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## Notice to Subscribers.

OFFICE OF WLILAMETTE FARMER, February 28, 1883.

TO OUR READERS : We publish only a sufficient number of the FARMER so supply actual propaid subscriber and we cannot sup

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### REMOVAL NOTICE.

Our readers will please bear in mind that our present address is Salem instead of Portland. All matters will receive prompt attention if addressed to the WILLAMEETTE FARMER, Salem, Or.

DURING THE past month, and in fact all the past fall, we have had a pleasant increase of names on our subscription list. With this number we commence the new year, enter upon 1884, and within a few weeks we shall commence a new volume of the FARMER. During the month of January we complete fifteen years of newspaper life. We have been whole valley, and through all the counwith you a long time, friends, and we try. There is a great deal to result from have tried to serve you well. We know it is rather hard times, but every farmer in Oregon and Washington can spare \$2 topics and quote their own and their for a good newspaper. Do what you can neighbors experience. They will tell to swell our subscription list and you confer the greatest favor possible.

WE ARE glad to know that more clover and grass seed is sold in Oregon every year, for it means that our farmers are waking up to a knowledge that there is more money in a good pasture or meadow than in wheat growing. We lately met Mr. Alf. Hovenden, who went East in October and crossed the ocean to his early home in England. He tells of the good pastures and fine grasses grown in them, that will carry a great number of animals, but England has a moist summer climate and grasses grow there all summer, while we have dry summers. so cannot equal English pastures. But even here pastures can carry a great deal tells about, we ought to take care of ourof stock and prove very profitable. Many a farmer is working hard to raise crops when he could make more money with stock if he'd had good pasture.

within a few years some horse will make lish elsewhere, what Robert Bonner has ny. Ins these letters Mr. Mitchell, of nia with fifteen millions of population. to say about the trotting horse. In republishing this Wallace's Monthly says times. At one time he was their friend certainly come too, when the population it agrees with Bonner's practice better and at another Jay Gould had him on of the Pacific Northwest will equal that than his theory. In practice he mates his side. There was plenty of money in of this corresponding territory on the the fastest horse to the fastest mare and the railroad lobby at that time and these Atlantic. We have seen great changes the product is an improvement on both letters from Huntington tend to prove and are seeing rapid development now, as a usual thing. In theory he advocates the use of the product of a trotter, and Such a thing is disgraceful to our State, who will see what we speak of. The a thoroughbred to produce a fast horse, but we may hope that our present Sena- years go by and pass on; generations while in practice he pays no attention to the thoroughbred blood but mates speed will not fail in honest motives. with speed, and succeeds at it.

A NEW YORK correspondent in Caligains by cultivation that of California him the most important information; loses, and while agriculture will increase but when Garfield was killed, James with us it must diminish in California went out of office and nothing has been nutil wheat production shall ultimately done. According to Spencer's narrabenesses. In its stead will be a land of tive there has been no honest intention be withheld from sale and that timber lands be withheld from sale and that timber be sold but not the land, and that a portrait transfer and place and place and place and place and place are larger to the land and that a portrait transfer and place are larger to the land and that a portrait transfer and place are larger to the land and that a portrait transfer are larger to the land and that a portrait transfer are larger to the land and that a portrait transfer are larger to the land and that a portrait transfer are larger to the land and that a portrait transfer are larger to the land and that a portrait transfer are larger to the larger transfer are larger to the larger transfer are larger transfer are larger to the larger transfer are lar fruit trees and vines. A new France in to convict Brady and Dorsey by Bliss. the American republic. California has The government has conducted these

and could support thirty million eco-Americans. This writer says the world appearances with him.

Among ALL the great efforts of the present Congress to accomplish what the people demand without doing anything to make either party objectionable for the coming presidential election, it is not easy to see what will become of the tariff question. The Democratic party saying may really mean. The Republicans are divided on the tariff question, some influential journals favoring free trade. Some Democrats in Congress are and it is probable that very little change very expensive. If we can average will be made in the existing tariff law divided that no hasty legislation can be expected. While the Senate is Republican the House is Democratic and partial a crop of corn alternate years. san legislation need not be feared. Such a wholesome division of power in Congress ought to insure wholesome legislation, but the truth is that there will be little good accomplished. Each party turned from a journey East and has visthe presidency will not do really good work for the people.

MR. HENRY KIENE writes us that meets at the Kiene school house, near the organization of such clubs. The members will meet and discuss farm what they read in agricultural journals and some of them will write up sketches of these meetings for the FARMER. We believe in farmers' meetings and clubs; we believe in the Grange; we believe in everything that brings farmers together and makes them work together. We have no half way idea of matters, but think the producers of the country should have their full share of its wealth and prosperity. We think farmers should organize and co-operate to secure what they have a right to claim. When we hear men talk of the extortion of corporations, it seems to us that we have no right to complain. Having the strength and power" that Judge Boise selves and see that no imposition is

WHEN GENERAL COLTON died the Central Pacific lost a very able man. For TROTTING HORSES have been improved some time the courts have been trying people occupying Oregon and Washingvery rapidly of late years. The number to determine if he had any interest in ton as now occupy California. Before of fast horses increases in greater num- the railroad company. His heirs claim long we shall have a million people here, bers every year as Wallace's Monthly some millions as their share, but Hunt and not very long, as the wor shows; it gives the number of accessions ington, Stanford and the rest, say he half a century from now, population to the list who made the 2.30 gait in had very little interest. The opinion will swarm here; great towns and cities 1882, as fully one hundred and fifty and prevails that his partners, the railroad busy factories, a dense agricultural popasserts that the number will increase to managers, wish to cheat his estate, ulation-all these will fill up the wide one hundred and eighty in 1883. The This litigation has brought to light sev- territory from the ocean on the west to recorded number who have made that eral hundred letters that Mr. Hunting the Rocky Mountains on the east. Comspeed is quite large and the speed test ton wrote General Colton from Wash- parison of countries shows that on the lowers so rapidly that it is believed that ington and New York, in which he talks Atlantic, occupying the same space we about members of Congress who were occupy on the Pacific, are New England a mile inside of two minutes. We pub. friendly and unfriendly to their compa- New York, New Jersey and Pennsylva-Oregon, is plainly alluded to several Think of the time to come, which will that our Senator got his share of it. but there are those now living in Oregon tors cannot be bought with money and will come and go until thronging mil-

For a year past the papers have been telling of the efforts of the government are gone greater things will happen than fornia writes a prophesy that, within to secure the presence of ex-Senator five years not a ton of wheat will be Spencer, of Alabama, as a witness in shipped around Cape Horn, and that the star route trials. Having secured within twenty years wheat will be grown his presence they seem to have no use in California solely for home demand. for him, but he gives his statement of The first part of his prediction is derived Dorsey's doings and says he is only one from the pretentions of the Southern of the smallest of the operators; that Pacific railroad to be able to carry Dorsey had a long meeting with him wheat to Galveston or New Orleans, to years ago and was the most abject creabe shipped thence to Europe. As to the ture imaginable in view of his guilty other prediction, that wheat production connection with these matters. Spencer will cease in California, he claims that claims to have told Postmaster General interested in exterminating wolves, etc., while the soil of the Pacific northwest James, years ago, that he could give while the soil of the Pacific northwest James, years ago, that he could give

about the same acreage as France, and trials in a farcial manner to enable the California has the best soil and climate robbers to escape, and they have escaped. Spencer says that all that was nomical Frenchmen as easily as it now needed to convict them was to procure does one million extravagant soi-disant proper evidence that was easily obtaina- our class—the producers of the country ble, but they did not do it. Merrick and will soon produce more food than it can Kerr, of the star route counsel for the eat, but it never yet has done so, and government, have withdrawn therefrom, has barely a supply in this A. D. 1883. for the reason that they do not believe There is much truth, however, in what that District Attorney Bliss has any in- deserts. It seems humiliating to confess he says besides that and in that he has tention to convict Brady and Dorsey and they do not care about any longer assisting in a national farce, even if mand. Every false claim is injurious to ted from his early remembrance. they can get well paid for it.

Conversing with some good farmers the other day they united in asserting that they could grow good crops of corn on French prairie and average 35 to 40 bushels to the acre, but they said the is in a way pledged to tariff reform and difficulty lay in preserving the corn after will have to study up what that trite it was grown. The corn spoils because moisture settles in the cob, which is of a spongy nature. The corn becomes mouldy in consequence. How to save the corn is the important question. To n favor of a protective tariff while a few shell it immediately after it is ripe and Republicans are in favor of free trade, kiln dry it in some easy way, would AND LETTERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE The tariff question is decidedly mixed seem to be possible and ought not to be thirty bushels of corn, as these gentlethis winter. Congress is so evenly men assert, then we can make all the corn meal we need and instead of summer-fallowing land for wheat can grow

These same farmers remarked upon the difference between corn fed pork and meat fattened on wheat. One was Mr. Alf. Hovenden, who has just rewill be afraid of doing what may count ited Illinois. He asserts that the corn to rule the county, plays a secondary against it next fall and in working for fed pork of that State is not nearly equal part, very often, and allows the profesto our wheat fed pork: that the corn fed is soft, oily meat. We published, ten years ago, Mr. Thomas Cross' views to in many respects, where they should pull is no monopoly. The makers pay the the same effect. He then asserted that they have formed a farmer's club that Oregon meats were worth on an average 2 cents per pound more than Eastern Aumsville. Here is a good beginning pork products for this same reason, and that we hope will extend through the said the U. S. Quartermaster at San Francisco put the same valuation on it.

### THE NEW YEAR.

The time has come to make another change and place another figure to our date., This change comes regularly and makes the passage of years. We cannot stop to moralize about matters and things but it comes natural as the old year goes out and the new year comes in to wish our friends "a Happy New Year" and exchange a few thoughts about the time. The passing years are working a wondrous change in this region. Some of us who have lived here to see it redeemed from its wilderness state receive these changes with sincere satisfaction It is a pleasure to see at last railroads traversing different routes through our own near country, and to know that the iron rail is laid all the way to the further shore. We really belong now to the great world, and have intimate connection with it. Before this we have been too remote and isolated to feel ourselves to be intimately connected with the great world.

A few years more will see as many lions will replace the few thousands of to-day. It makes the heart beat quicker to think of it and think that when we we even know.

## A Wolf Ciub to be Formed.

Mr. Lewis Pettyjohn has requested us to call the attention of wool growers and farmers generally to the fact that there will be a wolf club formed in the district, bounded as follows: South and west of the railroad from Salem to Jeferson. All farmers living in the above described district and all others who are South Salem on Saturday, January 12. 1884. Don't forget the time or place.

tion of all other land be planted in fruit

## PARMERS AS CITIZENS.

-we do not like to put their claims to if life was hard work and poor pay and consideration on the ground that so left no chance to improve the social namany do, that farmers as a class are much abused and do not get their just that they can be ill-used when they have astonished to see how everything seemed such power and influence at their comany cause. The exact truth is, that some farmers are unsuccessful and others do well under the same circumstances. stopped to see his friends there on his Farmers sell out and move away from return home. There all was kind, prosthis valley, because they cannot sucother farmers who thrive on the same will by telling about Oregon, showed land these other ran in debt on. The them Oregon grain and other things and same fact is true of lines of labor from backed up his description by actual the highest professional to the lowest sight of things produced here. In Illiworker. To place the truest constructions he found accommodations easier tion on the farmers' condition he is than in England, where he sometimes master of the situation and ought to be went miles out of his way to get a meal a controlling power. By co-operation because no one would give or sell one to he can accomplish all he requires and him. Like all the other "pioneers" who be all he ought to be. If he fails to have returned, he enjoyed his trip very assert himself and goes about complain- much and comes back fully convinced ing that he is ill-used, doing so is merely there is no country that excels ours. It calculated to lessen his standing. He is pleasant to note the universal satisfaccomplains too often of monopoly when, tion with which the "old Oregonian" if he made himself felt in the world as comes back to this country, after a few of grain, graves, fruits and vegetables; concerning he should there would be no such monhe should, there would be no such mon- months absence, and renews his allegiopoly to complain of. He complains of ance. the exacttions of middlemen when he refuses to support an agent of his own. Take the common field of politics: In this the farmer, who control votes enough sional politician to "manage" him without a reason therefor: farmers are divided together. That was what the grange was instituted for, to bring farmers together for united work in a common pound, and there is considerable comcause. The grange became a cause of petition in the manufacture. The difference with many, rather than a means of harmonious action. What shall be done for and with the farmers? This is a wise query: There is too many of him to manage easily and he lacks it is a staple article. We see a great confidence in himself and all his neigh- deal said about the monopoly and were herself in all the duties and pleasures of home. Thou bors. He is rather to be envied for all surprised to learn that the manufacturthat, "for the earth is his and the full-

## ENGLAND, ILLINOIS AND OREGON.

ness thereof;" next to the Omnipotence

he is king, but there is always too many

of him to rule well or wisely.

Mr. Alfred Hovenden, of French Prai-Mr. Alfred Hovenden, of French Prairie, has recently returned from a visit to his old home in England, which he left forty years ago, and from a visit to Illinois whence he emigrated to Oregon thirty years ago. He gives an interesting account of his experience in the old country where he hunted up friends of early days, visiting them in different parts of the country, at different occupations and state and the inventor, and the interest experience, seek information, and state any price and experience, seek information, and state any price and what a profit of less than \$5. The fence builder according to these figures doesn't suffer much imposition but gets his fence cheap enough. As wire is coming down to about the cost of iron he ought to be satisfied after awhile.

We don't swear to these figures and the farmer's own organ, open for all to relate experience, seek information, and state any price and experience, seek information, and state any price and experience, seek information, and the all experience, seek information, and state any price and what experience, seek information, and state any price and whence the profit of less than \$5.

The Editor brings to your assistance the experience, seek information, and state any price and parts of the country, at different occupations. He found them working away as not far from those given by Mr. Dodd. their fathers had before them, hard We inquired because we were expecting work and small profits. The fields an order from a friend. Last spring we seemed smaller than they used to; all bought a roll of wire at ten cents a England is but a small country, less in pound, and already prices are greatly arena than our Pacific Northwest. One reduced. Good wire can be purchased man was plowing with the same plow for six and one-half cents, wholesale. Hoevnden saw his father use two score and the best, we think, was seven and of years ago. Improvement and progress one-half cents. When we asked Mr. bad been slow there in some particulars. People are leaving wheat cultivation for ther reduction he said prices were about grasses and root crops; their orchards as low as they could be furnished, for were in grass almost entirely, and their the reason above stated. At the best pastures were wonderfully good. The only a small reduction could be made fine grasses that fill the soil there make below present rates. excellent grazing and their damp summers that are very unfavorable for wheat, raspberries and they pay good profit.

He visited what was once the famous thing else down to bed-rock prices. 'Smithfield Market," in London, and saw cattle there from all sections. Grade short-horns make the best beef, or as make very sweet, good-flavored beef.

dressed meat. What he was most surprised at was What he was most surprised at was The N. Y. Sun says it must have entire want of hospitality among the than the mere gossip of the street

tually sit down to meals and not ask him to partake. One old fellow was pegging While we honestly and sincerely do away at a pair of shoes and never stopall we can to advance the interests of ped to shake hands even when he claimed old acquaintance. It seemed as tures of mankind. He found the old country disappointing in many points, and though he enjoyed his visit he was changed and less than he had anticipa-

Before coming to Oregon, Hovenden had lived two years in Illinois and he perous and cheerful. Friends were glad

### IS BARRED WIRE MONOPOLIZED.

We talked over the barbed wire question lately with Mr. C. H. Dodd, who deals largely in it, and is disinterested we suppose in what he says. He claims that bottom prices are reached and there patentee a royalty of a dollar a ton, for use as will benefit and instruct both young and which is one-twenteth of a cent a freight here is quite an item in the cost. Mr. Dodd asserts that dealers are satisfied if they make a very small profit, as of the masses of the General and State Governments small as 21 per cent. on heavy sales, as ers' royalty was but a dollar on 2000 pounds. If a man wishes to make a mile of fence and uses three strands of wire he will require about 200 pounds of wire which will cost him in Portland as the name might mislead you to believe. It was for the best galvanized wire, about \$150. On that the manufacturer pays a royalty growth of the country and represents all the agriculof one dollar to the inventor, and the

may be mistaken a little, but they are

Somebody will probably accuse us of a conspiracy with the "barbed wire moninsure growing grasses through July, opely," but we have got used to that, August and September. English pas- If any of our subscribers East of the tures carry such an amount of stock as Cascades wishes to get barbed wire we we would not believe possible. They set will do anything in our power to help out a great deal of small fruits, such as them. No doubt dealers in the interior currents, gooseberries, blackberries and put on a good profit. There is heavy competition here just now and money Stock raising is the chief business, in hand will bring barbed wire or any

The last of the terrible Modocs, of good as any; the Black Cattle, or polled Lava Bed fame, a writer in the St. Louis Angus are good beef cattle also, and Globe-Democrat says, dwell on a tract with Devons and Herefords rank as of 4,000 acres near the village of Senelarge beef stock. About the most popu. ce, on the dividing line between the Inlar with the market men are the Irish dian Territory and Missouri. There are breed of cattle, red with long tapering twenty-six families, numbering one hunhorns that are very hardy animals and dred and six persons. They are losing their warlike character, and are become ing agriculturalists, and in doing this They are small size, long bodied, close they are still assisted by the general govbuilt and make very superior meat. ernment, which supplies rations and an They fatten but few swine in England instructor in agriculture. Most of them but breed the very best known in the speak English. A Modoc woman, who is the tribe's best interpreter, cultivated world. Sheep are entirely of the large, five acres of corn without any assistant mutton breeds, Cotswolds, Leicesters, whatever, and got a yield of 300 bushels Southdowns and Shrophshires. They this year. The reservation has been surwere mutton and wool breeds combined in which they stood, and ere long every ins are being removed from the cluster and wethers would average 100 pounds family will live on its own forty-acestch.

people of the common laboring class, lieve anything evil against Villard. Hav-He would walk miles to hunt up some anan or woman who was boy or girl when he was young and they would ac-

## PROSPECTUS.

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We intend to make a farmers' paper that every armer in the land will need and will not willingly do without.

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We shall visit all sections and personally report our observations. We shall compile from our con poraries of the press all facts relating to development and progress, and material interests of farmers in al parts of the country. We shall keep pace with production in every de?

artment, and report, through correspondents and rom personal observation, all important facts con ing farming in all its branches, including productions 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. Our old patrons will bear witness we have worked faithfully, in this connection, in the past. We shall do so in the future No daily newspaper in Portland has ever given the producers of the country such clear views of the world's crops and markets as the FARNER ofte Our market reports have been worth hundreds of thou sands to the producers of this region.

We shall carefully cull such miscellaneous matter

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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 ernment, true religion, temperance and for educe The Home Circle is edited by a lady of mature

experience in the labors of the farmer, equainted with the ways of the world. She interests ands bear witness to the good influence the FARMER exerts in many homes to make the lives of me vives and children better and happier. It is as a family paper that the FARMER sustains

the closest relations to the people and exercises the most salutatory influence.

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