

Tri-Weekly Astorian

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GOOD TIMES IN OREGON.

Monday evening we returned from a ten day's trip to the Wallamet Valley. We never saw the time in Oregon when business was more prosperous, and money so plentiful. Portland is building up on all sides and looks more like a city than ever, notwithstanding the severe losses sustained by the disastrous conflagration of the 2d, ult. The whole twenty-two acres laid bare by that fire will be nearly covered by buildings of some kind this fall. The grain crop is the best ever produced in Oregon, and the Wallamet Valley will have a surplus of nearly or quite 4,000,000 bushels for export. The single county of Linn, with a population of 9,000 souls, has produced enough this year to lay down one million dollars in gold within her borders in a single season. Other counties have done as well proportionately. This is good for Oregon, and the agitation of Astoria as a point for the direct shipment of this grain is having its good effect. The circulation of our paper in Linn and Marion counties shows that the farmers there are becoming interested in the Astorian, and want all the information we can give them respecting this city. With the upper Wallamet improved to Harrisburg for boats at all seasons, as should be done, there is no obstacle in the way of the Wallamet farmer getting the same figures for his wheat at Astoria as is paid in San Francisco, and he could always get one dollar per bushel. It pays to raise wheat for one dollar, but below that there is not so much encouragement to the producer to renew his exertions. Just now everybody is busy completing the harvest, threshing, and plowing. The railroad is taxed to its utmost to carry grain away. Without the cars, the river being unimproved, his crop could not be moved. Mr. Kimbell came down last Sunday with a train containing 320 tons—he had been out since Friday morning. The boats are unable to do much, and we hope the farmers will insist upon having their river improved so as to make it of some value to them in seasons like this. Walla Walla Valley comes out with a million bushels for export this fall, and the Oregon Steam Navigation Company are delivering it in Portland at \$6 per ton from Wallula. Taking the crop of Oregon and Walla Walla together we have 5,000,000 bushels for export. Nearly \$5,000,000 in coin to relieve our recent financial embarrassments, the tonnage required to move this product is a very important matter. It would look funny to see it going by the way of Puget Sound—wouldn't it. —Wheat receipts in San Francisco last week were nearly 400,000 centals, including eight cargoes from Vallejo. Oakland exported also, of wheat and flour, seven cargoes. —The steamer Prince Alfred, from Victoria, reports that she lay off San Francisco harbor Sunday night in a dense fog. No fog-whistle was sounded for her guidance. —Three men were arrested in Shasta Valley on Monday suspected of having committed various burglaries in that vicinity and in Oregon during the past few weeks. —Three prisoners are out of the Eugene jail again. Two escaped from the clutches of the law, and one from the jaws of death by hanging between the sheathing of the roof and the jail wall until his cries brought help. —Wheat in Stockton is worth \$2 25 per cental. The old story is again told of "It is understood that shippers are buying very light, hoping for more favorable terms for vessels, as the figures of those now awaiting cargo in San Francisco are still deemed too high.

Our Beef Market.

To read in the Western papers, and notice the numerous public sales which are being advertised to come off this fall of short-horn cattle, the breed which is almost universally relied upon for producing our beef supplies, it would be supposed that the market was overstocked; but the heavy prices which are continued to be paid for approved animals at the sales which have taken place, go to show that the demand is on the increase. While all intelligent men are familiar with the rapid growth of cities and villages in the United States, very few understand the increased demand for fat cattle which results from this augmentation of consumers. A few figures on this subject may interest the reader: New York consumes in a year 450,000 head; Philadelphia, 300,000; Boston, 120,000; Brooklyn, 100,000; Baltimore, 150,000; Pittsburg, 90,000; Cincinnati, 110,000; St. Louis, 170,000; Chicago, 150,000; and other cities and towns, 400,000. Total, 2,040,000. This aggregate does not include a large number of villages of whose consumption no report can be had. City and town population increases more than twice as fast as rural population raise cattle. The whole annual consumption of beef, outside of the farms where cattle are raised and fattened, is over four million head. To meet this large and rapidly increasing demand for meat on land that is generally decreasing in fertility, by improvident tillage, is a problem of great agricultural interest. Many think that grazing on wild grass must fail to supply public wants. Modern civilization is not built on spontaneous vegetation, but on combined industry and intelligence. Cattle herding on prairies will help in this work of feeding indefinite millions, but the bunch grass and tide lands of Oregon is where the type of the plant is found that will alone meet the cattle requirements of advanced agriculture and city consumption. The best breeds of English beef cattle have been on Ohio and Kentucky stock farms some forty years, and the result is a great European demand for our best "cut meats" produced by European grasses in America. Europe and the United States contain about three hundred million souls—a market for good beef that can hardly be over estimated, and we predict that Oregon stock farms, opened on the basis of those in Ohio and Kentucky, will "double discount", anything yet thought of, in the way of filling the bill. Already we hear of Oregonians like Capt. Ankeny and Thomas Cross working the subject up and Mr. Watson, of Portland, will soon construct an extensive packing establishment for putting up large quantities of mess beef for export. When the matter of transportation is considered, it must be admitted that Oregon stands equally as accessible to England as any point west of Chicago, while her position is vastly superior to any other, for the future trade of the Pacific, which promises to become an immense one. —Jennings King, Grand Chief Patriarch of Minnesota, was expelled from membership in the order of Odd Fellows lately for embezzlement of the Widows' and Orphans' fund, amounting to \$800. —Little Nell, "the California diamond," a bright little actress of the protean school has fallen heir to an estate which gives her an income of \$5,000 during her minority, and \$200,000 when she becomes of age. —The "hard labor" to which Frand Walworth is condemned at Sing-Sing, is practically that of a clerk in a boot and shoe factory, with the necessity of living near the shop. Many a young man has been subjected to this dull career without having killed his father. —A woman on Harrison street, Peoria, threw a brick at a dog the other morning, striking herself on the back of the head with such force that it knocked her down and raised a lump on her chignon. She will crawl inside a barrel next time she wants to throw stones.

—Two men, disputing about the pronunciation of the word "either"—one saying it was ee-ther, the other i-ther—agreed to refer the matter to the first person they met, who happened to be an Irishman, who confounded both by declaring "it's nayther, for it's ayther."

—A supposed-to-be-German bachelor died, the other day, in Hoboken, and five of his wives went to the funeral. Each one declared the others imposters; but as they all had marriage certificates, it would be hard to determine which one was the least or the most married.

—The Shah, according to the Paris Siecle, has several diamonds, which, beside the other qualities of perfect gems, possess the attribute of emitting a pungent and pleasing perfume in crowded places. Their like is unknown in Europe, and they are only found in a remote part of Persia, in a soil of ferruginous and carboniferous strata.

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