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EDITOR GRAPHIC:—I enclose you a few notes of observation that I glean from my memory which have been to me very interesting along my travels and which I desire my friends to share with me as they peruse your paper. I left Portland, and the boys, Kirk, Blair and Elliott, two weeks ago this morning, and took "The Dalles accommodation" for Hood river, where I stopped for three days and "took in" that much heard of place. To say that my expectations of the attractiveness of that town and valley were fully realized would be expressing it mildly. Much has been written about this place which has eclipsed any other locality in the production of strawberries and apples in their perfection, but no one can realize the attractiveness of its surroundings until they have been in the town and valley and imbibed some of the beauty of the natural surroundings, that present themselves to the eye of the beholder on every hand. The town of 400 people composed of tasty residences on the natural terraces of the Columbia river bank, each street running parallel with the river being higher than the one you climb back from the river.

The grounds surrounding the home are generally supplied with spreading branches of large oak trees and some maple. Pure water piped from a spring on the hillside is one of the advantages that the inhabitants of Hood River indulge in.

The valley proper is probably 700 feet higher than the Columbia where it approaches the bluffs of the same. From the river back towards Mt. Hood the valley stretches for fifteen miles. The size of the valley would exceed that of Chehalis three miles I think, both in width and length.

I will not attempt to describe the attractiveness of the natural features of the surroundings of this little Eden among the mountains.

Suffice it to say that I have never been impressed with the beauty of mountain scenery more than when as I stood in the midst of these surroundings and looked up at Mt. Hood to the south, standing forth and exhibiting more grandeur and attractiveness than from any point of observation that I have ever had before and then turning around and looking north Mt. Adams seems almost as imposing and impressive as Hood. The natural scenery is not the only attraction here. I certainly think this must be a fruit-growers paradise.

The strawberry and apple is the principle crop. Very few prune orchards are producing here, though I understand several have been planted recently. The soil the color of soil from a stove pipe, works like an ash heap. I saw two men and one boy setting out plants. Ten thousand is a day's work for three experts. Nineteen thousand are planted on an acre. Thirty thousand crates is the present estimate of the Hood River strawberry crop this year. They usually return about \$2 per crate to the producer, or say \$60,000 this year for one little neighborhood of fifteen hundred people, for the strawberry crop alone to say nothing of the apples and peaches and fishing industry on the Columbia, which later annually runs into the thousands of dollars.

From Hood River I came to The Dalles where I remained four days. At both these places most people are feeling the disadvantage of the scarcity of coin or its equivalent. Though on every hand there is that feeling that as soon as the crops begin to move and our resources are converted into money the financial stress of the last few years will be comparatively overcome. Already the business men of Hood River, The Dalles, Heppner, Pendleton and all along the line report a marked improvement in trade.

The wool crop will soon begin to be delivered and sold. The prices are more satisfactory than for some time, and soon millions of dollars will be in the hands of herdsmen who last year were not able to market their wool at any price. Wool is hauled to The Dalles for 250 miles from the South. Six to twelve horse teams with trail wagons is the general outfit for a teamster. Here they come in, hundreds of loaded wagons per day, sell their wool, and buy their supplies to last from six months to a year.

Another three days stay in Heppner enabled me to make a visit with our old townsman N. C. Maris, who is steadily increasing his herd of Short Horns and that to his satisfaction. He now has about 60 head of pure bloods or pure in the hands of herdsmen who last year were not able to market their wool at any price. Wool is hauled to The Dalles for 250 miles from the South. Six to twelve horse teams with trail wagons is the general outfit for a teamster. Here they come in, hundreds of loaded wagons per day, sell their wool, and buy their supplies to last from six months to a year.

wool product this year and that the returns for sales of stock, wool and grain would be equal to \$500,000 for this season.

Pendleton was my next stopping point. This is a bright place of 3,500 people. The business portion being very compact. The splendid water power here runs a 500 barrel flour mill and furnishes the city with water, also is furnished with a splendid electric light system. Pendleton is said to be by its business men the best town in Eastern Oregon. It certainly is in the midst of a great producing country. One flour mill grinds one million bushels of grain per annum. The Umatilla Indian Reservation joins the town site and a prettier country can scarcely be found in the Northwest than this reservation. I will not take up your space further at present but as I go further I may send you more jottings. By the way before I close I find this Oregon of ours a big country, but all along the way it has been delightful.

Just at this season of the year every mountain and plain, hill and vale and river and rill, has on its best clothing. The almost numberless cattle and sheep grazing on "the thousand hills." The broad stretches of farm land covered with waving fields of luxuriant growth of grains, grasses and alfalfa. The mountain streams are rushing down to the sea freighted with burdens of recently melted ice and snow. A brighter sun never shone upon a more diversified and lovely landscape. It is among such surroundings I live and move and have my being. It is a temptation to get along with short hours of sleep. Daylight comes early so that a great deal of the beauties of nature are lost without an early climb up a mountain side, or a ramble before breakfast along some mountain stream, as it laughs and chats to you in its race toward the sea. More anon. J. HOSMER.

THE GRAECO-TURKISH WAR.

The reports of the trade journals for the past week indicate that the prospect of war in Europe has had an unfavorable influence upon the markets in this country. In the past European wars have stimulated prices and created a greater demand for the staples of this country. If the war should be confined to Greece and Turkey it could not seriously affect the markets, as neither is an important factor in the consumption of the world's surplus of products. Nor is there prospect that such a war would be of long duration if once officially begun. Neither country has revenues and neither has the extensive credit necessary to carry on modern warfare. But for the fact that Greece has once successfully waged war with Turkey as to secure its independence; it might be assumed, from the very great numerical superiority of the Turkish army, that the conflict between it and Greece would be of short duration. For some cause, Turkey is showing a reluctance to declare war, although Greece has afforded abundant cause for it to do so. This is probably because that power desires to impress the civilized world, which it fears if it does not respect, that it is reluctant to declare war and will not do so until it is made very clear that it has no other alternative. There are probably other reasons. Turkey holds under its dominion districts which might take advantage of war with Greece to rise in revolt. Roumania, which has cause for resentment, may, as has been intimated, take the opportunity which a war with Greece would afford to settle old scores. Nevertheless, the army which Turkey can put into the field would be twice as large as Greece alone can muster. It is a fighting army and probably better armed than is that of Greece. The Greeks have more enthusiasm and much of the ferocity of the Turks, which, in some measure, would make up for deficiency in discipline.

There is a vague impression that the greater powers would be drawn into a war begun by Turkey and Greece. The "European war cloud" has draped the skies of Europe many times during a quarter of a century—in the prophetic imagination of foreign correspondents. With such cause for a general war as it is imagined that a collision between Turkey and Greece would afford, a war cloud of unsurpassed blackness and portent is seen by correspondents who mistake imagination for information. But when the matter is canvassed it seems scarcely possible that Germany, France, Great Britain and Russia will so disagree over the war in Greece as to involve Europe in a general war. No power has been ready for war in recent years, and it is probable that no power will assume the responsibility of involving the remainder of Europe in a war which would be more shocking in the loss of human life than any war in history. The sentiment of the progressive nations is opposed to war as a means of adjusting disputes. The recent inventions in death dealing machinery make war a thing dreadful to contemplate. European governments are increasing their armies and navies and their equipment, not in the expectation of war, but to deter each other from resorting to it on any pretext whatever.

It is more probable that should Greece and Turkey become involved in actual war the powers would unite to put an end to it and compel the belligerents to accept terms which they would dictate.—Indianapolis Journal.

The Chicago Record recently gave an account of a new school system which has been adopted in many of the rural townships in the western reserve of Ohio. One township in which there were seven school districts is taken as an example. The seven little school houses have been abandoned and in their stead a fine two story brick school house has been built in the center of the township, where the pupils of the township assemble and are divided into grades as in the public schools in larger places. To insure this result, free transportation has been provided by the town. Bids are called for each year to furnish transportation in large covered wagons which carry twenty five pupils. The wagons drive through the township, the driver sounding a horn as he approaches the homes of pupils that they may be ready. If the pupil is not ready the wagon passes on and a tardy mark is made. As a rule, the tardiness is small, indeed. It has been found that the system costs a third less than that of the old district schools. The wagons cost \$1.05 a day.

Future of the Horse. The Department of Agriculture has issued a statistical report showing the numbers and prices of farm animals in the United States on January 1, 1897. It is especially interesting and valuable in regard to the horse-breeding industry, which in the last few years has taken a downward course and continues to be much disturbed. This state of affairs is usually attributed to the rapid introduction of the trolley and the bicycle, but the figures submitted by the department prove these to have been but minor causes. Most of the decline in prices is due to heavily increased production of horses on the newly opened ranges of the west, and the facilities afforded for handling the traffic by the transcontinental lines of railway. The world has never before seen so large a region suddenly made available for horse breeding. Between the years 1889 and 1893 the number of horses in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and farther west, increased from 1,479,768 to 1,972,482, or about one third. The surplus was shipped to outside markets.

In the year 1893 the average price of horses in the United States was \$38.81. From 1883 to 1889 the average price ranged between \$70.59 and \$74.64, the latter price having been reached in 1884. By 1892 the average was \$65.01. The rapid decline set in after 1893, in which year the average price was \$61.22. The figure in 1891 was \$47.83; in 1895, \$36.29; in 1896, \$33.07, and at the beginning of the present year, \$31.51. On Western ranges the prices are about the lowest on record. The average price of a horse there is but two-fifths of what it was in 1884, and of mules less than one-half. In some parts of the range country horses are rated at \$2 a head. They have even been given away, or shot to save pasture. Cheap Western horses have reduced breeding in the East and South, and it is well known that their quality is inferior to that of the horses displaced.

As to its future the Department of Agriculture takes an encouraging view, and gives the reasons for it. Since 1893 the number of horses in the Western division has declined from 1,972,523 to 1,625,402, or nearly 18 per cent. Our foreign exports of horses have grown from 3500 a year prior to 1893 to 28,000 in 1895. The horse has lost much of its value as a product in Western breeding areas, and they will be devoted to industries that pay better. An improving demand is reported for the better class of horses, especially young ones, for draft and driving purposes. The department expresses the belief that "the depression in the horse market has already passed its lowest point." Probably there is no direction in which the breeder can look for better prices more hopefully than in that of good quality. At all events the market for cheap horses of poor quality is greatly overstocked.—Globe-Democrat.

A Lie Told. Consumption and bronchitis are not by any means the same, although it is hard to distinguish one from the other. Bronchitis is an inflammation of the lining of the wind tubes or air vessels of the lungs, causing soreness of the same, cough, sore throat, hoarseness, difficulty of breathing, spitting of matter and sometimes blood. Thousands die annually with this dread disease. Wilbur's Cough Cure will cure. Price 50 cents. For sale by all druggists.

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Your Last Chance. C. C. Smith, the photographer is arranging to go away for the summer. Call at once and have the babies' pictures taken. Negatives go with the pictures. Old negatives sold for 10 cents each.

I hear that they have had Smithers out of the Populist party. "Indeed? What was the trouble?" "He said that he was not prepared to believe that all men who had more money than he possessed were hopelessly and forever damned."—Cleveland Leader.

The recent tilt between "Tom" Reed and "Jerry" Simpson was all right. Easter time is the Tom and Jerry season.—Philadelphia Record.

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Kell—Donny isn't much of a singer, is he? Naegle—Singer! He couldn't carry a tune across the street.—Philadelphia North American.

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Willie—Say, pa Pa—Well, what is it? Willie—Why do they always weigh the babies as soon as they're born? Do people pay for them by the pound, the same as for raw meat?—Cleveland Leader.

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She—I wish we were rich enough to have a magnificent country residence. —Well, I don't know. There are a number of people who would expect invitations to spend the summer with us. She—Yes; and there are so many of them I would not invite.—Puck.

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