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The way to build up Oregon City is to give Oregon City people your patronage.

THE WHEAT PROSPECT.

Wheat harvest is practically completed in Clackamas county and threshing is now under way. The quality of the grain is of the very best and it will turn out a fine grade of flour, while the yield is fully up to the average. The area of wheat this year is slightly less than what it has been in former years, owing to the difficulty of seeding last full by reason of the heavy rains early in the season. The area to spring grain was also cut short by extra heavy rains, so this county will have less bushels of wheat to market than is usually had. At the price now ruling, which is double what It was at this time last year, the wheat crop of 1897 will bring into Clackamas county more cash than any one crop for the past five years and it will be a big factor in bringing about a revival in our financial condition.

As to how high the price of wheat will yet go is problematical, but it scarcely seems possible for it to reach 90 cents here in Oregon and if it does it will hardly go much higher, for the crop in the United States and Canada promises to be unusually large, while Europe's crop will not be so unusually short and Russia's crop will be up to the average. Seeding is now completed in Argentine and Australia and by January they gaged in the Hawaiian trade and expects will be on the market with a new crop. The San Francisco so as to share in the profitfamine in India together with no big surplus supplies left over from last year will tend to hold wheat up to a fair price, but it cannot reach an exhorbitant figure for people will eat less wheat and more of other grain. Even with the big impetus that the present high price will give to seeding, it is scarcely possible for wheat to fall below 60 cents when the crop of next year is to be marketed, so it will be quite safe for our farmers to sow all the wheat they can handle. With the improved machinery at cheaper price and lower rates for other farm expenses, a farmer can now make as much money at 60 cent wheat, as he could a few years ago, when he realized 90 cents

PROSPEROUS DAYS AT HAND.

In the general business revival which is setting m, in all parts of the United States, It is noticeable that the Pacific coast section is not feeling the impulse so quickly as in the eastern and middle sections. To one not acquainted with the industrial and trade conditions of the Pacific states this would seem strange, especially when our wonderful resources are considered, but when the matter is looked into the question is soon solved.

The inexorable law of trade balances offers a complete explanation of the financial difficulties under which our people are Inboring. For the last four years the people of Oregon have been paying out more money than they have taken in, with the result that we now have our resources exhausted and we must wait until we can get the trade balance turned in our favor. Thousands upon thousands of dollars go to the East each year to meet interest charges upon mortgages and bonds and insurance premiums, while hundreds of thousands of dollars more go to pay for agricultural implements, machinery, furniture, clothing, groceries and the hundred other necessaries on the farm and in the home and business house. For bicycles alone there has been nearly \$1,000,000 sent out of Oregon in the last four years. By reason of the depreciation in values as well as the almost cessation of sales for some of our commodities we have been unable to meet these demands. as in former years when we had ready sales and big prices for all our products, enabling the other way with equal speed, it would us each year to hold the balance of trade in our favor. In the last four years the wool of the Willamette valley to give him their crop of Oregon has been sold for nearly one-half less than in former years, while the hop and fruit crop has suffered fully as as slim as would be his arguments. great a depreciation in value. Wheat has been one-third below the price of former In that part of an editorial pertaining to for feeding, while the horse market has been | Electric Company, it should have read two completely rained. The lumber trade, instead of ten weeks. It was written two

years has brought very little money into

That our financial tide is now on the up the facts and it is a certainty that betore many months shall pass we shall have the balance of trade in our favor once more. In the first place we owe less in the East than we did four years ago, the records will bear this out, consequently we have less interest to pay. We have greatly increased our manufactures come much nearer supplying home needs than we did four years ago. Butter, eggs, meat, and other farm products are not sales in the near future. The wool crop is while our wheat is double in price and oneyear. The great boom in the mines will forests. Bless your ignorant old "ramus; the herds been depleted that a big jump in ago. prices will soon be witnessed, especially on Regarding the inquest which our populist the latter now that the tariff on wool is coroner held at Oswego, mention of which restored. There has hardly been a horse was made in the Extraprise of last week, raised in the past four years and a colt on the Iron Worker has the following comthe streets of Oregon City, or any other ment to make: town in Oregon, is so rare as to be a nov- The law empowers a coroner to use his elty. With the revival in other lines the discretion as to holding an inquest in case horse market will come up with a bound, of sudden death. The two cases of drown The great revival in the mining industry ing in Oswego last week were clearly acciall over this state, with the gold that will dental, as Coroner Godfrey could easily be almost sure to come from Alaska, will have determined without such an elaborate be another great factor in bringing a return inquest as was held. This officer of the of prosperity to our people.

Another point in summing up the factors contributing to a renewal of our prosperity the crowd of hungry friends who accomis that our people have learned to live panied him from Oregon City to help him within their means and to keep out of debt, out, he was hungry himself. thus stopping that most serious of all leaks, the paying of interest. Altogether the the people of Oregon, and another year we the Statesman may look for a prosperity such as has not the people of the Pacific coast.

JAPAN'S AUDACITY.

It has come out that one or the principal opposition to the annexation of the Ha- has been larger during the past several wallan islands to the United States, is that months, we believe, than ever before. it will effectually preclude foreign vessels It has seemed to us, and it occurs to us from engaging in the trade between the now, that the buisness of a county carrying islands and the states. This regulation a debt of some eighty thousand of dollars governing inter-state and coastwise trans- as Marion county does, and in some of the portation has been in effect ever since the school districts of which a man having formation of this government and its pur- \$1000 worth of property must pay \$34 a pose is to protect and build up our merchant year taxes,—that the business of such a marine. Japan, too, is doing all she can to county ought to be economically managed, build up her merchant marine and has that every item of expenditure ought to be made most marvelous progress within the carefully considered and the bill for it exlast five years. Her ships are now found in amined closely. That is the manner in every port of the Pacific ocean and they which individuals must conduct their prihave come to be more frequent visitors to vate affairs. And then the method of pay-European ports than are the ships bearing ing bounties is subject to objection. It is the American flag.

resemblance to Great Britian, have an am- at this time for the Marion county court to bition to become the England of the Pacific abolish all bounties. We are sure that and to be able to control the commerce of even the farming communities, which feel the countries bordering this great ocean. the burden of high taxes severely, would able trade between Honolulu and this coast. With Hawaii a part of the United States, Japanese, as well as other foreign vessels, would be shut out of the trade between the two countries and this is why the Japs are and will not have any other. In our raising such strenuous objections to our experience of over 20 years in the drug 13 ASTOT Place annexation of the islands. The closing of business, we have never sold any medithe Hawalian ports to foreign vessels is why cine which gives such universal satis-England is also working against annexation for they, too, hope to extend their aiready profitable trade between Hawaii and this

The opposition of Japan, as well as England and other foreign nations, to our an nexation of Hawaii will but hasten the day when the stars and stripes shall float over these islands, which by commercial and naval needs, as well as racial affinity, should be a part of the United States.

An important decision has been handed down by the supreme court in the recent session held at Pendleton. It was in the case of McKennon vs. the American Fire insurance company, garnishee. The main insurance case. McKennon garnished the Cotner, and the company refused to pay on the grounds that the amount of the policy, about \$900, was exempt from execution. The homestead exemption act provides that a free holder may claim exemption to the amount of \$1,500. Nearly all the cir- lute" is again in service on Yaquina bay cuit courts of the state have decided that and will take fishing and other parties a cent a day, the law is inoperative, but the supreme court has now affirmed the validity of the act. This decision will preclude the collection of all kinds of debts except mortgages where the debtor's property does not exceed \$1,500 in value in farm land or town lots. The result of this ruling will be that

of giving a mortgage for security. It was exceedingly fortunate for Mr. Bryan that he swong around the circle when he did, for with wheat rapidly ap proaching the dollar mark and silver going be very difficult for him to get the farmers presence and their quarters at his meetings. In fact his meetings would now be about Lunch Sausage,

goods at the store will be refused further

credit unless they go to the further trouble

years. Fish, which next to wheat brings the manner in which the county treasurer us the largest returns, has been low in conducted the affairs of his office, published price and dull sale. Beef cattle, of which in the Esterates of last week, an error we formerly sold hundreds of thousands of was made in the time be had had the tax door life. head at profitable prices, have scarcely paid money of \$10,000 from the Portland General which until these dull times, was one of our but the compositor mistook the word and most profitable industries, has been almost in reading the proof the mistake was over- perfectly sound weighs 1000 h. Enquire completely prostrated and for the past four looked. The ENTERPRISE does not wish to Postmaster, Milwaukee Ore,

willfully do any person an injustice so makes this correction, though so far as a strict fulfillment of the law is concerned turn is apparent to anyone who will look Mr. Shade violated it as much in a delay of two weeks as in ten weeks.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

D. C. Ireland who founded the Extra PRISE and was a resident of Oregon City for several years, is now publishing the Moro Observer and in the last issue of his paper and in proportion to our population we has the following comment to make on the

"smoke" theory of the Oregonian: As old as is the Oregonian it still calls the hazy atmosphere lingering over the moon imported hardly at all. Our lumber trade tains of the Pacific Northwest "smoke." is picking up with good prospects for ready This "smoke" is as natural to this latitude as fog is to London. It has been utilized selling for one-third more than last year, for three years to suck \$250,000 annually from the United States treasury as salaries half larger in yield than it was one year for forestry cranks and the Oregonian uses ago. Hops will be a better yield and con- it as an evidence that the bloody sheepmen siderably higher in price than was had last of the Waiting Empire are destroying the make a good market at remunerative prices if it were smoke there had been enough of for all our dried fruit. Cattle and sheep it to show fires sufficient to have consumed are looking up in price and so greatly have every stick of timber along the coast years

populist persuasion might have saved the county quite a a bill of expense, but, like

As to whether it is good policy for a county to pay a bounty on squirrel, gopher, signs of the times could not be better for etc., scalps or not is argued as follows by

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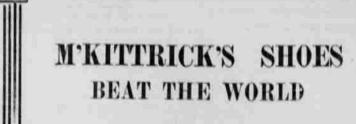
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