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The Chronicle is the Only Paper in The Dalles that Receives the Associated Press Dispatches.

John W. Bookwalter, who owns 60,000 acres of land in Nebraska, proposes to initiate a great reform in farm life, at an expense of \$75,000 or \$100,000, to be met out of his own purse. His idea, says the Albany Evening Journal, is to overcome the farmers' discontent, which he believes to be due mainly to social isolation, by bringing the homes together into a tastefully arranged village near each one's land, instead of having them on the individual farms. He has already started the experiment on a small scale, and says: "I am going to build a town hall and establish a free circulating library. The scheme is in vogue among the farmers of France, Spain, Italy and Switzerland, and is a great success."

THE WEALTH PER CAPITA.
 The statement prepared by the treasury department in regard to the amounts of money in circulation on the first of July of the years 1860, 1865, 1885, 1889, and 1891 would seem to completely contradict the constantly reiterated statements of a class of financiers and politicians who allege that the present stringency in the money market and depression of business are caused by a scarcity of the circulating medium. "All the statements are made up on precisely the same basis—the amount of each kind of money in the treasury—and the remainder is given as the amount in circulation. The amount of money in circulation in 1860 was about \$435,000,000 and the amount per capita was \$13.85. In 1865 there was \$723,000,000 in circulation and the per capita amount was \$23.02 while on the first of January last the amount was \$1,529,000,000 with \$24.10 as the per capita allowance, the highest in the history of the United States. Owing to the shipments of gold to foreign countries there has been a decline since January 1891, not only in the per capita amount but in the total, also: but the total circulation on the first inst., notwithstanding the outflow of gold, was about \$1,500,000,000 and the amount per capita was \$23.27."

BRIEF STATE NEWS.
 Ex-Governor Thayer is visiting his son Claud Thayer in Tillamook. He will remain there until the latter part of September.
 William Jordan, son of a well-known rancher on Jordan creek, was arrested at Burns Friday charged with having stolen two horses.
 Wednesday afternoon the Hardesty hotel at Long Creek caught fire and before it could be extinguished it communicated to an adjoining building. The damage amounted to about \$6000.
 Several cases of diphtheria are reported in Crook county. Two children of John Savage, who lives two miles from Prineville, have died, and another was dangerously ill, at last accounts.
 The republican candidate for governor of Iowa has got a \$70,000 mortgage on his farm. He ought to get a good deal of sympathy in the shape of votes from the Iowa farmers. They are about all in the same kind of a boat.
 "Sweated" \$5 and \$10 gold pieces are reported plenty on the Sound, and some of them are said to be sent here. A solution of nitric and muriatic acid is used and twenty per cent. is taken off the coin.—Astorian.
 While riding on the range after horses last Sunday, Lewis Palmer of Haystack, met with the usual badgerhole accident and narrowly escaped being killed, having several ribs and the collar bone broken, and shoulder dislocated.
 A Kalama man sits gravely down and writes that the jetty is the reason of the small number of salmon this year. Pah! No such thing. It's the McKinley bill. If you're giving a reason at all give the right one.—Astorian.
 The First Chance placer mine, of Fox valley, ceased operations and made its final clean-up for the season last week. The company has been bothered by a deficiency in the water supply, necessitating the mine to remain idle for weeks at a time.
 Wednesday, Benjamin R. Mael, a resident of Long Creek, dropped dead while on route from his residence to the saw-mill of J. J. Patterson, a half mile distant. His little grandchild was with him and thinking he had only fallen down did her utmost in assisting him to rise.
 Charles Eads recently had an en-

counter with a grizzly bear near Summit Prairie, Grant county. He dismounted his animal to slay his bearship, but was delighted to resume his saddle after badly wounding the animal. The second shot changed the scene and the bear repaired to the thicket.
 A wheat platform is building by a company of farmers at Athena. It is an alliance platform, says the East Oregonian, only in the sense that directors and shareholders of the company are members of the alliance. Farmers will haul their wheat to the platform and leave it there for sale at the best figure obtainable.
 Monument and surrounding vicinity was visited by a destructive hail and wind storm last Friday. The wind blew furiously, and carried ballstones through the air with immense force, doing great damage to all growing vegetation, more especially grain and fruit. About one-half of the peaches and apples were beaten from the trees.
 A young and clever Japanese has just arrived in Pendleton from his native home. He wishes to learn farming, and when he masters the art of raising grain successfully will engage in agriculture with his brother, who follows shortly, on their own account. He was educated at a Presbyterian mission in Japan, understands English and is an intelligent representative of his race.
 The recent encampment of the state militia cost about \$35,000, which has been paid. It would be interesting to know just what the state got for the money. As much more would hand-somely aid in exhibiting Oregon's products at the world's fair. The encampment has—so far as known—resulted only in considerable dissatisfaction and growing among all who participated.—Astorian.

CONCERNING THE CROPS.
Great Apprehension Felt Throughout Mexico.—A Sad State of Affairs.
 St. Louis, Aug. 5.—The latest advices from the City of Mexico are to the effect that great apprehension is felt there regarding the crop prospects. An alarming state of affairs exist in the principal grain-producing districts owing to the long-continued droughts, while in the state of Vera Cruz, where large crops were expected to be harvested, the heavy rains which have fallen since the 15th ult., have caused the Papalapan and San Juan rivers to rise, and extensive farming tracts along their banks are under water. All crops in consequence are reported a failure, and the situation in Vera Cruz is desperate. Cotton is heavily damaged and Lacotalpum is threatened by the rivers, which are increasing in volume, and the people residing there fear total destruction of the place.
 The crops between Tuxtepec and Omattan were swept away and these two towns are under water, as also are four other towns. The corn crop of Satoyento, which promised a large yield this season, will be a total loss and the country inundated for miles. Hundreds of cattle have been drowned. The fruit crop is a partial loss, and if the flood continues every tree will be killed. Unless a good drenching rain falls in the drought-stricken districts within the next three or four days, a complete failure will result, and famine stares the people in the face.

Business Situation on the Sound.
 SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 5, 1891.
 To the Editor of the Chronicle:
 In your paper of the 28th inst., appears a report of Mr. S. R. Husbands, of Mosier, who has just returned from visiting the Sound country and "reports everything quiet in Tacoma and Seattle, and the people very much discouraged." For a part of his facts Mr. Husbands draws on his imagination. Business is quiet in Tacoma and Seattle, in comparison with the feverish condition of two years ago; but not more quiet than it usually is in thrifty and growing towns in times of average business health. I have just returned from Oregon, and every place I have seen there, not even excepting the steady and reliable city of Portland, appears quite as dull as Seattle. This city is growing every day, and the people are not "very much discouraged," nor in any degree discouraged. I do not presume to speak for the people of Tacoma further than to say that one who talks with her business men finds no evidence of discouragement. The wild excitement in real property which prevailed in those cities during the boom period has subsided, but legitimate transactions in real property are reported from day to day, at figures little if any lower on the average than the highest, in times past; and in the meantime population still increases, building goes on, and all productive industries expand as rapidly as heretofore. The fact is, the resources of western Washington are so varied and so vast that it will always be one of the last regions to feel the effects of such general depression of business as the entire business world is passing through at present, and one of the first to recover from them. Very respectfully,
 W. LAIR HILL.

Farmers Holding Back Their Wheat.
 CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Aug. 5.—The millers are forming a league to purchase western grain. They claim that the Middle Tennessee farmers, with the alliance behind them, will sell only at enormous prices, grain having gone up from 82 1/2 to 90 cents in a week, and flour has advanced 25 cents per barrel. The mills so far have succeeded in running on Tennessee wheat, but the supply will be inadequate to the wants of flour makers.

The Judge Refused.
 PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—D. B. Whildon, who has been in jail several days awaiting extradition to Alabama to answer the charge of forgery, petitioned the United States court this afternoon for a release on a writ of habeas corpus. The application was denied.

The Treaty Signed.
 PARIS, Aug. 6.—It is stated the treaty of alliance between Russia and France has been signed.

Embarrassing for the Pole.
 A charming, and it must be confessed, rather coquettish widow, whose name is familiar to many of you, was recently being escorted home from a literary reception by two young men, an Englishman and a Pole. Now, the Pole could not speak English, nor the Englishman Polish, nor even French in which language the lady was accustomed to address the Pole. Thus, in a sort of linguistic medley, the three were discussing the marriage of a very young girl to an old man whose recommendation was his money.
 Said the Englishman (in English, of course—a dead language to the pole): "Now, Mrs. —, if you'll pardon the candor, I don't really believe you disapprove of such a marriage as violently as you say you do. You women are all so-called creatures—get you to the scratch. Tell me, frankly, if you had to choose between that rich old man and say, for instance, me (the Englishman was conspicuously impecunious), which would you take?"
 She—Why, you! You are at least young and—
 They were interrupted by the Pole muttering and jabbering under his moustache.
 "Excuse me, madam," he hissed in French. "I see I am de trop!" and off he went down a side street. Of course they were thunderstruck, nor could they possibly account for his strange conduct. A half hour later, while the imperturbable Englishman pursued the even tenor of his way down Sixth avenue, such peals of laughter as rang out from the lady's dressing room!
 "He must understand a little English!" she said to herself, "just enough to have made him think Mr. — had proposed and I had accepted him. No wonder he felt 'de trop!'"
 She has never seen the Pole since.—New York World.

Curlye and Some Young Men.
 When we think of bores we are tempted to wish that all men had something of Carlye's rudeness. The mighty Thomas was bidding "Good day" to a very conceited young man who had favored him with a long-sermon on things in general. He went politely to the door, and then said:
 "Well, Mr. Brand, I've received ye for the sake of your father. Now goodbye; and I earnestly hope I'll never see ye again!"
 On another occasion Carlye looked in a passionless way at a visitor who had been holding forth for ever so long, and said:
 "Man, but ye're a pur creature!"
 The anecdote recalls one of a cobbler who once got rid of a tiresome caller by putting his hands on his lapstone and pensively gazing at the talking nuisance. Finally he said:
 "I suppose, now, they tell you that God made you?"
 The terrible insinuation was too much for the bore, and he fled, utterly routed.—Irish Times.

Curiosities About Beans.
 Of all edible pods, it is believed that the bean has been the longest known and most widely cultivated. It was used as food by the ancient Jews and considered sacred by the Greeks and Romans. A temple dedicated to Kyanetes, the god of beans, formerly stood on the sacred road near Eleusis. Kyanetes was called the god of beans because he was the first to cultivate them for food. The bean feast, which the Athenians celebrated in honor of Apollo, was characterized by the excessive use of beans.
 The Egyptians, contrary to the nations above mentioned, considered beans unclean, and would not venture to touch them. Pythagoras admonished his scholars, "Abstain from beans." The natives of Egypt and most all oriental nations look upon the black speck on the wings of the bean flower as the written characters of death.—St. Louis Republic.

North, the Nitrate King.
 Colonel North, the nitrate king, has a daughter Emma, to whom he gave \$500,000 and told her to marry whom she liked. All the young sparks in Chili used to laugh about her, but she will probably end by being at least a duchess. He has one son, Harry, or as he used to be called when I knew him, "Arty." He was then a small boy going home to school, and on landing at Montevideo came off with a box of common grass as a curiosity to take to England. He had never seen a blade of grass at Iquique, where nothing grows, and the boy could not understand our laughter at his greenness. North gave Harry \$50,000 on his twenty-first birthday, and told him to have a "jolly spree." I believe Harry is now in the army.—San Francisco Letter.

Safe and Dangerous Railroads.
 With the exception of the Chinese railways, with their prejudiced crazed wrecking mobs, the unsafe roads in the world are those of Spain, whose landslides and inundations wreck a train every few weeks, not to mention the risk from bandits and insurgents. The safest are those of northern Germany and England.
 Statistics prove that in 1888 and 1890 only three out of 62,000,000 North German passengers lost their lives by causes which could in any way be ascribed to the neglect of precautions on the part of the railway officials. In Great Britain during the same period the ratio was one fatal accident to 19,000,000 safe trips. In America three out of ten fatal casualties can be traced to the disadvantages of the one track system.—New York Telegram.

A Bad Blunder.
 Visitor (in jail, to prisoner)—What are you here for?
 Prisoner—For stealing.
 Visitor—What did you steal?
 Prisoner—I stole a girl's affections.
 Visitor—Well, that is no infraction of the law.
 Prisoner—Hem; I carried 'em off with her father's horse and buggy.—New York Epoch.

Entries Close.
 The two year old running stake and all trotting races close September 1, 1891 for our district fair. Don't overlook it. Enter your horses in time.
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