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OREGON AND OTHER LANDS.

A few days since we heard a gentleman not long among us, who is conversant with the good qualities of many lands, assert Oregon to be the best State in the Union, and the finest country in the world, except France, which hardly should be brought into comparison as it is the most highly cultivated of all lands in Europe or the world.

The natural conditions of soil and climate, the range and character of our products, and the extent and variety of the resources that await development, all combine to make our State and the whole Pacific Northwest most desirable as homes for present and future generations.

We deal with many of the great staples of commerce in the most satisfactory manner. Our breadstuffs combine the highest perfection with the most reliable and abundant yield and are eagerly bid for by the most exacting demand known to commerce. Our wool clip is increasing in quality so as to be distinctively known and appreciated as the product of Oregon and we find Eastern manufacturers competing for its purchase as peculiarly suited for certain styles of goods of superior quality. Our flax, too, is attracting attention and commanding reputation as being of the best quality for the finest manufacture. Our fruits are the best (of many kinds, if not of all) known in the temperate zones and as a dried product are winning golden opinions and prices in the world's most fastidious markets. As a stock country the whole Columbia river region possesses remarkable facilities and advantages that extend to droves of cattle and horses and flocks of sheep. The hills and valleys that invite the labor of the husbandman and so faithfully promise rich rewards are rivalled in value by the grasses of Eastern uplands that offer pasturage to a thousand flocks and herds. Why, with all these advantages at command, cannot Oregon be pronounced incomparable among the States and be looked to as the future seat of wonderful wealth and unflinching prosperity? As the facts become known and as the conditions that characterize this and other States draw their own parallel, why should we not expect steady emigration of enterprising and adventurous men to perfect our greatness and build up our institutions?

In addition to the natural products of the soil, so easily realized by efficient cultivation, we have wonderful resources that await development which cannot come in our day but promise rich rewards to the enterprise of the future. The sooner this development commences the better for Oregon. When the time shall come that in addition to the domain of agriculture and its unflinching rewards we add the full development of the various mines of precious metals, iron, copper, lead and coal, and the utilization of our forests, this region will respond to a commerce that shall attract the world and team with industries that can rival the results achieved by the artisans and toilers of the Eastern hemisphere.

This vision of greatness belongs to the future, but its foundations begin the present and are for us to lay strong and well. The prosperity of the present producer will lead to the workshops, mills and factories, and greater enterprises of the future. We go before to establish society and cement it with law and sound principle; we build the school house to mould the coming age; we sow the seed that will ripen into fields that shall wait for harvesters. We win for our children an unequalled country and a wonderful future. It is no mere vanity and affectation to say and believe that we have a country of unequalled advantages, for where is its rival? Through all the States of the Union there is not one where such unvarying prosperity has resided for the past decade or that promise so much for the decade to come.

If the agriculture of a country prospers its other industries cannot fall far behind. Where else in the United States have the farmers, for many years past, thriven as well as here?

We know that many talk of "hard times," but the farmers of Oregon have had no such struggle for existence as have the farmers of the East. We would impress on the minds of all the fact that the future belongs to us as well as the present. We should perfect our system of Agriculture as carefully as we would our laws and avoid faults in one as well as errors in the other. We should, as nearly as possible, preserve intact the soils' capacity for production and take pride to retain for our acres their well deserved representation as carefully as we would transmit to the dumb animals we raise the best qualities that belong to their race.

The late Centennial Exposition made us known to the world by the exhibition of our resources. We only need to be made known more fully to command still greater reputation. All our lives we have been struggling for a fair show with the rest of the states and have been denied it. The immigration that reaches us comes by devious ways and perilous voyages, for there is no direct communication with the world. The great primary need, is for aid for railroad communication and for the improvement of river navigation on the Columbia. All the energies of our people and their representatives should be bent to these ends, which attained, will bring the prosperity of the future much nearer to us and will give the nation reason to be proud of its empire in the New Northwest.

EXPLANATORY.

During the past week we were changing presses, putting up the press formerly owned by the Bulletin Company, which is much larger and faster in its operation than the press used heretofore. The delay in issuing the FARMER last week was caused by the time lost in adjusting the new machinery perfectly, but that has been done, and we now are prepared to enlarge our paper and publish as great an edition as circumstances will warrant. We propose to improve and enlarge as soon as business increases to justify it.

MAGAZINES.

Scribner for June contains sketches of life in France, Turkey, Russia, Spain, America, Great Britain and Syria. Mrs. Burnett has a short story in this number, which is fully equal to "Emeralds." Chas. Dudley Warner has an obituary notice of the hero of "My Summer in a Garden," Calvin, the cat; "Nicholas Maturin" is still unfinished; there are some very pretty poems contributed for this number, and, among others, one from the pen of Mrs. Thaxter. Dr. Holland discusses several interesting matters in his "Topics of the Times." Altogether, this is a very interesting number.

The St. Nicholas for June, Scribner's magazine for boys and girls; and conducted by Mary Mapes Dodge, contains, to begin with, a frontispiece called "A June Morning," and follows with "The Stars in June," "Pattin'g's House," is concluded; "Mrs. Peterkin's tea party," by Lucretia P. Hale, is equal to her previous efforts; "His own Master," by J. T. Trowbridge, continues to hold its own; "Wild mice, and their ways," is very interesting; "The naughty little Egyptians," is a pretty poem by Joel Stacy, and must be read by all the young folks; "Tommy's Gossamer," is a fancy story with very funny pictures, by Charles.

Fire.—The dwelling of Mrs. J. A. Johns, two miles south of this city, was entirely destroyed by fire last Wednesday afternoon, with all its contents.

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