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SPRING WHEAT is more or less rusted. This is the report we meet with on every corner. The quality is not badly affected however.

ONE MILLION miles of barbed wire manufactured in the United States this year, an equivalent of more than 250,000 miles of fence. This is made by about fifty factories with a capital of \$15,000,000.

WHEAT MUST go up again and it is impossible for it to reach a lower figure. No one will sell it at 55 cents, and we don't blame them. Never in the history of wheat growing in the Willamette valley has the price been so low.

THERE MAY be a failure in some crops this year, but that of rascals was never anywhere near as large, and the prospect is that but a small proportion of it will be properly harvested owing to the very imperfect working of the machinery of the law.

REMEMBER the State Fair will soon be here. We trust the people will all take an interest in it and see to it that it is a success. Remember that there are many tourists at that season of the year who will visit our Fair. Let them see Oregon in her finest garb.

THE STATE FAIR is close at hand and unusual preparations are being made towards a successful exhibition. The mechanical department promises well and the exhibit of products will be unexcelled. Let all come and bring specimens of all kinds and swell the interest.

MR. S. (NAME) is naturally enthusiastic over the fertility of the Congo region of Africa, where, he says, may be cultivated the corns, rich and tropical fruits. When all the available soil in the United States for these crops is utilized it may be well for Americans to look into his new agricultural territory.

THE SALEM STATE FAIR has undergone a change and is now owned by W. H. Byrns, R. J. Hendricks and George Saubert. The improvement in the mechanical and literary department is quite noticeable. Under the present management, we see no reason why a good reliable interior journal cannot be built up and made to pay well. We wish the Statesman success.

THERE WILL be more leisure after harvest, and then it is expected that many farmers will favor their paper with communications, suggestions and hints. This number is not badly off for correspondents, but don't forget that all are welcome, and that you can do more good by the publication of the good things you have discovered than in any other way.

THE OREGONIAN announces to its readers and the public that they will enlarge and introduce larger type. This will be hailed with delight by the farming population, who as a rule have poor eyesight and are obliged to read mostly by candle-light. They have recently purchased new presses, etc. The Oregonian leads the way and is in advance of the needs of this section.

TALK ABOUT WHEAT.

This will be remembered as a remarkable season when rain occurred in harvest time, and rains in July discolored wheat that was nearly ready to cut. Tuesday noon a steady rain set in that must have done some damage to standing grain, ready to cut, though ripe grain will sometimes stand through a week of showery weather without taking much harm.

On the train, going to Portland, on Monday last, we met with farmers who represented the average yield of wheat as very good. In this valley we are having a better yield than has been known for several years. A gentleman engaged with a threshing outfit represents that all the grain he has threshed went from 20 to 25 bushels to the acre.

His report concerning damaged wheat is that late spring grain sometimes is affected with rust and more or less injured, according to circumstances. The leaf, or blade, is sometimes rusted without much damage to the grain. In some instances the grain is very badly hurt, spoiling what would be, otherwise, first quality wheat.

Wm. J. Herren, agent for the Salem Flouring Mills, informs us that the Kinney wheat, which is extensively grown near Salem, and not elsewhere in Oregon, has been considerably damaged and is usually unfit for making good flour. This grain matures early and the pod partly opens as it turns ripe. His theory is that this occurred previous to the last rains in July and the consequence is that, as the heads stand well up, water remained in the cup thus formed and the wheat shows spots of mold and is generally damaged by action of water. The old White Winter wheat droops over when ripe and does not open its pod, so can withstand the elements better than many other varieties can. We hear from Mouthout and Independence that winter wheat there is uninjured. Rust has injured Chili club and the California spring wheat that was so liberally reported a year or so ago. That is not due to the variety of wheat, however, but to the conditions that invite rust.

Mr. Herren calls our attention to the fact that he has written to us and discouraged growing of Kinney wheat for several years back and says he is now more disposed against it than ever before.

When Mr. Albert Kinney was agent for the Salem Mills he imported this seed and paid a premium of 2 to 5 cents a bushel to encourage its cultivation, having strong faith in its value. Mr. Herren says he sent several sample packages of it to England and to have it classified at Mark Lane and they discounted it at the rate of 6 to 8 cents per bushel in favor of white winter wheat. Mr. Herren believes that one-eighth of the wheat of Marion county is damaged by the mold, or discoloration spoken of, almost entirely on Kinney wheat. We hear farmers say that the hills and uplands generally have first quality of grain and that rust only strikes late sown spring wheat on the lowest land. The most serious complaints of damage done comes from Washington county, where more rain fell in July than in the upper valley. That county is more surrounded by hills and more filled with forests than counties above it and therefore is more liable to rainfall.

CHOLERA NOT SPREADING.

It is a great blessing to the world that the fearful plague which was recently brought from Asia to France, and has caused hundreds of deaths in Toulon and Marseilles, on the southern coast of that country, has, at last, yielded to sanitary measures so that the contagion decreases and its spread is limited. One very important feature of this time of plague is that science has made a more perfect study of its features than has ever been made in former times of plague. It is hoped, by the highest medical authority, that a specific will be found for it as has been the case with small pox. In that case the world will have done away with humanity's most deadly foe; its most terrible pestilence will be a terror no longer.

Symptoms of cholera occur every year in various localities and many deaths occur from summer complaints that are sometimes fatal, but not necessarily so. As science goes on with its studies and experiments life becomes more safe and enjoyable. The carelessness of many persons induces disease and actually cultivates it. The house without sufficient drainage, or where food is illy prepared, is a pest house and many a pest house is far from being a sanitarium, but is rather a nursery of disease. Every house or room devoted to such uses should be well located and kept clean and pure.

Any one who has had a living and dying experience with pestilence will dread it with the most intense apprehension. The year before coming to Oregon—1849—we were at Sandusky City, Ohio, where the disease suddenly came upon the sleeping world at midnight. At that hour we were taken ill, and as we followed the directions of a friend who was a physician and dreading its coming prepared medicines with full instructions. It was a terrible night, but when we recognized the symptoms we took the medicine and towards morning obtained relief. We thought what would cure Asiatic cholera would satisfy any kind and it did, but when morning showed that from 12 midnight until 6 A. M. 15 deaths occurred in a population of 6,000, as many more dy-

ing before noon, and the disease steadily increasing the plague could be no longer doubted.

Sandusky experienced a fearful plague and for weeks the citizens died off like sheep with the rot. A trench was dug and forty or more buried every day. So many left that only one fourth remained to brave the pestilence and finally it too stopped. That was a limestone region and history proves that lime water encourages cholera. Hon. E. N. Cooke, deceased, was there at the time and lost a brother and other friends. One would meet a friend, both bound on missions of mercy, stop, pass greetings, wish for God's blessing on each other, but never meet again. It is a fearful responsibility to build a house injudiciously, much more so for authorities to neglect proper sanitary measures for a single residence. Cholera and typhus and typhoid and other plagues only come where human negligence and profound ignorance prepare the way.

MORAL AND POLITICAL PURITY.

The two great political parties have placed their candidates in nomination and are waiting the decision of the imperial republicans the final arbiters. The world looks with greater degree of interest than common. A strange combination of circumstances weakens and strengthens each of the parties. Independent Republicans, of New York chiefly, assert that Blaine does not come up to their idea of a political reformer, while Cleveland, they say, does. On the other hand, a defection occurs among those who have hitherto supported Democratic nominations, based upon the opposition of a certain class of workmen to Cleveland, because they assert his political history does not inspire them with confidence that he is the reliable friend of the laboring masses.

Another remarkable feature of the campaign is the nomination of Ben Butler by the working men, labor reformers and the greenbackers, who claim him as their champion. Butler will poll a heavy vote in some localities and his candidacy it is said will hurt Cleveland. Certain rumors that involve the moral character of one of the leading candidates also enter largely into the canvass and the foulest aspersions are made against Mr. Blaine, who replies to their publication by ordering the Indianapolis Sentinel, which published the report, to be immediately prosecuted for slander, claiming \$30,000 damages. He does this, he says, because these rumors asperse the purity and honor of his wife. Leading Democratic editors who have investigated the Blaine report pronounce it without foundation in fact.

We also read in the political news that many Irish voters intend to support Blaine, who have hitherto voted otherwise. They assert that his course in maintaining the rights of our adopted citizens is in accordance with their views. On the contrary, it is claimed that many Germans who have been Republicans, will this year vote for Cleveland.

Blaine's foreign policy is so distinctly American that English journals and statesmen oppose his election as hostile to England, which has, no doubt, some effect on the Irish vote, to turn it towards Blaine. The present campaign shows a remarkable weakening of old party affiliations and promises to be exciting to its close, as well as uncertain. In its attacks on private character it goes farther than any presidential election of which we have record.

A GOOD PRICE FOR WHEAT.

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The manufacturing companies of Lowell have agreed to shut down for the week commencing September 1st by reason of an accumulation of goods and low prices. Agent Dyer has informed the Indian Bureau that the Cheyennes and Arapahoes abuse boys who have returned from the school at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, not wishing their people to be educated.

State Fair Restaurant. We are promised a restaurant at the State Fair grounds this year that will be a credit to the association and just the place for visitors to get a tip-top meal. Mr. Bob Thompson of the Thompson House of this city has rented the large theatre building east of the Pavilion and will fit it up in a style of "oriental magnificence," so to speak, for his patrons. One thing dead sure Mr. Thompson will give those who patronize him plenty to eat and cooked in good home style. Mr. Thompson is making preparations for feeding a multitude and if the weather is good the "multitude" will be on hand.

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Board of Equalization.

TO THE TAX-PAYERS OF MARION COUNTY, OR: You are hereby notified that the Assessments of said county, for the year 1884, has been returned and that the Board of Equalization will meet at the County Clerk's office, in Salem, Oregon, on Monday, the 25th day of August, 1884. And all persons desiring any changes made in their assessments are required to appear before said Board, on or before the 25th day of August, 1884. Assessor of Marion County, Oregon. Dated: Salem, Aug. 4, 1884.

All persons failing to appear before said Board are notified that the County Court will refuse to make any changes in their assessments after the September, 1884, term of said court, and that the County Judge of Marion County, Oregon. Dated: Salem, Aug. 4, 1884.

Oregon State Agricultural College.

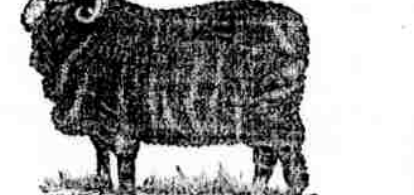
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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrators of the estate of J. L. Higgs, deceased, filed his final account of said estate in the County Court of Marion county, Oregon, and that the Court has appointed at the Court House, in Salem, Oregon, September 6th, 1884, at 1 o'clock P. M., for hearing objections to said account and for the settlement of the same. SARAH W. RIGGS, Administrator.

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