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SYMPATHETIC PORTLAND.

The Oregonian in speaking of the Columbia river, recently says:
"The rivers are free to local enterprise.

No right of way is necessary in order to use their channels in the interests of commerce. The method heretofore pursued has been to growl at and pile up complaints against the transportation companies for lack of adequate facilities for conducting the traffic of the Inland Empire; for exorbitant freight and passenger charges and for several inattentions to the people's interests. Years of these complaints have failed, for obvious reasons, to bring relief. If the people who have lodged them can do better for themselves than the existing transportation companies can do for them the river is theirs, let them show a determination to use it. If they will not do this, it is clear that to continue in the old line of querulous fault-finding is but a waste of time and energy. Prudence must suggest to them the wisdom of striving to possess their souls in patience while they tell to the child on the knee, tales of the wonderful prosperity that will be the inheritance of those who live to see the canal and locks at the Cascades completed."

This is a fair statement of the case, a frank admission as to Portland's interest heretofore in the matter. It is brutally frank, cruelly true. We are told that the river is free, and that we can take advantage of it, or let it alone, as it suits our will. Were the river open it would be possible for us to make the best of the invitation, but as it is the cost of transferring low priced freight at the Cascades precludes our utilizing the far from cheerful advice. Josh Billings said that castor oil and advice, were better to give than to receive, and the above sample is no exception. It may be, and no doubt is true, that we of Eastern Oregon have not shown proper energy and determination in our efforts to take advantage of the Columbia as a means of transportation. It may be and perhaps is true, that with proper energy, unity and determination, the people of Eastern Oregon could themselves have constructed unaided the locks at the Cascades; and it is further true, that had this been done years ago, the saving in freight rates on grain alone, would have completed the locks long since. We admit this, but we add that it is equally true that Eastern Oregon paid her proportion of taxes to construct the locks at Oregon City, and give the Willamette valley an open river and cheap transportation to Portland. It is equally true that the members of the last legislature from the Willamette valley voted against a beggarly \$50,000 appropriation for constructing and equipping a half-mile of railroad at the Cascades, which would have afforded us relief until the locks were completed, and would no doubt have accelerated the work there. We have no kick at the Union Pacific management. Whatever their sins of omission may have been, they are doing their best now, but that best is not enough. The trade of the Inland Empire has grown beyond their capacity to handle, no matter what their motive or road equipment may be. Our products must find a market, and if that market is to be Portland the river must be utilized. Portland is interested in the solution of this problem as much as the producers, and in will find to its cost that the Oregonian's advice may yet be followed, and the Columbia from Celilo to Pasco be used by the producers to send their products to the Sound. That portion of the river is "free to local enterprise."

BREAD FOR THE WORLD.

The area of Wasco county is in round numbers 2,500,000 acres. Of this 600,000 acres are susceptible of cultivation, and 400,000 acres are under cultivation, or have been, though much of this, owing to the cost of transportation, is at present lying idle. With cheap transportation to markets, all, or nearly all this immense tract would be cultivated and its golden harvest would load a small fleet of ships. Land situated far enough from the railroad that a round trip cannot be made by the farmer in a day, is practically unprofitable when sown to wheat. The hauling to market added to high rates on the railroads leave no margin for profit. With Wasco's 400,000 acres of cultivated land in wheat, at twelve bushels to the acre the crop would be about five million bushels, or with its total acreage in wheat, for which the soil is peculiarly adapted, this output would be raised to seven million bushels. It is estimated that wheat is arriving in Portland now at the rate of 1,500 tons or 50,000 bushels a day. With a full crop of wheat grown in this county, it alone could keep up this supply for four months in the year. When the other Eastern Oregon

counties, Sherman, Morrow, Gilliam, Union and Umatilla, all superb grain growing counties, add their outputs it will be seen that Eastern Oregon alone could with one year's crop furnish the present amount arriving daily in Portland from all sources, for two years, or could send double the present supply every day in the year. An open river and railroads from it to the interior will accomplish this result. Given cheap transportation, which an open river would give, and Eastern Oregon and Washington can supply the world with bread, and at prices that will defy competition.

THE LATE SITTING BULL.

\*Sitting Bull is dead, and the murder of the gallant Custer is in part avenged. This now good Indian has committed crimes enough to have caused his execution years ago, were it not for the good grandmotherly government who condones the faults of her red wards. Sitting Bull was pre-eminently a politician, and while his hands were reddened with the blood of Custer's gallant band, his was not the brain that conceived or executed that dastardly massacre. He was shrewd enough, however, to assume that it was his work and to impress this idea on his followers. He has always been over-rated except in his ability to create mischief, but will no doubt pass into American history as a great warrior. He lacked the elements which make a great leader, but possessed in abundance all those things required to make what he was, a great villain. It is to be hoped that his death may dampen the ardor of his fellows and end the present trouble. If so, the ghost dance has rendered good service.

The Hunt Road Will be Built.

That the line of railroad down the north bank of the Columbia will be built next year is reasonably certain. The line is being definitely located now, the work being about completed. It is about the only route across the Cascades that is not already appropriated, and so many roads are seeking tidewater that if Mr. Hunt is unable to float his bonds and construct the road, others will be found that will take it off his hands and build it. It will not be many years before the Inland Empire will furnish a million tons of grain for shipment to tidewater, or in round numbers, ten trains of twenty cars each every day in the year. The resultant counter trade, would make an immense traffic, and this with the through traffic seeking Portland and the Sound over these roads will keep every one of them crowded, and the Columbia busy with steamers and barges. The possibilities of the country are great indeed, and every available transportation route, natural or artificial, will be crowded to its utmost capacity.

Awake at Last.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade and Freight Bureau, have decided to assist Eastern Oregon in opening the Columbia. They have at last awakened to the fact that action is necessary on their part to protect their own interests. Heretofore they have pinned their faith on the railroads and while these have done much, will do much more to make Portland the metropolis of the northwest, recent affairs have demonstrated that the railroads are not prepared to move the crops of Eastern Oregon, nor can they with present track facilities hope to handle the crops in the future. Two, three or four railroads cannot expect to handle the immense crops which the next few years will force upon them, and an open river will alone solve the problem. With it hundreds of thousands of acres will be made to produce, which without it will lie idle. Portland will have then the handling of these immense crops, and the trade growing out of this will maintain her supremacy.

It Rains Wheat.

The west-bound passenger this morning was five hours late arriving here about 10 o'clock. The train was a long one and was crowded to its utmost capacity. A number of immigrants got off and examined the big piles of wheat stacked up at the freight depot and warehouses and were astonished at the quantity. One of them looked first at the wheat then at the surrounding hills, and after sizing the two up remarked, "Bill, we've struck Gods country sure enough, for it must rain wheat already sacked, there is no place for it to grow." All of which shows that you can't always form a correct opinion from appearances, and that the Columbia river valley lying a thousand or fifteen hundred feet above the river, is so contrary to eastern people's ideas of correct topography that they cannot at first believe that grain would or could grow at that altitude.

The Oregon legislature meets January 5th, three weeks from next Monday. It will have an immense amount of business as the senatorial fight is on hand and there will, no doubt, be a big row over the assessment laws.

When They Rush.

"Our duties must be somewhat monotonous," said a lady to a mailing clerk.
"They are, indeed."
"The same round day after day and week after week. No excitement."
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ITS PRODUCTS.

The salmon fisheries are the finest on the Columbia, yielding this year a revenue of \$1,500,000 which can and will be more than doubled in the near future.

The products of the beautiful Klickital valley find market here, and the country south and east has this year filled the warehouses, and all available storage places to overflowing with their products.

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