

LASSOINGS.

A small shipment of horses was recently made from Pendleton, Ore., to Portland. They were fairly good American horses, and brought \$10 per head. They were for the Reed & Northup expedition to the Klondike.

After a thorough discussion the Garden City Commercial Club of Walla Walla has decided to have a convention of the Pacific Northwest Dairy and Swine Association. It will be held in that city March 15 and 16. Prominent speakers representing both industries have and will be secured.

John McDonald, Jr., of La Grande, Ore., has just returned from Omaha, where he went with a shipment of hogs. He reports a good demand in that section for hogs for feeding purposes, although the price of fat hogs is no higher there than in this section.

Eugene Brown, a manufacturer of evaporators at Colfax, is building a plant at Waterville, one for Farmington and three for the Potlatch country. Ellensburg is thinking of having one made.

Mr. Wm. E. Ferguson has been compiling the grain statistics of New York port for 20 years. He gives the export of grain from that port for 1897 at 115,000,000 bu., the largest during the 20 years. Of this British vessels carried nearly three-quarters and American less than 1 per cent.

From the Winlock Pilot we learn that beef cows are now worth 2½c and beef steers 3c a pound in the Chehalis market, an advance of ½c per pound on each inside a week.

A. C. Gifford, a cattle dealer from South Dakota, arrived in Lewis county last Saturday. He is buying stock cattle and wants as many as 2,000 head from that county if it is possible to get them.

The contract has been signed for the construction of a beet sugar factory near La Grande, Ore. The factory is to be in operation by December 1, 1898. A subsidy of \$80,000 in land and notes is to be paid the company for building it. Contracts for the cultivation of 3,500 acres of beets have been signed by the La Grande farmers.

It is claimed that the San Jose scale has not yet made its appearance in Iowa. It is present in Illinois, however, and some efforts are being made to stamp it out. That state is behind Washington, though, in not having county inspectors of fruit with full power to act.

Over 20,000 bushels of potatoes have been shipped from Aurora, Ore., this season.

The creamery at St. Albans, Vt., is said to be the largest in the world. The milk of 12,000 cows is converted into butter daily. About 10,000 pounds of butter are made every day.

The Centennial mill of Seattle, which has lately been making flour at the rate of 700 barrels per day, is going to enlarge its capacity more than three times. On the first of March contracts will be let for the extra machinery needed in order to do this. It will then take rank with any of the great flouring mills of the Pacific coast.

Tobacco dust makes one of the best destroyers of lice on hens. It can be put in the dust bath or a strong tea made of it and sprayed where needed.

One hundred pounds of apples when evaporated will produce about 14¼ pounds of the dried product; 100 pounds of pears 19½ pounds when dried and 100 pounds prunes 37½ pounds.

What's the difference between your Sunday girl and a Christmas turkey? Why, one is dressed to kill and the other killed to dress.

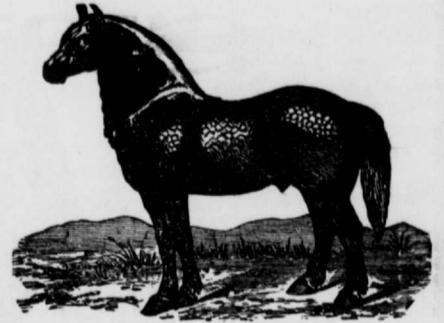
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