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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. He says also that he has many inquiries for it since our notice.

THE COMET which was first discovered the 25th of January, it will only be about been decided beyond a doubt that it is the same comet that appeared in 1812, and which an astronomer then predicted supply of Portland markets. would appear again in 71 years-pretty close calculation. It will be visible in the early evening.

wants of their column and by reference to the first page it will be seen that the entire page is filled. Also a nice selection on the fourth page. We have a

A YEAR or so ago when we said in the work to defeat the Northern Pacific. and there was danger that they might succeed, we meant what we said. Had the present collapse in Northern Pacific affairs occurred one or two years ago. before money was secured to build the road, it would have caused stoppage of work and we should not have the road running as it is to-day. The Central and Union Pacific were anxious to prevent this northern rival from taking the field. It costs millions to them, annually, that they lose in traffic, and they could afford to expend millions to defeat it. We are favored in getting the road and now are independent and can do business to the best possible advantage.

THE REPORT of Hon. Geo. B. Loring. commissioner of agriculture, just made shows that nearly two and a haif millions of packages of seeds were distribut ed-of which two and a half millions were furnished to members of Congress. The experiments by the department of extracting the juice from sorghum cane by diffusion instead of milling were very successful, and have resulted an increase of 25 to 30 per cent, yield. In urging the ground so the work will soon be the importance of forest products in the United States for the census year was estimated at \$700,000,000; in other words our forest products are greater in value than our crops of hay, rye, oats, barley, buckwheat, potatoes and tobacco. Taken together, the amount is ten times the value than the gold and silver of which we make so much account, and more than three times the value of the precious minerals and coal and other minerals combined. The expenses of the depart-ment for the year were \$455,697.

have in this issue a card in which they state that the Society did not license the sale of hiquor or gambling on its grounds last year. We can prove that they did last year. We can prove that they did nett gives his men just enough work sell Mr. Adolph the privilege to use the keep them during the winter months.

room under the grand stand, well knowing he intended selling liquor there. fee received was an important item to the Society treasury. They did not issue a license to any one to gamble, but they did issue licenses to individuals to sell soap, etc., well knowing it meant gambling. They wanted money last year and they were only too glad to get it, no matter upon what pretext the license was asked for. They had plenty of funds for trials of speed, and made that an important and special feature of the up to a true realization of what the mass of the people want, and by their non-attendance last year showed they would not tolerate gambling and liquor selling.

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 grain looks remarkably well. At this time in 1883 we had suffered two very sharp frosts and meltings, so that wheat fields were already damaged. The frosty weather of the 31st of December and 1st of January did no harm as far as we can learn, and the prospect is very excellent for a good wheat yield. The extent of grain production is less than it once was, as farmers are beginning to learn that grass pays more profit and requires less labor than grain crops. There is an increasing disposition to have good pastures and raise good stock, and certainly that costs less money and labor to produce returns than wheat growing does. It would be a great satisfaction to see a thoroughly good crop season and have our farmers realize actual prosperity once more, for, notwithstanding the sharp criticism on Western Oregon farming made in Portland, our deficiencies are due to natural causes, not to indifference or want of intelligence among farmers. It is true that many farmers are deficient in re some months ago is fast approaching spect to the best methods, but as a class the earth, and astronomers say that on our farmers have done good work if there had been good seasons to help them out 60,000,000 miles from the earth. It has In other words, if we had enjoyed good seasons there would have been better times and nothing to complain of in the

WHEN WE WERE Writing our item about poultry this week we remembered a fact that we were witness too in Port-OUR CORRESPONDENTS are alive to the land 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. One day Capt. Northrup had a number of valuable articles on file customer, a farmers wife, who came in which will appear next week. We have from Tualatin Plains with butter and arranged to have an unusual amount of eggs. He allowed her 90 cents a dozen interesting correspondence for future for the eggs and 75 cents a pound for issues. We shall make the WILLAMETTE her butter, and then showed her calico FARMER the most valuable paper in the at 25 cents a yard, as she was to take Pacific Northwest. Send in your expe-trade for her butter and eggs. The riences readers, they will be interesting good lady was horrified; she had left the to the new comers who are filling our States two years before and remembered prices there, Said she: "Why, Mr. Northrup, I have bought better calico than that for eight cents a yard in the States." So it was with everything she looked at, until the old sailor's patience gave out and he said: "Madame, I've allowed you 90 cents a dozen for eggs and I've bought better eggs and bigger eggs than yours, lots of times, for five cents a dozen. I have allowed you 75 cents for butter, and I have bought a great deal better butter many a time for 10 cents a pound. Now, as you are hard to suit, I decline to have any thing more to do with it." And the old gentleman went and sat down by the stove and took up a newspaper-a States newspaper, for the Oregonian wasn't started then. The farmer's wife saw the absurdity of the thing and gave up her complaints with full apology for her unreasonableness and the trading was finished in harmony.

RAILROAD WORK

branch on account of the snow and ice sumed in the spring.

Walla and Pendleton and rails are on value of \$3,430. There were also recordfinished.

The Terminal company has money in hand to finish all its enterprises and cure the aggregate little sum of \$248,work at Albina will be prosecuted as 497, and only thirteen out of this number rapidly as possible as they are as necessary as the roads are.

with all possible speed.

Track is laid eight miles above Pendleton on the Walla Walla and Pendle-

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

Walla Walla Union: But little work is being done on the Yakima division of the Northern Pacific. Contractor Ben-

THE MORTGAGE TAX LAW.

Foreign loan companies seem deter-Why did they not close him up when mined to test the legality of this law says: they found he was selling liquor? the thoroughly. Having been defeated in . We print an interview with a friend the State courts they now ask the United of Henry Villard concerning the relation States Circuit Courts to restrain sheriffs of that gentleman to the Northern of the several counties from collecting Pacific and its kindred corporations, and axes on their mortgages. They claim concerning Villard's health and private that as to themselves the law is invalid fortune, which will be read with great because it violates the constitution of interest, and, we believe, with great United States, and the U. S. Supreme Court has decided that foreign held

The principal reason for bringing an air of truthfulness. Following are this suit was the ex post facto feature of passages from the interview: Fair. We are glad they are awakening 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 has been at the head of. There can be have been licensing the sale of spirituous cent. If it had affected new loans only, they probably would not have felt disposed to fight the matter further in the the Northern Pacific. He has nothing courts, but under the circumstances left—absolutely nothing. His stocks, it but just to say that this Society has they deem it their duty to resist what bonds, two residences, all are involved not in years past licensed the sale of they deem it their duty to resist what extent of fall seeding is large, and all they deem unjust taxation until all remedies at law are exhausted.

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. We understand from the agents of these foreign loan companies that they do not object to so doing, and they claim that they oppose the present law because it is enforced in a manner that works a hardship on themselves. They consider it the duty of assessors to make the assessment of money in proportion to the valuation placed on real estate.

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. If these companies are really willing to do their share of supporting the government they ought to be allowed to do so without any hindrance. The next Legislature will have to give full consideration to this subject, if it does nothing else.

RAILROAD MATTERS, It appears from the dispatches that

Mr. Villard has resigned the presidency of the Northern Pacific Railroad. We said last week that if stocks did not improve he would have to resign. Instead of going up they went down lower than ever. As we said then, Villard has enemies who would not be apt to rest until he was dethroned entirely. They have been able to still further destroy confidence in those stocks and as a conse quence, to save his friends from further loss, Villard has laid down the presidency of the Northern Pacific. We may now expect to see stocks go up, though perhaps not rapidly. This community and the readers of the FARMER are not interested in railroad stocks, but we are interested in having the road and in its success. It will not be easy for it to earn fifteen millions, or over forty thousand dollars a day in this new country, but it will soon become populous and \$60 a barrel, and other necessaries of life cated in the same neighborhood, pursuproductive and convince Wall street proportionally dear. On Pritchard bears that it has available resources. As few claims have been located there, snowshoes are now the only means by there are many experienced farmers health and depressed spirits because of which persons can reach these mines or throughout these broad prairies, and to these reverses. He was worth two mil- depart from them. Mr. Shelton says them are due the magnificent general lions of dollars when he came here in 1880, and is not a poor man yet, for all his misfortunes. He had great faith in our region and induced others to invest later in the season after the snow begins here with him. His enterprise and energy have given us the railroad and we owe him only our good will. Unless matters had been pushed rapidly to completion, there would most likely have been another collapse such as broke Jay Cooke in 1873. Had that happened, as it might, and many powerful influences combined to effect it, there is no telling when our region would have had direct connection with the East. We owe something to Villard's energy and enterprise and in his time of adversity we can

afford to say so. The Douglas county clerk, during the Work has stopped on the Baker City year 1883, recorded just 500 deeds, of which 167 were for town and city properin the Blue mountains, but will be re- ty of the aggregate value of \$81,292, and 24 for agricultural lands covering about Grading is finished between Walla \$4:14,881, and nine sheriff's deeds of the 64,211 acres for a total consideration of ed 130 United States land patents covering 21.155 acres. During the same time 162 mortgages were entered into the mortgage records of this county, to sehave been canceled. There was also one ry as the roads are.

The California extension is pushed of its road. Out of the above mortgages 16 were executed to the state board of school land commissioners to secure the sum of \$24,600. Only 3 mortgages were made to foreign corporations amounting to \$15,000.

> 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,

sympathy.

The fact that the reporter was referred by Villard to this gentlemen for an audebts are not subject to State taxation. thoritative statement gives the report

"Villard is ruined in his private fortune. He has not as much money to his name to-day as you have. All gone to help the great enterprises he no question of his conscientiousness or integrity, for which he has voluntarily sacrificed his private means to support in the wreck. He has saved nothing. He never was so rich as reported. He was not worth \$10,000,000. Five was nearer the figure"

"Did the conversation with Billings

quarreld with Villard, and there was 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. When the rascals in Wall street made their combined attack on the street. Villard was straining every nerve to preserve the company's eredit, and began to sacrifice his own money. To make matters worse he was away from the city, and had to do business by telegraph. A certain banking firm was in difficulty and would have failed if he had not come to its rescue by raising money on bonds and property belonging to him. So he has gone on, giving his own money away, until everything he owns is pledged. But there is one source of strain upon him which I have not mentioned. Money has been trusted into his hands to invest for other people. All financial men know what that experience is. His friends would insist on baving him invest their sav-When the stock went down such was Villard's sense of honor that I have known him, many a time, to put his hand into his own pocket and purchase stocks to save them from depreciation. I suppose he has lost \$1,000,000 in this

Cour d'Alene Mines.

M. R. Shelton tells a reporter that he s just from these mines. He says:

There are now on Eagle creek between 600 and 700 men. The weather was very cold when Mr. Shelton left the The snow was about six feet deep in the valley and much deeper in the mountains. At present there are only about three claims being worked on Eagle creek. Snow is a great impediment to the opening and location of claims; and but little effective work can be done until the weather grows warmer and the snow disappears. The only lumber that can be purchased is sawed by hand, with a whipsaw. Provisions of all kinds were very scarce. Flour was the best time to go to these mimes is the snow melts. To start earlier is useless and to attempt to reach the mines to thaw, is futile. The whole country for miles is inundated by the flood, caused by melting snow; and those starting in April, or later, would probably not be able to reach the mines until June. In most placer diggings, Mr. to the bedrock before finding gold. Along Eagle and Pritchard creeks gold be found almost on the surfaceraised from the surface earth.

At present the best route to the mines is by way of Rathdrum, a station on the Northern Pacific, twelve miles from Lake Coeff d'Alene. Across the lake to the mission is thirty miles. From the mission it is twelve miles to Miner's cabin, or Evolution; and thence it is eighteen miles over the mountain to the nines, which are in Kootenay county. Idaho, the county sent of which is Rathdrum. A road has been surveyed from Rathdrum, which is more direct, Grand Rapids (Dak.) Journal. shortening the distance for about forty miles; and it is proposed to open this road and put on a line of coaches next

brings a number of specimens of coarse Grateful to you for placing so valuable a remedy gold and has every confidence in the richness of the mines, to which he will return about the middle of February. He states that those persons who have taken up twenty-acre claims, of whom he is one, are determined to hold them against all comers.

Olympia papers rejoice because enincers are to survey a line for a railroad t . Gray's Harbor from near there.

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The Oregon State Fair Management. SALEN, Or., Jan, 8, 1884.

Editor Willamette Farmer At the annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Oregon State Agricultural Sociery, 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 devi-

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 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 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 take place, as reported?"

"Yes. Last Saturday Billings called to see Villard. Billings you know, had last 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 some ill feeling between them. When allow any one to engage in or sell spiritu-Billings called and found him sick in ous liquors or engage in any gambling device upon the fair grounds, so far as it s possable for us to prevent the same.

In view of this fact, we would ask the papers of this tSate 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 cooperation 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 iolation of the laws of this State.

We sincerely hope that this warning will be heeded and that all persions comng to our fair, will refrain from attempt ing 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 at tendance 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

The Board of managers at the same meeting passee 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 liq-

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

The Boy Farmers.

By order of the board of managers.

T. J. APPERSON, President of O. S. A. S.

In Dakota there is variety in farmers and farming, and not unfrequently are to be seen the former ban'ter, clergyman, capitalists, clerk, mechanic or laborer loing the vocation of farmer life after a about the middle of March—just before results of Dakota farming. It is seldom, however, that we can call attention to such perserverance and pluck as are shown by Masters Charlie and Willie Adams, aged respectively fifteen and thirteen years. They were not accustomed to farm work, but on their arrival last year, a team was purchased and a season's work commenced. Breaking was in order, and later back-setting the Shelton says, it is necessary to go down land which had been broken. In backsetting the boys turned over the soil to a depth of six inches, and to-day can show one of the finest looking fields of oats in just below the roots of the grass. Even the territory. This spring they started up in the mountains the color can be putting in crops in good shape, and have since done a good season's work breaking on land a short distance north of town. Now they are just as busy as their neighbors securing a winter's supply of hay. Mr. I. M. Adams, their father, who is general agent of the Moline Plow Company for Minnesota and Dakota, comes home frequently, and is satisfied that the boys, who exhibit such energy, with

Sax Francisco. May 1st, 1882 Deer Sir: For the pist two months, I have been soffering from a severe cough and cold. A friend ad-Courtney Meek is in the city, baving also just returned from the mines. He taken two large battles, and amentically cured. on the market, I am, yours truly.

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WATSONVIL E, Cal., Feb. 7th, 1882 — I recommend your Cold Syrup (Ammen's Cong. Syrup) in preference to any others, as I know its merits. G. A. MOREHEAD, Daugeist

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ands to the producers of this region. We shall carefully cull such miscellar or use as will benefit and instruct both young and old. The FARMER aims to be an educator in every

Our editorials will freely and independently discuss ery question that interests, the people from the tandpoint of right. So far as we have influe shall be exerted in favor of good principles, good government, true religion, temperance and for

of the masses of the General and State Governments The Home Circle is edited by a lady of mature xperience in the labors of the farmer, and well equainted with the ways of the world. She interests herself in all the duties and pleasures of home. Thou-sands bear witness to the good influence the FARMER exerts in many homes to make the lives of mothers vives and children better and happie

It is as a family paper that the FARMER sustains the closest relations to the people and exercises the nost salutatory influ

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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 who over 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 your assistance the experience of 33 years spent in this region; intimate knowledge of the country; many years' acquaintance with many of you in the columns of the FARMER.

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