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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The cost for a card in our "Special Column" is merely nominal, and the responses are always many. It is the most profitable form of advertising land, stock, machinery, etc.

Alex McAllister, one of the principal sheepmen of Yakima valley has closed an arrangement for the services of George Pryor, who is a specialist in handling stock. One week's advertising did it.

The way agricultural implements of all kinds are selling is a caution. The season has only commenced and yet dealers report a most wonderful demand for grass and grain cutting and harvesting machinery.

Quite a number have responded loyally to our request to send in subscriptions from their neighborhoods. Surprising growth in the subscription list would result if each friend of the paper would send in just one new name a month.

Notice is here given that a prompt settlement of all accounts due to the Yakima Times-Argus on subscription will be requested. Those knowing themselves indebted to said paper will please call at the office of RANCHE AND RANGE and settle.

That individual who knows too much about farming to take an agricultural paper is beyond help. He has 'em bad. The up-to-date farmers are those who succeed now-a-days, and these will always be found to be subscribers to some good agricultural paper.

Fortune is surely favoring RANCHE AND RANGE. During the thirty days past we have added to our subscription books ten hundred new names. There is extended to advertisers an open invitation to examine our books and fully satisfy themselves that as a medium through which to reach the people this journal is not excelled by any other of any description published in all the northwest states. We challenge comparison of the subscription list of RANCHE AND RANGE, with any other publication in our field.

RANCHE AND RANGE had as a visitor Thursday last, Mr. Ernest Lister, auditor of the state board of control. He had been making a tour of the state looking over the various public institutions. He informs us that the Walla Walla peni-

tentiary will put on the market in time for the fall harvest, 600,000 grain sacks, the price for which has been fixed at \$5.25 per hundred. Mr. Lister called upon Col. Howlett while in Yakima, with the intention of relieving him of the office of arid land commissioner, closeup his quarters and take the books, etc., of the office back to Olympia, but the genial colonel politely declined to be removed or give up the property as requested, saying that from the interpretation he had made of the law, he was still the arid land commissioner, despite the declaration of the governor. Mr. Lister stated that he would report the decision of Mr. Howlett to the governor.

The old adage, whose proper interpretation implies judicious economy without meanness or pinching and cheese paring, has a larger application on the farm than is commonly believed. While it does not mean "saving at the spigot" and the denial to the farmer or his family of the reasonable comforts of life, it does include a stoppage of those bung-hole leaks that have no reason or sense in them nor any excuse save that one has gotten himself into a groove and either does not realize it or lacks the energy to get out of it. Peculiar to the farm is the serious and almost universal waste of using about twice as much land to grow a crop as would be required under better methods and more thorough culture. The farmer pays taxes and loses interest, or, as too frequently the case, pays interest on a mortgage for twice as much land as the labor at his command ought be expended upon, and at harvest time is worse off for it. This is a waste that will never cease until the farmer regards the problem before him as not how much, but how well, he can cultivate, and, as long as it continues, want will to a greater or less degree follow in its train.

So far in the history of this western country, all the manufactures used by its people have been imported from the east. A continual stream of money has been flowing eastward for nearly all the necessities and luxuries used. But it is gratifying to note indications of a reversal of conditions, and it may be confidently expected that the exports to the east of raw and manufactured products will ere long make a balance in our favor. In this connection we draw attention to the fact that the Tacoma Woolen Mill Company bought half a million pounds of wool in Portland last week, which the mill will use in the next six months by running double time. The firm has large orders from New York and other eastern points for clothing material. The manager, Mr. Fred Carter, tells us that: "We have decided to enter the New York market and will immediately get out spring samples for 1898, which will be shown in the New York market the first Monday after July 4. All the large clothing houses buy twelve months in advance and we expect by the second week in July to have our production sold for six months ahead. A large production lessens the cost. Running full time we can make 13,000 yards per month."