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Wallowa county has a 6-ft. 1-in. potato vine that produced 40 tubers weighing 16 lbs.

One lot of 400 boxes of Comice pears grown near Medford, sold in London this season at \$10 per box.

President Taft didn't get a dollar a word for writing his message to congress; the gems that drop from his pen go at regular salary rates.

The financial condition of Oregon is excellent. There are no debts, bonded or otherwise, and the treasurer reports \$424,913 on hand.

A large acreage around Hermiston is being seeded to alfalfa, not only for the profit in hay sales, but in the money realized for seed at 25¢ per lb.

Reading between the lines it is apparent that the Kentucky conference of governors is not in complete accord with the Washington house of governors.

Women over in Washington are to have the ballot, but they will not be permitted to smoke in the voting booths, and spitting on the stove will be prohibited.

Rogue river orchardists will put 1,500,000 apple and pear trees into growing this season, covering 20,000 acres, making the total orchard acreage of that valley 85,000.

Uncle Sam does not propose to stop new naval construction; that would not be economy, as was found out when a hostile fleet ascended the Potomac and burned the National capitol.

The Union Stockyards Company show that Portland is becoming a great packing center. The value of live stock shipped the first year the establishment was in operation amounted to \$8,355,900.

The largest wheat cargo that was ever sent away to Europe from the Great Inland Empire of the Oregon Country, left the Columbia river last week on board of a Norwegian tramp steamship; it aggregated 305,866 bushels.

Oregon banks have been prosperous this year; State Bank Examiner Wright reports individual deposits to November 10th \$104,270,300, a net gain of \$14,231,550 since Nov. 1909; total resources of banks over \$20,000,000.

The recent apple show in Portland marked the beginning of a movement to organize the Pacific Northwest fruit growers on a practical basis for a more systematic handling of their product. A meeting will soon be held in Portland to go over the subject.

J. J. Hill is expected in Oregon next week and numerous appreciative citizens, including the Portland Commercial Club, will try to impress the welcome visitor with the hearty good feelings which this state has for him, in exchange for his many efforts in our behalf.

The New "Giant Merger."

December 24th will terminate the active career of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, which surrenders to the new and greater combination in the field of transportation for the Pacific Northwest, the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company, the successor to the original Oregon Washington Idaho and Montana Transportation Company, organized late in the Sixties, of which Hon. Z. F. Moody was the chief promoter. The O. Man of The Observer, then principal Faber-pusher on The Oregonian, had the honor of naming Governor Moody's company, which followed along the lines of Dr. Baker's enterprises of ox-teams, strap iron railroad, etc.; and included steamboats on lakes and rivers, the leading one of which, a palatial craft on lake Pen d'Orielle the Mary Moody, was in every detail of construction equal to the pioneer steamer Carrie Ladd, on the Portland-Oregon City line.

To many of us who have witnessed these developments of the Pacific Northwest, particularly this Great Inland Empire of the Oregon Country, the time seemed long in consummation; but, after all, it has been but a few days since the discovery of gold here brought the rush of transients and a market for Chili flour and California Bacon at \$1 per lb.; and a shorter time after that until the greater discovery was made that wheat would grow and mature here, both fall and spring sowing, the most valuable of all discoveries, because of its lead to the up building of the commonwealth.

We welcome this new "Giant Merger," as it has been called; but let us not forget those other "giant" combinations in their day, with promoters most worthy, as they did not wait to see if their ventures had the merit of a big pay streak in them.

Another old hulk The Olympia belonging to the Alaska Steamship Co., was wrecked in a furious gale December 9th, on the Alaska return trip, with 106 persons on board. All were saved however, through heroic action of the wireless operator who brought assistance from Valdez. The vessel and cargo is a total loss.

Commenting upon the loss of the Olympia one report says that when the steamer left Cordovia, after emptying the after hold of commercial coal, the stern was high out of the water; when the gale hit the ship its propeller revolved in the air with every wave and the rudder was useless. Some more cheap officers, on board and ashore, deserve hanging for this.

The United States cruiser Boston has been ordered to Oregon for use in maneuvers and in perfecting the training of the volunteer sailors who make up the Oregon Naval Reserve; the vessel will be put in good condition to fit her for the purpose, and will then be transferred to the Reserve to be used as an armory for the men and a training ship to those who have enlisted.

You Can Work Near a Window



In winter when you have a Perfection Oil Heater. It is a portable radiator which can be moved to any part of a room, or to any room in a house. When you have a

PERFECTION
SMOKELESS
OIL HEATER

Absolutely smokeless and odorless you do not have to work close to the stove, which is usually far from the window. You can work where you wish, and be warm. You can work on dull winter days in the full light near the window, without being chilled to the bone.

The Perfection Oil Heater quickly gives heat, and with one filling of the stove, which is usually far from the window, you can work where you wish, and be warm. The filler-cap, put in like a cork in a bottle, is attached by a chain. This heater has a cool handle and a damper top.

The Perfection Oil Heater has an automatic-locking flame spreader, which prevents the wick from being turned high enough to smoke, and is easy to remove and drop back, so the wick can be quickly cleaned. The burner body or gallery cannot become wedged and can be unscrewed in an instant for reworking. The Perfection Oil Heater is finished in Japan or nickel, is strong, durable, well-made, built for service, and yet light and ornamental.

Dealers Everywhere. If not at yours, write for descriptive circular to the nearest agency of the

Standard Oil Company
(Incorporated)

Hood River made a shipment of choice apples to Siberia last month.

Crosfield's X-Mas Goods Now Going

Don't buy until you see my line bought in Chicago and New York, all new and of the right prices. For 13 years I've had the X-Mas goods for Sherman county, and this year the line is better than ever. Geo. N. Crosfield, Wasco.

Moving Picture Show Program.

Sunday evening program of the moving picture show at the Rudolf opera house will consist of the following plays:

Reel 1
"Making a Champion Pugilist."
(A Drama.)

Reel 2
"X-Ray Glasses"
(A Drama.)

"How to Get a Steady Job."
(A Drama.)

Reel 3
"His Vacation."
(Comic.)

"New Divorce Cure."
(Comic.)

Illustrated Song
"Wedding Bells."

Show every Wednesday and Sunday evenings at 8 o'clock. Admission 20c. Complete change every show.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

R.I. Reds and Other Pullets

For Sale. A fine lot of pullets, hatched last spring, and all in good condition. For particulars telephone or write Mrs. T. REESE, t16.62] Monkland, Or.

Cockerels for Sale

I have several Barred Plymouth Rock Cockerels which I wish to dispose of. First come first served. Apply to or address W. C. REESE, 24*] Demoss Springs, Or.

Men Wanted for Work

On the Cottonwood county road, east of Moro, 20 men will be given immediate employment, at good wages, and a long job. Apply to or address ARTHUR PHILLIPS, 249.61] Monkland, Or.

Automobile Repairs, Etc.

We are thoroughly equipped for overhauling, painting and storing automobiles. Call or write for particulars. The Dalles Iron Works, 342.60] The Dalles, Or.

Read The Observer

If you want to keep posted on what is being done in Sherman county, and The Inland Empire of Oregon, read The Old Reliable Observer. Special rates, in advance, good until Jan. 1, 1911: One Year (in advance) \$1.50 Two Years " 2.50 Four months " .50 Call at the office, or address, THE OBSERVER, 330.td] Moro, Or.

Wall Paper



WE HAVE bought the entire stock of Wall Paper and Paints of O. W. Axtell and must have room. We will give

25 PER CENT DISCOUNT

on all Wall Paper bought for Cash until January 1st. We bought this stock cheap and will give our customers the benefit. If you are not ready to paper you should buy now anyway as you can save one-fourth. Sale positively closes December 31st.

Don't forget we make Oil Paintings to order, and frame your old pictures in addition to carrying a complete line of Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Brushes, etc. Get an Oil Painting for Christmas.

HOSMER'S PAINT STORE
HOSMER & CASE, Proprietors.



PRICES TALK

WE only wish you to come into our Store and let our "Prices Talk." We make prices reasonable while goods are in season. That's why we do lots of business and have customers who have faith in us. You will find bargains in our store. Not only when you see specials advertised, but whenever you need anything come to us and feel sure that whatever you buy the price will be right.

CLEARANCE SALE OF ALL FINE TAILORED SUITS

No odd suits in this sale but everyone of them this season's styles. Almost all styles and colors to be found in plain cloths and fancy tailored mixtures. All sold at following prices:

\$12.50 Suits at	7.95	\$15.00 Suits at	9.75	\$19.50 Suits at	13.50	\$22.50 Suits at	14.50
\$25.00 Suits at	16.50	\$27.50 Suits at	18.50	\$30.00 Suits at	19.50	\$40.00 Suits at	27.50

One Half Off on All Ladies' Silk Petticoats

Your choice of our entire stock of taffeta Silk Petticoats, in all colors including blacks at One Half price.

\$5.00 Silk Petticoats	\$2.50
\$7.50 Silk Petticoats	\$3.25
\$10.00 Silk Petticoats	\$5.00
\$12.50 Silk Petticoats	\$6.25
\$15.00 Silk Petticoats	\$7.50

Ladies' Coats

One special lot Ladies' three-fourths length coats in colors of green, red, brown and tan only. These coats are made of broadcloth and covers trimmed, with braids. All at Half Price

Sale of Waists

All sizes in white tailored and lingerie waists, this seasons' styles. Some lace and embroidery trimmed, others in plainer styles, but all of excellent make, value \$2.25 to \$3.75 sale \$1.98

150 Pairs of Kid Gloves

Over one hundred and fifty pairs of Ladies black kid gloves in size six only. These gloves sold for \$1.00 to \$1.25. Per pair 50c

Scarfs---Indian Baskets

A big selection of Indian baskets for the Holidays. Embroidered and open-work scarfs, price of scarf Each 75c

Childrens' Coats Half Price

Coats for Children, age 8 to 14, made of plain coating cloth and fancy rough mixtures. Your choice at one half price.

Special Lot of Tailored Skirts

We are showing a complete line of this assortment. Most of these skirts are pleated, others with bias bands, made of Panama serges and novelties. These goods are of good staple styles and dependable wear.

\$7.50 Ladies Tailored Skirts	\$3.75
\$10.00 Ladies Tailored Skirts	\$5.00
\$12.50 Ladies Tailored Skirts	\$7.50

Womens' Sweaters

Just received a special lot of Sweaters for the December selling in colors of gray, red and white. This sweater is absolutely all wool and made in the best selling styles. Specially priced this sale \$3.50

Sale of Fancy Ribbon

Extremely wide fancy ribbons in great range of colors and patterns for Christmas trade. The price that is offered you is very low. Worth 60c 75c per yd. this sale 33c a yd

Assortment of Pillow Shams

A complete line of Pillow Shams—one of our specials for the Christmas shoppers—and a purchase you will be satisfied with 50c

Umbrellas in Colored Silks

A fine large assortment of umbrellas. Come and get your pick. Also some in black. Values up to \$3.50 Special \$1.29

Youths' and Misses' Overcoats

About 100 Overcoats in good style and cloth, three-fourth length; something very necessary at this time of year. Choice of this lot at one third off.

A. M. WILLIAMS & CO.

THE DALLES, OR.