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A Minnesotan Aroused.

HOW THE TRUTH OF OREGON STRIKES THE EAST—WHAT CONSTITUTES COMFORT IN MINNESOTA—COMPARISON.

The following paragraph appeared in the ASTORIAN of November 29th, 1873:

"We are in receipt of a fine cluster of large ripe black-berries, plucked from the parent stem on the day before Thanksgiving, in the garden of N. F. Mudge, esq., of this city. Blackberries from the bushes in Oregon, on Thanksgiving day! Put that in your newspapers; ye of the Atlantic side, who are now commenting upon the inclemency of your weather, frozen up canals, and deep-snows."

It appears that the paragraph has traveled, for Mr. Mudge is in receipt of letters of anxious inquiry from the other side of the continent, one of which is as follows, and explains what constitutes comfort in the State of Minnesota:

GLENWOOD, POPE COUNTY, MINNESOTA, Friday, December 19th, 1873.

N. F. Mudge, esq., Astoria, Oregon: My Dear Sir—I have seen in the newspapers that a cluster of blackberries was plucked from the bush in your garden on the day before Thanksgiving. I was telling some of my Minnesota friends about it, and they thought it "a big story!" and I told them I should write you a line, and see if it was so, to show them that there is a part of the world that is better than this frozen land.

I took a load of wheat to mill, (eighteen miles), that very day before Thanksgiving. I had on two pairs of heavy pants and drawers, two heavy woolen shirts, a vest, and two thick coats, a fur cap, Polar cap, and heavy muffs around my neck, and with all of that on, and Arctic boots, thick woolen mittens, and seven mittens, that come up to the elbows, well lined, I had to run on foot the most of the way or freeze. And let me say, that 's as thin a set of clothing as one can wear here in cold weather.

The tanks where we water our stock is frozen twenty inches deep. We have fed and stabled all of our stock since the 25th of October last. The snow came on then, but the ground had been frozen since the 10th of October. The ground was open five and a half months this year, only.

How long do you have to feed stock in Oregon as a general thing? About what amount of hay to each horse or cow during a common winter? What is your wheat average per acre, where it is well farmed? Is it a healthy climate? It seems to me that it must be healthy, unless you are on the river bottoms, where there is low land and stagnant water. What is the price of fanning mills in your section of country? Do you clean your wheat for market, or sack it as it comes from the threshing-machine? Do you keep many honey bees?

But I fear I am prolonging my question about the blackberries, and I hope you will excuse my many questions, as you know a Yankee is apt to ask questions, but I intend to move to Oregon another year, and would like to get posted a little. Please write soon if convenient. Thermometer here, to-day, 20; below zero. Yours truly, MARK D. JUDKINS.

Having been in Minnesota we "know how it is ourself," hence there is not the slightest doubt in our mind but that Mr. Mark D. Judkins is correct in his statement. It makes us shudder to think of those Minnesotians, shut up for half the year by such rigid weather, but notwithstanding this the State grows. Minnesota is a big State, a populous State now, to what it was in 1862, when we invested our worldly possession in a pair of Mules and started the Plains across. One Winter was enough for us in Minnesota, and but for relatives and friends there would banish from our minds forever any recollection of the region. Minnesota is a good State to emigrate from—Oregon is a good State to immigrate to. We will not attempt to answer Mr. Judkins in detail, in this article. We will send to his address the matter of about 50 printed pages for his perusal, and hope to see his ruddy face in our land before another Winter sets in. Respecting stock, and feeding in Winter, such a thing is perfectly preposterous, in Clatsop county. Work stock and Milch cows are fed hay and some grain. A milch cow in Astoria will keep rolling fat on one ton of hay a year. As a grain country Oregon is far ahead of Minnesota. The grain is more accessible and of better quality. The following illustrates in a measure, what is being done here at grain raising:

As an evidence of the productiveness of Oregon, read the following statements of the yield of grain from different sections of the State; C. P. Burkhardt, of Linn county, raised Golden Amber wheat weighing 62 1/2 lbs per bushel—43 bushels to the acre. R. C. Geer, of Marion county, raised White Winter wheat weighing 63 lbs per bushel—40 bushels to the acre. H. Massey, of Polk county, raised little Red and white Club wheat weighing 64 lbs per bushel—also, Russian Winter oats, weighing 40 lbs per bushel—40 bushels per acre. J. W. Hearford, of Marion county, raised Winter oats weighing 50 lbs per bushel—75 bushels to the acre. R. C. Geer also raised English Winter oats weighing 45 lbs per bushel—104 bushels to the acre. Oregon is yet a sparsely settled region,

and her capacity for grain production is but partially developed. The following table, estimating the product of seven counties in the Willamet valley, will serve to illustrate the productiveness of Oregon soil, in wheat raising:

Table with 5 columns: Counties, Population, Miles Area, Bushels Raised, Bushels to Acre. Rows include Marion, Linn, Benton, Polk, Lane, Yamhill, Washington, and Totals.

Now read what farmers say of another crop—flax seed, one of the best crops for change of land, flax stubble being equal to Summer fallow for wheat, according to the testimony of all flax raisers in the State. The price paid for flax seed by the Pioneer Oil Company of Salem, is three cents per pound:

J. B. Henderson, of Linn county, from 77 acres of land sown to flax received 1,100 bushels of seed. James Snelling, from 44 acres received 1,018 bushels. Robert Montgomery, from 57 acres received 818 bushels.

We really think that Mr. Judkins exercises good judgment when he selects Oregon as a State to emigrate to. With the same zeal and tact for management, it is essential to keep life in a man in Minnesota, he could live here a thousand years and be much more contented and happy. Leave your Polar cap, fur cap, muffs, arctic boots, woolen mittens, coon over mittens, etc., etc., behind, there is no demand for them here, as the mercury never gets so low down as to make them very useful in any portion of the State.

—The Supreme Court has declared valid the Iowa law regulating railroad freights.

—The greatest magicians of the age are the paper-makers; they transform the beggar's rags into sheets for editors to lie on.

—In the withdrawal of S. S. Cox from the grab caucus, the Brooklyn Argus sees his inevitable nomination for Governor of the Empire State next fall.

—The French throw the blame for the Ville du Havre disaster upon the officers of the Loch Earn, while the Scotch put the responsibility upon the French.

—President Grant has entirely dispensed with liquor in the White House, and it is almost entirely abolished from the most fashionable parties given in Washington.

—Visitors to Wood's Oregon museum are astonished at the display of home curiosities already collected, to say nothing of the beautiful and curious from other countries. Go and see them.

—It is reported that opposition steamers between San Francisco and the Columbia river will soon be started. Reports like this have been circulated before. Seeing will be believing with most folk this time.

—William M. Tweed was a member of Congress from New York City about twenty years ago—a fact not generally known. He was a member of the Thirty-third Congress. It is alleged that his is the first instance of a man who has been a member of Congress having been sent to the penitentiary.

—Mexico claims \$27,000,000 from the United States for damages by raids of Indians into her territory. The matter has been before a sort of Joint Commission for some time, but without any decision having been reached concerning it. Dispatches state that the controversy is to be decided by the British Minister at Washington, who has been selected to act as umpire in the matter.

—The Pacific Christian Advocate is responsible for the following: "A curiosity has been dug up at North Yamhill, consisting of a petrified human finger with the nail perfect as life. Mr. George Robinson and brother were digging a well, and, when at the depth of thirty-six feet, they came to a clam bed, and among the petrified clams the finger was discovered. We are satisfied that it never belonged to Noah and his family, but cannot tell but what it was the property of one of the "sufferers" of that period. This relic has been presented to Mr. T. A. Wood for his Museum in Portland, by J. S. Robinson."

—The Baltimore base-ball club has suspended, with liabilities amounting to \$7,000. Pan was the cause of it.

—An ex-convict with several Aliases, has been arrested under the name of St. Clair as the party who set fire to Hurgren & Shindlers furniture establishment on the 2d of last August, and caused the greatest fire which ever occurred in this part of the world. He was committed to jail in default of \$5,000 bonds for his appearance before the next grand jury.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

DIED.—In Astoria, Jan. 11th, 1874, at ten o'clock p. m., CAPT. A. C. FARNSWORTH, aged 50 years.

Funeral will take place at half past one o'clock p. m. to day, (Tuesday, Jan. 13th), from Masonic Hall. Friends of deceased are invited to attend.

Masonic Notice.

Members of Temple Lodge No. 7, A. F. and A. M., and all sojourning Brothers, are requested to meet at Masonic Hall to-day, (Tuesday, Jan. 13th), at one o'clock p. m., prompt, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, CAPT. A. C. FARNSWORTH.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING Members of Astoria Fire Co., No. 1, will take notice that the regular monthly meeting will be held at the Engine house, this TUESDAY, evening, at 7 o'clock.

NOTICE.

THE TAX-PAYERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1, Clatsop County, Oregon, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the First Term of the Present School Year are Now Due.

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O'CONNOR & MALARKY HAVE REMOVED to 88 Front street, corner of Washington, Portland, where, with increased facilities, we shall endeavor to retain our old customers and obtain new ones by selling goods that are reliable, and full value for the money asked. Wholesale and retail Grocers, Ship Stores, foreign and domestic Fruits, Garden and Grass Seeds.

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Notice. PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED until the 15th inst., for constructing a building FOR A CANNERY AT UPPER ASTORIA.

Clatsop County, Oregon. For ALL PARTICULARS, apply at Astoria, to JOHN BADOLLET, January 7th, 1874.

Fruit Trees.

THE UNDERSIGNED IS PREPARED to furnish, from the Vancouver Nursery of S. W. Brown, Actually one of the Best Nurseries on the Pacific Coast, All kinds of Fruit Trees, Ornamental Trees, Vines, Berry Shrubs, etc., at Reduced (Catalogue) Prices. Orders may be left at the ASTORIAN Office.

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Dissolution Notice.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of Farleman & Lawson, doing a hotel business at Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon is this day dissolved, by mutual consent. All bills due the late firm will be collected by C. B. Farleman, and all bills owing by the firm will be paid by him.

Parker House,

HOTEL AND RESTAURANT, Main Street, Astoria. Farleman & Chappell, Prop'rs. Have Leased the above named Newly Built, Hand-finished, and Newly Furnished Hotel, and propose to conduct the same in a first class manner. The house will be kept open day and night. No pains will be spared to insure the comfort of guests.

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THE UNDERSIGNED WISHES TO INFORM the Public of Astoria and surrounding country that he is now prepared with a good team to attend to all kinds of hauling in Astoria.

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THE UNDERSIGNED, ABOUT TO REMOVED from Astoria, offers his stock of fancy Poultry for sale, at the following reduced prices:

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