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MARKET FOR ELBOW GREASE

A glance at a list of the states that in the decade from 1890 to 1900 added most numbers to their population in proportion to their area suggests that the motive that induces men and women to change their location, and emigrate to other localities is not the same as impelled population into the unsettled wilderness in times past. The old pioneers left their native states and sought the wilderness because they believed neath the shadow of its forest or out upon its grassy prairies there were opportunities to acquire homes. This desire for homes does not now appear to be the propulsion force that sends men out in search of new locations, not that the home loving and home desiring instinct is less now than it was fifty years ago, but because the intelligent homeseeker sees no greater opportunity to secure homes, aided only by his personal exertion, in the west than in the older states. Be that as it may, the fact is made plain, by the last census report, that quite a number of the older states within the ten years from 1890 to 1900 increased in population in proportion to their area greater than in the newer states. To demonstrate the above, take the old state of Massachusetts with an area of 8,040 square miles of land surface in the ten years ending with 1900 it gained 566,399 in population, a gain of over 70 per square mile in the ten years.

Compare the increase to Oregon's population for the same time with Massachusetts. Oregon has an area of land surface of 94,560 square miles and in the decade ending with 1900 its population increased 95,832 or but a little more than one person to the square mile whereas Massachusetts added 70 persons per square mile. Oregon had but about 3 persons to the square mile in 1890 while Massachusetts had 278.

Take the state of Pennsylvania with a land surface of 44,985 square miles and we find in the decade ending with 1900 its population increased 1,044,002, being an addition to its population of 23 persons per square mile. Let us compare Pennsylvania with our neighbor on the north, Washington, with a land surface of 66,886 square miles, which in the decade ending with 1900, increased in population 160,871, not quite 2 1/2 per square mile.

During the same ten years Connecticut increased its population 162,162, a little over 33 per square mile, making its density of population 187.5 per square mile. The additions mentioned to the population of Oregon brought it up to 4.4 per square mile and that to Washington gave it in 1900 a population of 7.7 per square mile.

Comparisons of the increase of population of old and thickly settled states could be continued with similar results suggesting very plainly that the impulse that makes people emigrate now

is not for elbow room, but for localities where there is a good and constant demand for elbow grease for labor. The result is that manufacturing states are outgrowing in population the thinly populated western states.

If the Proebstel bridge is in the condition represented by responsible persons, the county court should take measures to fix it at once. The best season is about here and many tons of beets will or should pass over this bridge within the next few weeks. A short delay now means a greater delay when the entire structure will have to be rebuilt.

What is the reason that no sign board can be found in the county directing people to La Grande? There is a law in this state making it a part of the road supervisor's duty to erect and maintain sign boards at all cross roads. It is evident that some one is neglectful of their duty.

The fact that Messrs. Lodge and Root are discussing the points of President Roosevelt's formal letter of acceptance, gives the President more time to devote to the points of his inaugural address.

In the very midst of a campaign unrivaled for strenuousness, the St. Louis Republic pathetically appeals to the press to refrain from telling lies about candidates. And this in Missouri!

The only large cities that have not a large German population are Boston, with less than five per cent Germans, and Washington, D. C., with seven per cent.

Salaries of all world's fair employees were reduced last Monday. It will, however, cost as much as before to go down the Pike.

In addition to other troubles, England is now trying to saddle the responsibility for the English sparrow on poor Russia.

Goebel to Speak.

Walla Walla Wash. Aug. 31—George H. Goebel, a New Jersey labor speaker of national reputation, has been secured to deliver the address on Labor day at the fair grounds.

Special Excursion to the World's Fair.

The Denver and Rio Grande, in connection with the Missouri Pacific, will run a series of personally conducted excursions to the World's fair during June. These excursions will run through to St. Louis without change of cars, making short stops at principal points enroute. The first of these excursions will leave Portland June 7, and the second June 17. The rate from La Grande will be \$60 to St. Louis and return. Excursionists going via the Denver & Rio Grande have the privilege of returning by a different route. This is the most pleasant way, as well as the most delightful route to cross the continent. The stops arranged give an opportunity of visiting in and about Kansas City. If you wish to accompany one of these excursions write at once to W. C. McBride, 121 Third street, Portland, for sleeping car reservations.

Notice to Contractors

Sealed bids will be received until 2 o'clock P. M. Saturday August 6—1904 for the construction of a two story frame residence building according to plans and specifications which may be seen at the residence of Mrs. Z. Patty, or at the residence of C. R. Thornton, Archibald, La Grande, Oregon, at which latter place bids will be opened. Bidders invited to be present. The owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Or. May 11, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1882, Floesbe Davis of Perry County, Oregon, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her secret statement, No. 100, for the purchase of the sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, in Township No. 4 S., R. No. 25 E., W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber for stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Monday, the 1st day of August, 1904. She names as witnesses: A. L. Bean, John J. Murphy, Ralph H. Bullis, and Mary H. Murphy, all of Perry, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 1st day of August, 1904.
E. W. Davis, Register.

Fire Proof Safe

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior, Land Office at La Grande, Oregon. June 25, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, on August 4, 1904, viz: H. E. No. 562, Marguerita Buttlinger, La Grande, Oregon, widow of John Buttlinger, deceased, for the E 1/2 Sec. 2 & E 1/2 Sec. 3, T. 2 S., R. 27 E., W. 31.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Frank Reinhold, John Keller, Conant Roeder, Micael Kallin all of La Grande Oregon.
E. W. DAVIS, Register.

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