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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Don't Send Money to us through Agents.

With the present low rate at which POSTAL NOTES can be purchased on any money order office we must insist upon our subscribers buying them and remitting to us direct.

WE WOULD state for the benefit of those who wrote us asking if we could procure any Lincoln grass from Mr. Townsend of this place, that we have seen him and he says he has none to sell.

THE COMET which was first discovered some months ago is fast approaching the earth, and astronomers say that on the 25th of January, it will only be about 60,000,000 miles from the earth.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS are alive to the wants of their column and by reference to the first page it will be seen that the entire page is filled.

A YEAR or so ago when we said in the FARMER that powerful influences were at work to defeat the Northern Pacific, and there was danger that they might succeed, we meant what we said.

THE REPORT of Hon. Geo. B. Loring, commissioner of agriculture, just made shows that nearly two and a half millions of packages of seeds were distributed—of which two and a half millions were furnished to members of Congress.

THE STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY have in this issue a card in which they state that the Society did not license the sale of liquor or gambling on its grounds last year.

room under the grand stand, well knowing he intended selling liquor there. Why did they not close him up when they found he was selling liquor? The fee received was an important item to the Society treasury.

At THE present time we hear unusual reports of good prospects for fall-sown grain throughout this region of country, both east and west of the Cascades. The extent of fall seeding is large, and all grain looks remarkably well.

WHEN we were writing our item about poultry this week we remembered a fact that we were witness too in Portland in the fall of 1850. Two old sea captains, Northrup and Simonds, kept a general merchandise store on Front street, where the St. Charles hotel is now.

RAILROAD WORK

Work has stopped on the Baker City branch on account of the snow and ice in the Blue mountains, but will be resumed in the spring.

Surveyors are in the Camp Harney country surveying a railroad route. The outfit consists of about forty men.

THE MORTGAGE TAX LAW.

Foreign loan companies seem determined to test the legality of this law thoroughly. Having been defeated in the State courts they now ask the United States Circuit Courts to restrain sheriffs of the several counties from collecting taxes on their mortgages.

The principal reason for bringing this suit was the ex post facto feature of the new law. The company had large sums loaned before the law passed, which cut down their interest from three-quarters to one and one-half per cent.

Notwithstanding the decision of the Supreme Court it seems as if all property that sought protection of our laws ought to do its share towards supporting the government that protects it.

The law is reasonable enough, and there is no legal reason why money should not be taxed. If there is any fault in its enforcement the next Legislature can provide a remedy.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

It appears from the dispatches that Mr. Villard has resigned the presidency of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

There are now on Eagle creek between 600 and 700 men. The weather was very cold when Mr. Shelton left the mines. The snow was about six feet deep in the valley and much deeper in the mountains.

The Douglas county clerk, during the year 1883, recorded just 500 deeds, of which 167 were for town and city property of the aggregate value of \$81,292, and 324 for agricultural lands covering about 64,211 acres for a total consideration of \$134,881.

Mr. Thos. Meherin, of San Francisco, California, advertises with us. He has a full line of all kinds of seeds. See his notice on the eighth page and send for catalogue.

Villard's Ill-Fortune.

The New York Herald of January 3d, says: We print an interview with a friend of Henry Villard concerning the relation of that gentleman to the Northern Pacific and its kindred corporations, and concerning Villard's health and private fortune, which will be read with great interest, and, we believe, with great sympathy.

The fact that the reporter was referred by Villard to this gentleman for an authoritative statement gives the report an air of truthfulness. Following are passages from the interview: "Villard is ruined in his private fortune. He has not as much money to his name to-day as you have.

"Did the conversation with Billings take place, as reported?" "Yes. Last Saturday Billings called to see Villard. Billings you know, had quarrelled with Villard, and there was some ill feeling between them. When Billings called and found him sick in bed, and learned that Villard had impoverished himself in his efforts to support the company, Billings expressed entire belief in Villard's integrity, and there was a scene of reconciliation between the two.

Cour d'Alene Mines.

M. R. Shelton tells a reporter that he is just from these mines. He says: There are now on Eagle creek between 600 and 700 men.

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At present the best route to the mines is by way of Rathdrum, a station on the Northern Pacific, twelve miles from Lake Coeur d'Alene. Across the lake to the mission is thirty miles.

Courtesy Meek is in the city, having also just returned from the mines. He brings a number of specimens of coarse gold and has every confidence in the richness of the mines, to which he will return about the middle of February.

Olympia papers rejoice because engineers are to survey a line for a railroad to Gray's Harbor from near there.

Drapes not small things. That slight cold you think so little of may prove the forerunner of a complaint that may land you in the grave.

The Oregon State Fair Management.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 8, 1884.

Editor Willamette Farmer: At the annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Oregon State Agricultural Society, held at Salem, on Dec. 4th, and 5th, 1883, by vote of the Board, the executive committee was instructed to prepare a statement for publication to the people, relative to the views of the members of the Board upon the subject of licensing the sale of spirituous liquors and the practice of the gambling devices.

We conclude from the comments of the press of this State, that large numbers of the people as well as the editors of the papers published in Oregon are under the impression that the officers of the Oregon State Agricultural Society have been licensing the sale of spirituous liquors on the fair grounds and the gambling games practiced during fair week.

In view of this fact we have deemed it but just to say that this Society has not in years past licensed the sale of spirituous liquors at any of the fairs; nor have we licensed any of the gambling or soap games, but on the other hand we have endeavored to prevent all persons from engaging in the violation of the laws of this State, by warning them of the risk they run of being prosecuted and punished by the proper officers of the country, and we will not permit or allow any one to engage in or sell spirituous liquors or engage in any gambling device upon the fair grounds, so far as it is possible for us to prevent the same.

In view of this fact, we would ask the papers of this State to publish this statement, and also state to all persons that it is the determination of the officers of this society to ask, and demand the co-operation of the civil officers of Marion county, to arrest and punish all persons that may be found at, or upon the fair grounds of this society, engaged in any violation of the laws of this State.

We sincerely hope that this warning will be heeded and that all persons coming to our fair, will refrain from attempting to practice or carry on, or engage in any pursuit in which they will lay themselves liable to arrest under the law of this State.

We would ask all good citizens in attendance at the fair to aid us in giving the necessary evidence to the officers to insure the conviction of all persons, who may in any way violate the laws of this State.

The Board of managers at the same meeting passed the following resolutions and we would ask the papers of this State to give us space for their publication that all persons may be informed of the action of the board upon the subject as to the course we intend to take toward all persons found upon the fair grounds violating the laws of this State.

Resolved, "That no licenses shall be granted by this society at the next annual fair for the sale of spirituous liquors."

Resolved, "That no license shall be granted by this society for the operation of any gambling device prohibited by the statute of Oregon."

By order of the board of managers. T. J. APPENSON, President of O. S. A. S.

The Boy Farmers.

In Dakota there is variety in farmers and farming, and not unfrequently are to be seen the former banker, clergyman, capitalist, clerk, mechanic or laborer located in the same neighborhood, pursuing the vocation of farmer life after a fashion peculiarly their own.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1st, 1882—Dear Sir: For the past two months, I have been suffering from a severe cough and cold. A friend advised me to use Ammen's Cough Syrup. I did so, and was greatly benefited.

We publish, in another column, the advertisement of Mr. R. W. Carey's Aberdeen or Polled Angus cattle. The cattle are of his recent importations and were on exhibition at the last State Fair.

WATSONVILLE, Cal., Feb. 7th, 1882—I recommend your Cold Syrup (Ammen's Cough Syrup) in preference to any other, as I know its merits. G. A. MORRISON, Druggist.

PROSPECTUS.

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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 contemporaries 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. Our old patrons will bear witness we have worked faithfully, in this connection, in the past. We shall do so in the future.

Our market reports have been worth hundreds of thousands to the producers of this region.

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 General 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.

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, or to give and whatever seeks 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 you assistance and the experience of 38 years spent in this region; intimate knowledge of the country; many years' acquaintance with agriculturists, and a lifetime's acquaintance with many of you in the columns of the FARMER.

The reduction of prices 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.

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