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It is an indisputable fact that Oregon City has more visitors than any other city in the state outside of Portland. Tourists coming to Portland often take a run on the boats and take a look at Oregon City, the falls, rocky cliffs, mills and factories. It is of the utmost importance that visitors to this city should leave with favorable impressions, and, while the residents of Oregon City are progressive and enterprising, that portion of the city along Main street does not have the presentable appearance it should. It only needs some one to start the ball rolling to have the desired improvements. Every visitor to Oregon City glances admiringly at the Falls, free suspension bridge, immense factories and mills, and judges of the prosperity and enterprise of the city from the appearance of Main street. Very few of the hundreds of visitors ever see the principal residence portion of the city on the bluff. Their impressions of the city are received from the appearance of the principal thoroughfare. People owning property on Main street are willing to see it improved. If properly paved and kept in a clean condition would not only increase the value of property, but be valuable as a drawing card to attract people who have capital to invest. A city containing the wealth and population of Oregon City ought at least afford one paved street. Main street as it exists at present, is an actual disgrace to the city, a fact that every property holder will acknowledge. While it is of much importance that Seventh and other streets should be improved, it is time Main street is receiving the attention that it properly deserves, as the grade has already been established.

Some startling revelations are made in the portion of the census tables which refers to the lumber trade. The bulk of the lumber of commerce—which is chiefly of white pine—has up to this time been derived from the three states of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. In the year 1880 the mills in these states turned out about 9,500,000,000 feet of lumber, the bulk of which went into the home market. Careful surveys of the forests of States 24,000,000 feet and other on wood, at market value, estimate the rate of consumption, the whole remaining supply is only sufficient to last six years, in other words that in 1896 the white pine forests will be exhausted. To prepare for a coming deficiency the great lumbermen of the Northwestern states have been buying timber land in California, Oregon, Washington and the Southern States, which have not yet suffered severely from the ax. An area amounting roughly to 3,800,000 acres has thus been secured, and it is reckoned that it will yield about 45,000,000,000 feet of fir, redwood, yellow pine, spruce, Douglas and other woods. At the present rate of consumption this would supply the nation for five years more. But at the expiration of eleven years, say in 1908 the forests of the whole country would be exhausted.—S. F. Hall.

SUMMER FAIR.—The Oregon State Fair opened Saturday, and great preparations have been made to make it superior in every respect to any previous fair held by the association under the present management. The agricultural classes especially, look forward with pleasure and anxiety to each annual exhibition, and they will be more than pleased to learn that extraordinary preparations have been made for the fair of 1891. This fair affords a pleasurable week of recreation to the farmer, horticulturist and stock raiser, gives them new ideas, and an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and form new ones. The managers have endeavored to make the attractions for the present year greater than ever, and the attendance from every portion of the state will be greater than ever before. A few weeks after the state fair comes our Clackamas county fair at Marquam, an institution in which every citizen should take active interest.

BARNES' employees generally will dispense with interest, the profit-sharing suggestion of President Parker of the St. Louis Auto and Tire House here. His idea is, when circumstances permit it, to divide the surplus earnings between labor and capital on an equitable basis, and offer employment to the road at the end of each fiscal year to give a share of the surplus net earnings in proportion to his salary or wages. He maintains the immediate influence of this would be to make the men directly interested in the financial result of the year's operations and superintend corresponding care and diligence.

The democrats of Kansas made a proposition to the farmers' alliance to fuse on county elections this year, but the people's party leaders rejected the proposition, and declared that they would not fuse with any party this year or next, and that no member of the new party would be countenanced who would advocate such action. This has created indignation among the leading democrats, who threw to the people's party sufficient votes last year to defeat Ingalls. In all of the counties of Kansas this year the democrats will put up tickets, and this break will prevent the democratic alliance fusion on a presidential ticket, which was expected.

The prospect for a free bridge at Portland begins to look exceedingly gloomy. It is a shame and disgrace that the metropolis of Oregon, a city of 80,000 population cannot have a free bridge. In this respect Portland is behind Oregon City, that has had a free bridge for the past three years. Even too, because of a free-wheel and a characteristic enterprise, retaining the ownership, but not the tolls. Although not to be behind the popular sides of the mountains, will have a free bridge spanning the river at that place, but consolidated Portland continues to tax her people for passing from one portion of the city to the other.

The teacher's survival system is proving a decided success. Seventy-five teachers are enrolled, and Clackamas county is well represented. Superintendent Thomson secured suitable educators as Prof. Fisher and Burnham to conduct the training methods, whose presence alone assured the success of the undertaking. The teachers will derive much benefit from the training received here, that will alike prove of advantage to themselves as well as their pupils. This works for the benefit of the public and should be appreciated. The teachers are unselfishly devoting their time to this cause, and have already organized a county teachers' association, that will be productive of the best results.

The twenty-four civilian candidates for appointment as second lieutenants in the army find they have taken no easy task, and the successful ones may fairly reach the conclusion that they have earned their commissions. As a preliminary precaution, the medical officers were directed that they could not be too rigid in the performance of their duties, as it was essential that men of only the best physical type should receive these commissions.

GOVERNOR CAMPBELL, of Ohio, says he is confident of reelection, and states the impressions of the city are received from the appearance of the principal thoroughfare. People owning property on Main street are willing to see it improved. If properly paved and kept in a clean condition would not only increase the value of property, but be valuable as a drawing card to attract people who have capital to invest. A city containing the wealth and population of Oregon City ought at least afford one paved street. Main street as it exists at present, is an actual disgrace to the city, a fact that every property holder will acknowledge.

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Mrs. Langtry has received \$100,000 as damages for being knocked down by one of her English admirers. A good many women have been knocked down and received a much less sum than this, but the redoubtable actress has a penchant for money making and evidently considers this the most taking role she has appeared in for some time.

THE ASIAN compliment a new journal at Eugene in this style: "The Advance is the name of a new paper in Eugene. Typographically it is neat; its success depends upon the amount of ignorance in Oregon. The more mental density it finds in the state the greater its success."

THE ENTERPRISE—tenders the thanks of Clackamas county a column for an educational department, in which they can express their views and suggestions. This column can be appropriated to their own use for the general discussion of educational matters, and can be made interesting and instructive.

SAYS THE PORTLAND EVENING TELEGRAM.—Twice every summer a great number of people feel the need of rest, health. One is just before they take their vacation to the seashore or summer resort, and the other is just after they get back. The first time this week may be imaginary, but it is generally genuine on the other occasion.

SAYS THE PORTLAND EVENING TELEGRAM.—Water has become of the sewage salinometer? Is it still in the hands of the health and police committees? There are places along the river front that emit an odor like unto daisies or roses, but it is a different kind of smell, however.

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