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WE ARE PLEASED TO GREET YOU.

The first number of the THE CHRONICLE is before you and speaks for itself. It is far from perfect and there being room for improvement, we shall make it, until it is what its proprietors intend it to be, as good a newspaper as can be made outside the larger cities. The object of the paper is to assist to the utmost of its power in advancing the interests of The Dalles and country tributary to it. To advertise our resources, to build up our industries, to extend our trade, these we shall work for energetically, and persistently. We desire the prosperity of every individual and firm in The Dalles, recognizing the fact that every individual member of a community, as long as that member is not a criminal or pauper, is of benefit to it; and working for the good of each, we hope to be of benefit to all. THE CHRONICLE will be non-partisan, and will devote its best energies to matters of local importance. Its columns will be open at all times for the discussion of local matters, requiring only of contributors that their language be at all times respectful and gentlemanly. We have no promises to make except to reiterate that whatever benefits The Dalles it shall be our pleasure to advocate at every opportunity, and to the best of our ability. We shall be just, fair and impartial, and ask that your criticisms of the paper be measured with that rule.

A BUSINESS CITY.

STRANGERS arriving in The Dalles are at first apt to think it a quiet, or as some of them express it, a dead town. Even a cursory examination into the amount of business done here will dispel this idea. The amount of wool, grain and live stock shipped from this point is simply immense; and the amount of supplies purchased here would astonish even our own business men, by its grand total. It has back of it the best and largest pastures in the northwest, and the country capable of producing grain, which is naturally tributary to this point is as large as any of the New England States. The larger portion of this agricultural land is still uncultivated, simply because the cost of transporting the grain to market is yet too great. In the near future this difficulty will be removed, and thousands of acres of virgin soil will be covered with waving fields of golden grain. The fruit industry is in its infancy, but promises to take a prominent place. When the business created by the rapidly developing country tributary to it, is added to that it already has, The Dalles will be second only to Portland in the volume of its trade, and with the opening of the Columbia this trade will be again more than doubled. The Dalles is doing a bigger and better business to-day than any city of its size in the state, but that business is done through well established channels, and sweeps along as quietly as the mighty Columbia, which makes not as much noise as some babbling brook, yet surpasses all such, ten thousand fold.

A CHANGE REQUIRED.

The Dalles has entered upon a new era, an era of prosperity of progress of development, and we all want to adapt ourselves to the new order of things. We want to in a measure at least forget self, and understand that the good of the community results in good to its individual members. We want to remember that there are many ways of accomplishing a result, and while working to have that result reached in our way, when the majority are against us and adopt some other plan, stand in and work for it. Adopt the plan of the political convention and when in the minority give it up peacefully and make it unanimous. Personal likes, or dislikes should have no place in our municipal work, but all of us should put our shoulders to the wheel wherever the interests of The Dalles are concerned, and working for the good of all, add to the prosperity of each of our citizens. The new order of things requires it, self interest demands it, loyalty to The Dalles compels it.

We are informed by Mr. Samuel L. Brooks that the Portland board of trade, chamber of commerce and some other business societies have determined to make an energetic effort to have the locks at the Cascades completed. They purpose going at it in a business-like way, and are compiling statistics showing the area of wheat lands, and the amount and value of products, that could find market by the way of the Columbia. There is abundant cause for gratulation in this, and the silver lining of hope shine out from behind the dark clouds of despair that have so long overshadowed this undertaking. The news that the Executive has been notified of the waking of Portland to the task of the locks, that have so long been a hindrance to the progress of the city, is a most encouraging one.

though the former get a decided preference, and is used principally for the reason that the speaker is talking metaphysics. We have heard the term applied time and again to the business men of The Dalles, and yet if the term has the meaning those using it, give it, of a non progressive person, or one who does nothing to benefit his town, it is sadly misapplied. There is an old saying that "you cannot eat your cake and have it," and it is certainly true that with a given amount of money you cannot put it in two places at once. The business men of The Dalles have not invested their money in factories, for the simple reason that they have used it all, are still using it all in developing the agricultural resources, and live stock industries. The Dalles does an immense credit business, and has hundreds of thousands of dollars trusted out, loaned as it were, to the farmers who are bringing the wild land under cultivation, and the stockmen whose cattle, horses and sheep are turning the wild grasses of the mountain sides into twenty dollar pieces. Without this aid from The Dalles business men, the development of the agricultural and stock industries could not go on, could scarcely have begun. Without these, the country would be a desert waste, and The Dalles a whistling station; and yet these men, whose coin is aiding the farmer and stockman in their good work are flippantly called "mossbacks." The settlers in a new country are generally persons of small, or moderate means, and require assistance until the result of their toil finds a market, and without the assistance of capital, they could not, nor would they in most cases, undertake to make themselves homes on the prairies of Wasco county. If developing the country is the essence of "mossbackism" then The Dalles is full of "mossbacks," and there is room and demand for more. We need them in our business. "Mossbacks" with wealth, and with a disposition to lend it to the new comers to aid in developing our resources, can find a glad welcome and an open field. We can't have too many of him; and he can't come too fast.

FINISH THE WORK BY CONTRACT.

The engineers in charge estimate that it will take another appropriation as large as the present one, (\$435,000) to complete the work at the Cascade locks. A long-suffering and patient public might take heart of grace, could the statement be believed, and the hope cherished that that amount would do the work. The aforesaid public, however, are not willing to accept the statement as true, and have not the least idea that another, or yet another appropriation, no matter how large, will see the locks completed under the present management. Already \$1,180,000 have been expended and there is nothing comparatively to show for it. What the people of Eastern Oregon want is that its representatives in Congress besiege Congress and the departments until the work is let by contract. When this is done we will believe the locks will be completed, and until it is done we will continue to believe that an appropriation for the locks is a dead waste of the peoples' money. It is not alone Eastern Oregon that is interested in this matter, but Portland's future depends largely upon the immediate opening of the Columbia. Channels of trade once established are hard to change, and these channels are being rapidly formed between eastern Oregon and Puget Sound, and Portland is losing a large portion of a trade which in a few years will be lost to her entirely, and forever. If Portland will add her influence, the work may be taken out of its present hands, and completed next year by contract. If she will not, the work will not be finished this century, and Portland will have voluntarily surrendered a trade, which alone, if properly fostered, would support a city of double her present size.

Comparative statements prepared by clerks of the house and senate committees, show the total estimated needs of the government for the next fiscal year to be \$481,032,169; increased \$75,430,529 over last year, and not including anything for rivers and harbors. The total estimated revenues for the current year are \$446,955,031, making an excess of estimated appropriations, exclusive of deficiencies and miscellaneous, over the estimated revenues, of \$34,077,131. The excess of estimated revenues over estimated appropriations, exclusive of \$49,224,928 for the sinking fund and exclusive of deficiencies and miscellaneous, is \$147,790, leaving this amount as the plus if the sinking fund requirements not included in the estimates. There are \$7,000,000 for sugar bounties, and \$1,000,000 or \$5,000,000 for drawbacks under the last tariff law.

The telegraphic news in this paper clipped from the columns of the Oregonian which is a legitimate subject for abuse and plunder by the balance of the press of the State. It is impossible for any newspaper here with our present population to take the dispatches, but the Chronicle has arranged for a special service which will necessarily be brief. We make this statement as we do not wish to sell under false colors.

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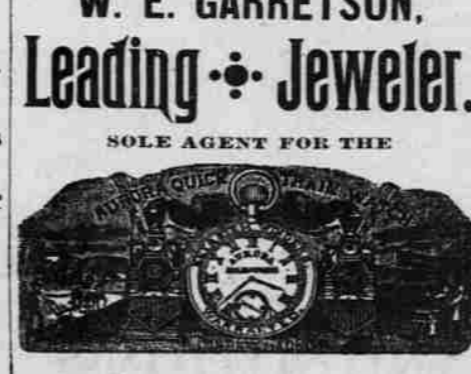
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REMOVAL.
 H. Glenn has removed his office and the office of the Electric Light Co. to 72 Washington St.

The Gate City of the Inland Empire is situated at the head of navigation on the Middle Columbia, and is a thriving, prosperous city.

ITS TERRITORY.
 It is the supply city for an extensive and rich agricultural and grazing country, its trade reaching as far south as Summer Lake, a distance of over two hundred miles.

THE LARGEST WOOL MARKET.
 The rich grazing country along the eastern slope of the the Cascades furnishes pasture for thousands of sheep, the wool from which finds market here.

The Dalles is the largest original wool shipping point in America, about 5,000,000 pounds being shipped this year.

THE VINEYARD OF OREGON.
 The country near The Dalles produces splendid crops of cereals, and its fruits cannot be excelled. It is the vineyard of Oregon, its grapes equalling California's best, and its other fruits, apples, pears, prunes, cherries etc., are unsurpassed.

ITS PRODUCTS.
 The salmon fisheries are the finest on the Columbia, yielding this year a revenue of \$1,500,000 which can and will be more than doubled in the near future.

The products of the beautiful Klickital valley find market here, and the country south and east has this year filled the warehouses, and all available storage places to overflowing with their products.

ITS WEALTH
 It is the richest city of its size on the coast, and its money is scattered over and is being used to develop more farming country than is tributary to any other city in Eastern Oregon.

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