## The Daily Astorian.

## ASTORIA, OREGON:

...SEPTEMBER 14, 188 SUNDAY ... A TIME OF EXTREME LOW PRICES

THE price of wheat has not been so Wheat may not touch as low a price some time be higher. And this, the San Francisco Bulletin thinks, may be assumed for several reasons. First, because the population of the world is rapidly increasing. The breadeaters are increasing. There are more people living in comfort on the globe than ever before. Civilization advances. The arts are multiplied. Colonies are planted. New communities are the germs of new states and kingdoms. The world is not going backward. It is advancing. Contrary to the opinion of some theorists the world is not over-populated. It is under populated. There is room for at least eight hundred million more people than are now on the globe. Wars, famines and pestilences have kept the population down. As to wars, it is difficult to predict what is in the future. It may be assumed that hereafter wars will be of short duration. There will never be another thirty years' peninsular war.

It may be assumed that hereafter there will be fewer epidemics in great cities because of the greater conservation of human life through the precautions resulting from a better acquaintance with sanitary agents. The bread-eaters are increasing rap idly. The natural wheat belt can never be increased. Only the cultivated area can be enlarged. The fourteen hundred millions of the globe may be increased to two thousand million. Look at the vast area in North and South America and Australasia, practically unoccupied to-day. Here is room for three or four hundred million more people than are found on these areas. There are people enough now on the globe to eat up all the food produced. Is it therefore over-production or un der-consumption?

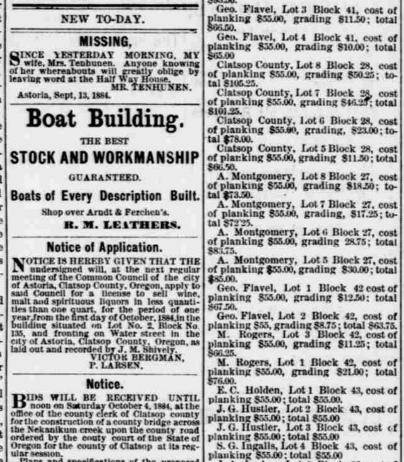
It is not a new thing in the United States, and in the border states especially, that the production of wheat does not pay expenses. Many can recollect when it required two bushels of corn to pay the postage on a letter from Boston to the "western reserve" or northern Ohio. And many will now remember when corn in Illinois was dull of sale at ten cents a bushel, and dressed turkeys were offered at the doors of citizens for twenty-five cents. Yet even in those days there was no overproduction, except in places where distant markets could not be reached. Nearly every year we have accounts of famine in som parts of the world. Just now the de pression in wheat, which has generally been regarded as a standard ommodity, and has heretofore main

THE black death of the fourteenth century, believed by some to have been Asiatic cholers, although the symptoms as described by the historians of the day, differ widely, actually desolated the world. It is computed that 13,000,000 perished in China, and elsewhere in the east about 25,000,000 more. Germany lost

low as it is to-day in a hundred years. nearly 1,800,000; Italy half its entire population; London alone in excess again in another century. If it were of 100,000. In Europe fully 30,000,safe to predict anything about future 000 must have died, and, in all quarters prices, it would be that they will of the globe, not far from 70,000,000.

EVERYTHING appears to be at sixes and sevens among the great powers. France is making havoc among the tea chests. England, France and Germany are trying to get at each other's hair. While the European dogs of war are snarling the American people are happy in the enjoyment of many blessings. Between breaking banks, defaulting cashiers, watered stocks, campaign speeches, trades-union processions, barrels and Ben Butler, America is happy.

MRS. ELIZABETH CADY STANTON has cast her first vote, and there is joy in Eden. The sun shines brightly, \$72.25. the streamlets dance, the birds sing. Woman's wished-for hour has come. \$83.75 She cannot enter the white house on a lone hand quite yet. But she is coming. And won't there be a revolution in that ancient institution \$101.25. when she does come! We feel sorry for the cobwebs. \$93.50.



Plans and specifications of the propos ridge can be seen at the office of the count By order of the county commissiones Attest : C. J. TRENCHARD,

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standard price, appears to have carried down the prices of nearly all the

iron, steel, lead, copper and the manutactured product of these staples. Iron and steel rails are cheap, lead purchase of these articles as it did ROOMS, FOR ONE DOLLAR. two years ago. Moreover, the prices for the whole range of domestic fab rics have been greatly reduced. It is worthy of note that more and more as the price of wheat has been reduced, reduction has followed in nearly the whole list of what are called staple articles. The price of wheat seems to have a governing influence as to the price of a great many leading articles; at least the association is close enough for such an inference Another curious fact is that while

half a century ago it was the producer in the remote border states who had the hardest times, the poorest market and the lowest prices, now he appears to have a decided advantage. His remoteness from great markets is more than balanced by the advantages of machinery employed for cultivating and harvesting his crop, and greater production on new land. The Illinois farmer, who fifty years ago could not pay the postage on a letter from New York with less than two and a half bushels of corn lived long enough in many instances to become rich on his border farm. The Dakota farmer can pay the postage from New York on more than twenty letters with a bushel of corn, and on more than a hundred letters with a bushel of wheat. In the prices of products of all kinds there has been a breaking down. Cheap food is not the greatest of calamities. It works a temporary inconvenience to producers.

THE officers of our navy are said to be afflicted with color blindness In this respect they resemble some of our distinguished statesmen, who are frequently blind to all save their own interests. Blaine, Cleveland, Butler, St. John-each beholds the white house shining like a beautiful star in the far horizon. But, alas! all save one will prove color-blind-in Novem-

Shoo Fly and Andrew Johnson are the names of two Chinamen at Walla Walls who claim the right to vote because they were born in that town.

EVERYBODY Wanto a Da tained something analagous to a WallIS a NUUKUI staple commodities. For instance, The Patent New York Folding the price of the whole range of Rocking Chair is suitable for a metals is very much depressed; viz., SEWING ROCKER, a NURSE ROCK-ER, a BEDROOM ROCKER, is strong and adapted FOR GENERAL USE: and iron pipe are cheap. The bushel and you can get one if you go toof wheat goes about as far in the day to HOLDEN'S AUCTION Sold to cover freight and charges. PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING AT THE OLD STAND. FRED. KROSEL. Satisfaction Guaranteed. FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT. The Fine Iron Clipper Ship GRISEDALE, 100 A1, 1222 Tons Regr. be at Astoria shortly and will take SALMON in lots to suit shippers.

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Sheriff's Sale. BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF FORE-closure and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Classop, in favor of Geo. W. Hume, plaintiff, and against the Footh Ad-ams Packing Company, defendant, for the sum of 317,503.50-160. I am instructed by W. G. Ross, Sheriff of Classop County, to sell at public auction at the Court House door, in said County, on the 26th day of September, at 2 o'clock F. M. of said day.

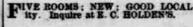
isy, test 100 feet of Blk 1, in Adnir's Astoria, her with the Tide Lands and Wharing eges. Buildings and improvements on, Fixed Machinery and Fixtures, to-r with all Buildings, Improvements, ments, Hereditaments and Appurte-es thereto belonging. ereon, Fix ther with reto belonging. itive. Terms, Cash. B. S. WORSLEY,

for the Sheriff of Clatsop County.

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