

England's Wheat Bill.

Ninety-one million dollars represents the value of the 131,000,000 bushels of wheat imported last year into Great Britain. This is the largest quantity ever taken by the United Kingdom in one year, being an increase of between 7 and 8 per cent over the figures of 1892 and 1893. Notwithstanding this increase of 8 per cent in quantity values fell, comparing 1892 with 1894, by 29,500,000, or 24 per cent. If the United Kingdom had paid the same price in 1894 as she paid in 1892 to nations shipping wheat to her, her payments would have been \$131,822,000 instead of \$91,308,000. There has been thus a saving to her and a corresponding loss to other countries of \$40,500,000, representing a fall in values of about 20 per cent. The United States supplied the United Kingdom with 65,250,000 bushels in 1892; with 80,250,000 in 1893, and with 46,000,000 bushels in 1894, a falling off of nearly 5 per cent (1892-1893), and of 27 per cent (1892-1894). Values were \$64,500,000 in 1892, \$51,500,000 in 1893, and a trifle over \$32,000,000 in 1894, being a fall of 20 per cent (1892-1893), and 48 per cent (1892-1894). The quantity of the supplies obtained from the United States declined 27 per cent from 1892 to 1894, while the value fell off 48 per cent. The wheat imports from all countries to the United Kingdom increased (1892-1894), in quantity by 8 per cent, the imports from the United States declined by 27 per cent, and our wheat was supplanted in that country to the extent of 17 per cent of the total quantity imported. In other words, had we sent in 1894 the same proportion of her total import as we sent in 1892 we would have forwarded over 68,000,000 bushels instead of 46,000,000 bushels, a difference of 22,000,000 bushels, which just about represents the increase in the Russian shipments (from 8,000,000 to 31,000,000). The seasaw between Russia and the United States is of regular recurrence, however, and has no special significance; but the real feature of the year was the increase from the Argentine from 6,500,000 bushels in 1892 to 24,000,000 bushels in 1894. It is the appearance upon the scene of this comparatively new competitor, which is always anxious to realize, and always offering cargoes at lower and lower prices, that has weighed down the British market more than any other single factor and brought prices down to bed-rock. Competition from this source is expected to be permanent and to increase in volume.—Breder's Gazette, June 1.

THE POLK COUNTY PRESS.

News Items and Editorial Expressions.

(Itemizer.)

Last week a pool of 20,000 pounds of wool was sold at McCoy at 12 1/2 cents, and since then 10,000 pounds additional has been bought there. The cost of shipment to Portland being 35 cents per 100 pounds by rail and only 10 cents from Lincoln by boat, it was hauled to that point. Seth Biggs had in the pool two years' crop or 6,368 pounds. Others put in as follows: A. C. McKinnon, 2,203; Henry Fawk about 4,000; A. M. Holmes, 382; Sam Smith, 876; Ezra Hart, 614; Zach Howe, 851; I. M. Palmer, 675; J. K. Sears, 2,184; A. C. Taylor, 581; S. W. Fletcher, 522; J. P. Emmett, 480; Fred Smith, 249; Wm. Yocom, 250; Calvin Welch, 230.

While at the funeral of Grandpa Rogers the other day, Mrs. Alex McNary and Mrs. Henry Fawk were thrown from a buggy and considerably bruised.

Fred Palmer and John Howdiffe, of Dallas, graduated from the commercial department of the normal school this week.

The academy trustees have employed Prof. A. M. Sanders to take charge of the academy again next year. There are to be three eleven week terms and a tuition fee of \$3 will be charged.

Mrs. D. B. McDonald, Mrs. F. J. Coad, Mrs. J. V. Chitty and John Lyons started overland to Harney valley Saturday for the benefits of the outing and a visit with their sister, Mrs. Swain, who lives there. They expect to be absent a couple of months.

Hayne, son of A. M. Holmes, has near Whitson some excellent re-

claimed swamp land on which he has two acres of celery, that much in onions and other garden truck. He is experimenting with cranberries and if they pan out well he will put out several acres of them.

(Observer.)

The 13-year-old daughter of Mr. W. Werts fell from a swing, Monday evening, and broke her leg. Lots of lumber is being hauled through Dallas from the mountain saw mills near Falls City.

County Clerk Mulkey will create at the Woods celebration.

The work on the new M. E. church, South, building is progressing rapidly, and about next Tuesday or Wednesday a corner stone laying service will be held.

The pride of Polk county's Court is that old pear tree that stands by the pump in the court house yard. The limbs were caused to be sawed off, and seven different varieties of fruit grafted into the stubs. The old tree shows every sign of surviving the test, and of standing a long time as a monument of Polk county's progressive 1895 court on fruit culture.

The delinquent tax roll is now complete and in the hands of the sheriff for collection.

Miss Millie Doughty returned on Saturday to her Moonmouth home to spend a short vacation after another year's teaching in California.

From a private letter we learn that Mr. C. C. Campbell, of this place, is now in Central America. Charley is quite a rover.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gathered from our Various Exchanges Throughout the State.

The new creamery at Tillamook is receiving 80,000 pounds of milk a day. Its capacity is 9000 pounds. The milk is made into cheese every day, and about three tons of cheese is made each week. Ordinarily 10 pounds of milk makes one pound of cheese.

The John Day valley has large coal beds cropping out in different places along the John Day river. The only place at which any work has been done on these coal beds is on Mr. James Small's farm, 25 miles below Canyon City. A 50-foot cresent tunnel has been run, exposing a number of coal veins varying in thickness from four to seven feet. The coal is lignite and of good quality. Arrangements are being made to bore for coal on the marsh land adjoining the Beaver Hill mine, to determine the depth the vein lies under ground.

Oats are now quoted at 40 cents a bushel in the Roseburg market.

During the bicycle parade in Astoria Monday night last week, some ruffian sprinkled a lot of tacks along a part of the route and a number of tires were punctured. Ed Truesdale, G. D. Biggs and David Heidenreich have been arrested for cattle stealing in Baker county.

Charles Gentry, the cattle man from Long creek, was running down a steer at the Pendleton cattle yards and left his coat on one side for a short time. He noticed several hobs standing near, and when he returned his pocketbook, containing \$15 in cash, was gone, together with a pistol.

The fishing season at The Dalles so far is not a glittering success. Persons who know say there are plenty of fish in the river, but the water is so clear that they do not run amuck the wheels, and consequently none are caught. A big rain to help the crops and muddy the river would be just the thing.

Earl Sampson, aged about 19 years, while living with a brother-in-law at Sheridan, hired a horse from Bewley's livery stable early in the month. He was seen in Lafayette on June 5. He afterwards went to Tillamook and traded the horse for another, which he sold and then spent the money. He had a hearing last week at Sheridan and plead guilty. In default of bonds he is in the county jail.

Editor Barnhart, of the Yamhill Reporter, is trying the virtues of the Lane county springs as a cure for rheumatism.

There is likely to be some very close investigation to discover the persons guilty of burning the Cunningham property in Umatilla county. The total insurance on

the property amounts to \$30,500, one of the largest policies being for \$16,800 in the Hartford.

Last month the J. S. Clark creamery, in Forest Grove, was kept very busy. During May, 91,557 pounds of milk were received, from which 3570 pounds of butter were made, selling for \$446.25. This brought the farmer 18 cents a roll clear of expense. The creamery is prospering, and the good quality of its product is being recognized and bringing in the trade its merits.

A deed has been filed for record in Corvallis by which Clarence Smith transfers to his mother, Anna Smith, his undivided one-half interest in 2386 acres of land in the G. B. Smith estate. The consideration is "The love and affection which the first party has and bears to the second party, and also for the better maintenance, support, protection and livelihood of the second party."

Chester McQueen and wife, arrested at Eugene for violating the law of Oregon which prohibits the marriage of first cousins, were acquitted by the jury, in circuit court Tuesday. The law says such marriages are voidable, while the jury through sympathy for the couple who were virtually children and ignorant of the law, told them to go and sin no more.

The Wasco county grand jury finds that \$1311.77 in fraudulent script has been issued by its county clerks, and recommends suits against the respective bondsmen. They urge that the sheriff's books be examined.

On last Thursday the residence of John Cooney, near North Yamhill, was burned. Everything except a hammock and a rocking chair were consumed. The residence was erected last year and was insured for \$1000. The family was away from home when the fire broke out.

According to the Times the residence of Judge McFadden at Corvallis was undoubtedly set on fire, by burning a pile of shavings, etc., on the rear porch, placing them there for the purpose. The house was insured for \$1000, and cost about \$2500.

Gold was first discovered in 1852 in Canyon creek, and placer mining has been carried on in different parts of the county ever since. Grant county has produced all of \$5,000,000 in placer gold.

OUR ROSEBURG LETTER.

An Old-Timer Falls into a Reminiscent Mood and Draws a Picture of People and Events.

Taking our after-dinner smoke and being in somewhat of a contemplative mood, old Polk looms up before our mental vision in its pristine beauty, and old friends and acquaintances are called to mind, and we cannot but wish we were with them today, to once more grasp the hand of those who for many years we have been on intimate and friendly relationship. Almost continually our minds wander thitherward and grouping before our mental vision our old friends engaged in their usual associations and smiling benignly one on the other.

We see Jim Cooper standing on the bank corner in anticipation of a deposit of money. We see Pentland setting type and noting down local items. We see Henry Patterson with that huge smile on his face dispensing courtesy and drugs to his patrons. We see the great stock of machinery about O'Donnell's and imagine when and where he is to get his pay for the same. We see Dr. Lee with that long stride of his making rapid haste to his patients. We see Dr. Butler just as he arrived from London, and standing on the street relating some of the wonders of that ancient city. We see L. Kelso with that intensely honest countenance of his waiting for a customer ready to grasp his shining shekels. And then there is Al Goodman without little "Tis" to guard his house, and almost wishing that Bill Madison had not taken him to Roseburg. And then we see Baker the grand G. A. R. man talking politics and seemingly as happy as a maid receiving the first kiss from her loved one. Then there is Mike counting up his cent per cent and outbidding all his competitors for produce. And again we imagine how Jack Veness looks behind the counter selling pins and needles to his

lady customers. Jack is a beauty. He's a drawing card and his attractive ways is sufficient advertisement for his business house. Here's our Jack, vote straight and you'll be happy. And Marion is not forgotten. We see him arrayed in that smashed hat which belonged to the Coxe army last June. But we presume Marion does not sing so musically now as he did at that time. We see John Cooper rallying the boys to vote the republican ticket. John can make rates as well as make brick, and that too without a "brick in his hat." And then we see Johnny Ford trotting up to the depot with rapid motion in search of something he can't always find, but then Johnny is "a chief among ye takin' notes, and faith he'll print 'em." And then comes O. D. Ryder to town, generous soul, dispensing smiles and pleasing chat to all around. And then comes Joe Hubbard from across the river, stringing hop vines, in anticipation of a fortune or a bust. Let us hope it will be the fortune in good duce.

Now if these notes fall into the hands of the "Enterprise" man and should appear in print, we hope no disastrous consequences will ensue.

There is a probability that we will be down to Independence prior to the time of the completion of Jim Cooper's big brick, and then we expect to rent it for the G. A. R. meeting next summer. We anticipate one of the grandest times ever known in Independence when that meeting takes place, for we well know that you people are equal to the occasion and will put forth every effort to make it a marked feature in the history of old Polk. "Old Polk" it is a familiar sound, its music to our ears when pronounced by residents of this city. I am staying here but I am mentally living in Polk, where the years of my early manhood were spent, and where I expect my mortal remains to be interred when the spirit takes its flight. No news. My best regards to old friends.

S. S. Roseburg, Or., June 22, 1895.

OUR CALIFORNIA LETTER.

Error Enterprise:—A full month has elapsed since our arrival at this place and my communication for your paper has not been written.

Byron is situated in the heart of the great San Joaquin valley, the great wheat growing section of the state. The farmers are now in the midst of the harvest and report the crop one of the largest ever raised in the valley. Many large fields averaging 3,500 pounds per acre. They use combined harvesters and threshers, so that when the grain is cut it is sacked and ready for market. Prices are opening fair, 95 cents per cental being the price offered. At Byron they have the advantage of low rates of transportation, 20 cents per ton on grain via water to San Francisco and 60 cents per ton via R. R., while at Haywards, just west of here and about the same distance by R. R., the rate is \$2.50 per ton. There is but little heard here about the new Valley R. R., although it is generally believed the road will be built soon.

The Byron Hot Springs is a great resort for the people of San Francisco and Oakland, and many wonderful cures are reported of persons afflicted with rheumatism and lung diseases. Our climate is a happy medium between that of San Francisco and the interior. It seldom goes above 90 degrees and never below 32. They call it a wet season if they get more than 12 inches of rain during the year. At this point there is but little fruit or vegetables raised, but an abundance near at hand. Nearly every one do their trading in San Francisco, and, as a result, the stores of our place are small. San Francisco is the city of the state and while the climate is not the most desirable, yet the advantages for trade are such that business centers at that place and the city is growing very rapidly. Stockton is one of the most enterprising towns of the interior, and is growing as fast as any town in the state.

Personally, I can say I am well pleased with the country, and have improved greatly in health. We find it a healthy place and that

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