

The Japs are making big preparations for that Christmas turkey at Port Arthur.

Farmers are taking advantage of the fine Fall weather. A big acreage of wheat has already been sown.

In most of the northern and western states 80 per cent of the farms are farmed by their owners. Who said that the farmers were not prosperous?

Up to the close of last week the attendance at the St. Louis fair aggregated 552,019, making the total for the season 17,617,905. The total attendance will not reach the expected 20,000,000.

The O. R. & N. will make extensive improvements in bettering the road bed during the coming year. An appropriation of \$3,000,000 has just been made by the Harriman system for this purpose.

A colony of two hundred farmers will leave Missouri because that state went Republican at the recent election. This will probably be good for Missouri, but the trouble is they can't get off the earth.

Letson Balliet, who was a princely promoter of his-get-rich-quick White Swan proposition, and who made \$250,000 out of his dishonest methods, has at last been convicted. A sentence of three months in jail and a fine of \$300 looks like mockery instead of justice.

The prohibition elections in Gilliam, Yamhill and Malheur counties have been declared illegal by the county courts in the counties above named. There will probably be several changes made in the prohibition law at the next session of the legislature.

When the Japanese are ordered by the Mikado to take Port Arthur at any cost, the world can rest assured that the little brown soldiers of the land of the rising sun will do it. The question is now down to one of lives. The Japanese can be expected to hurl regiment after regiment at the fortifications and continue the assault until the garrison is either annihilated or forced to surrender. "At any cost" will mean that the sacrifice of human life will be terrible. Even General Stoessel's firm stand cannot resist the onslaught when the Japanese are prepared to take the stronghold without regard to loss of life.

MEXICO ON A GOLD BASIS.

The gold standard goes marching on, and it is now a certainty that Mexico, one of the few remaining countries without a stable system of currency, will adopt it at an early date. A bill was introduced into the Mexican Congress last week for the purpose of placing the country on a gold basis, and as it had the approval of President Diaz, the Finance Minister and the Cabinet, its success is assured. This will leave China as the only important country on earth that is still clinging

to the silver standard, and even in that benighted country there is an excellent prospect for the early adoption of gold. The basis of stability will in time be forced on China, just as it has been forced on Mexico.

In the old days, when Mexico was drifting along in a semi-civilized state, enjoying only a mild degree of intercourse with the more progressive nations of the earth, any old thing, from bull hides to poker chips, was in a measure satisfactory as a medium of exchange. Silver came into general use because the country possessed a number of very rich silver mines, and this metal was accordingly handier to get than a metal of greater intrinsic value. So long as Old Mexico remained among the "trailers" in the march of civilization the disadvantages of a flexible standard were not so apparent as they are at the present time. But recently Mexico has been moving up in the procession, and her silver basis has proven far from satisfactory. Capital from gold-basis countries was shy about seeking employment in a country where the financial standard was ever varying with the price of bullion.

Mexico is wonderfully rich in latent resources, and the American railroad builders, who have been the most important factors in its commercial growth, have, in spite of the unsatisfactory financial system, made fairly good profits on the money invested. Investment on other lines, however, has been withheld largely through fear that a depreciated currency might materially reduce the value of the investment when it became advisable to withdraw or decrease it. The plan which Mexico is now about to adopt will not result in increasing the value of silver, nor will it depreciate it. The white metal will continue to have an intrinsic value fixed by the law of supply and demand, for any and all purposes for which it can be used, but as a medium of exchange its use in Mexico in the future will be under the domination of the gold standard.

The issue of silver coins will be restricted to the actual necessities of trade, and these coins will be kept on a gold-standard basis by means of ample reserves of the finer metal. The experience of a number of countries which have changed to a gold basis, notably Russia and Japan, has been highly satisfactory in results, a marked increase in trade following the change. Similar beneficial results will undoubtedly be noted as soon as Mexico gets the new financial system in working order. China, which is slowly emerging from the darkness of centuries, is already feeling the influence of a higher civilization, and will be forced to adopt the gold standard by the coming of the same conditions as forced the change on Mexico.—Oregonian.

Will Build Dipping Vats.

The cattlemen of Morrow county and the business men of Heppner will build dipping vats in this city. Almost enough money has already been subscribed to complete the enterprise. It is the intention to organize a stock company and build vats sufficient to accommodate all stock that it will be necessary to dip before shipping from this point. Land has been purchased near the O. R. & N. stockyards. As soon as the stock is all subscribed, officers will be elected and plans for the work will be secured from the government inspector so that construction work can be commenced right away. This will be a great convenience as well as a saving of money to many stockmen who ship from Heppner.

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After a Stubborn Trial Rea and Matteson Convicted.

Albert Rea and Charles Matteson were this morning sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, having been convicted, of horse stealing, in the circuit court.

The trial which began Wednesday a week ago and which was concluded Tuesday evening of this week, was one of the most stubborn and lengthy in the history of this county, and from the prominence of the parties connected with it was a topic of widespread interest.

In all about 40 witnesses were subpoenaed.

District Attorney Phelps was assisted in the prosecution by Judge Fee, of Pendleton, while the defense was represented by Judge Bennett, G. W. Rea, P. J. Bannon and Senator Morrow.

The case went to the jury at about 5 o'clock Friday evening and the verdict of guilty was handed in at about 9:30 that evening. The history of the case is as follows:

Chas. Repass and Nick Leathers, of Hardman, while passing through Sumpter last summer discovered two missing horses belonging to J. M. Humphreys and W. E. Royse. Mr. Humphreys and Mr. Royse were notified which caused an investigation which brought out facts that the animals had been sold by Rea and Matteson. This led to the arrest of Rea and Matteson by Sheriff Shutt. Examination was waived. District attorney's information was filed last October and the men were placed under bonds. Their trial coming up at this term of court with the result as above stated.

The case will be appealed to the supreme court.

BIG LAND SALE.

Caz Matlock Sells the Old Home Ranch.

Caz Matlock, a well known citizen and one of Morrow county's rugged pioneers, has sold the old homestead in Lena precinct, about 21 miles from Heppner, to Joe Doherty. There were about 3600 acres in the place and with it about 1800 head of sheep were sold. The consideration was \$16,000. Mr. Matlock has resided on this place for the past 30 years.

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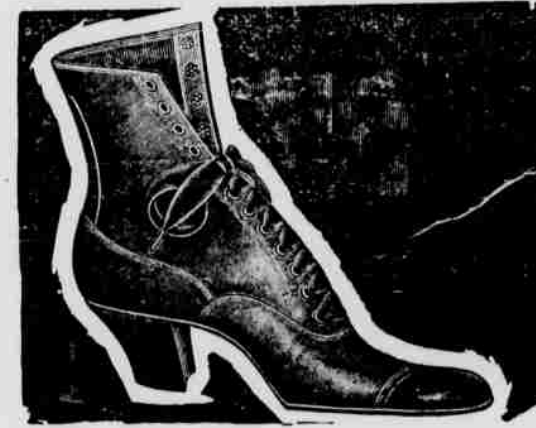
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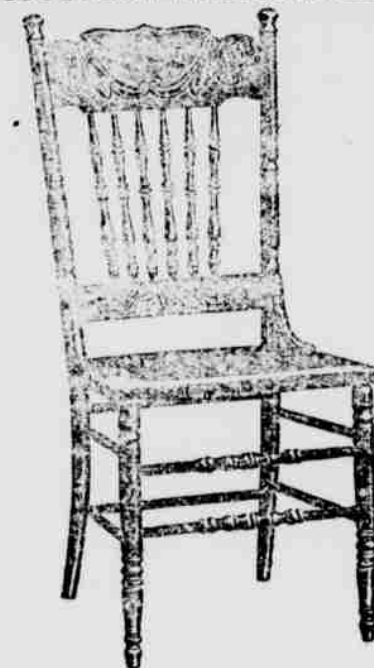
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The fish catch on Rogue river was the second largest in the history of that stream.

About 16,000 dressed turkeys were shipped from Oakland last Saturday to San Francisco.