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Notice to Subscribers.

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

THE LEGISLATURE OF Washington will have to make several new counties this session, 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 quotations, and it is matter for doubt if they recover all the ground lost for a long time to come.

SENATOR DOLPH has gone East to be prepared for work when Congress assembles. We do not know if Senator Slater has started, but he will soon leave, as Congress meets the first week in December.

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.

OCTOBER IS NOT a month to emigrate to, but we learn from the Bureau of Immigration that a steady stream of immigration leaves the East for points in Washington or Oregon.

WE ARE satisfied that we made a mistake in discontinuing the news feature of the FARMER, and shall renew it in brief shape so as to give a summary of all important events, local domestic and foreign that transpire.

THE OREGON City Enterprise calls attention to one of the evils of changing officials frequently, as follows: Clackamas is a large county and elects a new assessor every two years.

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."

THE NORTHERN Pacific Railroad has not been in operation long enough to show whether its competition effects trade, but we have the word of a prominent wholesale merchant who brings much freight over the road, that his goods cost much less now than heretofore, because freight is considerably lower than

it used to be over the Central Pacific route. That means that competition is resulting in our favor and the producer will be taxed less on his purchases.

OUR farmers could see the immense quantities of California products that come on every steamer they could gather some idea of the wants of our country and of the articles we should produce here.

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 the supply of home products.

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.

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 worn out but victorious soldiers home.

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.

as well as subdued the savagery of Nature. While the century has gone by the nation has spread and civilization has spanned a continent.

THE MECHANICS' FAIR.

The Mechanics' Fair wound up a successful exhibit Saturday night after being open three weeks. The Portland people did not get it as much attention, or not more than came from the country.

One of the directors expressed to us a hope that people in the country would forget 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.

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.

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Good Corn.

Southern Oregon may well be called a corn country. Wm. Briacone, 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.

The November number of the North American Review contains a contribution from Dr. Norvin Green, President of the Western Union Company, in opposition to the proposed government management of the telegraph; also, an article on John Brown, by the Rev. David N. Uter, which is calculated to seriously affect the popular estimate of the hero of Osawatimie.

We have received the annual newspaper directory, issued by the advertising firm of Edwin Allen & Bro., Cincinnati, Ohio. It is a comprehensive and valuable book for reference. By it we find that there are 13,273 newspapers published in the United States.

The Agricultural Display at Mechanics' Fair

By far the most important and interesting department of the fair is that of that containing the natural products of Oregon, and which is lodged in the southwest corner of the pavilion, ground floor, in the room occupied during the former fairs as a refreshment hall.

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 with its special name, the place of production and the yield per acre of the crop of which it was a fraction.

We believe that no such display of Oregon wood as that now in Mr. Dufur's 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 different ways to show the grain.

A hundred samples of potatoes, including thirty or more varieties are shown. 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 exhibit of general garden vegetables 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 than 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.

So far as it goes, the wool exhibit is good, but it does not go far enough. Only two exhibits are made, one a fine frame of Cotswold and Leicester samples from the Reedville farm, in Washington county, by Ladd and Reel, and the other, two frames of Oxfordshire samples by M. Wilkins of Lane county.

There are a great number of minor miscellaneous exhibits in this department. Oregon honey, Oregon almonds, Oregon peanuts, Oregon fluberts, 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.

Among the woods of the immigration bureau'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 tone is a rich, dark yellow, veined with darker seams, like marble.

Track on the railroad between Pendleton and La Grande has been laid within a mile and a half of the summit. Union county is overrun with the worst class 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 Tidbits figures up the work of threshers in Jackson county as follows: wheat, 143,757 bushels; barley and oats 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 miners say it is very rich quartz.

SINCE AMERICANS have got to work in Mexico the mines of that country produce five times what they did. It is claimed that Mexican mines will produce \$80,000,000 in 1884.

A DEAD MAN was found last week in Pyle's canyon, about six miles above Union. When found he was bruised up, and had been apparently beaten to death some time during the night. He was employed on the railroad grade.

WOODEN TOWNS will burn, as was proved when Weston, Umatilla county, was nearly destroyed by fire two weeks ago, and when a \$25,000 fire occurred at Tacoma the week after, and by numerous fires that occur.

WAITSBURG TIMES: A much larger amount of fall wheat sowing is being done this season than heretofore. Notwithstanding we have had but little rain, much of the early sown is up and looking well.

BEN HOLLADAY has returned to Portland and will soon, they say, commence suit against Jo Holladay, his brother, for recovery of vast wealth in the shape of property that he put in his brother's name when he thought it unsafe to own property.

RECENT DISPATCHES say that the late wheat in Minnesota has been almost entirely ruined by sharp frosts. Elevator companies refuse to receive it. This loss amounts to four millions of bushels in the region north of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

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

WHEN a Chinaman in British Columbia wants to come to "America," he just foats it over the border. All Chinamen look so much alike no man can tell the difference. The restriction act don't work well there, except when they try to come by water.

KLAMATH COUNTY is close to the Cascade 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 2,081; wheat 830; tramped out 1,000. Total of grain 15,506 bushels.

THE FOLLOWING is a summary of the assessment of Union county for the year 1883: Gross value of all property, \$3,316,005; increase, \$384,427; indebtedness, \$912,933; \$912,933; increase, \$55,174; exemption, \$317,646; increase, \$28,459. Total taxable property, \$2,035,425; increase, \$297,639.

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 business is actively engaged in fall sowing.

EARNINGS of the Oregon and California Railroad for seven months ending 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 week last year. Earnings of the Central Pacific so far this year are about \$1,000,000 below the earnings for the corresponding 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 second 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 crop was picked.

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 two-year 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 Weideman, about three miles south of Philomath, took fire and was totally destroyed on yesterday morning about 10 o'clock. Mr. Weideman and part of his family were in Portland attending the Mechanics' fair, and no one was home but Mr. Weideman's aged mother and two or three of his younger children. How the fire caught is a mystery.

EUGENE GUARD: The Sinslaw fair was held last Wednesday. The display was splendid, especially the grains and vegetables. The people of that precinct are thoroughly awake to the importance of having exhibitions to compete with each other, in a friendly manner, the different articles they produce. A large number of people were in attendance.

A LARGE amount of land withdrawn for the benefit of the O. & C. R. R. in 1871 has been restored to the public domain on account of the route deflecting to the west and changing the limits of the grant to said road. This land is mostly situated in Douglas county, and is subject to pre-emption and homestead settlement and to entry, when surveyed, at \$1 25 per acre.

DURING LAST spring and summer the Northern Pacific railroad lands north of Snake river, and particularly along the line of the Palouse branch railroad, were withdrawn from market pending examination of same. Examinations are now completed, appraisements made and the lands are again restored to market. Many applications for purchase have been sent to the Portland office.

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 merely (so the Court says) confers on Congress the power to rescind State laws that contravene such rights, but does not give Congress any power to legislate 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 of the structures that are being erected sufficiently indicates the easy times that 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 Charlie Ross has been corroborated by a statement by a gentleman from Wyoming, who says that Henry Mosher, brother of the Mosher who admitted kidnapping Charlie Ross, was lynched near Cheyenne five weeks ago. Mosher begged that his life should be spared twenty-four hours, and said he would give the world information for which it had been seeking for years. He admitted to having in his custody a person held for ransom for more than a year, and said he 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 country. Experiments made within the last few years have proved that the sage brush or bunch grass land produces more and better grain without irrigation 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 offers abundant inducement to the industrious 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, \$167,945; value of improvements, \$258,535; value of merchandise and implements, \$265,910; value of money, notes, accounts, shares of stocks, etc., \$346,290; value of household furniture, carriages, watches, etc., \$39,881; number of horses and mules 10,800, value \$322,561; number 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, \$14,900; 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, 53-5; total tax levied, 19 3-5.

Grange Notice.

The Patrons of Salem Grange are invited to meet at Salem Grange Hall, November 3d, at 10 o'clock A. M., on which occasion a good time is expected. T. J. LOUGHSOST, Sec'y.