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A community that depends alto-
gether on one crop for a liveli-
hood, is liable sooner or later to
meet with reverses. A season may
come in which that particular
crop will be a total failure, and
farmers and business men suffer
together, with no prospects but to
begin over again and trust to the
next year for better luck. The
next season may or may not be a
good one, and if by any chance
another failure is experienced,
the loss to the farmer and mer-
chant becomes serious. The farmer
is obliged to mortgage his land to
satisfy the claims of the store-
keeper, and pay in interest to some
corporation what before went to his
support, a portion finding its way
to the local tradesman. Take for
instance the plateau district in
Eastern Oregon, where wheat is,
with very little exception, the
staple article, the failure of which
brings disaster on the farmer. In-
stead of turning his attention al-
together to raising wheat, why does
not our Eastern Oregon farmer
diversify his operations, and raise
some of those products that are
now imported from the East—but-
ter, eggs, bacon, and numberless
other products, mostly necessities
which the farmer has to buy at the
store, for which, with the freight
from the east added, he has to pay
a high price. Such things could
be raised at home with a little
trouble, and besides supplying him-
self, every farmer could have
enough small truck ready for mar-
ket to meet current expenses, thus
placing himself in a position to
defy the elements; and if his wheat
did fail, no large store bill would
remain to be paid by a mortgage
on his farm, or out of the proceeds
of the next year's crop.

The wheat markets of the world
settled back another notch last
week, and the Portland market was
included in the list of backsliders.
The best open quotation for Walla
Walla was 56 cents, with Valley in
no special demand at 57 cents, and
bluestem nominally 58 cents.
These prices will not shake loose
much wheat, but until there is
more pressing tonnage engage-
ments than are now in sight, but
little wheat will be wanted.—Ore-
gonian.

The new yacht Columbia became
a wreck so far as her top hamper
was concerned, in one of her
trial races with the Old Defender,
on Wednesday last. Her top-
mast went by the board, and her
steel main-mast broke midway
under the strain. The Columbia
was leading at the time, and was
fairly tearing through the water.

News has come that three Ore-
gon boys, Ralph McCoy, Jas. E.
Laurence and Clarence Mills, sup-
posed to have been killed by the
Filipinos, are alive and well,
though prisoners of the rebels.

From several directions come ac-
counts of war between sheep and
cattlemen. This is the outcome of
an overstocked range, free to all,
with no boundaries except those
lines made by the stock-men them-
selves. While grass was plenty
this plan worked well, but now,
owing to a scarcity of pasture, these
lines are no longer respected, and a
resort to force is the consequence.
While the cattlemen have right on
their side to a certain extent, the
Oregon sheepman will scarcely
stand by and see his property de-
stroyed without an effort on his
part to protect it, and if matters
are allowed to go on as they are,
serious trouble, leading to blood-
shed, may be expected. An act to
make it lawful to levy on the
county, in which malicious injury
to property took place, for the value
of such property, would soon put a
stop to shooting sheep, but such a
measure would not end the strife
between stockmen. To rent or sell
the range, and give each man a
lawful right to a portion, seems to
be the only way out of the difficul-
ty, and the sooner some legislation
is set on foot for that purpose, the
better for all parties concerned.

That the Klondike boom is fast
coming to an end is very evident.
Numbers are leaving the country
utterly discouraged. Never has
gold been discovered that went into
the pockets of the poor prospector
as it has done in the Klondike.
The hardy Canadian backwoods
man and the pioneers of civilization,
have for once reaped the rich bene-
fit they deserved. When gold was
first discovered they quietly sent
for their relatives, mostly poor men,
and when the rush came, and thou-
sands flocked to the northern El
Dorado, all the best claims were
taken up, and those who went in
with money in their pockets or
money's worth on their sleds, are
now coming out sadder and wiser
men. That much more gold may
yet be discovered in Alaska goes
without saying, but the great rush
to the Klondike gold fields is over
forever.

The American Wool and Cotton
Reporter says: Although the trend
of the wool market is quieter, the
volume of business holds up very
well, the transactions of the past
week aggregating over 6,000,000
pounds. This volume of trade has
been accomplished without any
special effort being made on the
part of the holders of wool to push
trade, or to make any conces-
sion in values. A larger business
could have been done if the trade
had been willing to concede slight-
ly, but the holders of wool were
very firm and built hopes on the
goods market. The wools have
passed from farmers' hands, and
the trade is busily occupied in re-
ceiving and shipping wools which
have been sold during the past few
weeks.

On August 1st Elihu Root took
the oath of office as secretary of
war, and is now head of the war
department. It is to be hoped that
contrary to predictions, Mr. Root
will prove himself equal to the oc-
casion and become secretary of
war in fact as well as in name,
using his utmost endeavors to send
General Otis a large and well-
equipped army at the close of the
rainy season—an army sufficient
in numbers to crush the rebellion
in short order. If the dilly-dally
measures are again resorted to
the country should demand a gen-
eral weeding out of incompetents
in the war department, and a
change of commanders in the
islands, if necessary.

Little heed should be given to
all of the "blather" about the
rights of newspaper correspond-
ents when the country is engaged
in actual war. They have no
rights at all, and are barely toler-
able. Military men look upon
them as a nuisance and a source of
danger. They repeatedly send out
a lot of twaddle to their respective
newspapers merely to hold their
job. The majority of their stuff
is without fact or foundation. It
merely makes filling, and very poor
at that. The war department
should abate this nuisance.

Some samples of wheat have
been brought to the office, the ap-
pearance of which would indicate
that Sherman county farmers are
more frightened than hurt, and
that they will harvest a good crop
of wheat after all. While the
foliage and leaves of the wheat
were burnt off the main stem re-
mained green and uninjured. The
cool weather for the last ten days
has helped the crop wonderfully,
and wheat that was supposed only
fit to be cut for hay has filled right
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held in the state. A magnificent
display of stock, machinery, manu-
factures and products, will be on
exhibition. The State Board of
Agriculture have left nothing un-
done to make the fair of 1899 a
complete success. The exhibition
will commence on Sept. 15th and
end Sept. 22d.

Corbin shows his control in the
war department by several moves
that have been made so far. Rec-
ommendations of General Miles
in small matters made since Secre-
tary Root took charge have been
turned down on Corbin's advice,
the most important of which re-
lated to the moving of troops from
Fort Monroe, when Miles wanted
them to go further north, and Cor-
bin stood for Merritt's proposition.
Corbin has been hovering around
the secretary all day, (Aug. 2)
and has not allowed anybody to
see him unless he was also present.
Unless Root pulls himself together
pretty soon he will have less au-
thority in the department than
Alger had.—Oregonian.

The lack of funds amongst the
Democrats will be a serious ob-
stacle in the way of W. J. Bryan get-
ting the nomination for president.
Those Democrats who have money
are very much opposed to the free
silver doctrine, and when asked to
contribute to the campaign fund
refused to do so if Bryan was
nominated.

Captain Ormsby, state forestry
warden, spent some weeks in the
mountains lately overseeing the
work of his deputies. While in
the mountains one of his horses
got injured and had to be shot. To
fill its place he purchased a bunch-
grass horse that had no respect for
forestry wardens, and gave the
Captain considerable trouble.

The Oregon volunteers left San
Francisco at 5 p. m. yesterday,
(Aug. 8) and should arrive in
Portland Thursday. Arrange-
ments have been made to give
them a warm reception on their
arrival. "We'll all feel gay, when
Johnnie comes marching home."

SLAUGHTER OF SHEEP.
Mr. Andy Tillard, the well-
known sheep man, whose head-
quarters are in Morrow county,
about sixteen miles east of Hepp-
ner, is in trouble. The following
story is briefly told in the words
of J. Marion Farlow, one of Mr. Til-
lard's camp tenders, who was an eye-
witness to the exciting incident.
Said he:

"We were headed for the Blue
mountain summer ranges in Baker
and Grant counties with three
bands of sheep. When we saw the
ranchers' notices posted, we left the
old trail, going out of our route
about five days, and coming up
Main or Easy Ridge, thence swing-
ing around to the right, up Bully
creek, until we struck Desolation
lake. We left the posted ranches
to our left. When we were about
ten miles below Desolation lake,
and at a place where a ravine
comes into the creek, near the road,
it was about five o'clock in the
afternoon, when about twelve men,
heavily armed, emerged from the
brush and leveled their guns at
the herders, commanding them to
throw up their hands. One Irish-
man refused to do so at first, and
tried several times to raise his gun,
but every time would decide that
discretion, at that particular time,
was the better part of valor. The
herders finally laid down their
arms, and at once the men from the
brush began to fire into the bands
of sheep. We had only two bands
there, the other being some dis-
tance away.

"They loaded and fired, I sup-
posed, five hundred times, and then
retired to the brush and disappear-
ed. We counted 160 sheep which
had fallen dead in their tracks, and
there are scores which are wound-
ed and mangled, and which are dy-
ing daily from the result of their
wounds."—Blue Mountain Ameri-
can.

They have introduced hugging
societies in Idaho, to swell the
church treasury, with the follow-
ing scale of prices: Girls under
16, 13 cents for a hug of two min-
utes, or 10 cents for a short squeeze;
from 16 to 20 years, 50 cents;
school marm, 40 cents; another
man's wife, \$1; widows, according to
looks, from 9 cents to \$2; old
maids, 3 cents each or two for 5
cents, and no limit of time. Pre-
achers are not charged. Edi-
tors pay in advance, and are not
allowed to participate until every-
one else is through.—Ex.

Mrs. Wilkins—"Arthur, you
used to say you loved the ground
I walked on."
Mr. Wilkins—"Yes, I know I
did; your father owned all the land
in that vicinity."

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position at Portland last autumn were
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son will aim to excel all its pre-
decessors. It will begin Sept. 28 and
end Oct. 28, and its success is al-
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have already subscribed a guaran-
tee fund of \$12,000 to provide for
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augurating such an exposition,
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make the fair a credit to the entire
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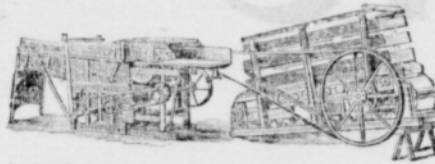
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