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The CHRONICLE hesitates to offer any criticism on this year's assessment as compared with that of the year 1890, but it feels it to be its duty to call attention to the fact that the value of land has been raised from an average price of \$3.45 an acre in 1890, to \$5.30 in 1891. This is an increase of over sixty-five per cent., while there is not a man in Wasco county that does not know that the price of land has decreased rather than increased, during the past year. The present valuation of \$5.30 an acre is entirely too high. The land itself would not bring that as an average price—is not in fact worth that sum, and should not be so assessed. The county board will not be doing their duty if they do not make a horizontal reduction equal to, if not lower than, last years valuation or insist that the state board make the reduction. No one can regret being compelled to make this criticism more than the writer, but he must do it. It is not too late to make a proper correction and it must be done if land owners are to be treated with common fairness, and Wasco county is not forced to pay an unjust proportion of state tax.

Secretary Ruck of the agricultural department has figured it out that we pay \$250,000,000 per annum for products that should be raised at home. During 1889-90 we paid \$5629,849 for foreign barley—a grain that can be grown abundantly in this country, and of just as good grade as the imported article. There was \$13,378,800 spent for foreign fruits and nuts, including raisins, \$819,000 for olive oil, \$8,860,000 for wines, \$15,264,100 for wools, \$19,844,000 for flax and hemp, \$4,465,400 for vegetables, \$25,800,000 for tobacco and cigars, \$2,173,000 for cement, \$3,087,800 for coal, \$2,011,300 for provisions, \$56,582,400 for woolen manufactures, \$28,686,400 for silk manufactures, \$3,503,200 for cotton manufactures, \$7,149,000 for knit goods, \$6,029,800 for leather, \$6,206,200 for gloves, \$1,427,600 for malt liquors, \$2,214,300 for spirits, \$41,679,500 for iron and steel manufactures. The list could be continued on, but enough is shown to convince any one conversant with the varied and fertile possibilities of the United States that all these imports could be produced in sufficient quantities to supply the home demand.

Moody succeeded in driving Smith out of the wheat market on the other side of the river. A constant train has been arriving all week. The higher prices paid have attracted thousands of bushels that would have gone to Columbus and every pound is being ferried across to the Union Pacific cars at a cost of not less certainly than fifty cents a ton for the handling. While it could easily have been picked up by the Regulator without ferrage and carried to Portland for six cents a bushel it is thus ferried to this side of the river, put on the cars and taken to Portland by a road whose fixed schedule rate is 10 1/2 cents a ton. In other words if Mr. Moody pays the full Union Pacific rates he pays scarcely less than six cents a bushel more than the Regulator rates.

The Northwest Pacific Farmer has the following: "There is call for the immediate action of the railroad commission to make a thorough examination into the affairs of the Union Pacific railroad, and see by what means Mr. Moody of The Dalles is able to pay within four cents of Portland prices for wheat, and ship it over that road whose advertised rate would make him lose about six cents per bushel on all the wheat bought by him at Rockland, Washington. The Northwest Pacific Farmer is glad to see the farmers at this place get such a high price for their grain, but in behalf of the other farmers along the line of road, makes a vigorous demand that the affair be investigated, and no discrimination allowed."

Since the establishment of a graded system of schools in Prineville this county has turned out several teachers, and they are giving as good, if not better, satisfaction than the imported article. Ere long the county will be able to furnish all the county districts with home made teachers.—Prineville News.

Have You Thought of It? The following letter appears in this week's issue of the Klickitat Leader: BROTHER FARMERS—Can we afford to lose the Regulator, the only opposition boat on the river? Have you thought of the matter as it is? What did it cost you other years to ship your grain to market? The U. P. Co. charged about eleven cents per bushel to carry it. The Regulator reduced the rates to about six cents per bushel, thereby putting thousands of dollars in the pockets of the farmers of Klickitat and Wasco counties. Now is it right to thus betray our best friend in such a time of need? Is it right to patronize the old company, thereby helping to drive the new boat from the river? Have you thought of the consequences you are bringing upon yourselves by so doing, are you anxious to see the only opposition boat taken from you? If so, keep on taking your wheat to Moody (the only buyer who has special rates), carrying grain to market on the old company's boat. The truth of the matter is the U. P. company made up their minds to run off the new boat, and they knew well how to do it. They only have to throw a bait to suckers to get them to bite. They have employed Moody to fish for suckers, and oh! how they are biting; Moody's catch this year will be enormous; but when the Regulator is taken off Moody will be ready to quit fishing for suckers. Have you thought why Moody can afford to pay more for grain than other buyers? As I said before, he has special rates; or in other words the U. P. company's boat carries his grain for nothing. So it is plain to see that if the farmers do not stand together and patronize the new boat, even at a small sacrifice to themselves, the Regulator will be compelled to tie up and then the suckers will wish they had not bit. FARMER.

How the Starfish Eats the Oyster. The starfish is a curious animal. Its mouth is directly in the center, and almost immediately under it is the stomach, while the digestive organs are in its arms. Starfish eat oysters, but naturalists differ as to the precise way in which they devour them. Ancient naturalists believed that the starfish waited for a moment when the oyster opened its valves to introduce one of its rays into the opening, and having put one foot into the domicile it soon put the other four in and finished up by devouring the native. Modern observations have proved that this is not quite correct. Some naturalists assert that, on obtaining possession of the oyster, the starfish brings his mouth to the edge of the shell and then with the assistance of a fluid which its mouth secretes it forces open the valves and the entrance is obtained. Another naturalist gives a different explanation of the transaction, namely, that the oyster is seized by the starfish and held tight by its mouth; the starfish then everts its stomach and envelops the oyster, which forces it to open its shell. However this may be, it is clear that the starfish swallows oysters in the same manner as human beings.—London Tit-Bits.

Bank Robbery in Minnesota. CALEDONIA, Nov. 6.—The Caledonia bank was robbed last night. The burglars, securing tools from a blacksmith shop, broke open the vault. They blew the safe to pieces and secured about \$6000 in cash and many valuable papers. The marauders then stole a fine team of horses and a carriage from Asa D. Sprague, the head of the bank, and fled toward La Crosse, Wis. It is reported they broke open a safe in Hokiah on their way to La Crosse.

To Suppress Slave Trading. SYDNEY, Nov. 6.—The slave trade between Queensland and several of the Polynesian groups has been increased during the past year, and it is said that the new Australian squadron, which recently arrived in those waters, will be partly utilized to put down the trade in question. The planters of Queensland claim that Polynesian labor is a necessity in that region, white being scarce and the native blacks utterly worthless.

Failures on the Coast. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—The Bradstreet mercantile agency reports 103 failures in the Pacific coast states and territories for the month of October with assets of \$201,197 and liabilities, \$421,113, as compared with 122 for the previous month with assets of \$379,619 and liabilities of \$747,428, and ninety for the corresponding month of 1890, with assets of \$261,904 and liabilities of \$467,505.

Parnell's Property to Be Sold. DUBLIN, Nov. 6.—All the employees of the late Charles Stewart Parnell on his Avondale estate were dismissed, and the saw mills and Arklow quarries, which also belong to Parnell, are to be sold; only the family mansion will be retained. Mrs. Parnell, widow of the dead leader, was reported yesterday evening to be dying, but this morning Henry Harrison, member of parliament, telegraphed that the report is untrue.

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