

WOULD IT PAY?

IT WOULD PAY IN CORVALLIS.

Corvallis, a good many years ago, tried the experiment of a fruit dryer. It can hardly be claimed that the business of drying fruits had a fair test then, for several reasons. In the first place a market was not possible for the output of the dryer because transportation facilities were limited and freights enormous. Without transportation facilities, freights at a living rate and a ready market, it goes without saying that an industry of this kind could not prosper. Again, in that day the general business sentiment was at a low ebb. The citizens were more or less apathetic and were not inclined to foster and encourage an enterprise of this character. Our surplus fruit was "only fit for hog food anyway so why bother with a fruit dryer?" "no money in it," "sure to bust," etc. And "bust" it did. That is to say, the Alden fruit drying establishment after one or two seasons' run indefinitely suspended operations and the industry, with this as a criterion, has been paralyzed in this community ever since.

Let us ask a question just here. Will any one answer affirmatively when we ask, could a \$30,000 flour mill have been constructed and put into operation in Corvallis in that day? Emphatically, No!

Now the country round about Corvallis is no more capable of supporting a flour mill to-day than it was 19 or 15 years ago. There was as much or more wheat produced then as there is now. Where, then, is the difference? Why is it possible to have a first-class steam mill put into operation and into competition with one of the best mills in Oregon, in this community this season when such an undertaking then would have been an impossibility? The natural inference is that the gentlemen who have invested their money in the mill have awakened to the fact that there is more to be realized from such an investment than by adhering to the old methods of lending money at 10 per cent. interest with gilt-edge security, or in raising stock for the local and Portland markets.

Now, suppose we glance for a moment at the first one or two resources of the Willamette valley. What do we see? First in importance is the wheat industry. No one will deny that the wheat produced in this country since its first settlement has been its chief support. It has been for years almost our sole export. Why is it that now the miller who grinds this wheat in his mill located in this wheat producing region, can afford to pay one or two cents per bushel more to the farmer for his wheat than the exporter who ships it abroad? Manifestly because the miller can realize so much more for his manufactured product at home than the exporter can gain by sending it away to foreign consumers. What does this suggest? It means that enterprising men can afford to build flouring mills, manufacture their chief product into flour and supply the home market.

Will croakers say that flouring mills under such conditions will not prosper? Perhaps they may. It would be easier perhaps to tell what industries the average croaker will condemn than approve of. But croaking or not croaking, the success of the mills above referred to, with good business management, is assured. And the field is certainly large enough for all competitors now in sight; for the brand "Corvallis Mills" is synonymous with a ready sale for all flour heretofore manufactured at this point and there is no reason to doubt the excellence in quality of the product of the mills recently put into operation. So much for the first resource of the Willamette valley from its soil.

What is its second in importance? Nay; what may be its first in future importance? The fruit and fruit-drying industry. That the land owners of the Willamette valley are aware of the importance of this industry is evident from the number of trees being planted throughout the whole valley. Already there are many orchards numbering thousands of trees growing in this country and more acres are being cultivated with this in view each year. Some of these newer orchards are now beginning to bear fruit. Soon many will be yielding large crops, for the fruit crop never fails here, and a market, such as will cheer the interest-ridden farmer's heart, will be created, and, to use a homely metaphor, land

will grow fat from the greatness thereof.

Now what do the fruit growers propose to do with all this fruit? Ship it. Where to? To some other community's dryer? It is all well enough to create a foreign market for the fruit product after that fruit has received all the attention which we producers can give it. But we want to give it every attention of which it is susceptible at our hands. We want not only to grow this fruit, but to dry it and to make the boxes in which it is packed. It is apparent to any ordinary observer that the fruit now yielded hereabouts would, if cared for and preserved by drying, be largely enhanced in value by such process and the returns to the manufacturer, for this comes properly enough under this head, would be in proportion to the importance of the enterprise. There can be no doubt as to the importance of the enterprise. Neither is there to the certainty of a handsome revenue to person, firm or corporation which takes the initiation step in this direction. It is said that "Opportunity seized at the right moment," or words to that effect, "leads on to prosperity and fortune," and never were truer words spoken. Apply do they apply to the industry now under consideration. It is impossible in this cursory manner to treat this subject fully. It only requires a brief glance at the resources of the country to supply a dryer with raw material, the facility with which the product could be transported and the waiting market to convince one that there is money in an enterprise of this kind and the sooner the better. Let us have a fruit drying and canning establishment in Corvallis.

BEGINS TO LOOK LIKE BUSINESS.

It now looks as if the city and its officers were beginning to wake up on the matter of sidewalks, and crosswalks. Since the article published in the GAZETTE of July 18th, calling attention to the dilapidated condition of the sidewalks, and the ordinance relative to the duties of the city officers and citizens in the matter there have been many improvements made both by the city and by private citizens. The council has since that time expended nearly \$400 in building new crosswalks and the work is still going on. The marshal has been quite busily engaged of late in looking after the work and is urging the property owners to repair their old walks or build new. He has already sent out some sixty-five notifications to repair walks. Quite a number have complied with the request and in several cases where the owners have failed to come to terms he has had the work done and charged the expense against the property. Some, however, have not waited to be notified but are building good substantial walks around their property. Among these are Judge John Burnett, S. L. Kline and E. W. Fisher who are having artificial stone walks put down in front of their property on Main street. More such walk along Main street would be a credit to the place. The GAZETTE is glad to note these improvements and the spirit of enterprise that has recently been awakened in our city officers in this matter, and it is to be hoped that the work will be continued, as there are many sidewalks yet in Corvallis that should be rebuilt or repaired. Don't wait to be notified by the marshal if your walk needs repairing, fix it. There is no excuse for the city to be compelled to pay claims for damage on account of the dangerous condition of its walks if prompt attention is paid to repairing them.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I wish to announce to my many patrons that we are going to open the season with a new and fresh stock of men's, boys' and youths' clothing, consisting of the latest styles and patterns direct from New York factories. Our stock of dry goods, furnishings, boots, shoes, hats and caps will be larger than ever before, consisting of latest novelties in our lines. It will be to your advantage to call and examine our stock before making your Fall and Winter purchases. Look out for advertisement next week.

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Editors on the Wing.

A SQUARE MEAL AND A GOOD TIME.

The Oregon Press Association gathered together its integral parts, at Portland, August 14, 1890. This was a date looked forward to by the editor with pleasant anticipation of a square meal. Through the generosity of the brethren of Oregon's metropolis they were to be entertained at the city's grand caravansary, "The Portland," and it was a joyous dream of the weary-brained quill-drivers which did not fade away upon the approach of dawn.

Upon the arrival of the editors an effort was made to transact a little association business at the office of the West Shore, the appointed rendezvous, but they hungered and thirsted and after receiving their badges of honor insisted upon being conducted to the hotel. The committee accordingly escorted them to "The Portland" and extended to them the freedom of the cupboard, the servants' wardrobe and the bath rooms.

A very interesting program, including excursions about the city and suburbs, had been arranged for the entertainment of the visitors many of whom embraced this opportunity of seeing the sights. But others whose corpuses had acquired a plethoric state from excessive indulgence at the luncheon table, were inclined to go upon the list of inactive members. They chose to snooze—to snooze upon Oblivion's sea whose tides would waft them gently on to supper time.

Toward evening the dormant editors were aroused by the announcement that the pantry was about to be thrown open and that if they would attack the contents with consideration they would be permitted to attend the Denman Thompson show in charge of a careful escort who, it afterwards transpired, allowed them to roam at will about the corridors of the Marquam Grand Theater. Many of the editors took the precaution to occupy the most elevated tier of seats—nigger heaven, so called—so that in a collapse of the building they would be on top, a position which, except in few instances, Oregon journalism has ever maintained.

For the following day a steamboat excursion up the Columbia was on the program, as also a railway excursion to Troutdale, the location of the works of the American Dressed Meat Co. A goodly number took either mode of enjoying the day. The Undine, a fast and palatial steamer, was chartered for the former. The Marine band and the Denman Thompson company accompanied the excursionists, and, to make the ride a most pleasant one, supplemented the efforts of Mr. Samuel, of the West Shore, Mr. Peterson, of the Real Estate Review, and representatives of other Portland journals. The Columbia river and adjacent natural scenery are grand beyond description, and all, together, rendered this excursion a very enjoyable one. But the railway party came to grief and tears. As the train was gliding along a few miles east of Portland it dashed into a freight train which should have been off the main track, the editors having been granted the unrestricted right of way. There was a sudden and disorderly commingling of editorial and local matter. The "forms" were "piled," so to speak. The force of circumstances was great, but the Lord takes care of His own, and no editor was seriously injured. The passengers awaited the arrival of the west-bound express and returned to Portland. The steamer City of Salem was placed at their disposal, and it was arranged to steam up the Columbia and join their friends upon the Undine. The parties were finally united amid great rejoicing, and upon the homeward journey much of the business of the association was transacted.

Other amusements were inaugurated for the entertainment of the association and every opportunity was given the members to become acquainted with the industries of Portland, and to satisfy their desires whatsoever. The editors go to their homes impressed with the fact that they were royally entertained by their brethren of the press and the people of Portland. They return with renewed energy to speak the praise of their respective localities and of the state, and they cherish a better feeling toward the metropolis of the great Northwest. The meeting of the association at Portland will have a tendency to unify and harmonize the interests of the city and country, and it will result in the general good of the commonwealth.

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NOTES.

The editors appreciate the efforts of Secretary Pentland, to whose executive ability the present flourishing condition of the association is largely due.

The Oregon Press Association originated in Benton county in 1887. Judge M. L. Pipes, of this city was its first president. There are now one hundred active, nine inactive, and six honorary members of the association.

The proceedings of the association are shortly to be printed in a neat pamphlet. It will also contain a history of journalism in Oregon by H. L. Pitcock, A. Noltner, and H. R. Kincaid. It will be interesting reading to all.

If there is anything a newspaper man can appreciate it is something free. It is not surprising, therefore, that, having been extended the freedom of a city like Portland, a large number of the fraternity collected there last week.

SCHOOL FUND APPORTIONMENT.

The following is the school apportionment for Benton county made by the county school superintendent August, 1890.

Dist.	Name of Clerk.	Credit.
1	C M Vanderpool	\$140 00
3	W L Price	75 80
4	T B Williamson	84 75
6	C Voss	60 20
8	W S Locke	55 75
9	W St Clair	1367 00
10	C M Smith	33 45
11	George Bayne	144 95
12	Wiley Norton	95 90
13	R L Henkle	120 40
14	D Garred	60 20
15	A M Gray	78 05
16	H C Dunn	58 00
17	W H Boles	388 00
19	R Skipton	55 75
20	J W Walker	181 55
21	J Whitaker	78 05
22	W W Starr	107 05
23	J H Edwards	138 25
24	H M Finley	31 20
25	T H Wells	133 80
26	R J Nichols	151 65
27	R H Hewitt	53 50
29	M W Ruble	75 00
31	E M Mays	42 35
32	T P Fish	293 15
33	F F Marsh	367 95
35	Ella Porter	69 15
36	C Warren	62 45
37	J H Henderson	100 35
38	J W Hyde	55 75
40	M L Trapp	51 30
41	C L Malone	178 40
42	W H Hammerly	115 95
43	W N Phillips	98 10
44	G E Bushnell	122 65
45	William Briscoe	60 20
46	G C Peck	58 00
47	W H Hulse	42 35
48	A B Alexander	113 75
49	W D Armstrong	24 55
50	T D Hinton	71 35
51	L Plankett	35 70
52	C M Carlson	62 45
53	A M Young	95 90
54	A H Diven	91 45
55	C J Bishop	100 35
56	J O Stearns	33 45
57	D J Derby	82 20
58	J J Nye	49 05
59	Joseph Taylor	85 95
60	L W Mulvaney	78 05
61	A Cloake	37 90
62	D E Peggs	71 35
64	C F Axtell	31 20
65	J F Cahill	69 15
66	J P Anderson	46 85
67	Geo D Parris	40 15
68	J G McCarty	31 20
69	J J Bristow	33 45
70	W E Cain	44 60
71	C E Aldrich	73 60
72	G W Cromer	22 30
73	T M Ramsdell	42 35
74	M V Leeper	73 60
75	Mrs S Forden	49 10
76	W H Parker	127 10
77	H Underhill	75 80
78	L A Peck	40 15
79	F J Frary	82 50
80	A Howell	58 00
81	L B Chenoweth	46 85
82	Mrs. L. E. Palmer	23 45
83	Christ Schocher	55 75
84	J W Parrish	42 35

The entire amount apportioned is \$7593 15. The number of children in the county is 3405, and amount per capita \$2 23. The apportionment would have been larger but some taxes are yet delinquent.

W. E. YATES,
County School Superintendent.

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J. T. GREGG, Secretary.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., July 21st, 1890.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Judge or in his absence before the County Clerk of Benton county, at Corvallis, Oregon, on September 8, 1890, viz: E. A. Chapman, Homestead Entry No. 5160, for the S. 1/2 of N. E. 1/4 and N. 1/2 of the S. E. 1/4 of Sec. 10, Tp. 12 S., R. 7 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Richard Castled, Marshall Allen, Edgar Allen and David Garret, all of Philomath P. O., Benton Co. Or. J. T. APPERSON, Register.

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LAND OFFICE AT ROSBURG, OR., July 26, 1890.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of the County Court of Benton Co., Oregon, at Corvallis, Oregon, on Saturday, September 18, 1890, viz: Hamon D. Billum, Homestead entry No. 4275, for the N. E. 1/4 Sec. 4, Tp. 14 S., R. 6 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Ransom Oaks, John Stanturf, Jasper Rickard, D. E. Peggs, all of Monroe, Benton Co., Oregon.

JOHN H. SHARP,
Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., August 5, 1890.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Judge or Clerk of Benton County at Corvallis, Oregon, on September 23, 1890, viz: William E. Kizer, Homestead Entry No. 5332 for the N. E. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4 and Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, T. 11 S., R. 6 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: George W. Owen, T. G. G. Read, S. E. Culp and A. B. Alexander, all of Wrenn, Benton Co., Oregon.

J. T. APPERSON,
Register.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Howard L. Bush, F. J. Frary, John Shages and Wiley Plunkett, all of King's Valley P. O., Benton county, Oregon.

J. T. APPERSON,
Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT ROSBURG, OR., July 7, 1890.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge, or in his absence, before the Clerk of the County Court of Benton Co., Or., at Corvallis, Benton Co., Or., on Monday, September 1st, 1890, viz: Frank Curtis, Homestead Entry No. 4300, Northeast Quarter of Sec. 10, Tp. 15 S., R. 6 West.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Richard Nichols, Edward Larkins, George Goodman, and J. B. Goodman, all of Monroe, Benton Co., Oregon.

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Register.

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