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EASTERN OREGON WHEAT.

Senator Mitchell has prepared for the National Geographical Magazine, published at Washington, D. C., an article on Oregon, giving its history, geography and resources. Regarding the great wheat-producing Inland Empire, the following incident is related:

"The productive capacity of the Inland Empire in Eastern Oregon is something wonderful. Thirty years ago not a bushel of wheat was raised in that entire empire, although across the line, near Walla Walla, some 300 bushels of wheat were raised by Dr. Whitman at his mission in 1841. Commodore Wilkes, a portion of whose party visited this mission in that year, so reports. Twenty years ago the coming fall I left the Central Pacific railway near Salt Lake and journeyed westward through Northern Utah and Eastern Oregon. The first wheat of any importance was grown in Eastern Oregon that year. There was a three-acre lot located near where the town of Weston, Umatilla county, now is and immediately outside of the Umatilla Indian reservation. The crop had been taken off before my arrival. The wheat stubble being so abundant, I was amazed and expressed surprise to my host, with whom I remained over night, that there should be such a fertile spot in this vast desert, as the whole country seemed to me to be little less than a desert. He smiled and replied that the tract on which this wheat had grown was the same character of land as the whole surrounding country, including the greater portion of the Umatilla reservation. I obtained a sack, and immediately outside the field, digging down some six or eight inches, filled it with a peck of soil. I brought it with me to Washington; took it to the late Professor Henry, then secretary of the Smithsonian institute, and requested him to analyze it and tell me its properties and what it was good for. He inquired, 'Where did you get this soil?' I replied, 'West of the Rocky mountains.' Professor Henry remarked, 'That is rather indefinite.' 'But, Professor,' said I, 'I shall not tell you whether it came from California, Oregon, the Willamette valley, or the top of Mt. Hood.' He made me a very interesting report, in which it was stated that he regarded the soil as the best wheat-producing soil he had ever examined; that it contained properties very similar to the soil of Sicily, where wheat had been raised for 2,000 years without exhausting the soil. The report further stated that the soil was of such character that it would fertilize itself as cultivated; that it would not be necessary to let it rest after a crop or two, as in many portions of the country, or to fertilize it. The predictions made in that report have been amply verified. Two years ago I visited Umatilla county and what was formerly the Umatilla Indian reservation, and was told that there had been raised and harvested that year in that county alone over 4,000,000 bushels of wheat. That this single county will produce 5,000,000 bushels of the best quality of wheat the present year, or an amount considerably more than was produced in 1893 in any one of twenty-one different states in the union, I have not the slightest doubt.

"In addition, it is estimated that there will be shipped the present year from the city of Pendleton, the county seat of Umatilla county, located on the transcontinental railroad, 5,000,000 pounds of wool; while from The Dalles, the county seat of Wasco county, an equal quantity will be shipped. A large portion of the state, notably Umatilla, Union and Baker counties, with several others in the Eastern section, and Coos and Curry counties, in the Southwestern portions, are admirably adapted to sugar-beet culture. The beets grown here are said to yield a larger percentage of saccharine matter than those produced elsewhere; while 20 tons per acre is a moderate estimate of the annual crop.

ALAS! THE WIDOWS.

Mr. Choate, in arguing against the income tax, said:
"Referring to the exceptions of incomes of less than \$4,000, the provision of the law would exclude the vast majority of the incomes of the whole country; it would exempt 99-100 of the tradesmen of the country, and a majority of the professional men. It was an arbitrary blow aimed at corporations, in hitting which the framers of the law

well knew they were striking at the main source of the income of thousands of widows and orphans, whose incomes, individually small, were derived from corporate investments."

If what Mr. Choate said is true: if it is the widows and orphans whose incomes are to be taxed, and not the other class of people who have large incomes, then of course Mr. Choate is appearing as the attorney for the widows and orphans aforesaid. Will Mr. Choate please inform the public what widow, or how many orphans are putting up for his fees? Mr. Choate may be right. It will not do to overlook the fact that the Astors, the Vanderbilts and Rockefellers are all unfortunate orphans, and Mrs. Willie Vanderbilt is also a brevet widow. The country, however, is not to blame because the old commodore "missed his stays" and went ashore in the next world; nor is it responsible for the fact that Mrs. Vanderbilt had herself made a judicial widow. The country is not interested in the private affairs of Mr. Choate's job lot of grass widows and orphans. It is interested in having the aforesaid job lot do something towards supporting the government. The people want the question settled, and that at once. If the constitution prevents that kind of people bearing their share of the burdens of government, the people want to know it, so that they can at once take the proper steps to have the constitution amended. If the Vanderbilts and Rockefellers could see an inch beyond their aristocratic noses, they would see that they will either have to submit to paying an income tax, or have no incomes left to quarrel about.

Captain John O'Brien has resigned his position as managing editor of the Portland Sun, and Edwin Scott, formerly of the Oregonian, has assumed business control. Between Scott of the Oregonian and Scott of the Sun the country editor, who is in the habit of making a drive at Harvey, will have to be careful, and the time-worn chestnut of "Great Scott!" will have to be dropped.

Pay the County Debt.

All county warrants registered prior to Sept. 1st, 1891, will be paid if presented at my office, corner 3d and Washington streets, The Dalles, Or. Interest ceases after May 10, 1895.

WM. MICHELL,
County Treasurer.

Notice to Water Consumers.

The water commission has ordered that the rules concerning the use of water for irrigation be printed and posted upon the gates of consumers, so that all may understand what the rules are. This has been done as ordered. The great waste of water heretofore, and the limited supply make the enforcement of these rules absolutely necessary. All consumers will please take notice of these regulations, and in case of a violation of the rules, the water will be at once shut off and a charge of \$1 will be made before again making the connection.

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