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### What an Oregonian Sees in Kansas.

Just before leaving home for the Sunflower state a friend confided to the writer that whenever the thought of Kansas entered her head there always came with it the thought of a call for old clothes for the destitute; that while she knew better than to attribute such needs to present day Kansas, the remembrance of its destitution as thus voiced in her girlhood days refused to be effaced.

When an Oregonian abroad is introduced to a stranger, invariably one of the first remarks is, "Well, you have some rain out in your country, don't you. Suppose they won't see the sun again out there until some time next summer." But when a Kansan is away from his native confines' it's something like this, with a pitying look: "Kansas! Well, how about the hot winds and droughts, the cyclones, the grasshoppers, etc?"

But despite the fact that the epithet, "Bleeding Kansas," like Banquo's ghost, will not down, despite the reputation for hot winds and cyclones, blizzards and hailstones, drouth and famine, despite its legacy for eccentricities handed down by Ossawattomie Brown, Mary Ellen Lease, Sockless Jerry Simpson, John J. Ingalls, Carrie Nation and the Kansas editors—despite all this and other little freaks of fortune or misfortune, Kansas holds up her head as one of the proudest and richest states in the Union. And we are not prepared to say she hasn't cause.

In the afternoon and evening we were riding through the Rockies and over mountain plateaus under the brow of lofty sentinels—that's Colorado. And in the morning were rolling prairies and waving corn fields—and that's Kansas. And the tourist is at once convinced that Kansans are acting upon the advice given by Wm. Allen White when Populism stalked abroad in the state. They are at least raising more corn. As to the relative amount of the other red hot article yet kicked up, we are not in a position to state.

If once there were times of trial and privation hereabouts when it was a serious question whether to move on or to stay by the stuff and face it through to the worst, there is certainly little evidence of such now. If Kansas has had her lean years, she is now enjoying the fat ones. Prosperity is in the atmosphere. It's in the very attitude of the people—yes in their faces and in the tone of voice if you please. As plainly as it expressed in words they say it—"Yes sir, we live in Kansas, and there's no apology to be offered."

In the first place there has been an unbroken succession of good crops now for several years, and with fair prices for the same, the above mentioned result is but natural. We do not mean that the farmers of Western Kansas are rolling in wealth, but they have money, are inproving their farms, fixing up their homes, buying more land—in short they have the goods.

And as an accompaniment and factor in this era of good feeling is the rapid rise in land values. It is inclined to make a man hold up his head and think more of himself when the quarter section farm which a few years ago he threatened to leave (he couldn't sell it) will now bring from $3500 to $4500.

Some twenty years ago there was a big rush of immigration to Western Kansas resulting in a boom with all its attendants. Towns sprang up over the prairies, new counties were laid out, county seat fights which were real fights and not always bloodless, served as the exclamation points to the story, and real estate soared high. But as booms have a way of doing, this one was pricked in a night and everything flattened out again. It was a long ways down, but the bottom was quickly reached. People left their farms by the score until the population of this county dwindled to less than 2500 people. These were the times that tried strong hearts. To go or to stay—that was the question. The man who stayed came out best. For instance, there is a farm near here, between Haviland and the county seat, which went begging only eight years ago for the paltry sum of $100. It was finally purchased by a Haviland farmer who gets from $400 to $500 rent from the place annually and who could doubtless sell it for $4000. One man not far from here had such faith in Kansas when the outlook was the worst that he borrowed the money and purchased 80 quarter sections for $10,000. He kept buying land until now he has 125 quarters—and he is a wealthy man.

The newspapers of the state from one end to the other are singing one great paean of praise for Kansas. It's diverting to an outsider to read on every hand the fulsome eulogies on the Sunflower state but it is rather impressive at the same time. Kansans offer a good lesson on state loyalty. For when at home in the little dugout or sod shanty wrestling with sandstorm or blizzard, the loyal Kansan lifted his voice in the same burst of praise, though it was with desperation and defiance, which is to-day ringing out over the prairies in one glad harmony—now that the goose hangs high. Thus be it said to the credit of "the sufferers in bleeding Kansas."

With granaries running over with corn, with cattle and hogs fattening thereon and growing into money, with farms increasing in value, with tables loaded down with the good things of life, with their women folks dressed as the best ladies of the land and with money still in their pockets—and on top of all this with the praises of Kansas dinned in their ears from pulpit and forum and press, is it any wonder that the typical Kansans are prone to assume the air of the prize fowl in the barnyard and imagine that they live in the greatest state in the Union? We think not.

(To be continued)

W. C. W.

Haviland, Kansas, 12-26-'05.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### Springbrook.

Miss Elsie Winters, who spent the Christmas holidays at home returned to her school near McMinnville Monday evening.

Christmas night a family reunion was held at Albert Heater's and a very good time is reported.

Miss Hunnicutt having given up her school, Mr. Groover of McMinnville is now principal.

Friday evening December 29, a taffy pull was given at Mr. and Mrs. Wallen's by the C. E.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Macy spent Christmas in McMinnville.

Miss Loie Carey spent Christmas and New Years at home.

The Springbrook literary society will give an entertainment next Saturday evening. The admittance will be 10 cents. Everybody is cordially invited.

As Rev. Elwood Knight was absent Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Smith gave a very interesting talk.

Miss Ona David spent Christmas at home.

Mrs. J. L. Haworth and Mrs. Levi Lewis were called to Dallas last Saturday by the serious illness of their aunt.

### West Chehalem.

A number in this vicinity are sick with lagrippe.

A. H. Christenson and family, Omar Fendall and Miss Evelyn Dix attended the wedding of Bernard E. Christenson and Miss Ruby Jones at Amity last Saturday evening.

F. H. Vinton and sister stayed over night with their brother W. T. Vinton of McMinnville, last Monday. Miss Geneva Vinton, of Walla Walla, Washington, is also visiting there.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Christenson are visiting with the former's parents.

### Dundee.

T. H. Hunt and family have moved to their new home near Portland.

Chas. Parrett has sold his hops to Mr. Hendershot for 9¾c and Hans Nelson has sold to Brown & Co. for 7½c per pound.

Mr. Tucker and family have moved tnto the Harold Prince residence.

Rina Groth has enlisted in the U. S. naval service and expects to leave here the fourth inst. to take up his abode on one of Uncle Sam's ships.

The Dundee schools reopened Tuesday morning after one week's vacation.

Prof. Clemenson spent the holidays in McMinnville and while there visited the public schools.

John E. Brown has moved onto the farm he recently purchased from T. H. Hunt.

The New England dinner given by the Ladies Aid at Groths Hall New Years day was a decided success.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Byers Jr. visited friends in Portland Saturday and Sunday.

A pleasant birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milt Yeager Thursday afternoon, the occasion being the ninth birthday of their daughter Elda.

The Misses Lena and Gertie Imus spent the holidays under the parental roof. Lena is attending the Portland Business College and Gertie is teaching in Sherman county.

Mrs. L. P. Richardson received the sad intelligence Thursday evening that her son had died very suddenly at American Falls, Idaho, and accompanied by her daughter she started for that place Friday morning.

Our road supervisor, H. L. Hagey, hauled and banked a lot of gravel last Summer which he has been using to good advantage in filling mudholes and depressions in the road. The roads in this district compare very favorably with any in the county.

### Chehalem Center.

School opened Tuesday with a nice clean schoolhouse and a neat new board fence in front.

Mrs. Libby Stichler is quite sick with pneumonia and is in need of friends to rally to her assistance.

The Christian Endeavor work has been laid down for three months until the bad weather subsides.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Homer Palmer next Thursday. All the ladies of the neighborhood and gentlemen that would care to come are invited to attend.

### Pacific College.

President McGrew and Prof. Crumley attended the Friends church conference at Salem during vacation.

Miss Myrtle Gause was given a surprise party on December 28.

Professor Partington spent the holidays with relatives in Seattle.

Miss Hazel Crozer, sister to Miss Verda Crozer, has entered the preparatory department.

Alvie Heater, of Springbrook, has returned to school.

Miss Jessie Gardner is enrolled in the preparatory department.

In the Junior class contest held Tuesday evening Ralph Rees received first place and Paul Maris second.


## Annual Clearance Sale

We are offering the Greatest Bargains ever offered in the state of Oregon, in our Annual Clearance Sale of Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing, Furnishings, Hats, Caps, at ½ former prices.

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