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"WHEAT is falling and silver is on the rise," say our populist friends, another admission that the populist theory of last fall that the prices of wheat and silver rise and fall together,

BETTER wages and better prices for commodities, according to the News, is not shared by the workingmen in ques. will not improve times. This is a new theory, and one which will cause old age to dawn rapidly on those who try to make themselves believe it.

WE don't want better prices, say our populist friends. This will be welcome news to men who have been working for merely bread and butter for the past three or four years; or to the farmers who have been forced to sell their products for just about what it cost to grow them. But then it is consoling to know that populism and are selling when five or six cents are being paid. Last year three and four cents was prosperity do not traval in the same

slated Mr. Geer for either collector of Mr. Geer bows gracefully, and all of are different this year; the buyers take which goes to show that Mr. Geer is,
The range in this county will have a much in fact, very much a "miscellaneous candidate." After be fails to get either he may renew his "miscellaneous candidacy" for superintendent of the penitentiary, superintendent of the reform school or clerk of the state land board, all of which are on his "miscel-

Just now it seems that the State of Oregon has four instead of three railroad commissioners. At a meeting of shows. the board in Salem the other day the three original members and A. I. Wagner, the "spare," were all present and took part or attempted to take part in the proceedings. General Compson, however, whom Wagner was appointed to succeed, is still of the opinion that he is a commissioner, and Mr. Wagner is equally confident of himself being a commissioner because our Lord has so ordained.

Last fall populist papers seemed very much interested that the laborer and the farmer should each get better other for the products of the soil. Both these conditions have been wrought, and now the same papers repudiate their own argument and say the laborer and the farmer are no better off because the price of the product of both have advanced. This is not surprising, however, since repudiation is one of the fundamental principles of populism, the other one being to howl calamity and run for office.

OUR populist friend has finally admitted that wages have gone up, even in Columbia county, but adds that the necessaries of life-wheat, butter, etc., -have also gone up, and therefore the people are no better off. Well, then, if better prices for labor and other commodities is not an indication of better times, what constitutes a condi-pleased with the appointment of C. B. tion for improvement? What have Moores as register of the land office at Orebetter times, what constitutes a condithe populists been howling for all this gon City. The Oregon delegation will do time, if it were not for better prices, and what, pray, do they want instead? There seems but one answer, and that is to have "better times" for the few populists who might get into office by reason of business stagnation and therefore discontent among the people, a condition essential to populist success. It is a great "principle" upon which that party rests its case.

THE yawp in some of the sensatianal dailies about the poor man suffering because of the advance in wheat and flour is very tiresome. These came like fun to make his farm pay him \$3000 a papers are the self-appointed champions (?) of the distressed and oppressed. When wheat was little above 50 cents a bushel they were commiserating the farmer, heaping abuse on the alleged grain pit gambler and excoriating the Wall street plutocracy for the condition of things in general. Then it was the farmer, now it is the poor man. It makes the honest members of the newspaper profession burn with shame, that there should be in the ranks these charlatans and base trucklers to vicious sentiment. Not not been given.—Kellan & Ourren. The the upbuilding of society, but the 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Dr. E. Ross. furtherance of anarchy seems to be the mission of these editors. Does it not occur to the latter that prosperity for the farmer means prosperity for the whole country, East and West, and Ella Morrison, 72; Bertha Morrison, 79; that to obtain such prosperity, not Edna Usher, 87; Purley Usher, 90; Lester only wheat but other commodities Spinner and Hugh Caples, 91; Dixie Spinonly wheat but other commodities ner, 92; Beanie Butta, 93; Orwin Graham, must rise in value? It is an old axiom 95; Boy Kyle and Mamle Maclay, 96; Harthat low prices never bring prosperity. ry Kyle, 97; Wilber Kyle, 98. -Philadelphia Bulletin.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

Conditions Have Changed

(Dallas Observer.) What a marked contrast exists between onditions in the United States, today and hose of the corresponding period of President Cteveland's last term. Four years ago, with a low tariff staring the manufacturers of the country in the face, business was going to the everlasting smash, banks breaking, railroads going into the hands of receivers, factories closing, and workingmen thrown out of employment by the hundreds of thousands. Now hundreds of thousand of workingmen are finding additional em ployment, railroads are ordering thousands of new cars to meet the demand upon them for transportation of manufactures, merchandise, and grain; the banks report larger deposits and larger clearings than in many years, and instead of silent factories, there are clouds of smoke and the

Cannot be Covered Up.

(Pendleton Tribune.) The class of people who thrive upon or are having a harder time of it than ever before, because the tariff has caused a rise in this class, who are miserable from choice, tion. They do not even show gratitude for the tender regard for their misfortunes. The reason seems to be that they are too busy working at increased wages to bother about it. They know that they are much better off than they were twelve months

This Year and Last.

(Lakeview Examiner)

There is going to be a dearth of cattle in Lake county next year. Every available have disposed of everything they had, calves and all. But it is no wonder they the highest offered, and even at that price the cattlemen had to drive to market and take chances on selling. They were at the mercy of the buyers, and would have their cattle culled to suit the purchasers. What pelled to drive back home. But matters needed rest in the next few years, but the cattle business will be very quiet.

What Does Mr. Geer Mean?

Mr. T. T. Geer, in the statements he has given out lately regarding his politintradicted himself as the following extracts from an interview published in the Statesman of September 7 and from his let-In regard to his "miscellaneous" candidacy the two following statements hardly agree:

STATESMAN INTER-

"However, I am turned down just as regular as these things come around every two years. It's a systematic thing. Some men would plose their enthusi asm after a time."

LETTER OF DRCLISATION.

"I dislike very much to be considered a miscellaneous candidate for any position on the political chess-board that may be soard that may be soard that may be some them."

STATESMAN INTER-

TIOS. register of the United States land office at Oregon City, I beg leave to say that ex-tended reflection has

From Marion County Papers

We fear Mr. Scott will love our friend

(Silverton Appeal.)

T. T. Geer has declined the appointmen as register at the Oregon City land office. While Mr. Geer was advised by friends to take this action, it looks as though his asship is a good thing, and now Mr. Geer will probably get nothing. The recommendations and work of the Oregon delegation in congress are meeting with general approval throughout the state. The people are well the right thing by the people,

The Oregonian will stand at Mr. Geer's back until his political front is beaten blue

Geer has injured no one but himself by refusing to accept the registership. The Oregon delegation consider that they have discharged all obligations the party may have been under to him, and we are glad to have him out of the way. The friends (?) who advised him to refuse the place because he was entitled to something better are chucking in their sleeves at the success of their scheme and Geer will have to rustle

(Salem Statesman.) The hold-up crowd has Mr. Geer out as a sort of "miscellaneous candidate." They are running him for most everything in sight now, from the gubernatorial place But when the conventions co -well, they won't be in them.

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CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET.

Angus Forbes vs. Sisters of Charity St. Incent's Hospital; C. J. McDougal and A. M. Jones for plaintiff, M. G. Muniy defendant.

C J Richardson va. F D Henrici; C J Mc Dougal and W A M Jones for plaintiff Stott, Boise & Stout for defendant. John Conway vs. Ernest Bryant; A I

James Kennedy vs. A N Clark et al; W Cole for plaintiff. Astoria Railrond Co. va. W E New Fulton Bros for plaintiff.

A T Laws vs. Andrew L Clark; Dillar Day for plaintiff. Caleb Hollowell vs. Mattie Hollowell R Mendenhall for plaintiff, Pittenger & Culloch for defendant.

Mary W Newsom vs. Astoria Raile Co.; Alex Sweek and V C Beilinger

Phillip Draut vs. J N Rice and C A Jo son; G W Cole for plaintiff. Chas A Silver vs. J N Rice and C A Jo son; G W Cole for plaintiff.

Anna West Thomson vs. J N Cole for plaintiff. Hiram Grieat vs. Lulu M Marquar Rice for plaintiff.

Gust Hult vs. Charles Erickson and I ry Everding; W H Conyers for plaintiff E E Covert vs. John W Maxey; Coot Stapleton for plaintiff.

Burt West vs. M Eva West; J C Meland for plaintiff. L O Baxter va. Maria West; Cleelan Cleeland for plaintiff. A Sword vs. Martin Davison; G W Cor plaintiff.

Astoria Railroad Co. vs. I L White; Ful-ton Bros and F J Taylor for plaintiff. Astoria Railroad Co. vs. G W Shaver Fulton Bros and F J Taylor for plaintiff. Astoria Railroad Co. vs. W W Marquam; Fulton Bros and F J Taylor for plaintiff, R W Wilbur for defendant.

TT Burkhart vs. N A Musgrove; E B Seabrook for plaintiff, Bingham & Avery for defendant. A F Hildreath and Dean Blanchard vs. F Debast and G A Lane; Dillard and Cole for plaintiff.

C Wanty vs. Dean Blanchard; Allen & Recton for plaintiff, Dillard and Cole for

G W Shaver vs. Astoria Railroad Co.; W W Thayer and Henry St. Rayner for plain-tiff, Fulton Bros for defendant,

A B Root vs. K B and B Smith; J N Pearcy and G W Cole for plaintiff, Allen & Cleeton and W J Rice for defendant. R H Spiel vs. P A Marquam; Charles J

8 C Spencer vs. John Conway; Davis & Graham for plaintiff. Martin L Pipes vs. H J and Annie Lynch; Dillard & Day for plaintiff, John Ditchburn for defendant.

Mary E Musgrove vs. Burt West; Caples & Allen and G W Cole for plaintiff, J C Moreland for defendant. Penumbra Kelly vs. John W Pugh and Fanny Calkins; Charles H Chance for

W J VanSchuyver vs. W Pringle; Dillard & Day for plaintiff.

J J Bowen vs. J M Leavens; U 8 G Mar-quam for plaintiff, Dillard & Day for de-fendant.

R R Foster vs. Adalins Reed; G W Cole and Dillard & Day for plaintiff. Eppperly and McDonald vs. the Rainler Co-operative Industrial Union; Davis & Graham for plaintiff.

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Giving the Clerk, Treasurer and Sheriff's Report for the Six Months Ending on the 30th day of September, 1897.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

the County Clark of Columbia County, State of Oregon, showing the amount and number of claims allowed by the County Court, for what allowed, amount of warrants drawn, and the amount of warrants nuttanding and unpaid, from the let day of April, 1897, to the 59th day of September, 1897, but inclusive:

ON WHAT ACCOUNT ALLOWED.	AMOUNT OF CLAIMS ALLOWED	
Road and bridge Pauper Criminal account, dreuit cours Criminal account, funtice of the peace court Stationery, printing and postage Courthouse and jall Clerk's account. Sherif's account. Bailif's account. Bailif's account. County judge. County tommissioners Supervisors Insane Jury Treasurer Assessors. District attorney. County attorney. Soldiers and sailors indigent foud Board of prisoners Rebate of tax Official reporter Surveyor. Teachers' examination. Total amount of claims allowed and warrants drawn.		469 9 1022 4 7700 0 90 0 215 0 215 0 216 0 217 0 217 0 218 1 218 2
Total amount of claims allowed and warrants drawn.		
AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING WARRANTS UNPAID.	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST.

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SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

| FROM WHAT SOURCE | GENERAL

1897	AMOUNIS RECEIVED.	RECEIVED.	FUND
April 1 20 May 25 Aug 2 Sept 6 30	To amount special school tax. To amount special city tax. To amount of road tax. To amount general tax. To amount of land redesuption. To amount of fees.	Scoretary of state State treasurer Coroner. School superintendent. Sheriff Sheriff Sheriff Sheriff County clerk County clerk	\$ 5 416 44 9 76 6 75 2253 84 9 100 608 55 33 500 2223 23 8 85 730 10 29 511 22 29 511 22 1480 45
	Total Received		\$40 262 28
1897	AMOUNTS PA	ID OUT.	GENERAL FUND.
April 10 Aug 12 Bept 30	By balance general fund on hand to By balance school fund on hand. By Slate tax paid state treasurer By amount paid on school superinter	intendent's warrants, pay advertised county warats adent's order on institute fund	54 00 54 00 17 04 1 915 35 644 18 946 07 526 68
	Total raid out		\$40 962 33

STATE OF OREGON, County of Columbia, sa.

I. E. M. Wharton, do hereby certify that the amounts received, paid out and remaining on han six months ending on the 30th day of September, October, A. D., 1897.

Of the amount of mone urer by the Sheriff of September, A. D. 1897

Sept. July Aug. SOURCE. May nt on hand April 1... n and currency, tax of 189 nd penalty on same...... 789 88 8 46 90 18 50

3 417 40 8 7 518 31 8 2 804 09 8 1 799 78 8 1 067 76

SEMI-ANNUAL SUMMARY STATEMENT Of the financial condition of the County of Columbia, in the State of Oregon, on the 19th day Beptember, A. D. 1897.

AMOUNT. LIABILITIES. RESOURCES. By funds in hands of county treasurer applicable to the payment of county warrants.

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By estimated unpaid current taxes applicable to the payment of county warrants. nount of Hen on land bid in by nty for 1895 tax. nount of Hen on land bid in by

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