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Enough is known of the returns to calculate with some degree of certainty concerning the complexion of the next home. The following is the estimate of the republican congressional committee in the house of representatives of the 31st congress:

Pure Ideals for Childhood. It is next to impossible to reform those who have lost all faith in the sincerity, honor or goodness of human nature—who believe that people in general are all bad, who have been taught that all criminals are heroes.

Marion county is situated in the heart of the magnificent Willamette valley, the central gem in the cluster of rich counties that form that princely domain, and is the banner commonwealth of the great northwest in all the essentials that go towards making it a profitable abiding place, and a home for the thrifty farmer, the cunning artisan and the industrious mechanic.

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This estimate includes Anderson, of Iowa, Hopkins, of Virginia, and Smith, of Wisconsin, labor candidates. There are 325 members of the house and the calculation of the republican congressional committee is that the republican majority in the 51st congress will be about 27.

SACKVILLE'S FUTURE. Some of the American journals are disposed to think that Lord Sackville's unfortunate propensity for telling the truth will ruin his diplomatic career. They need not be alarmed about him. He has, from the English standpoint, done no intentional wrong, and the consequence of his dismissal by Cleveland will probably be his elevation from the rank of minister to that of governor of Canada, or ambassador.

But, apart from these considerations of the worldly power and prosperity of the nation, there is a higher duty which we are called upon to fulfill—a duty whose performance or omission must be accounted for when the great Judge of all men puts us to the question, "Where is thy brother?" Think you that the old, old answer with which humanity has so long stifled its conscience will suffice then? Shall we be absolved from blame if we give the answer of Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Marion county is bounded on the north by the Willamette river and Butte creek which separates it from Clackamas county; on the east by Clackamas county and the Cascade mountains, which separate it from Wasco county; on the south by the Santiam river and the north fork of the Santiam, separating it from Linn county, and on the west by the Willamette river.

FALL SEASON OF 1888. Special attention is called to our splendid display of fashionable garments from the well known manufacturers. Springer Bros., Dress Goods Department. The Latest Novelties. LACE KID GLOVE.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION. STATE OF OREGON, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, SALEM, NOVEMBER 7, 1888. This year now drawing to a close has been one of unexampled peace, plenty and prosperity within the borders of the state.

PERRY BELMONT'S VIEW. Perry Belmont, whose position as chairman of the house committee on foreign affairs entitles him to speak with weight, says that he sincerely trusts that this will be the last time that our relations with other governments will be made an issue in a presidential canvass.

Oh, it is grand to see a man confronting the crowd for their own good—seizing a truth, standing by it, and, if need be, dying for it; becoming a pioneer of humanity in some new rough path.—John B. Gough. A physician of Jacksonville, Fla., states publicly that those who drink liquor are less liable to recover from yellow fever, and Mayor Archibald of the same city, in speaking of the ravages of this terrible scourge, says: "It strikes persons of alcoholic habits fatally. The fever is of a very mild form. The mortality is only about fifteen per cent, and taking out the deaths of men addicted to the use of alcoholic beverages, the mortality would not exceed five per cent. Two-thirds of the fatality is due to the fact that persons have been accustomed to the use of strong drink before they are attacked by the fever, and in every such case the patient invariably dies, and without reaction. It is a frequent remark on the Jacksonville streets that yellow fever is the best temperance lecture the city ever had."

GREAT ADVANTAGES. A decided advantage Marion county has over many others is the diversified farming interest that can be carried on through the entire year; notwithstanding this is a wet climate during the winter months the uplands are seldom too wet to work, and long before the prairie farmers are through with their reaping, the hill farmer is preparing for his summer work. And yet the low lands are much preferred by many; the yield per acre is generally greater, and perhaps less labor is required to place the soil in proper condition for crops; and then should the season prove dry, the bottom lands are sure to bring the best crops. No better farming land can be found in the United States than that on the noted Howell prairie, French prairie, Santiam prairie and Salem prairie. The soil of these are wonderfully productive. With good cultivation, forty bushels of wheat and sixty of oats per acre can be readily secured.

VICTORY. The victory is ours and we are glad of it. We are glad to know that the republican party is still in favor with the American people. We are not disposed to crow or bully over our opponents. They selected the battle ground, they chose the weapon, they have shown all the strategy and they are defeated. Again all three branches of the government will be in the hands of the republican party and we expect to see such prosperity throughout the country as never has been witnessed. Oregon is especially favored. Her representatives have been hampered and hedged in by their political opponents until very little legislation beneficial to the state and North Pacific coast has been passed. This will be otherwise now. If we were disposed to crow it would be over the fact that the solid South is broken—the new states of Washington and Montana will be established and New York city no longer control the election of the presidents.

HOW IT IS TAKEN. The New York Press to-day says, editorially: "Harrison and Morton have been elected, and the government of this country goes back to the party which stood by the union when the democrats tried to destroy it. The people have decided in favor of the American protective system. Republicans put this question fairly and squarely to the voters of the country in the Chicago platform and the emphatic answer has come back that the tariff must be sustained. The American producers have refused to make way for the foreign producers, and the American wage earners have not proposed to be put upon an equality with the pauper labor of Europe. The consistent and patriotic action of the republican minority in congress in refusing to pass the famous Mills bill has been endorsed by the northern voters." The wheat fleet of '88 is the finest ever in the Columbia river.

NEW TO-DAY. Of the fate of the famous "compensation clauses" brought forward in the House of Commons by the government, a writer in the London Christian World says: "The licensing clauses have not been killed by the speeches of eloquent statesman, or by the votes of Houses of Parliament. They have been killed by plain, simple men and women, met together in Sunday schools and chapel vestries or in 'lodges' and 'courts' and 'temples' and kindred conclaves, who have signed their petitions and voted their resolutions, and before the force of whose outraged sense of right, the government, with its majority of a hundred, has now to bend the head!"

FACILITIES FOR MARKET. The Willamette river, with two lines of railroad running the entire length of the county from north to south, with the Oregon Pacific road crossing the southeast corner of the county, affords ample facilities to reach a market in any direction. SALEM. Is the capital of the state and county seat of Marion county, situated on the Willamette river—and on the O. & C. railroad. Costly buildings have been erected, among which the state capitol building, county court house, Chemekete hotel, opera house, new public school building, Catholic school building, Methodist church, Willamette University, and many private residences and business blocks, which will compare favorably with older and larger cities. GENERAL. All things considered, the Willamette valley has the best country in the world, and Marion county is about centrally located therein. To those seeking homes in the west, no better opportunities can be offered, than are found here. Persons desiring information regarding Marion county or the Willamette valley, those wanting farming lands, stock farms, business property or city residences, will be promptly and reliably informed by addressing the well known firm of Willis & Chamberlain, real estate agents, ocean house block, Salem Oregon.

Col. JOHN A. JOYCK, who wrote Ella Wheeler Wilcox's poem "Laugh and the World Laughs With You," recently said: "I have travelled in every country of the globe. I have had dealings with the white, the black and the red. I speak several languages. I have seen prosperity and enjoyed it. I have seen adversity; I know what it is now. I have been in the insane asylum and in the penitentiary. I have never yet been in a corner that I didn't get out of it. I have never been broke very long, for just when the day seemed the darkest the dollar turned up somehow. I wonder why I was born." At Albany they have a peculiar way of "holding up" people. A few nights ago several attempts were made to relieve passers-by of their loose change.

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