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THE PRICE OF WHEAT And What the Reporter has had to Say About it.
Before the last advance of fine cents, the Salem Statesman predicted that from present indications there was "no immediate prospect of a further rise in wheat," which reminds us of the remark of a farmer who sighed - "that's just my luek, I sold at 68 cents." "When?" asked a bystander. "Three months ago." "Then you were in luck;" quoth our Reporter: "And how can you figure that out?" was the next question. "By simply stating the transaction. You sold at, 68 cents three months ago 1,000 bushels of wheat, pocketing $\$ 680.00$; the man you sold to sells to-day at 71 cents. It looks to you as if he pocketed $\$ 710.00$, netting $\$ 30.00$ on the sale, but he does not. His money was worth $\$ 17$ interest, durthat time, and he has paid at least $\$ 6.80$ for insurance ; $\$ 13.80$ from $\$ 30.00$ leaves him exactly 86.20 profit on the transaction. Now look at yourself, You admitted just now that you saved $\$ 10.00$ discount by paying a part of that money down for articles which you had to have at home ; now go on further, and just take the buyers profit from your discount, and you are exactly $\$ 3.80$ ahead by selling when the Reporter advised you to do se. Come now, turn back to the files, September 23d, and read again what we said." "Well, you are right; give us your hand; here's a dollar and a half for the Reporter next year, and I'll read it, too ; and dang my buttons if I don't raise a row if anybody about my house ever uses it again for gun wads and fire kindlings.

## Who to Send ?

The nomination of an American to be Prince of Bulgaria would be a very neat compliment from an old country undergoing rejuvenation to a young country which is beginning to feel old. We have no end of eligible men in America who would fill the Bulgarian throne with dignity; that is, with
enough dignity to answer all themselves; their own sinst their ordinary purpose ; and would be own follies, their own weary and very glad of the salary and per- tireless round and repetitions of quisites. There is old Cutting, crimes, set and served as a the alleged editor, who was im- breakfast dish by the brilliant prisoned for a while in Mexico men of the pens. Get out of and has not yet got the damages that place and stay out of it. from the Mexican government Get out of all such places. Get which he expected to use in into the country, into the lifted making himself comfortable for hills if you can.
the winter. There is Ignatius Donnelly, who has not been very successful in politics of late. John P. St. John is temporarily out of a job, and would teach the Bulgarians the danger of trifling with ardent spirits; a practice generally too common in countries convulsed with repeated political revolutions. Or how would O'Donovan Rossa do, or Henry George ? We're a thrifty nation, and we hava our quiver full of them.

## Get out of the Cities.

So many people, honest and well-meaning, no doubt, have written to me asking about the countries I travel through, says Joaquin Miller, that I must beg to answer them all in a lump. For it must be clear to all that if I should attempt to write at length, and intelligently to each one I should have time for little else. And besides that, I do not like to advise in such matters, unless I can see my way clear and be very certain of what I am about. But I will venture to advise them to leave the cities. Get out of the cities ; and stay out of the cities. The cities of the United States are too big, I mean to say that our population in the cities is fearfully disproportioned to our population in the country. To say nothing about the cold, clear truth, that neither genius nor great judgement ever flourished in a city without first drawing its milk from the country, I beg you to compare England's country population with her city population and then ours. Take France if you like it better, or Germany You will be startled. But I have neither space nor disposition to debate or cry out against this cowardly disposition to hide away in the commercial pork-packing cities of America. But I will say this of New York, a city I know fairly well from some years of residence there; I. never saw such ignorant people, anywhere on earth, as hose of New York. They read. but what do they read? The papers they read are New York papers. They simply read of

The Vidette pays Hon. Wm. Reid the following well merited compliment: "To the pluck of Mr. Reid and to the tenacity with which he has at last so far succeeded in his enterprise, the people of the Willamette valley owe him a debt that they never can liquidate, simply from the fact that the result of his work will be felt for years in the competition he has created in getting the products of this great valley to deep water A few such men, and Portland would soon rival San Francisco, and the valley would be dotted from the Columbia to the Calapooias with comfortable farm houses tenanted by thrifty farmers, and its villages would become centers, bustling with business life and activity. All honor to William Reid.'

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