them to pay the maximum price for their horders of wide-horned mustaing cattle and swarms of coarse-wooled, bare-bellied sheep disappeared from the face of this paradise and their places were occupied by waving fields of grain, prosperous towns and elegant villa-like country seats. In some instances the Mexican grants are preserved intact today, and have come to be looked upon when the government severs the hair

stampede for farms on Uncle Sam's land then began, and not three years more had passed by before nearly all the level

the favored localities of the coast. Next winter would be drier still. A shower of winter would be drier still. A shower of rain in November would start the sown grain beautifully; then a period of bright warm days, lovely weather for health or pleasure, but death on starting crops. Day by day almost the whole state was watching the clear, bligs sites, noting every shift of the light wind which persisted in coming from the north or west. A little cloud "no bigger than a man's hand" off to the southeast would crowd the street corners in every country town with anxious men, whose manney was buried in the loose, alluvia soil. "Going to rain sure," would be the prophesy of the hopeful ones. Laboring men, shopkeepers, merchants and bankers would be all equally uneasy about the rain. December, January and February would pass. No variation in the confusion and snarchy.

Jefferson's Oversight.

The death of Vice-President Head of Vice-President Head that the constitution makes no provision in regard to his successor. If the prosident were to die also, whilst congress was assembled time as an election could be held by the people; but if congress was not assembled there would be no one empowered to call a session for that purpose. A cabinet meeting might be held and the sepretary of state issue a proclamation, but he would have very little authority in the shoring men, shopkeepers, merchants and bankers would be all equally uneasy about the rain. December, January and February would pass. No variation in the confusion and snarchy.

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LOOK AT THE PRICE LIST!

Bacon per pound.

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10 cents about the rain. December, January and February would pass. No variation in the weather. New moons would appear and change, full and grow dark again, but on the first of April the plains and hills would look browner and barer than in November. Stock would suffer and linger; no feed, but the weather so bright and balmy that although starving they could not die. The February lambing passed without any increase. In many cases it was necessary to kill the lambs as fast as they came in order to give the ewes the only chance they had to live themselves. In '77 the writer assisted in killing the offspring of 2400 full-blood Merino ewes in the San Joaquin valley. Their owner had lived on in hope until the last, expecting the welin hope until the last, expecting the wellcome shower which would cover the
ground with green grass in four days,
but it never came. At the eleventh hour
he had rented an island on the river at
He found his folks all well, and is enjoyan enormous cost, and attempted to drive there. Lambing caught us on the way, traveling over broad acres of rich soil which had been black and dusty for nearly two years.
Summer came and went, long, hot and

Summer came and went, long, hot and dry, and again the farmers, already head and heels in debt, managed to obtain seed to take one more chance in Nature's lottery. Again the anxious watching for clouds which never came. The immediate surroundings of San Francisco directly on the coast always had dampness enough to produce vegetables and fruit, and so the bulk of the citizens of the city would not realize the failure the the city would not realize the failure the state was making until its effect began to tell on the peckets of business men. It was in times like fleese that Kearney became notorio. Idle men fleeked to the metropolis 75° join those newly-arrived there from the east, and the statching around after ants and other arrived the documents. arrived there from the east, and the stratching around after and and other thousands of Chinese working in the factories were blamed as the cause of the hard times. Then sand-lot agitation, the establishment of free soup-houses, and the exodus to Oregon and Washington would become the order of the day until the depression in the golden state was in one waye or another pulled through.

THE GAZETTE.

HEPPNER TRUESDAY, DEC. 3, No. 18.

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gathered their "vaqueros" and langurs on about them. A few acres would be femeed in for corn and watermelous and the balance left free to their flocks and herds. Our government respected these grants and so all that was left of California for the Americans to take up was the large, though comparatively arich area lying east of the coast range.

When the outside world began to pour into California in search of the gelds which her mountains contained, these Mexican rancheros commenced to sell their lands; some in small parcels, others parting with their entire tracts at once. Farming on the American system was instituted and these favored strips of rich soil, manured as they had been by the catile of a century, produced crops far beyond the expectations of the most sanguine. Good prices for produce prevailed; then the rush from mining to farming. In a few years the hordes of wide-horned mustang cattle and swarms of coarse-wooled, bare-Mexican grants are preserved intact today, and have come to be looked upon by well-wishers of the country as a curse to California,—a system which enables one man to monopolize an immense tract of fertile land to the detriment of the commonwealth.

Whilst farming was confined to this narrow belt, there was ne anxiety about the weather. Abundant rains during the winter and occan fogs in the spring always matured the crops. But now, in a few years the incoming home-hunters had begun to seattle to the ent of the Coast Rauge, and in an extremely wet season a large crop of wheat was raised by all who had ventured there. The stampeds for farms on Uncle Sam's land get title without further delay. If the railroad company had the land, it is berailroad company had the land, it is be heved that settlers could procure tracts of it at reasonable rates, according to its quality and location, and if it reverthad passed by before nearly all the level land in the state was taken up for wheat-raising.

Now California began to show its inequalities of climate. A wet season would be succeeded by a comparatively dry one, when most of the farmers would be compelled to cut their wheat for hay and buy their seed for next season from the farmers love. The cause Novy its farmers was done about the farmers was done about its farmers was d

Advances on Wool.

One would suppose that an experience like this would serve to entirely depopulate the great interior of California, and that a bowl would go up from the starving people that would startle the world, but during these three dry years the coast country had produced enough for home consumption, which would be

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W. Smith, Arlington. Land Office at La Grande, Or., Nov. 24, '83. Notice is hereby given that the followingnamed sottler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof an eupport of his intention to make final proof an eupport of his intention to make final proof an eupport of his claim, and that said proof will be saide before J. W. Badington, Notary at Reppuier, Or., on January 9, 1886, viz. Joseph Crank, NW '8 S '4 NE '8 and NE '8 NE '8 Nec. 23, Tp '8 NW '8 S '4 NE '8 and NE '8 NE '8 Nec. 23, Tp '8 NW '8 S '4 NE '8 and NE '8 NE '8 Nec. 23, Tp '8 NW '8 S '4 NE '8 and NE '8 NE '8 Nec. 23, Tp '8 NW '8 S '7 EW M. He names the following with answer to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz. A. Blurred, the inclination to give you'

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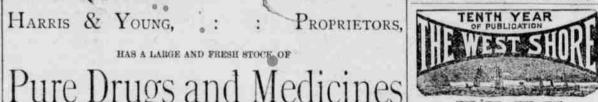
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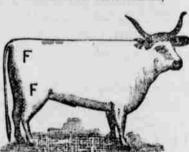
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NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Oregon. S. O. SWACKHAMER, Register. NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at The Dalles, Or Nov. 23, '85. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. W. Redington, Notary at Heppner, Or., on Jan. 9, 1896, viz.

W.m. Nelson,

Win. Nelson,
D. S. No. 2028, for the SE & SW & Sec. 19. E & NW & SW & NW & Sec. 30, T 1 N, R 25 E, W. M.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence apon, and cultivation of, said land, vis: Mm. More J. I. Benefiel, of Salineville; W. W. Stockdale, of Ella; A. J. Borden, of Heppner, Or.

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NOTICE. - HOMESTEAD CONTEST.

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Or...)

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