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GOOD PRICES FOR WHEAT.

If the rains do not interfere harvest in the Inland Empire this year will yield within twenty per cent of the total of last year. The Spokesman-Review says: If conditions do not change, spring sown wheat may be depended upon to even increase the estimated yield. The farmer naturally begins to figure upon the sale of his wheat as soon as he is assured that the growth on his fields will be transferred to the warehouse. At this time the outlook for a good price is glowing. Crops in Russia and Roumania are not promising, while in India rains are needed to bring the yield of that section up to the average. Argentina may have a better yield than for several years past, but that crop is contingent upon weather which is even more uncertain than in the Pacific northwest. California has had a poor year again, while the Mississippi and Missouri valley grain sections, excepting in Kansas and Nebraska, promise a crop far below the average.

Fifty cent wheat is therefore a probability when all the Inland Empire wheat has been sacked, and at 50 cents the grain grower makes a splendid profit. If he holds his wheat for better prices it is a gamble and he may come out loser. Last year's crop averaged a little more than 50 cents, but thousands of bushels were sold at less than 50 cents, and some of last year's crop is still in the warehouses.

While it may be somewhat presumptuous to advise the wheat grower when to sell and at what price, experience has proven that the farmer who accepts a fair offer makes more in the long run than the one who expects to sell at the top notch.

THE BOERS.

It is probable that Great Britain will have to fight the Boers. That is about the only solution that will come out of the present difficulties. Great Britain has always asserted its suzerainty over the Transvaal republic, and even after the war of 1880-81, which resulted so disastrously to the British arms, peace was concluded on the basis of a British protectorate, but granting the Boers local self-government.

While the United States is not so largely interested as Great Britain, we have still quite a number of former citizens there, some of whom have been maltreated and whose legitimate enterprise has been hampered by the narrow, selfish and tyrannical policy of the Boer government; hence we should sympathize with the British demands for fair franchise regulations. The United States has always provided liberal naturalization laws, and this is the correct policy for any new and undeveloped country. The Boers, however, seem disposed to flock by themselves and to monopolize a vast region of the earth, especially rich in mineral wealth, to their own non-progressive methods. Had it not been for the "outlanders," as they call the foreign residents, the gold and diamond mines of Boerland would never have been developed. The country would have remained in a condition about as primitive as that of the regions of Asia occupied by the herdsmen tribes before the dawn of civilization. In this country the Mormons, under the leadership of Brigham Young, tried to pursue about the same policy and prevent the development of the mineral riches of Utah. Many miners were murdered and Gentile emigrants were massacred by bands of Mormons disguised as Indians. But in the end the Mormons had to yield to the forces of civilization, as the Boers will.

The Boers killed and drove out or subdued the native Africans because they wanted their country, and when they had obtained it they settled down in a mode of life only a little

more progressive and civilized than that of the aborigines. The excuse for taking the land of the aborigines in America and in Africa is that they would not improve it, and that the growing population of the world will not admit of vast tracts being sparsely occupied and held back from civilizing influences by a few nomadic savages. The Boers exercised this superior right of civilization in taking possession of the country of the Africans, and they cannot justly complain if a more progressive and enterprising race demand that they themselves shall cease to stand in the pathway of the utilization of natural resources.

That is the whole Boer controversy in a nutshell. The Boers desire to monopolize their country for grazing and such limited agriculture and primitive manufacturing as they choose to carry on. Enterprising outsiders or "outlanders" have pushed in, attracted by the marvelous mineral riches and field for various enterprises, and demand an opportunity to work and thrive. They have as much right there as the Boers had originally. All they ask now is the right of naturalization, equal taxation and equal privileges of citizenship after they have complied with reasonable residential requirements. These concessions the Boers will be obliged to grant them sooner or later. —Spokesman-Review.

MONEY PAID TO FOREIGNERS.

The amount of money annually paid by the American people to foreign ship owners was estimated by the treasury department a few years ago at about \$200,000,000. The Philadelphia Press has investigated the statistics relating to the matter and figures out that the amount is \$182,000,000.

The Press says that if by legislation, as proposed at the last session of congress, we could save one-half that sum—\$91,000,000 annually—it can easily be seen what an enormous gain that would be to our people. "At least 90 per cent of that sum would go to labor in building, maintaining and running the ships. That would give employment at \$2 a day to 130,830 men for every day in the year excepting Sundays. That money would be distributed in about every trade in the United States. That vast army of men would support families and the additional consumption of farm products and manufactures of every kind would be enormous."

It is evident that the American people are at last beginning to realize that the policy of depending on foreign ship owners to carry nearly all our foreign commerce is a very costly one. Party platforms have for years contained planks in favor of such legislation as would restore our marine, but in spite of a unanimous sentiment there appears to have been little done toward attaining the desired result. With the growth of our export trade the people are likely to give more attention to the matter and insist that some steps be taken to build up an American marine that will do the business now being done by foreigners.

The Oregon Press Association is to hold its annual meeting at Astoria this week. It is stated that a resolution is to be presented asking for the appointment of a committee to draft a bill, to be introduced in the next legislature, requiring a man to pass an examination before being permitted to engage in the publication of a newspaper in Oregon, says the East Oregonian. Of course, if the measure becomes a law it is not to effect those already engaged in the newspaper business in the state. This effort is on a level with the legislation that has been secured in the interests of the other "professions," the law, medicine, barbering and blacksmithing. It is special legislation in its worst form and unworthy of the support of intelligent and self-supporting men. It would have the law declare what constitutes a newspaper man, not allowing this to be determined by the character of his work, nor by the intelligence of those who are in the habit of supporting newspapers. It interferes with personal rights. Those who advocate it are on a par with the boy artist

who, after drawing something that looked like a horse, wrote under the sketch, so no mistake could be made, "This is a Horse." And so there are newspaper men in Oregon who would have the law declare "This is a newspaper man." When newspaper men are deficient in ability nothing the law can do can "save" them, while those who are efficient are not in need of any protection such a measure can give them. Why not have a law passed declaring that all newspaper men should take a bath and change their clothes at least once a week? Doubtless such a law would do more good for the "profession" than the one proposed. At least it would be more sensible.

Young Astor, whose father, the New York millionaire, has expatriated himself, declares that he will not be influenced by his father's renunciation of American citizenship. He says he is a loyal American and will remain so. The Americanism of Young Astor is a legacy from his mother, who died in England. He promised her to remain an American, whatever might come of the family's residence in England. This promise the young man says he will keep in the spirit and in the letter.

"Wherever the flag is assailed," said the president in his latest speech, "it will be carried at any sacrifice to a triumphant peace. Rebellion may delay, but it can never defeat its blessed mission of liberty and humanity." This is the extent of the president's militarism and imperialism.

Senator Tillman remarks that Boston is "the head and center of all devils." Not quite all, for Boston statesmen have never acquired the Tillman habit of making a personal use of the state laundries.

In the Tagal military lexicon the art of war consists of running away from entrenched positions. And there are people in the United States who are anxious to stop the sprinters long enough to surrender to them.

Going down is so much easier than coming up that it has taken Lieut. Hobson six months to raise a couple of war-ships that Admiral Dewey sent to the bottom of Manila Bay in about fifteen minutes.

SUNSHINE BRINGS JOY.

Damage to Wheat Will Not Exceed Ten Per Cent.

The sunshine this morning brought gladness to the hearts of thousands of farmers in Oregon, and throughout the Northwest. The grain had stood every drop of rain it would without spoiling, and some had begun to show signs of sprouting and molding.

Reports received today at the weather bureau show that the damage to the wheat crop will not be so great as was expected. A summing up of all the reports indicate that the loss will be from ten to twenty per cent. This will be partially offset by the increase in the spring grain. Many reports say that the rains have benefited the standing grain, much of which was unmaturing when the rain began to fall. Up to that time some complaints had been heard of swelled grain, but now they say spring wheat is well filled out, and in many sections promises to be as good as the fall grain was.

If these reports be correct, careful judges think the total loss to the crop in Oregon should not exceed ten per cent, provided good weather prevails.

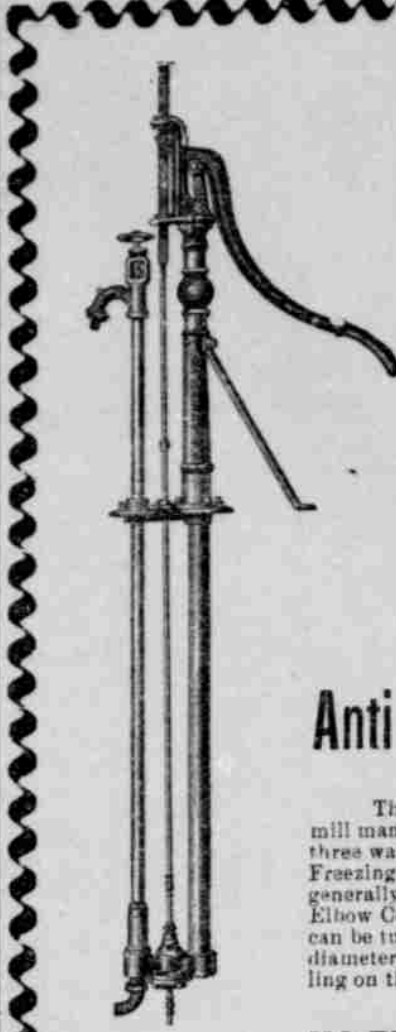
As to continued fair weather, the weather bureau is a little in doubt yet. Mr. Pague says most of the indications are good, but it is not yet absolutely certain that the rain has entirely passed away. Should it begin to rain again in a few days no one can say what the damage will be.

While the rain has been general over the Northwest, persons who have just arrived in the city from Idaho and points beyond, say the crop has not been so badly damaged in Idaho and Montana as in Oregon and Washington, as the season is later in the former states, and not so much grain has been cut. Those from the Walla Walla and Eastern Oregon sections report great alarm on the part of the wheatgrowers, and declare that the coming of sunshine today has saved thousands upon thousands of wheat. —Telegram.

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VISIT OF AN EARLY SETTLER

H. H. Wheeler Spends Today in the City Meeting Friends and Marking the Changes in The Dalles.

Wednesday's Daily.

There is a gentleman in our city today very familiar to all old settlers here, for they remember well H. H. Wheeler, who is called the father of Wheeler county, and who in the early '60s was one of the best known men in The Dalles and throughout the country. In 1864 he drove stage between this place and Canyon City, and in those days it meant much to drive through a country infested with hostile Indians, having in your possession valuables, and carry the mail safely through. He was familiar with all the tactics of the wily Red Man, and more than once was compelled to withstand them. On the 16th of September, 1868, as Mr. Wheeler was driving along, just the other side of Mitchell he was accosted by a band of Snakes and Bannocks, who held him up and robbed the stage. In the attempt to defend himself he was shot through the left cheek and the roof of his mouth shot out. For a time his life was despaired of, but thanks to Dr. Brooks, who was so dearly beloved by all early settlers here, he survived, although he will bear the marks of his grave.

It has been eight years since Mr. Wheeler visited The Dalles, and he sees many changes. Particularly does he miss many of his old friends whom he was wont to meet on his visits here, among them "Rebel Tom" who died a few months since and who used to tend his trusted horses for him, and was a familiar character here.

Mr. Wheeler now lives near Mitchell and is on his way to Portland. Asked concerning the fire at Mitchell he said it was very disastrous to the little town, but that already the citizens are beginning to rebuild and all signify their intention of staying by the town. That vicinity was also visited by a waterspout on the 10th, which did considerable damage, washing out an entire field of alfalfa and drowning eleven hogs belonging to a man whose place it chose as its prey.

For a man of his years, who has passed through such varied experiences, Mr. Wheeler is particularly hearty and his age has not told on him as on many who live an easy life.

WHAT THEY THINK OF US.

Another Complimentary Notice for The Dalles—We Looked Good to Them.

Among the very many complimentary write ups which have been sent us since the visit of the editors to our state we clip the following from the pen of J. G. Gibbs of the Ohio Reflector, who is also treasurer of the N. E. A., and a most excellent gentleman:

During the afternoon we stopped at The Dalles of the Columbia, a flourishing and thriving city of 6,000 people, at the head of navigation on that part of the river, where we were the guests of the city for dinner. And such a dinner! What with several sixty-pound Chinook salmon freshly caught and daintily cooked, and garnished with all the delicacies of the season, there was enough and to spare of the choice fish-food for a thousand people.

Here the Columbia, which above had been from one to four miles in width, is compressed by the encroaching rocks to a channel less than two hundred feet wide, and goes dashing and rushing along at a speed said to reach fifty miles in the hour, throwing spray high in the air and foaming like Niagara below the falls. The word Dalles is an Indian term descriptive of rushing water, and

is applied to notable rapids in several parts of our country, but nowhere so appropriately as here. The citizens of The Dalles were very cordial in their reception and did all in their power to make our visit pleasant. It is a great wheat and fruit market, and is the greatest original wool shipping point in the United States, 6,000,000 pounds per year being bought here, and thanks to the beneficent Dingley tariff the wool is worth something and the farmers are well-to-do and prospering. The Dalles is a rich and flourishing city.

A steamboat line down the Columbia to Portland is owned here.

Ex-Mayor George Farley, an old No-walk boy, is one of the leading merchants of The Dalles. Seven years ago, on a previous visit, I was most royally entertained by Mayor Farley at his handsome home, and lack of opportunity was the only bar to its repetition by him this time. Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Brooks were also very attentive and regretted that our brief stay prevented entertaining us at their home.

Late in the afternoon we left The Dalles on the final run to Portland, which city we were to reach at nine o'clock in the evening. In the distance we caught glimpses of Mt. Hood, the pride of Oregon, and anon a charming waterfall would dash down the rocky crag at our side, with the great river always in sight, surmounted by the beetling cliffs of the Cascade mountains rising from the opposite bank. It was a never-tiring succession of views whose beauty and grandeur are indescribable.

O. N. G. vs G. A. R.

A soldier must of necessity be very versatile. 'Twill not do for him to be drilled in military tactics alone, he must be a real jack of all trades, and among them a forger. Realizing this our soldier boys set themselves about "brushing up" on this particular line of duty and accordingly donned their fatigue uniform Monday night after drill and sallied forth, choosing as their field of attack a water melon patch on Chas. Denton's place about a mile and a half from town. Creeping cautiously up on all "fours," everything seemed quiet along the water front not a shot or shell stirring in the air. Very quietly and in anything but military style they scaled barb wire fences, crossed creeks and finally found the enemy "smiling on the vine" and proceeded to dissect him, when suddenly on looking up they found themselves surrounded and right on the firing line, for at one end of the patch stood an old G. A. R., armed with an old fashioned gun that works with the pumping process, and starts in with a blaze which extends sixteen feet from the blazer end. On the other side was his comrade with a regular round of revolvers.

They had that "veni, vidi, vici" look which made the boys retreat in disorder, encountering first a barb wire fence, which left them tattered and torn; next a jungle which would have done credit to a Manilla thicket, and last of all the creek. The latter somewhat cooled their ardor, and they finally escaped. Taking an inventory later they found they were somewhat negligee, but still possessed two hats and some "pants." In the future they'll be content with embalmed beef and never again run up against the boys of the G. A. R.

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No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate the stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

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