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CAMPAIGNS AND PROSPERITY.

Business is proving that politics is but a fly on the wheel of prosperity. For generations politicians have called it imagined that they stopped, started and turned the wheel.

Time was when, for months preceding a Presidential election, the parties of the opposite of the party in power were slacked while the Nation anxiously awaited its own verdict between the parties.

But in this country, where strenuous politics is a power which has been ignored in the calculations of the politicians, it is making itself felt to a degree which cannot be gainsaid.

With crops worth \$1,000,000,000 more than in any year, the farmers are paying mortgages, buying automobiles, making improvements and heaping orders on the desks of the merchants.

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This was on September 16. As usual his plan of attack was excellent. He intended to begin by sending a strong division against the Confederate left, on the Antietam.

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Subject Come into a Writer in Reply to Critic Arguments. MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 14.—(To the Editor)—I am a farmer, and I am tired of discussing the single tax philosophy and not single tax. To discuss the philosophy of single tax is to discuss the basis upon which single tax rests, and I can readily see why Mr. Criddle would like to divorce single tax from its basis when he talks to the voters.

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MAKING THE MOST OF GOOD LAND. Oregon's Need Said to Be Intelligent Tilling of Soil. PORTLAND, Sept. 16.—(To the Editor)—The cost of living is regulated solely by the law of supply and demand. This is not a new statement, neither is it a remarkable one.

The increase in population in the United States during the decade ending in 1910 was 21 per cent. Wheat, the most important of all food products, showed an increase of 3 per cent between 1900 and 1904.

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Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of September 18, 1862. The Grand Lodge of Masons convened in Salem, Sept. 18, 1862. The following grand officers were installed: W. W. Fowler, M. W. grand master; J. McCracken, R. W. deputy grand master; R. F. Chadwick, R. W. senior grand warden; W. Wilcox, R. W. junior grand warden; A. M. Bolt, grand treasurer; W. S. Caldwell, grand secretary.

Recent frosts have destroyed a large quantity of the sweet bluestem corn, etc. The Williamson in Marion, Folk and Yamhill counties.

Legislative proceedings, Senate.—Mr. Fitzhugh introduced a bill to prevent the immigration of negroes and mulattoes into the state.

Fortress Monroe, Sept. 8.—Jeff Davis, captured September 28 as a day of fasting and prayer, inviting the people of the Confederacy to assemble and render praise to God for our triumphs at Richmond and Manassas.

Cincinnati, Sept. 9.—Information received of the movements of the rebel army in Kentucky is full of indications that it is their purpose to invade Ohio.

City Council.—A petition from Rev. Bishop Scott, owner of a block on Washington street, praying for the revision of established grade, was received. A resolution instructing the street commissioner to construct a plank culvert on Washington street at the intersection of Fifth was laid on the table.

Dennison's Opera-House was filled again last night. Irwin and Collins are full of jokes.

We acknowledge the receipt of a large quantity of excellent corn, sent on Tillamook Head by Messrs. W. J. Myers and James Brownell, who have just returned from Clatsop Falls.

POLITICS OBSTRUCT THE MAILS. Complaint Made of Tired Wagoners Who Haunt Mail Boxes. PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 11.—(To the Editor)—I am wondering what fascination a certain class of citizens has for so many of our street corners. Last Wednesday afternoon I left my East Side home, carrying with me a letter which I intended mailing on the West Side.

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