

How about a Fourth of July celebration for Heppner?

Don't let the Commercial club proposition die out.

Everything now looks favorable for a very prosperous year in Morrow county. This is certainly a good country.

The howl of Baker City against the portage road at The Dalles, makes this town appear to be a very small speck in the Inland Empire. The complaint is without any foundation whatever. The people of the Inland Empire want the portage road and there is no mistake about it.

President Roosevelt voiced the sentiment of the American people in his Chicago speech when he said: "Our duty to ourselves and to the weaker republics who are our neighbors requires us to see that none of the great military powers from across the seas shall encroach upon the territory of the American republics or acquire control thereof." And if the following expression is backed up, the Monroe doctrine will always be maintained: "It is too late to prepare for war when war has come, and if we only prepare sufficiently, no war will ever come."

REFERENDUM AND THE PORTAGE ROAD.

It is persistently rumored that at the instigation of certain railroad interests, petitions are being circulated, particularly in back counties, to require a referendum on the portage railroad law. Accepting this report as true, it is asked: "Is it not significant, and discouraging, that the first use of the new initiative-referendum clause of the Constitution should be made by corporations, which seek thereby to grind their own axes for more effective use against the public welfare?" In this view of the case it is assumed that the railroads are behind this reported movement, and that they may seek to defeat or render as nugatory as possible the portage railroad law, so that they can maintain their monopoly and charge freight rates to suit themselves, without reference to the people's welfare.

All this is not certain. The railroads, it would seem, even if they do not like the portage railroad law, would scarcely go to the trouble of circulating initiative petitions unless they had fairly good reasons for supposing that the law would be voted down at the referendum. And of this result it also seems—though opinions will differ—there is slight ground for expectation. Eastern Oregon and the river counties, including Multnomah, would certainly support the law by great majorities, and a large portion of the people of the Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon would vote in favor of the law and the road.

But it may be surmised, again, that the railroads expect this, but figure that the operation of the referendum would delay the building of the road in time to be used for crop-moving next Fall or Winter, which would make a big difference in their income. This is plausible—again on the assumption that the railroads are active in the matter—until the question is considered whether the railroad

would be built this year anyway, if there were no referendum? Would the referendum really delay the construction? Many preliminaries are to be arranged, and possibly a careful resurvey, to determine whether the appropriation will approximately cover the cost. So it is not certain that a popular vote on the law would very materially delay the work.—Telegram.

WHY THE U. S. IS PROSPEROUS

The magnitude of the foreign trade of the United States is shown in the "Statistical Abstract of the World," a publication under preparation by the United States treasury bureau of statistics. The total international commerce of the world in 1901 was about \$21,000,000,000, of which \$10,000,000,000 was exports and \$11,000,000,000 imports. This indicates that, roughly speaking, it costs a billion dollars a year to transport the world's foreign commerce.

In foreign trade the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland still leads the world, with Germany second, and the United States close third. The foreign trade of the United Kingdom in 1901 aggregated \$3,572,000,000 of which \$2,210,000,000 were imports and \$1,362,000,000 exports.

Germany's total for the same year was \$2,344,000,000—\$1,290,000,000 imports and \$1,054,000,000 exports.

In the same period the foreign trade of the United States aggregated \$2,283,000,000, of which \$823,000,000 were imports and \$1,460,000,000 exports.

But while the United States third in total foreign trade, it leads the world in the value of products and merchandise sold to other lands.

In "favorable balance of trade," or excess of exports over imports, the United States also holds first rank among the nations, her excess of exports over imports being not only greater than that of any other country, but actually more, in 1901, than the total excess of exports over imports of all other countries whose exports exceeded imports.

This happy condition explains, in part, the prosperity this country now enjoys, a prosperity tempered, through, by our annual outlay for ocean transportation and the amount of gold paid yearly as interest requirements on foreign held obligations.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, climate and crop bulletin of the Weather Bureau, Oregon section, for the week ending Monday, April 7, 1903.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The past week has been cool and showery, with some high winds and frequent light frosts. The soil is in excellent condition for plowing and seeding, and this work, as a rule, has progressed satisfactorily. Fall wheat and forage plants in all parts of the state have made fairly good growth, and pasturage is much improved. Stock is thinner, in flesh than usual at this season of the year. Angora goat shearing in the western section of the state is nearly completed and the clip is an average one.

Hop yards have been cleaned and cultivated, and the hops have started to grow.

Fruit trees came through the winter in excellent shape; fruit buds have been held back by the cool weather, and only a small proportion of the earliest varieties are now in bloom.

COLUMBIA RIVER VALLEY.

The Dalles, Wasco County—Week cool and stormy; light frost Thursday; no damage; some seed-

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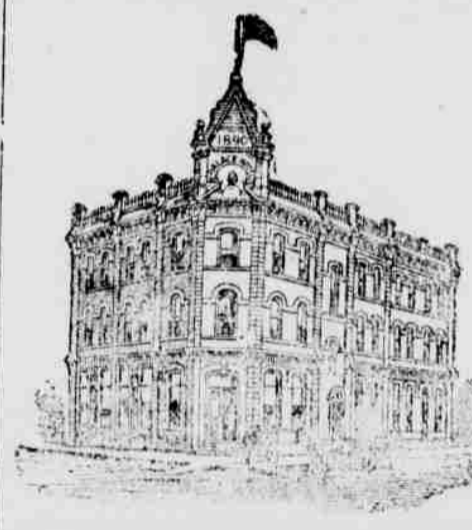
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Kent, Sherman County—Fore part of week warm, latter part cold and cloudy; some snow on 3d. Grass is fine; lambing well along; grain doing fairly well.

Blalock, Gilliam county—Fall wheat continues to grow in good shape after passing through the winter unharmed. Weather has been favorable for plowing and spring seeding.

Lexington, Morrow County—Weather variable. Vegetation has developed slowly. Fruit buds are beginning to open.

Echo, Umatilla County—Fall sown grain doing well. No perceptible damage done by winter freezes. Spring seeding well advanced; pastures backward; fruit prospects excellent; alfalfa beginning to grow rapidly. Crop of lambs will apparently be an average one, or better; they are in good condition.



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CONSENT WAS UNEXPECTED.
Why a Little Girl Was Willing to Have an Operation Performed on Her Eyes.

There is one little girl in Washington who recently gave her parents an exhibition of her nature for which they were totally unprepared. The child was cross-eyed, and her affliction was a source of extreme annoyance to herself and family. An oculist was consulted, who advised an operation to remedy the defect, and so it was decided to take the little one to a hospital in Baltimore. The utmost secrecy was observed in the matter. Miss Annie had once made a great fuss about having a tooth pulled, and, of course, it was to be expected that she would enter serious objections to an operation on her eyes, says the Washington Post.

She was taken to Baltimore under the impression that she was going on a pleasure trip with her father and mother. When they arrived at the hospital the mother took her daughter in her lap and nervously bronched the real object of the trip. She set forth in all its triple horror the embarrassment which is the lot of the cross-eyed person, stating that the trouble would increase as she grew older.

"Now, Annie," she said, finally, "we have brought you over here to have your eyes straightened. It won't hurt you at all. Wouldn't you like to have your eyes like other people's?"

"You just bet I would," exclaimed Annie, to the astonishment of the others. "You can go ahead and do anything you want, and I don't care how much it hurts. I'm just sick and tired of having a pack of colored boys spit into their hats and cross their fingers every time they meet me."

The operation was performed forthwith, and the young lady has as good a pair of eyes as anybody in Washington.

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