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THE OUTLOOK FOR DOMESTIC WOOL.

That the woolgrowers of the United States are still suffering from the disastrous effects of the free-trade policy of the Cleveland administration is clearly pointed out in the April circular of Justice, Bateman & Co. of Philadelphia.

Besides raising plenty of smoke and other nuisances, Butte will now sweep its streets. The people of that city are quoted as saying that the dust is more preferable than smoke.

PORTLAND AND THE PACIFIC.

The Editor of The Gazette Enjoying Himself Among the Webfoetors.

Seaside, Oregon, Locksly Hall, April 16.—This is our fourth day in Oregon, having arrived in Portland Thursday morning, the sun has shone two of them, threatens to shine again a little today and so we have no kick coming; that is a good deal of sunshine for Oregon.

While it is true that from various causes scoured wool has dropped more than 5 cents per pound, and is now that much lower than it was at the outbreak of the Spanish war, nevertheless it is still worth 10 cents per pound more than its average value during the free-wool period, and more than that much above its value today in the free-wool markets of the world.

Governor Rogers of Washington rightly says that "sassy" letters will not bring the volunteers home. The governor has been besieged with letters from relatives of soldiers in the First Washington, asking him to emulate Governor Lee of South Dakota in "demanding" the return of the volunteers, and to a father, who seemed particularly insistent, he wrote: "Please stop and think for a moment. What influence do you suppose I have with President McKinley and General Alger?"

The Helena board of education has voted that it would take steps at an early date to submit to the people of Lewis and Clark county the proposition of creating a county free high school, as provided in the terms of the Losekamp bill, which was passed at the last session of the legislature.

Senator W. A. Clark is now prepared to fight newspaper battles and the Anaconda Standard is warned to be on its guard. The millionaire senator has secured for his chief private secretary a young and brilliant ex-newspaper man, who served the late Senator Brice in the same capacity.

Misoula is about as warm a town as there is in Montana. Not content with having several cases of smallpox, it scares up a leprosy patient. The smallpox patients are confined in the pest house, while the leper has made himself scarce so far.

The German reichstag held a long debate this week over the meat inspection bill, in which American meats were attacked. The Germans said that our meats were bad and that we adulterated their food products enormously.

have been harnessed and a three-million dollar electric plant built, which supplies all the power for the city. An extensive manufacturing district has naturally centered here, utilizing the water power, but there is room for scores of others.

We were much pleased on Thursday evening to receive a call from H. T. Wilson, who formerly worked on The Gazette in Billings, operating our Thorne type-setting machine.

Speaking of the Oregonian, I am constrained to believe that it almost runs Portland, if not the entire state of Oregon. It owns the finest building in the city, a veritable palace, eleven stories high, located on one of the best corners in the business district; it controls the state politically, which it has made reliably republican through its able editorials, and deserves the proud distinction it enjoys of being one of the very best edited papers in the United States.

Friday morning we left by rail for the sea shore, distant 118 miles, and as we write the roar of the breakers of the Pacific is in our ears. Seaside is the name of the town, which is Portland's summer resort. It contains several good hotels, open in the summer season only, but Mrs. Carlisle, a clever and accomplished Portland lady who owns Blakesley Hall, kindly took us in for a few days, although her place is not open for business yet.

We are in the heart of the salmon country, too. To get here we came through Astoria, right at the mouth of the Columbia river. It is a city of about 12,000 population and is wholly sustained by the salmon industry. Within twenty miles of the city are caught most all the salmon that are used in the United States, besides many that are exported.

The fishing season opened yesterday and the mouth of the river, which is four or five miles wide, was white with the sails of the fishing smacks. The salmon are caught in seines, which are handled by two men, who sometimes clear as much as \$2,000 each during the four months' season. We will stop in Astoria this evening and go through the canneries. The business portion of the town is built right over the river, on piles. Tomorrow we return to Portland by boat, up the Columbia from Astoria, right through the big lumber country of Oregon.

Mr. G. W. Jackson, the pioneer music dealer of Montana, will open a music house in Billings on May 1 next. There are now en route two solid car loads of high-grade pianos and organs for Billings. Mr. Jackson needs no introduction to the citizens of Billings. He will personally take charge of this branch of the GREAT JACKSON MUSIC COMPANY'S business.

The next place of interest, especially to landlubbers from Montana, is the wharves and docks. Here can be seen a variety of craft, including the big ocean liners, the Lennox, from China and Japan, arriving in port the day we got there. A good view of the shipping is to be had from one of the numerous bridges that here span the river, but we will see more nautical wonders than Portland can boast of when we visit Seattle.

The members of the Samoan high commission have left for Samoa. The trial of Frank Carson for the murder of Henry Dahman was commenced the first of the week at Boulder.

Report of the Condition OF THE First National Bank, AT BILLINGS.

In the State of Montana, at the close of business April 5, 1899.

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. Bonds, Stocks, etc., and a total of \$842,478.82.

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital stock paid in, Undivided profits, National Bank notes outstanding, etc., and a total of \$842,478.82.

STATE OF MONTANA. COUNTY OF YELLOWSTONE. I, S. F. MORSE, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Yellowstone National Bank of Billings, AT BILLINGS.

In the State of Montana, at the close of business April 5, 1899.

RESOURCES table with columns for Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. Bonds, Stocks, etc., and a total of \$288,208.90.

LIABILITIES table with columns for Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc., and a total of \$288,208.90.

STATE OF MONTANA. COUNTY OF YELLOWSTONE. I, G. A. GRIGGS, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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