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OREGON'S MOST PROSPEROUS YEAR.

In no corresponding period in the history of the city has Portland enjoyed such remarkable prosperity as during the year ending Saturday. As the growth and development of the city are in keeping with and dependent on the state and neighboring territory, all of that vast region for which Portland is the natural trade center has been stirred by this tide of prosperity which is still flooding strong. Agriculture, the pre-eminent factor in the creation of new wealth in this country, never before yielded such large profits per capita as were returned in 1904, and at the same time the output of our manufacturing enterprises were greater than ever before. This pleasing record which is told in detail in special articles and elaborate statistics printed elsewhere, was made in spite of the existence of adverse conditions in our shipping trade. The war in the Far East placed a heavy embargo on our rapidly increasing Oriental business, and for the past six months it has been at very low ebb and will continue so until peace is restored.

The failure of the wheat crop in the Middle West and the attendant enormous demands of the Eastern millers for Oregon and Washington wheat caused a diversion of more than 300,000 tons of wheat from Portland territory to new markets east of the Rocky Mountains. This abnormal condition, of course, brought with it much higher prices than were ever before realized for such an immense crop of wheat as was harvested in the territory tributary to Portland, but it cut down the export trade of Portland several million dollars. The lumber trade with the Far East practically vanished with the opening of hostilities between the Japanese and the Russians, and yet, there was such an enormous expansion in the traffic with California ports that the shipments by water from Portland were many millions of feet in excess of all former records. Bank clearings, deposits, and jobbing trade statistics all offer unanswerable testimony to the wonderful commercial growth of the city and state.

The population of Oregon and of Portland made heavier gains than in any previous twelve months in our history, and with this increase came an influx of capital which has found employment in new lines of industry, and in the more elaborate development of enterprises already established. This competition has perhaps been felt to a disadvantage in individual cases, but taking the city and state as a whole, its advent has been highly beneficial. As previously stated, the growth of the city always reflects the growth of the country, for it is in the farms and the orchards, forests, fields and mines of Portland's rich territory that the wealth of the city is generated. Into these regions of undeveloped wealth poured a steady stream of settlers throughout the year just ended. They put under plow for the first time thousands of acres of farm land, opened up mines, built irrigating ditches, sawmills and flouring mills, laid out new towns and added dwellings, stores and business blocks to towns and cities already built.

This stream of immigration is swelling like a mountain rivulet when a Spring chinook strikes its snowbound sources, and never in the history of the state has the outlook for marvelous development in all lines of trade and industry presented more alluring features. This expansion of business on shore is not all that is assured for Portland, for with the closing of the war in the Far East will come a demand for Oregon products for use in the reconstruction period of such proportions that our overseas traffic is certain to show a greater increase than ever before. Portland and Oregon never enjoyed a more prosperous year than that just ended, but the wonderful record for 1904 will doubtless be eclipsed by that for the new year which is ushered in with such remarkably favorable conditions on every hand.—Oregonian.

All lines of millinery at Miss Goldsmith's below cost.

FINAL FIGURES ON ELECTION.

The New York Times has made a canvass of the vote in the late Presidential election, complete except for one county in Tennessee and four in Michigan, for which estimates are given. According to the Times, President Roosevelt defeated Judge Parker by 2,546,669 votes. He received the largest vote ever given a President of the United States—7,640,560. The total vote cast was 13,533,619. Parker received 5,093,891 votes; Debs (Socialist) 392,857; Swallow (Prohibition) 248,411; Watson (Populist) 124,381; and Corregan (Socialist-Labor) 33,519. The total vote cast for President showed a decrease of 445,233 from the vote of 1900. Roosevelt had 401,450 more votes than McKinley had in 1900, while Parker falls 1,293,053 behind Bryan. The figures from the Middle West unmistakably show that hundreds of thousands of Bryan Democrats did not go to the polls at all. As Walter Wellman points out, in Missouri, Roosevelt received only 7,000 more votes than McKinley had in 1900, and yet carried the state by 25,000 because 50,000 refused to vote for Parker. In Iowa, Mr. Roosevelt received almost exactly the number of votes that McKinley received, but Parker's total fell 60,000 behind Bryan's. The interesting deduction is made by Wellman from the figures that for every Democrat who voted for Roosevelt, five or ten Democrats stayed away from the polls altogether. The New York World, which supported Parker, concludes, after its study of the result, that "the honor of being the worst-defeated candidate ever nominated by the Democrats for a President belongs so clearly to Judge Parker that Greeley is hardly a close second." The World figures that in the two decades since 1884 the increase in population has brought 5,500,000 new voters. Of these it says, Judge Parker succeeded in winning to his side only 183,000. The remainder either voted for Roosevelt or the candidates for the minor parties, or stayed at home. The fact that the stay-at-home vote was so great is a thing that ought to give the Republicans pause. It shows what a great number of voters found in neither candidate their ideal. And the fact that Democratic Governors were elected in so many states that went Republican Nationally is a warning that a great many voters are thinking hard and discriminating nicely.

Surprise naturally attended the announcement of the indictment by the federal grand jury of United States Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann, who are charged with conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the land frauds that are being exposed in this state. There is a very general opinion prevalent among the people of Oregon that the apparent prosecution of these two legislators is in reality a persecution that is actuated by jealous political opponents who are striving to remove these representatives from their high place in the public service. It is also believed that the indictment of Mitchell is being pushed by Hitchcock and his man Heney, in order that Hitchcock's hostility to Oregon may be made to appear warranted. The expressions of pleasure and great elation that have been made by Hitchcock since the indictment of Oregon's representatives indicate more of a personal feeling than a sincere regard for the proper administration of affairs in the interest of the common people. Before forming any judgment as to the guilt of these public servants, the general public will properly obtain the true facts in the case, which to date, have been considered only by the jury that returned the indictment. Friends of Mitchell and Hermann, in every section of Oregon cannot believe that either of them has been guilty of the offense with which they are charged. It will require positive and conclusive evidence to shake the faith of the people of Oregon in the accused.

In causing the removal of all money slot machines from the saloons and other resorts in this city, Mayor Sommer has performed a commendable service. These infamous devices, which are prohibited by State law and city ordinance, are a source of great profit only to the man who owns them while they are a peerless contrivance for separating the fool and his money, without giving him a thing in return and only slight entertainment during the performance. In announcing his policy Mayor Sommer states that he will oppose all banking games which will not for a minute be tolerated in this city. His position with respect to the sale of liquor to minors and the loitering of minors about saloons is positive. The ordinances in this regard will be rigidly enforced. An improved street cleaning service is promised by the new Mayor who has a number of ideas with respect to the public administration of affairs that he expects to introduce during his term as Mayor.

HE DID NOT ADVERTISE.

Eight months ago there came to Oregon City a merchant who purchased a stock of goods. An advertisement was solicited of the new merchant who informed the newspaper man that he did not believe in advertising since he seriously questioned the efficacy of reaching the public in that way. Last week this same business man packed up his goods and departed for other pastures. The merchant who severs partnership with printer's ink will sooner or later find himself divorced from the trading public.

Under the apportionment that was this week made by the State Tax Board, Clackamas county must this year pay a total state tax of \$34,337.50 as against \$41,000 last year. The expenses of the state for the year 1905 are estimated at \$1,231,254.72. Applicable to meeting these expenses it is estimated there will be about \$231,000, leaving to be raised \$1,000,000. Of this total Clackamas county by the apportionment, must raise .0335 of the total or \$34,337.50.

GOOD BYE TO INDIGESTION.

Druggists Claim Pepsikola is Driving Dyspepsia Out.

The above is a pretty strong statement but experience right here in Oregon City proves it to be really true.

The evidence is positive. There is no guess work about it. Huntley Bros Co. have been selling Pepsikola for some time now and many of their customers have been in to tell of the benefits received. One woman says it has increased her weight nearly ten pounds. Another had chronic dyspepsia for years and can now eat anything she wants without any distress afterwards. One man is grateful because Pepsikola has cured him of nervousness. Another says it has relieved the pain around his heart. Just think of it, here is a remedy that must cure you of sour stomach, wind belching, dizzy spells, nausea, biliousness, sick headache, and every other form of indigestion or it will not cost you one penny.

Every box of Pepsikola contains ten days treatment. It will make you feel better right away. It will clear up your complexion. It will put new color in your cheeks. It will most certainly increase your weight. It will give you new nerve force, new energy, new strength, and if you feel run down or low spirited you will see an improvement at almost beyond belief.

Just call on Huntley Bros Co. and ask for their honest opinion of this new famous dyspepsia cure. Try it on their recommendation. If Pepsikola cures you you certainly will be glad to pay. If it does not, all you need to do is to tell Huntley Bros Co. and they will go right to the money drawer and pay your quarter back.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Absolutely Harmless.

The fault of giving children medicine containing injurious substances, is sometimes more disastrous than the disease from which they are suffering. Every mother should know that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is perfectly safe for her children to take. It contains nothing harmful and for coughs and colds and croup is unsurpassed. For sale by Geo. A. Harding.

METHODISTS AT THE 1905 FAIR.

May Arrange to Exhibit Their Pioneer Church Home.

A conference was held in this city last Friday night between prominent Methodist church building of the Pacific board of the First Methodist Church of this city, the purpose being the considering the practicability of exhibiting at the Lewis & Clark Fair the Pioneer Methodist church building on the Pacific Coast. The structure is located in this city where it is used as a store house by an implement firm. A proposition will be submitted by the board of trustees of the Oregon City church and if satisfactory, the building will be transported to Portland and exhibited at the 1905 Fair.

Bishops David H. Moore and James M. Thoburn, Dr. Daniel L. Rader and Dr. A. N. Fisher, of Portland, were in attendance at the conference which was representative of a growing sentiment among the Methodists of the state and public generally in the project of exhibiting the pioneer structure. In order to secure the building for exhibition purposes some obstacles must be overcome. The structure is being rented under a five years' lease and it is estimated that it will require about \$1500 to make the exhibit. Following the conference, a banquet was tendered the visitors.

The building that is proposed to exhibit at the 1905 Fair was the first Protestant church erected west of the Rocky mountains. It was built in 1843 on the site now occupied by the O. W. P. Co.'s freight depot and thirteen years later was removed to its present location on Seventh Street. The first legislative body of the State of Oregon held its sessions in this church. The lumber, of which the building was constructed, except the heavy timbers which were hewn out of native wood, brought from New York city where the building was designed and arranged. It remains in a good state of preservation.

It is not the purpose of the Methodists to exhibit the building solely. If it is removed to the Portland Fair Grounds it will be used as a place for storing missionary relics, and a congregating place for Methodist visitors to the Exposition. All of the church literature will be kept in the building and lectures, including a history of the church and its association with the growth of the state, will be delivered by prominent speakers. It is now intended that at the close of the Fair, if pending negotiations are carried out, to remove the building to Salem and install it on the Willamette University campus where it can be properly reserved as a relic. The fact that the old church building, which now occupies valuable business property, must eventually give way to a more modern structure that will be of greater income to the local church, may influence the local church in making the proposed disposition of this property.

ADAMS BROS.

Oregon City's Big Cash Store

Our Great Fifth Anniversary

Clearance Sale

Every Article in the Store Reduced

We have been fortunate enough to secure a large quantity of the Famous Baker Muslin Underwear at prices much under the market, and place them on sale as stated. Only at our store do you have an opportunity of getting garments of this kind at these prices. You pay only for the material at this sale, we throw in the labor of making the garments. These prices are such as only stores handling large quantities can make. Don't wait too long; a few days at the most will clean them out.

Lot 4



These pictures give but a hint of the great values offered at this sale. Choose like this one when you buy. Take your choice.

Lot 1



Lot 5

Lot 2



Lot 6



Lot 3



VATICAN TREASURES FOR THE FAIR

Valuable Acquisition of Papal Relics Secured for Centennial.

Portland, Jan. 5.—The fine arts exhibit at the Lewis & Clark Centennial will receive an almost priceless addition in the shape of a collection of Vatican treasures from Rome. The Cardinal Secretary of State has given permission to Rev. J. T. McNally, special commissioner to Rome, to transfer the sacred treasures, which were exhibited at St. Louis and supplement the collection by additions imported from Rome. The exhibit embraces manuscripts, paintings, mosaics, Byzantine work from the Apse of the basilica of St. John Lateran, and some objects of art never before shown.

At least four very valuable pieces of mosaic may come, which will be highly prized by art lovers visiting the Exposition. These are copies of Raphael's Madonna Della Soggiola, in mosaic; of the Madonna of Barbino, both originals in the Pitti Palace at Florence, Italy; of the Arch of Titus; and a tavola di lavoro, or a small table showing the method of working the mosaics. Seven pieces of Byzantine work from celebrated architecture are also expected, as well as a very fine death mask and hand of Pope Leo XIII.

To Build a Parsonage. The building of a parsonage in the rear of the Baptist church, is the aim of the Ladies' Aid Society of that church. With that purpose in view, they have for more

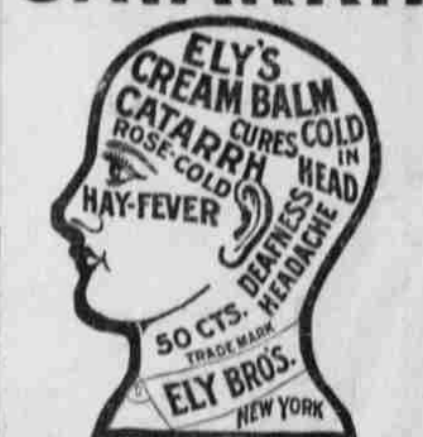
than a year, with the exception of the summer vacation, been serving dinner at the church every Tuesday at noon. We also do plain sewing, sew carpet rags, make comforts and do quilting. A new sewing machine has been voted this week, and the work will be well done. Remember their dinners at noon on Tuesdays.

GUARANTEED REMEDY FOR CONSTIPATION.

Huntley Bros. Co. Tell Why Laxakola Cures.

"Most laxative remedies relieve for a time," said one of the above druggists, "but after a while you either have to increase the dose or try something else." "But it is different with Laxakola." "It seems to relieve the conditions that cause constipation and you can gradually decrease the quantity. This is no doubt due to its remarkable tonic effects and as the sale is rapidly increasing it indicates that Laxakola gives good satisfaction. We always sell the first bottle with the guarantee it will cure or refund the money and it is a rare thing indeed that we hear anything but praise for it. A large bottle costs only 25 cents, and when a mild, safe, sure liquid laxative for either children or adults is needed I always recommend Laxakola as we consider it superior to any other remedy in our store."

CATARRH



ELY'S CREAM BALM

This Remedy is a Specific, Sure to Give Satisfaction. GIVES RELIEF AT ONCE. It cleanses, soothes, heals, and protects the diseased membrane. It cures Catarrh and drives away a Cold in the Head quickly. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. Easy to use. Contains no injurious drugs. Applied into the nostrils and absorbed. Large Size, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; Trial Size, 10 cents by mail.

ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St., New York.

Big lot slightly damaged doors at a bargain at Frank Busch's furniture store.