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ST. HELENS, OREGON, SEPT. 20.



America for Americans. "Long May It Wave O'er the Home of the Free and the Land of the Brave."

CALL it "imperialism" if you will, but the United States should keep the Philippines, the Carolines and Ladrones in the Pacific, and Cuba and Porto-Rico in the Atlantic. First to punish the Spanish people for that dastardly act of treachery—the destruction of the Maine and her crew; second, to give the down-trodden people of those islands not only the protection craved against Spain, but protection against themselves; and last, but not least, in the interest of American trade.

The apostles of discontent ought to have a mighty tough time of it in Douglas county, about now, with the roads blocked with loads of hay, for which farmers are receiving from \$8 to \$10 per ton; hundreds of thousands of bushels of wheat, the price for which is advancing every day; trainloads of dried fruit; and scores of warehouses full of hops, the market for which promises to be better than it has been for years. Douglas county is in the swim, and don't you forget it.—Roseburg Maildealer.

Never before in the history of Oregon has there been such prosperity throughout the entire state. Large crops of wheat, wool hops and fruit have made the farmers independent. Sheep and cattle are being shipped from all sections of the state to the Missouri river and Chicago. Wheat is bringing a fair price, wool can be sold at good figures, and sheep and cattle are making splendid returns. Fruit growers for the most part did well, while hops were excellent and are excellent and are bringing good prices. The prospects for next year are equally as bright, with the assurance of a large immigration of the best class of farmers and business men. Oregon, the garden spot of the country, will soon take her place on the top rounds of the ladder of national prosperity.

The outlook for the logging industry along the Columbia and elsewhere was never better in the history of the business than the present year, and its prosperity cannot fail to be felt in this city as well as in other places. The prices of spruce and fir remain at the top notch and an advance is looked for as soon as the season's output of logs reaches tidewater. The output, too, along the river, will probably be larger than ever before. C. H. Masten, the well-known logger, speaking of the logging business yesterday said that fir was sold at \$5 per thousand and spruce at \$5.50. While he has seen the prices of logs higher on the river, Mr. Masten says he never saw the demand equal to that at present. Mr. Masten is located on Mary creek, a tributary of Bear creek, and will put in tide water this season about 2,500,000 feet of fir logs. He uses a donkey engine in hauling the logs on to the road, from which they are hauled by horses to the creek. Mr. Masten expects to put in several more million next season, as during the winter he will keep a force of men improving and extending roads into the woods.—Astorian.

With the present demand for lumber, it is quite likely that some big sales of timber land will be made in this county before many months. The timber land adjacent to the Nehalem country is among the finest on the coast, much of it being accessible by the streams running through the country. In this timber belt are claims having 12,000,000 feet of spruce and fir and the finest quality of timber. A large part of the timber belt is owned by private parties, and, although in past years several attempts have been made by real-estate dealers to effect sales with Eastern capitalists, they proved unsuccessful. This was largely due, perhaps, to the condition of the lumber market, which, for some time, had been down to the lowest notch, and, although buyers were in the field, timber claims had been bought elsewhere at a very low figure. Several inquiries have been made lately by Eastern parties, but local real-estate men give them little attention, as they have in years past spent a good deal of time and money in furnishing intending purchasers with accurate descriptions of timber land. Owners have bonded their claims on the recommendation of the dealers on what they thought would be a bona fide sale, negotiations in every instance ending in failure. It is now said on what appears to be reliable authority that more than one Eastern buyer is in the field who is anxious to buy the whole timber belt, which embraces many townships, if conditions are favorable.

It was a little Bangor parrot who prayed: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep; If Uncle Sammy don't kick Spain I'll never say my prayers again. Amen. Don't forget the Maine."

REVIVAL OF THE WAPATO.

Duck Food Again Quite Plentiful on Sauvie's Island.

Monday's Oregonian. Several sportsmen who have been down among the ponds and sloughs on Sauvie's island, shooting ducks, report that there is a fine new growth of wapatoes flourishing in all the ponds and places where they used to grow. Sportsmen will remember that several years since the wapatoes which grew so luxuriantly in many ponds, lakes and sloughs on Sauvie's island and in other places along the Columbia, and which were the favorite food of the canvas-back duck totally disappeared. Their loss was mourned by all sportsmen, as with the wapatoes disappeared almost entirely the flight of canvas-backs they used to attract, so that for the past four years very few of these favorite birds have been seen or killed in this section.

The destruction of the wapatoes was charged to the carp, which having been planted in the river here a few years before had become very numerous, and of considerable size at the time the wapatoes disappeared. The well-known fondness of carp for all kinds of vegetation growing in the waters they haunt, and the fact that they dived in the mud with their noses, formed good grounds for believing that they had destroyed the wapatoes. Still many could not believe that numerous as they were, they could have devoured all the hundreds of bushels of wapatoes which grew in this section so quickly as to practically exterminate the plants in one year.

After a time the theory was advanced that the wapatoes had been buried by the vast amount of silt deposited by the Columbia in the great flood of 1894, and later it was stated that a new crop of wapatoes was coming up, evidently from the seed produced by the few patches which had escaped destruction.

This theory was laughed to scorn by those who had seen swarms of carp uprooting and eating the wapato bulbs. It, however, appears to have been correct, as many lakes and sloughs are filled with a new growth of wapatoes, the bulbs of which have not yet attained much size, but which in another year will furnish food for all the canvas-back ducks coming from the north, and the probability is that sportsmen will soon be able to bring home strings of fat canvas-backs as in days gone by.

The Welfare of the Country.

Shamokawa (Wash.) Eagle. The main issue in this campaign is the money question. All others are subordinate to this. Whether we shall abide by the present standard of gold or go to a silver basis is to be decided. The honor, credit, and business interests of the country are at stake. Shall we keep the standard of all leading and civilized nations of the earth, or shall we adopt the standard of values found in all the decaying or uncivilized nations? Shall we remain in the ranks with Britain, France and Germany, or shall we fall to the level of China and Spain? Their ideal or standard is the measure of their civilization. I think that the answer to this progressive and intelligent nation shall be emphatically for the standard of civilization. The voice of the people at the last presidential election was overwhelmingly such a verdict, and the machinations of a corrupt and self-interest-seeking silver corporation shall not long thwart the wishes of the people. At this election in the state of Washington the coming November we elect two representatives and a senator to congress. Shall these men vote for silver or gold when they go to Washington? It depends upon you. At present we are entering upon an era of prosperity, equal to any this country ever enjoyed; under the gold standard. The Bryanites prophesied that success was an utter impossibility under such a system. Time has shown that they were wrong in all their contentions. Under present conditions you can honestly and conscientiously vote against an administration that has fully and clearly demonstrated that prosperity follows in the wake of the practice of the principles for which they contended. To vote against this administration is to vote against oneself. It is a wrong done knowingly against the welfare of our country, injuring alike, high and low, rich and poor.

LARGEST MINE IN THE WORLD.

It is the Black Butte Cinnabar Mine in Douglas County. Cottage Grove Leader. It may not be generally known that the Black Butte Cinnabar mine of Douglas county, Oregon, is probably the best as well as the largest quicksilver mine in the world. The large smelting furnaces for the reduction of the ore has just been completed and is capable of supplying, when worked to its full capacity, the entire quicksilver market of the United States. Superintendent Behrman says there are now over fifty men on the company's payroll, and that two large boarding-houses have been built, one at the mine and one at the smelter, for the accommodation of employes. Though it is not generally known, yet it is a fact, that the prominence and extensiveness of these mines are more generally talked of in France and Germany than right here in old west foot.

Real Estate Transfers.

Hannah Aaron to F. K. Wiles, 1/2 of 1/2 of sec 30, tp 4 n, r 4 west, 5 00
Laura A. Allen to Max E. Allen, 1/2 of 1/2 of sec 31, tp 5 n, r 4 west, 1 00
Mary and Arthur Croker to Minnie M. Johnson, 1/2 of 1/2 of sec 30, tp 5 n, r 3 west, 600 00
Wm. H. and Nancy E. Hinton to James A. McCormick, 1/2 of sec 30, tp 7 n, r 3 west, 150 00
Alma E. Elliott to J. H. Peterson, 1/2 of 1/2 of sec 22, tp 7 n, r 3 west, 200 00
R. E. and Elizabeth Foster to I. K. Gurfield, 1 acre of land in sec 13, tp 6 n, r 2 west, 80 00
John F. and Elizabeth F. Kerr to Wm. Scott, 80 acres in sec 14, tp 5 n, r 4 west, 1500 00
John P. F. Ames and John Leonard to Othbert Stump, Jr., part of C. Stump land claim, acres 19 and 20, tp 3 n, r 1 west, 1 00
Charles Mayger to A. C. R. Co., removing earth from sec 24, tp 8 n, r 4 west, 100 00
Dr. C. R. Muller to Albert Feidenheimer, power of attorney, 1800 00
A. A. Mead to Stephen Banuam, 1/2 of 1/2 of sec 28, tp 4 n, r 4 west, less piece sold, 1800 00
Alb and Laurinda Neer to Mary J. Foster, lots 7 and 8, blk 12, Near City, 1500 00
Elizabeth Pitcher to Allan A. Robinson, lots 1 and 2, blk 13, St. Helens, 50 00
A. A. and Adella Robinson to Edwin Ross, lots 1 and 2, blk 13, St. Helens, 100 00
J. S. Hise, sheriff, to Security Savings and Trust Co., 1/2 of sec 18, tp 6 n, r 4 west, and 1/2 of sec 22, and 1/2 of sec 31, tp 5 n, r 4 west, and 1/2 of sec 10, tp 6 n, r 4 west, 508 00
Judson and Emma Weed to J. S. Hise, 45.98 acres in sec 12, tp 4 n, r 5 west, 344 00

PROSPEROUS OREGON.

Its Products for this Season Estimated to be Worth \$30,000,000.

At a rough but moderate estimate, the value of the products of Oregon this year will aggregate twenty million dollars. Estimating our population at 600,000 this will be an average of \$30 for every man, woman and child in the state. The Welcome believes that no other state can make such a splendid showing. Perhaps Washington can come near it, but surely no Eastern state can show so great a per capita production, and Oregonians are to be congratulated on the variety of the products of this magnificent young commonwealth. Wheat is the product of the greatest aggregate value: at 50 cents per bushel, which is probably about what it will average this fall, the yield will be worth perhaps nine or ten million dollars. Other grains will be worth a million or two more. Then there is the fish, livestock, wool, lumber, fruit, and precious metals, altogether yielding at least ten millions to the industrious and enterprising people of this state. Then in addition to Oregon's wonderful productiveness, her fortunate inhabitants have the advantage of the best average climate of any state in the Union. There is no excessive cold or heat, such as must be endured east of the Rocky mountains. And it is worth the consideration of the young men of this state that Oregon is as yet only in its infancy. Its population will rapidly increase; its products will increase in still greater proportion; and its commerce will swell to enormous proportions—especially if the Philippines are held, and the "open-door" policy advocated and probably to be insisted upon by England and America is carried out across the Pacific. The boy of today, when he is as old as the writer of these lines, will see Oregon populated by two or three million people; her products will amount to a hundred million; and its trade with other countries, especially with Asia, will be fortyfold what it is today. Fortunate, indeed, is the intelligent, industrious, honest youth of Oregon today. He should be proud of his country and his state, and should rejoice that he lives in so favored a climate and commonwealth.—Sunday Welcome.

The cold-storage business has been the salvation of our fishing season, so far as the fishermen and the city are concerned. Though the fish were scarce during the summer season, the demand created by the cold-storage shippers kept the price up, and nearly if not quite as much was paid out for raw fish as last year. The effort is even more noticeable in the fall fish. Herebefore fishermen have received 1 1/2 cents a pound for their catches, but now they are getting 4 1/2 and even as high as 5 cents. Let us now have artificial propagation, restock our river with the salmon and within the next few years our fishing seasons will be even more remunerative than at any time in the past.—Astoria Budget.

PERSONAL advice from Representative J. E. Hall is to the effect that he will support Hon. M. C. George for the United States senate. Any other course would prove very unsatisfactory to the people of this county. Mr. George is a vigorous and able man, a consistent gold standard advocate, and should be elected this state will never have cause to regret it.

J. A. Reid, dentist, will be at Woodland from now until October 15th. Will return to St. Helens after that date.

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Contracts for material have been let and all necessary arrangements made for resuming work on the construction of fortifications at Fort Stevens. A battery of mortars and several larger guns had just been mounted there when the Spanish war broke out. Now the fortifications are to be extended by the addition of a second section, for the accommodation of several more large guns. Just what is the extent of the addition to be made to the present fortifications it is impossible to ascertain, for those who know will not tell; but it will be a work of some magnitude, and it is understood that a further addition will be made in the future, and the fortifications at the mouth of the Columbia will ultimately be very formidable.

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