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Dr. Henry Lane, of Portland, grandson of Gen'l Joe. Lane, is appointed Superintendent of the State Insane Asylum. He will take the office July 1st, the date at which Dr. Josephi resigns.

On June 15th the Pioneers of Oregon will meet for their annual reunion at Portland. Forming at the Court House the procession, under the charge of Col. McCracken as marshal of the day, will march to the Mechanics' Pavilion, where various and appropriate exercises will be held. In the evening a grand ball will be held, and the pioneers can have their usual evening chat and gossip in the floral annex.

THE CALIFORNIA WHEAT DEAL.

We have explained that the high price of wheat in our State and California is due to speculation and actual gambling, in San Francisco. The price is forced up by a system that we confess is above our comprehension, for we cannot understand how men can be such fools as to get caught in the toils of gamblers with their eyes open. The fact is that all who speculate hope to take advantage of some turn of the market. Last Friday wheat went up—"by a turn of the wrist"—to \$2.10, and hundreds who couldn't put up margins in time had to pay their losses and many more badly fleeced. The foolish character of the deal is manifest when we know that while "operators" who were "caught short" were settling their gambling ventures at San Francisco on the basis of \$2.10 per cental, the same quality of wheat landed in Liverpool, freights and all charges paid, was only worth there \$1.65 per cental. This explains the fact, we state that wheat in California and Oregon bears a fictitious price and on that has no basis in business produce. The year will be up at the end of June and then the "deal" will be over. As it is now, any farmer, or club who can get together 100 tons of wheat can be sure of \$2.10 during this month. At least that is stated in the dispatches. In California some early wheat is ripe in June and if they can thresh and deliver it before July 1st, they can get the \$2.10 per cental. We regret that we cannot give our readers assurance that the wheat market promises a good figure for the coming crop. At the same time it is possible that it may when the world's harvests are all understood.

RATHER HARD LINES.

There is an old proverb that says: "Troubles never come singly." It looks as if when ill fortune comes to a man it keeps coming in various forms and becomes oppressive. We thought so when a year ago all our horses died and one thing after another happened within the space of a year that made up a total of over two thousand dollars loss. A still more unfortunate case comes to us in the experience of a friend who lives a few miles below town and last fall he came to see us, driving a fine pair of horses. A few weeks later we met him and he said one of his fine span was dead. The other day he said the other was also dead and his misfortunes had thickened. He lost a fine cow and a pair of twin calves and over fifty lambs had died since lambing time. Some other stock had gone the same road and to cap the climax Polk county has run a road through land he has there that will require 400 rods of fence in a district where timber is scarce and has allowed but a trifle of compensation. So it goes! This world has its vexations and they must be borne. Besides all these mishaps, the result of storms and frosts have left his orchards almost bare of fruit, but in that respect he is as well off as most of his neighbors.

FRUIT PROSPECTS.

The pleasant showers of the past few days come very favorably to the gardens and spring grain and all nature is freshened by them. Strawberries will grow and ripen well and make a good yield if the rains continue sufficient to wet down to the roots of plants. Cherries are a little behind time and need rain to give them size and flavor. Owing to the effects of frosts three weeks ago it is doubtful if cherries amount to even half a crop, and it would be strange if strawberries and other small fruits were not injured. The canners at East Portland have been doing good work, but this year they will be puzzled to find small fruits to work on.

From every quarter we hear that apples were almost destroyed by the frosts of the 15th and 16th of May. Pears also suffered severely and all fruits are damaged more or less. The cold rain and heavy storms of the first ten days of May did much less harm than we anticipated. With us the Washington plum was the only fruit that suffered from that cold rainy weather. We have 250 fine, large and healthy trees that shed every semblance of fruit during that storm. All the rest gave promise of an immense yield, and it was two weeks after the frost before its effects were manifest in our orchards. Coe's Golden Drop's had grown the size of small beans before they fell, and are almost an utter failure. Strange to say. Some trees of the same variety will be full and others beside them not over half full. This is the case with Bartlett pears, Peach plums, Rein Claudes, Columbias, though these varieties will come near making a two-thirds yield. The Petite or French prunes have twice too much fruit on; over 1000 Italians carry all they can do justice to. A careful summary of our orchards show that of 5,000 bearing trees 3,000 are a good average; 1,000 are a full half crop and 1,000 we do not count as really bearing anything worth while. The prunes and plums that stood the frost with us are, Petites, Italians, Bradshaws, Hungarians, that will many of them have to be thinned. So will many peach plums, but they do not average to bear full. Some Columbias are too full and also some Bartlett pears. We should like to have similar statements of orchards in other localities.

Wool commands a ready market just now and wheat bears an unusual price, and we trust that many of our readers will take advantage of both and when they do it will be highly appreciated if that will send us a remittance to cover subscription accounts. This time of the year is a severe one the newspapers publisher, and he needs every cent he can raise. Don't forget us—but send us \$2 at once.

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Mr. O. Coolidge, the veteran nurseryman and fruit grower of Ashland, thinks there is no limit to the prolific bearing qualities of the peach, plum, and prune trees in that valley. After having pruned his peach trees this year till his neighbors declared he hadn't left a bearing twig on them, he supposed the Southern Oregon frosts the papers north have been talking about would probably be able to keep the fertile blossoms down to within proper limits, but this week he has had to pick and knock the young fruit off to keep the trees from breaking, until the ground beneath is literally covered with young peaches; and he is still afraid that he has left too many peaches on the trees.

Trouble Ahead.

When the appetite fails, and sleep grows restless and unrefreshing, there is trouble ahead. The digestive organs, when healthy, crave food, the nervous system, when vigorous and tranquil, gives its possessor no uneasiness at night. A tonic, to be effective, should not be a mere appetizer, nor are the nerves to be strengthened and soothed by the unaided action of a sedative or a narcotic. What is required is a medicine which invigorates the stomach, and promotes assimilation of food by the system, by which means the nervous system, as well as other parts of the physical organism, are strengthened. These are the effects of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a medicine whose reputation is founded firmly in public confidence, and which physicians commend for its tonic, antibilious and other properties. It is used with the best results in fever and ague, rheumatism, kidney and uterine weakness, and other maladies.

FRUIT PROSPECTS IN OREGON.

Information from Many Parts of Oregon—Apples not One-Half a Crop.

In Chepuleum Valley, near Jefferson, a good fruit section, we found fruit (especially apples) not one-half a crop. Mr. H. E. Ankeney has full trees of cherries, but his apples are not quite a half crop. Mr. N. H. Looney does not think that he will have anything like a half a crop, and considers that a like state of affairs exists around him. In all the orchards along the old stage road leading from Salem to Jefferson, for twelve miles, we failed to find indications of anything like a crop of fruit. The fall grain without exception looked exceedingly well, and the promises of the future are flattering indeed. A slight rain fell Sunday afternoon (June 6th), and farmers generally were well pleased, W. J. C.

Spring Valley, in Polk county, a beautiful little vale that lays alongside the Willamette, some six miles north of Salem, has always been noted as an apple section, and a district from which was received the choicest fruits. Mr. C. C. Walker was in our office Saturday (June 5th), and gave us the following facts: He considered stone fruits almost an entire failure, and Coe's golden drop plum, only a very few; Cherries promises only half a crop; pears were apparently full at present and especially so were the Bartlett, but he notices a blight upon the balance, and hardly knew what it might amount to. Apples between a third and a half a crop. Fall wheat promises over an average yield and he considers twenty-five bushels an average yield. But little spring wheat has been sown, but if timely showers will come it will turn out well. Small fruits are all killed. He considers that the fruit crops of himself and neighbors not more than one-half a crop. There are but few plum or prune orchards in this section, but there are small young orchards coming on that will bear well another year or so. Mr. Walker estimates that in favorable years the spring valley section produce and market 25,000 bushels of choice apples, as in this section are something like a dozen orchards that produce from 1,500 to 4,000 bushels annually.

Mr. Lewis Pettyjohn, who resides on the Independence road, four miles southeast of Salem, says that his apple crop is a dead failure; pears the same, but he has a few cherries and not any more plums than he will have use for, for home consumption.

Mr. Thomas Buckman, of New Era, Clackamas county, sent the following, under date of June 6th: In accordance with the wish expressed, I send a report of crop prospects. Fall wheat looks well and promises a good crop. Early sown spring grain looks well, but the late sown grain needs rain, and unless there is rain soon it will not amount to much. The fruit is the worst failure I have ever seen. There will be more cherries and plums than any other varieties of fruit. Apples and pears are very few, they were injured by cold rains while in bloom. Grass will be a fair crop. Clover is generally good.

R. W. Sayers, in the north end of the county, near Brooks Station, says that he will have a fair crop of apples this season, but not so large a crop as usual. Other fruit is generally very good.

Mr. L. F. Thompson, Umpqua, Or., (Coles Valley), under date of June 6th says: Fall wheat looks well and will be a good crop; some may lodge on bottom land where it was pastured. Spring wheat looks well, and with a few good showers through this month will do as well and may be better than that. Fall sown oats are an average, and on hill land are over an average. Grass is good; better than has been known for years. Fruit only tolerable; apples not more than a half crop, and in some orchards not that. Pears almost a failure, plums the same, and prunes not much better—with some cherries, though not so many as common. I am intending to set out some more fruit trees this fall.

Mr. S. K. Raymond, writing from Oakland, Oregon (Douglas county), under date of June 7th, says: Weather cool and cloudy. Grain looks well; will have a full crop. Grass better than for several years, at this time of year. Fruit only slightly hurt by frost. Abundance left to make good fruit; wild strawberries in abundance; the best hay crop we have had for five years.

Dr. F. S. Matison, writes as follows to us, under date of June 7th, from Aumsville, Or.: As to fruit, so far as my observation goes, apples are all but killed;

plums and prunes too. Cherries half a crop. Pears none. Blackberries all killed—but evergreens. Black raspberries promise well. Red raspberries one-fourth of a crop. Strawberries are twenty days later than last season, and not many, (early ones all killed.) Currants one-fourth of a crop. Gooseberries one-half of a crop. I keep a daily record of the weather; condition of our crops; days of doing certain things, as blossoming, hoeing, gathering, etc., and this season is fully two weeks later than usual. Send us rain.

Mr. J. H. Settlementier, of Woodburn, Or., this county, writes us that on June 7th, crops generally looked well and that cherries are a good crop; pears good, but that plums were one-third of a crop, whilst apples were only one-half of a crop. Pears about two-thirds of a crop.

Dr. J. Reynolds, who has a large prune orchard north of Salem, in a conversation with us, says that his Petite prune and Italians were not damaged much, but that all other kinds were an entire failure. Pears a good crop. He gathers, information, after talking with

his neighbors, that fruit generally is rather slim, especially apples.

Mr. Geo. Bealer, of Myrtle Creek Douglas county, was in Salem the fore part of this week, and informs us that there had been no frost in that immediate neighborhood, and that grapes were heading out well and promised a heavy yield. Peaches were very good. Prunes excellent, and will exceed any former year. Apples were never better nor finer to all appearances. Grain crops were doing wonderfully well and will exceed any former year. He said that he could not help but notice the difference between their grain and that growing along side the track, as he came here. He gives us the names of six parties who have and are planting prune orchards that will aggregate eighty acres. All of which will be in bearing soon.

Jacksonville Times: There is no danger of frosts now and fruit is safe. There will be plenty of all kinds, though peaches and plums will be scarce in some localities.

The young peaches in Ashland are as large as pigeon eggs now, or larger; cherries are ripening and strawberries are improving the daily table fare, says an Ashland paper.

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