

PORTLAND MARKET.

A Resume of the Condition of Its Different Departments.

Business has been very active this week, especially in the vegetable and fruit line. The amount of trading was in excess of any previous week this year.

WHEAT.

Telegraphic advices report all markets dull and easier. English cargo market is neglected and bid per quarter cheaper.

Produce, Fruit, Etc.

WHEAT—Valley, \$1.52 1/2 @ 1.55; Walla Walla, \$1.47 1/2 @ 1.50 per cental. FLOUR—Standard, \$5.00; Walla Walla, \$4.60 per barrel.

FARM AND GARDEN

Truck Farming Near Large Cities.

HOW IT PAYS BIG MONEY.

Where Land is Plowed in Summer a Drag Should Follow Closely After the Plow.

"If I could only get a corner on the truck farms of this country," said a New York marketman with a turn for statistics.

"Speaking about truck farming—and, by the way, there are over half a million acres of good land in the country that don't do anything else but raise garden and field truck for markets with a capital invested of over \$100,000,000, and a call on 76,000 horses and mules, and about \$9,000,000 worth of implements to help do the work—where do you suppose all of these nice, bright, green plums and tempting cucumbers you see in the big restaurants and the swell fruit-store windows in the spring, before the snow is gone, and for which you have to put down a good half dollar before you can get one—where do you suppose they come from? I knew you'd say Bermuda, or some other place down South. But you're way off. These early cucumbers come from a climate about as near like Bermuda as California is like Minnesota.

They are the products of the green-houses, and New England is the only truck-growing district where the raising of cucumbers in this way has been made a successful and standard branch of the business. In other parts of the country the cucumber crop averages a net profit of from \$20 to \$250 an acre, the latter figure being made in Texas, Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas; but we never get any of their cucumbers here.

There are some crops which farmers at a distance from market can grow with profit if they have rich, early land, capable of bringing the crop forward rapidly. Beans to be used green require rich land. It can hardly be made too rich for them, the warmth from heavy manuring carrying them along while the weather is still much too cold for beans not thus cared for to make any growth.

One of the secrets of barley-growing is to cut it before the straw turns white. A little white at the upper part is enough. All the sap that will ever come to the berry is then in the plant, and separating it from the root appears to concentrate it there where most needed.

Employer—Thompson, you are discharged. Employee—But what have I done, sir? Employer—Nothing. Absolutely nothing. That's what I complain about.

LOUISIANA VETERANS.

Personal Notes of Delegates to the Convention.

At 7:30 this evening the delegates of the various camps of United Confederate Veterans will assemble at Memorial Hall to elect a Major-General to command the Louisiana Division for the ensuing year.

SKETCHES OF COMRADES.

Below will be found such personal notes concerning delegates as The Item reporters have been able to pick up, a number who promised memoranda not having sent it and others not being found.

Colonel B. F. Fahleman, the present chief of the veteran corps, Washington Artillery Camp, went out with the famous battalion in 1861 as Captain of the fourth company. He was the first officer wounded at the battle of Bull Run.

Born in this city on December 31, 1840, of native parentage, he, with many whose names will ever live in the history of the State, attended the public school of this city.

At an early age the death of his father left him to buffet the world with little help, save the encouraging and wise counsels of a brave mother, and determined his early embarkation in the varying and stern actualities of life.

His career as a soldier was conspicuous for his personal daring and bravery, not unmixt with a fair share of romance, and paying the penalty of his venturesome spirit, he was three times badly wounded, once in front of Richmond, at the battle of Frazier Farm, June 30, 1861, where he was appointed colonel of his battalion on the field by the Colonel commanding. The flag thus entrusted to him, which he carried to the end of the war, is the same battle flag which was presented to St. Paul's Battalion by General Longstreet to commemorate their desperate charge at Seven Pines, and which was after the surrender at Appomattox taken to a place of safety in Richmond.

At Sharpsburg (or Antietam) September 19, 1861, he was a second time wounded, and fell into the hands of the Federals. After being exchanged and before thoroughly recuperated from his disabling wounds, we find him again in the field of active duty with his command in and about the historical Blackwater, Southampton county, Va., and at the battle of Bellefield he was again wounded.

Surrendering with the last forlorn hope, after four years and several months of actual active service, he resumed his duties of citizenship in his native State, relapsing into those peaceful pursuits in which he could serve his people most beneficially. In 1867 he was elected Assistant Secretary of the Finance Committee of the City Council, where his intelligent administration of the office soon promoted him to the Secretaryship.

With varying successes to himself financially he thereafter engaged in various commercial enterprises, until of late years he acquired a home in the town of Waveland, adjoining Bay St. Louis, Miss., where his progressive spirit and enlightened enterprise were soon recognized, and he was elected and is still serving as a Councilman of that corporation. His suggestions of progress were soon adopted by his new constituents, and some time ago he was called upon to serve as President of the Gulf Coast Ice and Manufacturing Company, which is now affording such material comforts to the denizens of that lively little town.

COMPANIONSHIP.

After some thought that leaped life's boundary Unto that icy night that broods afar, Beyond the gleam of the remotest star, The night from whence we came and whither flee.

Then when you think of the great depth of these mines; the gigantic, incomprehensible weight of the mass resting upon the timbers, and the traveling mountain in which are the mines and on which is Virginia City, you involve propositions that have stumped the deepest thinkers.

I am not much of an advocate of prepared foods for dyspeptics. They may spare the stomach some extra work, but it is better to do that by thorough mastication of the food before swallowing it.

St. Petersburg's Novel Ceremony. The spring break up usually occurs about the middle of April, when all crossing upon the ice is stopped by the police, and the ceremonies of opening the river take place.

Raising Buffaloes as an Industry. A writer from Manitoba says it seems to him that the raising of buffaloes is an important question for the farmers of the northwest. The national government ought to take measures for the encouragement of the raising of the buffalo stock.

Old Enough to Feel It. A girl of 10 shipped and fell in front of the Detroit opera house yesterday, and a kind-hearted gentleman who assisted her to arise thought of comfort her by saying: "Never mind, sis, you ain't old enough to lose any dignity by it."

A "Free" Translation. The Springfield Union the other day puzzled its classical readers by asking for a translation of the Latin sentence: "Quis crudis enim lectus albus et spiravit." Of course nobody could make anything out of it; and so The Union gives the following elucidation: "Quis (who), crudis (raw) enim (for) lectus, (read) albus (white) et spiravit (and blow)—Hooraw for the red, white and blue!—New York Tribune."

At the Reception. Barbara—Hinda, that gentleman over yonder is my friend, Mr. Floyd. May I present him? Hinda—No, you must excuse me. He is the very man who kept his seat in the car the other evening while I stood all the way.

Caught in the Act. Stranger—How much do you got for the golden rule? Jeweler (wearily)—Young man, stop right there. I recognize you as the desperado who inquires for salvation, the pearl of great price, the celestial diamonds, the jewel of consistency, and as the fellow who wants to prize a pair of ruby lips. If you don't light out at once I'll call the police!—Jeweler's Review.

Trimming the Nose. Nose trimming is now performed without leaving scar or deformity. The removal of a little surplus tissue from the end of a long nose effects a wonderful change in facial expression.—Arkansas Traveler.

Killed the Fish. The harbor of Charleston, S. C., used to abound with blackfish, but the earthquake seems to have scared them away, for since the great shake-up hardly one has been caught.

The Board of Supervisors of San Francisco have purchased 10,000 feet of the "Eureka" Cotton Rubber Lined Fire Hose. Last month they also purchased 5,000 feet, and they will probably make another purchase of 5,000 feet in a short time.

Daddy—If you are a good boy, I'll take you to the circus. Sonny—Suppose I ain't a good boy? Daddy—Then you'll have a circus with me.

George Augustus Sala, the well-known English writer, on his Australian trip writes as follows to The London Daily Telegraph: "I especially have a pleasant remembrance of the ship's doctor—a very experienced maritime medico indeed, who tended me most kindly during a horrible spell of bronchitis and spasmodic asthma, provoked by the sea fog which had swooped down on us just after we left San Francisco."

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The new city directory of Cleveland contains 99,825 names, showing a population of 250,475, using three as a multiple. The city has gained about 20,000 people within the last year, and it is confidently expected that it will pass the 300,000 mark by 1902.