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THE EFFECT OF THE BUSINESS DEPRESSION is shown in the enormous decline in railway construction. During the first half of 1914, ended June 30th, the Railway Age reports less construction than in any corresponding period for thirty years.

There are millions of dollars locked up in the breast of an extensive forest of red and yellow fir and cedar timber on the headwaters of the Luckiamute, and it only awaits capital and the progressive brain of man to cause it to yield profitable returns.

When you see a town with all its houses occupied and a demand for new buildings you say it is a sign of prosperity. When you see a nation being augmented by immigration you say the same.

One of the things that puzzles tourists from the eastern states is the fact that so few residents of this coast have ever visited or know anything about the world famous Yosemite park.

While it might tend to cause less sectional strife if the north and the south were divided, it would be a bad thing for both sections of country.

The twelfth annual catalogue of the Oregon State Normal school at Monmouth is before us. It is a full history of the school since its formation as a state normal, and its list of graduates now numbers 330.

The Dalles Chronicle, a lively daily, which has been taking press dispatches, in discontinuing the service says: The Dalles ought to be able to support a paper taking the dispatches, but it will not.

Some of our hop growers are talking of not picking this year on account of the very low price, but we believe they will miss it if they do not.

J. W. Fetzer and wife and Mrs. Lola Price returned last week from a trip to the Meadows in Yamhill county. They gathered fifteen gallons of wild blackberries and report the crop this week in still better condition for picking.

The revenues of the government for the fiscal year just closed showed a deficit of over \$70,000,000. This is the first time since 1865 that the receipts have been less than the expenditures.

The northern democrat is as unlike his democratic brother of the south as sunlight and moonlight. Every democrat in the north believes in the laboring man receiving fair living wages.

The negro is despised. Any law that would tend to elevate labor, thereby elevating the negro, is very unpopular in the south.

THE SITUATION OF AFFAIRS BETWEEN Japan and China has settled down to a steady war basis, and unless the great powers of the world interfere, which does not appear at all likely, the conflict may last for years.

The chances of the United States becoming involved in such a struggle are very remote. On the other hand, if the war is greatly protracted or involves other nations, this country will be called upon to furnish much of the provisions needed to feed the vast armies of the contending factions.

But the greatest good that may result from this country is the possible and even probable withdrawal of many of the mongolians. Most of the Japanese will probably go home to serve in the army and many Chinese may do likewise, thus lifting the incubus of their presence from this coast.

Great as is the disparity in size and population between China and Japan, the two powers are not so unequally matched in the field as might be supposed. At the same time it would certainly seem that China, by sheer superiority of numbers and extent of resources, must eventually triumph.

The Chinese army contains probably not less than 280,000 troops of all classes, of which 90,000 are armed and drilled according to modern tactics.

Besides these there are also some 540,000 reserves of the "Green Flag," of which 250,000 may be available, the whole army fit for service being between 400,000 and 500,000.

Mr. E. N. Hall was in Salem last week and reports having seen Miss Emma K. Hughes (?) there. As Mr. Bedford has disappeared from this community the question agitating the minds of the people is "Is she seen, or are they one?"

Mr. A. Shives, of Buena Vista, has been busy getting his warehouse ready for the season's crop. Everything has been thoroughly overhauled from the foundation up.

Ed. Hartman lost a valuable work animal Monday. Burns & Ashenfelters' mill is fully repaired and buzzing with business.

Everybody is busy harvesting wheat in this vicinity and those who are not harvesting wheat are handling stowewood.

Reports are that grain is not yielding nearly so well as expected, and the quality is not so good, as there are shrivelled and small grains in it.

We came across a gentleman from Nebraska this week. He reports no crops there, everything dried up—even the beer tastes a little dry.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Baby Elgin has been sick for the past few days. Cora Cauthorn, who has been sick is reported much better.

Uncle Henry Flickinger brought the first load of grain into the warehouse this year. Miss Rena Thurman, of Jefferson, is visiting at her aunt's, Mrs. Geo. Sharp, this week.

The grain is about all threshed in this immediate neighborhood and the farmers report a very fair crop. Dr. Embree, of Dallas, was in our town Tuesday looking for a location, that he may practise his profession here.

Mr. Frank Elgin talks of opening a branch store on the Little Nostueca and Grant says he is not going to go there and batch. H. M. Lines was in Parker last week.

Ed. McCarty, an old time Parker boy, was in town Monday renewing old acquaintances. Bob Steel was in Parker last week with his new separator. It did not fill requirements, so he left it here.

Ed. Gaar will shortly move up near Wren station on the Oregon Pacific railroad, where he has bought a home. Miss Nora Prather has been suffering from an attack of fever for the last two weeks.

Misses Mary and Dorelle Shives have returned from the Nestueca and report a delightful visit. Mr. J. C. Jones and family have gone to Soda springs, for a week for the benefit of their two youngest children, who have been sick for sometime.

Miss Flora Jones has just returned from Salem, where she took the teachers examination, and reports having seen among the seventy-one there, very many old friends.

Not long ago Jake crossed Soap Creek by the way of Harper's ferry, but there he did not tarry, but pulled his freight for the little brown cottage on the hill.

Last Saturday we visited I. M. Simpson's threshing crew. The best day's work is 2200 bushels. Mr. Simpson is an expert hand with a threshing and finds no trouble in getting plenty of work.

He has a crew of twenty-two men. In the field as pitchers we found Claud Lewis, H. Grant, Sam McBeth, Andy Seberling, Alex Lewis and Dorsey Turner. Bundle-wagon men, Dr. Tom Williams, C. E. Staats, Clyde Turner, John Brinkley, Emmett Staats, John Lewis, Dick Crowley and Joe Tuck.

Wick Grant and Gus Seiderman run the engine, Clyde Williams and Johnnie Hastings are the strawbucks. James Hiltbrand and I. McGee do the feeding. Charley Borbalo and Sam Gross cut hands. We found Sam Gross filling sacks. Ed. Hillard and Frank Turner sewing. At the cook house the Misses Waters were busy preparing something good to eat, and Marion Waters and Ed. White act as general rousters. Everett Staats hauls water and Willie McAdams is chaff pitcher and straw rail rider.

Geo. Steel and Bagley Bros. are busy threshing. Spaulding Bros. have moved back to their old threshing country. Brown & Co. have wound up their little run with a horse power. D. O. Quick has had luck in breaking his horsepower all to pieces.

Our farmers will soon learn not to go away from home to get a machine when they can get a better one near at hand.

FAIRVIEW ITEMS.

M. Serafford was doing business in your city Friday. Mrs. Wick Grant is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. J. Bagley.

Miss Lena Hiltbrand will leave in a few days for LaGrande, where she will stay with her aunt, Mrs. L. Outhouse. B. W. Harris had his grain threshed last Tuesday and now he has it all hauled off and is ready to sow some more.

Robert Steel's new J. I. Case threshing machine failed to give satisfaction. He shipped it back to Portland Monday. Grain is not yielding so well as expected. The best in this vicinity were B. W. Harris' and W. Steel's, average thirty bushels per acre.

Messrs. J. A. Tetherow, W. P. Ireland, Kane Tetherow, J. Coekereel, and A. Ireland have purchased a new J. I. Case horse power thrasher. Helmeick Bros. were detained some the first of the week with their engine, but they are now busy as busy as shelling out the grain at a 2000 bushel rate per day.

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FASHION AT YAQUINA.

A correspondent writing to the Albany Herald from N-wport says: Fashion's imperative demands and the whirl of society at Yaquina this season has made deep inroads into the simple customs of those who were wont to come here to take life easy and wear out their old clothes.

At the numerous social parties and balls, which are always well attended, are to be seen a wealth of elegant costumes and sparkling diamonds, while on the beach and promenade one sees as great a display of dainty femininity as in Albany or Portland on a fine Sunday morning in May.

Some of the gentlemen, too, who perhaps do not like to be mistaken for ordinary clam diggers, no longer go fishing in their old clothes, but wear their jauntiest outing suits, buy their brain food at 10 cents per pound, and by dint of vigorous brushing, scrubbing and polishing many times a day contribute their mite toward maintaining the reputation of this as a fashionable summer resort.

Santo, the assassin of President Carnot, of France, died like a coward. He was brought forward trembling and crying, in face begging for mercy, but the ax dropped and Santo is now a good anarchist.

Mr. D. M. Flanders. "I had Typhoid Fever which left me with torpid liver and kidney trouble. I was a great sufferer. I took a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and was restored to health and gained over four pounds in weight. It is the best blood purifier." D. M. Flanders, real estate agent, Portland, Oregon. Hood's Pills cure constipation. Try a box.

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