

# THE WEST.

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## EVAPORATING VEGETABLES.

Many years ago when our mothers wanted to keep apples for a few months their only way of doing was to dry them in the sun. A long step forward was made when the hot air dryer was constructed. The latest improvement in this direction is the steam evaporator. Within the last few years nearly all kinds of vegetables have been evaporated by use of steam for heating and after being kept for years are as nice as when just cured. Being evaporated in a few hours, the fruit is not discolored by exposure to the air and no bleaching is needed for which sulphur or other substance injurious to the health of consumer is frequently used.

Evaporated vegetables can be shipped to market at much less cost for freight than green vegetables and they can be sent to any part of the world with little or no risk of loss from decay. Another advantage is they can be kept from year to year thus enabling the owner to get the benefit of varying prices of different seasons.

One difficulty the farmer has had to encounter in raising vegetables for market was the liability to loss from decay. After his crop was gathered he must sell it within a few months or lose it all. But by the use of the evaporator, if the market price is low he can keep them till such time as they can be sold at a profit.

In short it is hard to foresee the possibilities that may be opened for the farmer by this means and we believe it will be especially beneficial to the people of this part of the country as its use will give them so much more time in which to get their products to market.

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### WOULD IT BE BETTER?

Not long ago a citizen of Florence precinct was brought before Justice Wilson on a charge of assault. After hearing the evidence the justice sentenced him to pay a fine of \$5 and costs amounting to \$9.15 more or 7 days in the county jail. As the man refused to pay the fine, he was taken to Eugene by a constable and turned over to the sheriff, when it was found that he could be imprisoned for the fine only and not for the costs. This out of the man he had to serve in jail to 2 1/2 days.

Considering the expense attached, this makes it a costly proceeding for the county. The officers bill for conveying him to Eugene amounts to \$24.25. The costs of the trial were \$9.15. These added to the sheriff's bill for board make the proceedings cost the county about \$45 while the offense committed was one to be atoned for by 2 1/2 days in jail.

We do not find any fault with the officers connected with the case. We consider they have earned their fees and are entitled to them.

But we would suggest whether some other way could not be devised for punishing persons guilty of small offenses committed a long distance from the county seat that would avoid so much expense for so slight a punishment. How would it answer if the justice was given discretion to order them kept in custody of an officer for a time instead of committing them to jail?

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Within a few days there have been reports from different parts of town, of residents being disturbed at night by the noise and disorderly conduct of other people. Such occurrences are unusual in our quiet town but they seem to emphasize the question whether it was a wise move to place the compensation of the city marshal as low as was recently done. The present marshal was appointed but a short time ago, and he is expected to fill the position, but it is expected too much to ask him to spend much of his time about town for the pay he is allowed. Better give him a fair compensation and then see whether there will be any reports of disorderly conduct.

**Everybody Says So.**  
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## AMERICA AND CHINA.

R. F. Christie  
There is, of course, no ground for the statement appearing in German and Russian papers that the United States may object to the German seizure of Kiaochow bay, and, inferentially, to the partition of China. In that quarter of the world America has no landed interests and no wish to get any. From one point of view it might even be said that this country would feel a sense of relief if orderly and responsible government could be established in a land where its missionaries are at work and where, periodically, they demand the protection of its flag. With China divided between Russia, Germany, England and France missionaries could be safely left to the cares of local laws, and there would then be no more need of our keeping an expensive fleet on the coast and rivers of China than there is of maintaining one on the coast and rivers of India.

In a commercial sense the United States might hope to gain by the change, though perhaps not in proportion to the countries holding jurisdiction. But judging from the phenomena of Japanese development, new wants will come with civilization to China which this market can best supply. Japan, needing cotton of a certain fiber, and not finding it in India, buys generously here. Our canned meats and flour also make their way there, as do our steel rails and certain kinds of machinery. China promises to become a market for cotton, various manufactures and corn meal. Inevitably, if capital goes to China as it would when foreign laws had been established there, our markets would be drawn upon for a thousand utilities of progress. We might be hampered in some parts by tariff laws, but these would be lightest against the natural products of the soil and other things the superior cheapness of which would tend to keep the cost of living low and enable the foreign manufacturer on Chinese soil to command coolie labor at the old rates. Nor is it clear that the exporters of manufactured articles not in competition with Chinese products and subject to a much lower cost of transportation than European wares, would be greatly hurt. In a general way a civilized China means a great new market in which the United States would probably get and keep its share of trade.

But even if this country had nothing to gain and much to lose by the partition of China, it is inconceivable that it would formally object to such a measure. The whole field is far outside our sphere of political influence and could not be trespassed upon without exposing our own hemisphere to similar visitations.

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active gentlemen or ladies to travel for responsible, established, house in Oregon. Monthly \$65.00 and expenses. Position steady. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Dept. Y Chicago.

On Dec. 18th congress passed a joint resolution appropriating \$200,000 to the aid of starving miners in Alaska and President McKinley signed it. The money is to be expended under the direction of the secretary of war and is to be used in the purchase, transportation and distribution of supplies.

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**M'KENNA NAMED.**  
President McKinley sent to the senate the 16th inst., the nomination of Joseph McKenna to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States.

Protests against the appointment have been signed by many of the leading attorneys and jurists of Oregon and California. The A. P. A. was also said to be considering the advisability of making an effort to prevent the appointment being confirmed.

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## PROBABLE REPEAL OF OUR PURE FOOD LAW.

Oregon Agriculturalist:  
From an article which was recently published in the Oregonian it appears that the retail grocers of Portland have formed an organization to fight the pure-food law. It is said that 300 grocers have contributed \$5 each to a fund to be used in proving the unconstitutionality of the law. As pure-food laws have been upheld by the courts of all the states in which such laws have been enacted, it does not appear that the fight will really be made against the constitutionality of the pure-food law, but to secure its repeal. An election is not far ahead and an effort will probably be made to secure the nomination and election of members of the legislature from Portland who will be pledged to secure the repeal of the pure-food law. If this is done there is little doubt that Oregon will have no pure-food law after the next session of the legislature.

The final effect of this will be to injure the retail grocers of Portland, as well as everyone else who is in any way affected by the general prosperity of the state. It will prevent the establishment of new creameries in the state and probably close the doors of a number of those now in existence. It will result in sending out of the state in payment for oleomargarine one-fourth of the money now paid to producers in the state for butter. It will cut down the price of butter. It will be a most effective warning to farmers of intelligence who are seeking new homes to keep away from Osego.

The repeal of this law will also carry with it all the provisions now in existence for securing a healthful supply of milk for the city of Portland. The milkman who can produce the cheapest milk no matter how unhealthful the surroundings of his cows or the character of their feed may be, will be the one who succeeds. The adulterator will drive the honest man from the field. Invalids and young children will especially suffer as a result of the deterioration of milk. Every person of weak digestion will also be liable to suffer from having oleomargarine served to him for butter and filled cheese for full-cream cheese.

The men who will feel the financial effect of the repeal of the law most forcibly will be the farmers who are engaged in dairying. A great deal less milk will be required to supply the city of Portland, and many who are now selling milk will be compelled to make butter. Oleomargarine will replace butter to an extent which cannot easily be determined in advance. It is pretty safe to estimate that with no restrictions upon the sale of oleomargarine except those in the national law, one-third of the butter used here will be in reality oleomargarine.

If this law is repealed the dairy farmers will not deserve sympathy. Not one in one hundred has ever shown the slightest interest in the law or its maintenance. The work of keeping the law upon the statute books has been done by a few men who for the most part would not be materially affected by its repeal. It is not too late now for the dairy farmers of the state to do something if they would. Perhaps it would be the wisest plan for the dairymen to work simply for a law providing for a dairy commissioner and prohibiting the sale of oleomargarine colored to resemble butter and of adulterated cheese. Let the cities provide by local ordinances for a supply of pure and healthful milk if they are not willing to maintain a general pure-food law.

Let Portland build itself up by throttling the local industries of the state. Of course it will help business to send hundreds of thousands of dollars out of the state which are not being paid out and kept in circulation at home. Let us continue to import mis-named jams and jellies from Nebraska that they may be sold at prices which will effectively prevent the manufacture of genuine jams at home. Let us send abroad for adulterants and adulterated vinegar so that our apples will not even be worth four dollars a ton for the manufacture of cider vinegar. It is better evidently that such things as these should happen than that the grocers who are selling adulterated goods should be annoyed. Of course if this pure-food law is repealed every farmer who has any sense and wants to know what he is getting when he buys groceries will send out of the state for them. There will be a great deal less money spent in the state but the Portland grocers will not be worried by the fear of arrest for selling adulterated goods.

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## SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT.

Of Lane County Oregon For the Year 1897.

Acres tillable land	112,904
Average value per acre	\$ 13.16
Acres non tillable land	943,349
Average value	\$ 1.98
Improvements on deeded lands	\$440,316
Town and city lots	547,215
Improvements on town and city lots	680,240
Improvements on land not deeded or patented	40,245
Merchandise and stock in trade	210,520
Farming implements wagons etc.	137,595
Steamboats, sailboats and stationary engines	71,055
Money	56,295
Notes and accounts	634,599
Share of stock, value	75,146
Household furniture, watches jewelry etc.	330,745
Horses and mules (No.)	6,904
Average value	\$ 20.49
Cattle (No.)	18,469
Average value	\$ 10.01
Sheep and goats	20,111
Average value	\$ 1.10
Swine (No.)	7,904
Average value	\$ 1.85
Gross value of all property	\$7,009,435
Exemptions	707,560
Total taxable property	6,351,875
Number of polls	2,837

The rolls show no property listed to unknown owners, the ownership book furnished to the assessor this year greatly facilitating the work as well as making it less liable to error. The number of acres of tillable land reported this year is 5,594 less than last year while the number of acres of non tillable land is greater by 36,387. The average value of tillable land is 46 cents per acre higher than last year while the non-tillable land averages 9 cents per acre lower. The whole amount of taxable property in the county is \$10,540 less than last year.

## PROTECTION SENTIMENT IN ENGLAND.

Cleveland Leader:  
Ernest E. Williams, an English writer who is now at Montreal, says that a revolution against Cobdenism is imminent in England. "Men who study trade development," he says, "and more especially men who find themselves more and more harassed and frustrated by the competition of countries which have built up rival industries by the aid of Protectionist Tariffs—those men are coming to doubt the wisdom of England in opening her ports to the free ingress of foreign products."

Mr. Williams said he believed what was most needed was a custom union between England and her colonies such as Mr. Chamberlain had proposed. There seems to be no doubt that Great Britain feels the competition of the United States keenly, and how to provide a remedy will probably be a big and important question with its statesmen during the next year or two.

## PROTECTION AND LUCK.

American Economist:  
Many of the Free-Trade papers have been doing a lot of talking about the great "luck" of the McKinley administration in "coming into power just at the time when prosperity was returning to the country." They have only got the cart before the horse. This is what is to be expected of men who put foreign interests before American interests. They get accustomed to seeing things twisted.

The facts are better expressed by saying that prosperity began to return to the country just as soon as the McKinley administration came into power, or rather just as soon as it was known that Major McKinley was elected and that protection was to be given in the near future to American industries. It is a little trick which prosperity has—come back to the country just as soon as protection replaces free-trade. We have seen it do it more than once in the history of the country.

In applying the term "luck" to what has happened the free-traders are following in the steps of those shiftless, imprudent, short-sighted neighbors of the prudent, industrious man of sound judgment, who enviously attribute the rewards of his industry and good judgment to his "luck." Our present prosperity is due to no luck, but to the sound American policy of giving protection to American industries, of securing the home market to American producers and of providing work for American workmen at American wages.

## DURRANT AGAIN SENTENCED.

On Dec. 16th, Durrant was taken into court and sentenced to be hanged Jan. 7th, 1898. This is the fourth time he has been sentenced to death by Judge Bahr.

## TO OUR PATRONS.

We have made arrangements by which we will furnish the Weekly Oregonian with the West for one year to any address for the sum of two dollars, payable cash in advance.

## Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

Never judge a work of art by its defects.  
The thirst of desire is never filled, nor fully satisfied.

He that despairs limits infinite power to finite apprehensions.  
Good actions enoble us, and we are the sons of our own deeds.

It is impossible for that man to despair who remembers that his helper is omnipotent.

What can they see in the longest kingly line in Europe, save that it runs back to a successful soldier.

Time drinketh up the essence of every great and noble action, which ought to be performed, and is delayed in the execution.

He who seeks popularity in art closes the door on his own genius, as he must needs paint for other minds and not for his own.

Considering the unforeseen events of this world, we should be taught that no human condition should inspire men with absolute despair.

If I were to deliver up my whole self to the arbitrament of special pleaders, today I might be argued into an atheist, and tomorrow into a pick-pocket.

The art of declamation has been sinking in value from the moment that speakers were foolish enough to publish, and hearers wise enough to read.

Never hold any one by the button or the hand, in order to be heard out; for if people are unwilling to hear you, you had better hold your tongue than them.

A word that has been said may be unsaid, it is but air. But when a deed is done, it cannot be undone, nor can our thoughts reach out to all the mischiefs that may follow.

In the lottery of life there are more prizes drawn than blanks, and to one misfortune there are fifty advantages. Despondency is the most unprofitable feeling a man can indulge in.

The beautiful must ever rest in the arms of the sublime. The gentle needs the strong to sustain it, as much as the rock-flowers need the rocks to grow on, or the ivy the rugged wall which it embraces.

We are never without a pilot. When we know not how to steer, and dare not hoist a sail, we can drift. The current knows the way though we do not. The ship of heaven guides itself, and will not accept a wooden rudder.

The negro king desired to be portrayed as white. But do not laugh at the poor African; for every man is but another negro king, and would like to appear in a color different from that with which Fate has bedaubed him.

We do not directly go about the execution of the purpose that thrills us, but shut our doors behind us, and ramble with prepared minds, as if the hall were already done. Our resolution is taking root or hold on the earth then, as seeds send a shoot downward which is fed by their own albumen, ere they send one upwards to the light.  
As beauty of body, with an agreeable carriage, pleases the eye, and that pleasure consists in that we observe all the parts with a certain elegance are proportioned to each other; so does decency of behavior which appears in our lives obtain the approbation of all with whom we converse, from the order, consistency, and moderation of our words and action.

Strange thing art especially music. Out of an art a man may be so trivial you would mistake him for an imbecile, at best a grown infant. Put him into his art, and how high he soars above you! How quietly he enters into a heaven of which he has become a deity, and, unlocking the gates with his golden key, admits you to follow, an humble, reverent visitor.

## Cures Talk

"Cures talk" in favor of Hood's Sarsaparilla, as for no other medicine. Its great cures recorded in truthful, convincing language of grateful men and women, constitute its most effective advertising. Many of these cures are marvelous. They have won the confidence of the people; have given Hood's Sarsaparilla the largest sales in the world, and have made necessary for its manufacture the greatest laboratory on earth. Hood's Sarsaparilla is known by the cures it has made—cures of scrofula, salt rheum and eczema, cures of rheumatism, neuralgia and weak nerves, cures of dyspepsia, liver troubles, catarrh—cures which prove

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## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, November 8, 1897.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before C. H. Holden U. S. Commissioner at Florence, Oregon, on December 18, 1897, viz: Martha E. Martin, widow of James Martin, on h. e. no. 5567 for the NW 1/4 of sec. 15, tp. 18, s. 7, 10 west.  
She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: R. H. Hoffman, and George Allen of Point Terrace, Or.; A. E. Haddall, and M. J. Haddall of Mapleton, Oregon.  
R. M. Weather, Register.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The winter term of the state teachers' association will be held in Portland commencing Tuesday Dec. 28th and continuing over the 29th and 30th.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. B. All druggists.

Tramps during the last two months cost the city of Eugene over \$1000.00 and meals, 241 of which were furnished during the past month at a cost of 13 1/2 cents each. Hereafter tramps will be locked up during the night and escorted out of the city by the marshal in the morning. Costs will be made only in exceptional cases.

## FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

A house and lot in Glenada. The house is 16 by 24 feet and one story and a half in height. Also a good woodshed on premises. For further particulars inquire at this office.

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