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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 WILLAMETTE 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.

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.

THORNING houses have been improved very rapidly of late years. The number of fast horses increases in greater numbers every year as Wallace's Monthly shows: it gives the number of accessions to the list who made the 2-30 gain in 1882, as fully one hundred and fifty and asserts that the number will increase to one hundred and eighty in 1883.

A NEW YORK correspondent in California writes a prophecy that, within five years not a ton of wheat will be shipped around Cape Horn, and that within twenty years wheat will be grown in California solely for home demand.

about the same acreage as France, and California has the best soil and climate and could support thirty million economical Frenchmen as easily as it now does one million extravagant self-dissipated Americans.

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.

MR. HENRY KIENE writes us that they have formed a farmer's club that meets at the Kiene school house, near Aumsville. Here is a good beginning that we hope will extend through the whole valley, and through all the country.

WHEN GENERAL COLTON died the Central Pacific lost a very able man. For some time the courts have been trying to determine if he had any interest in the railroad company.

FOR A year past the papers have been telling of the efforts of the government to secure the presence of ex-Senator Spencer, of Alabama, as a witness in the star route trials.

trials in a farcial manner to enable the robbers to escape, and they have escaped. Spencer says that all that was needed to convict them was to procure proper evidence that was easily obtainable, but they did not do 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 difficulty lay in preserving the corn after it was grown.

THESE same farmers remarked upon the difference between corn fed pork and meat fattened on wheat. One was Mr. Alf. Hovenden, who has just returned from a journey East and has visited Illinois.

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"

A few years more will see as many people occupying Oregon and Washington as now occupy California. Before long we shall have a million people here, and not very long, as the world runs, say half a century from now, population will swarm here: great towns and cities, busy factories, a dense agricultural population—all these will fill up the wide territory from the ocean on the west to the Rocky Mountains on the east.

A Wolf Club to be Formed.

Mr. Lewis Pettijohn 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 Jefferson.

The government superintendent of forestry recommends that timber lands be withheld from sale and that timber be sold but not the land, and that a portion of all other land be planted in fruit trees.

FARMERS AS CITIZENS.

While we honestly and sincerely do all we can to advance the interests of our class—the producers of the country—we do not like to put their claims to consideration on the ground that so many do, that farmers as a class are much abused and do not get their just deserts.

ENGLAND, ILLINOIS AND OREGON.

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.

The Modocs.

The last of the terrible Modocs, of Lava Bed fame, a writer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says, dwell on a tract of 4,000 acres near the village of Seneca, on the dividing line between the Indian Territory and Missouri.

The N. Y. Sun says it must have more than the mere gossip of the street to believe anything evil against Villard. Having known him well for many years the editor considers his good reputation and honorable character above such street rumors and jealousy.

usually sit down to meals and not ask him to partake. One old fellow was pegging away at a pair of shoes and never stopped to shake hands even when he claimed old acquaintance.

Before coming to Oregon, Hovenden had lived two years in Illinois and he stopped to see his friends there on his return home. There all was kind, prosperous and cheerful. Friends were glad and hospitable and he paid their good will by telling about Oregon.

IS BARBED 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 is no monopoly.

We don't swear to these figures and may be mistaken a little, but they are not far from those given by Mr. Dodd. We inquired because we were expecting an order from a friend. Last spring we bought a roll of wire at ten cents a pound, and already prices are greatly reduced.

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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.

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As many persons have objected to being asked to pay in advance we reduce the subscription price to those who make advance payment and shall never deviate from the terms stated. You can make money by prepayment, and we prefer that all should pursue that plan.

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

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

We have correspondents in all sections of the Pacific Northwest who will report the success of farming in every locality.

We shall visit all sections and personally report our observations. We shall compile from our content reports 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, etc; 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 work 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 FARMER often does. Our market reports have been worth hundreds of thousands to the producers of this region.

We shall carefully cull 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 Genem. and State Governments.

The Home Circle is edited by a lady of mature experience in the labors of the farmer, and well acquainted with the ways of the world. She interests herself in all the duties and pleasures of home. Thousands bear witness to the good influence the FARMER exerts in many homes to make the lives of mothers, wives 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 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 their neighbors and whom they seek to oppress or deceive them. Our columns belong to the people, and the value of the FARMER chiefly depends on such popular utterances.

The Editor brings to your assistance the experience of 35 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.

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