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JOSEPH AND GOLD

There is no longer any question but what Joseph has gold, and it is very likely there will be some mines developed there which will rank among the steady producers. But Joseph is not losing her head over this matter, although the country at the head of the lake is staked out for miles.

A mining boom, such as made Goldfield, Dawson and Virginia City is not in the books again. No, people who buy mines buy them the same as one buys land-for the productive value which can be shown. But mines are the best asset a community can have when they prove good and it is within the bounds of good reason to think that good mines will be developed around Joseph. Hardly could it be expected that nature deposited all of the rich

Don't get

the Cornucopia country. Let Joseph people continue to prospect and open up the ledges, the bus-

ntablier

FINE LEGISLATIVE WORK.

The Observer cannot resist the templation to compliment the Oregon egislative body once more for the very excellent manner in which they are blocking the proposed measures, the steat majority of which are worthless and of no concern to a rapidly growing state like this one.

Keep it up, boys, you are doing fine. The state at large is appreciative of the brakes that you have set on legislauch. We as a people rejoice to know that legislatures have finally become subservient to the people and rathes than pass a multitude of dead letter laws, this body is merely sawing wood and putting in their time, which is positively the most sensible thing to do.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR

A woman sneers at big shoes, no them. What a girl likes about a man sending her flowers is that some oth-

er girl didn't get them. If a woman couldn't match ribbons to her hair she's just as lief match

her hair to ribbons. For a dispute to get red hot its only necessary that neither side should say. know what it is talking about.

EXPORTS FOR 1910.

The figures of the exports for the past year recently presented by the Lireau of Statistics show some curious intricacies, says the Inland Herald. On the whole, the domestic exports for over 1909. The increases, however, are somewhat curios. The principal export is unmanufactured cotton, which shows an increase of nearly \$70,000 .-000 for the past year, or more than half of the total increase. Now, as a matter of fact, there was less cot-

ton exported during the year 1910 than the year 1909, but a higher price was charged for it. The total foodstuffs exported were \$345,000,000, a decrease of \$55,000,000 against the year previous. The manufactured articles show-

gold one just across the mountain in less than 1 per cent. Indeed, the two principal manufactures, copper and illumination oll, show decreases, as also does cotton cloth. Every other manuiness will come then in a good healthy facture, large or small, however shows an increase.

In unmanufactured material, cotton for the year 1910, shows a percentage of unwards to 35 per cent of the total exports, an increase of 9 per cent over the percentage for 1909. If it were not for that increase, the figures for the country would not show up nearly as well.

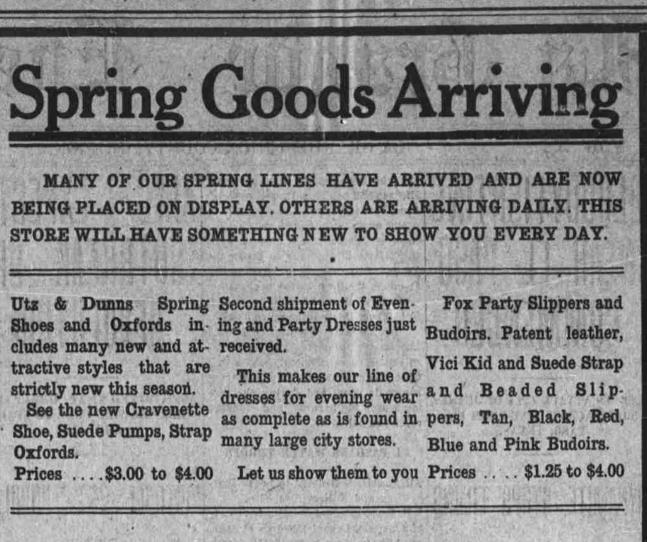
Now, while the exports of manufactured articles is upwards of 47 per cent of the total, it must not be forgotten that the export of unmanufactured material, most of which under favorable conditions could be manufactured in this country, is upwards of 33 per cent, showing that there is a tremenduous opportunity present for the further development of American manufactures.

This is the change in the nature of the trade of the country which has been coming on for years past, for it is hardly a decade ago since the food exports, now barely more than 20 per cent of the total export trade of the country; occupied one-half. These are matter what the size of the feet in the facts which render any change of the tariff a somewhat dangerous prooeeding unless undertaken with expert knowledge. Just how far American manufactures are increasing as to their exports because of their intrinsic merit and just how much because of the tariff is something which even the tariff commission seems unable to

FRANCHISE IN NEW ZEALAND.

In the important British colony of New Zealand, so progressive a community that it has been aptly called a "social experiment station," women vote with a genuine interest in public affairs. Recently the wife of Sir Rob-1910 show an excess of \$127,000,000 as art Stout, chief justice of New Zealand, has been telling an English paper "What the Franchise has done for women and children" of that country. Lady Stout shows that legislation is founded on the equality of the sexes. Among other things mentioned are these:

> Incurable insanity for ten years, imprisonment for seven, attempt to murder wife or children, desertion for five years, cruelty or unfaithfulness, to the mustard," or "Milwaukee all to are grounds for dissolving the marri- the suds."





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smudge," but you don't cane to hear a momnet later that "Chicago is all ficer would have appendicitis without

expense to himself, he should take care to be stricken within "operating

