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From returns recently published by a census Bulletin, the figures indicate that the section of country where exists fifteen-sixteenths of the entire colored population of the United States, the negroes are not increasing in population, in a ratio of proportion to the white race. The figures show that the popular belief that the negroes were increasing at a much greater rate than the white population is erroneous.

Trade statistics show a vast falling off in woolen importations as a consequence of the McKinley tariff. The importation of woolen yarns for the first quarter of 1891 amounted to 79,700 pounds against 113,830 for the first quarter of 1890; woolen manufactures amounted to 1,160,109 yards against 1,471,430; worsted goods to 7,236,300 yards against 10,954,900, and carpets to 232,700 yards against 415,900.

Regarding the Immigration Commission about to be sent to Europe, Secretary Foster explains that its purpose is to gather from our Consuls and all other sources as much information as possible on the subject of immigration. He alludes in terms of commendation to the disposition of officials in many European countries to shift their burdens on this country, and, as in the Chinese invasion, finds the greatest objection arises in the "tramp" steamer traffic.

The Government has contracted for a supply of armor-piercing projectiles manufactured under the Holtzer process. Some of the projectiles are made solid and others are charged with powder. A ten-inch shell or projectile weighs 625 pounds without powder. Either the solid shot or loaded shell will, it is confidently asserted, pierce the most invulnerable iron or steel vessel. Those charged with powder explode on striking a vessel, and the probabilities are that one will be sufficient to destroy it when shot from one of the new ten-inch mortars.

Krupp denies the story that some of his celebrated guns have been sold to the French Government. The statement that he had consented to supply the new French Navy with heavy guns had about it an air of improbability. Krupp, besides receiving valuable concessions from the German Government, is familiar with its artillery systems down to its smallest details, and is regarded as a measure as the confidential agent of the Kaiser's administration.

Is the next European conflict the railways will play a prominent part. Emperor William, though he differs with Bismarck on affairs of state, is thoroughly imbued with the ex-Chancellor's idea of a grand network of railways controlled by the Government and as completely under his command as any branch of the army. In other words he is represented as being determined on the complete nationalization of German railways.

Salisbury's Behring Sea Bill appears to be a little too late to be very effective. Returns forwarded to the Canadian Customs Department show that forty-nine vessels owned and fitted out at Victoria have already sailed north. Last year twenty-nine schooners cleared from this point, and their total catch was valued at a handsome sum.

The usual back water from the Columbia will keep the river between this place and Portland in good navigable condition for some time yet, but this should not deter the people from taking proper steps to keep the river open. The towns of the Willamette valley should unite on a plan to provide an open channel during the low stage of water.

The Enterprise again calls the attention of the people of Clackamas county to the importance of preparing an exhibit for the Industrial Exposition at Portland next fall. To help along this exhibit, THE ENTERPRISE will receive specimens of fruits, vegetables, farm products, minerals, manufactured products, and any article that would add to the collection. The articles will be arranged and kept on exhibition for the benefit of immigrants and homeseekers until the fair begins in September, after which they will be returned here and kept on permanent exhibition in the business office of THE ENTERPRISE.

INTERESTING COMMENTARIES AND NEWS ITEMS CLIPPED FROM EXCHANGES.

WOOLCROP OF EASTERN OREGON. Times Mountaineer: We have yet to hear the first complaint regarding the wool clip this season. The winter was very favorable to the growth of the fibre, and the spring has been exceptionally good for shearing, and lambing. Nearly all our flockmasters are shearing, and are preparing to haul the product to market. In a few days our warehouses will be crowded with wool, and already a large lot has been received. Before the season closes the amount in the warehouses will be larger than ever stored in any one year. There are few buyers in the market, and prices are not high. We expect a change in this soon, as Eastern Oregon wool, with a good mixture of Merino, should bring good prices.

ASHLAND TIDINGS: Wheat is worth 80 cents a bushel at the Ashland mills. It looks as if this was to be really a good year for the farmers and stockmen. The price of grain is not likely to decline much from the latest reports, for there is prospect of a shortage in the European supply; and now comes Canada, also, with an estimated shortage of a million bushels instead of a surplus as has been counted upon.

CLATSOP COUNTY: This city is one of the most important lumber shipping points between Portland and Astoria. It is estimated by competent judges that 600,000 feet of lumber is shipped each week from this city, during the busy season. This lumber is the product of the different mills in this locality. This is significant showing of the importance of this city as a business point.

CHURCH DEDICATION. The dedication of the Mountain View Congregational church took place on last Sunday afternoon, May 31, 1891. The sermon was preached by Rev. C. F. Clapp, Supt. of the American Home Missionary Society for Oregon, who took for his text the words "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

HE spoke particularly of the influence and value of a house of Christian worship in any community, and also of the joy and blessing of giving to the erection of and piece of worship. The impression was deepened by the interesting and appropriate remarks of Rev. Edwin S. Williams, the agent of Congregational Church Building Society after which Rev. O. W. Lucas stated that the cost of the building was about \$6000 and that yet there was an indebtedness of \$365. It seemed like a large sum to raise and but few expected that pledges for the whole amount would be secured. The first \$50 was assumed by the Mountain View Christian Endeavor Society and Sunday school. Mr. Clapp's happy way of putting things, at times provoked the mirth of the audience and kept the people in pleasant humor, and a few of the larger amounts were pledged the tens and fives came in rapidly until the whole amount was pledged. The individual subscriptions to the building fund ranged from \$1 to \$60.

THE efforts of Geo. C. Ely in connection with the erection of the building deserve mention, as he is not only one of the largest subscribers and has given much time looking after the work, but having faith in the people that they would come to his help, has from the first shouldered the enterprise and advanced the money to pay all bills when due. Mrs. Christina Varmilyea, the widow mother of Mrs. Fred Ely, is worthy of special mention and of many thanks as the one who so gladly gave the lot 100 ft. square upon which the church stands and valued at \$500. She has watched with deepest interest and joy the progress of the work from the coming of the first load of lumber to the putting in place the neat arched hall on the apex which were the gifts of Mr. F. M. Darling. May God richly bless her in her declining years, and also bless all the givers. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. O. W. Lucas after which all joined heartily in singing the Doxology. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. F. Clapp and thus closed this happy occasion for the people of Mountain View.

COMING ENTERTAINMENT. The Young Peoples Society of the Baptist church are making arrangements to secure Prof. Downie for his celebrated lecture on Japan illustrated with over one hundred colored views twelve feet square. This is acknowledged everywhere to be the finest illustrated entertainment ever offered to the public and he Baptists will be fortunate in securing it. We urge all who possibly can, to attend. See posters for date.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING. Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Oregon City Manufacturing Company will be held at the office of the Company in Oregon City, Oregon, on Saturday, the 11th day of July, 1891 at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., of said day for the purpose of electing directors etc. Some for the ensuing year and the transacting of such other business as may come before the meeting. M. A. STRATTON, Treasurer. Oregon City, Oregon, June 4 1891.

JAPAN. Donald Downie's lectures at the Union Square Theatre have grown rapidly in public favor. He repeated his lecture upon Japan last night before an audience that occupied the major portion of the house and held its attention throughout. The subject was a most interesting one, and Mr. Downie did it full justice. The illustrations were all colored and particularly fine—N. Y. World, Dec 23, 1889. This attraction has been secured for Oregon City and will be given at the Baptist church Thursday afternoon and evening June 11th. Admission, matinee 15 cents, evening 25 cents

NEWS FROM BARLOW'S.

PUGET SOUND CAPITALISTS RECOGNIZE OUR PUSH.—D. W. Smith and C. F. Clapp, Bankers of Port Townsend, are at Barlows.

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LARGE GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE TO BE BUILT IMMEDIATELY.

PROMINENT RAILROAD MEN IN TOWN.—Mr. D. W. Smith, of Port Townsend, Washington, and associates were here this week. Your reporter at once put out to where they were in hopes of getting an interview with them. On meeting Mr. Smith I found him to be a very clever and far-seeing business man, and quite conversant upon general topics. On asking him what were his ideas of a railroad towards Wilhoit Springs, etc., he politely said his idea could be more satisfactorily expressed when he had examined the country between this point and that. Is it your intention to build a railroad from this point to Wilhoit Springs? we asked. That I am not ready to say, was the reply. It depends entirely on the aid and encouragement shown by the farmers along the route.

DO YOU consider the wooden rail system of railroad building feasible? Yes, it would answer for a logging road, but surely you don't expect it feasible as a freight and passenger. The climate of Florida would be very well adapted for a wooden road, as it is dry and the timbers never swell, but this is not the case with the climate of Oregon. I have come to give the people a first class steel road if they support me as an enterprise like this must be.

LARGE MERCHANDISE STORE.—The lumber has been ordered for a 30x30 two story building, which is to be stocked with a large and complete assortment of general merchandise. Mr. W. W. Jesse, who heretofore was located at New Era, will transfer his stock to Barlows and aid thereto largely.

FLORAL GARDENS TO BE OPENED.—A. P. Turner, of the Edison Electric Light Co., has purchased 20 acres of land, and will at once commence putting in his hot houses and flower plants. He has engaged an expert English florist, and no doubt in a few months a beautiful sight will be obtainable among these gardens. Mr. Turner is also enthusiastic about lighting our new town, and says he will have Barlows shining under electric light before many months.

PROPERTY SELLING RAPIDLY.—Since the plating of Barlows some five weeks ago over 200 acres have been sold in small tracts. County Surveyor Smyth and men have just completed platting some 250 acres more, which will be known as the first addition to Barlows. Already some six or seven pieces of it have been sold, and it looks as if it will go in a hurry as it is directly on the railroad and is being sold remarkably cheap.

PLEASANT SOCIAL.—A very pleasant party was given last Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. W. W. Scoggins.

STILL THEY COME.—Mr. J. A. Smith, of Lincoln, Nebraska, D. S. Moore, of Salus, Oregon, and George Schlicker, of Denver, were new arrivals this week, and decided Barlows for their future home.

LEFT FOR DENVER.—Mr. and Mrs. William Barlow left last Saturday for Denver via the Union Pacific. They expect to remain about four weeks and return by way of Spokane and Seattle, at which places they will visit for a few days.

SHIPPING STOCK.—Mr. W. W. Irwin loaded several cars with beef and mutton this week for Portland and Puget Sound towns. A shipment of dressed meat can be seen at the depot every morning to be shipped to some point consigned from Mr. Irwin.

WHEEL SCRAPERS RECEIVED.—Messrs. Reek Bros. received a consignment of these scrapers from J. N. Smith, the railroad contractor of Portland. They were immediately put to use in cutting down the Oakley hill. This will give one of the best roads in the state when this road is completed, and will centralize Barlows for a great section of productive farming country.

MR. ARMSTRONG'S PURCHASE.—Mr. Chas. Armstrong, of Canby prairie, purchased forty acres of Barlow & Co. this week.

MORE BUILDINGS.—W. S. Tull and W. W. Scoggins have their lumber on the ground, and two more neat cottages will be erected at once.

LARGE CROPS ASSURED.—Crops throughout this section never looked better. Wheat, oats, gardens, and fruit all present a most healthy appearance, and a large yield is well assured.

WHEAT AND HOP BUYERS.—Several buyers have been here seeking storage for wheat and hops in the two ware houses here. A lively time in this branch is anticipated.

WIDE AWAKE FURNITURE DEALER.—Mr. Chas. Smith, of the O. F. M. Co., Portland, was in our town last week soliciting the furniture trade of Mr. Williams's new hotel. Mr. Smith is well versed in his branch of business. In conversation he remarked that he had often wondered in passing through this place why a town had not been started here, as he was well acquainted with the large area of country that was to support it, and knew it would be bound to be a success. SETTLE. [Owing to the absence of our Barlows reporter, this report reached us too late for last week's issue.]

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Mr. J. O. Strayer of this place was killed last Saturday by the north bound freight train, about two hundred yards north of the depot. He and a friend decided to take the freight train to Oregon City, and being unable to reach the depot before the train pulled out and while the train was moving at a good speed he attempted to board one of the box cars, but lost his hold and fell beneath the wheels. Death was instantaneous, and the body was terribly mutilated. No blame was attached to the railroad company, as the accident occurred at least three hundred yards

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north of the depot grounds, and it is necessary for freight trains to pull out swiftly in order to get up the heavy grade a mile distant. At the rate of speed the train was traveling at the time it would have been difficult for an experienced railroad man to board her in safety. Mr. Strayer came to this coast about twelve months ago from Lewisburg, Millin county, Pa. He first went to Tacoma; thence to Portland, where he was engaged in cabinet making until about six weeks ago, when he came here and contracted for several acres of land close to town. The energy he displayed in its management soon demonstrated that he was a practical gardener. We learn that he follows I gardening near Philadelphia, and successfully, but like many other young men, he decided to go west. He was a temperate young man in every respect, and had already made many friends and will be missed from this community. The remains were laid away at the cemetery last Sunday, Rev. Mathews officiating.

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