

Local and Personal.

Mr. E. S. Jewell, one of Salubria's leading citizens, was present at the Weiser Farmers' Institute. He has been in Idaho since 1862. He first mined in the Boise Basin, but later engaged in the stock business. Now his 775 acres of land close to Salubria are requiring most of his attention. He is doing mixed farming and has some good dairy cows as well as hogs and horses. His porkers are pastured on alfalfa and the stubble fields. About 200 of these are turned off each year. He is one of the stockholders in the new creamery at that place and will supply some milk for it when in operation. Mr. Jewell is a representative man and is prominently identified with the development of his section of the country.

Messrs. E. S. Cushman and A. Slusser, two prominent farmers near Nampa, were recent callers. Both report the past season as having been reasonably good with them and prospects for 1899 encouraging. They say the demand for hay is active and that they could get \$5 per ton in stack for any they might care to sell. Mr. Cushman is buying up young stock of the Short Horn breed for feeders.

Mr. J. C. Bane, Canyon county's popular new treasurer, favored us with a call the other day. Mr. Bane is quite an extensive farmer and stockman. He keeps horses, cattle and hogs, and raises considerable hay. He, last fall, sold upwards of 300 tons of hay to sheepmen at \$4.25 in the stack. Mr. Bane's farm is near Falk's Store in this county.

J. G. Welch of Payette informs us that his 6 acre vineyard, mostly of Concord grapes, did well last year. He made six barrels of wine and did not convert all of the grapes into this product this year. He will make quite an extensive planting of nursery stock the coming spring. He regards the Concord as the best grape for his section.

State Items.

The Sixth Annual Convention of the Northwest Fruit Growers Association will be held in the city of Spokane, under the auspices of the Spokane Chambers of Commerce Jan'y 24 to 28. It is ex-

pected that a large number of prominent orchardists will attend.

During the same week the Spokane Poultry and Pet Stock Association will have an attractive exhibit. The two events will doubtless prove of unusual interest.

Weiser has made a very substantial growth the past year, and one of her prominent citizens assures us that the business of the town has increased fifty per cent during that time.

Payette marketed something like 40 cars of melons during July and August of this year and these gave a net return of about \$5000.

Lewiston, the smart city of Nez Perce county, sent out about 200 cars of fruit last year.

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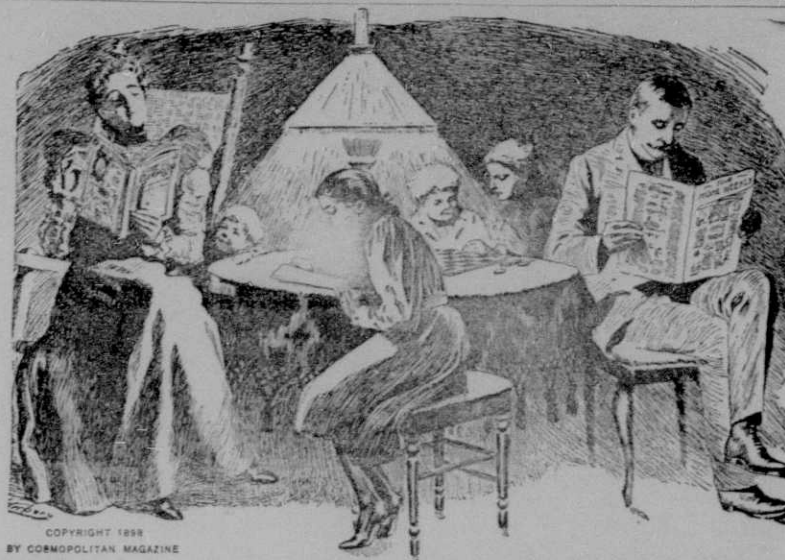
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