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WHEAT is still at a low figure and shows no signs of activity. Oats, barley, etc., in fact all produce shows a low valuation.

THERE WILL be a county fair at Eugene, commencing September 25th and ending on the 27th. We have no particulars.

THE FAILURE of the Salem people and business men to respond to the call of the Oregon State Agricultural Society's needs, and the lack of interest manifested in the society, will cause the management to either sell or remove it to money centers—that means Portland.

AS WE GO to press the Twenty-fourth Annual Fair of the State Agricultural Society is in progress. We shall have a report for our next issue. The attendance is very small and is disastrous to the society.

CONDITION OF AGRICULTURE THE WORLD OVER.

All the world over the condition of agriculture is less favorable than it has been, even though it has not been for many years in such shape as to give prosperity to producers. It is well enough to go to the fountain head to know the nature of a stream.

The English farmer has the greatest possible range of production at his command. In all the continental countries the home market demands everything that man can consume; agriculture there covers the widest possible range.

munerative, how many it be with the countries that are also working to supply the English demand, but have to suffer a heavy drawback on values before their products can reach a foreign customer?

This question applies most particularly to our own region, which is distant from all great world-centers, and is at least a four months' voyage away from the market we expect to supply. We have a very limited home demand to meet, as our population is chiefly made up of producers.

To produce wheat seems to be the natural destiny of all new countries on this continent, especially west of the Rocky Mountains, where corn is not a safe crop. Here we cannot compete with the east in making pork, for corn is not easily grown and wheat is too costly.

Our own region contains so great a diversity of soil and climate that it is impossible to generalize. Every man must be governed by circumstances and do what he can with what he has got. Variety of products—some wool, some stock for increase as well as use, good husbandry, true industry and great economy—are requisite to win our way through the present crisis in agriculture.

LEGISLATION NEEDED.

While competition between transportation companies is most desirable, and absolutely necessary to secure the rights of the people, that competition must be fair and honorable and constant, to secure good results. The railway system of our country has grown to immense proportions and is subject to few restraints.

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fair conduct and unreasonable charges on the part of all roads.

It may be true that there are demagogues who make a trade of their anti-monopoly principles, but it is also true that anti-monopoly principles are deep-seated in the popular mind. The unrestrained power of corporations cannot but be productive of evil so long as human nature has corrupt tendencies. It is but natural that in the promiscuous struggle for power men exceed the just course that should be followed, but which must be clearly defined and enforced by law if it ever can prevail.

The reports we receive from the east show that political prejudice is more uncertain than heretofore. This campaign is an enigma. It looks as if old party lines were weakening and a great following was gathering about Ben Butler and his anti-monopoly. If both the dominant parties of the day refuse to heed the demand for protection that is heard from ocean to ocean, it is more than likely that Butler will prove a serious obstacle to the future of old parties, and become an apostle of anti-monopoly in good earnest, and to some effect.

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