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THE MILLERS' TRUST.

A Consumer on the Problem Confronting Us.

Some Figures That Let Light in the Farmer and Consumer—A Two Edged Machine.

This is the age of trusts, which may be justly termed combinations against the public, entered into by capitalists and monopolists in order to enhance their dividends at the expense of the consumers of the products of such trusts without regard to justice or to intrinsic values.

In a recent issue of the CAPITAL JOURNAL a writer, over the signature of "Farmer," discussed the existence in Oregon of a "flour trust," of which complaint is made, not only by the farmers who produce the wheat of which the flour is manufactured, but by the consumers also.

"In order to compare the condition of the farmer and consumer of Utah with the same classes of Oregon, as affected by the monopolists' trust, I will refer to the quotation of prices of wheat and flour, and draw conclusions therefrom.

"In the Herald of December 14th I find wheat quoted at from 80 to 85 cents per bushel, (buying rate) at wholesale. And in the same issue flour at \$3.25 (for a ninety-eight pound sack I presume.)

"Now, if the figures and estimates of the Oregon farmer are correct, which I have no reason to doubt, we can arrive at a pretty accurate conclusion of the profits of the trust which deals in wheat and flour, by adding to the cost of manufacturing flour the difference between the prices of wheat—62 and 85 cents.

"In such cases the following would be the probable result in Salt Lake: 4 1/2 bushels wheat @ 85c \$3.82 70 lb. sack \$1.00 \$4.82 Sacks, say \$1.00 \$5.82

Total cost of one barrel, or two ninety-eight pound sacks, \$4.82. From the above amount deduct for bran shorts, say 80 cents, leaves the actual cost (to the trust) of one barrel of flour at \$3.40 or \$1.70 for a ninety-eight pound sack, which according to the Salt Lake quotation would cost the consumer \$6.50, from which amount by deducting the cost, \$4.20, leaves a balance in the hands of the trust of \$1.88.

KOREAN scholars go back almost to the flood in their traditions, and the land was conquered by China as far back as 1136 B. C. In the year 1626, a Chinese army invaded Korea, and Korea bought peace by paying tribute. They promised to give 100 ounces of gold, 10,000 bags of rice, 2000 rolls of silk, 10,000 rolls of linen, 500 rolls of cotton, 2,000 rolls of paper, 2,000 knives, 1,000 ox horns, 200 pounds of dye wood, 100 tiger skins, 100 deer skins, 400 seal skins, and 200 rat skins every year.

THE census reports, which are of course only approximate, give the following value of orchard products in the United States: For 1886, estimated, apples, \$50,400,000; pears, \$14,130,000; peaches, \$56,135,000; grapes, \$2,118,000; strawberries, \$5,000,000; other fruits, \$10,000,000. Total, \$137,783,900.

A St. Louis suide wrote: "I am 62 years old. In eight years I would have been 70, an old, dilapidated, tottering fossil. I have played the world out and it don't owe me a cent. I've made more fun than a mule in a corn-field and I've got enough. Therefore, I will cheat the course of nature and jump the time to come."

STATISTICS are credited with the significant showing that had the workers of Great Britain saved only half their beer money for the last twenty years, they would have on hand a capital equal to purchasing half the manufacturing plant of the Kingdom. The same is measurably true of this country.

So FAR the mildness of this winter in the eastern states has been without precedent, at least for many years. It now looks as if the ice palace and its attendant festivities which are annual features in the north west, will have to be postponed for a season.

"HUNGRY JOE," a noted New-York bunco-steerer who has fleeced many distinguished persons, including Oscar Wilde, has been sentenced to nine years in the Maryland penitentiary, having robbed a Baltimore man.

A STATUTE was passed by the last legislature of Illinois, forbidding the marriage of first cousins. It went into operation June 15, 1887, and all marriages of cousins in that state since that date are absolutely void.

TWENTY-EIGHT new granges have been organized in Pennsylvania during the year, with an aggregate of 3,000 members.

THE Chicago Times says it is stated that farming land in Illinois has decreased 20 per cent. in value since 1880.

THE Wisconsin State Grange will ask the legislature for \$2,000 to be expended in a gricultural education.

DIED. DURETTE.—At Fairfield, Or., Saturday, Jan. 5, 1889, Mrs. A. L. Durette.

This death is a most sad one. Only two short weeks ago the deceased was a happy bride and to-day she is a corpse. She was taken suddenly ill on Friday evening and before the nature or seriousness of her illness was known she was in the embrace of death.

Nasal Catarrh is probably one of the most disagreeable ailments that a person can be afflicted with. It Dutton's Specific is used with a douche or even sniffed up the nose, according to directions, morning and evening, a radical cure can in most cases be effected.

The Farmers' Institute Resolves. The following pertinent resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Farmers' Institute before its adjournment on Friday evening.

RESOLVED, That in the name of the farmers gathered here, the legislature ought to be asked to appropriate a small sum to be used next year for the necessary expenses of institute work in our state, as printing, recording, securing outside speakers, etc.

Whereas, The vast arid region of the United States, once known as the Great American Desert, is now known to be an immense body of high, dry land, suitable for pasturage mainly upon which the flocks and herds of civilized man have already superseded the buffalo, elk, antelope and wild sheep, and

Whereas, Climatic influences create a difference between this great Middle Mississippi valley on the east side of the Rocky mountains and the lower Columbia valley on the west side, even a plain difference between the eastern portions of these arid lands as divided by the Rocky mountains, thus creating a difference in the pasture plants required to maintain or increase the capacity of this dry country to sustain animals most useful to man in this region, from those of greater rainfall and more humid climate.

Whereas, A large proportion of the State of Oregon lays within this arid belt, therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend the appointment of a special agent of the department of agriculture, having the knowledge and experience a residence in this region gives, to examine into and report upon the pasturage needs of the dry country west of the Rocky mountains; also be it

Resolved, That we commend the establishment of an experimental station in connection with the agricultural department and with our state agricultural college at the same point within this dry region in our state and we ask the aid of our legislative assembly in securing these objects.

An Absolute Cure. The original Abietine Ointment is only put up in large two-ounce tin boxes and is an absolute cure for old sores, burns, wounds, chapped hands and all skin eruptions. Will positively cure all kinds of piles. Ask for the original abietine ointment. Sold by D. W. Matthews & Co. at 25 cents per box—by mail 30 cents.

Dame Honor's Sayings. It is reported that about sixty Salemites are coming to Astoria to locate land in the Nehalem valley. Evidently they are certain that the Astoria and Salem railroad will be built.—Astoria Pioneer

A Seasonable Hint. Genuine new buckwheat flour, and a fine article of table syrup, at the Grange store, 126 State street, Salem. tf.

NOTICE FOR BIDS. Bids will be received until Jan. 15, 1889, by the Salem Street Railway Company for the use, for the ensuing year, of all or any part of the advertising space on the inside of cars No. 1, 2 and 3 belonging to said company, and continuing to be continued by advertising panels in the roof of said cars. Right reserved to reject any and all bids. Address Salem Street Railway Co., Salem, Oregon.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order and license of sale duly made, rendered and entered of record by the County court of Marion county, Oregon, on the 7th day of January, 1889, authorizing and empowering me as administrator of the estate of John Hughes, deceased, to sell the real property of said decedent hereinafter described, I will on SATURDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1889, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the door of the County court house in Salem in said Marion county, sell at public auction for cash in hand on the day of the sale to the highest bidder all the right, title, interest and estate of said John Hughes, deceased, at the time of his death in and to the following described real property viz: Beginning at a stake 41.74 chains, N. 65 deg. 04 min. W. from the S. E. corner of the Donation Land Claim of John Baker and Nancy B. 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