

# The Dalles Daily Chronicle.

THE DALLES, OREGON.

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The board of trade are considering a proposition to locate a woolen mill here, the matter now being in the hands of their committee. It is hoped that they will see their way clear to make such an offer as will be acceptable to the parties making the proposition, and that work on the buildings may commence in the early spring. The Dalles needs factories, and she will not have that rapid and steady growth which is certain to eventually be hers, until these factories are started. As the greatest wool market in the northwest, she is peculiarly well situated for the manufacture of woolen goods. We all know that the employment of a hundred hands would add largely to our trade in a direct manner, and indirectly will be still more beneficial. The starting of one factory would induce others to come, and soon our city would be, what its position will finally force it to be, a busy thrifty manufacturing city. The board of trade will, we think, if they can give any assurance of the men who propose building the mill being responsible, get a liberal bonus and backing without much trouble.

It looks now as though the winter is to be a repetition of that of 1888-89, with the difference that we are to have a greater rainfall. Up to date there has been little or no freezing weather the lowest temperature to date having been twenty above. The recent rains have put the ground in good condition for plowing, and the grass is exceedingly good for this time of the year. At points south of us the lack of rain in the early fall, prevented the grass starting but it left the old grass standing and nutritious. There can now be but a short winter, and consequently there is no danger to the stock interests. Taken all together the coming season bids fair to be one of unexampled prosperity to both farmer and stockman, and consequently to the merchants and other business men.

We print in this issue an article on the manufacture of jute bags, and respectfully commend it to our legislators as furnishing food for thought. The manufacture of jute bags is one of the very few things that convict labor can be employed at without being brought into competition with free labor. As Oregon's principal crop is wheat, it might be well for the State to manufacture its own supply. The history of this industry in the California prisons showed that it prevented the forming of a pool or trust, and furnished not only the bags it manufactured to the farmers at reduced rates, but kept the price down, saving in this item alone to the farmers of the State at least \$250,000 a year, which was the cost of the plant.

While considering the woolen mill proposition the board of trade should not lose sight of the steamboat lines. The farmers seem determined to push this matter to a speedy and successful completion. They have appointed committees to solicit subscriptions, with instructions to report at a meeting to be held at The Dalles, (presumably at the board of trade rooms) on Saturday, January 24th, at 11 o'clock A. M. The committee from the board of trade to meet with them should be prepared to make a statement as to what The Dalles will do. We believe enough interest has been awakened in the matter, that it can be successfully undertaken, and that boats can be put on the river in time to move the next seasons crop.

### An Open River.

A public meeting will be held Saturday, January 24th, at the following places for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to a stock company to be formed for the purpose of placing boats on the river between The Dalles and the Locks. The persons named will have stock books in their possession, and will be glad to receive any amount which farmers or others feel disposed to give. A full attendance of those interested is requested. The precincts will be represented as follows:

- Fairfield School House—Geo. H. Riddle.
- Eight Mile—Henry Gilpin.
- Dufur—Horace Rice, A. M. Allen.
- Liberty School House—E. Pitman.
- Kingsley—H. M. Baxter.
- Oak Grove—S. G. Backeby.
- Wamic—E. N. Chandler.
- Tygh—Ben McAtee.
- Antelope—Allen Grant.
- Mosier—S. Husbands.
- Hood River—J. H. Middleton.
- Cascade Locks—Dr. H. A. Leavens.

Mr. Oscar Stranahan has purchased machinery for a saw and door factory, which he will build here as soon as he secures a suitable location. He expects to have his manufactory ready for business by March 1st.—Glacier.

### JUTE BAGS.

Made by Prison Labor Reduces the Cost to the Farmer.

In a long letter to Hon. George Miller, Comptroller-General of Prisons, Sydney, N. S. W., written by Gen. John McComb, warden at the state prison at San Quentin, California, there are many things of interest to the grain growers of the Inland Empire. Gen. McComb says: "the advisability of establishing a jute bag factory at this prison was first suggested by Gov. Geo. C. Perkins, in his inaugural address, when he assumed the duties of his office in 1880." The legislature of California "by an almost unanimous vote," made the appropriation asked for to start the factory.

The plant for the jute bag factory, including a building 160x250, an engine of 400-horse power, "a small machine shop, foundry and carpenter shop," with tools, cost \$250,000.

"The manufacture of jute goods is the only industry carried on at this prison now, and apparently does not conflict with the interests of the free labor of the state, as the long continued, persistent, and vigorous protests against the pursuit of any industry by convict labor in competition with free labor have entirely subsided in this state, since every manufacture for the market, except that of jute goods, has been abandoned."

"Our jute mill, as run at present, keeps about 900 prisoners constantly employed. The balance, nearly 500, are engaged in the performance of necessary prison work, as cooks, waiters, gardeners sweepers, cell tenders, stablemen, etc.; also, in the improvement of the prison grounds and the erection of new buildings."

Gen. McComb quotes from the report of Consul General Bonham dated at Calcutta, December 10, 1888, who had visited a jute bag factory in India, employing over 5,000 operatives, paid as follows: Men, from \$1 to \$1.33 a week, women from 49¢ to 66 cents per week, youths from 33 to 66 cents a week and children from 25 to 50 cents a week. "The total product of all the jute mill in India for the year ending March 31, 1888, was 74,367,620 bags. The total export to the United States from British India for the year ending March 31, 1888, was 15,310,163 bags, valued at 1,650,376 rupees, equal to \$55,125. The value here of the raw jute in bales, such as is used in the manufacture of gunny bags and gunny cloth, is now about \$2.06 per 100 pounds."

Gen. McComb calls attention to the fact "that the natives of India, who compose the operative force of all those mills (in India), are by nature better adapted to the manipulation of textile fabrics, than any other people or race, not excepting even the Chinese," and says:

"It is rather difficult, though not an insurmountable difficulty, to start a new mill with a force of entirely inexperienced and unpracticed operatives, and especially if the force be prisoners; and it will require the superintendence and teaching of a number of capable and patient men, thoroughly conversant with the details of jute manufacture, to get all the machinery properly manned and operated. It is extremely doubtful that men having a thorough knowledge of jute manufacture could be readily found in your colony, and you would probably have to employ them at Dundee, Scotland, where the jute industry is followed more extensively by white labor than anywhere else. The firms from whom you would purchase the machinery would be the best parties to recommend such persons, as they have connections with jute mills all over the world, and would recommend none but the best of men."

"After a mill is fairly started, the efficiency of the force can easily be kept up by always having a number of learners in all the different departments of the mill, who can take the place of skilled workmen as they are discharged, and one first-class free foreman should be sufficient for each department to supervise the work."

"The free labor employed in our mill of 100 looms, which is now running three shifts of eight hours each, is composed of the following:

Salary.	
One superintendent.....	\$200 per month.
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Two weavers (each).....	100 per month.
One engineer.....	120 per month.
One engineer.....	90 per month.
One accountant.....	125 per month.

"We employ also from three to four policemen on each shift, to control and preserve order among the prisoners while at work, and most of these, after getting familiar with the mill, prove themselves of considerable assistance to the regular foreman in superintending the work of the prisoners."

For the information of those folks in Wasco county who are growing about the action of the county court of Sherman county in leasing the free bridge road to a private individual, and allowing him to collect toll thereon, we would say that the court acted by virtue of authority granted by section No. 4119 of Hill's Code which empowers the county court to lease any public road along the line of which there is insufficient labor to maintain such road. We are free to say that the circumstances in this case warranted the court in this action and in leasing the road they had the interests of the residents of that neighborhood in view.—Wasco Observer.

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### ITS TERRITORY.

It is the supply city for an extensive and rich agricultural and grazing country, its trade reaching as far south as Summer Lake, a distance of over two hundred miles.

### THE LARGEST WOOL MARKET.

The rich grazing country along the eastern slope of the the Cascades furnishes pasture for thousands of sheep, the wool from which finds market here.

The Dalles is the largest original wool shipping point in America, about 5,000,000 pounds being shipped this year.

### THE VINEYARD OF OREGON.

The country near The Dalles produces splendid crops of cereals, and its fruits cannot be excelled. It is the vineyard of Oregon, its grapes equalling California's best, and its other fruits, apples, pears, prunes, cherries etc., are unsurpassed.

### 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.

### ITS WEALTH

It is the richest city of its size on the coast, and its money is scattered over and is being used to develop more farming country than is tributary to any other city in Eastern Oregon.

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