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ONLY EIGHT years ago Virginia City, Nevada, had a population of 35,000, with three banks three daily newspapers and other things in proportion.

THE SECRETARY of the British Legation at Peking, after careful study of the matter of population in China, has annihilated the romantic tales of the crowds which are supposed to find scarcely room enough on dry land for habitation.

SOME very ancient ruins have been discovered near Magdalen, in Socon, Mexico. There is one pyramid which has a base of 4350 feet, and rises to a height of 750 feet.

THE ALTITUDE of the Cour d'Alene mining district is much less than is generally supposed, and a great deal less than almost any of the hitherto larger camps.

WE HAVE never known soil to be in finer condition than it is this spring. We had a small piece of hill land plowed last week, and it broke up without any clods, left loose and friable by the recent frost.

THE EDITOR of the Wasco Sun committed the most unmanly act possible when he once repeated, with intent to injure the editor of this paper, what he pretended was a private conversation had in our own house under profession of friendship.

WE REGRET very much to read of the death of Mrs. Eliza Williams, wife of T. K. Williams, Esq., of Powell's Valley.

finally died from blood poisoning. Mrs. Williams was forty-three years of age and a remarkable fact was that she had been the mother of fifteen children of whom twelve remain.

THE LABOR supply is a question that is always important to farmers and it is one that will hereafter be more favorably solved than heretofore.

ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION

We venture finally before our readers with a plan for assessment and taxation that we present as the combined views of many who have written for the Farmer, and which we believe is entitled to the respect of all who have studied the important question of public finance.

The law has always been perfect in the general idea but was lacking in particularity. The assessor is generally instructed to assess all property at its full cash value.

The mortgage tax is entirely proper but does not go far enough. To make it efficient, the law should demand such a full exhibit of money or its representations as to give no chance for evasion.

tion of the law then you must be willing to pay some share of the public burdens. As to exposing private business that is much to be preferred to the State losing its rightful revenue.

We believe the scheme we have outlined here is very near perfection. It is a subject we have examined and carefully studied for years back.

FARMING IN POLK COUNTY.

Mr. Croly, of Polk county, was in last week and we talked with him about farming. He rents most of his land but farms some and tries to do it well.

RAILROAD PROSPECTS

We mentioned some weeks ago, that surveys were being run by parties connected with the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific road, through Middle Oregon, from Snake river to the Cascade Mountains.

MISPLACED SEASONS.

In the regular order of Nature February should be a wintry month with some pleasant sunshine, followed by March with cold and rain that make it proverbially an unpleasant time.

see actual work done, that fact amounts to more than oft repeated assurances that can never be fulfilled. Some people look forward to see the Central Pacific get possession of the Oregon and California road.

The opening of the Yaquina route for use, in connection with a good steamship capable of handling the products of this valley, is a very important undertaking.

THE FARMER'S TOOL CHEST

Every farmer should be enough of a carpenter to do ordinary work about the place. He can easily learn enough of common work to put up sheds and out-houses, even to build a tolerably good barn.

STALION SHOW

The THIRD ANNUAL STALION SHOW and Grand Parade of Stallions, will be held at Salem, Oreg., Saturday, March 29th.

A pale red milk cow strayed from my premises in South Salem, about four weeks ago. She is branded P on the right hip; has some white in forehead, also white on belly and white hind legs from knee down.

ALL FOR 30 CENTS. 1 per each of Sugar, French gourd, Prize Head Lettuce, Acme Tomato, Choice Parsley, and blotted and striped radishes.

THE WELL KNOWN MITCHELL WAGON. THE SAME MAKE OF SPRING WAGONS, BUCK BOARDS, PHAETONS and BUGGIES. Mitchell, Lewis & Co., MANUFACTURERS.

Following Washington orders, suit has commenced against Charles R. Reed to vacate forty acres of land in the Roseburg district.

To poison a well is one of the worst of crimes. It is worse to poison the fountain of life for one's self and for posterity.

NEW THIS WEEK.

JUST RECEIVED! A Large Invoice of our SPRING STOCK Direct from NEW YORK. Other Shipments will soon follow. OLDS & KING, The Leaders in Low Prices. 186 First Street, PORTLAND, OR.

Tell the children to cut out and save the comic silhouette pictures as they appear from issue to issue. They will be pleased with the collection.



This space is owned by BLACKWELL'S BULL.

Of course we mean the famous animal appearing on the label of every genuine package of Blackwell's Bull Durham Smoking Tobacco.

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