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PATENTS AND PROGRESS
 A learned senator and statesman, many years ago, stated that the material growth and prosperity of our nation owed as much, if not more, to a single sentence in the constitution of the United States as to any other one clause in that instrument. The sentence referred to is the one wherein power is given Congress "to promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for a limited time to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries."

To effectuate this clause in the United States constitution, Congress has passed many laws, the first in 1790 about a year after the constitution went into operation. The United States patent office does more work in its line than any patent office in the world and does it cheaper. In 1836 one clerk in a single room in the office of the Secretary of Treasury, did all the patent office work. Now there are nearly a hundred clerks employed in a large building and there is plenty of work for all. The work of the United States patent office has grown six fold faster than the population of the United States since 1850.

In 1850 there were 993 patents issued and in 1903 there were 31,699 patents granted.

The history of the effects some inventions have had upon our national growth reads like a list of miracles. The invention of the cotton gin by Eli Whitney made cotton king for years. Before his invention it took a negro all day to clean the seed out of five or six pounds of cotton. By the use of the gin one hand will clean the seed out of 1000 pounds. The importance of the cotton gin can be best measured by noting the increase of the cotton crop. In 1800, seven years after the invention of the gin, there were 155,556 bales of cotton grown in the United States, in 1810 there were 340,000 bales grown, in 1900 there were 9,436,116 bales grown, and 10,727,559 bales in 1903.

While the production of cotton has increased 67 fold since 1800, the numerous inventions in machinery for spinning and weaving cotton in the United States has enabled our cotton factories to more than keep pace with the planters. In 1818, the

earliest date we have, the mills in the United States purchased and worked up 25 per cent of the cotton grown in the United States, in 1903 they took 37 per cent, notwithstanding the enormous increase of the cotton crop.

The wheat crop experienced a similar impulse. The sickle gave place to the cradle, that soon was being up out of the way of McCormack's reaper which was closely followed by the reaper and binder and combined harrow and thrasher. The flail and threshing floor passed out of general use for combining grain since the adoption of our constitution. The plow has changed for the better, and all other farm implements and household conveniences have changed their clumsy forms to lighter and more convenient ones, rendering it possible for the women of this age to keep house and cook food with far less labor than their grandmothers endured to do the same work.

Compare the innumerable useful and labor saving things around you and then think how few of these you would have had had not the constitution of the United States secured to inventors the right to better their own condition by inventing useful things for mankind. Men and women have a right to the benefits arising from their labor, whether of brain or muscle, and if this right is denied or not secured, few will work. Nothing would it be honest to expect them to do; and it would be a great disadvantage to our nation.

The United States is one of the leading agricultural nations on earth, a leader in manufacturing, mining, metal and stone workers, our people live more and more comfortable homes owned by the dwellers thereon than any other people and are the richest people on earth, a position we could not have reached without the clause we have quoted from our constitution.

Special Excursion to the World's Fair.
 The train from La Grande, in connection with the Missouri Pacific, will make a special excursion to the World's Fair at St. Louis without charge of fare and short stops at intermediate points. The first of these excursions will leave Portland June 5, and return June 17. The second will leave La Grande June 10, and return June 22. The excursionists going to the Exposition at St. Louis will be accompanied by a different train. This is the most pleasant way, and as the most delightful route to cross the continent. The above excursion gives an opportunity of visiting the Exposition at St. Louis, and returning to La Grande. If you wish to accompany one of these excursions, call on W. C. McElroy, 121 Third Street, Portland, for sleeping car reservations.

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 Chicago—Sept wheat opened 89 3/8 and closed at 90 1-4 Barley 42 a 50, flax 1.17 1-2, northwestern 1.23
 San Francisco—ash wheat 1.37
 Portland—Wheat Walla Walla 67; Bluestem 72; Valley 78.
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