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## OREGON AN EXPORT STATE.

Oregon is largely an exporting state, and must in the near future become immensely so. Even now in her infancy, with her great resources comparatively undeveloped, she exports to foreign climes annually more than \$40 for each man, woman, and child within her borders; and for every dollar's worth of goods she imports she exports products of her own soil and manufacture to the value of eight dollars and more. Her foreign commerce increased from a mere nothing in 1860 to \$11,158,882 in 1882. There has been a slight falling off since, as there has been everywhere throughout the country, but not in so great a proportion as in most other places. In these later days it has become customary with some men, statesmen and others, to denounce the river and harbor bill as a fraud, a legislative job, an unjustifiable and unconstitutional raid on the United States treasury, and if a senator or member of the house can rise in his place and call the attention of the country to the fact that the congress is about to pass a bill appropriating fifteen or eighteen millions of dollars for the improvement of rivers and harbors, and accompanies the statement with words of denunciation, especially if he happen to represent a state not blessed with a river large enough to float a saw log, he imagines his reputation as a champion of reform is forever established, that he has exposed to the country and world a gigantic fraud, and been the instrumentality of calling a halt in what he delights to characterize as little less than a downright swindle. It might perhaps be well for such men to enlarge the circle of their vision and the scope of their observation and learn knowledge from the policy and practice of other nations. The government of the Old World through statesmanlike and well directed expenditures of public money in promoting and pushing forward at government expense great international improvements, especially in improving important natural water ways, and in constructing artificial canals, are rapidly bringing the products of the field in those countries, and especially cereal producing fields, into close proximity with the great centers of population and consumption in the European world; and thus it is that competitors for the wheat markets of the world are coming to the front with alarming rapidity in Russia, Germany,

India, Australia, Africa, and western Asia, and other portions of the countries beyond the seas; and as a result our producers are driven from European markets, and hence in a great measure the present alarming depression in the price of cereals in this country. Not for twenty-four years has the price of wheat been so low in Chicago as it was the past month, 73 1/2 cents per bushel, although by reason of the drought in certain sections and the manipulation of stock-jobbers there is something of a boom just now. Mr. Mitchell here presents figures to prove the above statements. Figures which show a sum larger than all that has been expended for river and harbors by the United States since the foundation of the government. He then refers to the great work of international improvements going on in Russia.

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