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The wheat market in all parts of the world shows an upward tendency.

SINCE electricity is taking a place on eastern railroads as a power provider the locomotive may soon expect to travel the road to the scrap iron heap where the old stage coach has reposed for these many years.

HAWAII being willing to submit its difference with Japan to arbitration, it becomes incumbent upon Uncle Sam to pick up his gun and point out to the Mikado that it is his duty to see matters through the spectacles of peace.

THE House will not strike the bond tax out of the Senate tariff bill, and those gentlemen who clip coupons will, therefore, find themselves in future paying some proportion of the expenses of the Government which protects them in the clipping.

IN THE advertising columns of a North Dakota exchange is found this: "Undertaking and Embalming—Repairing Neatly Done." There are very few people who do not need a little repairing but it is the physician rather than the embalmer that they prefer for the work.

YANG YU, late Chinese minister to this country, declares that bicycles were used in the Flowery Kingdom twenty centuries ago. He adds that their manufacture was finally prohibited by the emperor because the Chinese women rode so constantly that they neglected their families and domestic duties.

SHOULD there be trouble between the United States and Japan over the possession of the Sandwich Islands that Nicaragua canal will be painfully not a thing of material existence and the United States will suffer in consequence. Nearly all our warships are in the Atlantic. The Pacific would need them in the event of war and the trip around the Horn is a long, tedious one.

MEDFORD people turned out en masse and attended the Fourth of July celebration at Jacksonville and now these same people are attending the Chautauqua at Ashland—in great numbers—a great many during the entire session. The pace has thus been set—when our district fair is on this fall will the people of Jacksonville and Ashland please return the compliment?

BOB TAYLOR is known the length and breadth of the land as the "fighting governor" of Tennessee, but his welcome to the governor of Georgia, at the Nashville exposition on July Fourth, proves there is a composite in his make-up which is not all wrath and harsh ways. The welcome is very prettily put and contains a soft melody of interstate fraternity which should characterize all states—one with the other. Here is his welcome:

"It is a beautiful time for Georgia to visit Tennessee. It is the time when spring pillows her head in the lap of summer and is lulled to sleep among the roses and honey-suckles by the music of the happy harvest song. It is the time when the souls of love melt together in a single thought, and their hearts beat in unison to the rapturous melody of love. It is the time when the cows come home in the evening fragrant with the breath of clover blossoms. It is the time when the humming birds hum and the woodpeckers drum and the bumble bees bumble around. I think that Georgia was the original Garden of Eden and Atlanta was its jasper gate."

Bryan at Ashland.

Last Saturday was a gala day for Ashland—in fact it was a day of celebration for nearly the entire county population of Jackson and a good sprinkling of Josephine County. The occasion was a visit from Hon. W. J. Bryan, late silver candidate for president. Mr. Bryan arrived in Ashland Friday evening and was met at the depot by many prominent silverites of the county. He was driven to Hotel Oregon where he dined and in the evening a public reception was held in the lobby of Hotel Oregon where for an hour or more Mr. Bryan received all those who came very pleasantly.

Saturday afternoon he spoke in the Chautauqua grounds to one of the largest audiences ever assembled in Southern Oregon, estimated at from 2500 to 4000—probably 3000 would be about the correct number. After paying a pretty compliment to Jackson County, Ashland and the Chautauqua Mr. Bryan took up the subject of his lecture—"Bimetallism." For two and a half hours he held the very closest attention of the vast audience, which applauded and cheered repeatedly as the speaker brought out points which were of particular interest. Mr. Bryan is unquestionably a very eloquent speaker but his address, except at times, was more of the nature of a common-place, everyday talk with the audience—like you would expect to take place in your drawing-room. Near the close and at short intervals throughout the address there were bursts of oratorical eloquence displayed which gave the audience to understand that his fame as a speaker was far from being one of fiction. The gentleman's arguments from a bimetallic point of view were conclusive and to the enthusiasts and friends upon this line of belief they were logical and of a nature not easily refuted.

The Medford lady quartet, consisting of Mrs. Vawter, Misses Adele Pickel, Mabel Jones and Grace Foster, sang a very beautiful quartet appropriate to the occasion—the words to which were composed by Miss Elva Galloway, of this city. So appropriate was the song and so well rendered was it that an encore was insisted upon by the audience—and responded to by the quartet with another piece, also written by Miss Galloway.

Says an Error Was Made.

In your issue of June 25, 1897, there are given from the Independent of Jan. 7, 1897, what purports to be the "Church Gains During the Year 1896," wherein the Presbyterians, including 12 bodies, are represented as gaining 1347.

No one has any means of telling the gain in the Presbyterian Church during 1896, as the statistical year in our church closes April 1st of each year. The official statistics for 1896 are for the year closing April 1, 1896.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Roberts, of Philadelphia, Pa., is our statistician and I have from him last week, and give on his authority, the following figures:

For the year ending April 1, 1896, the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, with which the Presbyterian Church of Medford is connected, received on examination 64,806, and by letter 38,489, or a total of 103,295. Those transferred by letter are largely from one Presbyterian Church to another and cannot properly be considered a gain, but the 64,806 received on examination correctly represents the aggregate gains. Our church rolls are purged every April of all drones and useless material. These are put upon a "reserve roll," and are not counted in the returns made.

After these deductions were made, also for losses by death, etc., the net gain for the year ending April 1, 1896, in this one branch was 20,812, and in all the Presbyterian churches, omitting the Cumberland Presbyterians, whose statistics for that year were very imperfect, the net gain was about 40,000. For the year ending April 1, 1897, complete returns are not yet published. But this much is known, that the gain in our church by additions on examination is about 56,000. The net gain for our branch or for the whole church I am not now able to state. "Figures will not lie," but there are always some who are ready to manipulate them in such a way as to disparage on one side and glorify on the other. It is not by such methods that the kingdom is advanced. The true measurement of a church is not its numbers but its spiritual life, its intellectual force, its missionary zeal and success.

Rev. A. S. FOSTER,
Pastor Presbyterian Church.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of constipation and sick headache. For malaria and liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by Chas. Strang, druggist.

Public Sale of Lumber.

By order of the court I will re-sell at public or private sale, at R. W. Gray's saw mill, four miles from Prospect, on Tuesday, July 20, 1897, at one o'clock, 20,000 feet of first and second grades sugar and yellow pine lumber, and 42,000 feet of third grade yellow and sugar pine lumber, together with mill building. Terms cash. Lumber will be sold in quantities to suit purchasers.
H. G. WORTMAN, Assignee.

Chautauqua—July 10 to 22, 1897.

Prominent speakers: Bryan, Lamar, Gaston, Misses Benney and Ackerman, Joaquin Miller, Rev. Hershey. Six schools conducted by masters. Season tickets \$1.50.

Good camping, health and wisdom for little money. Decide to come. Address President, Ashland, Oregon.
Save Your Grain.
Few realize that each squirrel destroys \$1.50 worth of grain annually. Wakeloo's Squirrel and Gopher Exterminator is the most effective and economical poison known. Price reduced to 30 cents. For sale by Chas. Strang, Medford; Dr. J. Hinkle, Central Point; J. W. Robinson, Jacksonville.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

A Cleveland woman applied for a divorce on the honest ground that she wants to marry somebody else. Under the new salary law the sheriff of New York receives about \$72,000.00 per year. Pretty fair salary.

In the state of Connecticut there are just 54 women who are daughters of soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary war.

At last the manufacturers have discovered that the people are tired of paying \$50 for a machine and \$50 profit for the wind in the tires.

Governor Atkinson, of Georgia, recently made Miss Butt a colonel, and Governor Taylor, of Tennessee, soon afterward conferred the same title on Miss Ely.

The oyster and the strawberry have built more churches and paid off more church debts and pastor's salaries than any other things. Ice cream comes next. All good parsons should make a note of this.

St. Petersburg has a population of 1,250,000; Moscow just under 1,000,000. Nineteen other towns are returned at 100,000 and the comparatively modern Lodz, the Manchester of Poland, ranks fifth. Thirty-five towns have 50,000 inhabitants each.

One of Chicago's enterprising thieves stole a three-story house the other day and had it moved more than a mile when he was arrested. The chances are that if he had got the building settled on a new site, he would have gone back after the cellar and the well.

The law which makes good all losses of money sent in registered letters where the sum is less than ten dollars has gone into effect. It is a most admirable law in everything except the stand it takes against honesty and sound business methods where the sum is over ten dollars.

Another young American woman is to marry an English Duke, which fact may be taken by the Kaiser as one more sign of the recently developed and dangerous tendency toward national expansion. Even the Yankee women have caught it—and, having no hereditary nobility, are coolly proceeding to annex one.

There is an item going the rounds of the press to the effect that the proper method to keep apples in winter is to wrap them in old newspapers so as to exclude the air. The newspaper, however, must be one on which the subscription has been paid, otherwise dampness resulting from what is "dew" may cause the fruit to spoil.

A New York clergyman preached a sermon to the fair sex against flirting the other day, taking as his text from Proverbs: "He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow." The summer season at seaside resorts is just beginning, and he evidently thought it a good occasion to warn his congregation against the amusement without which the average summer boarder thinks life is not worth living.

It doesn't take much provocation to commit suicide. In England recently a well-to-do master builder informed a friend of his, also a prosperous builder, and some other persons, that he could not endure life, and walked away, later in the day jumping into a canal. His friend was so depressed at his statement that he at once went to the town reservoir and drowned himself. The bodies were recovered at nearly the same time.

A writer in Hardware says: "I called on a prominent hardware merchant some months ago. He seemed to be very glad to see me, and after a time the conversation drifted around to bores. 'They don't stay long with me,' said the merchant. 'How do you get rid of them?' I asked. 'I just touch a bell button with my foot,' said he, 'and there is a sudden call for me, and I slip out and stay out.' Just then a red-headed boy thrust in his head and said; 'Mr. Blank, they want

to see you in the back office, right off.' I left."

The administration at Washington, recognizing the gravity of Japan's attitude toward Hawaiian annexation, has decided to send the big battleship Oregon to Honolulu to relieve the cruiser Philadelphia and the old sloop of war Marion, now stationed there. How Japan will view the assignment of the Oregon to Hawaiian waters remains to be seen, but it is certain that if other vessels are sent to support the Naniwa the United States will respond in a vigorous manner that will leave no doubt as to the determined policy of the administration that foreign countries must keep their hands off Hawaii.

Mrs. John Bradbury, wife of the Los Angeles millionaire, who eloped with W. R. Ward and was subsequently arrested in San Francisco, has gone to Chicago, free from the toils of the law, and innocent, so the court declares, of the crime charged against her. Ward, the man who induced her to leave her home, stays behind, held under a cash bond of \$2000 to answer to the charge brought by the Society for the Prevention of Vice. From the other end of the continent Colonel Bradbury is said to be approaching his wife to extend in person forgiveness. It is understood that there is to be a reunion in Chicago and a brief tour through the South.

The new census of Russia gives a total population of 129,211,113, as compared with 74,000,000 in 1859. Much of the increase is due to the acquisition of territory in Asia. Only three cities in the empire—St. Petersburg, Moscow and Warsaw—have a population of more than 500,000. There has been no census in Russia since the year 1860 until 1897 which gives her over 129,000,000. The population in round numbers by provinces is about as follows: European Russia, 99,000,000; Poland, 9,000,000; Finland, 2,000,000; Caucasus, 8,000,000; Central Asia, 6,000,000; Siberia, 5,000,000. The males and females are about equal in number. The total area of Russia is 8,660,282 square miles.

County Commissioners' Court.

Statement of A S Barnes, sheriff and tax collector, showing the amount of delinquent taxes collected from April 5, 1897, to July 1, 1897, with all other collections and the amount of taxes still due and uncollected, was examined and approved, and ordered to be spread on journal.

In matter of the annual financial report of Gus Newbury, Co Supt of schools; the court examined the report for the year ending Monday, April 1, 1897, but the same is not accepted and the clerk is instructed to notify the superintendent to file an amended financial report.

Hendricks Goddard appointed justice of peace in Talent district, vice J B Dyer, resigned.

Clerk ordered to issue an alias writ for the collection of certain delinquent taxes of 1895.

Ordered that county warrant No 21-208, dated April 7, 1897, for indigent purposes, be canceled; clerk and treasurer directed to note cancellation on their records.

In matter of road petitioned for by A S Johnson, et al; N H Spencer withdrew his petition for damages and road ordered opened.

Mrs E C Gale's monthly allowance discontinued from this date.

Monthly report of E DeRobosam approved.

Reports of county officers examined, compared and approved.

The records show there was in the hands of Treasurer G P Lindley on the 30th day of June, 1897, \$8010.16, belonging to the following funds:

County fund	\$ 2294 86
School fund	2607 34
Indigent soldiers	123 54
County special	99 81
County road	40 82
Institute fund	47 73
Surplus from tax sales	77 22
School District No 1	62 16
" " " 2	287 69
" " " 3	31 09
" " " 4	14 40
" " " 5	35 73
" " " 6	3 67
" " " 7	230 02
" " " 8	54 28
" " " 9	178 74
" " " 10	178 97
" " " 11	129 44
" " " 12	1 94
City of Jacksonville	55 49
City of Medford	268 57
City of Ashland	223 99
Total	\$ 8010 16

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