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Mr. President and Ladies and Gen worthy President of our State Agricultural Society to deliver the annual address upon the present occasion, I appear before you to perform that pleasant ministered as to be the greatest number. But unfortant control of the people, and the people, free would be, is so clogged and hamber of the people of all countries demand. That is no profit for him at that price. The little help to that great avocation to least that wheat can be raised for in grained in man's nature will give a duty. The subject of agriculture has fit to the greatest number, but unforbeen so fully discussed and explored in tunately it is not always so. all of its different plans and bearings in the addresses that have been deliver ed on each annual meeting of the so-beneficial government. In the beginned on each annual meeting of the so-ciety, by the very able and distinguish-ed gentlemen who have preceeded me, holy writ that the all-bountiful Creator ed gentlemen who have preceeded me, holy writ that the all-bountiful Creator ed gentlemen who have preceeded me, holy writ that the all-bountiful Creator it is the first in supplying our necessiexpect to say anything new or of interest upon that subject; but I will make

that may be of some interest. In the first place, then, allow me to congratulate upon the fact that our lot has been cast in this land of peace and plenty, where we can build up our homes in security and surround ourselves with the comforts and conveniences of life, and are placed in a situation to enjoy all of life that there is worth living for ; and the men and women and children that gather in each year from all portions of our state at our annual fairs for the purpose of social intercourse and interchage of ideas, and to witness the exhibitions of fine stock, to view the products of the farm, orchard and garden, as well as the the varied branches of that industry, came necessary to pursue some regular not only been neglected, but unnecesing up a race of men and women in tance; and this necessity produced, or posed upon them? The answer is that this "land of the setting sun," that at least promoted and encouraged, the that they have failed to exercise the will vie with the world in point of art of agriculture. And the art of powerthey hold in their own hands.

hand, is enough to stir the emotions of the human mind to their utmost dapths and will, in the course of time, produee in our midst poets and orators unsurpassed in the world, "A thing of teanty is at joy forever," and as I gaze upon the grand and lofty mountains that encompass our homes, with Hood and Jefferson covered with eteral snows, and standing like sentinels on the rock ribbed mountains that divide our State, looking down upon this beautiful valley, my soul rises in undebt of gratitude to our pioneers who most popular invigorant and alterative this goodly land for us and for our

ters of gold in pictures of silver." sinity that I have taken charge of this Establish ment, and, by keeping clean rooms and payin strict attention to business, expects to suit al

nd shampooed. JOS WEBBER, Reing bloomst. Governments on the habitable globe. rights by a written constitution which neck of the poor and down trodden,

ton himself, who, by their ability, Our constitution ought to be read and had.

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the Bible. for the great corporations and combin- will be an honor to them and the state.

Thick walls nor moated gate, Nor cities proud with spires and turrets "Nor starred and spangled coasts "Where law born baseness wafts perfum

But men, high minded men
"But men, high minded men
"Who their duties know but know their rights And knowing, dare maintain them. Worthy President of our State Agricul benefit of the people and the officers

a few suggestions upon general topics, digged a well," down through the middle ages, the feudal tenures of the Normans, and the modern English tenures, to our own liberal system of land titles, I would not be justified in taking up your time in discussing these questions only so far as they throw light upon the ilea I am trying to place before you.

demonstrates the fact that we are rear | method of providing constant subsis- sary and unjust burdens have been inphysical develorment and intellect agriculture by a regular connection and Let them, while devoting a large The grand and beautiful scenery of ed the idea of a more permanent prop- farms so as to make them the most our state, that meets the eye on every erty in the soil than had hitherto been profitable, to studying the best manner pains of tilling it if another might little attention to the question of how mals of prey, whereas now, so gracious portance.

hold words, and have engraven their and pillars of the Government by tion, but they are the great schools that Gazette of Nov. 1 which contains an from iron, steel, cordage, and every names upon memory's scroll, with "let- granting to them the right of pre- are educating the farmers to "know article reminding American readers article that goes into a ship, so that That band of brave men and women which aman might pre-empt and become When we look abroad in our own to enable her to meet by reprisals our same footing with the ship builders are fast passing away—every year their the owner of 160 acres of land at the state we see that the great body of peoranks are becoming thinned by the hand nominal price of \$1 25c per acre. ple are engaged in farming and stock By their statutes power is given Her the ocean with American sails as of of death, and soon the last one will This was afterwards followed by the raising. We also see that their pres- Majesty, the Queen, in cases where it old, and that taxing farmers again to have paid the penalty of existence and Homestead act, giving to each head of ent financial condition is not the best shall appear that British ships are force the production of ships, and passed to their final rest. Let us cher- a family 160 acres of land, as a home in the world (too many farms mort- either directly or indirectly subject in taxing farmers again to pay subsidies ish them as our best friends, and show for himself and family, to be free from gaged) and their future prospects not any foreign country to duties or charges to enable protected ships to do busito the world that we are not unworthy execution for any debts contracted the brightest; we also see that for them of any kind from which the namional ness, is not the way to make the of the great inheritance they have giv- prior to his obtaining a patent therefor to be able to pay off these mortgages vessels of such country are excepted or country rich. No doubt every one en us; and though no sculptured mar- from the Government. The early and be prosperous they must depend on where British trade is not placed by would be glad to see all of our ships ble or engraven brass may proclaim settlers of this state was favored with a foreign market for a remunerative such country, upon as advantageous built at home, but whatever may be their worth, yet the humblest sod of a very liberal land law, passed in 1850 price for their produce. It seems to a footing as that of the most favored the correct view of that question, their adopted state bedecked by the by which every settler on the public be a part of the divine economy and a nation, to impose like, or other disatreasures of nature and beautified by land was granted one section, er six very material item in political economy bilities, upon the trade of that country ple is the question of cheap transporthe dews of heaven is a prouder monu- hundred and forty acres of land, one that one portion of the world should with ports of the United Kingdom. ment than the mightiest monarch of half to himself and the other half to his produce bread for another. The United Owing to the extreme loyalty which Being blessed with one of the finest the dignity and personality of woman world; and since an American horse ain bave borne to the principles of free countries that has ever been the sub- recognized in a substantial manner, and won the great national race of England trade, these statutes have never been in the Union, and unless something \$66.00 week in your own town. \$6 outst ject of God's alimony to man, we are business at which persons of either sex can make equally blessed with one of the best same footing and secured as complete. won the great French race, and all the Its foundations are laid deep and provision of the donation act is one of our French and English cousins, we the power exists and may be exercised strong on natural justice and equal the strongest arguments I have seen in have a right to claim that we have the whenever the British government may has excited the wonder and admiration the authors of that have to the gratitude people in the world. Every American our policy of exclusion we are harting of the whole world, and is to-day a of every man and woman in Oregon, feels a just pride in the success of ourselves more than we hart Great beacon-light to struggling humanity, in for it has enabled many a mother to American horses on the English and Britain. A people situated as we are every place where the iron heel of support herself and family and educate French turf. All honor to Lorillard here, whose prosperity depends tyranny and wealth is pressing the her children in a respectable manner, and Keene for the energy and pluck selling their surplus crops, and who and even provide for an improvident they have shown in putting American must sell to Great Britain if they sell Never can we sufficiently admire husband in his declining years. To horses in the lead. those great men, healed by Washing. those who do not believe in the capa. When Oregon, which already raises difficulty to see that a policy which patriotism and love of the human acre, single instance in which this bounty of tains a population of two millions of they desire is a policy that oppresses gave to us our glorious constitution the Government has not been more people (which is only a question of them. and thereby secured to us and our carefully guarded and more beneficially time) she will cut no small figure in children's children and their posterity used by the woman than the man, the amount she will furnish to make up forever, if we are but true to ourselves, where she had the same opportunities | the grand total of supply that will be the blessings of a free Government ! of managing and controlling it that he furnished by the New World to the

Other liberal grants of land were It is probably less read and less un- made to our State in favor of the inderstood than any other book except terests that this society represents. Sections number 16 and 36 in every they grow up, and in view of the fact the State for the support of a State as to the demand and supply for the that woman suffrage is fast becoming University, and ninety thousand acres past year: a factor in political science, the ladies, were granted to found and sustain an no doubt, will take more interest in a agricultural college. These grants of subject which has heretofore been sup- land have been well utilized by our posed to belong exclusively to men. State; our common schools are equal A well-educated, self-reliant people are to any in states of no greater popula-No intelligent people were ever enslav- and Agricultural College are a source ed, and if the people of this country act of pride to every inhabitant of the intelligently, and use the power placed State. Those institutions under their in their hands by a beneficent form of able and efficient management are edu-Government, they will not become cating and sending forth into the world "hewers of wood and drawers of water" a band of young men and women who

The agricultural interests have not received the consideration to which they land is our best customer. She needs are entitled in the late legislation of the the surplus that we have to sell, and civilized and enlightened nations of too country. The main industry that lies for which we must find a market, for earth will be bound together by prince at the bottom of, and is the foundation we have no home market. Look at ciples of self-interest and liberal statesof, every other pursuit and calling, the condition of things to-day in our manship into a brotherhood that will

which we all look for our bread and Oregon and afferd a reasonable profit force and meaning, to the Peace on butter, and to-day the farmers of Ore- to the farmer, considering the high earth and good will among men that

that it would be presumption in me to gave to man dominion over all the ties. "It is the mother and nurse of we had an equal chance at the great earth and over the fish of the sea, and all other arts. It favors and strength- grain markets of the world, and were diffierent forms and manner of holding industry and opens to nations the surest journal of this state: and owning property, and especially real channels of opulence. It is also the estate, from the time that "Abraham strongest bond of well regulated society, the surest basis of eternal peace." Roman law of allowing only six acres Of the fifty millions of people in the to a man, the allodial system of the United States it is estimated that at least one-half of them or twenty-five millions, are engaged in agricultural pursuits, thus demonstrating the fact that the American farmers are the backbone of the great American Republic. They own most of its soil; they have created most of its wealth, and they form the most numerous and

> consequence introduced and establish portion of their time to working their received. It was clear that the earth of plowing, fallowing, subsoiling, drainwould not produce her fruits in suffi- ing and manuring, so as to produce the cient snantities, without the assistance | best crops and save their land from beof tillage, but who would be at the coming too much impoverished; give a watch his opportunity to seize upon to secure the best market and the best and enjoy the product of his industry, price for their produce, and also how art and labor. Had not therefore a to procure the necessaries of life the separate property in lands as well as cheapest. These are questions that movables been vested in a me individu- come home to every one of us with als the world must have a namued a greater force perhaps this year than forest and men have be a more ani- ever before, and are of the greatest im-

bore the privations and hardships, and incurred the dangers incident to their emigration, that they might spy out emigration, that they might spy out emigration, that they might spy out emigration. der to insure that property recourse the farmers, free from any political ex- would be a perfectly fair and just way Then we must have ships and ought to shildren for an inheritance forever. was had to civil society which brought citement or partizan bias, and it must of teaching us that our interests require build them. If we do not adopt a Like the Pilgrim fathers they were along with it a long train of insepar- finally result in great good to those most reciprocal trade. We cannot sell to policy to do so now when shall we beanimated by that spirit of bravery, truth able concomitants states, governments, interested. And the same may be the best advantage to a country unless gin ? On the safe delivery of these and justice that ally men to God, and laws, punishments and the public ex- said of other states in which their great we buy of that country. This, in a products in the world's markets and though not driven from their native ercises of religious duties. Thus con- annual fairs have become very attract- large degree, explains what the matter on the cash returns depends our finanland by the hand of persecution, yet we nected together it was found that a ive and beneficial, not only to their is with us here at the present time, cial stability." find in the circumstances attending part only of society was sufficient to own people but to the entire Union, for We want to sell our wheat to Great There is a great difference of epintheir coming, and in their traits of provide by their unusual labor for the fairs, like many other institutions, have Britain and she is the only customer ion as to the best means of raising character many things that are similar. necessary subsistance of all, and leisure somewhat changed in their character who can take it. And we want in the ship building interest in the Their sufferings, their labors, their vir- was given to others to cultivate the since they were first founded. We find turn goods which she has to sell. But United States, and regaining our ormtues, their attachment to those princi- human mind, to invent useful arts, that they were originally a gathering the exchange is hampered, and even er proud position in the carrying trade ples of civil and religious librity of and to lay the foundations of science. for the purchase and sale of goods or virtually prohibited by a system which on the high seas. Some of the writwhich they laid the foundations deep We find that carrying out the theory hiring of servants, and that the ancient oppresses us for the benefit of the eastand strong after encountering the dan- of self government in its truest sense, Greeks held fairs in connection with ern manufacturers. This is too I kin that the only way it can be done is gers of the ocean, the storms of heaven, in this country a course was early pur- popular assemblies for political pur- for dispute or argument. To state the by the Government granting liberal gain. There are two dryers and they can be sold separately. This is a good opbe sold separately. This is a good opfamine, are as familiar to us as houselook to be sold separately. This is a good opfamine, are as familiar to us as houselook to be sold separately. This is a good opfamine, are as familiar to us as houselook to be sold separately. This is a good opfamine, are as familiar to us as houselook to be sold separately. This is a good opfamine, are as familiar to us as houselook to be sold separately. This is a good opfamine, are as familiar to us as houselook to be sold separately. This is a good opfamine, are as familiar to us as houselook to be sold separately. This is a good opfamine, are as familiar to us as houselook to be sold separately. This is a good opfamine, are as familiar to us as houselook to be sold separately. This is a good opfamine, are as familiar to us as houselook to be sold separately. This is a good opfamine, are as familiar to us as houselook to be sold separately. This is a good opfamine, are as familiar to us as houselook to be sold separately. This is a good opfamine, are as familiar to us as houselook to be sold separately. This is a good opfamine, are as familiar to us as houselook to be sold to b

wife in her own right. Here we find States is said to be the granary of the successive governments of Great Britsame footing and secured as complete. won the great French race, and all the disposed to place British trade at a disly to her as those of the man. This loose change there was circulating among advantage are advised to take note that favor of woman's rights and entitles best stock and are a little the fastest see fit to resort to it. But in fact by

bilities of woman I ask to point a the best wheat that is shipped, con- prohibits or impedes the exchange

But it is to the present condition of affairs to which I desire to attract your attention :

The following table of exporting and It ought to be made a text book in township were set apart and received importing wheat taken from the Wil the schools; our children ought to be for the use of the common schools. lamette Farmer will show the condition taught to read it and understand it as Seventy two sections were granted to of the different countries on the subject

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It will be been at a glance that Eag. That all differences will be settled by seems to have but few friends in the midst. Wheat is only worth about 60 prevent foreign wars entirely; and cas per bushel in the central Willamette that all articles of produce and manuscriptions. And commerce, which should be Valley and 50cts or less per bushel in facture will be freely exchanged with the handmaid of agriculture, and if left Southern and Eastern Oregon, and out restriction, as the interests of the gon are suffering for the want of free price of labor, expense of harvesting, has never before then attached to it, and secidents, incident to that business and bring it home to the business and As I have before remarked agriculas well as every other, is 75 cents per bosoms of the toiling willions of the

importance to the farmers of Oregon over the fowls of the air, and over ens population; it creates and main- not handicapped by the blind, miserable I have been referring to, and that is the every living thing that moveth upon tains manufactures, gives employment policy pursued by our law markers, carrying trade; both by water and by the earth, and trough it is interest to navigation and materials to com- This idea is well illustrated by the foll land. This is a subject that is attracting and instructive to trace out the merce. It animates every species of lowing from the Oregonian, a leading ing attention all over the country, in Congress and out of it, and a number "There are phases of our foreign of speeches have been made on the subtrade which deserve the attention and ject and a number of very able articles consideration of those who would main written and published in the prominent tain that policy of prohibition and ex- magazines of the country; among clusion which we misname protection. them are the speeches of Senators We want to sel! to Great Britain for Beck and Blain in the United States she is the chief customer for our Senate, and the article of John Roach. agricultural products. Our prosperity the great ship builder, in the May depends on our selling to her. But we number (1881) of the Northern Ameriintentionally prohibit her from selling can Review, and an answer to it in the to us. Readers have doubtless observ. June number by W. G. Summer, Proed that of late there has been reported fessor in Yale college. From these As the world by degrees grew more influential body among its population. to the United States. This simply to him clearly established that our handiwork of the manufacturer, in all populars, says Mr. Blackstone, it be: Then why is it that their interests have means that in order to pay her debts country has lost her standing as a to America, Great Britain must make commercial power, and that the carry two exchanges instead of one. We will ing trade is now mainly in the hands not take British goods, and British of England, and British bottoms are goods must be sold in other markets doing the principal part of the carryin order to realize the money balances ing for the world.

needed to settle British debts here. Is That Americans need ships there is it not apparent that this makes it the no one disputes : During the year interest of Great Britain to look as far ending June 30th, 1880, the value of as possible to other countries for the our exports and imports was \$1,589,supplies she wants? Our prosperity 472,093, of which foreign ships carried is confessedly the result of exporting \$1,309,566,496 and American ships the surplus of our crops, chiefly to \$280,005,497, or only 17.6 per cent. Great Britain. But suppose Great In 1860 of exports and imports valued Britain should encourage more exten. at \$762,288,550, American ships

sion tillage and cheaper transportation carried 66.5 per cent, leaving to forin other agricultural countries, and put eign ships but 33 5 per cent. So much herself in a position to discriminate of a revolution has taken place in our against our products a. we do against position as ocean carriers since the beher. This is not an imposit giuning of our civil war. From 1870 ble consequence. It is an error to to 1880 our export trade increased ever immagine that Great Britain most al- 400 per cent, and if it should increase ways be dependent for food supply at one-half that rate for the next ten speakable rapture to the great Ruler of ly has providence interwoven our duty one of the greatest benefits to be described by has providence interwoven our duty of ly has providence in ly has providence in ly has providence in ly has providence in ly has been out of ly has providenc the Universe. For the possession of this and our happiness to gether, the result rived from our State Pair is that men the railway system of Russia, and de ship transportation would exceed 22. magnificent domain we owe a lasting of this very necessity has been the enno gather here from all portions of the velopment of the agricultural resources 000,000 tons. We should not for a bling of the human species by giving it state, and a free interchange of thought of Australia and Canada would in a moment think of letting a foreigner

emption on the public domain, by their rights and dare maintain them." that Great Britain already has statutes our people could be placed upon the what more directly interests our peotation. The scarcity of vessels and the high prices of freight have been mere oppressive to the farmers of Oregon than those of any other state petition in water carriage so as to allow the producer a reasonable compensation for his labor, he will contique to suffer from the combinations

> Master of the State He says : "Last ye wool market showed an dency, twenty dollars per added to the freight on it, from Francisco to New York, thereby lay-The theory that the agricultural and ing a tax on the wool shipped from laboring interests of the country, must the Columbia river of not less than be taxed to build up and support the seventy thousand dollars, and putting manufacturing interests, and that the down the price of all sold for house farmer, mechanic and laborer, must consumption one cent per pound. pay a heavy duty on all that he wears This levy alone cost the farmers of or uses in his business, was, in the be- tha Pacific coast a half million of dol-

of capital against him in that direc-

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at all, ought to be able without any

ginning sustained on the ground that lars." it was necessary to aid those industries It would seem that there ought to to compete while in their infancy with he a power and authority to prevent foreign and the skilled labor of the the railroad companies from combinold country. Whatever force that ing together and raising the price of argument once had it certainly has freight as their avarice or feelings of none now, and the idea that the farm- revenge may dictate. If a man is ing interests are to be continued to be granted the privilegeof keeping a ferruoppressed with unnecessary and unjust although he builds his own boats and burdens is unreasonable and ought not interferes with no man's property or to be submitted to by a class that com- possessions, yet his tolls are fixed by pose fully twenty five millions or more law, so that he cannot oppress the than half of our entire population. people by high rates of ferriage, alprevailed to a large extent and has in miles of his. I have an abiding governed some writers on political faith in the power of the people to economy, and that is that the nor- protect themselves from injustice and mal condition of Nations is that of oppression, from whatever quarter it war with each other, and that we may come, and I know they will ex-

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