

"Trust Prices too High."

Is the heading of an article in the Examiner, a telegram from Los Angeles, wherein the trade channels are said to have become so congested and obstructed by the trusts and combines that large enterprises, perfectly solvent, this particular instance of the Los Angeles rolling mills having assets of \$107,000 over all its liabilities, that business has to close down and throw out of employment 150 men just at the dawn of our promised prosperity.

We herewith append a paragraph on the sewing machine trade from a business letter from one of the largest business firms in the United States, wherein the cause of the "trust prices" in that one line are explained.

In the sewing machine business the old manufacturers (grown enormously rich in the business) have built up a system known as the "Agency System," by which their output is first placed from the manufacturer into the hands of a general or state agency.

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Chicago has many rare curiosities, but the rarest is a federal judge named Gressup, who decided that his court had no jurisdiction to issue an injunction against a boycott of a firm there by the National Metal Polishers' Union.

The January number of Demorest's Magazine sustains the reputation that periodical has for leading all others in the practical, helpful character of its departments.

We shall hope to get correct news from Cuba hereafter. The enterprise of the S. F. Examiner and New York Journal—Mr. Hearst's papers—in placing the steam yacht Vamoose on the run between Cuba and the United States, the fastest vessel afloat, will be appreciated and bring us the correct news as to Maceo's death and the results of engagements between the contending armies.

The New York Press receives word that William Waldorff Astor, of the millionaire family of Astors in New York, has renounced his American citizenship and sworn allegiance to Queen Victoria.

The State Board of Equalization Finishes its Work and Adjourns.

Salem, Or., Dec. 30.—The members of the state board of equalization drew as much of their pay as they could get today, and adjourned sine die.

The salary and mileage the members of the board allowed themselves for the 30-day session are as follows:

Auldson, of Lake county, \$388.80; Walker, Coos county, \$350; Gibson, Polk county, \$300; Thompson, Multnomah county, \$310.60; Wingate, Clatsop county, \$330.60; Johnson, Wasco county, \$352.40; Wells, Crook county, \$353; Goodall, Union county, \$374.60; Holland, Malheur county, \$402.60. The total expense on account of the members is \$3162.60. In Marion county the board declared \$1 worth \$1.30. If the members had accepted their pay in this kind of money their pay would have been only \$2432.76.

D. P. Thompson offered his resolution to abolish the board, and to have the equalizing done by the governor, secretary of state and treasurer, and to reduce the pay of members; but it found no favor with the board.

Fishtrap Items.

Miss Kate West, of Catching creek, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Noah, of this place. Miss Minnie McCloskey visited her Norway home Saturday. Several of our boys attended the debate at Arago Saturday evening and report having had a good time.

A New Year's party, given at Mrs. Wilson's Friday evening, was an enjoyable affair and well attended.

George Robinson, who has been employed in the Coquille creamery during the past summer and winter, visited his uncle G. T. Robinson the first of this week.

George Byers, who has been attending school in Bandon this winter, spent New Year with his brother in this place.

Our school at this place is progressing nicely under the watchful eye of our ever-smiling school mistress, Miss Minnie McCloskey, whom we find ever ready and willing to give any advice or instruction necessary for the development of the mental capacities of the pupils under her protecting wing.

There will be an entertainment at the Fishtrap schoolhouse Friday, Jan. 8, 1897. An extensive program has been prepared and every exertion is being made to make it a joyous event long to be remembered. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Effect of Confidence.

Monday 100,000 pounds of wool were sold in Heppner for 6 1/2 cents, says the Gazette. This does not indicate that the wave of prosperity has struck the wool business in the right place.

Help

Is needed by poor, tired mothers, over-worked and burdened with care, debilitated and run down because of poor, thin and impoverished blood. Help is needed by the nervous sufferer, the men and women tortured with rheumatism, neuralgia, dyspepsia, scrofula, catarrh. Help Comes Quickly

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Roseburg Review: It seems that there must be some change in the personnel of the board of trustees of the soldiers' home, on account of one or more of the present members having decided to decline a reappointment. This should give Governor Lord an opportunity to appoint an inmate of the home to fill the vacancies, thus giving the old veterans a genuine representation on the board.

Only a few weeks ago, the managers of these recently bursted banking institutions were telling depositors that the election of Bryan meant that they would be paid off in fifty cent silver dollars. Now these same depositors will be lucky to get ten cent dollars—and that, too, in spite of the fact that the "advance agent of prosperity" was elected.

UPPER - RIVER DEPARTMENT.

Myrtle Point and the Upper-Coquille and What is Going on There.

Lotteries are all the go in Myrtle Point. Rev. Helm is conducting a series of very interesting lectures in Dixon's hall, this place.

D. Giles, who has been suffering from a severe attack of the shingles, is improving. Dr. Culin attended him.

The many friends of J. A. Lehnerr will be pleased to hear that he is much improved in health since going to California.

A black butterfly is a rare sight in the winter season, yet we are credibly informed that there was one in our town recently.

Rumor says we are to have a new hardware store in Myrtle Point, hinging somewhat on the choice of marshal at the coming election.

Prof. A. N. Knight held the lucky number and drew a fine gold watch at the lottery in B. R. Lehmann's store one day last week.

S. C. Giles, catching at a straw, came back to town just as leap-year was dying. Vain hope! like many other of our young men he ran the gauntlet and is not married yet.

Work on Capt. Bullard's new steamer is progressing nicely. She is about ready to receive the plankton. As she stands she is a beauty and speaks well for her builder, Mr. Gilman.

Attorney Jerry Huntley of Gold Beach, Curry county, Oregon, spent a few days in town last week visiting with his cousin, Mrs. J. D. B. Lee, while en route for Salem to attend the supreme court.

A. H. Black, one of our most enterprising merchants and proprietor of the famous Myrtle Creamery, purchased the residence property of Attorney L. A. Roberts and will take possession in the near future.

Riverton Riotings.

Riverton, Jan. 4.—The young people initiated the new meat market by a roasting dance on New Year's eve.

Mrs. Robinson has rented the Stacy Lee property. She will soon be prepared to keep a first-class lodging house.

Giles & Wagner opened up their meat market on the 1st inst. Johnnie delivers meat to his customers here. He also keeps a stock of notions.

N. Thrush, the former owner of the Riverton town site, was in town last Saturday. We are told he will bring up his team of horses and do hauling around town.

We can assure the public that Mr. Sterns, representing himself to be superintendent of the Standard Coal Company of Roseburg, is no "bilk," because he presented us a check on the Portland National Bank to the amount of \$3 to be cashed.

Several more men came over from Beaver Hill last Sunday. We are informed that Mr. Stone of Coquille will soon start a licensed saloon here.

John Sweeney sold his house and lot on River street last week to a Myrtle Point man, who will deal out cigars, etc., to those who will patronize him.

We are informed that a young man from the lower river will also bring a span of horses here and be prepared to do all kinds of teaming.

Rev. W. B. Smith of Coquille City was here last Sunday and held services in the new church.

The Parkersburg mill shut down last week and almost the entire mill crew was in our town last week looking after their financial interests.

W. Campbell, superintendent of the Bandon Block Coal Company, took a trip to the bay last week. He spent the holidays with his friends and relatives in Newport.

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In the senate Thursday, Dec. 22d, Pettigrew called up his resolution to appropriate \$10,000,000, or such a sum as was needed, to take up the first notes of the Union Pacific railroad. Pettigrew thought that if the government got control of the roads it could manage them better than had been done.

A Michigan editor received some verses not long ago with the following note of explanation: "These lines were written fifty years ago by one who has, for a long time, slept in his grave merely for pastime."

Roseburg Review: Doctors of the ten disagree. Here is the gold bug New York Sun informing the gold bug Oregonian that it don't know the b o c's of finance. Whew! Has Harvey seen the paragraph?

Roseburg Review: The "confidence" restored, predicted by the Republicans on McKinley's election, seems to have been only a part of Mark Hanna's "confidence" game.

Matthew Marshall, of the New York Sun, advises farmers to spend less than they earn and pay their debts more promptly. There, now.

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We had a pleasant call from W. C. Sanderson and several other Bandonians Saturday last. Dad Johnson, our worthy constable, was in town on business during the past week.

Roseburg Review: The Oregonian is still against the mortgage tax law, because it alleges that it would oppress the debtors. It admits however that the debtors themselves favor it. Perhaps that paper will learn sometime that the people really know what they want.

The Press and Printer has the following timely suggestion: "Any fool can start a newspaper and any sheriff can stop one, but it takes a wise man to keep the thing going."

Police Judge Campbell was Santa Claus in Rev. Edwards Davis' church in Oakland, Cal. He made his appearance on a bicycle, pedaling up the aisle in a red suit.

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