

OLD OREGON.

Spokane Falls, April 4th, 1889.

Editors Democrat:

Here is the wonder of the age. In climate it is not quite up to the Willamette Valley, but it is dryer and more changeable, hence in its extreme changes is more liable to develop cases of pneumonia. Winters are short, water power immense, and location desirable. Spokane struggled for an existence for years. Not until the North Pacific Railroad found a location through this "drawer," did this town have the least hope of an existence as such. Nor was it for some time after the location of the road that anything could "catch on" to make bread for these who cast their doubtful fortunes at this point. Nine years ago town lots would not bring a song. With small residences on them they were worth four and five hundred dollars. Five years ago one of the proprietors wanted \$700 at 5 per cent per month, and offered Spokane property as a collateral. The friend, with whom we are acquainted, refused to loan the \$700, as Spokane property was not sufficient to get that money in Spokane. Now that man who wanted the \$700 is worth his millions, and the friend who had the \$700, but refused to loan it, has the \$700 still, and that is all nearly that he has got. Three years ago another proprietor could not pay his taxes, and his property had no value. Another one who was embarrassed at the same time was similarly situated. Now these three men are worth millions. Twelve millions is a small estimate, as I am told that one of them is worth six millions. One of the applicants for U. S. Marshal of Oregon failed to get his place under Cleveland, and less than three years ago came to Spokane. He purchased four lots 50x100 for \$1000 each. This spring he asked \$50,000 for them, was offered \$45,000, but refused it. He has made over \$100,000 since he came here. The favor Mr. Cleveland did him he will never appreciate. Nine years ago another gentleman bought a lot, put \$500 improvement on it, now he is offered \$36,000, but refuses to take it. This is the history of the entire town. On the north side of the river during the past year houses have been built in every direction. They come up like mushrooms in the night. There are two new depots going up on the north side of the river; that of the O R & N and that of the Lake Shore and Seattle. In the vicinity of these depots, land is very high. Very heavy and valuable brick blocks have been built the past year, and more are coming. It would seem that every new comer wants to bring his diamonds with him, but the calculating real estate agent says no, "lots are as cheap now as ever before." Every attention is paid to schools and improvements. The new Opera House is being built by two town proprietors, who less than five years ago could not meet their demands. It costs \$300,000. And it is not far from the brewery that a Salemite bought last summer for \$40,000; payments to be made at the bank on the following day. When the hour came the owner raised \$7,000, making it \$47,000, and the Salemite backed out. It sold since for \$57,000. This too in the face of one "St Louis" beer saloon opposite the Grand Hotel, that runs through it fifty to seventy-five men an hour for eighteen hours, many repeat. And the town is full of beer saloons. There are seven banks in operation and getting ready to operate. There are six railroads centering here. Rents are enormous, and everything has a "big price." Cities that run on "big prices," and the most liberal morals for the floating class, are some how always prosperous in a pecuniary point of view. On the other hand there are a great many out of work. There are however a great many at work. There are depot grounds to prepare and depots to be built as well as the railroads, and work is commencing in this direction. As in all cases of "booming," the influx is greater than the demand for labor. Then again there is a good percentage that do not want work. Churches of all denominations, the hospital of the Sisters of Mercy, and every evidence of a thorough christian civilization mark the rapid development of this city. Behind all this want and disappointment drive many to desperation, and of this element we read more than we care to. What keeps Spokane alive is asked by almost everybody. Farm lands are not asked for. There is none really very near the city. Sales are confined to lands for town and town additions. This land must have a location near the business center, and it matters not if it is rocks principally, gravel, scab and timber, or scab and no timber. This is the foundation of the city. The city has no agricultural backing. The city has a great water power. But water powers not much needed never make cities. St Paul and Minneapolis made the water power first, there were mills to come to improve it. It is different here. This is not a wheat center. Though it may become one by the aid of railroads. We look at it in this light only. If Salem, Oregon, with her 10,000 population, and Albany in the same state with her 4000, can prosper and grow in strength and improve rapidly in values without a pay roll in either city, why cannot Spokane Falls with a population of 16,000 sustain herself, having six rail roads centering within her limits. These of themselves should make a city of 30,000, drawing as they do from all points of the compass to this city. Every day the over-

ten minutes apart. The first is the immigrant train of eight to twelve cars. The second is the passenger proper, fully as large and brings those too who should be classed as immigrants. Here is an estimated daily influx of 500 persons, and Spokane gets her share. The train distributes these passengers along the line to Seattle. The next movement will be to erect smelters. The inhabitants are town builders and spare no money or energy to make life everywhere. A great deal of sickness is reported, but this is from local causes that may be removed. Great pains should be taken to reduce the rents and death rate, and thus add greater courage to the new comer to remain. Yours,
ITINERANT.

A revolution in agricultural methods is in progress in some of the western states. The greatest change is likely to occur in Colorado, where the plow is rapidly encroaching upon the grazing lands of the cattle herder and in a few years Colorado will be classed among the great grain-growing states of the west.

There is a "weighty sermon" in the reported story that a poor farmer asked a preacher to pray for a fruitful harvest on his impoverished field. The preacher replied as he looked at the sorry prospects: "This is a case that does not yield to prayer. This field needs manure."

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P. McKINNEY,
Albany, Oregon, April 2nd, 1889.

STRAYED.—From this city, a pale red cow with considerable white on belly, smooth crop and split in right ear, eight or nine years old. Been gone two months. Doubtless has a young calf by this time. Will pay anyone for his trouble who will notify me of her whereabouts or return her to me
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