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Wheat has taken a tumble and it is likely that by the time of harvest the farmers will have to accept the usual price of 60 cents a bushel. Isn't it surprising that these big flurries always come before harvest time? But the consumers have to pay fancy prices for flour, just the same.

The Livestock Sale at the Portland Country Club this week means a great deal to everyone in Oregon. Saturday and Sunday witnessed thousands of people visiting the grounds to inspect what is universally conceded to be the greatest gathering of blooded horses ever collected in the Pacific Northwest to be sold to the highest bidder. The sale at Portland has uniformly been more successful than ever those in Chicago, in proportion. The sale will continue up to Friday night at the Country Club, Saturday being devoted entirely to cattle at the Union Stock Yards. Oregon is making a wonderful showing, and there is assurance that buyers will be here from all neighboring states and British Columbia.

With the two splendid vessels, the steamer Independence and the launch Louise, belonging to Claud and Frank Skinner, and the Victoria of Independence, now under construction, there is every reason to believe the upper Willamit will receive more attention from the government dredger. It is believed on competent authority that with the attention now being given to upper river navigation, within the next few months navigation will be opened between Eugene and all lower river points. This is of more than passing importance to every resident of the valley tributary to it, when it is remembered that through the opening of the Willamette river to navigation railroad rates will be more uniformly adjusted to the minimum than through any other influence. Then, too, the acquirement of the locks at Oregon City is also of paramount importance. It should be remembered that as long as the locks are operated as they are today the consumers pay for their operation

A party of Illinois investors recently clubbing together and sent one of their number, who had visited Oregon during the Exposition, for a trip through the state. Upon his return to Portland, this gentleman said that he found Oregon people much changed. At that time they were intensely conservative, today they are enthusiastic, optimistic, and unanimously predict a great future in fact many communities are growing so rapidly that they imagine they have all the growth, but those who have seen the houses and other improvements taking place everywhere, know that the next decade will see record-breaking advancement along every line. Asked if he was satisfied, he replied: "I would n't return to Illinois, but shall remain here to receive my friends who are coming in parties of three, five and ten."

As an instance of the result of abuse of prohibition in the city of Eugene a young man lost his life through being sold adulterated liquor. Arnanaldo Nye, a boy of fourteen years of age came into possession of what purported to be whiskey. A few hours after its drinking an inquest was held over his corpse. Attachment of blame has not been placed. The case is a sad one. From the effects of his death a recent report from Eugene gives account of the death of the mother of the young man. Mrs. Nye's death is explained by the doctors as auto-infection, the outgrowth of her grief over the death of her son.

Swift and Company announce that they plan to begin actual packing operations in their new plant at Portland in July. This brings to the surface the necessity for the farmers of Oregon to grow more hogs. Pigs can be raised until they are three months old on vetch or other roughage. A fat 200 pound hog in Portland today is worth \$1.50 cash, live weight. The packers will have to get a supply. Must they spend money for the hogs to Nebraska, or will we raise them in Oregon?

Two million dollars for the four hundred and sixty-two acres universally known as the "Ladd Farm" put Portland city lots in class with Oregon orchards, and the developers of this magnificent property will certainly be satisfied if it pays dividends equaling those of a well-kept, modern orchard.

While estimates as to the present population of Oregon vary, some men who have the right to be called well posted feel that the state today has upward of three-quarters of a million people. With every county in the state getting new settlers, some have attracted greater immigration during the past year than for five years before.

Recovers Interesting Relic

A. G. Magers, of Salem, recently received a rather interesting relic of Oregon's pioneer days, it being a heavy oak moldboard of the plow used by General Phil Sheridan, at that time a lieutenant, on the Grand Ronde Indian reservation. There were no disc plows those days, and in fact none of the fine plows which the farmers of these days find necessary, and yet do not fully appreciate. The moldboard is from two to four inches thick, made from Oregon oak. It was originally provided with a cutter or front made from a wagon tire, but this has been lost, and only the wood remains. It still has the wooden plugs by which it was fastened to the plow frame and is in a fine state of preservation.—Salem States-state of preservation.—Salem Journal.

Building Progressing Rapidly

Work on the addition to Hanna Bros. brick block is progressing. The addition will be 130 feet occupying the full width of the brick and will be of corrugated iron with asbestos roof. With the addition this hardware company will have commodious quarters. It is expected that Hanna Bros. will in the near future add a brick addition on the north of the block.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed by the County Court of Polk County, Ore., Administrator of the estate of J. P. Tetherow, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified by law required at my residence at Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon, within six months from date hereof.

A. A. Tetherow,
Administrator Estate of J. P. Tetherow, deceased. 48-52
B. F. Jones, Attorney

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VICTORIA OF INDEPENDENCE

WILL BE READY TO OPERATE NEXT WEEK

Formal Launching and Christening Expected to take place early in Week the Run Between Salem and Corvallis Will be Taken Up.

The Steamer Victoria of Independence is now lying at anchor on the Willamette river in ten inches of water fulfilling every expectation of her builder, Dr. Parrish. The formal christening is expected to take place early the coming week then the trial run up the Willamette river will take place. Reconstruction has been in the hands of C. Purvine and he has made the vessel a model of neatness.

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Circuit Court Docket

Following is the docket for Judge George H. Burnett's department of Circuit Court, which will be convened in Dallas, Monday, May 10:

J. A. Harps Manufacturing Company vs. T. A. Riggs, action for money; F. A. Turner for plff.

Vick Brothers vs. Earhardt & Meyer, action for money, J. H. Flower for plff.

State of Oregon vs. John Courtney, assault with attempt to commit rape; J. H. McNary for plff.

L. U. Josse vs. D. C. Harris, action for money; M. E. Pogue and William Kaiser for plff.; George B. Bingham for deft.

The Averill Machinery Company vs. F. N. Smith and S. B. Tetherow, action for money; Sibley & Eakin for plff.

C. L. Fitchard vs. M. E. Gillespie action for money; B. F. Jones for plff Corvallis & Alsea River Railway Company vs. E. W. Strong, action for money; McFadden & Bryson for plff.

Charles Kohn & Company vs. G. L. McMurphy and H. Fugitt, action for money; Oscar Hayter for plff.

F. Moyer vs. Polk County Mill & Lumber Company, action for damage; H. H. Latourette for plff.

Fred Stettler vs. William Schindler and Ann Schindler, action for money; James G. Heltzel for plff.

Salem, Falls City & Western Railway Company vs. Pierce Riggs et al. condemnation; Oscar Hayter for plff.

M. Bailey vs. Benton County, Oregon; damages; Weatherford & Wyatt for plff. McFadden & Bryson for deft.

For Sale

74 head of high-grade sheep with lambs for sale. Also 14 head of goats. For information see Harry Hilt 48-51

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting of Calvary Presbyterian church was held in the church on Monday evening, Rev. Dr. Bell of Corvallis sitting as Moderator of the meeting. Messrs D. A. Hodge and G. W. Conkey were elected as trustees, and E. T. Hinkle and C. Purvine as elders. The church begins the fiscal year with every encouragement, and they look forward with anticipation to a successful and prosperous year.

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