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THE YEAR OF PROSPERITY.

Facts and statistics compiled by the American Agriculturist shows that the year 1901 rank as the most prosperous in history for the American farmer. It will be remembered that it was a year of frosts in the spring and of droughts in the summer. Nearly every section of the union suffered more or less from one or the other, and nearly every crop was injuriously affected. Note the low the good overbalanced the evil. Where there was a short crop there was a high price, and where the price was not high the crop was big enough to make up for it. The wheat crop is estimated to have been worth \$125,000,000 more than that of the previous year, and the values of other crops on which detailed estimates are not given are said to be equally gratifying. The storage in corn was made up by the rise in price; apples have been high, and of potatoes it is said prices were so high that the short crop probably returned more money to the growers than any other potato crop on record. Finally, it is said that the livestock of the farmers represents nearly \$250,000,000 more than it did in the previous year.

These good results came as the culmination of a series of good years. A summary of the compilation made by the Agriculturist says: "The cereals—wheat, corn, oats, rye and barley—raised in the United States during the past five years represented a value to the farmers of \$4,250,000,000, or an increase of nearly \$1,000,000,000 over the preceding five years. Cotton growers have netted \$400,000,000 more for the last five years than for the previous five. Taking 1895 as a fair basis of value during the last agricultural depression, nine staple crops for this year represented an increase in value of more than \$100,000,000. Livestock is worth \$1,000,000,000 more than then. During the last five years agricultural exports have been \$180,000,000 greater than for the preceding five years, a gain of 50 per cent."

That makes a brave showing for the closing years of the old century and the first year of the new. We are now starting a year that promises to be more prosperous than even the fat years that have just passed. In California the prospect is exceptionally bright. The fruit crop, was severely diminished last year by the disastrous frosts of the spring, and as a consequence there is hardly any dried fruit held over. The coming crop, therefore, will have a good market awaiting it. The high record of last year, then, will doubtless be broken by that of the year which now opens. The expansion of the country is a long way from reaching the limit.

MISS ANTHONY AND INFANTS.

For some reason the person so conditioned as to know nothing concerning childhood or children is the most prolific in theories upon the subject. So it is not surprising that Miss Susan B. Anthony should have told the people they are prone to have too many babies in a family; that they ought to have fewer and better. Miss Anthony is an aged spinster. She has done her work, and has done it with credit to herself, but all this work has been far from the nursery, says the Ledger. She knows no more about the subject upon which she has trespassed than a hen knows about brooding. The theory has the semblance of sense, but a little inspection shows it to be unworthy of serious consideration. In the first place, there is nothing to show that the child who is the self-appearing, or one of a few, is any better in any respect than the one who has the joy and afterwards the memory of being one in a flock. There are some large families. There would be no harm were these more frequent. Many eminent men and women of the present generation would have to count brothers and sisters on

the fingers of both hands. A case was never known of a child's being neglected because of its having brothers and sisters. The parents who would be guilty of this need put forward no excuse, for they would have neglected a single child as heartily as they would one of many. Far graver as a threat to the welfare of the country is the paucity of the large family when women get too busy to rear children, they will be too busy to take properly such as they require to receive. When they cease to be Miss W. Anthony's, all concerns the family welfare and all their energies in defense of the home are in danger. Miss Anthony knows and things she writes that she writes to you. She is a person of one idea, and when she wanders from that into the unfamiliar field of husband she is in strange fields. France believes in the small family. In the solitary visit of the work on the total address of this kind. The reform is France's reform, and all the rest of the world of its philosophy, the glory of letters, the splendor of art, can save it. It has defied nations, and the penalty of being vanquished. The more children born into this world, the more men and women to promote the welfare of the remainder, in an as leave to the great mass of citizenship imparted, some of it against, some of it vicious. Let Miss Anthony not worry about the big family. Her skins are free from all responsibility.

In its old age the Oregonian is becoming silly. It demands more pills, because the nine leading branches at present cannot attend to the needs of shipping. The idea that more than nine pills are required will strike the ordinary observer as a remarkable feat. In position to convey the assurance that the Oregonian is not at all inclined to be humorous in this matter, it really believes nine pills are not enough. On maritime matters generally the Portland journal will be found to be lacking, and will doubtless continue to refer childishly to the alleged shortcomings of the shipping men located at the mouth of the Columbia river. Down here by the sea we promptly trembled when the Oregonian threatened to appoint a nine commission made up of two Portlanders and one Astorian (that is, in reverse of the present personnel of the board) unless more branches were located, but have reassured ourselves since we stopped to think that the Oregonian might be bluffing. However, there is a lay around all this agitation, in the Oregonian's offer for more pills. They a short time ago the Portland authority declared that because "temperatures did not go on the Portland" (and that did not mean financial loss in consequence as the ships were always when before the expiration of their big day, and that the day date in question could be passed without loss) "the owners on the overboard are in a hurry. If the Oregonian did just as range matters so the ships are not their day's waiting for the nine pills to take them to sea instead of on the sundays in the river, all will be well, and there will be no cause for the Oregonian to supplant one of the Astoria pilot commissions with a Portland commissioner. We know the Oregonian is adverse to anything that would hamper the free circulation of the people of Astoria, and trust the shipping authority of the metropolis will favorably consider this suggestion.

It takes a Chicago specialist to advance theories at once surprising and instructive. Here is one who declares that hamburger cheese is the positive to drunkenness and that its presence threatens the happiness and stability of the American home. We will be grateful for this thought, it will strike them as new. Probably the home in which this brand of cheese may be found are less frequent than the learned doctors suppose. Hamburger is not known in the average domicile. In fact, it is such a complete stranger there that were it to invade the place the inhabitants would grasp their several noses and run for a plumber with instructions to go right up and see what had died in the pipes. For the tendency to strong drink dependence will have to look in some other direction. Accidental contact with hamburger much deprive a man of temporary indigestion or to substitute for it, that he first forms an appetite for a certain form of devious milk and then turns to whiskey to rid himself in the first place, the cheese is as much stronger than the whiskey that the latter might mark a station on the way to reform. The truth is that people drink because of a craving for stimulants because of social obligations, or for the reason that they have

the opportunity and lack sense. They cannot blame their weaknesses, since any brand of cheese is had, or that he is anything else. The individual has the responsibility just as much as he has the blame.

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J. Ham Lewis in Chicago. Delessé says: "He won't stay here."

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A PROFITABLE INVESTMENT. "I was troubled for about seven weeks with a stomach ailment and had my time," says J. O. DeWitt, Kansas City, Mo. "I spent about \$100 and never could get anything to do me until I tried Little Early Bitters. I have taken a few bottles and am entirely well. You don't know how you eat, but by taking you digest and assimilate. If your stomach doesn't digest your food you are never strong. Kodol Bitters, cure the stomach's work by digesting the food. You don't have to diet. Eat all you want. Kodol Bitters, cure all stomach troubles." CHAS. ROGERS.

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An ex-governor of South Carolina has just been sent to jail for the theft of an overcoat. The experience must be reckoned a fall. Even a senator from that state would not be guilty of such an act.

THE SWORD HAS A MIND. In the British army the sword has been discarded, or far as it is useful, is abandoned in modern warfare. A sword's mind is a man's mind. The best weapon, having no mind now taken its place. At the present time thoughts of the sword are disappearing, and the sword is being replaced by the rifle. It has never been known to run in cases of indigestion, dyspepsia, biliousness, rheumatism, kidney troubles, or malaria fever, and upon a trial is therefore recommended. It has been before the public for 25 years, and by the record of cure during that time has firmly established its superiority over all other remedies. Try a bottle and satisfy yourself.

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