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It were better for a man to be subject to any other vice, than to drunkenness; for all other vices and sins are recovered, but a drunkard will never shake off the delight of his beastliness. —Sir Walter Raleigh.

A PROPHET SPEAKS.

James J. Hill, the greatest financial genius of the Northwest, who has made more business prophecies (and lived to see them fulfilled) than any other living financier, makes some striking remarks on present business tendencies and possible changes that are likely to take place in the financial situation of the United States. Mr. Hill is no idle talker. His great success has been built upon the meagerness of talk and the versatility of action. His review of the country is worthy of being repeated and is worthy of thoughtful action.

"The business of the country is undergoing a readjustment to meet changed conditions," says Mr. Hill. "The most alarming thing is the decrease in our exports. We are importing much more than we export. This is not due to a larger home consumption; it is because our articles cost too much. Our people demand better things than do those of other countries and our production has been overtaking the needs of the country too rapidly. The things we manufacture cost more than other nations will pay and they buy elsewhere. Agricultural products, provisions and such things sell readily everywhere. They are not affected by local conditions. I do not look for the production of articles of a cheaper kind to meet the demands of the export trade. I do not know what will be done.

"It is hoped that some adjustment will be made to meet the conditions. There is too much speculation now, and too much boom. Just how it will come out I do not know."

"The most alarming thing is the decrease of exports," the great floods of manufactured goods, falling of a ready outlet, and the resultant closing of mills, one by one. This is what will follow such condition. La-

bor, out of employment, will spread over the country, like the river rises and overflows its banks when obstructed. Business will be congested, transportation companies will find the great export carrying trade dropping off. Its stimulating influence will leave the channels of trade. The lessened demand for farm products in the idle labor centers will congest the agricultural industry, prices will certainly fall, and the days of the Coxy army will revisit the land.

There is needed but one insignificant failure in American business life to cause the stoppage of the entire industrial machinery, and that is the failure of the export trade.

This trade is now diminishing, according to Mr. Hill's statement and "production is fast overtaking the demands." When that condition comes, when the stream of export trade is obstructed, the waters will back up and spread over the land and stagnation will reign where industry is humming today.

THE RANGE QUESTION.

The agitation coming from Baker county in favor of a law limiting the grazing of sheep on the public domain, to within two miles of the settlement, brings to mind the splendid sentiment expressed by O. D. Teel at the recent irrigation convention in Pendleton.

"Stock raising, mining, agriculture, lumbering and mercantile pursuits stand side by side in Eastern Oregon, each sustaining and strengthening the other. No industry should suffer that another may thrive."

This should be the sentiment of every man in the great Inland Empire, where the diversity of occupation is so great.

Each interest should be a prop to the other, as each adds to the wealth of the state and country. There should be a determination on the part of every citizen to stop the clash wherever found. Harmony is the twin brother of progress. If Eastern Oregon gets the recognition she deserves and hopes for, she must come before the country united in purpose, united in sentiment and free from bitterness.

It is a wide country. It has produced fortunes untold for the pioneers and will yet unfold richer and greater prospects and stores for posterity. At times, in certain occupations, and certain industries, there arises a compli-

cation of interests which seems to be beyond settlement; but there is a broad, plain, open highway by which all thinking citizens can arrive at a just and equitable conclusion.

Ranges and forests are two of the greatest resources of the West. No bitterness of feeling nor unjust legislation should be brought forth hastily, in dealing with the issues that arise from their final adjustment.

Senator Hanna is not looking for work, has never asked for work and wouldn't take a job under any circumstances. Here are his own words: "I have never been a candidate, nor will I ever be a candidate. I have announced that time and time again. I want to say now, and for all time, that I don't want the job, and I would not take it."

If the Lewis and Clark fair committee would buy a copy of "The Conquest," written by Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, for each of the members of the Oregon legislature, there would be no doubt about the half million fair appropriation. Its patriotic sentiment and historical interest are irresistible.

PONIES WANTED.

In prosperous times luxuries are always in demand and sell for high prices. A stroll along the boulevards and parkways of Chicago discloses a largely increased use of Shetland ponies. Not a week passes but what there are numerous inquiries in the Chicago market for ponies both by private parties and professional dealers.

The demand has more than doubled in volume the last two seasons, while prices are also correspondingly higher.

Consumers are not so particular about the diminutive equines being full bloods so long as the size is satisfactory. Many an indulgent parent is astonished when quoted the market prices for these miniature animals. There is a general shortage of ponies in all the wholesale markets and dealers find it impossible to meet the growing demand for this juvenile luxury. Liverymen keep their ponies rented all the time, the inquiry far exceeding the supply.

There is no nicer animal industry than breeding ponies. It is an enterprise that requires great skill and judgment to maintain the proper type as to size, the conditions of growth here being so much more favorable than in the Shetland islands. It is the diminutive specimens that command the best prices and are in most urgent demand. Wealthy families have learned there is nothing surpassing the pony as a plaything for children; the youngster never tires of the amusement of riding or driving these toy horses.

The ownership of a pony stimulates mental and physical activity and promotes growth and health of children by encouraging them to pleasant pastime in the open air and sunshine—conditions favorable to health and symmetrical growth. Parents who can afford the luxury will find it a superlative investment to present the children with a pony to ride or drive. —Drovers' Journal.

ARISTOCRATIC POTATOES.

The romance of potatoes is but imperfectly understood by the majority of those who eat them every day. Nor do they usually occur to the spectacular as a basis of operation. Yet the history of a variety known as "The Northern Star" is one of the fairy tales of finance.

It was brought out last year by a grower at Markinch, in Fifeshire, who parted with a few tons at the extraordinary price of £1,210 a ton. To this rate, which works out about 10 shillings a pound, he religiously adhered. At this rate two pounds were purchased by a firm of dealers belonging to Bardney, near Lincoln. From these two pounds they have this year grown 120 pounds, and are so pleased with the result that they have bought a quantity more at the rate of £500 a ton.

Two other growers Mr. Kime of Manham-Fen, and Mr. Blades of Epworth, purchased a ton at the same figure and have paid more for subsequent consignments. After this the story of the King Edward VII. potato, which began to sell at £12 10s a ton, and rose to £40, seems quite tame, though it would have been sufficiently remarkable under any other circumstances.—London News.

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