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 THIS PAPER WILL CONSIDER IT AN
 INVITATION TO SUBSCRIBE.

CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY is discernible
 on our streets. Traveling men say that
 Salem and Eugene City are the best
 trade centers in the Willamette valley.
 The credit of merchants in these towns
 is excellent.

FOR THE past two weeks the entire
 management of this paper has devolved
 upon the Junior, who begs that any
 lack of interest that may fail to appear
 upon its pages may be overlooked and
 charged up to youthfulness. Mr. Clarke
 has been busy in his prime orchard but
 will be able to assist hereafter more fully
 and with renewed vigor after his rest.

WITH SUCH sunshine as we are now
 enjoying our farmers can garner the
 golden sheaves to the fullest thereof.
 The prospects for our farmers are indeed
 brightening. With the prospects for
 heavy yields and fair prices times in the
 valley will improve. The loss of hay
 by many was lamentable, but the general
 prospects have been brightened by
 the late rains.

AS FAR AS OUR observation goes, and it
 has been quite extensive, we find that
 agricultural houses have done only a
 small business. This speaks volumes for
 our farmers who retrace in hard times
 and make what they have on hand do.
 There is by far too much money sent
 out of our State for farm machinery
 which can be manufactured largely at
 home.

A NUMBER of old subscribers have
 written and asked to have their papers
 continued, and say they will pay this
 fall. We gladly do as asked. Conse-
 quently we are continuing all subscrip-
 tions after expiration, as we take it for
 granted that such is their desire. Now
 if there are any who do not want the
 FARMER continued to their address, let
 them say so and we will stop it immedi-
 ately. We force our paper upon no one.

THE WEATHER has become settled and
 our citizens are taking themselves away
 to the mountains or the sea-side. The
 resorts are numerous. The valley peo-
 ple go to the mountains, soda springs or
 to Yaquina bay, whilst those living in
 the city go to the mouth of the Colum-
 bia. The trip to Yaquina is a pleasant
 one, having a good road, and combines
 both mountain and sea-side pleasures.
 Good fishing and hunting abounds along
 the road.

FREIGHT RATES ON FRUIT

We are in receipt of the newly estab-
 lished list of freight rates on green fruit
 from Ashland to Portland. From it we
 learn that to encourage fruit growing
 the O. & C. R. R. Co. will charge as fol-
 lows: From Clackamas, Oregon City
 and New Era, 10c per hundred; Canby,
 Aurora, Hubbard, Woodburn, Gervais,
 Brooks, 11c; Salem, Turner and Marion,
 12c; Jefferson, 13c; Miller's, 14c; Al-
 bany, 15c; Tangent, 15c; Shedd's, 17c;
 Halsey, 18c; Muddy, 19c; Harrisburg,
 20c; Junction, 21c; Lupers, Irving and
 Eugene, 22c; Springfield, 24c; Goshen,
 26c; Cresswell, 28c; Walkers, 29c; and
 all way stations south of and including
 Cottage Grove, a uniform rate of 30c
 per hundred will be charged on fruit in
 ear load lots of 20,000 pounds, prepaid.
 In lots smaller than ear load lots an
 advance is charged.

Special fruit cars will be attached to
 the freight trains leaving Ashland every
 Tuesday at 1 o'clock P. M., and will ar-
 rive in Portland at about 3 o'clock P. M.
 on the following Thursday. Also, fruit
 shippers should notify the agents along
 the road of the probable quantity they
 will ship at least one day in advance of
 shipping so transportation can be ar-
 ranged in the regular fruit cars provided
 for that purpose.

This arrangement is without a doubt
 a liberal one, but the time lost by being
 attached to the freight cars is no small
 item, and would seem to us that it would
 be a much better plan to attach to the
 mail train. The time will come when
 such an arrangement will be necessary.
 Our Southern Oregon fruit growers are
 to be congratulated upon this opportu-
 nity to place their products upon the
 Portland market.

HOW TO COMPETE WITH INDIA.

With the prospect of an open com-
 petition with India, the farmers of this
 territory cannot but look to their own
 interests. The subject, in our mind, de-
 velves upon the one subject of mixed
 husbandry. Too long has the cry be-
 come, "Wheat is king." Slowly but
 surely the immense grazing districts of
 the eastern empires are giving way to
 farming and cereal growing. This aptly
 illustrates the condition of things when
 comparing the growing of cereals by the
 farmers of the northwest and India. Slowly
 and surely it dawns upon us that India
 can raise wheat for thirty cents—just
 one-half what it costs in this State—
 then mixed husbandry comes before us.
 Define mixed husbandry, some one says.
 We will do so by saying that it is the
 growing of many products that turn into
 money at all times of the year. To "carry
 all of one's eggs in one basket" has been
 always pronounced unwise, so let there be
 a few good steers; several well-bred
 horses; a small band of sheep; a pen of
 pigs; a yard of chickens; make a vegeta-
 ble garden that will grow all your garden
 sass; till a few acres of orchard; have a
 few rows of small fruits in a suitable
 place; take a good agricultural news-
 paper and give the editor credit of hav-
 ing either some sense or a sharp pair of
 shears. In our humble opinion this will
 settle that, too, most effectually—the
 question of competition with India in
 wheat growing. We cannot, and won't
 have to, depend on a "one crop" order
 of things.

HARVEST WORK.

All over the country the work of har-
 vest is commencing and the demand for
 labor is great. This is increased by the
 fact that wind and rain have laid low
 some fall sown grain all over the Pacific
 Northwest, causing some damage. There
 is some damage from rust, also, though
 it cannot do the harm it did a few years
 ago to this valley. From every where
 comes the same story of loss and dam-
 age to hay. Many were unable to open
 and turn the hay shocks and have them
 catch the sun and wind and the hay was
 spoiled as a consequence. Thousands
 of tons will prove a dead loss and the
 down grain is the very best that grows.
 The summer of 1884 will be memorable
 for the rain that commenced June 1st
 and continued to the last week in July.
 Also for early forwardness of crops,
 fruits and gardens. We only judge by
 what we see and hear, and in many re-
 spects this season is phenomenal. Peach
 plums are ripe August 1st as a rule and
 can be depended on at that time. They
 are the first good working fruit at that
 variety. To be sure to save a grand crop
 that we had in prospect we planned the
 rebuilding of the drying works to be
 ready for work the last week in July,
 but peach plums couldn't wait. The
 orders of nature were imperative, issued
 by the weeks of hot weather in May.
 That month was excessive in heat; in
 fact the heat was greater than we have
 experienced since, and fruit grew red
 and ripe the middle of July, that are apt
 to come into use August 1st. So it must
 have been with other crops for we saw
 grain fields in stock two weeks ago.

FRUITFUL EXPERIENCE

Hitherto the first plum to ripen that
 deserves attention has been the Peach
 plum and its appearance was punctuated
 made on the first day of August. Hav-
 ing a large number of them eight years
 old, with good promise of bearing well,
 we planned to reconstruct and enlarge
 our Aemo Drier and build a new store
 house for it, all to be completed by the
 23d of July. "The best laid plans of
 mice and men oft gang agley." So it
 was with us when the 11th of July saw
 us selling Peach plums to produce mer-
 chants and hurrying up the gentlemen
 who had undertaken to do our work.

Warm weather hurried up the ripen-
 ing process and the bended limbs were
 red with harvest. Fortunately for the
 plum crop a cool rain set in. It bent
 the loaded boughs still more but kept
 the fruit from spoiling. The red fruit
 fell to the ground and mother Earth was
 radiant with her own bounty to man-
 plums of great size were literally heaped
 under the groaning trees, so that one
 could literally scoop them up with ex-
 tended fingers. There were four men
 bringing in, six people cutting, and at
 least four men tending the drier and
 doing general utility work. At one
 time a great bin 30 feet long and over 3
 feet wide, heaped up so it held over a
 hundred bushels of as fine plums as
 ever grew.

We commenced work with the drier
 as soon as the sections were in place and
 rapidly extended operations until at
 least eight sections containing six hun-
 dred square feet of surface of wire cloth

was in use. There was much disadvan-
 tage in this rush of work, under pres-
 sure, as it gave neither time nor oppor-
 tunity for adjusting matters and study-
 ing how to make the drier most efficient.
 We made the effort to run twenty-four
 hours and did so, at a loss, however, as
 some fruit was burned, so we concluded
 to run on three-quarter time and at
 midnight leave the fire so it would finish
 the day's work without danger of loss.
 This plan works well.

We have finished off in ten days two
 hundred and fifty bushels of thoroughly
 ripe fruit and the result is thousands of
 pounds of beautiful fruit, a great part
 of which is heavy as a fat raisin and the
 color of amber. The drier is perfect.
 Nothing can be better in principle. Every
 section can be regulated at what-ever
 heat is desired; at the different stages
 of the curing process different degrees
 of heat are necessary. We can safely
 assure any persons who wish to learn
 how to dry the product of their gardens
 or orchards that they can safely leave
 the matter in the hands of Messrs.
 Strang & Zimmerman, Salem, Oregon.

DEATH OF HON. I. R. MOORES.

A week ago the bells of Salem tolled
 forth the announcement that some one
 well known among our oldest citizens
 had gone across the dark river and on
 before us to the unknown region of
 eternity, to "that bourne from whence
 no traveler returns." It was an announ-
 cement of the death of Isaac R. Moores,
 among the oldest and most respected
 citizens, a man whose half cen-
 tury of life has won for him friends
 everywhere and many of them too, and
 whose genial and impulsive nature is
 not often paralleled in humanity. Mr.
 Moores had been for many years in con-
 nection with the land department of the
 O. & C. R. R. Co., and was the general
 land agent at the time of his death.
 Some months ago a touch of paralysis
 alarmed his friends. The other day he
 was missed from his office and was found
 in his room, unconscious, suffering from
 a second attack from which he sank
 away to final and eternal rest.

Many will miss from the circle of their
 life friends "Ike Moores" and among
 the many who counted him as a friend
 is the writer of this who has known him
 intimately for thirty years. Peace to
 his ashes and may his memory live to
 be a green and fragrant remembrance
 while life shall last. He was not fall-
 less, but had no vices. He could not
 easily bear ill will. Kind and gener-
 ous-hearted he could not see suffering
 go unrelieved. It is a pity the world
 has not many more such.

The Moores' came early in the 50's
 from Dannville, Illinois. The father was
 a prominent man there and the family
 only transplanted to Oregon the stand-
 ing and sterling worth they possessed
 there. Two sons who have died in Salem
 —John Henry and Isaac R. Moores—
 sustained well the character their father
 won before them. It is needless to re-
 cite the life and career of our friend who
 was so well known through all this re-
 gion. He is gone and leaves a family
 to receive the sympathy of the many
 who knew him. We cannot part with
 him without this farewell word, and words
 are poor when one would speak the
 virtues of a friend and truly describe
 the loss.

NATURE'S ARGUMENT.

The present season furnishes another
 argument from from Nature in favor of
 mixed products in agriculture. The
 eight weeks of showery weather that
 came in June and July were not without
 benefits. "It is an ill wind that blows
 nobody good." Our seasons for two
 years back have been excessively dry, so
 given to drouth that many crops have
 failed and wheat growers were especially
 unfortunate, owing to partial failure of
 that product. Now we have the other
 extreme. A phenomenal year occurs,
 with unprecedented rainfall during two
 months. Even the heat of May was
 unprecedented. The abnormal nature
 of things has nonplussed all producers,
 not that all have suffered loss, for many
 have been decided gainers by the, to
 them, grateful rains of June and July.
 The gardens have benefited very ma-
 terially; small fruits did well; pastures
 were refreshed and strengthened; mead-
 ows yielded heavier sometimes, but
 often the hay crop was part of it lost.
 We can testify that orchards bear a
 larger and finer product because of the
 unusual rains. So there is a wide range
 of advantage resulting from our rainy
 summer.

The moral of it all is that the farmer
 with mixed products comes out ahead.
 He is ahead under all circumstances.
 The drouths of 1882-3 as well as the
 rainfall of 1884, let him live and some-
 what prosper while the exclusive wheat

grower is ruined by brazen skies as well
 as by leaden ones. The subject is of
 such interest as to merit more extended
 discussion and it may be that even with
 all the hurry of harvest upon them, some
 of our thousands of readers may find
 time to study the general situation and
 show what crops thrive better for the
 "latter rains." Corn looks luxuriant;
 beans thrive; hops climb the higher and
 bear fuller; fruits are heavier and larger
 and pastures promise a good summer
 range.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had
 placed in his hands by an East India missionary the
 formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy
 and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Cat-
 arrh, Asthma, and all throat and Lung Affections, also
 a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all
 Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful
 curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his
 duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Act-
 uated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suf-
 fering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it,
 this recipe in German, English or French, with full
 directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by
 addressing with stamp and naming this paper, W. A.
 SOYES, 149 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

PROSPECTUS.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING THE
WILLAMETTE FARMER

Within the reach of every farmer in the Pacific North-
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 One Year, in Advance, \$2.00.
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 accommodate all classes and leave no room for
 complaint or dissatisfaction. At the price
 named above this paper is the cheapest on
 the Pacific Coast.

AS MANY persons have objected to being
 asked to pay in advance we reduce the sub-
 scription price to those who make advance
 payment and shall never deviate from the
 terms stated. You can make money by pre-
 payment, and we prefer that all should pur-
 chase that plan.

WE INTEND to make a farmers' paper
 that every farmer in the land will need and
 will not willingly do without.

WE UNDERSTAND the interests of agricul-
 ture in all this region and intend to con-
 tinually 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 keep pace with production in
 every department, and report, through cor-
 respondents and from personal observation,
 all important facts concerning farming in
 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 wit-
 ness we have worked faithfully, in this con-
 nection, 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 re-
 ports 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 independ-
 ently 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 re-
 ligion, temperance and for education of the
 masses of the General and State Govern-
 ments.

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 wit-
 ness to the good influence the FARMER exerts
 in many homes to make the lives of mothers,
 wives and children better and happier.

AS A FAMILY PAPER the FARMER sustains
 the closest relations to the people and ex-
 ercises the most salutary influence. The
 WILLAMETTE FARMER is not local in charac-
 ter, as the name might mislead you to believe.
 It was named fifteen years ago, when the
 Willamette Valley was Oregon, but it has ex-
 panded 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 com-
 plain of against whoever and whatever seems
 to oppress or deceive them. Our columns be-
 long to the people, and the value of the FAR-
 MER chiefly depends on such popular ut-
 terances.

The Editor brings to your assistance the
 experience of 33 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.

The reduction of prices is made in expecta-
 tion 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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 ate Dwellings, School
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If you are growing Gray or Bald;
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 If you are troubled with Dandruff,
 Itching, or any Humor or Dis-
 ease of the Scalp.

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 \$100,000.

SALEM, Oregon, 10th July, 1884.

DEAR SIR: Referring to the annexed cir-
 cular, I have the pleasure of informing you
 that the above Company having acquired all
 the valuable property, plant and privileges of
 the City of Salem Company's Capitl Mills,
 has commenced to carry on the business of
 Flour Millers and Wheat Merchants.

You are doubtless familiar with the build-
 ings and machinery, which are unequalled in
 this State, and I need here only say that,
 owing to the improvements introduced, this
 company is enabled to produce the finest flour
 that can be obtained from Oregon wheat, and
 which is already winning its way in public
 favor in Great Britain and elsewhere.

Very ample facilities are given at the Pub-
 lic Warehouse at Salem for storage of wheat.
 The Warehouse has a capacity for 200,000
 bushels, and, while owned by this Company,
 is managed and conducted as a distinct and
 separate undertaking. The Company has
 also Warehouses at Independence Buena Vista
 and Marion, conducted on the same principle,
 where farmers are invited to store their wheat
 for which the highest cash price of the day
 will always be given.

The Company looks on its interests and that
 of the farmers of Oregon as largely identical.
 In its efforts to produce a high class flour it
 can only succeed by having the co-operation
 of the farmers in raising that choice White
 Wheat which is so much valued for milling
 purposes.

Every facility will be given as regards
 finances, arrangements having been made with
 the First National Bank of Salem to make
 cash advances against warehouse wheat re-
 ceipts until you see fit to sell.

Grain sacks can be had at the various Pub-
 lic Warehouses, or will be sent to you when-
 ever requested, and I hope to be favored with
 your business, which will at all times be ce-
 teemed by
 Yours faithfully,

WM. SIMPSON, Manager.

CITY OF SALEM COMPANY.

SALEM, Oregon, 10th July, 1884.

DEAR SIR: I beg to inform you that the
 buildings and property of the above Company
 have been sold and transferred to the Salem
 (Oregon) Capital Flour Mills Com-
 pany, Limited, which will now carry on
 the business of Flour Millers and Wheat
 Merchants.

To this new Company I respectfully solicit
 your confidence and support.
 I am, yours faithfully,
WILLIAM REID,
 President City of Salem Company.

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 vited to attend.
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 15-cp HAWKINS' PRIZE WINNING
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