

Lebanon Express.

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The future for wheat is good. She has gone back to 86c, and a steady rise in the market. Nothing so encourages the wheat growers of the valley as the present prospects for a better future market.

The favor which the Australian system of voting has found in this country has inspired some reformers to suggest the adoption of another Australian system—that of registering titles to real property. Under this system the owner of real estate proves up his title before a government register and receives a certificate that he is the owner in fee. Thereafter transfers are made by a simple transfer of the certificate. This would certainly simplify matters; but that will probably be the chief objection to the method. The lawyers do not want any simplification and the lawyers must live—at least they think so.

The people of Oregon are certainly blessed above all other people with a climate and production necessary to the health and prosperity of man. How many east of the "Rockies" would be surprised at the growing wheat fields with their beautiful robes of green, and the balmy atmosphere that gives life, vigor and health to the dwellers in our borders. To-day nature in all its beauty blooms around us, and the promise of a coming bountiful harvest gives cheer to the farmer, spirits and buoy him up with hopes of an assured prosperity. Yes our Oregon is the brightest state in the constellation of states, and that star will ever shine with resplendent beauty.—Pole County Observer.

We noticed in the Albany Democrat that work had ceased on the Lebanon canal for want of funds. Also that the contract price was \$2000 and the contractor had quit and shipped his plant to Portland. This is about as near as Mr. "Shytes" and "Boy Nutting" could be expected to get any article of news concerning Lebanon. We are pleased to inform Bros. "Shytes" and "Boy Nutting" that the contract price was \$21,000. The company has as yet paid all bills that have been presented. On last Tuesday, the 10th, they paid out \$7000 and the work is still progressing on the ditch, and if the Lord is willing and the Albany Democrat don't interfere it will soon be completed. However, we do not think it will matter much what the Albany Democrat has to say, the work will go on just the same. And Lebanon will lay Albany in the shade for business, enterprise and energy.

CITY ELECTION.

It is now but little more than three weeks before the first city election will be held under our new charter, when the Mayor, Recorder, Treasurer, Marshal and four councilmen will be elected. This will be an important day in the history of the city, for upon that day officers will be chosen upon whose shoulders will rest the welfare of the city for the year.

Party affiliation has heretofore had but little to do with city elections. The dividing line has generally been with reference to views upon the liquor traffic. This question should not enter into and influence votes in city elections. Let the two great parties put forward the best material in their ranks and let the issue be fairly met. It is not pleasant nor profitable for our city to be perpetually wrangling over "wets and dries." There are many of the "dries" who would not make half way councilmen, and the same remark is equally true about the "wets." Each of these parties would support their own candidates regardless, in a great degree, of their true fitness for the place.

It is only to know that he is a "dry" as the case may be, that no man is elected who is in favor of enforcing the law, if it is all that is necessary. Then all have a city of which we will be proud.

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