

Please accept our thanks

Our trade for 1901 has been the best in the store's history. We have only our friends and patrons to thank for our past success, and we feel incompetent on this occasion to fully express our sentiments. Nineteen hundred and one has gone. We thank you. Nineteen hundred and two is here. We wish you all the happiness it may bring. With wishing you a Happy New Year we remain,

Yours very truly,

The Alexander Department Store
our large announcement for Jan 4.

IN THE WILLAMETTE

EAST OREGONIAN MAN FINDS MORE TO WRITE ABOUT.

Valley People Could Secure Relief From Oppression by Building 75 Miles of Railroad.

Toledo, Or., Jan. 1.—Wherever one goes in Western Oregon is heard the cry for improvement of Yaquina Bay. It is the one great commercial necessity, say all Webfooters, and one is disposed to coincide with their views and to grant the justice of their demand. It is apparent that, in so far as lack of competition can retard growth, the great region west of the Cascades is held back by the application of the principle of monopoly of transportation facilities.

If this region be now blessed with the beneficence of J. P. Morgan's modern Eutopia of "harmony of interests," then may the Almighty deliver over the eastern half of the state to the course of competition. If it be prejudicial to the interests of a region to have railroads quarreling over traffic, then may the fight go on unceasingly in that part of Oregon where Pendletonians live. A few days in the Willamette valley will convince an observer that there are conditions far worse than absence of community of interest for the railroads and steamer lines.

It does not seem unreasonable to claim that two things would transform the Willamette valley and the coast counties from a moss-grown region—one that is sleeping a sleep as deep as though the gods had administered a gigantic dose of opiates—into the fairest, brightest, most bustling land over which the sun shines—occasionally. These two things are:

First—Improvement of Yaquina Bay by the federal government. Running parallel with the coast line, at places only 60 miles distant, is the Willamette river. Here, extending 10 miles inland, is Yaquina Bay. It is a natural harbor, needing only the blasting away of a reef of rocks and some minor improvements, to make it capable of receiving deep-sea vessels, well up to 30 feet of draught. Indeed, even with the present obstructions, a thriving commerce was formerly carried on between the valley and various ports, via Yaquina Bay. This was all done away with when A. B. Hammond bought the Corvallis & Eastern road, running from the bay inland 142 miles to Idanta, and transferred the control to the Southern Pacific.

Second—A medium of energy. Energy is a prime necessity in this corner of the world. Here there is too religious adherence to the theory of conservation of energy. Certainly, what of energy was once possessed has been carefully conserved. At any rate, it is not now being expended. When once the federal government had made the improvements needed at Yaquina Bay, then the people of Western Oregon should turn over in bed, rub their eyes, yawn, stretch, throw off the bedclothes and get up, for the morning of a bright potential future would have come.

The low coast range intervenes between the sea and the valley. Short spur lines could be built inland, or one, perhaps, from Yaquina Bay, reaching to the Willamette river, within 75 miles. Then, with boats on the river, a connecting line to the sea, and steamers plying from there, the valley would be emancipated. Emancipated from what? Why, simply from the blessed harmony of interest idea that is preached by modern railroad magnates on Wall street, as the sweet promise of salvation for the nation.

Think of the possibilities: on ocean, a river navigable far up towards its source, and only a stretch of 75 miles of railroad needed to free an empire from the rule of its present oppressors.

There may be other considerations. Perhaps I have not fully covered the ground and have omitted some essentials. Nevertheless, what I have here written is the view of every man with whom one talks, and that view has the appearance of genuineness.

But, why, in the name of modern progress, do not the people of the valley bestir themselves and build that road, and induce lighter draft vessels to come here to Yaquina? There's money enough here and it would not be much of a task for the people of the valley to raise that money themselves. I verily believe that if this condition existed around about Pendleton, even with her limited surplussage of capital, that that 75-mile road would be built inside of 12 months.

J. E. LATHROP.

The Air Ship Sails.

The recent trial performance of an air ship in Paris was very successful inasmuch as it sailed as well against the wind as with it. This gives them a new principle to work on, and some day we may see an air ship invented that will be practical for many uses. This mode of travel will doubtless supplant many other means of transportation, the same as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has supplanted many inferior medicines in the cure of indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, liver and kidney troubles or malaria. If you are a sufferer from any of these diseases, don't fail to try the Bitters. It will not disappoint you. Be sure to get the genuine, also obtain a copy of Hostetter's Almanac for 1902 from your druggist.

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ROADS MUST BE BETTER.

Automobiles Will Not Be Put on Between Ontario and Burns Yet a While.

Several weeks ago the item went the rounds of the newspapers that automobiles were to succeed stage coaches between Ontario and Burns, the latter 180 miles from the nearest point on the railroad.

The East Oregonian addressed an inquiry as to the truth of the statement and is now in receipt of the following reply:

Ontario, Or., Jan. 1, 1902.—(To the Editor.)—Referring to yours of this date with clipping from Spokesman-Review, I have to say that the whole matter originated with or from a conversation which took place between me and H. W. Rice, agent of the O. S. L. company, at this place, who acts as correspondent of the Boise Statesman. It was simply an idle discussion as to the feasibility of using autos on the stage line between this point and Burns. I did not signify my intention of trying the project, but I have, however, obtained a good deal of notoriety through the press without any such desire on my part. No person has tried the project with autos, but were the public roads put in better condition the scheme is feasible. Hoping this will answer your inquiry, I am,

P. A. SNYDER.

KILL THE DANDRUFF GERM.

Or Your Hair Will Fall Out Till You Become Bald.

Modern science has discovered that dandruff is caused by a germ that digs up the scalp in scales as it burrows down to the roots of the hair, where it destroys the hair's vitality, causing falling hair and ultimately, baldness. After Prof. Unna, of Hamburg, Germany, discovered the dandruff germ, all efforts to find a remedy failed until the great laboratory discovery was made which resulted in Newbro's Hepticide. It alone of all other hair preparations kills the dandruff germ. Without dandruff, hair grows luxuriantly. "Destroy the cause, you remove the effect."

10,000 Gold Eagles for Christmas.

Each of the 10,000 employees of the American Express company in the United States will be made happy. President James G. Fargo announced that the company would make each and every person in its employ a Christmas present of \$10. This necessitates the taking of about \$100,000 from the yearly profits of the company that would otherwise go to the stockholders.

Business in Skagway.

W. F. Matlock has received a letter from W. W. Boughton, bookkeeper for the Skagway Brewing company, of which Mr. Matlock is president, dated Skagway, Dec. 21, saying that the weather is very mild in that place. He says there is no travel either way at present and no one is coming out from Dawson, making business light, and he looks for very little change for several weeks. There was only one steamer in during the week the letter was written and the stages were not running. The letter left on the steamer Cottage City on the 22nd of December, and just arrived in Pendleton.

Leads in Eastern Oregon.

The East Oregonian issued a 12 page edition for a Christmas number that did that office proud. The front page was filled with a large sized picture of Old St. Nicholas in colors. The East Oregonian is at the head of all newspapers in Eastern Oregon.—Adams Advance.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PLAINS.

Attractive to the Settler but Unyielding Without Water.

How to make use of the high lying plains which border the Rocky mountains on the east, and extend from Texas north through western Kansas, Nebraska and Montana, is a problem many have tried to solve. No other unoccupied tract in the United States is so attractive to the settler; the land is flat and easily worked, and the soil of great fertility. But hardly any tract has proved so delusive and disastrous to those who have settled upon it. A few years of humidity followed by many more of drought made successful farming impossible, and drove off all but the most stubborn settlers. Experience has shown that without some means of supplementing the water supply the high plains cannot be utilized for farming, but must remain a grazing country.

Within the last few years the United States Geological Survey, realizing the immense potential value lying unused in this great section, nearly one-fifth the area of the entire country has been carrying on a study of the material underlying the surface, its structure and bedding, also the characteristics of the surface, the so-called lakes and interesting sink holes, the streams and springs, and all the phenomenon which will lead to the discovery of the water supply which can be reached and made available.

A preliminary report of this work which has been under the charge of W. D. Johnson, has already been published, and may be had on application. The researches thus far indicate that, while water for irrigation sufficient for the cultivation of grain on the grand scale carried on in the more humid regions further east can hardly be found, still enough may be had for the irrigation of small farms given up to diversified crops and for stock. Thus it appears that the underground waters, brought to the surface by wells, are the means by which the high plains may be developed and peopled, and that comparatively small holdings worked on a more extensive plan than at present seems to indicate the line on which successful farming will develop.

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Beauty is Health.

Walnut Lake, Ark., June 2, 1900. I thank you for the benefit I received from your advice and the Wine of Cardui I took in my terrible condition. My life was no pleasure to me at all and I was of no use to anybody. After receiving your advice and medicine I commenced taking it and began immediately to improve. The pains left me and the nervousness, which came at the correct time, continued three days. I have gained strength and my weight has increased. My husband says the medicine has made me better looking than ever before.

Mrs. LIZZIE MANNELL.

Womanly health means bright eyes, rosy cheeks, clear complexion and elasticity of form. This is the youth unmeasured by years—the beauty of perfect womanhood. Beautiful women are happier and get more out of life than their sisters whose faces indicate suffering. Wine of Cardui made Mrs. Mannell "better looking" and infinitely happier because it cured her of those terrible pains. But she is no exception.

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