

**THE OREGON SCOUT.**

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**IMPROVEMENTS.**

We take note that not only in Oregon, but in every state and territory west of the Rockies, that improvements are being made much faster than at any time in the past, and that the class of improvements are of a permanent nature, such as always have a tendency to incline to the belief that the people have unbounded faith in the future greatness of this vast domain.

The rapid building of railroads into almost every section of the country, the increased interest in agriculture, the wonderful developments in the mining regions, the building up of all kinds of business interests have never been so great as at the present time. The ease with which capital expended draws to itself the natural and legal accumulations, is what has made men of money and of enterprise turn their heads towards the lands of the setting sun, to build homes, to build manufacturing, to build cities to make the hitherto barren wastes to blossom as the rose, to develop the mines, to instill new life and energy in to all trades professions and enterprise.

True, we have not cities dense with population, as yet; we do not as yet count our population by the scores to square mile, but we have the natural facilities, for the support of millions of inhabitants within the belt embraced by the Pacific Ocean on the west and the snow capped peaks of the Rocky Mountains on the east. This belt will yet be the paradise of the United States, the home of enterprise and enterprising men. We have been of slow growth because of our remoteness from the Centers of Commerce, but our wigwags have disappeared and we feel that we are in the land of the blest. We are thankful to know that our lot has been cast just where we are.

**THE INCREASE OF CRIME**

The question whether crime is increasing in a faster ratio than population is an important one. Certainly the reports of crime are alarmingly frequent. The telegraph is burdened with such reports, and the press is full of them. And there is no cessation or diminution in it. The stream of crime flows steadily on, and to all appearances seems to be growing wilder and deeper. Is it really or is this impression of steady increase due to the improved facilities for gathering and disseminating news? Some statistics recently published seem to indicate an actual increase. The Rev. Frederick H. Wines, editor of the International Record of Charities and Corrections, is high authority on the subject of criminal statistics, and has given much care to the compilation and comparison of prison statistics, in the regard to the convicts and commitments to seven prisons. For the two penitentiaries of Pennsylvania they show that the ratio of commitments to the population rose from one in 15,320 in the year 1830 to 1 in 5,931 in 1880. In the penitentiary at Trenton, N. J., the ratio of commitments rose from 1 in 6,971 in 1830 to 1 in 2,346 in 1880. The itemized figures show an increase in each decade. In Maine the ratio increased from 1 in 15,323 1830 to 1 in 11,188 in 1880. In New Hampshire the number of commitments doubled in sixty years. Mr. Wines is especially familiar with the statistics of Illinois, having been for several years secretary of the state board of charities. In that state the ratio of commitments has risen from 1 in 9,460 in 1850 to 1 in 3,481 in 1880. This is a very large increase. The data in regard to Iowa are incomplete, but a careful statistician estimates that in that state, during a period of twenty years, crime has increased 60 percent. faster than population. The states named may be taken as average northern states, representing the eastern and middle western divisions of the country. "These seven states," says Mr. Wines, "include nearly one-fourth of the total population, and it is fair to presume that there are more than one-third more convicts now in the entire country, in proportion to the population, than there were twenty years ago, at the close of the war."

If Mr. Wines' figures are correct the conclusion is irresistible that crime is increasing in a much faster ratio than population. The fact should arrest attention and set good citizens to thinking. If crime is increasing at this rate, what is the cause, and is there a remedy?—Spokane Review.

It is rumored, says the Oregonian, that Oregon Pacific is to have its terminus at Portland; that it secured a loan of 10,000,000, with which to pay off its debts, with the proviso that its terminal point should be Portland.

**FARMERS CLUB.**

As it will soon be long evenings, would it not be a good idea for farmers in different sections of the county to organize a Farmers Agricultural debating society for the coming fall and winter evenings. The time—once a week, might be made very profitable to them, by discussing topics kindred to their vocations, viz: What are the most profitable crops, how best should the soil be tilled, the character of the soil best adapted to certain crops etc. Much valuable information could be gained in an exchange of such ideas, as it would have a tendency to excite interest in the matter and every intelligent husbandman, gain points in farming he never knew before. He would soon find himself searching everything pertaining to his line of business, that he could command. It would create a higher and better influence on his sons, and they would be more apt to accept farming as an occupation, because they appreciated it from an intelligent standpoint, than from the too oft assertion, "I am not fit for anything else." If a man is a farmer because he is unfit for any other vocation, he is not likely to be fit even for a farmer. An intelligent farmer is just as intelligent in his line of business, as an intelligent mechanic, lawyer or physician is in his line or profession, and every farmer should study the needs and requirements of his calling with just as much energy as any other tradesman or profession should his. Besides the information derived it would afford much pleasure to the participants. Try it and you will see good results grow out of the effort.

Some people want the promised "boom" to come to Oregon right away, without any change of cars or delay. They forget that it takes people to make a "boom." We must have the people. When the railroad connection between California and Oregon is completed, and when the Southern Pacific company assumes active management of their new acquisition the Oregon and California, and when they turn their attention to the development of the resources of the country tributary to their road, they will put forth efforts to supply the deficiency, and to bring people here to see our country—people to make investments and inaugurate new enterprises; people to infuse new life, inaugurate a new order of things; people of push and enthusiasm. Then the "boom" will come, and settle down and stay here. It will remain in business until every instrument of generous providence is used to give activity, life prosperity and happiness to a population in comparison to which the 225,000 people now in Oregon is only as a score to a multitude.—Statesman.

Judge Denny has decided that a settler on the public lands under the homestead act, pending his residence thereon, and prior to the issue of a final certificate, is like a person in possession under an uncompleted contract of purchase, and he is not authorized to cut or remove timber therefrom except for the purpose of preparing the land in the ordinary way for tillage, but if he does cut and remove timber therefrom for export and sale merely, and afterwards obtains a certificate from the register and receiver of his compliance with the law, as such settler, the United States cannot thereafter maintain an action against him for damages for cutting such timber, nor against one to whom he may have disposed of the same for the conversion thereof.

Idaho wants her borders widened out. She is seeking a more direct relation with the government.

The Chemawa Indian school in Marion county, has twelve recruits from the Hoopa tribe in California.

Judge Fields sustains Stanford in refusing to answer certain questions propounded by the railroad commission, at San Francisco, recently.

The attempted wheat corner in San Francisco resulted in a loss of about \$4,000,000 to the projectors. Good enough! Pussy does not always get her corner, the coffee brokers found that out a short time ago.

Edward Croft, a well known real estate dealer of Portland, was thrown from his cart by a runaway horse last Saturday. He fell on his head striking the hard street and died from the effect a few hours afterwards.

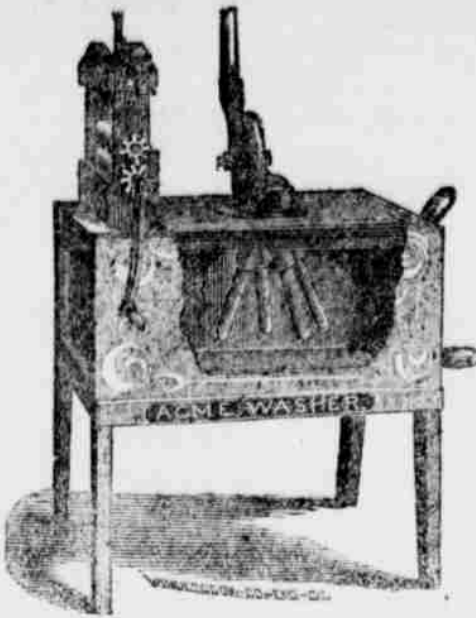
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**TESTIMONIALS.**

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This is to certify that I have used the Acme washing machine and wringer to do two large family washings, and it gave me perfect satisfaction, and I think it will do all that it is recommended to do. MRS. CHARLES ROBINS, Union, Or. May 11, 1887.

Union City Hotel, May 11th, 1887. This is to certify that the Acme washing machine has done two washings at my hotel, and it has given perfect satisfaction, and I think it will do all that Mr. Coffinberry represents it to do. L. J. BOOTHE.

Union, Oregon, May 12, 1887. This is to certify that I have used the Acme washing machine and wringer, and thoroughly tested it, and am now satisfied that it is the best washing machine now in use, and unhesitatingly recommend it to any person wishing a washing machine. I am satisfied that it will do all or more than is claimed for it by Mr. Coffinberry. MARY E. EATON.

Union, Oregon, May 10, 1887. This is to certify that we have tested the Acme washing machine and wringer on several occasions, and I have no hesitation in saying that it is the best machine we have seen. MRS. EMMA JONES, MRS. ALLIE JONES.

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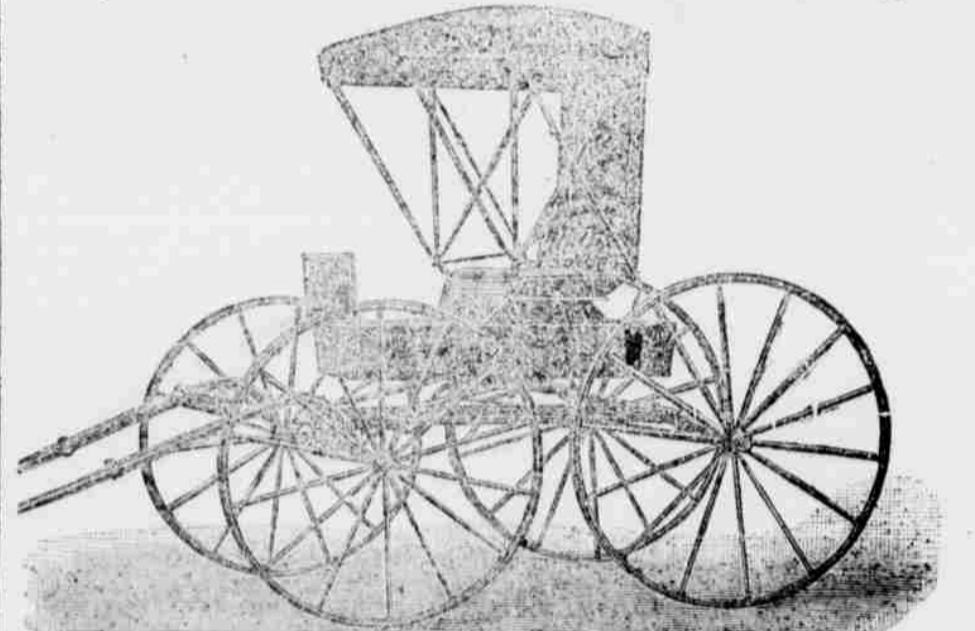
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