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THE LOW PRICE OF WHEAT.

Wheat is down to 35 cents in the Big Bend county, or about five cents below the cost of production. The quotations offered farmers elsewhere in the interior run up as high as 39 cents, but no wheat, if any is selling at all at market prices, is bringing the farmer the cost of production. It is estimated that 40 cents will cover the cost of raising a bushel of wheat in Washington. In some parts of the state the price is much less, some farmers even claiming they can raise wheat for 25 cents, but State Grain Inspector George P. Wright says 40 cents is the average. This includes a percentage on a fair valuation of the land, the cost of repairs in fences and other farm necessities, labor and other incidentals. Anything better than 50 cents paid the farmer for his wheat represents a clear profit. At 50 cents a bushel is made and at better prices the farmer reaps a big profit.—Tacoma Ledger, Nov. 12.

Wheat today delivered by the railroads at the cheap port of Astoria, right on the seacoast, and from three to seven days closer sail to the markets of Europe and the Orient, would bring 60 to 65 cents a bushel. With the great free port of Astoria established as a common point, the quantity of wheat delivered here in the course of a few years, perhaps one year, would make Astoria the greatest wheat market of the Pacific coast. The publication abroad of the fact, long looked for by foreign ship-owners and masters, that wheat can be obtained at the mouth of the Columbia river, where vessels may load unvexed by towage and port charges, where no delays need occur, where the hatches may be battened down and the ship reach the open sea to take advantage of the most favorable weather within one hour after loading is completed, would bring such a fleet of ships to the Columbia every year that natural competition would reduce charter rates to perhaps as low a figure as on the Atlantic coast, from all the principal ports of which wheat is carried to Liverpool for \$1.65 a ton.

Then why do not the wheat producers of the interior force the railroads to give them the option of shipping their wheat to Astoria at the same price charged to the more distant and expensive ports on Puget Sound? Why do not the newspapers of the interior take up this question and show the facts as to the discrimination of the transportation companies, and the reasons for it, to their farmer readers? How many farmers know that the railroad companies maintain a combination for the purpose of charging more than it is worth to transport wheat to the seaboard, or rather, 90c to the seaboard at Astoria—let to the inland ports of the Sound and to Portland?

On the same day of the publication of the above extract in the Tacoma Ledger, Walla Walla wheat was quoted at 32 cents at Portland. Why should it cost 17 cents a bushel to haul wheat over the few hundred miles of down grade between the Big Bend country and Portland? Wheat is carried by rail from Chicago to Atlantic coast ports over mountain grades for 4 cents a bushel. Salmon is carried from Astoria over the railroads through the Big Bend country, up and down three separate mountain ranges to the Atlantic coast, in some instances nearly 4000 miles, for \$11 a ton.

Do the farmers know that the Northern Pacific has accumulated so much surplus money that it has employed agents in New York to lend it in sums ranging from \$1,000, to \$1,000,000? Do the farmers know that the O. R. & N. Company made more money last year than any year in its history and will make more money this year than last

year? Isn't it time to put in a claim for a reduction of freight rates in the Northwest, especially on export wheat to the seaboard? Do the farmers of Oregon know that the O. R. & N. Company can haul wheat from most interior points clear to the sea coast at Astoria for ten cents a ton for each 100-mile of haul and earn good interest on every dollar of money it has invested, after paying all expenses of operation and maintenance?

Why, then, shouldn't the O. R. & N. be compelled to lower its rates at once, and why shouldn't we have a law in Oregon forbidding any increase of rates beyond a fixed maximum figure without the consent of the legislature? How many farmers in the Northwest know that the Oregon legislature has the power to enact and enforce such a law, and can any person give a good reason why such a law isn't passed, or why its passage shouldn't be advocated by every producer, business man and newspaper in the Northwest?

Another fact to which the attention of inland readers is directed is that on the same day the Tacoma Ledger printed the above comment on the price of wheat in the Big Bend country, wheat of that grade was quoted in San Francisco at nearly 14 cents more a bushel than at Portland. Of course the Astoria argument is that wheat at the mouth of the Columbia river would bring nearly, if not quite, as much as at San Francisco. But allowing no difference in the charter rate to Astoria in consequence of the superior convenience and cheapness of this port over Portland and Puget sound, wheat laid down at Astoria at common point rates would certainly bring the difference between the Portland and San Francisco price, less the cost of ship towage between San Francisco and Astoria. This charge on a 2000 ton cargo ship is but \$1,500, or 50 cents a ton; so that wheat at Astoria under the market quotations published in the Ledger on the day the above extract was printed would have netted the producer more than 12 cents a bushel above the Portland price. What do farmers think of the Astoria common-point proposition in the light of these indisputable facts?

A BIG EXPORT YEAR.

Breakstuffs, provisions, cotton and mineral oils, or to be more exact, petroleum and its products, constitute the four leading articles of domestic export, and those interested in the foreign commerce of the United States watch the monthly statistics showing the foreign consumption of these articles with the keenest interest, for upon these figures depend in a large measure whether the country is to be considered prosperous or not. Ten months of the year 1899 have come and gone and the treasury bulletin showing the exports of these four staples for the first ten months of the year furnishes the opportunity to make some interesting comparisons.

The exports of breakstuffs for the first ten months of the year amount to \$215,973,685 as against \$230,227,457 for the corresponding period in 1898, \$183,613,553 in 1897, \$136,151,182 in 1896, \$97,622,774 in 1895 and \$100,758,224 in 1894. Only once, and that is in 1898, has there been a better showing than in the present year. In cattle and hogs the figures are not so favorable, reaching but \$1,770,271 as against \$2,912,410 last year, \$2,234,642 in 1897, \$29,215,544 in 1896, \$20,044,875 in 1895 and \$22,374,142 in 1894. In provisions the figures touch high water mark, being \$110,155,157 as against \$104,921,931 in 1898, \$114,212,397 in 1897, \$106,156,189 in 1896, \$104,323,541 in 1895 and \$117,455,851 in 1894. While cotton has taken a recent jump the sales in the early part of the year were not as strong as in some former years, the sales for the first ten months reach-

ing \$138,737,390 as against \$153,122,194 last year, \$148,828,295 in 1897, \$153,428,563 in 1896, \$127,856,311 in 1895 and \$132,511,961 in 1894. The exports of petroleum seem to be above the average, being \$32,717,562 for the present year as against \$43,860,541 for the first ten months of 1898, \$49,227,523 in 1897, \$52,325,216 in 1896, \$44,973,499 in 1895 and \$32,573,299 in 1894.

Comparing the total exports in these staples for the first ten months of the year with the same period in each of the past five years the showing is an exceedingly encouraging one. The total for the ten months of 1899 amounts to \$72,947,563 as against \$619,094,523 in 1898, \$222,093,710 in 1897, \$477,468,725 in 1896, \$316,150,730 in 1895 and \$419,341,504 in 1894. Only once, last year, did the figures exceed those for the present year, and it is probable that our increased exports of manufactured goods have more than wiped out the falling off of about \$28,000,000 from the figures of last year. There is every reason to expect that the total exports for 1899 will equal those of last year, when the amount exceeded the exports of any former year.

Mrs. Thomas Aldridge, Villa Ridge, Ill., writes under date of Aug. 9th, '99: "I began taking Warner's Safe Cure last Spring, and have now taken three bottles; it has done me a wonderful lot of good, and I am satisfied it is a grand medicine. I know it would help many a suffering woman, if she would only use Warner's Safe Cure."

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A SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

The concert given last night by the Weber Concert Company under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. was a great success, and was pronounced the best of the series. The large hall was filled with an enthusiastic audience, who demanded an encore to every number, and double recalls to many, and the orchestra numbers showed a pleasing variety and were all handled with a true delicacy and musical feeling, and were a revelation of the possibilities in this combination of instruments. Miss Hewett's soprano solo, Miss Killian's violin solo, Mr. Fangle's xylophone solo, and the baritone duet by Hewett and Webber all won hearty applause, and the mandolin solo by Sadie Deloreau showed a skill surprising in one so young. The effect presented by the Latin white clad madonnas and their charming music made a picture that will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to attend.—Morning Oregonian.

This company will give one performance at the Fisher opera house Friday night, September 24th, for the benefit of the Astoria Library. The sale of seats will open tomorrow, Thursday morning at Griffin & Reed's book store.

AGAINST SEATING ROBERTS.

Methodist Missionary Commission Protest—Large Appropriations Made For the Pacific Coast Work.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The general missionary commission of the Methodist church today placed itself on record against the seating of representative elect Roberts, Utah, in the next congress. The matter came up when an application for mission work in Utah was under discussion. After the adoption of resolutions urging the expulsion of Roberts from the house, the committee appropriated \$10,000 for mission work in Utah during the coming year and \$7,000 also for school work in that state.

Among other appropriations for home mission work was included \$33,467 for the Pacific coast.

HEAVY LOSS IN SAW LOGS.

GRAND FORKES, B. C., Nov. 21.—By the breaking of a boom across the north fork of Kettle river today a million and a half feet of saw logs were swept away. Two bridges were carried down by logs.

LADIES' TAILOR-MADE SUITS.

Ladies who go to Portland and desire something especially fine in the way of tailor-made suits will do well to remember that they can be well fitted at I. D. Boyer's 17 Fourth street, in the Y. M. C. A. building.

Not only does he keep a strictly first-class cutter for men's wear, but also one exclusively for ladies' work, and all can rest assured of getting not only good work, but the best of materials, as Mr. Boyer is an expert on woolen cloths.

RACE RIOT AT RIO GRANDE CITY.

NEGRO TROOPS ATTACKED.

Citizens Fire On the Garrison and are Replied to With Gatling Guns.

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 21.—Today Governor Sayers received a telegram from the commanding officer of the United States troops at San Antonio conveying information that there had been a race riot at Rio Grande City last night between the federal troops stationed there and the citizens of that town.

The military commander at San Antonio, General McKibben, telegraphs that the report received from the commander at Fort Ringgold, near Rio Grande City, states that all the troops were in the garrison last night at 7 o'clock when the citizens of the town advanced on the fort and fired upon the guard.

The guard returned the fire and the entire garrison was at once called to arms.

The citizens continued their firing upon the fort, and the soldiers returned the fire and finally had to bring their gatling guns into play to disperse the attackers. The commander states that he fears further trouble and asks for more troops.

A telegram from the county judge stated that the negro soldiers fired into town for about an hour and a half, shooting into a number of houses, wounding one man and frightening the women and children so badly that a number of them had fled to surrounding ranches for safety, that the attack was entirely unprovoked and further trouble was looked for.

Governor Sayers ordered Adjutant General Scurry to the scene and he left tonight. The governor also telegraphed the war department at Washington to have a full investigation of the matter made and to remove the negro troops at once.

The commander at San Antonio sent a special detail of officers to the scene to investigate. All is quiet tonight.

NORTH CAROLINA KILLING.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 21.—Ex-sheriff Pritchard and Jacob Hayslock, attempted to arrest a man named Hunneycut for alleged murder. Hunneycut shot and killed Hayslock and Pritchard a moment later killed Hunneycut. Pritchard who killed Hunneycut is a brother to United States Senator Pritchard.

HIS MONEY BACK.

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Thirteen hundred dollars, part of \$100 reported to the local police by W. C. Duncan, of Portland, Oregon, as having been stolen from him, was today returned to the authorities. Accompanying it was an unsigned note saying Duncan had lost the money.

AN ATLANTIC RECORD.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The North German Lloyd liner Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse which arrived today, made the run from Cherbourg breakwater in five days 17 hours and 27 minutes. This is 11 minutes less than the best previous record, which was held by the same steamer.

ILLINOIS FLAG LAW KILLED.

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—The Illinois flag law, designed to prevent the desecration of the national emblem, rescinded what is probably its death blow in a decision rendered today by Judge Holdom. The legislature in passing the bill, the decision states, exceeded its police power. The legislature is also declared guilty of class legislation.

WASHINGTON PIONEER DEAD.

PORT TOWNSEND, Nov. 21.—Thomas Hammond, one of the founders of Port Townsend, and who has been a continuous resident here for 49 years, died today aged 83.

JEFFRIES AND CORBET MATCH.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—James Jeffries and James J. Corbett were this afternoon matched to fight a 25-round go for a finished fight, if the law permits, on or about September 15 next.

AGUINALDO HAS ESCAPED.

MANILA, Nov. 22.—12:50 p. m.—Aguinaldo has escaped between General Young and Wheaton. General Young is pushing toward Bayambang.

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THE LOUVRE. Strangers visiting in the city will find the Louvre an attractive resort wherein to spend the evening. The Amuse Sisters Ladies' Orchestra is still on the bills and presents tonight a musical program of exceptional merit. Handsome pool and billiard rooms are a feature in connection with the house. Palatable lunches will be served at all hours.

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It Will Pay You. To look up the bargains I am offering in my crockery stock. Everything is included at great discount from regular prices. Everything in plain and decorated ware; the famous Luster brand, English make. It will pay you to look it over. CHAS. LARSON, 623 Commercial Street.

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Dr. T. N. Ball. DENTIST, 672 Commercial Street, ASTORIA, ORE. Over Schluessel's Clothing Store.

THREE INDIANS DROWNED. Caught by the Tide and a Heavy Swell in Burrard Inlet Under Peculiar Circumstances.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 21.—Three Indians from the reservation at North Vancouver were drowned today in Burrard Inlet under peculiar circumstances.

The tide was flowing in through the narrows with a heavy swell when the men and boat were observed making good progress. Then suddenly they disappeared. No vestige of men or boat could be discovered.

BAR ASSOCIATION ADJOURNED. Banquet at the Portland Last Evening—New Officers Elected.

PORTLAND, Nov. 21.—The annual meeting of the state bar association was held in this city today. L. R. Webster, of Portland, was elected president. One vice-president was chosen from each judicial district. A. F. Flegel, of Portland, was elected secretary and C. J. Schenkel, of Portland, treasurer.

At a banquet tonight General George H. Williams, Governor Geer and others responded to toasts.

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MANHOOD RESTORED. "CUPIDINE" The Great Vegetable Vitalizer. The prescription of a famous French physician, will quickly cure you of all nervous or disorders of the generative organs, such as Gonorrhea, Impotence, Pains in the Back, Seminal Emission, Nervous Debility, Loss of Energy, etc. It is the only known remedy to cure without operation. 3000 testimonials. A written guarantee given and money returned if it does not effect a permanent cure. \$1.00 a box, six for \$5.00, by mail. Send for circular and testimonials. Address DA VOL MEDICINE CO., P. O. Box 276, San Francisco, Cal. For Sale by CHAS. B. ROBERTS.

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