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100 YEARS GROWTH.

In one hundred years our foreign trade has increased 13.8 fold, while our merchant marine has increased but 1.23 fold.

The United States in 1900 was nearly four and one-half times larger in area than it was in 1800. There were in 1900, 71,000,000 more people in the United States than in 1800.

The United States Treasury Department has no reliable figures as to the aggregate wealth of the people prior to 1850 but the census taken that year gives the wealth of all the people at \$7,135,789,000 and in 1900 the aggregate wealth of the people in the United States was found by the census takers to foot up \$94,300,000,000, showing that the wealth of the people had increased from a per capita in 1850 of \$307.69 to a per capita in 1900 of \$1,235.86

And thus the increase is shown in every vocation and business with the single exception of our merchant marine. Why is this?

AUCTION OF TIMBER.

There is a bill now pending in the Congress of the United States which, if it passes, and the probabilities are that it will, will repeal the Timber and Stone act of June 3, 1878 under which timber land has been disposed of by the United States for 26 years at \$2.50 per acre, and change the plan so that the timber will be sold at auction.

This is making provision for a big auction sale. Just how big is not generally known. To

MAKES ROADS DUST PROOF.

New Invention For Giving a Clean Surface to Highways.

The municipal councils of Frankfurt and Dresden, Germany, after making exhaustive tests, have adopted the new means of keeping down the dust of highways, called "westrumite."

Westrumite is the invention of a German chemist, by name Van Westrum, who, being practically expelled from his own house, which was on the highway in a suburb of Berlin, by reason of the dust raised by passing motor cars, set himself to find a remedy and found it in a preparation of petroleum and ammonia, which is soluble in water, says the New York American.

It is claimed for westrumite that 5 per cent of the liquid added to 95 per cent of water is sufficient to lay the dust on any ordinary road and that, having once been sprinkled, the road will not need a fresh application for a period varying from two to four weeks according to the amount of traffic on it. It is claimed that the material is a disinfectant; that it prevents both dust and mud and consequently to a great extent wear and tear. It is noninflammable and nonpoisonous, and it does not stain the clothes should it fall upon them.

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Makes Roads Dust Proof.

Every One Profits In Some Way by Betterment of Roads.

There is no class of citizenship but what is benefited directly or indirectly by good roads. The farmer, that he may come to a ready market to sell and hence, the manufacturer in the town remote from seaboard or railroad who in turn can haul his coal and raw material at an appreciably lessened cost and carry his finished product to transportation, will be helped. It will make him independent of small railroads and branches which are obliged by reason of short distances to charge an excessive freight.

The taker in the many shops and offices is to be helped by lower rents within his means, because suburban living is made possible by good roads. And all who prefer the open life to the hustled city life will appreciate the benefit. Every citizen is to profit in some way. Country and suburban districts will be more easily accessible and market men will be enabled to send their goods by free delivery at no enhanced cost to the buyer.

Good roads not only cheapen the cost of living, as we have already noticed in the matter of rents, but also reduce the price of supplies by reason of a ready market. Such a proposition as we are discussing opens up the country. The territory becomes immediately available to the more easy of access. Grocery and market men will be enabled to send their goods by free delivery at no enhanced cost to the buyer.

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EVIL.

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A gossip is usually willing to betray, so is the man who is always complaining.—Acheson Globe.

What He Was.

A man of letters—of poor physique—recently looked a policeman down and he said at large to tell the tale. It was on the busy of the upper Thames, where a narrow bridge pedestrian to enter the town path by the roadway.

The man of letters, however, knew the street cut and took it, running into a busy Berkeley constable. "See that notice board!" remarked the constable, blocking the narrow path. The man of letters looked, considered, and replied, "But you see I'm not a pedestrian." The constable considered him from his hat to his boots and back again. "Why what are you then?" he asked. "I'm a congregationalist," said the man of letters. The constable dropped.—London Chronicle.

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form some estimate of the magnitude of the auction it is noted that in Union county there are surveyed and unsurveyed public unappropriated land amounting to 133,820 acres, 75 per cent of which is estimated by the commissioners of the General Land office as timbered mountains. This would give 100,365 acres of timber in Union county to be sold at auction.

Now that the facts regarding the title to the court house and grounds are known, one of the arguments against moving the county seat is destroyed, just as all others will be by the time the election takes place next June. La Grande is the proper place for the county seat and the voters of Union county will back this assertion up with their votes at the polls. The present buildings are altogether too small for the proper and economic transaction of the county business and it is a self evident fact that new buildings are now necessary, and it resolves itself to the question of, shall the new buildings be erected at a point which is almost inaccessible or shall they be placed where they can be of the greatest good to the greatest number?

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