



ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

As indicated in an article published elsewhere in this paper, a meeting of business men and interested citizens is to be held at the court house tomorrow evening for the purpose of organizing a commercial club or board of trade. There are two pressing needs for an organization of this nature. Benton county should make a systematic effort to secure her proportion of the large number of desirable immigrants now coming to this state, and proper steps should be taken to welcome the stranger at our gates, explain to him the advantages we have to offer and make a good impression. Such an organization could perform great service in attracting capital to this section with a view to establishing manufactories. Given desirable immigrants to divide up our large farms and assist our already excellent farmers to cultivate the soil; and capital to develop our vast natural resources, and no community will be more prosperous, or country more inviting. The fault of our present condition is in ourselves, for nature has been lavish with undeveloped wealth now lying about us. The establishment of such an organization as contemplated will not only be commendable, but is an absolute necessity.

The senate committee on commerce has concluded consideration of the river and harbor bill. Numerous amendments heretofore adopted were reconsidered, and the committee caused reduction in the total of the bill by horizontal cuts on all important items. As presented to the senate the bill will provide for \$3,125 for the revetment at Corvallis and \$750 for the Long Tom.

The war department has issued an order for the purchase of 500 cavalry horses in Oregon. Over 7,000 additional are yet required and it is probable that they will be purchased in Oregon, both on account of their quality and the saving to the government in freight rates.

For Station at Union.

House bill 333, by McAllister, to provide for a branch experiment station in Union county, which passed the house Wednesday of last week by unanimous consent, has passed the senate. This is a bill for an act authorizing the transfer and conveyance of the 620 acres of land in Union county, Oregon, purchased by the state for the purpose of establishing a branch insane asylum in Eastern Oregon, to the State Agricultural College, authorizing and empowering said Agricultural College to use said land for an experiment station and such other purposes in connection with said college as the board of regents of said college may deem advisable, and to appropriate money for the establishment of such experiment station, and the erection, equipment and furnishing of buildings necessary for that purpose.

The bill appropriates \$10,000 for buildings, equipment, and furnishings, and conveys by deed all the right, title and interest of the State of Oregon to the 620 acres, to the Agricultural College. The bill further provides that all revenues derived from said lands not necessarily used in connection with said experiment station, may be used by the board of regents of said Agricultural College in the improvement of the property herein referred to, and for repairs thereto, and for the use and benefit of said experiment station, its buildings, furniture and equipment.

Oregon's Population.

Oregon was organized as a territory August 14, 1848, and admitted as a state February 14,

1859. The population of the state in 1900 is 413,536 as compared with a population in 1890 of 313,767, showing an increase during the last ten years of 99,796, or 31.8 per cent. A small portion of this increase is due to the fact that there were 3,713 Indians and 224 other persons, or a total of 3,937 persons on Indian reservations, etc., in Oregon, who were specially enumerated in 1890 under the provisions of the census act, but were not included in the general population of Oregon for the last decade, as well as the rate of increase, is less than that for the one immediately preceding, when the gain was 138,199, or 79.5 per cent. Oregon had a population of 13,294 in 1850, which increased nearly fourfold in the ensuing ten years, and for each of the three following decades there was also a steady gain in population. During the last decade the numerical increase declined somewhat, but it is sufficient to indicate the prosperity of the state.

The population of Oregon in 1900 is more than thirty-one times as large as the population given for 1850, the first census taken after it was organized as a territory.

The total land surface of Oregon is, approximately, 94,560 square miles, the average number to the square mile at the censuses of 1890 and 1900 being as follows: 1890, 3.3; 1900, 4.4.

Prune Proposition.

It will soon be time for orchardists to turn their attention to the care of their trees. A writer in an exchange, commenting on the probable surplus in California of from 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 pounds of prunes this year, makes the following suggestions to prunegrowers:

First—That we raise larger sizes.

Second—That we improve the quality.

Third—That we curtail the output.

Fourth—That we reduce expenses.

The heroic use of pruning tools will go a long way toward accomplishing all these results. I would cut away in most cases one-half the top. I would cut back one and a half or two years' growth, and thin out vigorously, letting in plenty of sunlight and air. This will increase the size and quality, but decrease the quantity, reducing expense of handling in orchard, evaporator and packing room. Supplement heavy pruning with thorough cultivation, and, if need be, hand-thinning, and the crisis will be maintained and reputation be preserved. Heavy pruning acts like a tonic, causing the tree to throw its whole soul into new and vigorous growth, that means better fruit for years to come.

Mr. Skipton's Loss.

Frank Skipton, formerly of this county, but now in the livery business in Albany, has just suffered the loss of his best team by drowning. The Herald gives the following account of the affair:

Meagre particulars were received last night of the accidental drowning of one of Frank Skipton's fine livery teams at Blevin's bridge across the Calapoopia. Thos. Chambers started yesterday afternoon to drive into the country and after crossing the bridge found the high water had flooded the road. The horses got into swimming water. The buggy was washed off the road, and Mr. Chambers had a narrow escape from drowning. Both horses were drowned and all that could be seen of the vehicle was the top sticking out of the water. Mr. Chambers went to Taigent and telephoned the news of the accident to Mr. Skipton, who sent some men to the scene to get the buggy.

Highly Nutritious.

Prof. F. L. Kent, who is in charge of the dairying department of the Agricultural College, makes a strong plea in behalf of cheese. The consumption of cheese is admitted to be large, but when it is recognized at its true value by the masses as a food, it is likely to become even more staple. The professor makes the following statement: Cheese is something more than a relish; it is a food. It contains both carbohydrates and protein. Cheese contains the most

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important food elements of milk. Good cheese is worth one and a half times as much as beef, pound for pound, as food. It is the concentrated nourishment of milk, less the greater portion of sugar, and will sustain a man under heavy work better than almost any other single food. It is eaten alone with a relish because it contains all the necessary elements of food. When we make butter we throw away or feed to animals the most valuable growing elements of the milk; when we make cheese we retain it.

Three Questions. Before purchasing a piano or organ there are a few questions it is well to consider. First: Is the instrument made of good material? Second: Is the tone action and finish first class? Third: Is the price reasonable? Cheap instruments are expensive at any price. Why? Because they never give satisfaction, being constructed of the cheapest material hastily thrown together. To secure the value of your money there is one certain way. Buy an instrument which has not only an established reputation for years, but which has kept up with every improvement of modern times. If you then would like such an instrument with tone, action and finish unsurpassed, I have them, and can furnish you any at the lowest price. Call around. MORDAUNT GOODNOUGH.

A Boy. Or young men having a fair education and desiring of serving ample time to learn a good trade or profession may find an opportunity by addressing P. O. Box No. 358, Corvallis, Oregon. The applicant should be steady and industrious, spending his evenings at home and not on the streets or in the various resorts. The trade referred to is along educational lines, and two or three years spent therein will afford good educational facilities for any young man, besides affording steady employment in all seasons after becoming competent. One whose home is in town preferred. Cigarette smokers need not apply.

Something New. Just published by the Southern Pacific Company is a pamphlet upon the resources of Western Oregon, which includes an excellent map of the state, and contains information on climate, lands, education, etc., existing industries and their capabilities. Attention is also directed to such new fields for energy or capital as promise fair return. This publication fills a need long experienced by Oregonians, in replying to inquiries of Eastern friends. Copies may be had of local agent of the Southern Pacific Company, or from C. H. MARKHAM, G. P. A., Portland, Oregon.

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Notice of Final Settlement. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the estate of Merritt J. Rice, deceased, has filed his final account in said estate in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County, sitting in probate, and, Saturday, the 9th day of February, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Court House in Corvallis, Oregon, is the time and place fixed by the Court for hearing objections, if any, to said final account and the settlement thereof.

TO HOMESEEEKERS. If you are looking for bargains in Stock, Grain and Fruit Farms I have them. Come and see me or write for my list. HENRY AMBLER, Real Estate Agent, Philomath, Benton County, Oregon.

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Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Property. In the matter of the Estate of James Abraham, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the county court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah county made and entered on the 29th day of November, 1900, I will from and after the 7th day of March, 1901, proceed to sell at private sale the following described real property of said estate, and all the right, title and interest which the said James Abraham had therein at the time of his decease, to-wit:

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