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THE PRICE OF WHEAT.

There are so many complex and variable factors affecting the markets of the world that the wise wheat raiser will not place too much credence in the positive deductions of statisticians and their prophetic forecasts, says the Review, but will trust to his own business sagacity as to the proper time to sell his wheat for what he believes will be the highest price.

The highest August price paid for wheat since the Crimean war was \$1.55 in 1867, \$1.71 in 1872, and \$1.30 in 1875. Last year's crop, with the prospect of universal shortage in the world's supply to be made up by America's phenomenal yield owing to the Russian famine, brought less than an average of 90 cents at New York.

According to present prospects the crop of this year ought to sell for nearly as much as the crop of last year. But one man's judgment is as good as that of another in a matter so uncertain, and the prudent man will not venture predictions that may hit wide of the mark. There is, however, reasonable certainty that the returns to the wheat growers of the Inland Empire will be as large as last year. This is not due to an exceptionally large yield, nor will it be due to exceptionally high prices, but to increased acreage which will bring the aggregate up to a most encouraging figure. So the farmer, after all, has less grounds for complaint, and calamity foreboding, than millions of his less fortunate fellow-men, even in our own country.

In presenting some indisputable facts today, respecting previous remarkable yields of wheat in the United States, including 1891, it is shown that instead of a shortage; because of the famine scare, American holdings caused a large surplus, as Europe supplied itself from other sources. Hereafter, let us hope, the crank famine crop statisticians will be given the place they deserve in popular estimation.

Work on the first locomotive of the new single rail railroad, now being built in Portland, is nearing completion. Work was greatly delayed by the death of Mr. Z. T. Wright, who was deeply interested in the new invention; but other parties have been interested, and the system will soon be perfected. The 5th of this month has been set as the day for testing the locomotive, at which time, it is expected, the locomotive will have been completed.

Grand Master Sweeney has expressed himself somewhat vigorously upon the brutality of the New York militia in dealing with the strikers, but so far as known, he has not yet pronounced an opinion upon the striking switchman who held him up against a telegraph post, blacked his eye, and otherwise disgraced his countenance.

There is to-day riding at quarantine, in New York harbor, eight large passenger steamers from cholera-infected ports of the Old World. This mildly suggests the influx of an immigration to which, perhaps, something as strenuous as quarantine regulations might have been profitably enforced during several years past.

Inquisitive reporters have to be kept from boarding cholera ships in New York quarantine by the use of guns in the hands of the harbor police; but when the captain of the Moravia went ashore, on Staten Island, he was simply ordered back to his vessel.

Now that Nancy Hanks has succeeded in breaking her own record, she must henceforth bear much the same relation to the rest of the equine race that a streak of lightning bears to a district telegraph messenger boy.

Washington will furnish the flagstaffs for the Columbus fair. It is fitting that the stary emblem should wave from standards grown in the state named for the man who gave that flag to the world.

Cholera has one advantage at any rate not possessed by other diseases: it does not keep the patient lingering between life and death for weeks, but kills him at once and passes on to the next.

Spokane is feeling pretty frisky. The hope of near release from the thralldom of exorbitant freight rates is the most exhilarating stimulant known to commercial science.

The East Oregonian states that since the 1st of July 38 men have been arrested and sent from Pendleton to Portland to be tried for selling liquor to Indians.

A LITTLE OF IRISH HISTORY.

A prominent democrat, in addressing the democratic convention held at Rathdrum, Idaho, recently brought forth Daniel O'Connell to testify against the protective system. The object in view, of course, was to hold up an example for emulation, so that Irish-Americans might have no conscientious scruples in being loyal British free-traders.

O'Connell never was a free trade advocate. During his whole lifetime he opposed the British free trade system, as applied to the industries of Ireland. Thomas Francis Meagher, the associate of McConnell on the repeal association, who became in after years a famous general in the federal army of the United States, spoke long ago in Ireland as follows on the result of British free trade in Ireland:

The abolition of native government, followed by British free trade, were the underlying causes of the famine. The leading Irish industries have been destroyed by free trade. The cotton manufactures of Dublin, which employed 14,000 operatives, have been destroyed. The stuff and serge manufacturers, which employed 1491 operatives, have been destroyed. The calico looms, Dalbiggan, have been destroyed. The flannel manufacture of Rathdrum has been destroyed. The blanket manufacture of Kilkenny has been destroyed. The camlet trade of Bandon, which produced 100,000 pounds a year, has been destroyed. The worsted and stuff manufactures of Waterford have been destroyed. The sateen and frieze manufactures of Carrecon-Suir have been destroyed. One business alone thrives and flourishes and fears no bankruptcy. That favored, and privileged, and patronized business is the Irish coffin-makers.

This shows what British free trade has done for Ireland. It is a self-evident truth that similar causes produce similar results. Apply the same, or a similar system of free trade, to American industries and the result will certainly be similar to the result of free trade in Ireland. It would be well that Irish-Americans who vote for free trade in this country ponder over the foregoing picture of their native land as the result of British trade. When they do so they will act with the republican party as earnestly as ever they battled in defense of the republic in war times, and thus establish their fealty to principles which, had they been fostered by Britain, instead of subdued, might have made Ireland the model Nation of the earth.

The conditions on board the passenger steamships in New York show a culpable neglect of public safety in the way they ship steerage passengers to America, which congress will be compelled to recognize at the very first opportunity. Accounts show that there were fifty Russians among the passengers of the City of Berlin, suspected of being affected, as the circumstances attending the case show, and the only precaution taken to prevent disease was the herding of them "separate from other passengers during the voyage." The Rugia, from Hamburg, is due today, also the City of Rome, from Glasgow, both of which have a large number of immigrants on board. The Normandie, from Hamburg, is also due, and the Umbria, from Liverpool, both ports now infected, from all of which passengers are transported like cattle, "for revenue only."

The estimated production of wheat this year from all points, as compared with last, is given by Beerbaum as follows:

	1892	1891
	Bushels.	Bushels.
United States	520,000,000	612,000,000
Russia	208,000,000	188,000,000
France	238,000,000	224,000,000
India	208,000,000	248,000,000
Hungary	132,000,000	125,000,000
Italy	116,000,000	124,000,000
United Kingdom	64,000,000	72,000,000
Germany	104,000,000	100,000,000
Total	1,640,000,000	1,700,000,000

Steerage immigration from the other side to America is practically stopped, and in figuring out results the steamship companies invariably place the debits to their side of the account without calculating the credits on the side of the people, making the statement to appear like a jug handle, "all on one side." 'Twas ever thus: The corporations never make a dollar; the community never suffers, from small-pox or cholera, any more than from over-charges.

As the state flower for our sister across the Columbia, the rhododendron wins. Now if the Western Washington supporters of that flower will kindly send us over a few thousand chromo pictures of the blossom, the people of the Inland Empire may inform themselves respecting the beauties of the floral emblem.

One of the many incidents related to illustrate Rose Terry Cooke's lovely disposition in this: She had a bed of particularly choice strawberries. An invalid friend fancied one year that those berries agreed with her better than any others. Mrs. Cooke therefore saved every berry that season for her friend.

The nebula in Orion is a fine telescopic object now. The great black space in the nebula is known among unpoetic star-gazers as the coal hole. No star has ever been seen in this hole in the universe.

BE CONSISTENT.

The working of the tariff is a wonderfully economical argument in favor of the McKinley law. The United States government is now collecting not a dollar more than is actually needed to meet the expenses of the government and leave a respectable balance. Our receipts for the last fiscal year were in round numbers \$354,000,000 and our expenses were \$345,000,000. Of the receipts \$178,000,000 was contributed by the customs duties under the McKinley law. Instead of the balance each year growing larger it is actually growing less. Our balance for the fiscal year 1891 was \$37,000,000. Our balance for the fiscal year just closed was only \$8,000,000. These are the indisputable facts; and, to be consistent, it stands our democratic friends in hand to show us how they propose to reduce duties any with this situation confronting them. They profess to favor the collection of tariff duties of sufficient revenues to meet the wants of the government, and yet the slightest reduction in tariff duties will necessarily come from the small surplus of only about \$8,000,000 which we now have to go on.

A New York dispatch says nothing can now save the metropolis from the great plague but the absolute compliance on the part of every member of the community with the instructions of the board of health and quarantine authorities. The danger is real; it cannot be overestimated. Newly infected steamships arrived in the harbor on Saturday, as anticipated, with awful stories of death and suffering. They were the Rugia and Normania, both from Hamburg. The Herald's Munich cable has an interview with Prof. Schwenniger, one of the most celebrated doctors, upon the subject of cholera, in which he says, in healthy places, clean towns, and among the well-nourished, the malady will amount to but little. In that case there may be ten, or only one cholera case, according to the size of the population, but not thousands, as in Hamburg. If you become ill, drink, as hot as ever you can, grog, camomile tea, or no matter what, provided it is hot. Then, if your limbs grow cold, plunge into a steaming hot bath. Should these produce no effect then place yourself in the hands of God, for those are the only remedies known to be efficacious. The doctors can do nothing, but don't be afraid of cholera.

A St. Louis man describes the honeymoon as "that state of estatic idocy that will cause a supreme judge to shin up a shellbark hickory in his bathing suit to harvest a hornet's nest for his innocent little tootsie wootsie." His preference of a hornet's nest as a refuge from the innocent little tootsie wootsie comes later.

It is stated that two men out of every three use tobacco. This theory receives a rude shock when you try to borrow a cigar at a horse race.

Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles un-called for, Friday, Sept. 24, 1892. Persons calling for same will give date on which they were advertised.
Ayers, Mrs Agnes Like, Jas. Mrs Dunham & Robert Like, Jas. Mrs son (2)
McGrath, Nancy Mrs
Cooley, W D Miller, Isabella Mrs
Cooley, Laurie Mrs Patterson, Clara Miss Elliott, Lewis (2) Robison, Linn Miss Gibson, Susie Mrs Utter, J W Howe, Nellie Mrs Willman, A Howe, H L White, Fannie (2)
Williams, J L Mrs
M. T. NOLAN, P. M.

Imported Bucks.

The trip of Senator Charles Hilton to California matured in the purchase of forty-one blooded Spanish Merino bucks. They arrived by steamer Regulator Thursday evening, and were greatly admired by all who saw them passing through the streets to the stock yards from the boat, for shipment to the ranch in Gilliam county. Senator Hilton arrived on the noon train yesterday.

At the stock yards yesterday also arrived, from Omaha, via U. P. R., sixteen head of blooded Spanish Merino bucks, and six ewes, purchased by Hon. C. W. Cartwright, of Crook county. With such stock as this coming into the Inland Empire, it is not to be wondered at, that The Dalles is acquiring a solid reputation abroad, from Pacific to Atlantic ports, as being the best market in the United States in which to buy wool.

EDUCATIONAL.

Wasco Independent Academy, The Dalles, Oregon.

The next session of Wasco Independent Academy will commence on Monday, Sept. 5th. A full faculty of instructors has been secured with professor Brown of Chicago, Illinois, as principal. For catalogue or particulars, address, S. L. Brooks, Secretary.

A Reliable Man.

M. J. Griner, a Justice of the Peace at Print, Michigan, says one bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy saved his life. He had been down with bloody flux for three weeks when he commenced using this medicine. It soon cured him, and he believes saved his life. He also says it saved the lives of three railroad men in that vicinity. "Squire Griner is a reliable and conscientious man, and whatever he says can be depended upon. For sale by Blakely & Houghton, druggists.

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