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## SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS MADE

### Many New Buildings Put Up During the Year 1904.

Now that the year is drawing to a close, a resume of the building activities of the year is not out of place. There is nothing which denotes the progress, growth and prosperity of a town more than the number of business houses and residences built during the year. In this line Corvallis has shown unusual activities—not of the boom variety, but of a steady, substantial growth that will compare favorably with any city in the Willamette Valley.

During the year, upwards of forty new residences have been constructed in the city. A large portion of these have been elegant two-story buildings costing on an average of \$1,000 to \$2,000 each. Besides this, there has been many new additions and improvements made to older residences, and along with these have been blocks of new sidewalks constructed, and also many new sewers put in. This speaks well for the progressiveness of Corvallis citizens.

It is plain to see that the year 1904 has been a record-breaker in the way of building improvements, and it is said by old-time residents that Corvallis has picked up more and come to the front faster during the past 12 months than ever before during the same length of time. It may not at once be apparent to those who have been living in town for the last few years—in fact, as a usual thing the old residents are the last to take notice and realize such a change; but it is the constant remark of former citizens who have been away for a year or more and return either on a visit or to reside, that the town has made vast improvements along all lines.

Not only is the improvement noticeable in the residence districts, but also on the business streets. Almost every mercantile house in town has made some change in the building, such as new and larger glass fronts, painting, calomining, etc. Altogether Corvallis has done herself proud this year in the way of forging to the front; and it is thought the same activity along the line of improvements and building will continue during several years to come.

Such as this is what attracts the homeseeker, and as many thousand people from all parts of the United States will visit Oregon during the Centennial next year, and many of these will come to Corvallis it behoves the city residents to continue along the lines of progress already so well inaugurated.

### Good Money in Poultry.

From the way turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens have been coming into the Corvallis market for the past week, it seems that Benton county is a great place for poultry raising. At any rate there is certainly as much poultry raised for the market in this county as any other county in the state, and there seems to be considerable money in the business. One fact has been proven, and that is that poultry raising is becoming each year a greater industry in this section of the state and there is perhaps no better locality for raising fowls successfully, in the state. There are families in this county who make almost their entire living from poultry raising, and it only requires a small plot of ground, if properly managed, to raise several hundred fowls on.

During the last ten days the firm of Smith & Boulden, poultry buyers, has bought for the Christmas trade, turkeys, 3,441 pounds geese, 1,586 pounds and chickens 1000 pounds. The greater number of these have been dressed

and shipped to outside points, the most of them going to Portland, although many pounds were consumed by Corvallis people. Even this large amount has not been enough to supply the demand, and by last Saturday morning they were entirely out of turkeys and geese, and were compelled to send a man out on horseback to try and find enough fowl to supply later orders.

The price paid for turkeys by this firm has run all the way from 15 to 19 cents per pound, but the average has been about 17 cents. This represents a total paid the farmers for Christmas turkeys of about \$585.00. For geese the price has been 8 cents per pound, live weight, and at this rate \$126.78 was paid by this firm for the webfooted fowl, and for chickens the sum reached about \$80.

Of course the above figures are only the showing of one Corvallis firm, but they were selected because they are the only ones who deal exclusively in poultry. This is a very good showing for the poultry industry of Benton county and as the supply is not enough to fill the demand it is encouraging to those who are thinking of taking up this business.

### Prize Awards to Oregon.

The prizes coming to Oregon from the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis were greater in number than those awarded to any other state in comparison to the amount of money that the exhibit cost. The following is the list of prizes awarded in each department.

Department of Agricultural—(which includes one gold medal for dairy)—1 grand prize, 43 gold medals, 56 silver, 22 bronze.

Department of Horticulture—2 grand prizes, 7 gold medals, 84 silver, 34 bronze.

Department of Fish and Game—4 gold medals, 9 silver, 1 bronze.

Department of Mining—2 gold medals, 1 silver, 10 bronze. (Petition pending for grand prize)

Department of Education, groups one and two—1 gold medal, 3 silver, 2 bronze.

Department of Livestock—Eighty-six head of sheep sent by Baldwin Sheep & Land Co. won 31 premiums, divided as follows: Rambouillet, 18; Lelaine, 7; Spanish, 6. Oregon exhibited the heaviest and heaviest shearing Spanish ram ever seen in this or any other country, but was refused a prize, as the judges called him a freak. The value of the exhibit was about \$12,000. Chas. E. Ladd received on a herd of 12 Shorthorn cattle, 21 first prizes; 1 second, 1 third; 2 fourth and 2 fifth prizes. Wm. Riddle of Polk county was awarded second prize (\$100) on five head of Kent sheep, and 2 firsts and 1 fourth on four Angora goats.

The total number of prizes, outside of the stock, was: Grand prizes, 3; gold medals, 67; silver medals, 150; bronze 71.

### Real Estate Transfers.

W H Foster and wife, 22 acres near Albany, \$2,100.

W H Malone and wife to Hope Grange, one-half acre in Alsea; \$25.

Geo. A. Bennett to W F Caldwell; part farm lot 2, Philomath; \$400.

United States to F M Huddleston, patent, 260 acres in Alsea.

Jennie Fish and husband to G A Coveil, lots 5 and 6 block 2, Chase's Add; \$250.

Jennie Fish and husband to J K Handy, lot 4, block 2, Chase's Add; \$125.

C M Dexter and wife to Henry Ambler; 80 acres south of Philomath; \$2,500.

## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Articles of general interest will be published in this department as the personal opinion of the writers. It is understood that the paper is not held responsible for any opinion here expressed.

### Control Transportation Corporations.

What question can be more important and pressing for action and redress than the unjust treatment of the whole people by the transportation corporations? These corporations have been created by law and they operate under charters which are interpreted by corporations to have the force of letters of marque and reprisal as though our people were alien enemies to be plundered by sea and land as mercilessly as though a state of war actually existed in every state in the Union.

This is not a question of public policy but a question of private right,—no corporation chartered under the laws of any state shall be permitted to practice fraud or extortion upon the people of the United States with impunity.

It may certainly be expected that a Republican congress will consider the effect of granting chartered franchises by states to corporations which trespass upon the private right of every citizen in this Republic,—such investigations must be conducted with that candor and justice which belongs to the high character of that body.

It would seem to be the duty of congress to examine the charters of transportation corporations and ascertain with the most scrupulous good faith what the real facts are with a most solicitous desire to prevent the occult piracy perpetrated by transportation corporations under cover of charters issued by state government.

Congress has power under the constitution to provide for the general welfare, and it state governments have chartered a species of pirates who prey upon the commercial rights of citizens of the United States, it is manifestly the duty of that distinguished body to intervene in the exercise of its ample powers in the premises and revoke such charters by penal statute which our courts can enforce.

Congress has utterly failed so far to give adequate relief to the people in the matter of unjust rates of transportation, and there is incontrovertible evidence which shows that it will ever fail to govern unruly transportation corporations by any of the methods applied under the recommendations of the President.

Congress must either provide for the surrender of the charters of corporations which willfully violate the laws of the government of inter-state commerce or build a double-tracked railroad from ocean to ocean and establish rates of transportation which shall be just to all the people, or both.

There can be no question as to the efficiency of these remedies for unruly corporations,—they interfere with no vested rights whatever.

Corporations must be controlled. They are the creatures of the law, and the law must control them either directly or indirectly. All attempts to control corporations by express statutes, have most ignominiously failed, and it is a reproach to our party which has irresistible power to do justice to all citizens.

Further tampering with the gross offenses of transportation corporations will be resented in the most emphatic manner by every lawful means in the hands of the people without regard to party affiliations. The time has come for action,—for the rugged, manly and courageous action of statesmen,—every state in the

Union is in a condition of thralldom,—this yoke will be broken.

No corporation candidate will receive my vote. I shall support nominees who have the courage to stand by the enforcement of law for the government of transportation corporations, state and federal.

One has but to put his ear to the ground to hear the tramp of the legions who are loyal to law and not to corporations,—legions who put their trust in God and not in corporation princes. They are coming! coming! and will continue to come until righteous laws are enacted, obeyed and vindicated. M. L. ADAMS.

### Rare Specimen of Whale.

J. G. Crawford, of Albany, who has a large collection of curios and archeological specimens, has just secured the skull of the curious specimen of whale which was washed ashore at Yaquina Bay last winter. Coming as it does from a species of whale now almost extinct and one whose exact classification has not yet been definitely determined, the skull is a rare and valuable specimen and one which the Smithsonian Institution is very desirous of obtaining for scientific purposes. The body of this whale, small in size, washed ashore on the south beach at Newport, near the Yaquina lifesaving station, February 15, 1904. Having many peculiarities, the animal immediately attracted attention, and scientists who examined it pronounced it of a variety perhaps never found on the Pacific Coast before and were unable to determine its exact species. It seems to be a connecting link between the narwhale and porpoise and in common parlance would probably be known as a "sea hog." The specimen in question has a body 17 feet long; its pectoral fins were 10 feet in length and its dorsal fin three feet; and the flukes of its tail were each 10 feet long. The animal had a blow hole and lateral tail like a whale; its dorsal fins were like those of a porpoise and it had ears like a hog.

As soon as the description of the animal became current in the newspapers, the Smithsonian Institution heard of it and desired to investigate the species. Recently Dr. F. W. True, head curator of the department of biology of the United States National Museum (Smithsonian Institution), at Washington, D. C., wrote to Mr. Crawford, of Albany, to find out if he could secure the skull of the animal for investigation. In his letter Dr. True says: "It is a matter of considerable importance from a scientific viewpoint, as the beaked whales of the west coast are not at all well known," and he adds that the institution is very desirous of learning what this queer specimen of whale really was and what were its peculiarities. Mr. Crawford has at last secured the skull of the animal. He intends to keep the skull but has taken a number of pictures of it, and will send them to the Smithsonian Institution for the desired investigation.—Telegram.

Mr. Crawford is an uncle of J. H. Simpson and Mrs. M. S. Woodcock, of this city and is widely known in this part of the country.

### More Improvements.

E. W. Strong has been overhauling his sawmill the last few days, and making some new improvements among others being a new truck and carriage. The new carriage just installed is quite a little wider than the old one, and will take on a log or saw log that they have not been able to handle before. Mr. Strong has one of the largest and best equipped mills in this part of the county, and does a great business. He says he intends to keep up with his rapidly growing trade.

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## Holiday Goods

# Xmas 1904

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