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Behind him lay the gray Azores,
 Behind the gates of Hercules,
 Before him not the ghost of shores—
 Before him only shoreless seas.
 The good mate said: "Now must we pray,
 For lo, the very stars are gone,
 Brave Admiral! speak, what shall I say?"
 "Why say, 'Sail on, sail on, and on!"
 —Joaquin Miller, in "Columbus."

COST OF RAISING WHEAT.

One of the most interesting and vital facts in relation to western farming, brought out by Rinaldo M. Hall, in the new edition of "Oregon, Washington and Idaho," issued by the O. R. & N. Co., and the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, is the comparative cost of producing wheat in the Inland Empire and in the famous Red River valley.

These two sections of the United States are representative wheat-growing districts and the facts are gathered from farmers who are farming on land and not in books.

The special character of the climate and the great diversity of industries that is possible on the farm in the Inland Empire, aside from the greater yield and the reduced cost of production of wheat, make this section the most favored farming country in the United States today.

Wherever this valuable book goes, it will attract the best and thriftest class of people to the West, by its authentic and detailed array of figures and facts on the matchless resources of the "Oregon country."

Following are Mr. Hall's comparisons: "The cost of wheat production in the Inland Empire is relatively so much less and the yield so far ahead of many much-advertised and boasted sections of the United States, that actual returns from harvest fields are often discredited by those who have not visited the region.

Under date of November 8, 1902, Mr. John Carpenter, of Forest River, N. D., writes that the yield in the Red River valley for the year 1902, was from five to 35 bushels per acre; that the cost of raising a 35-bushel bumper crop was \$7.50 per acre, and that wheat at that date was worth 60 cents per bushel, which means that the net profit from an acre on wheat land in the Red River valley that yielded 35 bushels in 1902, was \$13.50.

"In the great Inland Empire, the cost of raising an acre of wheat ready for market is between \$5 and \$7. Assuming that it is \$7.50 per acre, which, according to Richard McGahay, of Walla Walla, authority on the subject, never exceeds that amount, in the case of Samuel Drumheller, who, in 1902 from the uplands of Eastern Washington, raised 10,500 bushels from 160 acres, an average of 66 bushels per acre, at the market price, 65 cents per bushel, means a net profit of \$5,664, or \$35.40 per acre, nearly three times the profit of that from an acre in the Red River valley. To Bruce Ferrell, in the same county, who threshed 23,250 bushels from 420 acres, an average of 56 bushels per acre, it means a net profit of \$11,962.50, or \$28.25 per acre.

"In Eastern Oregon and Northern Idaho, where the cost of production is about the same and the yield equally as large, similar profits are made. Scores of authenticated yields of

from 40 to 68½ bushels per acre could be cited for the Inland Empire, 1902, and when it is known that the average wheat yield of the entire United States is only about 17 bushels per acre, the profit of wheat raising in Oregon, Washington and Idaho is readily seen.

"A. B. Conley, of the Grande Ronde valley, Eastern Oregon, threshed from his 7,000-acre wheat field, 1902, enough to add \$100,000 to his bank account. Robert Jamieson, who has farmed near Weston, Umatilla county, for 32 years, does not remember when his wheat made less than 40 bushels per acre, and it has often averaged 65 bushels."

It is possible that the entire campaign in favor of the initiative and referendum will have to be fought over by the friends of direct legislation, in this state. The enemies of the people have made a start toward the destruction of the law, and are going to use every means to annul it. It now depends upon the supreme court to say whether the wishes of the people or the politicians shall be upheld.

The Milton Irrigation district which is to be voted upon July 21, is the first district to be formed in the state under the law of 1895, and should be established, by all means. It is the beginning of a new era in Umatilla county and in Eastern Oregon, and is an organized and systematic manner of handling the subject of irrigation in the community.

The unpleasant features accompanying the city election in Walla Walla should drive the thought of political division in municipal campaigns from the minds of all voters. The contest is always resolved into a struggle between the forces of right and wrong in the end, and all lovers of good government belong on one side.

The Telegram asks: "Why will the negro persist in committing crimes that invite such horrible fates?" That is easy. For the same reason that each succeeding generation of mountain lion lies in wait on the forest path for the defenseless deer. It is the unreasoning nature of the animal, and always will be.

The alarming increase of suicide will drive the insurance companies to raise rates, in self-defense. Anti-suicide provisions will be made in policies, just as anti-soldiering clauses are now inserted by many of the leading companies.

EDISON'S FIRST INVENTION.

A statement that has been going the rounds of the press of the state of late, relative to the great number of inventions patented by Thomas A. Edison makes no mention of his first labor-saving device, which, though it cost him dearly, was never sent to the patent office or placed upon the market, though it did the work for which it was designed, perfectly.

This invention, forgotten by all save a few old telegraph operators and the wizard himself, was thought out in the days when Mr. Edison earned his daily bread operating the Boston-New York night wire of what is now the Western Union Telegraph Company. The pay was not particularly large, but the work was his official call and sign, it being arranged for him to call up every hour after midnight, give his official call and sign, — being argued that this would keep him awake. It did keep Edison awake for a few weeks. Then he set about utilizing his spare time on a device which would beat the "smart ones" who ruled the New York office.

The result was all that could be expected from Mr. Edison's successes in later life. It was an arrangement of a battery with a clock and a circuit-breaking instrument which, at the proper time, would give New York the looked-for signals. For weeks it was the marvel of Mr. Edison's friends that he got along with so little sleep. Then the denouement came in the form of a call for Boston from New York with a very important message. Though Boston had signaled but a few moments before, it was found impossible to "raise" that city when it was necessary to send the message. Nearly an hour later the New York operator was pounding

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away, when the circuit was opened, and the sender gave off "Bn. Ed. O. K." Immediately the call for Boston was renewed, when the magic signal was again repeated. All night long the wire was watched, and when morning came the manager at Boston was asked to explain the mystery.

The manager, a canny Scot, knew a thing or two, or at least he thought he did, and without saying a word to anybody examined the clock and Edison's locker, finding there the tell-tale wires and mechanism. That night, when the future "Wizard" showed up for work, he found that the manager had decided to give him "30"—which in telegrapher's talk spells discharged.

Edison knew well enough what he was discharged for, and so left the next day for New York, and the career which has since made his name a household word the world over.—Philadelphia Ledger.

UNPRECEDENTED LUCK.

Israel Long, a prosperous young farmer of Linton, Greene county, Indiana, had a remarkable run of luck Sunday and declares in the exuberance of his joy that he has beaten the record of President Roosevelt as a maker of prosperity. When Mr. Long rose he found himself the father of a 10-pound baby boy, the first child that had been born to him, and he arranged at once to go to church twice that day in evidence of his appreciation of the advent of the younger Long.

Then he went into the meadow and found the family mare fondling a colt which had arrived some time during the night. A short distance away he saw his Jersey cow, one of the finest in the country, rejoicing over the possession of a heifer calf, which is even a finer breed than its mother. The new arrivals were viewed with something like the feelings with which he had looked upon the face of the newcomer at the house, but as he wandered his way back to the house he ran across the old black sow, which was intent with care for a litter of fine pigs.

Long went to the barn to see if any thing else were to be added to his good fortunes for the day, and discovered one of his guinea hens just leaving the nest with a brood of 14 young guineas which had come out of the shells during the night. He related the incidents to a neighbor at church that day, and said: "Just to think of it! A young Long at the house, a fine colt and a finer Jersey in the meadow, nine Poland China pigs, and as pretty as they make 'em, and 14 young guineas at the barn, and all in one night, and all the mothers doing well!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

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THE BIRTH OF THE OPAL.

The Sunbeam loved the Moonbeam,
 And followed her low and high;
 But the Moonbeam fled and hid her head,
 She was so shy—so shy.

The Sunbeam wooed with passion,
 Ah! he was a lover bold,
 And his heart was afire with mad desire
 For the moonbeam pale and cold.

She fled like a dream before him,
 Her hair was a shining sheen;
 And, oh, that Fate would annihilate
 The space that lay between.

Just as the Day lay panting
 In the arms of the Twilight dim
 The Sunbeam caught the one he sought
 And drew her close to him.

But out of his warm arm started,
 And stirred by love's first shock,
 She sprang afraid, like a trembling maid,
 And hid in the niche of a rock.

And the Sunbeam followed and found her,
 And led her to love's own feast,
 And they were wed on that rocky bed
 And the dying Day was their priest.

And lo! the beautiful Opal,
 That rare and wondrous gem,
 Where the Moon and Sun blend into one,
 Is the child that was born to them.
 —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

At a local church Sunday one of the sacred songs sung was "Hello, Central, Give me Heaven!" If "central" in these parts finds the same trouble in connecting with heaven as with mortals in the telephone books, some of us are likely to be forced to seek accommodations elsewhere.—Sacramento Bee.

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
R	N	I	T	U	R	E	F	U	R
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
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