

BRYAN ON PROSPERITY.

The Post-Dispatch prints a letter from W. J. Bryan, the first utterance after months of travel and observation during the return of prosperity. Among other things, he says:

"Wheat has risen because the foreign crop has been exceedingly short. * * * The fact that silver and wheat have parted company will cause no dismay to those who understand that the law of supply and demand regulates the price of both. * * * Nothing can show clearer the weakness of the Republican position than the joy manifested by Republicans over events for which their administration and their policies are in nowise responsible. * * * If the Republicans desire to claim credit for the high price of wheat they must resume the responsibility for the famine in India."

"A general rise in prices should be followed by a rise in wages."

Mr. Bryan says the joy over the increase of money from wheat is evidence that we have too little money; that if the farmers are benefited by the rise in one of their products, how much better it would be if the rise was universal; that the price of wheat will fall when the foreign demand becomes nominal, and that the present spasmodic rise will injure rather than injure the cause of bimetalism.

JOURNAL "X-RAYS."

Will T. T. Geer accept his sop? Harry Lane shouldn't tell the truth about the Patterson at so critical a period.

The founder of the scurrilous A. P. A. paper, now defunct, is circulating petitions all over the state to become appointed appraiser of the Custom House at Portland.

Mr. Wash, the rampant brother of the Dallas Itemizer, says THE JOURNAL editor has been twice assaulted the past week. It is refreshing to find out about such events, anyway.

"Patronize Home Industry" is the somewhat ambiguous placard displayed in the show window of a local business house, the proprietor of which is a native of the celestial kingdom.

The old process of state taxes being turned over by county treasurers direct to banks for the state treasurer, and leaving it there, is or ought to be a thing of the past.

Harry Lane's letter in the Oregonian of September 3 is the worst lick that has yet been leveled at Fatty Patterson, the Want-It-All senator from Marion county. Dr. Lane is a truthful man, and seems to know what he is talking about.

Salem at present has a minister of the Sam Jones type. A few of the expressions made from a local pulpit Sunday evening were: "Black as the ace of spades," "Good God," "Mean as the devil," "Poor drunken cuss, let him go to hell where he belongs," "I have fired into the gambling hells.... and other such deviltries," and "Damnable Yells."

Pap Richardson recently discovered San Jose scale on a poor man's fruit trees, when he immediately enjoined the horticultural commissioner to exterminate. He said, "You can't be too radical on this matter." But a few days later when informed that the big orchard, owned by the company of which he is president, was badly infected, he was not half so radical.

How's This!

We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.

We the undersigned have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by him.

West & Traux, wholesale druggist, Toledo, O.

Walding, Kinnam & Marylin, wholesale druggist, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surface of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

CASTORIA.

The famous Castoria is an easy wrapper.

Luetgert Trial.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—The strongest evidence which has yet been given against him was brought out, and some of it was damaging.

The witness who gave the strongest evidence against the sausage-maker was Mrs. Christina Feldt, a widow with whom the prosecution alleges Luetgert was infatuated, and to whom it is claimed he has written a number of love letters since he has been confined in the jail.

Mrs. Feldt said that on various occasions Luetgert said to her that he did not care for his wife, and once said that he thought more of the domestic in the house than of Mrs. Luetgert. He also said that he had many quarrels with his wife, and when Mrs. Feldt asked him why he did not secure a divorce, he said that as soon as his financial troubles were over he "would settle with her." He repeated these several times, and called his wife a "carcass" and other names equally pleasant.

It was said that the object of the prosecution in having Mrs. Feldt on the stand was to show that Luetgert was desirous of getting rid of his wife for the purpose of marrying the widow, but this was not made clear. Mrs. Feldt said, however, that he had made threats against his wife many times.

She produced a bundle of letters written to her by Luetgert in his cell in jail, and carried to her home by Luetgert's son, Arnold. The letters were filled with endearing terms. They began: "Beloved," "Dear Christine," or "Beloved Christine," and in them Luetgert told of the suffering he was enduring as an innocent prisoner in the jail. Inspector Schaeck and his officers were referred to as the "kang" that was after him, and the police were frequently referred to as "dogs."

A niece of Mrs. Luetgert and two other women identified the rings taken from the vat as being the property of Mrs. Luetgert. The niece said she had at one time borrowed the rings and worn them.

Gottlieb Schimpf, 16 years of age, said that on the night of the disappearance of Mrs. Luetgert she saw about 11 o'clock, as she was returning from a dance, the defendant and his wife enter the factory. This was at the time when the watchman was absent, Luetgert having sent him on an errand to the drug store. On cross-examination the girl broke down badly, and denied several things she had previously said. She was given time to compose herself, and took the stand again. She broke down a second time, and then the court took matters into his own hands, and asked her if she saw Mrs. Luetgert enter the factory that night in company with her husband. She was very positive that she had seen them.

The state, it is said, will in a short time produce as evidence a portion of a human skull, a number of teeth and a finger joint, which were found in the factory, and will endeavor to show that they belonged to the missing woman.

Buried Alive.

LEBANON, Or., Sept. 6.—As G. W. Aldrich and his son Edward, proprietors of the Champion flouring mills of this city, were attempting to stop a leak in one side of their warehouse the whole end of the warehouse, gave way, completely covering them. The alarm soon spread over the town and in a few minutes a large crowd of men were at work with shovels removing the immense pile of wheat that covered them. The men were buried under the wheat nearly an hour, and when they were shoveled out the father was dead. The son was badly bruised, but it is thought he is not seriously injured.

Mr. Aldrich was about 60 years old. He, with his family, located in Lebanon in 1891, and with several other men built the flouring mill here in 1892. He afterward bought his partners out, and for several years ran the mill alone. The first of the year he took his youngest son, Edward, in as a partner, since which time they have run the mill together. Mr. Aldrich was a man highly respected by all who knew him.

A COCKTAIL.—If you want a rare oyster cocktail, or want oysters in bulk, call on Wm. Wallace, at old newsstand opposite Hotel Willamette.

THE APPOINTMENTS.

T. T. Geer Gets Register of the Land Office.

C. B. MOORES IS LEFT OUT

The Collectorship Held For Some Deserving Man.

The Oregon congressional delegation has agreed upon the following recommendations for appointment to federal office in Oregon.

United States District Attorney—John Hall, of Portland.

United States Marshal—Zoeth Houser, of Umatilla county.

Appraiser of Customs, Willamette District, at Portland—Colonel Owen Summers, of Portland.

Register of United States Land Office, at Oregon City—T. T. Geer, of Marion county.

President McKinley was at once notified by wire of the choice of the delegation. No other recommendations were made, or, if an agreement was reached, the fact was not made public. For collector of customs at Portland, it was announced that the "delegation" has not submitted a recommendation at present, and probably will not until an opportunity is given for consultation with the president. The term of the present incumbent in the collectorship of internal revenue for Oregon, Washington and Alaska does not expire until January 20, 1898, and no recommendation will be made until that time.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A New Jersey justice married a couple in a minute and a half.

Excursion tickets for dogs are now issued by two English railroads.

A peach 13 1/2 inches in circumference was raised in McMinn county, Tenn., this season.

Jefferson City, Mo., has come to the front in season with a court house watermelon club.

The South Carolina Democrats have expressed their preference for senator by a vote at a special primary.

Snake hunting about Rockford, Tenn., Will Tedder killed in one day an old snake and 31 young ones.

Count Tolstol's domestic life is being written up by one of his former servants, a man named Stelpan.

Until August 3 Grand Ole, La., had but two showers since April 14. Wells had gone dry and vegetation was withering.

The Russian government has just purchased the great Sebastopol shipbuilding yards for the sum of 1,900,000 rubles.

Three big barkers, which throw immense steel projectiles, now guard San Francisco's harbor, besides other defenses.

It is estimated that there will be a total registration of 800,000 in Greater New York for the election on November 2, and a total vote of 550,000.

A frog that can't get out of a jug is a curiosity at Mayfield, Ky. The jug, uncorked, was left out on a backyard bench on the place of R. C. James last fall.

The revenue from the state liquor dispensation in South Carolina is diminishing, the original package stores being successful competitors. Under the decision of a federal judge these stores have a snap. They pay no license.

In Toronto the law disqualifies a saloon keeper for membership of the city council, saloons are under right control and closed every night at 11 and all day Sunday, there are no Sunday newspapers, the streets are clean, drunkenness and aimless loitering are not tolerated, and the police force is largely composed of temperance men.

Bridge Span Gave Way.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Sept. 6.—A telephone message from Duncan's mills stated that the southbound train on the Pacific coast road narrowly escaped serious accident. A long bridge crosses Russian river, near Duncan's mills, and as the train, a mixed freight and passenger, was crossing the third span, one of the piers gave way, owing to a defective bolt. The greater part of the train had already passed the spot in safety, but it is reported that one of the freight cars went through the gap in the long bridge, fatally injuring John Blaney, one of the train crew.

From a Washington Man.

"I was troubled with headache and biliousness and was very weak. One day I saw testimonials from people who had been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla and I decided to try it. When I had taken three bottles the headache and stomach trouble had all disappeared." Edward Meilandt, Brookfield, Washington.

Hood's Pills are the best. After dinner pills; assist digestion, cure headache. 25 cents.

STATE NEWS.

The last two car loads of fruit shipped from Eugene didn't bring enough to pay expenses.

It may not be generally known, but it is a misdemeanor to kill or trap beaver in Malheur county.

Adam Kutzman broke his right arm while working on a threshing machine 10 miles southeast of the Dalles last Wednesday.

The date for the sale of property for delinquent taxes in Clackamas county for 1896 has been changed from October 2 to October 16. The list as advertised fills 26 columns and amounts to about \$24,000.

An area of 2000 acres of good mill timber, on Baker Creek, in Yamhill county, has been entirely destroyed by fire. About 30,000 feet of lumber and a large stock barn were also burned by Byron Millsap.

The largest threshing run for one day in this county, reported, is that made by John Smith's machine on Jack Hall's place. Four thousand and twenty bushels was the result of one day's run. The feeders were Taylor Miller and Frank Seabrooks. —Corvallis Gazette.

A good crop yield was something over 1,000 bushels of gray winter oats grown on 27 acres of ground on the farm of James Wilkinson, of Corvallis. Mr. Wilkinson has raised 4,000 bushels of oats and wheat. A portion of the oats have been sold at 30 cents per bushel sacked and delivered aboard the cars at Pailomath.

John Holton, residing near Ashland deposited \$500 in gold in his granary as a bank, not being willing to trust a bank authorized by the government, and then made a trip to Crescent City. When he returned the gold was gone, also a key in his box to its location, and likewise a spiritualistic friend whom he had asked into his home on occasions. He is being hunted now in California.

Sheriff E. L. Matlock, of Umatilla county, arrested a man calling himself H. A. Brown. He is supposed to be Augustus Wachin, who murdered a German named J. D. Ledrick, and buried his body in a manure pile behind his barn, near Hillsboro, in 1894. He answers the description in every particular. He will be buried in Hillsboro.

Six hundred pounds of flax, grown for fibre on the O. A. C. college farm, at Corvallis, has been shipped over the West Side to Astoria. If it turns out to be suitable another shipment of 400 pounds will be added and the whole product will be shipped to Ireland to be manufactured into twine. The effort of the Astorians in experimenting with Oregon grown flax is, if possible, to find some way of keeping at home the \$30,000 annually spent in that city for twine for netting in the fishing industry.