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SPRING WORK

Sometimes our spring commences in February and again in March, but this year 1887 will be known as one in which no continued pleasant weather came until the middle of April...

Our orchard, in the hills, and all others we know of, are backward, not being yet in full bloom and this fact warrants the expectation of a good yield of all varieties...

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DAMAGE TO FRUIT TREES.

We have alluded to the fact that the severe arctic spell following the warm days in early January had the effect to kill and damage many fruit trees. B. Simpson of South Salem, had apple trees split and the bark came off so they are killed. We had some beautiful cherries five years old which split the bark and are badly injured, but we bound them up and hope to save them from total loss.

The Hillsboro Independent says:—It is learned that serious damage was done small fruits and vines in Washington county by the cold weather of February. We have refrained from making this statement till authenticated reports could be received from different parts of the country.

East of the Mountains orchards have suffered severe loss, as the cold was more intense than here, and fruit trees more exposed. In regard to planting orchards very much depends on location and the difference in that respect will make some rich while others with equally good appearances, but really not so reliable, will spend thousands they can never retrieve.

So far April has been a good month for planting fruit trees and sowing grass seed; which last we are testing, having forgotten to sow in February or March as intended.

STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Governor Penney has named ex-Senator Slater, of La Grande, Union county, and Hon. Geo. Waggoner, of near Corvallis, Benton county, as the State Railroad Commission, and these gentlemen are now in session and organized for work. Their duties are to be developed by time and circumstances and our State Commission will no doubt try to work in unison with the National Commission appointed last week also, under the Interstate Compact that passed Congress this winter.

No doubt this will have the same result in Oregon and all reasonable complaints will have quick hearing and speedy redress. There will be a great benefit in the harmony of labor between the National and State Commissions and the best results must follow. We are inclined to believe that many honest men will be disappointed that

no greater fault will be found. While we believe our State roads have served the public fairly, no doubt there have been unfair discriminations and unjust practices and we hope to see all these matters settled on a just and reasonable basis.

Since the above was written, the Commission has agreed upon a Clerk. J. R. N. Bell, a prominent Democrat from Douglas county, is the fortunate man.

VERGIL K. PRINGLE.

Over thirty years ago we were living on a donation land claim, five miles south of Salem, in the red hills, and our nearest neighbors were V. K. Pringle and his sons and daughters. He came to Oregon in early days and moved from Salem, where he had business, to the hills, and we knew them all for many years. He came to live in South Salem some years ago, and he and his beloved wife had a charming home for their old age, where at over four-score years they both enjoyed life to the full.

THE CHOLERA COMING NORTH.

The San Francisco papers give the following account of the course of the cholera towards us:

The cholera originally appeared in Buenos Ayres, where it still prevails. From Buenos Ayres it worked westward. Throughout February the daily mortality in the city of Rosario was from 60 to 100, and 70 per cent. of the cases were fatal. At Tucuman, in the northern part of the Argentine Republic, there were some days as many as 500 cases, but Mendoza, on the eastern slope of the Andes, suffered more severely. From Mendoza the disease crossed the Andes to Chili, the first case appearing on the 26th of December last. The mortality has been very great in the city of Santiago, where 60 per cent. of the cases proved fatal, and several cases were reported at Valparaiso, on the coast. There is a large grain trade between Chili and England, and wherever these vessels touch they are likely to carry disease, even if Peru and Bolivia escaped. In some way, at all events, the disease has reached Panama, and from thence it is likely to reach Mexico.

It is very possible that vessels coasting on the Atlantic and Pacific will carry this plague to the seaboard of our nation, and it will be necessary to use strict methods and exercise all that experience has taught the world as to sanitary methods. If these are maintained, we do not fear that this plague (through which the writer once passed in its worst phase) will prove disastrous to Oregon.

A subscriber at Colfax, W. T., has sent us a \$2.00 postal note, but he neglected to send his name. Will the party who sent it please forward their names so we can give proper credit.

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We are unable to present our readers with an installment of the article on glanders by Dr. Jeffreys. V. S., owing to his absence from the city attending professional calls. He promises us another article for next week.

Latest reports from the John Day country indicate that the loss of sheep there is about 14 per cent. The mortality among cattle is probably 5 per cent.

In Eastern Oregon and Washington shearing will have to begin early this year on account of the condition of the wool. Sheep got poor during the storm, and thriving so fast now causes the wool to shed.

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Klamath county has a much larger area of ground seeded to grain this year than last.

A larger area than usual is being planted in potatoes in Southern Oregon.

On the Washington territory side of the Columbia, the winter was unusually severe, but the losses of sheep have not been so great as on the Oregon side.

The Morrison St. bridge, Portland, is now open for travel.

The buildings used for the Indian School at Forest Grove are turned over to Pacific University as they were built on its ground to belong to that school as long as used for that purpose.

A fine display of stallions was made at Hillsboro Saturday by the West side stallion society.



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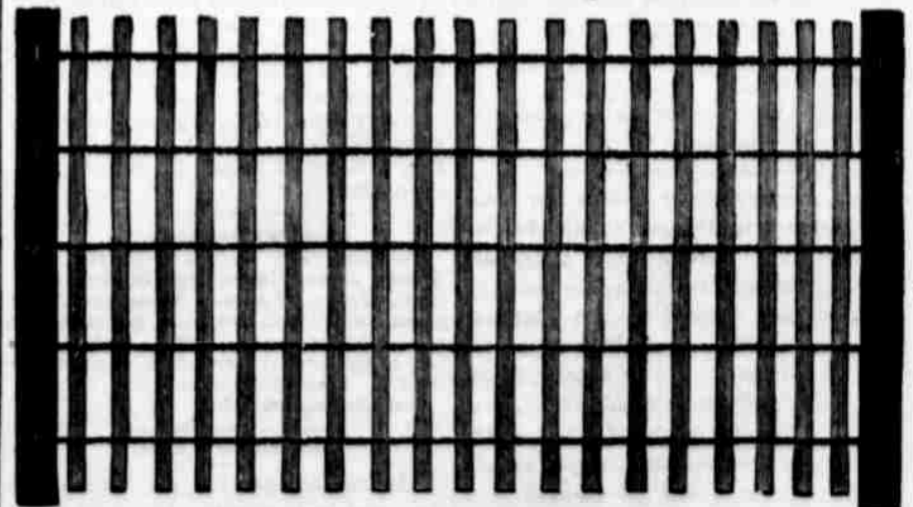
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