

MISCELLANY.

There is no crop a man can plant that stands drouth as well as sheep.

When you go gunning for frauds be sure you are at the right end of the gun when it goes off.

The Mexican cotton weevil is moving northward and is reducing the cotton acreage as he goes.

Speculative purchases, based upon short supplies, have pushed up prices of tapioca abroad, and the market is still advancing.

A gentleman in the east has written to know if there is any silica sand to be found in this vicinity. If there is he will start a glass factory.—World.

The California fruit crop has increased seven-fold in ten years, and its value, last year, was fifty million dollars, or ten million dollars more than that of the gold mined in that state.

A business house at Nelson last week took in a \$10 bill of the Imperial Bank of Canada. On its back the following words were written: "Beware of fast women and strong drink. This is the last of a large fortune."

There seems to be a movement afoot all over the state of Ohio tending towards municipal reform. Lima is making a vigorous effort to rid the city of gamblers and Sunday saloons.—Merchant Sentinel.

Wide awake retail shoe dealers who never knew what it was to be without an extensive stock of goods find themselves in a position to realize handsome profits, owing to the advance in prices. It always pays to be progressive and up-to-date.

When one considers how impudently the great trusts bulldoze our government and rob the people, he becomes ashamed of his country; finds it a great strain upon his patriotism, and can hardly believe there exists a star-spangled banner to look up to and inspire hope of freedom and equal rights to all. The whole business life of the nation is rotten to the core.—Fairmont Sentinel.

Such extracts as the above are getting pretty plenty in the weekly and daily papers, and denote a general waking up of the public to the idea that a fourth-class lawyer, with a set of party principles and general intelligence furnished by a central, state or national committee, isn't exactly the kind of a hairpin to manufacture into a first-class statesman, or practical legislator.—St. Paul Trade Journal.

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B. C. CUSTOMS RETURNS.

The following is a summary of the customs returns for the four ports of the Province of British Columbia for the month of May, 1895:

IMPORTS.

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTM'N'R	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Dutiable Goods.....	\$150,517 00	\$ 31,030 00	\$ 60,233 00	\$ 15,071 00	\$308,851 00
Free Goods.....	40,949 00	24,233 00	38,694 00	823 00	104,718 00
Total Imports.....	\$191,466 00	\$107,263 00	\$ 98,927 00	\$ 15,923 00	\$413,599 00

REVENUE.

Duty Collected.....	\$ 53,179 02	\$ 25,317 47	\$ 16,991 45	\$ 5,311 55	\$100,802 49
Other Revenue.....	7,963 66	8,233 64	116 11	477 70	16,840 51
Total Collections.....	\$ 61,142 08	\$ 33,601 11	\$ 17,107 56	\$ 5,792 25	\$117,613 00

EXPORTS.

The Mine.....	\$ 45,188 00	4,470 00	\$279,803 00	\$202,175 00	\$531,636 00
The Fisheries.....	38,953 00	285 00	3 593 00		42,831 00
The Forest.....		42,170 00	9,083 00		51,253 00
Animals and their produce.....	32,196 00	2,812 00	297 00		35,305 00
Agricultural.....	130 00	17 00	6 00		153 00
Manufactures.....	4,614 00	4,395 00	301 00		9,311 00
Miscellaneous.....	13,585 00				13,585 00
Total Exports.....	\$134,896 00	\$ 54,820 00	\$293,083 00	\$202,175 00	\$684,974 00

\$8,965, Gold Coin; \$4,620, Silver Coin.

Changes are rapid now—buyers are critical, and cancel on the most insignificant pretext, and agents for dry goods feel that they must be on hand to take advantage of every change in the wind.

Here is an item from an English trade journal the Textile Mercury which to say the least is very suggestive:

Low silver will drive us from the East wherever modern plants are erected in India, China or Japan to supply goods formerly bought here.

Is it any wonder the bimetallic sentiment is growing among the mercantile classes in England?—St. Louis Dry Goods Reporter.

The origin of the great placer beds of gold, that can be traced so far down the Pacific coast, may always remain a mystery, but the recent great discoveries of placer gold in the Yukon region of Alaska, and our knowledge of the existence of glaciers which, in years past, crept far southward from the frozen north, may serve to indicate that Alaska is the goose that laid the train of golden eggs all the

way down the Pacific, and that the gentle creature has kept her finest eggs in the original nest.—Montana Mining Review.

Sails for vessels are now being made of pulp-paper. The paper after special treatment is made in sheets of ordinary width and thickness of sail stock, and is elastic air-tight, durable, light, and possessed of other needed qualifications to make it available for said making.

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