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ST. HELENS, OREGON, APRIL 12.

The good times are coming slowly, but there is no congress in session to stop the gradual improvement which is certainly in progress all over the country.

A DRYDOCK for ships is one of the new enterprises for Astoria in case the railroad is built. This would mean the expenditure of at least \$100,000 at the mouth of the river.

The building of the railroad will open up a market for lumber, and our loggers and millmen may wear a different expression upon their countenances before another year.

ENGLAND'S diplomacy is nicely adjusted to the strength of nations. She has arbitration for the United States, a steady pressure on Venezuela for fresh territory, an ultimatum for Nicaragua, and bullets for the African tribes opposing her advance. The colossal bubble of British greed will burst some of these days.

The commercial failures of the past three months were fewer than were those of the corresponding time in 1894, and the liabilities involved were much smaller. Coincidentally with this decrease in business mortality there has been a large increase in the aggregate of business transactions. This change in conditions is highly significant and encouraging.

The United States supreme court has decided that two items in the income-tax law are unconstitutional. These are the incomes derived from rents and from municipal bonds. The court is divided on other provisions of the law. The decision of the supreme court on these points will greatly reduce the revenue anticipated by the administration, and possibly necessitate another bond issue at no great distant day.

PROSPERITY may yet dawn upon the horizon of this depressed county of ours, and business be revived to such an extent that we can truly call ourselves the most favored people in the northwestern part of Oregon. If the railroad proposition carries strength with it, which we sincerely hope it does, our county will be the scene of much activity. And we are wholly dependent upon that one thing, notwithstanding the fact that indications point to a lively season in the fishing business. With both these bright prospects ahead our star of hope shines with increased radiance.

THE Monroe doctrine does not establish a United States protectorate over the independent nations of Central and South America, and never was intended to do this. Those countries must be made to understand that we will not and can not protect them from the consequences of any misconduct on their part toward European nations. All that Monroe and Secretary of State Adams meant by the declaration of 1823 was that the United States would consider an assault by any European power on any nation of this continent an unfriendly act toward herself. This has been sufficient heretofore, however, to save the Latin-American nations from any encroachment from the rest of the world except in a few instances.

THERE is no system of economics that will do more toward increasing the prosperity of Oregon than that of buying less from the outside and exporting more products raised at home, says the La Grande Chronicle. It must be evident that many people of this state are in bad financial circumstances because the "balance of trade"

has been against them, and not through any fault of the country in which they live. There has been too much money sent away. The amount of buying has exceeded the amount of selling. It has not been so very long ago that thousands of pounds of Iowa and California creamery butter found a market in Oregon. A large amount of Eastern cured meat is still consumed here, but a change in this policy is coming, and it is approaching with considerable speed. There is no reason for Oregon people to remain poor. The state, in fact, should be made one of the most independent and prosperous in the Union.

ENCOURAGE THE RAILROAD.

If the people of Columbia county are awake to their own interests they will encourage in every possible way the building of the Astoria & Goble railroad. Its construction, and later its completion, means many thousands of dollars in the pockets of the people of this county. It must be remembered by all that the building of the road depends entirely upon whether or not the right-of-way can be secured, and in case the right-of-way can not be secured the railroad will not be built. The building of the road is a matter of deep concern to every man, woman and child in the county, and should property owners take an arbitrary stand on the right-of-way proposition, they themselves will be the greatest losers in the end.

In these trying times when there is no demand for labor or its product, it seems hardly possible that any one should stand in the way of an enterprise which would furnish employment for hundreds of working men, and open up a market for the products of the farm and the forests, not only while the work of construction is in progress, but for the future, as well. Such persons there may be along the proposed route but we believe they are few in number. It is true, some persons along the route will be damaged to some extent, and such persons have a right to ask, and should receive the amount they are actually damaged, and no more. People too often get the idea that the road will be built anyway, and grasp the opportunity to get a great deal more damage than they are entitled to. Those holding this view should at once disabuse their minds. The people of Astoria have promised to secure the right-of-way without cost to Mr. Hammond, and if they fail in this the contract is void. They have not the money with which to pay fabulous prices for the land the road will occupy, hence for the success of the enterprise it is necessary that no obstructions be placed in the way. We believe the people along the proposed route have too much common sense to stand in their own light on this important question.

DIVERSIFIED FARMING.

A short time ago THE MIST published, editorially, an article on "Closer Cultivation," which was copied entire or in part by all the leading papers of the state, setting forth the advantages of smaller land holdings and more diversified farming. The suggestions presented have already taken root in many parts of the state, as the following from the Oregonian prove conclusively:

"The campaign for diversified farming is having its effect. Reports from all parts of the state indicate a decreased wheat acreage and a largely increased acreage of hay, vegetables, fruit, etc. Considering the actual and inevitable increase in the area sown to grain by some growers where new land has been brought under cultivation, the showing is sure to be very favorable."

The people of Oregon are becoming more and more impressed with the idea that close cultivation of no more acreage than they can cultivate well is most profitable. If, in Columbia county, no one man attempts to farm more than forty acres, we believe his yield per acre would be much larger, his profits increased and his taxes and other expenses greatly reduced; besides our county would be more thickly populated, by reason of which our highways would be improved, and our waste land of today would be producing a large amount of wealth annually.

It may be a source of pride to the rich man to own large tracts of dormant land; but to the average farmer non-productive soil is an expensive luxury.

PUGET SOUND people are making an united effort to secure the commerce of Oregon and Washington. To do this they must have a fresh water harbor, which will be afforded them when the proposed ship canal is completed into Lake Washington. Even then to compete for the grain fleet which comes annually to the North Pacific they are subjected to towage for 100 miles, besides the long mountainous haul to reach that point. The Columbia river has a natural fresh water harbor, sufficient in size for the entire commerce of the Pacific Coast. Unlike Puget Sound ports, it requires little or no towage, and ships within one hour's time are safely anchored in fresh water, and receive their cargo 1500 miles nearer the market to which

it is consigned, making a saving of several thousand dollars on every ship that clears grain laden for Europe. A railroad to Astoria will develop this condition in a few months, and the sooner it comes the sooner Oregon's commerce will be westered from Puget Sound for all time.

PATRONIZE home industries if you want your town to prosper. No matter what they are, if you need their products buy from your own people. That will build up your town, will keep money at home, and will encourage others to put their money into business enterprises. Spokane, Wash., has adopted this system and every citizen feels it a bounden duty to inquire, when he desires to buy anything, if that thing is made in Spokane. If it is he buys it and will take no other. That is business sense, and Spokane is feeling the effects of it. There is not an article manufactured in Spokane, but that has run all competitors out of the market, and has reached out into the surrounding territory for markets. Bear this in mind all the time and spend your money with your own people.

POINTED AND PERTINENT.

It must be that grace has Tammany, as it isn't possible for Tammany to have grace.

Governor McKinley's southern trip is a veritable nightmare to many democratic editors.

Some people are simple enough to wonder why a newspaper gives more prominence to a church row than to a revival.

Either the governor of Virginia has lied, or else six members of the Massachusetts legislature have done so. There is no halfway station for either side.

In criticizing the administration it should be remembered that some intellects are out of bias; also that our foreign affairs are quite as well managed as those at home.

There was method in the madness of the Jap who tried to kill Li Hung Chang. He wanted to postpone peace negotiations so the Chinese could get licked some more.

Cotton was long ago deposed as king, but it is destined to go still lower if the claims made concerning the making of artificial cotton from wood-pulp are not exaggerated.

No sooner does a wealthy man without a wife die than some woman comes forward with a story of having been engaged to become his wife. That's why some men are afraid to die.

The next republican national convention will not be run for the purpose of vindicating any man or any idea, but for the restoration of the control of the government to the republican party, and the consequent return of general prosperity.

If there are any more nations which wish to take advantage of the United States while Greshamania is at its height they had better hurry up. There is no telling how soon Gresham may be pitched neck and heels out of the state department.

DEER ISLAND.

Wm. Connell was in Portland Monday. A. F. McDonald took a trip to the city last week.

Nickm & Johnson, of Portland, have a force of men repairing the Martin Island jetty.

Messrs. Pat Hughes and Charles Mucke each unfortunately lost a valuable brood mare last week.

Rev. Stroup and the presiding elder of the Evangelical church, passed through town on their way to Goble last Sunday.

Mrs. Dorothy Lambell came down from the city last week and visited with friends and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. English.

Miss Lilly Bonser began her school in the Canaan district the first of the present month. Miss Bonser taught that school before, and gave excellent satisfaction.

John Howels took a severe sick spell one day last week which required the attention of Dr. Cliff, who soon set everything at rights, and now Mr. Howels is as well as usual.

Rev. G. M. Stroup, who makes his home at Houlton, and preaches at Goble every other week, reports more than double a membership in his church during the year he was here, which must be very gratifying to the minister. It is not the size of one's pocketbook that makes them a good churchman, but their good, moral behavior.

It is reported that James Gaitens, who has lumber on the ground for a new building, intends to put in a stock of general merchandise. Mr. Gaitens is an energetic, persevering man, and no doubt would succeed. Messrs. English & Son have been successful here, owing to their conservatism and reliability. There is no reason why Mr. Gaitens should not succeed.

MAYGER.

George Baker and family left on the steamer Dixon the first of the week for their home in Beaverton.

Most of our people here have been much troubled of late with very severe colds, but at present many are greatly improved.

C. N. Davidson is busily engaged at the present in the land-clearing business, and rushing the work with the expectation in view to settling out a number of acres in cherries.

We have an interesting Sunday school here, at which there is no little pains taken to further improve it and make it the most thorough organization of its kind on the Columbia river.

The Johnson Bros. are at present selling a great amount of lumber, and it is earnestly hoped that the increased demand for the article will continue, for it helps all business and persons in some way or another.

At our leisure recently we paid a visit to the new skid roads recently built by the Green Creek Lumber Company. The construction work was under the supervision of Mr. C. Moore, and the result of his effort plainly illustrates that Mr. Moore is one of the best skid-road builders on the river.

The Binger Hermann Republican Club was re-organized here last Wednesday with a good, healthy membership, and from the appearance of things the club is going to be one among the banner clubs of the county. I think it the duty of every republican to associate himself with these clubs, as they are conducive of much good.

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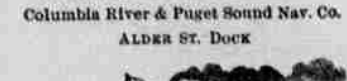
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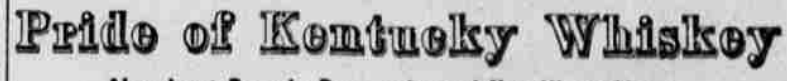
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