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The outlook for good business all along the line during the next year is excellent despite the howls of the croakers and certain political demagogues, who thrive only by calamity. Good citizenship consists in speaking a cheering word, looking on the bright side of things and helping in every way the rising tide of prosperity, instead of pulling back in the harness and stalling at every bugaboo in the roadside.—Roseburg Plaindealer.

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Oregon is getting full returns for the liberal way she entered into the editorial association. Over four thousand feet of written matter by the editors, all speaking in the highest terms of Oregon, its people and its resources, have been received at the editors' headquarters at Portland. This is advertising of the right kind. Men—intelligent men—were here, they saw, and they told what they saw in language all their own.—Roseburg Review.

Some of the people here are asking why a larger crew of men are not put at work on the road between Florence and Mapleton. It seems as if more men could be employed to good advantage, and the road pushed through with no more outlay to the county than under the present method. One foreman can manage a crew of twelve or fifteen men at road work all right, and the expense of overseeing it is proportionately less than when but four or five men are employed.

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THE PORTAL department should arrange for better mail communication between Florence and the country to the south. At present the Coos bay papers and others published in that vicinity seldom arrive at Florence in less than six days after they are printed. When we remember that Coos bay is only about forty miles distant from Florence, it seems as if it would be difficult to find two more towns as near together, anywhere in the United States and connected by direct routes, that have as poor facilities for mail communication as have Florence and Marshfield. When the beach route from Florence to Gardiner was discontinued last winter, the Gardiner-Alene route should have been extended to Florence and increased to a tri-weekly service, instead of a semi-weekly mail stopping at Glenada as at present.

WHILE CONVERSING with one of our business men a few days ago he remarked that "New-comers often can see the advantages of a country better than the older residents. Frequently a man will go into a new place and engage in some line of business not previously tried there and do well at it though nearly every one else may predict a failure." Many if not all of us have seen instances of this kind and it leads us to wonder whether, as a rule, the new comer is so much shrewder than his predecessors. We do not think so but there is one point of difference between them. In nearly every new enterprise it takes some time to build up the business in order to make it profitable. A person who has lived in a place for some time is apt to think of any new undertaking as limited to the amount of business in that line at the present time without allowing for any growth in the future, while the later arrival sees some of the possibilities of increasing the business several times over perhaps, and invests his money or time with that end in view. Almost every new place presents opportunities either to start some new enterprises or to develop those already begun, and this part of Oregon is no exception to that rule. In fact this country offers advantages rarely equaled, to those desiring to engage in almost any occupation.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

Washington, Aug. 23, 1899.

There will be no Cuban annexation at present, with the consent of this administration. That has been made certain by a proclamation, signed by President McKinley, which will be made public by the war department after it has been published in Cuba. This proclamation tells the Cubans that the will of congress, as expressed in the resolution accompanying the declaration of war against Spain, will be carried out to the letter, at the earliest practicable moment; and points out that as soon as the Cuban census, upon which work is about to begin, has been completed, elections will be ordered for local officers in all the provinces of Cuba. It also promises that the U. S. troops will be withdrawn as fast as the Cubans can establish satisfactory local governments. This does not, of course, necessarily mean that Cuba will never be annexed to the U. S.; only that the administration means to turn Cuba over to the Cubans as soon as possible. Then, if a majority of the Cubans desire annexation they can ask for it, as Hawaii did. This is a wise move on the part of the president. It will shut off the charge that this government was not acting in good faith towards the Cubans, which has been so frequently made, both in Cuba and in the U. S.

Secretary Root is rapidly acquiring a reputation as one of the hardest working members of the cabinet, as well as one of the most difficult for the newspaper men to work. He is at all times extremely courteous, but it would be as easy to extract information from him, except upon the rare occasions when he desires to give it. Circumstances are still keeping alive the rumor that Gen. Merritt is likely to go to the Philippines as commander of the army, although it has several times been denied by the war department officials. Gen. Merritt was with the president again, at Pittsburgh, and Secretary Root will neither affirm nor deny the rumor.

There is much more in the case of Dr Bedloe, who has been suspended from the office of U. S. Consul at Canton, China, than has been told by officials of the state department, or by the newspaper correspondents in the east. All that is positively known is that Dr. Bedloe issued American papers to the steamship Abbey, which was seized by Admiral Dewey for carrying arms and ammunition to the Filipinos, and that the Chinese government has charged Dr Bedloe with issuing American certificates to Chinese subjects, allowing them to go to the Philippines. Diplomatic secrets are usually well kept, but there are leaky diplomats. Hints have been dropped by one of the latter that the direct cause of Dr Bedloe's suspension was the complaint from the government of a nation that is greatly interested in China, that Dr. Bedloe was mixing up in some international political matters that were entirely outside of his legitimate sphere as U. S. Consul. Dr. Bedloe is now on his way to Washington. Upon his explanation to the state department his restoration to duty depends.

Gen. Miles has always had a high opinion of the fighting qualities of colored troops, and it is largely owing to his influence that the additional regiment, which Secretary Root has decided upon, and which will bring the volunteer army almost up to the limit set by congress, will be composed of colored men unless there is a difficulty in getting a sufficient number of them to enlist, and that isn't looked for.

The navy department promptly vetoed the proposition to take the old frigate Constitution—"Old Ironsides"—from Portsmouth, N. H., where she has been used as a receiving ship since 1881, to New York, to be used in the naval museum to Admiral Dewey. The vessel is old, and the department considers her far too valuable as a patriotic relic to be risked by even the short voyage from Portsmouth to N. Y.

According to Mr. F. P. Metzger, chief clerk of the general land office, it is a mistaken idea to suppose there is no desirable public land open to settlement under the homestead law. Speaking on the subject he said: "There is as good an opportunity today for a settler to get a farm in the west by merely pre-empting it as there ever was. No better located or richer land was taken up fifty years ago than awaits settlement today. The man who wants a farm of rich land on which to make his home can get it, and the general land office is ready to advise those desiring to settle on this land, and tell them where they can locate. Particularly good land will be

found in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Minnesota, and the Dakotas. Not only can a good farm be secured, but farms can be had with timber on them worth \$3,000. This timber can be sold as it is near enough to streams or railroads to get it to market. This land is constantly being taken up and there is enough of it to last for a long time to come. The general land office is doing more business today than ever in its history." This may be surprising information to many, but it is official.

Hearthburn, coated tongue, had breath, constipation. Hudyann cures. All druggists, 50 cents.

THE WHITE RACE IN THE TROPICS.

S. F. Chronicle.

One of the favorite arguments against expansion and one that Mr Bryan repeated in his speech at Winnemucca, is that the white race will not live in the tropics. If true it would not be a thing of serious import, for the value of the East and West Indian possessions to us is not contingent upon our ability to populate them with our own people, but upon our ability to build up a profitable trade with the people already there. England does not have to fill India with white men to make money out of the country or to enjoy its strategic advantages. Neither would the United States in seeking such ends in the Philippines, have to people the group with the kind of material that dominates its own citizenship.

Nevertheless, if the change were necessary the climatic conditions of tropical countries would not hinder it except so far as they might lead to public misapprehension and timidity. Experience has shown that the white race, if it takes care of itself, may not only thrive in the tropics but improve physically on the parent stock. No better illustration of this fact can be found than in Hawaii, where the grandchildren and great grandchildren of the missionaries are physically as well as mentally and morally distinguished. Of the first generation born in the islands, men like President Dole, L. A. Thurston, W. O. Smith and C. M. Damon are fair types, and all of them are of athletic build and abounding vigor. The venerable but erect and vigorous Charles R. Bishop of this city is an example of the effect of the tropical climate upon an American who has passed the greater part of his life under its influence. That the third and fourth generation of whites in Hawaii advance rather than retrograde is shown by their remarkable standing both in mental pursuits and athletic games in various American colleges. The fact is that decent habits, plenty of sunshine, out-of-door life, year-round swimming, bicycling, rowing and horseback riding is developing a finer race of white men in Hawaii than can be found in any part of the United States outside of the Pacific Coast. Beside the narrow-chested youth of the Atlantic states, who are subject to variable extremes of climate and are housed up part of the year in an atmosphere of steam heat, the white Hawaiian looms up like a Greek athlete of the olden days.

The whole question of the ability of the white race to live in the tropics has been treated of late in an elaborate work, "The Races of Europe," by Dr. William Z. Ripley. The author shows that a certain excess of mortality of whites over natives in India and the South seas is due not to climate, but largely to overindulgence in alcoholic drink and in rich food. With proper diet and sanitary precautions he argues that any white man may accommodate himself to life under the equator as readily as do the Dutch, the nearest congeners to the English, in South Africa, Java and Sumatra.

Great stress is laid by the anti-expansionists of the present day upon the mortality resulting from diseases of the liver among English soldiers in India, which is sixfold greater than that experienced among the native troops from the same maladies. But Dr. Ripley points out that the difference is mainly caused by the consumption of alcohol, a conclusion which is borne out by the fact that the proportion of liver trouble among the wives and children of white soldiers in India is not greater than among the same class in the British isles.

The success of tropical existence for white people is, therefore, a matter of morality, diet and exercise. If a white man going to the tropics insists on eating stout beef and drinking ale and whiskey as he did at home he will not, as a rule, live long. If, on the other hand, he limits his meat, eschews alcohol and makes much of cereals, fruit and fish, he will keep his health and strength and be able to do all the work required of him. The Chinese are adaptable to every climate because of their diet of rice. So are the Jews, who are more careful in a sanitary way than other white people. It was by a knowledge of the efficacy of careful diet and

moderate exercise that the British government was able to reduce the death rate in its white Indian army from 80 in a thousand to about 50, and among the Senegal troops from 148 to 73. The figures would be far less today if the drink habit and the social evil could be controlled. When the French soldiers went to Algeria in 1837-46 the death rate was 77 in the 1000. Now the rate is but little above the normal, and the birth rate is greater than that of France itself, a condition due to the severe insistence upon the rules of health. We might add that the death rate among the white Hawaiians is less—or was in the last report we saw—than the rate at a corresponding time in San Francisco—and this city has the most bracing, tonic and generally beautiful northern climate in the west.

So the chief tropical dangers to health of white people are almost wholly within their means of control. It is their fault and not that of the climate if they die before their time—the fault of their unrestrained appetites and passions. With the body under control white men in the Philippines or Porto Rico ought to get along as well as do the Dutch of Java and the missionary communities of Hawaii.

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MAPLETON NOTES.

BY WIDEAWAKE.

Gordon Bean of Salem is visiting relatives at Mapleton.

Mrs Frank Knowles made a short visit to Florence Saturday.

Mr Neely and family expect to move to their new home the latter part of this week.

Mrs. Ring and her sister returned to Portland last week after spending a few weeks at Mapleton.

Miss Sophia Nicole came up on the boat Monday to visit with her uncle, E. Nicole, and family.

Mrs. E. C. Knowles has been quite ill for the last few days, but at this writing is convalescing.

The lawn blackberries have seen their best days, but the evergreens are ready to take their place.

Some of the young people in this vicinity were out trolling Wednesday. They caught a—some nice trout.

A fireplace is being built on the south side of the Mapleton hotel which will add greatly to the comfort of its occupants. Mr Tallman of Meadow is doing the masonry.

On account of rain last Sunday the re were only three persons present at Sunday school. We ought not to let a few rain drops spoil our good intentions, but go and try to build up our Sunday school. Lets turn over a new leaf and put a stone on it and all turn out next Sunday.

THE STRIKE THAT FAILED.

The Newspaper Maker.

The strike of the printers on the Sun has met its just deserts, and proven one of the most colossal failures ever inaugurated by the once powerful Typographical Union. That such is the case is due more to the shortsightedness of the leaders than to the men themselves. That it will be an instructive lesson, both to the printers and to the publishers there can be no doubt. The final test between these two forces had necessarily to come. The more intelligent of laboring men have arraigned themselves with the lumber classes, and in adopting coercive measures have put themselves in the place of the most ignorant working man.

It is possible that some of those crentry who have been so full of threats, and whose principal efforts heretofore has been to obtain a living aside from hard work have forgotten that in New York there is a law against conspiracy. It has been enforced on several occasions as certain parties who have done service for the state can well inform them. It may be possible that they will make an acquaintance with hard labor which will not be under the supervision of the union but rather under the direction of the state of which the compensation they receive will not be regulated by any labor organization.

These attempted strikes are exciting the attention of employers to such an extent that the future may possibly see just as cohesive and much more powerful combinations of employers opposed in all branches of labor to their working men, where the interests of the slightest member be involved.

Trade unions by organizing, force similar defensive combinations upon their employers.

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CARDINER NEWS.

By a Subscriber.

The Stmr Umpqua went to Scottsburg on Monday.

Theo Andrews spent a few days with his friends in Gardiner last week.

Both canneries are running. Fish are scarce yet but are expected in force shortly.

Charley Beckley of Elkton is in the vicinity buying cattle. He will be here a few days.

School started on the 4th inst with the Misses Parrot and Stewart of Roseburg in charge.

Richard Lyster whose thigh and pelvis were fractured three weeks ago is progressing favorably.

The Gardiner hotel is doing a big business just now every room in the house being occupied.

Al Smith of Long Prairie was here last week looking for hogs to take care of the spoilt wheat this fall.

Miss Ethel Riddle has arrived from Riddle to take charge of the Long Beach school for the next four months.

Mrs Lyons and her grand-daughter Laura Dimmick of Marshfield are visiting Mrs Capt Peterson this week.

Mr Richardson of Roseburg has shipped in a lot of organs and a piano and will be here shortly to sell the same.

Capt Cornwall brought some fishing boats from Coos Bay last week for the Oregon Packing Co and there are more coming.

The mail from Coos Bay which was due at 6 P M of the 2nd inst has not yet arrived. No particulars as to the cause of delay at hand.

Robt Ashworth has moved his family to town to get the benefit of school advantages for his children. A good move Robert.

Capt. Cornwall took the Hunter to Coos bay last Saturday to do some towing. He returned on Monday and towed the Lucy out on Thursday.

The city of Gardiner has a beautiful new flag thirty feet in length purchased with the balance on hand after all fourth of July expenses were paid.

A spectacle peddler or as he styled himself an oculist optician was in town last week. The people should beware of all such eye testers as they know no more about the delicate mechanism of the human eye than a child.

LOGS WANTED.

The Sjuslaw and San Francisco Lumber Co. want 10,000,000 feet of logs delivered at their mill at Acme within the next few months.

For further information inquire of I. B. Cushman, Acme, Oregon.

FIRE IN EMPIRE CITY.

Fire broke out in the Bear Trap saloon in Empire City and destroyed that building, Walker's machine shop, Senzstacken's drug and merchandise store, I. O. O. F. hall and Flanagan's three story building. The loss amounts to nearly \$20,000. The fire occurred on Monday morning.

How Are Your Kidneys? Dr. Hobbs' Spargus Pills cure all kidney ills. Sample free. Add. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N. Y.

INDIAN WOMAN DROWNED. Saturday forenoon a squaw named Annie, who made her home with Indian Dan was drowned in North Fork near Indian town.

It is not known how it happened as nobody saw the accident. A canoe which she had been using was found by Jeff Harney's folks floating up North Fork. Sunday forenoon the woman's body was found by M. Noffinger in the stream near Jeff Harney's landing. The face was considerably bruised as if by blows.

ACME ITEMS.

By X Y Z.

Mrs Tom Sauterb is home again from Yaquina.

Mrs Sam Seymour arrived in town Wednesday.

A few piling were driven in the new boom this week.

Sam Seymour and Marion Morris were in town Tuesday. Their eyes opened wide when they walked into the new mill. Guess they are not used to seeing work done in such a rushing manner.

Sick headache, fullness in stomach, pain in bowels. Hadyann cures. All druggists, 50 cents.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON.

Prospective students of this institution should not fail to write for a free copy of the Students Handbook. It contains much information about board and lodging, and student affairs not found in the catalogue.

The Christian Association the publishers of the book, render invaluable service to the new students by meeting them at the trains, finding boarding places, and helping them to get settled in the college community.

Any information regarding Eugene and the University will be freely and cheerfully furnished. If desired, board and lodging will be arranged for in advance.

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