

News Department.

Telegraphic News.

Tobacco has been cornered and prices have simply doubled. Causes assigned, short crops on account of low prices paid last year.

A San Francisco paper prophesies that the salmon pack will not equal 50 per cent of last years pack, on their coast.

Senator Sherman will visit this state and Washington territory soon as he left Cleveland, Ohio, on August 1st. He will be accompanied by Congressmen Grosvenor and Thompson, of Ohio, ex-Congressman Townsend, and Gen. S. A. Robinson, secretary of state. It is possible that his trip may be prolonged to Alaska.

The following crop summary will appear in this week's issue of the Farmers' Review of July 31. Continued drouth in many states has materially damaged the corn crop. Where rains have fallen the injury is, however, not as serious. The oat crop at this date is turning out light, as was expected.

Jeff Davis has, by a letter to ex-Governor Lubback, denounced prohibition.

Excessive heat and absence of rain throughout the corn belt has affected this crop unfavorably, and reports from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and thence westward to Kansas indicate that drouth has unfavorably affected potatoes and the corn crops. In the Middle Atlantic and New England states the weather has been unfavorable to corn, but excessive rains have injured hay and oats. In Minnesota, Dakota and Nebraska the weather has been generally favorable to all crops, and harvesting is in progress as far north as the 47th parallel.

Schooners that have left the Sandwich Islands since the Revolution commenced bring no late news.

Utah has had a state election and four Gentile members of the Legislature have been elected with city of Salt Lake. Heretofore only one Gentile has been sent from Salt Lake to the Legislature.

A San Francisco dispatch of July 1st, says: The wheat market was nervous and excited again, the price of seller '87 being marked up to \$2 17 1/2 per cent. At the afternoon session of the call board there was only a moderate pressure to sell, but the market became weaker on offerings which did not exceed one thousand tons. Seller '87 opened at \$2 16 1/2, and receded to \$2 16 1/4, were closed. It is reported that several more of the large short sellers have settled. The blockade of wheat in consequence of all the call board warehouses being filled continues.

State and Territory.

Whitman county has seven weekly papers and another will be added to the list.

Four hundred men will be employed in the construction of the Northern Pacific snow sheds.

Six hundred dollars has been allotted for the running of new lines and verifying of old surveys on the Yakima Indian reservation.

Thirty thousand dollars worth of public buildings will be in course of erection at North Yakima inside of sixty days, says the Signal.

The Methodists are endeavoring to get assistance to build a brick church in North Yakima. Several substantial amounts have already been subscribed.

Exaggerated accounts have been circulated that the grain crop of the Big Bend had been badly scorched by a hot wind, says the Kittitas Localizer. We are assured that the report is only partially true as to the scorched condition of the crops.

The progress of threshing so far reveals a satisfactory yield, says the Bunchgrass Blade. Not so bountifully, of course, as the prospect promised before that hot Sunday, but better than was really expected while the grain was being stacked.

A Walla Walla paper says: Chas. Besserer, editor of the Eagle, was in town a few days ago. He reports the wheat crops in the Milton neighborhood turning out much better than was expected and thinks the average will be about thirty-three bushels to the acre.

Wheat in the Weston and Blue Mountain neighborhoods never looked so well, many large fields averaging sixty bushels to the acre. Barley fields are also heavy in yield this year, crops ranging from sixty-five to eighty bushels per acre. No such yield has been known before, the crops being uniformly large. Dr. Blalock, says a Walla Walla exchange, who was recently there, says he never in his life saw such fine fields.

The Walla Walla Union calls W. H. Babcock, of Eureka flat, as the grain king of the Inland Empire, having 6400 acres in grain this year, which will average between 25 and 30 bushels to the acre. At say 27 bushels to the acre, he will produce 172,800 bushels, which, at 55 cents a bushel, will be \$95,040.

At its July session the county court of Lake declared the bounty on scalps of all kinds off. By the next year the rabbits will be so thick that the farmers of Tick Ridge and Poverty Flat will stand no show in the way of raising crops.

A party of U. S. topographical surveyors passed through the town one day last week, en route for the mountains south of us, says the Jacksonville Times. They will operate in Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties during the present season.

The school children in Seattle are given as 2627, with 967 children under five years of age.

The Portland Or. Board of Trade have advertised for a man to run a hotel, as they deem that city in need of a good hotel. They offer to put in one fourth of the money and no one with less than \$500,000 need apply.

W. F. Highfield paid the damages awarded Mrs. Henrietta Kelly for the breach of promise—\$7000—and in addition \$1103 43 for costs.

Some of our hop raisers report their vines needing rain badly, says a Lane county paper.

Water spouts have been frequent lately in the country surrounding the timbered mountains, says the Arlington Times.

The Wasco County Teacher's Institute, under charge of Prof. Frazier, will begin in The Dalles August 10 and continue three days.

There is strong talk of a steamboat soon to be erected to ply on the Klamath river between Linkville and Kebo, and on the Lower Klamath lake.

Last year's running expenses of Umatilla county amounted to \$41,860 10.

The Methodist will hold a camp meeting at Hood river, beginning August 4.

Farmers are beginning to wonder what prices their grain will bring after threshing, says the Ashland Tidings.

The people of North Powder have raised \$1000 and proposed to build a wagon road to tap the Cable Cove district.

Coos Bay News: N. U. Martinson informs us that water from a well dug in the hill back of his residence, on Coos river, tastes so strongly of coal oil as to render it unfit for use.

Western leader: Laborers are very scarce in this section of country. The roadmaster of the O. R. & N. could only secure one man and team to work on the Dawning switch, while H. B. Nelson finds himself compelled to employ Chinamen on his brickyard.

There were 10,000,730 pounds of freight shipped into Lexington during the year ending June 30, 1887. The amount shipped out of the country tributary to this town cannot be ascertained, as it was divided between Echo, Coyote, Castle Rock and Arlington.

A correspondent writing from Vale, Malheur county, says: There are some fine ranches in the Malheur valley and crops are generally looking well. There is a large irrigating ditch taken out of the Malheur river, which extends five or six miles above Ontario.

The farmers' alliance, having headquarters at Lexington, Oregon, and composed of about 900 members, recently made a freight proposition to the Oregon Pacific so satisfactory to the company that the road, supposed to be building to a junction with the Chicago & North-western, will probably take in Lexington on its way.

Colfax Commoner, July 29; Harry Cornwell has been counting the residences of our city, and furnishes us with the following interesting figures: At present there are 340 residences. A year ago last May there were 250, making a gain in fourteen months of ninety.

Walla Walla Union: The number of convicts at present in the penitentiary is ninety-nine. When brought over from the Sound they numbered but ninety-three, but since that time eight have been discharged from custody and fourteen new ones brought in.

The following is the population of Kititas county, according to the late census: Total population, 5443; male, 3745; female, 1389; white, 4550; black, 1; Chinese, 877; half-breed Indian, 15; married population, 1484; single, 2535; deaf, dumb, blind, insane or idiotic, reported, two.

The fires in the mountains along Upper Klamath lake are destroying considerable valuable timber, says the Star. This is a great loss. Complaint is being made throughout Oregon in regard to these forest fires, and the matter should be looked into. Any one known to be guilty of starting these fires should be prosecuted and dealt with according to law.

On the 7th of August the rate on wool from Portland to Eastern points will be raised to \$1 50 per hundred, an advance of 25 cents over present rates. The reason given out for the advance is that the Eastern lines refuse to join in a rate less than \$1 56 per hundred. Most of this season's clip will have found its way to the market before August 7, so the advance will not interfere much with growers' calculations.

Several horses are in training at the Dalles fair grounds, among them may be mentioned R. Gilmore's Kleikitat Tom; Ben Snipes' Twenty-one; J. H. McDonough's Shyster; Sinnot's Nimrod. A large number of youngsters are in training. Thompson has his horse Rockwood and several colts exercising every morning. J. H. Larsen is training some trotters. The track is being improved, and everything points to a successful meeting this fall.

The following vacancies at Klamath and Yainax agencies are to be filled by September 1: At the Klamath agency school, one teacher, salary \$900 per year; one matron, \$400, one teacher \$600. At the Yainax school, one teacher, salary \$800 per year; one matron, \$400; one teacher, \$600; one male industrial teacher, \$600; one seamstress, \$400; one assistant matron \$320.

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