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THE LAND OF PLENTY.

Oregon bids fair to fully sustain its reputation of a land of never failing crops. Reports from all sections of the state confirm this statement. The peach crop of Southern Oregon promises to be the largest ever had in that district. The apple, pear and plum crop of the Willamette valley will be up to the average and owing to the large number of new orchards planted within the last few years the yield will be very largely increased. If no ill luck befalls them the hop men will be the money kings of Oregon this fall, for their prospects both as to yield and prices are most flattering. All the yards were cultivated this spring and put in good shape. The dry weather of May permitted the extermination of the weeds and the late rains have produced a growth of vine that is seldom equaled at this time of the year. Clackamas county being one of the principal hop districts of the state this crop will be the means of bringing many thousand dollars into our county. The wheat prospects are equally as flattering. The acreage is the largest ever sown in the state, the increase being especially large in Eastern Oregon. The straw is not so large as in some years but the heads are filling in splendid shape and the quality will be up to the standard that has made Oregon famous in all of the wheat markets of the world. As to price there is little likelihood that it will go below 60 cents, with fair prospects of it going higher. The hay crop which was thought would be short will be an average, owing to the gain from the late rains which have helped out timothy and chest, though it has been hard on the clover. The early subsidence of the Columbia will insure a big crop of bottom hay. The acreage of potatoes in this county is somewhat larger this year than usual and the vines could not look better so that the assurance for a good yield and as Clackamas county is one of the great potato growing districts of the coast this source of income will add much to our wealth.

That Oregon is to have one of its great crops is no idle boast, but is from the careful observation of many observers. The Southern Pacific company, as do all other railroads in their territory, makes a careful estimate each month while the crops are growing, as to their condition, and the June report, forwarded by the officials in charge of the Oregon division to the head office in San Francisco, shows that the crops of the Willamette valley are better at this season of the year than they have been for four years past. With the certain prospect for better prices that are sure to come it is but the question of a short time when the farmers of Oregon will be lifted out of their despondent condition, and along with their prosperity will come a revival of trade to the business men of the towns, for the prosperity of the farmers is the prosperity of the town people.

THE CHAUTAUQUA ASSEMBLY.

As the time draws at hand for the holding of the Chautauqua assembly can an idea be formed as to its probable success. That it is going to far excel any former assembly both in platform talent, class work and numbers attending is now assured beyond peradventure. The management has been exceedingly fortunate in securing talent, many of the persons who will appear on the platform at Gladstone park being among the brightest and most noted men and women of America, to hear any one of whom in a public lecture would cost from 50 cents to \$1.00, yet from one to three of these great leaders of thought can be heard each day for the small sum of 12 1/2 cents, for that is the rate of a season ticket, though a single ticket is but 25 cents. These lectures are but a part of the attractions presented each day, for there are the round table talks, which are both a school and lecture and are alone worth the price of admission. Then there is the classwork, where the busy person can secure some of the polish and knowledge to be had at a college, which has come to be such a leading feature in all Chautauqua assemblies and especially at Gladstone where the best talent from all the colleges in Oregon will be present to carry it on in all of its various branches. The grounds have been greatly

improved since last year and nearly double the area is now available for camping purposes as well as for recreation. The park now presents an attractive appearance, excelled by but few parks in the county, and its shady nooks, moss covered rocks and placid lake make of it an ideal place for holding a Chautauqua assembly. The water service has been made perfect by the placing of a powerful pump at the Clackamas river driven by a 40 horsepower electric motor which will force water to a 10,000 gallon tank erected on an elevation in the park from which water will be distributed to all parts of the grounds to hydrants. As the Clackamas is fed by the snows of the Cascade mountains its waters are as pure and cold as is the famous Bullrun water brought into Portland. Every advantage and convenience will be afforded to campers and the management feel confident that there will be fully 500 tents erected within the park this year.

Both the East Side electric road and the Southern Pacific railway are making special preparations to handle quickly and without confusion the great crowds that will attend. Extra cars will be put on by the electric line and all trains of the Southern Pacific will stop at Gladstone Park. The various steamboat lines operating on the Willamette and Columbia rivers as well as the other railway lines of the state will give special rates to the Chautauqua.

People attending from a distance, who do not care to camp, will have no difficulty in securing comfortable lodging places within convenient distance of the park at very reasonable rates, while the restaurants upon the grounds will furnish as good a table service as is to be had in any city. Campers can get their supplies of the dealers on the grounds or in the markets of Oregon City and Portland at the same prices that govern the local market, so there is no fear of being victims of extortioners as so often happens at the coast are subjected to.

The Chautauqua is the place where the business man weighted down with cares can get that relaxation he so much needs, while to the farmers it breaks the monotony of his life and gives him a chance to polish up and get in touch with the world and store his mind with useful knowledge that will be a lasting benefit to him. To the mother it affords that rest and change she so much requires, and for the want of which many, many women are made invalids and homes rendered unhappy. The children, too, are benefited by the Chautauqua for there they can gain knowledge not had in the school or home and acquire a polish and ease of manner which will enable them to overcome the awkwardness and bashfulness incident to youth.

That the Chautauqua has come to stay and to be one of the greatest factors in bringing a higher culture to the people of this state is a settled fact and Oregon City and Portland are exceptionally fortunate in having this great institution located in their vicinity and the people of the two cities should heartily co-operate to make the Willamette Valley Chautauqua assembly the equal of the great assembly at Chautauqua, New York, which has come to have a world wide reputation as a center of thought and culture.

The Fourth of July is at hand and the American people are called upon again to celebrate their nation's birthday, and to declare once more the glory and greatness of their nation. That the patriotic spirit in the United States is on the decline is the doleful statement of some pessimistic Americans or Anglomaniacs, but the celebrations held on each Fourth of July do not bear this out. It has to be admitted that there is not the noisy demonstration of former years but that does not indicate that Americans think any the less of their country, or have ceased to revere the memory of the founders of their government and to appreciate the liberties that they bequeathed to their posterity. But then the world progresses and times have changed, and with this change has come new manners and modes of life to the American people and this is manifested in their patriotic demonstrations as in their every day life. The boisterous, rollicking customs of frontier life has given away to the more sedate and conservative manners that come with education and refinement.

The re-election by the board of regents of President Chapman and those professors of the State university against whom serious charges had been made, is but another proof that a college supported by the state and which is under the control of politicians cannot be a success as an educational institution. In this instance, as is too frequently the case, manhood, morals and ability were not considered by the board of regents when making their selection for members of the faculty, and political hawks and men of questionable morals, who have no special qualifications as teachers were retained, to the disgrace and detriment of the college. So long as positions in the State university are used to pay off personal and political debts with, and "pull" rather than merit is the essential qualification of candidates, will the taxpayer's money be squandered in keeping up a college that should be the best instead of the poorest in the state.

The BROWNSVILLE TIMES passed its eighth birthday last week and enters its ninth year with every evidence of many years of prosperity. The Times is one of the brightest and most sprightly exchanges that comes to this office and it is a credit to its publishers, F. M. Brown and A. V. Cavender.

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OREGON CITY.—[To the Editor,]—I wish to say a few words in regard to the experting business the county court has just had done, (I wish to add here that I am pleased that it was done) the outcome of which did not meet the expectations of many, as it had been alleged times without number that the taxpayers were being swindled right and left at the hands of the county officials. I felt satisfied that no great errors would be found in the sheriff's accounts. I knew this from the sum total of the tax rolls as delivered to him for collection, the amounts turned over to the proper office and the delinquent lists would verify that if any person followed it out. In regard to the report on treasurer's books. The report says: "We found the examination of Mr. Moore's work a very difficult and tedious undertaking, owing to a lack of system in keeping the various fund accounts." I will state I found the work much more onerous on that account but there was no way to introduce much of a reform without new books. In March, '95, I was shown sample pages of a book then in preparation, that would simplify the work and very materially cut the work down and show at the close of the business of each day how "cash" stood. I desired to have such a book, and the agent went at once to the county court for a "job," one of the court made a call on me at once and wanted to know "if it was absolutely necessary that I should have that book." My reply was, I had gotten along so far without it, yet the use of such a book would afford a large saving in work with the results so much more satisfactory. I should have insisted that such a book be procured only I thought the price out of all reason, \$17.00. The matter ended there and was never brought up again. The book was similar to (perhaps not exactly like) the one the experts ordered for the county which cost \$23. The experts stated that my books checked up to a cent with the sheriff, clerk, and recorder's and all others of every kind that should show up on it, absolutely no errors in that particular. The wrong entry of fines, giving them to the general fund instead of school, I simply followed my predecessors and did not look up the law. In the disbursement of the funds amounting to nearly \$300,000, all was accounted for and receipts shown to their satisfaction except \$21. I simply made the entry, "By error \$21," without any further explanation and as I had destroyed the tablets I used in making calculations on I could not refresh my memory as to why I should make that entry and it was charged to the subscriber, less credits I should have.

I could add much more in explanation in regard to county warrants but will simply say that as the report states there is room for collusion and fraud between clerk and treasurer, when the warrants are destroyed, I will say I would not want to be a party to that kind of a transaction for I differ with the experts as to how and where the crime could be successfully located, there being sufficient evidence to be had to fix the responsibility on the right person which it is not necessary to state here.

In conclusion I will say the experts did not have to rewrite any of my work to understand it. They simply found fault with the system used, which I agree was not what it should have been. I was not to blame for that, the county court not being so "liberal" with me in regard to books.

M. L. MOORE.

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