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The increase in the foreign trade of the United States this year exceeds in value the entire foreign trade of the country for any year preceding 1850.

If there was a Nicaragua canal the Oregon and Iowa would be at Honolulu instead of at a Brazilian port on the way around the farthest end of South America.

While the easy-chaired functionary who presides over the Leland Stanford University was traveling over the country and criticising President McKinley's war policy, the state of California responded with a majority of 30,000 for the party which President McKinley represents in national affairs.

Some of the local representative districts in Kansas are so evenly divided politically this year that the result of the election can not be definitely determined until the soldier vote shall have been received. Some of the Kansas troops voted in mid ocean while en route to the Philippines, and in the meantime the candidates at home are waiting patiently to hear from Manila precinct.

There will be the smallest number of Democrats in the United States senate after March 4th next than there has been for 26 years. The number will be 26. In the elections of 1872 the Democrats got only 20 senators. But that was 20 out of a senate of 74 members. In the elections of 1874 this representation was raised to 29. And since then the Democrats have always had just a few less or just a few more than the Republicans. Twenty-two of these 26 senators will be from eleven Southern states.

We are told by telegraph that Camara's fleet, which kept out of the way of American squadrons by diligent "homing," is now "rushing" to meet and greet Emperor William. But when he sees it and is saluted by it will he not ask, "Where are all the rest of the ships that once constituted Spain's navy?" What a farce it is to treat Spain now as a "power," and what folly for her to hope—as the despatches say she does—for "support" from the German Emperor! The end of Spanish power came when Cervera's fleet was destroyed off Santiago.

It is a fearful story of outrage, arson and murder that comes from North Carolina. And yet it is, in essentials, not so bad as that from Illinois. In North Carolina lawless men have banded themselves together to deprive a local negro majority of its privileges of citizenship. In Illinois the governor of the state has nullified the constitution of the United States by forbidding colored miners from Alabama and Indiana to come into Illinois in search of work, and has declared that if they come he "will shoot them to pieces with Gatling guns." No worse example of race intolerance ever occurred even in the lawless period that followed reconstruction.

General Wheeler lost no time, after his re election to congress, in defining his position on the new and great question of the day. Though a Democrat, he is no Bourbon. Therefore he declared: "The history of the last 300 years has conclusively shown that colonial governments alone can retain permanent control of foreign markets. I am a firm believer that it will be in our power to instill the principles of American civilization in the peoples of the Philippines." In these two sentences is summed up the full-orbed truth of the whole matter. The reason for keeping the Philippines is that their retention is demanded equally by the interests of the United States and of the Filipinos themselves. It is a clear case of the harmony of self-interest and phil-

anthropy. This duality could not be more clearly and briefly expressed than in these two sentences. Would that the Democracy were more prolific of Wheelers and less prolific of Baileys and Bryans.

The departure from this city for Manila of four young women well prepared by careful training for the responsible and arduous duties of the hospital nurse will relieve to some extent the pressure of anxiety which has long rested heavily upon the homes from which the brave boys of the Second Oregon went out last April. The tardiness of the medical department in dispatching assistance of this character to the Philippines, in view of the urgent need, is one of the inexplicable things of the war. Much that has borne hard upon the soldiers has been excused on the ground of lack of experience in moving and subsisting large bodies of troops, but obedience to the simple dictates of common sense was all that was necessary when it came to the question of providing nurses for the hospitals. Fever patients can, if they must, get along without doctors and potions, but care and nourishment they must have or die. These young women go out with a benison from a thousand homes, and with the fervent Godspeed of ten thousand anxious hearts.—Oregonian.

Margall, the old Spanish Republican leader, talks wisely in saying that Spain will be stronger without the Philippines than she would be with them. One difference between Margall and the others—Figueroas, Salmeron and Castelar—who were at the head of the so-called Spanish republic of 1873, is that Margall was a sincere Republican, who had a strong and intelligent admiration for the United States, and who had an earnest desire to give his country a government as nearly like that of the United States as the differences between the character and capabilities of the two peoples would permit. Unlike the more showy and less sincere Castelar, Margall would have given Cuba, which was in revolt in 1873, the reforms which that island asked for, and would even have granted independence to her. Unhappily for Cuba and Spain, the majority of the alleged Republicans took the Castelar rather than the Margall view of the situation, and continued the policy of repression which had forced the island into revolt, and which, in a new rebellion a quarter of a century later, compelled the United States to intervene. Margall is mistaken, however, in supposing the Filipinos will insist on getting absolute independence. There are excellent reasons for believing the islanders will be satisfied with the measure of home rule which the United States will give them, accompanied, as it will be, with the order, stability and business prosperity which would be impossible under either Spanish rule or independence.

**THE YEAR'S IMMIGRATION.**

With the immigration of the last fiscal year down to less than 230,000, and showing a decrease from the previous year in spite of our prosperity, many of the troublesome questions connected with immigration seem to be in a fair way to settle themselves.

That there is still a large number of undesirable immigrants is shown by the statistics of their illiteracy and poverty. Of those over fourteen years of age 43,857 could neither read nor write, and of the whole number 96,203 had less than \$30 apiece.

No European country would permit us to send them immigrants of this description, and no illiterate or pauper is a desirable addition to our population. Still, the average standing of our immigrants is steadily improving, and as they represent a total increase of less than one third of 1 per cent. to our total of population they cannot be considered dangerous. Our real troubles are much more serious; our threatened troubles are immeasurably greater.

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**THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE.**

Curator Ferrill, of the Colorado Historical and Natural History society has revived the old question whether the Oregon country was included in the Louisiana purchase of 1803.

Binger Hermann, commissioner of the general land office, himself an Oregonian, after careful historical research, has reached the belief that Oregon was not in that purchase, and has directed the publication of a corrected official map excluding it from the Louisiana tract. Curator Ferrill takes the opposing view, and Johnson's Encyclopedia, in its article on Louisiana, asserts that the purchase, which Jefferson made from Napoleon for \$15,000,000, included "nearly all of the present states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Dakota, Nebraska, most of Kansas and the Indian territory, part of Colorado, most of Wyoming, and the whole of Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington."

Nevertheless the weight of history is against Mr. Ferrill and with Commissioner Hermann. The boundaries of the Louisiana purchase, as set forth in the treaty with France, were vague and indefinite. When the treaty was under consideration, the American minister directed Napoleon's attention to this fact, and Napoleon dryly suggested that it was all the better, then, for the United States, a friendly hint which our minister promptly accepted.

The United States acquired Oregon through a combination of widely remote influences and claims, and the Louisiana purchase was one of the weakest pegs upon which we hung our claim. If we had been limited to that claim, we should have made a sorry show in the long controversy with Great Britain. We should have lost Oregon.

We acquired the northwest coast through discovery and occupation. In point of original discovery no other nation had so strong a claim to the Oregon country as Spain. Her navigators were the first to sight its misty shores. We acquired Spain's rights through the treaty of 1819, by which all territory north of 42 degrees north latitude was expressly declared to belong to us.

Meanwhile the United States had driven a strong discovery peg of its own. Spanish, Russian and British navigators had done little beyond coasting along the shores, of the great unknown land. In 1822 Captain Robert Gray sailed the Columbia across the bar of the great stream which now bears the name of his adventurous little ship, being the first to demonstrate the existence of the river. In the long controversy with England, the United States laid great stress on this undisputed fact.

Importance was also attached to the brilliant explorations of Lewis and Clarke, who commanded the government expedition sent overland in 1804 by President Jefferson. They ascended the Missouri river, crossed over the Rocky mountains, and followed the wild passes and wilder rivers to the sea.

Here were the links of discovery and exploration. To them was added the stronger link of occupation—first by the Astor Fur Company, with its posts at the mouth of the Columbia, on the Okanogan, and in the Spokane country. Later came an influx of American trappers and mountaineers, then the missionaries of the Methodist church and the American board, and then, through the '40s, a growing wave of immigration which swept down through the Willamette country and up into the fertile valleys of the Puget Sound region.—Spokesman Review.

**Ship Atlanta Wrecked.**

Truly this is a year of accidents. A telegram from Newport, Or., yesterday, gives an account of the wrecking of the ship Atlanta at Alesca bay, sixteen miles below Newport.

The ship, which was first-class, in good condition and of 2800 tons, left Tacoma a week ago today, Captain McBride commanding, loaded with 1753 tons of wheat for Cape Town, an African port. The vessel is broken in two, her masts are gone and the decks swept clean of everything. Of a crew of twenty-seven men, so far as is known, only two got ashore alive.

The life-saving crew from Newport had been sent to the scene when the telegram was received and more definite news will no doubt reach us soon.

**Schedule of Expenditures**

Showing the amounts of all claims presented, the names of all claimants, the article or claim for which payment is made, the amounts allowed and the claims continued or rejected at the Nov. term, 1898, of the County Court of Wasco county, Oregon. The following list, however, does not contain any claim for which the salary or fees are provided for by statute:

Fred Verbes, putting in wood	8 75
D W Munger, work on bridge	3 00
S J Brown, sawing wood	1 75
Lewis & Dryden Co, records	32 25
Hugh Glenn, book case circuit judge's office	11 95
Irwin-Hodson Co, supplies sheriff's office	13 05
Irwin & Hodson, supplies clerk's office	9 50
Oregon Telephone & Telegraph Co, messages and rent	15 70
L Borden & Co, pitcher for court house	90
Lucas Blank, repairing and cleaning county jail	15 00
Glass & Prudhome, supplies	2 90
Ida Wakefield, wk on tax rolls	25 00
Josie Jenkins, do	25 00
Schneek & Beall, insurance premium	75 00
I C Nickelson, supplies	3 25
Dalles City Water Works, water rent	11 25
Chronicle Publishing Co, printing and publishing	67 75
Van Dryn & Adams, supplies county road	1 32
Mays & Crowe, supplies	17 15
Ward & Son, timber for bridge	38 40
J T Peters & Co, wood and lumber	159 14
H H Tomlinson, balance on bill	5 00
Dr M F Shaw, attending pauper	54 00
Mrs M S Noteman, caring for pauper	16 00
Williams & Brosine, medicine for pauper	10 95
Chas Chandler, assistance for pauper	12 50
Dr R J Filkington, assistance for pauper (not allowed)	13 50
Boys and Girls Aid Society, keeping Wasco county children	10 00
Mrs M Glisan, board and lodging paupers	80 00
St Vincent Hospital, care paupers	60 00
F C Brosius, services and medicine for paupers	16 30
Dr O C Hollister, examining insane and care for pauper	40 00
M M Cushing, keeping paupers	16 00
J A Douthit, pub. and printing, not allowed	12 15
G M Cornett, fare for prisoners from Antelope	12 00
E J Glisan, board for prisoners from Antelope	6 00
Geo W Henderson, rebate on tax	7 04
Mrs H W Gamble	13 00
J A Douthit, printing and publishing	10 00
Dr B C Binehart, attendance on pauper, not allowed	25 00
Florence Crittenden Refuge Home appropriation	50 00
J W Blakney, conveying pauper to boat	50
L D Holgate, rebate taxes	6 82

I, A. M. Kelsay, County Clerk for Wasco county, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full and complete statement of the claims presented and action taken thereon by the County Court of Wasco county, Oregon, sitting for the transaction of county business at the Sept. term, 1898, thereof, save and except all claims the salary or fees for which are provided for by statute.

Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court affixed, this 22d day of November, 1898.

(SEAL) A. M. KELSAY, County Clerk.

**SNAP SHOTS.**

The 12-year-old son of W. E. Reed, who lives twenty miles south of Arlington, narrowly escaped being dragged to death by a horse. His foot caught in the stirrup. After being dragged about 100 yards he was kicked in the face, losing an eye.

Mrs. Harriet Towler, who died in New York city on the 12th, and was buried in Portland today, was the mother of Allan and Myra Calef, who formerly attended the academy here, and who will be kindly remembered by their school-mates.

Edward Warren, an opium fiend and gambler, is suspected of having started the fire which destroyed Canyon City, he being a guest at the hotel where it started, and was angry at some of the residents there. He has been apprehended at Sumpter, and it is said will be lynched if it can be proven that he committed the crime. It is hoped, however, that the people will thoroughly investigate the matter and not be rash.

The half-breeds at Jones Landing, across from Bonneville, are not behind the times when it comes to society scandals. Last Wednesday Miss McCormick, aged 17, and a married man, twice her age, eloped and started for that Mecca of all runaway couples—Vancouver. When the deserted wife gets hold of her blacker half, she'll just organize a party and go "black burying."

The speech of Father Abraham in the last number of Poor Richard's Almanac, published by Benjamin Franklin in 1757, "Contains the Wisdom of many ages and nations assembled and formed into one connected discourse." When first published it attracted world wide attention and was copied in all the newspapers in America and England and translated into many foreign languages. Would you not like to read it? Get a copy free of charge at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

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**An Old Man's Last Hope.**

*Made helpless as a baby by a dreadful nervous disease he read of a case like his own, and had enough faith to follow the example it set him. Now he is himself an example to others who are suffering from disorders of the nervous system.*

Sawing wood, working in his garden, walking three times a day to and from his place of business—these form part of the daily routine of Edwin R. Tripp, Postmaster of Middlefield Centre, N. Y. He is past his seventieth birthday. Nearly fifty years a blacksmith; thirty-two years Justice of the Peace; three years town clerk, then postmaster; forty-six years a resident of the town he now lives in—these are the bare outlines of a useful life. Mr. Tripp's career is a type. His story will be read with heartfelt sympathy by thousands. His hearty endorsement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People will be echoed by tens of thousands.

"In March, 1892, I was attacked by what I afterwards learned was locomotor ataxia. "Two skillful doctors did everything they could for me. I steadily became worse. Was unable to dress myself. "Later I could not move even about the room, but was carried in my chair. "I gave up hope. The doctors gave me no encouragement. I did not expect to live very long. I was more helpless than a baby. I sank lower and lower. "In June the tide turned! From the lowest ebb, it began to set toward health and vigor. "The turning point was a newspaper article.

"It told how a man, who suffered as I had suffered, had been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. "It gave me faith and hope. I took two boxes of the pills; then four more boxes. "My gain was steady; my return to health was a source of daily gratification. "In all I took eighteen boxes of the pills before I was entirely well. At first I paid 50 cents a box, but afterwards I saved money by getting six boxes at a time, paying \$2.50. "I owe my cure entirely to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." To clinch his remarkable story and add to its helpfulness to others, Mr. Tripp made affidavit to its truthfulness before Homer Hanna, a local Notary Public. From helplessness, suffering and despair Mr. Tripp was restored to the healthful, useful activity suggested at the beginning of this sketch. His experience is like others. While locomotor ataxia is one of the most baffling nervous diseases with which physicians are called to contend, its cure by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People has become a matter of almost daily occurrence. Smaller nervous troubles yield much more readily to the powerful influence these vegetable pills exert in restoring wasted nerve force and in purifying and enriching the blood. Druggists everywhere sell Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

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