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COMMERCIAL FAILURES

Democratic editors and speakers, banking on the ephemerality of the people's memories, are making a great and gleeful cackle over the number of commercial failures in 1903, evidently hoping that their readers and hearers will conclude that bankruptcy and ruin stalks abroad in the land as never before and that the prosperity the Republicans talk about is but "the guildded halo of decay."

Let us examine the records and see how things have been in years gone by when Cleveland was president and congress was Democratic; During the four years of Cleveland's second term there were 57,412 commercial failures in the United States with an aggregate of liabilities amounting to \$919,060,439, the greatest number of failures was during the first year of Cleveland's term with 15,242 failures with liabilities at \$346,779,389.

During the four years of Republican rule, from 1903 back, there were 45,460 commercial failures with liabilities aggregating 524,508,003.

By comparing the commercial failures that occurred in Cleveland's second administration with the failures that occurred during the four years of Republican rule ending June 30 1903, the last year of which the Observer has the official record, it will be seen that the record shows that in Cleveland's second administration there were 11,952 more failures than in the four years of Republican rule, and that the liabilities of the failing debtors in Cleveland's second administration exceeded those in the said four years of Republican rule by \$389,552,436.

The people remember more about Cleveland's second administration, the first time since 1860 than the Democratic leaders suppose they do.

Exports of fruit from the United States in the fiscal year 1904 will exceed \$2,000,000, against less than \$3,000,000 in 1894 and less than \$2,000,000 in 1884. The growth in the exportation of fruits from the United States has been rapid during the last few years.

A visit to Mr. Woods livery stable where about thirty of the horses purchased for the Alaska stage company, reveals a marked contrast in the character of horses formerly used by the stage companies in the early history of this country. That service requires a much larger animal, few of these weigh less than 1300 pounds.

The politicians of all parties are now beginning to acquaint themselves with the provision of the new primary law. Every voter should. It is quite an innovation over former customs, relative to the making of nominations. Only the two leading parties of this state at the next election will have to abide by its provisions as only parties who cast 25 per cent of the total vote cast are considered by the law.

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The steamship Arabis now in Portland will leave in a few days with 5000 boxes of apples for the Orient. This is developing into a good market which will grow larger each year.

Not a few horses have been rejected by the purchasers of horses now here buying for the Atlas stage line, for the reason of barb wire scars on the legs. Experience there has proved that in that country it is difficult to keep the legs free from irritation where the hair refuses to grow out over the scars. It is surprising to know how many of our horses in the valley show the effect of such injuries.

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TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon August 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 amended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1894, David C. Sugden, of Dexter, county of Wood, State of Wisconsin has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 4150, for the purchase of the NE 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4 and Lots 3 and 4 of section No. 2 in Township No. 9 South Range No. 28 E. W. M. And will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or 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 Tuesday, the 26th day of October, 1904. His names as witnesses: Ralph H. Bullis, W. Henry Brown, of Dexter, Wisconsin; Leonard C. Bullis, of Perry, Oregon; and Edward Beasly, of La Grande, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 26th day of October, 1904. E. W. Davis, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that Christian W. Murphy, has filed her final account as administratrix of the estate of Thomas N. Murphy, deceased and the County Court of Union county Oregon has set Tuesday, the 5th day of September, A. D. 1904, at two o'clock P. M. for the hearing of such report. Christian W. Murphy, Administratrix.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, August 5, 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 Sept. 20, 1904, viz: H. E. No. 221, John Keller, of La Grande, Oregon, for the NE 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 12, T. 28, R. 28, E. W. M. He names the following witnesses: I. prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: A. J. Pitts, Conrad Strober, Emil Hulse and John More, all of La Grande Oregon. E. W. Davis, Register.

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Mr. John H. Cullom, Editor of the Garland, Texas, News, has written a letter of congratulations to the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as follows: "Sixteen years ago when our first child was a baby he was subject to croupy spells, and we would be very uneasy about him. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in 1887, and finding it such a reliable remedy for colds and croup we have never been without it in the house since that time. We have five children and have given it to all of them with good results." For sale by all druggists.

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