

While the wool season is closed, the wheat season is just commencing which makes a long season of active work for Heppner.

There is some talk of starting a daily newspaper in Portland. It is very likely that there will be a whole lot of talk before the paper is started.

The development of the Mayflower mines will add to the trade of this city from the Ritter and Susanville districts. This emphasizes the need of a good road from here to Ritter.

Carnegie's trust deed to the Scotch universities required a \$25,000 stamp. It is said to have been the largest stamp duty ever paid in Scotland on a deed of settlement. It is now proposed to make Carnegie Lord Rector of Glasgow university.

With what Heppner can do and with the aid from Susanville and Ritter, a good start can be made on the new road from Heppner to Ritter this season. This proposition should be pushed with energy. Every day the work is put off means a loss of business for Heppner people.

Dispatches state that poor old Paul Kruger is losing his mind. The continuance of the war in the Transvaal and the death of his wife is a great strain on Mr. Kruger in his declining years. He is certainly an object of pity. What greater tribute can be paid to a man than to say that he is loved by his people, and "Oom" Paul certainly is.

The exhaustion of the timber supply along the banks of the Yukon in Alaska, caused by the invasion of Commerce, is becoming a serious problem. Only the few seasons of steamer traffic has made great inroads upon the available timber supply. The importance of this great commercial highway is growing each year, and all boats plying its waters have been drawing their fuel from the forests along the banks. Heretofore miners in Alaska have only searched for gold but the demand for fuel will stimulate the search for coal in the future.

Wheat of the Columbia Basin is turning out in the measure better than it promised standing in the fields. The salmon run, which was a failure in the first half of the season, is so great that the salmon trust, before its organization is fairly completed, is counting on distributing \$1,000,000 in dividends. Railroads can't get cars enough to carry their traffic, nor laborers enough to build extensions into new fields. There is great demand for fishermen and harvest hands. No man able and willing to work is idle. And yet we are told this is the dull season.—Oregonian.

The revolution in Colombia, South America, which has been in progress for over a year, has now entered a stage where our interests in uninterrupted traffic across the isthmus of Panama seem to be imperiled. A few days ago a train was held up for an hour at a point fifteen miles outside of Panama. As a precautionary measure, therefore, the gunboat Machias has been ordered to proceed at once from Boston Navy Yard to Hampton Roads to prepare there to sail for Colon, a port near Aspinwall, the eastern terminus of the Panama railroad. Her mission is to be one of observation rather than of intervention, as nothing has yet occurred in the disturbed republic calling for us to intervene. We are guaranteed the right of free transit across the isthmus under the treaty of 1846, and not since 1885 have we been required to interfere with the republic's internal affairs in defense of our rights. Our position regarding free transitistman traffic was fully defined that year through the landing of an armed force of bluejackets and marines and the temporary occupation by them of the city of Panama. Unless the Colombians stop the opera-

tion of the Panama railroad the Machias will take no part in their quarrel, but will merely look on while the contending factions fight it out.

The present great steel strike has every indication of being the greatest struggle in the history of unionism. It is a great test case in which the ultimate result will determine whether or not the laboring man will have anything to say in the matter of justice and right in his own behalf. Both Mr. Morgan and President Shaffer are now represented as making preparations for a long fight to the bitter end. Whether the labor unions can hold out long enough to force recognition from the steel trust is a question that may end in great suffering and even blood shed. While the unions have employed some methods that are not altogether just, the methods of the unions are no worse than those employed by the trust. Mr. Morgan has been obstinate and aggressive in forcing this great struggle upon the country. He despises to grant concessions to the unions. He wants to own the men and make them a part of his machinery to be moved in any direction that he may dictate. So long as President Shaffer conducts the strike quiet and orderly, the way it has gone so far, in a manner that can be approved, public sympathy will be with the laborers. They will have moral support if not financial aid from the people. To get any recognition and to keep pace with present conditions where all of the great employing agencies are so well organized, labor unions must organize, and to assert their rights with a bold front, is a privilege furnished to all men in this country, by American liberty.

INDUSTRIAL DEPRESSION IN GERMANY.

Depression, industrial and financial, has pursued German manufactures and trade relentlessly for some months. It has now, apparently, reached its lowest ebb. If not, it has gone far enough to make clear the causes that feed it and to show the improbability of relief either to manufactures or trade in the near future. The official revenues required to maintain the imperial splendor, and military strength necessary to make forcible the Kaiser's policy, are enormous, and press heavily upon manufacturers. From this burden there is no prospect of relief. A short period of financial prosperity a few years ago led to the organization of too many "industrialists," while the evils of over-capitalization of corporations and insecure banking have preyed upon the substance of the people.

The latter evils have found remedy in the usual way. Insecure methods have met public exposure and fictitious values have been eliminated from exploited institutions, resulting in forcing many into liquidation. The remaining factor of disaster—official revenues—remains in full force, with the menace of further increase overshadowing it. The agrarians are making a mighty effort to shift a larger share of this burden upon industry, in the hope of relieving the tremendous pressure upon the landowning class, by increasing the tariff on food products, while manufacturers, already overburdened, are protesting against it.

In the meantime, American manufactures are crowding German products out of the world's markets and draining Germany of its wealth. Britain is practically out of Germany's way, having all she can do to hold her own against the enormous drain of the South African war. The United States, on the contrary, relieved of the expense of active warfare, has already lowered its war taxes, and the country is forging ahead both financially and industrially at a rate that makes it a tremendous and growing power in the commerce of the world. Labor disturbances are, however, growing in this country at a rate that hints strongly at industrial and commercial depression in the near future by placing a serious check upon production and exports. Perhaps German manufacturers see a gleam of hope in this threatened arrest of our producing capacity. If so, this is the only crumb of comfort that is in sight for them, and, being human, they have no doubt seized upon it with the hope that it may grow in extent and volume.—Oregonian.

Literary Notes

Winston Johnson writes with knowledge and appreciation of a picturesque and useful feature of foreign travel in his letter to the Argonaut for August 12, 1901. "The Courier Mail" is the subject of his sketch, and he finds many good things to say of her peculiarities and service.

Fashion has decided that the habit-back skirt, so generally popular a few seasons ago, is to be revived, and it is shown in various attractive modifications. Both the slender figure and that inclined to embonpoint will appear to advantage in this style of skirt when the details of adaptability are studied, while the woman whose figure is perfectly proportioned will readily appreciate the long, graceful lines that characterize these modes. Ten different styles of habit-back skirts are shown in the September delineator.

Some hoodlums in Fairmount, Lane County, have been throwing rocks through the windows of Pullman cars.

Horses ran away with a big combined harvester the other day near La Grande. The best horse in the bunch broke a leg, but little other damage was done.

A man by the name of Knox, at Hood River, entered a physician's office there for medical assistance, when it was discovered he had a well-defined case of smallpox. He was removed to the pesthouse, 1 1/2 miles from town.

By the generous offer of Mrs. M. L. M. Richards, the City of Athena is to have a public library. It is to be known as the Darwin A. Richards Memorial Library, and will be housed in a fireproof building at the corner of Main and Fifth streets.

The British government has undertaken to restore the ancient order of things by storing the flood waters of the Nile, so that, by irrigating, once more the desert lands of Egypt will be in condition to supply cotton, cereals and other products enough for the markets of the world, since three crops can be raised a year. This is to be accomplished by the erection of dams across the channel of the Nile. Two of these are now nearing completion, which has made the undertaking possible. It is of interest to know that 25,000 natives and Italians are now at work in shifts of 12,500 each by night and day in the completion of the dams. The same quarries that supplied stone to King Menes are being worked by them, and the grooves and notches of laborers who extracted rough mineral for the temples of Philae and Cleopatra's needle were found by the men who are using modern implements propelled by steam to obtain stone for the dams.—Leslie's Weekly.

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