Another harvest has passed, and it again b comes our duty to report to you the progress made in the commerce and trade of Oregon during the year ending August 1st, 1880, for which, considering all circumstances, we have every reason to be thankful. Unaccustomed as we are to inflation in Oregon, we confess that events which have transpired since our annual meeting of 1879, give us strong hopes during the next ten years of a development and progress second to none of the other States. Immigration keeps flowing towards our shores, and although the Western and Southern States, owing to their nearness to the Atlantic coast, still absorb a vast amount of the foreign and Eastern immigration, yet we are steadily increasing and amassing as a State, and greater wealth and prosperity, compared with our population, than our sister State of California. In former years, nine-tenths of all the immigrants destined for the Pacific coast, via the Union and Central Pacific railroads, settled in California; but now nearly one-half of such new settlers find their way to Oregon and Washington Territory, together with a large proportion from California itself, the evidence of which lies in the fact that, although there are now running between San Francisco and Portland four of the largest and finest ocean steamers afloat, with a carrying capacity, in freight and passengers, seven times greater made in the commerce and trade of Oregon Portland four of the largest and finest ocean steamers afloat, with a carrying capacity, in freight and passengers, seven times greater than the steamers of 1875, yet these ocean steamers are at all times fully employed. Accordingly, the recent census reports show that our flocks and herds in Eastern Oregon and Washington still continue to increase; that our wool exports keep pace with other developments; that our import and domestic shipping trade is augmented each year; and that Portland as a great enterpot of commerce for the entire North Pacificcoast, still holds and will continue to possess, the gate or distribuor the entire North Pacificonat, still holds and will continue to possess, the gate or distribu-ting point through which passes that vast and increasing trade not only of Eastern Oregon and Washington, but also of Western and Southwestern Oregon and portions of Idaho and Western Washington.

FINANCES.

Nevertheless last year's short wheat crop in the Willamette valley, money was more plen-tiful at the banks than usual, and as a necessary consequence no stringency was felt in financial matters. Rates of interest continue to depreciate, and therefore, like other com modities, money is in search of investments, and is more abundant. City real estate has absorbed and will continue to absorb a large proportion of such moneys, especially con-sidering the confidence our citizens exhibit in sidering the confidence our citizens exhibit in the future value of city real estate. This year's salmon trade, together with the vast sums drawn from New York and London for railroad building has increased the exchange business of the banks, and accommodations either for city or country improvements, or for legitimate trade, are easily obtained.

RESULTS OF WHEAT CROP OF 1879.

In our last report to you, in September, 1879 we anticipated that our wheat exports, ending August 1st, 1880, would not exceed 140,000 tons. The result has proved 1879 to have been, after all, not such an unprofitable year as was anticipated, and that our wheat export therefor (including flour) amounted to 177,790 tons, of which 120,000 tons came from Western Oregon and the remainder from East of the Mountains. Prices ruled high, resulting in a return to the producer of over a dollar per bushel. Taking the following, which we find to be correct, the financial returns from our wheat crop of 1879, yielded us nearly seven millions of dollars:

Wheat to Great Britain 2,082,108
to California 285,302
to other ports 264,000

Adding to these figures the export of flour, we obtain the following results:

Plour, 120,493 barrels (or reduced to wheat, 461,481 centals) to Great Britain; value. Flour to San Francisco, 109,977 barrels (eq.ual to 320,932 centals); value. Wheat and flour in warshouses at Portland and Astoria August 1st, 1880; value. Total receipts from wheat and flour exports for the year 1879. 86,609,150

These wheat shipments to San Francisco ought not to be considered domestic, but practically foreign shipments, reshipped at that city for Great Britain.

PROSPECTS OF WHEAT CROP OF 1880.

We have every reason to be thankful for the yield of grain in Western Oregon this Fall, a yield which competent judges state as the largest yet produced in quantity per acre therefrom, especially in the Willamette valley, and estimated to exceed by 65 per cent. that of 1879. Furthermore, its quality and condi-tion are excellent. But while this is so in Western Oregon, the returns from Eastern Western Oregon, the returns from Eastern Oregon and Washington Territory are scarcely so favorable. There has, however, been a much larger area seeded in wheat therein and in consequence, while the average yield per acre will be less this year than last, yet the quantity to be carried to Portland and Astoria

from east of the mountains will be large, unless prices rule lower in the Winter.

The following is our estimated surplus for export during the present harvest year, ending August 1, 1880, including wheat reduced

From Willamette valley and Western Oregon... 195,000 From Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington Torntory... 70,000 79,000

It is much to be regretted that not only are prices low, but charters are high, exceeding sixty shillings per ton, while the number of vessels known to be heading for Oregon are not as large as was anticipated in the Spring. Taking present prices as the average for this year, the financial result to this State and Territory from this year's wheat crop, would be \$7,946,000, or a little over one million dellars greater in money value than we realized last year. That is to say, from 266,000 tons to be exported this year, we will, (at present It is much to be regretted that not only are last year. That is to say, from 266,000 tons to be exported this year, we will, (at present prices) realize only \$7.946,000, while from 177,000 tons exported last year (which was a short harvest) we realized \$6,609,148. The out crop all over Western Oregon is above the average and prices have not fallen in sympathy with the wheat market, as it is believed we have a fair market in our own State this year for each of the control of the same and prices have not fallen in sympathy with the wheat market in our own State this year for each of the control of the same and the sa

SALMON EXPORTS.

During the year just closed we have exported 451,363 cases of salmon, the greater portion of which realized the lowest prices ruling since this industry was first established on the Columbia river. These cases represent part of the eatch of 1879 and a part of 1880, and therefore do not show a fair basis of the catch of each separate season. This Spring and Summer catch has exceeded anticipations, and 530,000 cases have been packed during 1880, the prices of which in all foreign markets tend upwards. The progress of this industry calls for special mention. In 1875 the catch was 231,500 cases, which was then considered an enormous yield. 1877 yielded 400,000 cases, and in 1879 we had 435,000 cases, while this year we have reached our maximum of 530,000 cases, showing the vastextent and the financial value of preserving its salmon fisheries. The action of your board last year in exposing and condemning the practice of labelling foreign During the year just closed we have export-

obtained fair prices. We estimated the yield all over this State and Washington Territory last year as about seven millions of pounds, but the result has proved the clip of 1879 to have been much larger. To SanFrancisco alone we exported 7,183,825 pounds, in addition to which the mills in the Willamette valley absorbed 829 000 pounds. which the mills in the Willamette valley absorbed 622,000 pounds, and the Dayton mills, of Eastern Washington, 125,000 pounds, making the clip of 1879 amount to over 8,000,000 pounds, realizing \$2,363,276 to our people. Competent judges estimate this year's clip to exceed ten millions of pounds, but the details of which has not yet been received by us. It is to be regretted that Boston wool buyers claim that our valley wools are depreciating in quality. Efforts should be made to stop this evil, otherwise the good name which we formerly acquired for growing wool will not only merly acquired for growing wool will not only be lost but prices therefor depreciate and thus seriously affect the present profitable nature of one of the four most important industries of Oregon.

INCREASE OF STOCK OF EASTERN OREGON.

The census statistics, to which we have had access, show that in Eastern Oregon the business of cattle raising is going to be a large and profitable trade. The Western cities unquestionably prefer Oregon beef to those of Colorado and Texas, and as a necessary consequence our cattle are exported overland in large numbers to the various depots in the Union Pacific railroad. Those extensive ranges of southeastern and middle Oregon are especially adapted to this industry, favorable prices obtained for which encourage us to hope for a large development therein. With the Northern Pacific railroad completed to and from the Eastern States, a greater impetus will be given to this trade, keeping in view the peculiar advantages which the vacant lands of Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington Territory now offer for these industries.

RIVER IMPROVEMENTS. INCREASE OF STOCK OF EASTERN OREGON.

RIVER IMPROVEMENTS. This most important matter, in which the This most important matter, in which the citizens of Portland have a deep interest, has had more than usual attention from your board. It is well that the people of this State and Territory should know that the improvement of all rivers and bays is of equally if not of greater importance to this city than to the particular community desiring the same. The improvement of the Columbia bar, upper provement of all rivers and bays is of equally if not of greater importance to this city than to the particular community desiring the same. The improvement of the Columbia bar, upper and lower Willamett: and upper and lower and lower will and the past tyear to obtaining from Congress an equal distribution of government money on such improvements. That the lower Columbia river should be improved at as early a day as possible, is an admitted fact, for the reason that an expenditure of something less than \$100.00 will now allow the largest class of foreign vessels to navigate this great channel of commerce, and take away and bring to the people of the interior of both Eastern and Western Oregon and Washington at cheaper rates of transportation the increasing products which they export and the various necessaries of life which they consume and require to import, this improvement alone benefiting three-fourths of the entire population of this State and Territory. The improvement of the Columbia bar, which in a corresponding degree is of equal importance, next demands and has formerly been given, your attention. The memorials to Congress which your Committee on Navigation procured signed, contained over 5,000 signatures of residents of the county of Multnomah, (thus showing the interest which this city takes therein) and were duly presented to Congress. Of considerable importance to the State at large, is the locks at the Lower Cascades, now under construction, developing in a greater measure that eastern country to which we look forward with pride as the future granary of the North Pacific Coast. These three river improvements in the order in which they are named, require the attention of our Senators and Representatives, who cannot fail to see that in carrying through the same they are conferring the greatest cannot fail to see that in carrying through the same they are conferring the greatest benefits which can accrue to this State and to tia domestic and foreign commerce at large.

The late high wa'er on the Columbia has slightly altered the channels of that river in several places, and which we are pleased to see is having the attention of that scalors. see is having the attention of that zealous officer, Col. Gillespie, in charge of our river improvements. Likewise the Tillamook lighthouse appropriation and the new surveys and temporary improvement of the Columbia bar, all of which are proceeding as favorably and speedily as we could desire.

We ought to feel indebted to the government for sending Gen. Wright, the chief engineer at Washington of the harbor and river improvements, to inspect and report to the

improvements, to inspect and report to the government the various claims we make for river improvements. Such a visit is of vast consequence to Oregon, and as the general is now among us we trust your board will not fail to see and represent to him personally our

PILOTAGE AND TOWAGE.

This matter has recently come again before you, and will come before the Legislature now in session. That a thorough revision of our laws on this important subject is necessary, is beyond question. The present high rate for charters from Portland and the scarcity of charters from Fortland and the scarcity of ships at this port is caused in a great measure through the want of adequate towage facilities, Steam tugs of the largest and most powerful capacity would double our foreign export shipping trade in two years, to obtain which liberal fixed rates of pilotage and towage should be allowed by the Legislature, not for small tugs but specially given to powerful steam tugs which can in any weather tow into port and over the Columbia bar, (like what is done and over the Columbia bar, (like what is done in all other ports) the largest vessels proceeding to and from Oregon. The mode of bringing about and operating such a desirable change, when made, is for the consideration of the Legislature; but that it is essentially necessary for the largest class of steam tugs, and these only, to be employed on the bar, is a matter which all shipping firms and producers of the State recognize and are mutually interested therein. interested therein

brands and selling the same as "Columbia River Salmon," has had the desired effect, but legislation ought to be obtained declaring it a penal offense to continue the malpractices. Your board will notice that it was successful in its efforts in Congress to obtain a rebate on tin exported in salmon cases

The reckless loss of life and the distress to fishermen going outside the Columbia bar ought to be stopped, and some legislation obtained to prevent the recurrence of such distressing accidents.

WOOL EXPORTS.

This season's product has also increased, and obtained fair prices. We estimated the yield all over this State and Washington Territory last year as about seven millions of pounds, but the result has proved the clip of 1879 to have been much larger. To SanFrancisco alone we exported 7, 183, 825 pounds, in addition to which the mills in the Willamette valley ab-

RAILBOAD EXTENSIONS IN ORROOM.

No great country, however vast its resour-ces and unexampled its climate, can attain prosperity without a net-work or system of railroads diversified into every available set-tlement or extensive tract of farming land, the evidence of which lies in the fact that Eastern evidence of which lies in the fact that Eastern Oregon ten years ago, which now ships 60,000 to 70,000 tons of wheat to Portland, had then to receive all her flour from this city. The corporation or individual who succeeds in conferring, as Henry Villard, Esq., has nobly done, upon a community the benefits to be derived from the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's contemplated system of railroads in Eastern Oregon and Washington, is a national bourfactor, descriping the thanks of ten Company's contemplated system of railroads in Eastern Oregon and Washington, is
a national benefactor, deserving the thanks of
the State at large. These Eastern Oregon
railroads while materially benefiting the city
of Portland, are in a still greater degree benefiting and enhancing the value of all properties in Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington. This proposed net-work, when completed to Portland and extended through all
the available lands East of the Cascades,
(which the Northern Pacific does not penetrate), will, without the proposed eastern connection, number 400 miles, and all from and
through valuable farming pasteral lands East
of the Cascades to a termination at Portland.
Already 113 miles of this projected system
have nearly been completed and will soon be
in operation, and keeping in view the wellknown energy and abelity, financially and
otherwise, of Mr. Villard and his associates,
there can be no doubt this entire railroad system will, within a few years, be in operation
all over Eastern Oregon and Washington, if
not sooner extended to a connection with the
Union Pacific. In the same country the
Northern Pacific is making, rapid recovers. not sooner extended to a connection with the Union Pacific. In the same country the Northern Pacific is making rapid progress in the direction of Pen d'Oreille, and are now constructing 200 miles of its main line through Eastern Washington to meet a counecting party from Montana working this way. Its annual receipts are increasing so rapkily that its financial ability in the money market to raise funds to complete its enterprise to Portland and Puget Sound—"from the Atlantic to the Pacific"—is beyond question. As every attempt will be made by other Pacific railroads to take away the Northern Pacific's land grant in the next Congress, it will be for your board and the people of Oregon through your representatives, and by special representations, to take such steps as will enable us to strengthen their hands when they come to ask from Congress the extension of time required. In Eastern Oregon, a foreign company, the Oregonian Railway Company, organized under a general act of the last Legislature of Oregon, passed in 1878, and by the Territory of Washington, passed in 1879, are now constructing a system of narrow gauge railways on the east and west sides of the Willamette valley, under which they expect to have 120 miles in running operation by the middle of Novem-Union Pacific. In the same country the and west sides of the Willamette valley, under which they expect to have 120 miles in running operation by the middle of Novem-ber, and the next year to extend their lines southwards, and also northwards to Portland. southwards, and also northwards to Portland, making a distance of nearly 200 miles in Western Oregon, expected to be completed by the end of next year. Further extensions are proposed thereafter to Eastern Oregon. The O. & C. R. R. Co. have built eleven miles, branch from Albany to Lebanon, and have also completed their West Side road as far as Corvallis, a distance of 74 miles, during the year now closed. A company called the Nevada and Oregon Railroad Company are also building a road from Reno, on the Central Pacific Railroad, to Goose Lake, in Southeastern Oregon, intending to continue the same to the Willamette Valley. These roads will all terminate eventually at Portland, so that, unless some unexpected financial collapse that, unless some unexpected financial collapse takes place, the prospects that Portland will, (only when her river improvements on the Willamette and Columbia rivers are completed) continue to be what she is to-day, the second city on the Pacific Coast to San Francisco, and

The board of engineers authorized by Con-The board of engineers authorized by Congress to make this selection have chosen Port Orford, in Southern Oregon. That this harbor of refuge—if ever built—will confer any great benefits on this State corresponding with the amount of money which will be expended in its construction is very doubtful. Indeed, taking a moderate view of it, the chances are that the expenditure of money necessary to be authorized from time to time by Congress will seriously retard the greater improvement riquired in our rivers, and which taken alto gether will not amount to anything like the sums to be expended on this harbor of refuge alone. Your board's views on this matter should be conveyed to our Senators and Repre sentatives.

BANKRUPP LAW

It is a recognized fact that the abolition of It is a recognized fact that the abolition of the national bankrupt law in 1876, and the failure of the Legislature of this State to pass an adequate act in its stead, has materially restricted the interior trade of the country with Portland, and given cloak for irresponsi-ble merchants carrying on compromises with their creditors. Your board has during the their creditors. Your board has during the last year communicated with various beards of trade in other States thereon, and a bill, it is believed, will be passed by the next Congress remedying the evils complained of. Meantime, if our State Legislature, now in session, would alter the present assignment law so as to enable the general body of creditors to choose the insolvent's assignee, some relief would be given the mercantile community at

GENERAL MATTERS.

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Real Estate Values — During the winter of 1879, a sudden depreciation in the values of farming lands in the Willammette valley took place on account of rust, which for the first time in the history of the State attacked the lowlands. But this depression did not continue long and farming lands have once more regained their former buoyancy and would have gone higher had it not been for the low price of wheat this Fall. In this city values of all real estate, improved and unimproved, have increased with the confidence felt in the future development of the country through railroad building therein all terminating in this city. Building in Portland continues to progress with confidence, and as yet no inflaprogress with confidence, and as yet no infla-tion or unwarranted values seem to be placed

on real estate, nine-tenths of investors pre-fering to hold than to sell at present prices.

Development of the State.—Traveling all over the State, both in Eastern and Western Over the State, both in Lastern and Coregon, one cannot fail to see great changes and improvements, and that the people are reaping the benefits of moneys being spent in railroad construction. Labor is fully emelocted there.

ployed at remunerative rates of wages, and confidence both in the future of this city and State seems to pervade all classes of the community; while transportation charges on the Willammette river and the Railroads of Western Oregon are monderate, and the price of sacks, agricultural implements and other commodities used by the producer are cheaper in price this year than previous years. Immigration and Travel between San Francisco and Portland on the steamships are still increasing, while immigrants are arriving overland in wagons to settle in our midst in larger numbers than formerly. The character of those magnificent ocean steamers of the O. R. & N. Co. has helped materially to increase our population, and few persons return from our State dissatisfied with our resources. Abread and in our sister States and Territories Oregon's reputation is being wide spread, and the prospects are as we become better known our immigration will increase in a greater ratio than it has done even in the past, caused by the development in railways, and the new lands which will be opened thereby to the immigrants and new comers in search of homes.

of homes.

Manufactories—Unfortunately few new large enterprises of this nature have been added to those now in operation, although in the country districts minor improvements are being made. With the great water power facilities which our State possesses, and in such abundance, with timber and the raw material here and moderate transportation facilities, there cannot be a doubt but manufacturing enterprises will in this State eventually increase and displace the present large—very large, indeed—imports from the Eastern States of agricultural implements and all serts of wooden and iron ware, nails, etc., used in this State. The profitable extensions made by the Oregon Iron Works Company at Oswego show the chances there are for the development of such industries, and what is necessary to bring out such a result is the co-operation of a few of our prominent and wealthy citizens in enterprises such as the establishment of rolling mills, and the erection of a sugar refinery in or near Portland. The repairs to the extension of railroads already existing in this State and Washington Territory would keep well employed a small rolling mill in Oregon for years to come.

RESIGNATION OF THE SECRETARY In parting with your board as its Secretary for six years I cannot sufficiently express the pleasure it has given me to co-operate with you in the various public duties to which you have so repeatedly called me, and I trust your board will in the future progress in the public's confidence as it has done in the past, and continue to be a disinterested institution, whose whole aim and objects are and have been the development of the entire State at large, favoring no section in particular, individual or corporation.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

Under a former resolution this year's detailed statistics will fail to be made up on the first of January next. But I have compiled the usual abstract statement of our exports at the harvest year ending lat of August, 1880, which you will be pleased to notice exceeds fifteen millions of dollars. None but those working with statistical information can appreciate, as I do, the valuable services which the Commercial Reporter of this city randers the mercantile community from time to time, and those which Mr. J. R. Farish, its editor, has rendered to me as a member of the statisand those which Mr. J. R. Farish, its editor has rendered to me as a member of the statis tical committee of your boad. I remain, gen tlemen, your obedient servant.

WILLIAM REID, Sec.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Sept. 13, 1880.

SECRETARY EARMARTS REPORT.

We are under obligation to Secretary Earhart for copies of the reports of the various State officials. We make the following extract from the Secretary's Report: STATE INDESTEDNESS.

The aggregate amount of State indebtedness, September 1, 1878, was \$737,717 34 exclusive of accrued interest upon ourstanding warrants, etc., and including the Indian war debt of 1877-8. The total amount of the State debt, September 1, 1880, exclusive of interest, was \$511,376 15, showing a reduction during biennial term just ended of \$226,-341 19.

The present indebtedness is shown by the following statement: BONDS BEARING SEVEN PER CENT. INTEREST. Soldiers' relief bonds, payable

able January 1, 188. Modos war bonds, payaole January l, 1880. Umatilia war bonds, payable Jan-uary l, 1890. . 132,921 78

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS. Warrants drawing 10 per cent. in-terest payable out of specific funds such as swamp, overflow-ed, tide, five per cent. and other land funds, exclusive of interest. \$134,530 00

Outstanding warrants payable from special tax, exclusive of 20,337 76

\$154,867,76

The interest due upon the unpaid balance of the outstanding warrant debt September 1, 1880, was estimated at \$13,000. This added to the principal, \$20,337 76, makes an aggregate amount of \$33,337 76 still due. The sum which will be derived from the three mill tax for 1880, now in the course of collec-

mill tax for 1880, now in the course of collec-tion, will extinguish this entire debt, and leave a large surplus in the treasury, which may be applied to the erection of an insane asylum, or to the completion of the capitol building. The purpose for which this tax was created will thus be accomplished and it may be discontinued.

The Modoc war debt, \$132,921 78 (princi-pal) became due and delivement or to first pal) became due and delinquent on the first day of January of the present year. This debt should be refunded and 7 per cent. bonds re-insued therefor, payable in ten years, or at the option of the State, and a special tax of one and one-baif mills levied to be applied to the extinguishment of the principal and inter-est of the whole of the bonded war debt of

the State The Willamette falls canal and lock bonds authorized by act of Legislative Assembly, October 21, 1870, payable from the State land fund will become due on the first day of Jan-uary next. This debtshould also be refunded and new bonds issued therefor.

LATEST PROM MAINE.

The very latest news from Maine shows large vote and probably no election of Governor by the people. Both sides claim a plurality, but as the Legislature is very largely

EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

TABLE Showing New Policies written during the year 1879 of Life Insurance Companies doing business in California... California Business.

Name.	Location.	New Policies Written				
		Number. 1	Amount.	Premium.		
Pacidle Metual Life. Attra Life Brooklyn Life. Squitable Life. Germanis Life John Hancock Mutual Life. Mashattan Life. Mutual Life. Mutual Life. Mutual Life. National of U. S. of A. Life. New England Mutual Life. New York Life. Travelers. Union Mutual Life.	Harriord Harriord New York New York New York New York Hoston New York New York New York New York New York Hoston New York Hartord Augusta, Me.	831 27 133 153 28 No report 25 330 No report 74 2552 No report 1710 No report 83312	\$1,845,961 00 100,500 00 28,400 00 745,500 00 97,500 00 77,376 00 1,323,295 00 200,830 00 885,000 00 4,816,300 00	10,787 0		

DEATH LOSSES PAID BY THE

PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO. OF CALIFORNIA.

From January 1st to July 1st, 1880.

Name of Insured.	Residence.	Policy Number	Amt of Policy	Premiums Paid	Net Gain.
Geo. O'Nell	Benicia, Cal San Francisco, Cat	8,382	\$ 2,000		8 1,841 79
Manuel G. Veyna	Zacatecas, Mexico	5,850 10,886	1.090	515 AT	454 40
Walter Miles	El Dorado, Cal	4.479	1,000 3,000 5,000	515 57 297 32 534 60 1,056 65	720 68
Ism. G. Harrison	Sacramento, Cal	6,131 4,285 9,807	8,000	534 60	2,465 40
imon Kozminsky	San Francisco, Cal	4,285	5,000	1,056 65	3,943 35
iyram Leonard	Winterset, Iowa	9,807	186	64 40	121 60
rill E. Donn	Reno, Nevada	3,045 3,586 2,233 7,244	1,000 1,000 2,500 2,000	119 84	560 35 880 12
ohn Twaddle	Franktown, Nevada	0.000	9 500	119 88 1,787 50 326 80 135 27	712 50
has, M. Benbrook	Downey City, Cal	7,244	2,000	1,787 50 326 80 135 27	1.073 90
hristian Jensen	Moore's Flat, Cal	10,860 9,503	3,000	135 27	2,846 73
has P. Gray	Des Doines, Iowa		3,000 2,000 5,000	HH 98	1,911 72
ames Mills	Beattle, W. T. Ban Jose, Cal	10,238	5,000	127 80 395 80 179 70	4,872 20
Vm, Sharp	Jackson, Cal	2,516	1,000	395 80 379 70	604 20
dw. J. O'Nell	Han Francisco, Cal	2,516 2,560 191	9.500	1,199 04	1 200 30
I. H. Gattermann	Placerville, Cal	9,876	1.000	187 78	400 90
ohn J. Meaburn	Petaluma, Cal	0,784	5,000	3,421 20	1,578 80
ibert W. Foster	Olympia, W. T	0,754	1,000 1,000 2,500 1,000 5,000 1,000 3,000	127 80	1,578 80 872 20
ames H. Donnelly ohn B. Smith	St. Paul, Minn Brown's Valley, Cal.	967	1,000	127 80 177 00 104 33	2,823 00
our b. outer.	brown's valley, Cal	11,197	1,000	104 331	895 67
			8 44,700	\$11,553 25	\$33,212 75

It will be seen by the above that the PACIFIC MUTUAL did last year, nearly twice the business of the LARGEST, and more than ALL the others combined.

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TO FARMERS AND LAND OWNERS.

A NEW MAILWAY LAND OFFICE.

A Plan for Settling Oregon Immigrants on Willamette Valley Lands.

The Oregonian Railway Company directors have ordered a land office to be opened in Fortland in connection with that company's business. The narrow gauge company do not own any lands in the company to not one it mining to still be an agreated as a street extent than at present those large tracts of farming lands lying idle along the proposed line of railway which it is now constructing in the Willamette Valley, and especially along the Const and Cascade ranges in Western Oregon and in middle and Southeastern Oregon, and assist immigrants to locate thereon on easy terms, so as to sequire large and increasing freights and passenger. In the case of the control of their various narrow gauge lines, and convey the same to Portland.

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Farmers and other land owners whose lands lie along the proposed narrow gauge line of road, and who, through want of transportation facilities are unable to cultivate or wish to diagone of the lands they own, or part thereof, at present unproductive to themselves and to the State, will thus have an organised agency in daily esumumication with immigrants at Portland to sell their lands, and may have the same cut up into smaller farms of 190 to 320 acres and settled by immigrants; and thereby the narrow gauge company expect to have an increased acreage of crops each year to be carried by their railways.

The company's land office here will organize agencies in Europe, at San Francisco and in the United States for disseminating information abroad as to Oregon and of the various farming land along its lines of railway, will arrange for the transportation and of the particular of such the transportation and estimates of such a company is the promotion of the various farming land along its lines of railway, will arrange for the transportation and estimates of each of such the transportation and estimates.

tios on large and contiguous bodies of land belonging to farmers and will find purchasers from among immigrants and others arriving in the State for such smaller tracts of land as may be for sale—all lying along the proposed lines of its railways, but nowhere else.

In order to enable immigrants and intending purchasers to inspect in person the various farms which may be placed in the hands of the railway company's land office for sale, half fare thekets to and from the stations nearest to such farms will be given by the company, and reduced rates of treight charged on his personal effects when carried to the farm he purchases.

When sales are made by the land office and the seller desires one half or two-thirds of the price to be paid him down, the land company's office advance to the immigrant purchaser from a third to a half of the price in each and pay the same to the seller—which, along with whatever small portion of the purchase price the immigrant's means enable him to pay, will considerably reduce the debt to the seller, who will receive direct from the purchaser, a security over the land for the with whatever smart portion of the purchase price the simmigrant's means enable him to pay, will considerably reduce the debt to the seller, who will reserve direct from the purchaser, a security over the land for the third or half the price remaining unpaid. The land office has arranged to give such innufgrant purchaser or purchasers six to eight years' time to repay by installments from the profits of his farm the amount of money they may advance and pay to the seller. In this way the narrow gauge company's land office is enabled to make a mutually advantageous sale of farming lands lying along the railway, for seller and purchaser. The former receives at once in each a half to two-thirds of the price of the farming land he sells,—while the latter who is generally a man of limited means, when he arrives in a new country has the assistance of the railway company's office in actually advancing for him in each onse-third to me-half of the purchase price of the farm he buys from the seller. Bendes which he gets from six to eight year's time to make and produce from the narrow gauge railway company's land office.

The advantage to acrue to the company from establishing such office is making it the machinery to get settliers located on what is now unproductive lands along its line, and increased population and settlements and acruage in crops to be carried by the railway thereafter follow from year to year as a matter of course; while, on the other hand, the State receives thereby new settlers and prostucers of land heretofore unproductive, who thus get comfortably located and increase the agricultural wealth of the country.

Col. J. R. Wheat, attorney at law, of this city, and lately land agent of the Northern Pacific railroad at Kalams, has been appointed the land agent for the narrow gauge campany, whose office will be located in that company's building whenever arrangements are completed.

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Farmers and Land Owners who have Lands for sale sleing the lines of railway will please apply for blanks and full particulars at the company's office, 4s First street, Fortland, Oregon, to

JOHN R. WHEAT, Agent.

Approved : WILLIAM REID, Local President.

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