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STANYONE RECEIVING A COPY OF THIS PAPER WILL CONSIDER IT AN INVITATION TO SUBSCRIBE.

ONLY EIGHT years ago Virginia City Nevada, had a population of 35,000, with three banks three daily newspapers and other things in proportion. Now the population has dwindled to 5,000, the banks have retired from business and every interest of the town is fast going to decay. The Comstock mines which supported the town have given out.

THE SECRETARY of the British Logation at Peking, after careful study of the matter of population in China, has aunihilated the romantic tales of the scarcely room enough on dry land for habitation. Large districts of the in all the empire possesses but 250,000, 000 inhabitants, that being a large enough number, but small for China.

Some very ancient ruins have been discovered near Magdalean, in Sonora, Mexico. There is one pyramid which has a base of 4350 feet, and -rises to a height of 750 feet. It has a winding roadway from the bottom. Hundreds of rooms, from five to ten to sixteen or eighteen feet square, have been cut in important question of public finance. the sides of the mountain. They are of solid stone, with no entrance except at the top, and no windows. On the walls ticularity. The assessor is generally inare numerous hieroglyphics.

THE ALTITUDE of the Courd'Along mining district is much less than is generally supposed, and a great deal lass than almost any of the hitherto larger camps. The altitude above the ma of Lake : --- d'Oreille is 2000 feet ; that of Rathdram, 2250; and of Eagle City only 2300. Cour d'Alone City has an altitude of about 2000 feet, the same as Lake Pen d'Oreille. Snow usually commences to fall in the vicinity of Eagle City about Nov. 1st, and continues until the first of April.

WE HAVE never known soil to be in tiner condition than it is this spring. We had a small piece of bill land plowed last week, and it broke up without any clods, left loose and friable by the recent fcost. In many respects the season is favorable to agriculture but we fear that early spring weather may entail winter in April. If we lose the fraft crop again it will be a serious matter for many who depend on fruit-growing. Otherwise than that farming operations seem to be in good shape and with spring grain in early we may have a fully prosperous year. THE EDITOR of the Waseo San committed the most unmanly act possible which he once repeated, with intent to in here the editor of this paper, what he potended was a private conversation had in our own house under profession of friendship. That conversation he falsified, of course, as he cannot be truthful or honest. Sinca this despica' ble act was proved on him he spaces no effort to do and say other unmanly things to misrepresent the man his word was not good enough to injure. We have little time to waste on private differences. This man Lang, is well enough known at The Dalles to need no showing up there. We know his standing with bonorable men at home, which is very far below, par and almost below criticism. Yet such a man can get possession of some type and ink and use them to shander others is not so much of a crank as he is a dastard.

finally died from blood poisoning. Mrs. Williams was forty-three years of age whom twelve remain. Mr. Williams is a man of such genuinely sympathetic nature that this loss of the partner of his working life, will be a great trial but he will have sympathy from a large circle of friends. Mr. Williams is genu inely a friend of the Grange and few do as much as he for its benefit. We have long known and respected him as a good man and citizen and counted him this scheme possesses in brief the best a personal friend and such friendship solution of a great and important sub- capable of handling the products of gives one more satisfaction in life. His affliction receives an earnest wish that he may yet live to see that family grow up to be what he has taught them to be and constant attention until purified and tion with San Francisco. They will soon and to do many years of such good crystalized in the statutes as the law of he able to test its value to them. work as he has already done. Oregon finance.

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. The amount of railroad work to be done will be less than heretofore and the discontinuance or completion of many enterprises will leave many working men unemployed the present season who were at work on railroads. Some of these will seek location of land and go to work for themselves. Many will find work among farmers. The supply of labor will naturally be greater since we have better facilities for bringing people to this coast. We may look for a better labor supply, therefore, and for lower wages perhaps, The developement of any new region calls for a great deal of labor but most of the new comers will depend on their

own exertions. The new mines will bring thousands to Cour d'Alene, a he always has had a good yield, equal to great majority of whom will not realize last year. Speaking of summer-fallowcrowds which are supposed to find their expectations. At first these mines ing : he said his plan was to plow early may attract all who have money enough get there but we can depend on it that the fall. Then he plowed again in the empire are very sparsely inhabited, and they will eventually increase the labor supply of this region, and that too, be fore long

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 FAR-MER, and which we believe is entitled to he never fails of good crops and clean the respect of all who have studied the

The law has always been perfect in the general idea but was lacking in parstructed to assess all property at its full cash value. That puts too much responsibility on one man. If the law can be amended so as to provide a State the work in each county, then assessors will have a specific duty to discharge and can do it with case and dispatch. He must be provided with as essingblanks, in which all real and personal property can be enumerated, and all indebtedness can be stated. This the tax- adapt his rule to the circumstances. Mr. payer fills up with great care and makes oath to. He puts down all items of in- ty and does not now personally carry on debtedness that he wishes to offset and his several farms, renting them to pracall moneys, notes or accounts due him. tical men. The assessor then puts the valuation to

tion of the law then you must be willing see actual work done, that fact amounts to pay some share of the public bur- to more than oft repeated assurances and a remarkable fact was that she had dens. As to exposing private business that can never be fulfilled. Some peobeen the mother of fifteen children of that is much to be preferred to the State ple look forward to see the Central Palosing its rightful revenue. We believe the scheme we have out-lined here is very near perfection. It is possibility and may happen. If the the woman to permit him to claim it a subject we have examined and care-

> fully studied for years back. We are aware that the subject has occupied for statesmen and, therefore, touch it with thing like competition in business. something of modesty, yet we believe ject. There can be a no more important

PARMING 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. Last year he sold the product of forty acres of oats for over \$1,600, which was \$40 an acre. He has common valley prairie soil and had it in first rate order, plowed in fall and replowed in the spring, and thoroughly pulverized. He put it in early in March and reafed about seventy-five bushels to the acre. you see many places that require a little When we asked why it was that farmers only had an average of thirty to forty bushels of oats, he said it was because they kept putting in wheat as long as such a place is terribly out of sorts and possible and when too late to risk wheat might be made more comfortable for the put in oats, not giving them half the occupants and more attractive to all the chance they do wheat fields. His policy world with very little outlay. But, you is to put in his oats in good season and tools! That is a small item, if well expended. A good hatchet, two saws, a as possible after his wheat was sown in drawing-knife, chisels, a brace of bitts, two plains, a grindstone and whetstone, spring, with thorough working. Every all can be had for \$12 to \$15, and then third crop he went down fully nine inchyou are outfitted for many a year, if you es and other years plowed six inches, don't break or lend them. The good but always worked land thoroughly, work a man can do with such tools posusing the roller and clod masher. He sess easy computation. He can fix up gave the second plowing in the spring things for his wife, shelves in the kitchen, and then cultivated through the summer closets in the house, little improvements as often as growth of weeds or wild oats through the entire premises, that will made it necessary. As a consequence add to the comfort and happiness of the family. The education of a farmer's son wheat. He says those who wait until should include the knowledge of common spring to plow miss it very greatly. work with ordinary tools. The man who Plowing in the fall brings the soil under can do his own work will save enough in influence of sun and rain and frost, coma lifetime to make a competency almost, bined, and insures a good crop much to say nothing of the comfort of being more certainly than when plowed first able to have things done when you want in spring. Mr. Croly views this pleasant them. A farm should be self-sustaining weather with alarm as to result on the and so should a man. The ability to do fruit crop, but we may be mistaken. means ability to save. Time is money board of equalization that shall lay out His system of farm work he pronounces and time lost is money lost, so the time no system at all. His success in life lost hunting up a mechanic to do some seems to be due to working thoroughly little work that you could easily do yourand carefully. He observes and goes by self, is additional expense. The man observation and experience. No man who has a kit of tools and knows how to can succeed in fixed rules, because ciruse them, and keeps on hand lumber, cumstances vary and the farmer must nails, etc., to be ready to fill some sudden want, can utilize his time to the best ad-

RAILROAD PROSPECTS

Croly has made wheat-growing a special

cific get possession of the Oregon and Northern Pacific, the O. R. & N. Co., the Union and the Central Pacific companies shall all become interested in our centuries the ablest minds of governing commerce we may look forward to some-

The opening of the Yaquina route for use, in connection with a good steamship this valley, is a very important undermatter for action before the next Oregon | taking. It will afford our valley produlegislature and it should receive early cers a shorter and more direct connec-

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. Then there are always gates to be

made and mended and a thousand things

that afford work for rainy days. Winter

work can be furnished by a little caution

in laying in supplies of lumber to work

up. As you ride through the country

work done in a great many places. No

gates, no good sheds for machinery to

be saved under, no neat chicken house-

say, I cannot afford to keep such a lot of

square, some large augurs, an adze, a

Following Washington orders, suit has commenced against Charles R. Reed to vacate forty acres of land in the Roseburg district. John Donegan filed on it, ran away and left his family in dis-Then this man Reed claimed the tress. under false pretenses then turned her out of doors and drove her and the chil-dren off. This excited indignation and this suit is the result of public feeling.

To poison a well is one of the worst of To poison a well is one of the worst at crimes. It is worse to poison the fountain of life for one's self and for posterity. Often by carrlessness, or misfortune, or inheritance this has been done. Aver's Sarasparilla goes back of the symptoms, picks up these im-pure seeds from the blood, the vital stream, and restores appetite, strength and health.





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Fbe THIRD ANNUAL STALION SHOW and Grand Parade of Stallions, wi

all property prescribed by the board of equalization for that county. When We mentioned some works ago, that bors have them? Are you sure that you Held at Salem, Ogr., Saturday, the tax collector comes round he has surveys were being run by parties con- have them yourself? only to receipt according to the assess- nected with the Oregon Short Line and ment. The tax-payer pays the full tax, Union Pacific road, through Middle Orereceiving as suggested by Mr. Jory in a gon, from Snake river to the Cascade late paper, a receipt from the tax-collee- Mountains. About the same time also, tor for the tax paid on indebtedness work was resumed on the Oregon Pacific sought to be offset, which should be road from Corvallis to Yaquina. It is made a legal release between him and now asserted that a fine ocean steamer, with cold and rain that make it proverhis creditor for interest due on the mon that carries twelve hundred tons of ev he is owing said creditor. This is not freight with only a draft of twelve feet, April with showers her not much touch a complex system but is simple and can- has left New York to ply on the route

not help but work well. In this way between San Francisco and Yaquina sunshine and delightful growth of grass the State secures taxes on all property Bay. It is evident that something new under foot and of foliage on the boughs within its limits from the holder of it, has entered into the management of the The legislature which is to meet next Yaquina Bay road, something that has winter can easily draw up such a bill strength in the way of capital and means and make a specific law that shall cover business. Eastern Oregon journals con the whole field. When property is neet the movements of Short Line surassessed at its fair valuation it will go veying parties with the operations on forth to the world that Oregon has Yaquina Bay and speculate as to the in-\$300,000,000 assessible values and the terest Jay Gould may have in the busiworld will look at us with respect. The ness. If Gould has any interest it is in offsetting of \$30,000,000 of debts will the Union Pacific and Short Line and not seem such a burden as it does now, that road, with its connection made at The tax levy will be five to fifteen mills Baker City with the O. R. & N. compafor total taxation in any locality and ny's system, will hardly care for an outwill not seem onerons, while now taxes let at Yaquina, though they may find it average two and a half to three per cent. convenient to be independent and claim It is very unlicalithy. We pay dearly on assessed value.

The mortgage tax is entirely proper with the Pacific ocean at that place. but does not go far enough. To make It is evident that new life and energy it efficient, the law should demand such has possession of the Oregon Pasific. that lights the alter-sunset gleams over a full exhibit of money or its represen- Their policy has bitherto been very under earth with a wierd radiance. We fear with. We have no answer to make to tations as to give no chance for evasion. cided and all at once it takes an activity that the old-fashioned storm of sleet and the negatives and number of a man who Let the tax-payer specify his credits in and energy. We do not pretend to have rain, the regular March cluster and ocfull and let it be a public record open for any knowledge whatever concerning casional hail would be preferable to such

We are an to inspect Them is will not be argue even death of Mrs. Eliza Williams, wife of T K. Williams, Esq., of Powell's Valley. She had suffered for several months and What if it is? If you need the protee-

on a farm, but how many of your neigh-

vantage. Time is money as well on a

farm as elsewhere. Well expended the

days work may pay a large interest for

years ta come. It doesn't seem necessa-

ry to argue in favor of a kit of good tools

MISPLACED SEASONS.

In the regular order of Nature February should be a wintry month with some. pleasant sunshine, followed by March bially an unpleasant time. Then comes of winter. May follows with genial overhead. Last year winter laid a hungry hand on February but March was sunny and delicious as May. The orchards blossomed and fruit all set thickly on the boughs. It looked as if we had exchanged seasons with Florida and were stepping at once from the Archic to the Tropic zone. April came as forbidding as November and as spiteful as Maroh ever dares to be. We exchanged months -April for March-and how bitterly we paid for it was attested by orchards that were barren far and near. It is not healthful to change the course of Nature. better terms from having connection for any interruption of Nature's regular course. We have now entered March with sunny shies and the crimson glow SPRING WAGONS. full and lot it be a public record open for any showned. The collapse a pleasant time as we are enjoying. Forthe Cost Branch -- its and its front for the Villand and the Forther of the Villand and the front for the Villand and the front for the Villand and the forther open for the forther open forther open for the forther open for the forther open for the forther open for the forther open forther open for the forther open forther

March 29th.

Horses from the adjoining counties are expected to he present and participate in the exhibition. It is believed that this show will be the largest of the kind over held in the State. GAINES FISHER, 'I HOS. EDMUNDSON. usar 1:f Committee.

STRAYED.

A pair red milk cow strayed from my prem-ises in South Salem, about four weeks ago. She is branded P on the right hip; has some white in forchead, also white on belly and white hind legs from knee down. Any person giving information as to her whereabouts w be suitably rewarded. E. W. BARNES.

