to his army, sent his fighting. Negotiation was going on for peace and for freedom and they resulted in success for the American colonies before the disbanding took place. One hundred years have passed, and we see as great a people along the shores of the Pacific as was then to be found on the Atlantic. At that time New York was not more populous than Portland, and no city in America possessed the wealth and population that San Francisco has to-day.

During the century since Washington gathered the faithful soldiers of the republic around him to bid them farewell and send them back to paths of peace the world has seen many and wonderful changes, not the least of which relates to the romance of history enacted on the Pacific. Just a century after the closing act of the revolution the older cities of the great republic welcomed back the Oregon pioneers. This band of stalwart men and gray-haired women a third of a century ago conquered the wilderness of been in operation long enough to the Pacific. Now that our region is open to the world they take the first train of the new transcontinental road wholesale merchant who brings to revisit the scenes of youth. So, with-

While the century has gone by the nation has spread and civilization has notice that San Francisco merchants spanned a continent. The century to Oregon, and which is lodged in the have agreed to furnish the northern line come will fill up every vacant place and southwest corner of the pavilion, ground create wealth that will make the United centuries that went before

THE MECHANICS PAIR

The Mechanics' Fair wound up a successful exhibit Saturday night after being open three weeks. The Portland In it every section of the State is repre here. Each vessel brings tons upon tons people did 1 ot give it as much attention. or not more than came from the country. The large pavilion was beautifully illuminated at night and when filled with a human throng became a very lively and attractive sight. Many impo tant industries were to be studied there, as in several instances the works were in actual operation. It was an attractive place for young people, and instructive as well.

> One of the directors expressed to us hope that people in the country would forego all feeling of prejudice or jealousy towards Portland in connection with the Mechanics' Fair as, he said, it needed all the strength of the people of town and country to make it a success. He said they had now had it in operation five years and it required close management and great energy and enterprise to secure success. He said the city and country should be directed to make a success of the State Fair and the Mechanics' Fair. That both are important and each was properly located.

This is a sensible view to take of the matter, and one we believe the majority of farmers will approve. There has been some apprehension that Portland people wished to obtain control of all the great fairs and center them at or near that city. This feeling has been justified to some extent by the action of prominent individuals, who now seem to be fairly inclined. To disturb the State Fair would not be agreeable to many farmers of this valley and would create much ill feeling towards Portland. That city has wealth to use to carry out any plans that may be desired there, but such plans could only be carried out at the expense of the harmony and kind feeling that should exist, so we second, very heartily, Mr. Dekum's wish that no prejudice of local nature may ever interfere with the prosperity of the State Fair at Salem or the Mechanics' Fair at Portland.

The Pioneer

The 200 Oregon pioneers, the youngest of them a settler of 1854, who have just arrived in New York on an exemption could tell some wonderful stories of progress, heroism and trial. Turning their faces toward the setting sun in the days when the star of the empire shone but edge patties made from the cream of hivery dimly in the west, they have lived to see stately cities grow up where they corralled their wagon trains on a path less prairie, to see railroad tracks along played. Pierce Bros., or Scappoose their old trail, art and culture where with painted populous industry where they found a be stone, of Sandy, shows a fine collection to them than to haughty lord or be- of cheese, none of which, to the reportwigged justice from across the Atlantic. They are the men who have planted exhibits a fine collection of cheese made new stars in the flag, sown the seeds of at his farm on the Clatsop plains. civilization, refinement and liberty, and watched and guarded their work till the wastes blossomed. Not knowing, per-haps, the magnitude of their work through danger, privation and discomfort, they toiled on, and the whole land has shared in their reward.

Good Corn

Southern Oregon may well be called a corn country. Wm. Briscoe, of Table Rock precinct, has raised a good deal of corn this year-the dry year of the last decade or two-and the remarkable feature of it is that the crop never had a drop of water upon it from the time it was planted until the ears were matured. It was planted after the spring rains. when the ground was so dry that much of the seed failed to sprout; it had neither rain nor irrigation, yet the crop was an excellent one—the yield good and the ears large and well filled. Jas. Satterfield brought us a good bunch of it, and we speak from personal knowledge. There is a natural sub-irrigation to the land in that vicinity which enables the farmers to defy drouth, and strange as it may seem, crops are never injured by too much water, even in the wettest sea son.—Ashland Tidings.

The November number of the North American Review contains a contribu-tion from Dr. Norvin Green, President of the Western Union Company, in opposition to the proposed government man-agement of the telegraph; also, an artiele on John Brown, by the Rev. David N. Utter, which is calculated to seriously affect the popular estimate of hero of Osawatomic

We have received the annual news paper directory, issued by the advertising firm of Edwin Allen & Bro., Cincinnati, the best sends back ble book for reference. By it we find a mile and a half of the summit.

The best sends back ble book for reference. By it we find that there are 13.273 newspapers pub.

By far the most important and interesting department of the fair is that of that containing the natural products of floor, in the room occupied during the former fairs as a refreshment hall. Two exhibits are contained in this department, one by A. J. Dufur for the Mechanics' Fair Association, and the other by D. D. Prettyman for the Northern Pacific Immigration Bureau. Mr. Dufur's collection occupies the western half the wall room and most of the floor space. and of the two is considerably the larger.

sented. Forty-two varieties of wheat in sheaf and grain are displayed. The arrangement is neat, affording every advantage of easy view, and each sample is marked crop of which it was a fraction. A finer commerce of our river, of course. exposition of the wheat growing capaci ty of the country could not possibly have been made. Mr. Dufur was assisted in the work of collecting this admirable xhibit by Messrs, George Belshaw and M. Wilkins of Lane county, K. L. Hilbard of Marion, N. W. Randall of Clack

amas, and Dufur Bros. of Wa-co. Rye, barley, oats and corn from the various sections of the State were repre sented by some scores of samples. The display of corn is remarkably fine. All of our pasture grasses, thirty-three varieties, are represented in fine sheaf sam ples, collected principally in the Wil-amette valley and in Wasco county.

We believe that no such display of Oregon wood as that now in Mr. Dufur' department was ever before made. Thirty-three samples in the block, varying in size from a big butt cut to a twig are shown in their native, state sawed in in different ways to show the grain. All are without paint or polish, showing the wood as it grows.

A hundred samples of potatoes, ineluding thirty or more varieties are The effects of different soils, different degrees of moisture and different methods of cultivation are easily traced in various samples of the same varieties The collection is remarkably fine. Of particular interest is samples of four varieties of sweet potatoes grown in Linn county by Mr. C. P. Burkhart.

The exhibit of general garden vegeta bles is very fine, and comprises a list of samples which would almost fill a column. All varieties of the garden are represented in choice exhibits.

The fruit department, too, is complete so far as Western and Eastern Oregon are concerned. There are, all told, not less han 1,500 samples. The superiority of the Eastern Oregon exhibit, most of it from Wasco county, is noticed by all. A finer collection of apples was never seen anywhere. The display of Oregon grapes the best, we believe, ever made. A. R. Shipley of Clackamas county, nine miles from Portland, and Mr. Luclling. also of Clackamas county. display rich collections of grapes, and it puzzles the best judges to fairly award the palmor, to use the modern expression, the Both certainly are very fine.

The assertion so often made by this ournal that Oregon is the finest dairy country in the world is proved by the fine, though small, exhibit of dairy products. Major Bruce di-plays some gilt-Jersey cows on his farm in Washington county. From the Reedville farm, in the same county, some fine samples are disdown on the Columbia, show some fine samples, as also does Mrs. Gardiner, o er's regret, were cut. N. K. West also

So far as it goes, the wool exhibit is good, but it does not go far enough. Only two exhibis are made, one a fine frame of Cotswold and Leicester sample from the Reedville farm, in Washington county, by Ladd and Reed, and the other two frames of Oxfordshire samples by M. Wilkins of Lane county. Neither Eastern Oregon or the Umpqua valley are epresented at all.

There are a great number of minor miscellaneous exhibits in this department. Oregon honey, Oregon almonds Oregon peanuts, Oregon filterts, samples home-made bread, bottles of home-preserved fruits, etc., etc., add interest and variety to the department, which, as a whole, is the most interesting feature of this interesting fair. Mr. Dufur under took the task of collecting this exhibit at a late date, and has done wonderfully well. He would have done even bette

had he been notified at the proper time The immigration bureau of the Northern Pacific Railroad occupies the north side of the products exhibit hall, and displays a fine lot grains, grasses, fruits. This collection was made by Mr. D. D. Prettyman, who is in charge of it and who takes the highest pleasure in explaining and answering the thousand questions which are put to him. His amples are a fair average of the crops from which they were taken, and are

drawn from every part of the State. Among the woods of the immigration oureau's exhibit are several slabs of myrtle, a beautiful furniture wood which grows in great abundance in Coos county, on the southern coast. Its general one is a rich, dark yellow, veined with dacker seams, like maride. When dressed it has the inster of manogany, with more variety, and as far surpasses wainut in beauty as the laster does red fir.-Ore-

Track on the railroad between Pendle on and La Grande has been laid within

Union county is overrun with the worst lass of citizens.

News Department.

GENERAL NEWS.

OVERLAND PASSENGER trains now leave Portland with the mails and passengers for St. Paul, at 9 o'clock A. M. A passenger train for Walla Walla leaves at 7:30 in the morning.

THE ASHLAND Tidings figures up the work of threshers in Jackson county as follows: wheat, 143,757 bushels; barley and outs 135,000. Total of grain about 280,000 bushels.

GREAT EXCITEMENT prevails in Spokane county over the discovery of a silver mine in that county two miles from the town of Fairweather. Experienced minirs say it is very rich quartz.

with its special name, the place of pro- another case of stupidity on the part of dren. How the fire caught is a mystery,

Mexico the mines of that country pro-splendid, especially the grains and vegeduce five times what they did. It is tables. The people of that precinct are claimed that Mexican mines will produce thoroughly awake to the importance of \$80,000,000 in 1884.

Pyle's canyon, about six miles above of people were in attendance. Union. When found he was bruised up. and had been apparently beaten to death for the benefit of the O. & C. R. R. in some time during the night. He was employed on the railroad grade.

WOODEN TOWNS will burn, as was proved when Weston, Umatilla county, the grant to said road. This land is was nearly destroyed by fire two weeks mostly situated in Douglas county, and ago, and when a \$25,000 fire occurred at is subject to pre-emption and homestead Tacoma the week after, and by numer-settlement and to entry, when surveyed ous fires that occur,

WAITSBURG TIMES: A much larger amount of fall wheat sowing is being Northern Pacific railroad lands north of done this season than heretofore. Not- Snake river, and particularly along the withstanding we have had but little rain, line of the Palouse branch railroad much of the early sown is up and look- were withdrawn from market pending

BEN HOLLADAY has returned to Portsuit against Jo Holladay, his brother, for have been sent to the Portland office. recovery of vast wealth in the shape of property that he put in his brother's name when he thought it unsafe to own

RECENT DISPATCHES SAY that the late sheat in Minnesota has been almost entirely ruined by sharp frosts. Elevator merely (so the Court says) confers on companies refuse to receive it. This loss tCongress the power to rescind State laws amounts to four millions of bushels in that contravene such rights, but does the region north of the Northern Pacific | not give Congress any power to legislate Railroad.

MR. VILLARD issues a letter to the people of the Northwest, very pleasantly thanking them for their kindness and attestion to his guests and the hospitaliy bestowed upon them on their way from the lakes to the western ocean.

WHEN A Chinaman in British Columia wants to come to "America," he just foots it over the border. All Chinamen of the structures that are being erected look so much alike no man can tell the syfficiently indicates the easy times that lifference. The restriction act don't work well there, except when they try to come by wat r.

KLAMATH COUNTY is close to the Casrade mountains near the California line and is not considered a grain county This season their crop of cereals was, oats 7,500 bushels; barley 4,075; rye lie Ross has been corroborated by a 2,081; wheat 850; tramped out 1,000. Total of grain 15,506 bushels.

THE FOLLOWING is a summary of the asnent of Union county for the year 1883: Gross value of all property, \$3,316,005; that his life should be spared twentyncrease, \$384,427, indebtedness, \$912,933; four hours, and said he would give the \$912.933; increase, \$55,174; exemption, world information for which it had been \$317,646; increase, \$28,459. Total taxable property, \$2,035,425; increase, \$297,-

WALLA WALLA Statesman: The result of this year's harvest has been so satisfactory in yield that the majority of our wheat growers are generally adopting the successful plan of sowing their wheat in the dust, as soon as possible Vast quantities have already been sown. and every one in the busines, is actively engaged in fall sowing.

EARNINGS OF the Oregon and California Railroad for seven months ending last few years have proved that the sage July 31, were \$523,212; net earnings, \$114.281. During the first week in October the Northern Pacific earned \$359,400 against \$223,946 for the corresponding weed last year. Earnings of the Central Pacific so far this year are about \$1,000,-000 below the earnings for the corre sponding part of year 1882.

THE MAN Cannon, who worked for Senator Voorhees, of Marion county, and when discharged got a pistol and coming back to Voorhees' house shot him and intended to kill him, has finally been found guilty of an assault, on the sec ond trial; the first jury disagreed. It looks very much as if bloody murder was at a premium, when such acts can be committed in a civilized community and go practically unpunished.

THE SALEM Statesman lately told of a pear tree that bears two crops. We have before us a number of pears just picked off a Bartlett tree that grows in our garden. This tree bore bunches of blossoms that came late and resulted in small fruit that was growing when we gathered the first crop. The first lot of pears were very large and extra fine. Those just ripening are small and do not resemble the Bartlett in shape or flavor, but have a good flavor. They are mostly without seeds and are very peculiar in looks. More still hang on the tree.

These pears have developed to about half the size of the regular crop and have made their growth chiefly since the first which occasion a good time is expected.

T. J. Lousignont, See'y. looks. More still hang on

THE JACKSONVILLE TIMES says that Daniel Walker & Sons recently sold 100 head of their cattle ranging on Sprague river to Mr. Miller, of Sierra county, Cal., for \$35 a head. James Taylor, of the same locality, sold 25 head of twoyear olds to Mr. Storms for \$32 per head

ON WEDNESDAY night Miss Laura Clark, a young lady aged about 20 years, committed suicide at the Cottage Grove hotel, Lane county, by taking a dose of morphia. She was employed at the hotel at the time of the tragic event; had been employed there about six months.

BENTON LEADER: The house of Eugene Weiderman, about three miles south of Philomath, took fire and was totally destroyed on yesterday morning about 10 o'clock. Mr. Weiderman and part of his family were in Portland attending THE BARK Whistler lately went ashore the Mechanics' fair, and no one was ten miles north of Cape Disappointment; home but Mr. Weiderman's aged mother another case of stupidity on the part of and two or three of his younger chil-

EUGENE GUARD: The Sinslaw fair was SINCE AMERICANS have got to work in held last Wednesday. The display was having exhibitions to compete with each A DEAD MAN was found last week in other, in a friendly manner, the different articles they produce. A large number

A LARGE amount of land withdrawn 1871 has been restored to the public domain on account of the route deflecting to the west and changing the limits of at \$1 25 per acre.

DURING LAST spring and summer the examination of same. Examina ions are now completed, appraisements made BEN HOLLADAY has returned to Port-and the lands are again restored to mar-land and will soon, they say, commence ket. Many applications for purchase

THE U.S. Supreme court pronounces some parts of the civil rights act, that declares that all persons shall have equal right to travel or to attend public places, without regard to color, to be unconstitutional. The 14th amendment on the subject. Colored people are very indignant, but the court seems to be right in construing the constitution.

THE PALOUSE Gazette speaks thus of the condition of that country: A ride through the Palouse country will convince the most skeptical that this section is enjoying an era of most unprecedented prosperity. New buildings are going up on almost every farm, and the character prevail among our agriculturists. The granaries are filled to bursting, the prairies are dotted with stacks of hay, and cattle, sheep and swine are wandering on

every side

A TELEGRAM from St. Louis stating that a new clue had been found to Charstatement by a gentleman from Wyoming who says that Henry Mosher, brother of the Mosher who admitted kidnapping Charlie Ross, was lynched near enne five weeks ago. Mosher begged seeking for years. He admitted to have ing in his custody a person held for ran som for more than a year, and said be had been driven too far west by the hot pursuit of detectives. Time was not allowed, and the secret died with him

SAYS THE Prineville News: "It is often said that all the good land in Crook county is taken, but this is a sad mistake Every day we hear of some one locating where heretofore the land has been thought to have been worthless, but which is really the best grain land in the brush or bunch grass land produce more and better grain without tion than any other, and of this there are thousands of acres yet unclaimed which offer homes for the homeless Our country is not settled, but offen abundant inducement to the industriou and energetic to come here and locate

THE FOLLOWING is a list of the taxable

property in Baker county, Or.: Acres of land in cultivation in the county, 86,946. value \$255,421; value of town lots, \$161,945; value of improvements, \$258,535; value of merchandise and implement \$265,910; value of money, notes, accounts, shares of stocks, etc., \$346,290; value of household furniture, carriages watches, etc., \$39.881; number of horse and mules 10,800, value \$322,561; num ber of cattle 34,708, value \$450,715 number of sheep 36,024, value \$70,215 number of swine 1,379, value \$4,854 Gross value of property, \$2,154,470; indebtedness, \$578,838; exemption, \$144,900; total value of taxable property, \$1,430,732. Number of polls, 939. Tax levied for county purposes, 10 mills on the dollar; for school purposes, 5 mills; for State purposes, 5 3-5; total tax levied. 19 3-5.

Grange Notice.

The Patrons of Salem Grange are in-