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WEATHER REPORT.

OREGON WEATHER BUREAU. CENTRAL OFFICE, PORTLAND, OREGON. CROP-WEATHER BULLETIN NO. 4, FOR THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1891.

This bulletin is made up from reports received from 173 correspondents. The various conditions and prospects as reported are given. Statements made are from written reports of reliable men in every section of the state.

WEATHER.

Cool temperatures, frosty nights, showers, fresh winds and two cloudless days have been the weather characteristics for the week. While the temperature has been below the normal for this season of the year, yet there has been a gradual rise, but slow, in the heat each day. Frosts were general and frequent, but owing to the retarded state of fruit buds and vegetation there was no damage done. The showers helped to keep the soil wet, thus delaying spring seeding. The dampness and cool winds have not been favorable to the young lambs and some loss is reported therefrom. Light hail storms, doing no damage, occurred in many sections on the 26th and 27th ult. Snow fell in Lake county to a depth of 2 inches, on the 26th.

CROPS.

While the weather conditions are not favorable to the rapid advancement of vegetation, yet it is rather beneficial, as it allows the roots to gather strength and gives a slow but healthy growth. Fall wheat is reported to be better stooled and rooted than for many years.

Spring seeding in southern Oregon is well along. In the Willamette valley it is greatly delayed, except on the higher lands. In eastern Oregon in some sections it is half done, in others just commencing. The acreage of spring sown grain will be larger than last year.

The cool weather continues to check advancement of fruit, hence it is beneficial to it, as it is less liable to be injured by late frosts. Fruit is further advanced in Jackson, Josephine and Benton counties than in other sections of the state. The snow is gradually leaving the foothills, and in the Coast range it is nearly all gone. Warmer weather seems approaching; the grass is growing, and stock are getting along very well.

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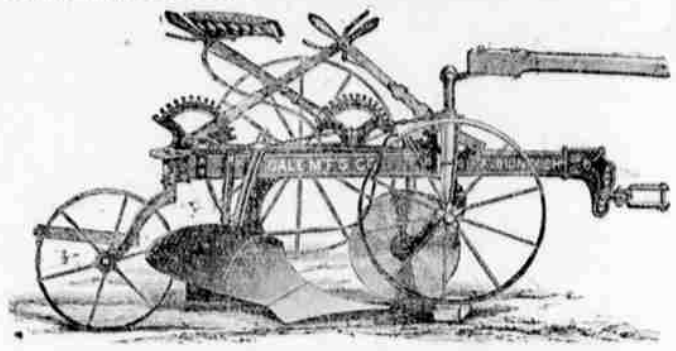

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