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RUSSIA DISTANCED BY THE UNITED STATES.

The late reports from Russia are calculated to dissipate any apprehensions which may have been entertained that the United States could not successfully compete with that country in the product of breadstuffs for European markets. Russia has in former years sold wheat to other European countries to a large extent, but it does not follow that it realized a profit on the cost of the production, for it may have been, as it is asserted to be now, that producers were forced by their immediate necessities to realize. According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the New York Sun, Russia has "thrown up the sponge" in the contest as the granary of the world. It is stated that Russian farmers and grain dealers and the public at large are panic stricken. Millions of peasants have hastened to sell their grain in order to pay the arrears of taxes and sundry debts. But the prices have been exceedingly low, and now many of them are penniless, and have no provisions for the winter. It is even said that the minister of the interior has already admitted that he has not means enough to save the peasants from starvation and to provide them with seed for future crops.

This is a sad state of affairs for the farming interest in Russia, but is conclusive evidence that the primitive methods of farming in Russia cannot compete with the modern and labor-saving appliances of this country. The sulky plows and reapers of the United States are too much for the hoe and sickle of Russia. But it is not the producers only who suffer, for it is stated that the Russian grain dealers have lost fully ten per cent. on their investments. Probably the cost of wheat in our country is much less than in Russia, and our transportation facilities are so much better, that the difference in the cost at the seaboard is much less here than there.

A Russian grain merchant is reported as saying: "The American cheap grain has completely undermined us. It is clear that we cannot compete with our trans-Atlantic friends. Do you think a man with a hoe can compete with a man with a steam plow? That represents our respective conditions. Our agriculture is in a primitive state and our transportation in its infancy. In spite of our dear labor, American grain costs the producer one-half as much as Russian grain, and besides in America an acre of cultivated soil yields three times as much as we get from our soil, which as yet knows no manure."

There are also complaints that although millions of roubles have been spent in boring for petroleum upon the shores of the Caspian sea, and that abundance of supplies have been found, still the American article is supplied so cheaply that it is impossible to compete with it in foreign markets, and even in Russia itself it is used more extensively than the home product.

A square deal is one of the things which the Augustus New Age would have. Therefore, if a newspaper editor is to be arrested for criticising the rulings of a judge, the New Age would have the judge "run in" when he criticises the editorial of the editor. If the latter is to be liable for contempt of court, why, it asks, should not the judge be liable for contempt of press? The question is now before the brethren, and they are at liberty to discuss it. Please not indulge in swear words or unseemly personalities.—Boston Post.

After Jan. 1st the emigrant rates between San Francisco and the east will be increased \$12. The cause of this raise is that the eastern roads complain that they do not make enough off the through ticket.

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The Great Northern Pacific Land Sale

A Philadelphia dispatch of recent date says that the great sale of lands by the Northern Pacific Railroad company is fully confirmed by officials of the company. Under the agreement, the purchasers are to take 3,000,000 acres east of the Missouri river and pay for it in preferred stock at par. The price of the land is \$4 per acre, so that on the completion of the contract \$12,000,000 of the preferred stock will be retired. The whole amount of land owned by the Northern Pacific Railroad company east of the Missouri river is 3,350,000 acres, and the purchasing syndicate have the right to select the land from them. The syndicate is composed of Baring Bros., London; Lee Higginson & Co., Boston; J. N. Endicott, Boston, and other capitalists of that city, New York and London. The Barings are at the head of this great scheme and their great wealth and influence will make it a success. The syndicate will colonize the lands with carefully selected English settlers as soon as possible, and if the scheme meets with the success its projectors expect, the population of Minnesota and Dakota will be largely increased in the next four years from these emigrants alone. The original amount of the preferred stock was \$51,000,000. Of this nearly \$11,000,000 has already been retired on account of sales of lands, or are in the treasury of the company. This will leave outstanding when the \$12,000,000 presented by the syndicate is retired between \$28,000,000 and \$29,000,000 of preferred stock. The syndicate had the privilege of holding the stock until Dec. 9th, when they were entitled to the dividend of 11 per cent. already declared on the stock, and which was payable on that date. If the stock can be sold at the present rate, which is thought possible, in view of the retirement of so large an amount, the syndicate will make about two per cent. by the transaction. This transaction is one of the largest that ever took place in this or any other country, and it must prove a great advantage to the Northern Pacific, not only in retiring more than one-fourth of the preferred stock, but in bringing to the country through which the road passes a large population in the near future.—S. P. I.

Oregon is destined to become the banner state of the Pacific slope. This is not an idle boast, but the calm deduction of patient investigation. A state to become great, wealthy and powerful, must possess a genial climate, fertile soil and abundant resource. It must have easy access to central marts of trade. If it has broad agricultural privileges, it will become strong; in addition it possesses prolific manufacturing facilities, it will become powerful; and if coupled with these leading factors it can command a wide range of commercial intercourse, it will become mighty. Oregon has all these natural advantages in process of development. It has wealth of area. It has a mild and genial climate. It has a rich, virgin soil. It is possessed of great agricultural, manufacturing and commercial privileges. Its latent resource is wonderful to contemplate. Its era of development has but commenced. Trans-Atlantic railroads are straining every nerve to reach its borders. Staunch steamships are being built to traffic in its commerce. These motors of civilization will bring immigration and immigration will bring rapid development and development will bring prosperity and prosperity will bring contentment. Our population will double, treble and quadruple. This will give us a stronger representation at the seat of government and lend additional facility to command subsidies for the improvement of our harbors, rivers and coasts. It has been demonstrated by experiment that

our table and prairie lands are susceptible of producing all classes of cereals in the greatest abundance. That our uplands and highlands, even to the summits of our mountain ranges, are natural pastures for the propagation of all kinds of grasses. This leaves nought but our desert lands until later, and even these to a great extent by the fostering hand of labor will be reclaimed and brought to swell the great, pulsating stream of unbounded resources.—Albany Herald.

A Difficulty Settled.
The Northern Pacific and Manitoba roads which have long been antagonistic over the construction of new lines, seem to have arrived at an amicable settlement. The arrangement is substantially as follows: The Northern Pacific turns over to the Manitoba 118 miles and receives in return 100 miles. It is agreed that neither company shall build in common territory, without first obtaining the consent of the other. In detail the branch lines surrendered are these: The Northern Pacific gives up to the Manitoba the Casselton branch 45 miles; Fergus Falls to Pelican Rapids, 22 miles; the Manitoba and Southwestern from Winnipeg to Nelsonville, 55 miles—total 118 miles. The Manitoba gives up to the Northern Pacific the Brown's Valley line, from Norris to Brown's Valley, 48 miles; from Breckenridge west 34 miles; and from Morris to a point east 12 miles—total, 100 miles.

The American ship Eldorado, while endeavoring to enter Esquimaux harbor, on the 20th, ran on the rocks, where she now lies. The steamship G. W. Elder offered to drag her off for \$1000, but the captain declined the offer and the ship is still on the rocks, exposed to the full fury of a heavy south-east gale.

Trenor W. Park died on the steamer bound for Aspinwall, of paralysis, Dec. 15th. His body has been embalmed and will be returned from Aspinwall on the steamer San Blas to New York. His estate is valued at \$12,000,000.

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