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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. F. S. Rogers of Portland is in the city.
 The Misses Healy of Portland are guests of Mrs. T. J. Senfret.
 Misses Annette and Myrtle Michel returned from Portland last night.
 F. H. Button was up from Hood River last night, returning this morning.
 Mr. G. D. Snowden left yesterday for a few days' outing at Ilwaco beach.
 Mrs. O. S. Waud left Monday to spend some time at Victoria and on the Sound.
 Miss Irene Adams, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Laughlin, at the seaside, returned last night.
 Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson, Miss Bertha Hill, Mr. Chris Schwabe and Roy Hill, came in from the camp at the Meadows yesterday.
 Messrs. Chas. Hess and Henry Jeffers of Goldendale were in the city last night. Mr. Jeffers left on the Regulator this morning for Clatsop beach.
 John Hartnett and Bert Baldwin went to White Salmon on the Regulator this morning, taking their wheels with them. They go to Trout lake for a few days fishing.
 Dr. Gertrude French, who for the past two years has been in New York City studying under and assistant to one of the finest oculists in the city, returned home this morning, and will leave tomorrow to join the family at Ilwaco beach.

He Buncoed a Bank.

SEATTLE, Aug. 10.—Seattle detectives are looking for a man named Black, who buncoed the little bank at Calgary, N. W. T., out of \$11,000 by a gold-brick game. Black came to Seattle and changed his Canadian money into American gold at Dexter, Horton & Co.'s bank. The bank here and the bank at Calgary now have a private detective scouring the country for the swindler, and the police of Seattle and those of British Columbia are also communicating with officers in all cities of this country and Canada.

Black, or whatever his name is, is a smooth talker, looks like a prosperous business man, and is evidently a prince among swindlers.

Good Economization of Words.

The latest story in railroad circles is about Mr. Flannigan, a section boss. His superior was Mr. Lannigin, to whom Mr. Flannigan made his reports. These reports he was in the habit of writing out at great and a necessary length until he was finally advised by his boss to use more brevity in making them out. Some time after there was a small freight wreck on Flannigan's section, in which one or two cars were derailed. The wreck was cleared up by Flannigan's crew, and when the chief section boss received the report it read as follows: "Mr. Lannigin: Off again; on again; gone again. Flannigan."

Teachers' Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the county school superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at The Dalles, Oregon, beginning Wednesday, August 11th, at 1 o'clock p. m.
 C. L. GILBERT,
 Superintendent, Wasco County School Supt.

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Steady Falling Off in Population and Wealth.

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A report just made by the bureau of statistics of labor, under the direction of Horace G. Wadlin, shows an interesting and somewhat startling condition of affairs in Barnstable county, otherwise known as Cape Cod. If that county loses in population as fast in the future as it has during the last 30 years there will be no one in the county at all except the dwellers in the cemeteries at the end of a few more decades. From 1865 to 1895 the total loss in population was over 20 per cent., only two towns, Falmouth and Provincetown, showing a gain in those years. Wellfleet, which had a population of 2,296 in 1865, dropped over 50 per cent. to 968. Sandwich was also a loser.

The decline in manufacturing is also remarkable. In 1885 the county had 425 manufacturing establishments and \$2,719,563 invested. In 1895 these figures were 328 and \$518,866.

The main reliance of the Cape towns has long been the fishing industry, but if the reader of the report looks for any encouraging figures in that line he will be disappointed. In 1885 the county had \$1,941,921 invested in fisheries, in 1895 it was but \$692,456, a decline of 64 per cent. There was an increase in this industry in the towns of Bourne, Sandwich and Truro, but these are not the chief fishing towns. Provincetown capital invested in fishing declined 67 per cent. and Wellfleet 90 per cent. Harwich capital was almost entirely withdrawn.

Of the loss of the fisheries at Provincetown Mr. Wadlin speaks in a way that reminds one of Hawthorne's stories of the decline of the merchant marine service at Salem many years ago in language as follows:

"Vessels were formerly built here for fishing and whaling. A large number of fitting stores connected with the long wharves lined the whole harbor front. The town was then an active place. It was the scene of continual bustle, the fleets fitting out in the spring to return in the autumn laden with full catches. Many mechanics, including ship carpenters, calkers, painters, sailmakers, riggers and blacksmiths, were employed in building and repairing this fleet. At one time there were three marine railways for hauling out and repairing not only local vessels, but those from the other Cape towns.

"Now, in place of all this activity we find the fleets absent, the wharves fast going to decay, and two of the marine railways rotting and falling down; the third, recently sold for taxes, must soon share the fate of the others. The failure of fishing firms has caused the loss of much capital, depriving many of employment. The low price of whale oil has ruined the whaling industry. At present the fleet, except one vessel, is at the wharves waiting for better times and an improvement in the market. The Banks cod fishery has also been ruined by low prices, scarcity of fish, the introduction of larger and more expensive vessels, and enlarged cost of fittings. The decay of the mackerel fleet is due solely to the disappearance of the fish."

One feature of the report is unexpectedly encouraging. The value of agricultural property and products has increased very materially in the last few years.

This grave problem of loss of population is a common one in the sparsely settled farming districts of New England, but has not come up so prominently before in what might be called a fishing community. It is due to the fact that the young people seek wider fields of effort in the great centers of population. Mr. Wadlin's tables show a very large percentage of American born persons above 60 years old and a correspondingly small number of young people. The foreign born population is not large and is not increasing very fast. There are more Portuguese than of any other nationality, and they make good fishermen, industrious farmers and thrifty citizens.

The report discusses the plan of increasing the productivity of the cape land by a system of irrigation, thus transforming the district from a fishing to a farming community. State aid and colonization schemes are considered, but no recommendations are made. Encouraging comment is made on the increase of cranberry culture, but this industry alone is not sufficient to arrest the downward course of Barnstable county. Whether it can be arrested by any means involves the consideration of social and economic problems much deeper than appear on the surface of the report. It is another exemplification of what Mr. Brice had in mind when he wrote:

"It is impossible not to regret the disappearance of a picturesquely primitive society which novelists and essayists have made familiar to us, with its delightful mixture of homely simplicity and keen intelligence. Of all the types of rustic life which imagination has, since the days of Theocritus, embellished for the envy or refreshment of the dwellers in cities, this latest type has been to modern Europe the most real and not the least attractive. It will soon have passed away."—N. Y. Sun.

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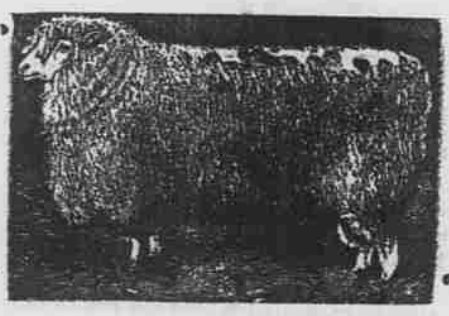
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Notice is hereby given that by authority of ordinance No. 292, which passed the Common Council of Dalles City April 10th, 1897, entitled, "An ordinance to provide for the sale of certain lots belonging to Dalles City," I will, on Saturday, the 15th day of May, 1897, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, all the following lots and parts of lots in Gates addition to Dalles City, Wasco county, Oregon, to-wit:

Lots 9 and 10 jointly, in block 14; lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, jointly in block 15; lots 7, 8, 9, and 10, jointly in block 21, known as butte; lots 10, 11 and 12, in block 27; lot 9 in block 34; lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 35; lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in block 36; lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in block 37; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in block 42; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11, in block 43; lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 11 and 12, in block 41, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, in block 46.

The reasonable value of said lots, for less than which they will not be sold, has been fixed and determined by the Common Council of Dalles City as follows, to-wit:

Lots 9 and 10, in block 14, \$150; lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, jointly in block 15, \$200; lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, jointly in block 21, \$200; lot 10, in block 27, \$225; lot 11, in block 27, \$225; lot 12, block 27, \$200; lot 9, in block 34, \$100; lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 35, each respectively \$100; lots 6 and 7, in block 35, each respectively \$125; lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 36, each respectively \$100; lot 12, in block 36, \$125; lots 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 37, each respectively \$100; lots 6, 7 and 12, in block 37, each respectively \$125; lots 2, 3, 10 and 11, in block 41, each respectively \$100; lots 1, 7 and 12, in block 41, each respectively \$125; lots 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in block 42, each respectively \$100; lot 6 and 12, in block 42, each respectively \$125; lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11, in block 43, each respectively \$100; lot 1, in block 43, \$125; lots 2, 3, 4 and 5, in block 46, each respectively \$100; lots 1 and 6, in block 46, each respectively \$125.

Each of these lots will be sold upon the lot respectively, and none of them will be sold for a less sum than the value thereof, as above stated.

One-fourth of the price bid on any of said lots shall be paid in cash at the time of sale, and the remainder in three equal payments on or before, one, two and three years from the date of said sale, with interest on such deferred payments at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, payable annually; provided that the payment may be made in full at any time at the option of the purchaser.

The said sale will begin on the 15th day of May, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, and will continue from time to time until all of said lots shall be sold.

Dated this 13th day of April, 1897.
 GILBERT W. PHELPS,
 Recorder of Dalles City.

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