

The Oregonian

SUBSCRIPTION RATES. INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE. (By Mail.) Daily, Sunday included, one year, \$4.00...

the public service companies corrupted the city officials has been revealed and condemned. It is not likely that any of them will be held responsible...

Exports continue in the face of such a satisfactory trade showing, they may be regarded more as evidence of a badly strained financial situation abroad than of weakness at home...

News of the transfer of Colonel Roessler from the river and harbor work in this district will be received with much regret, although the change is undoubtedly a promotion for the officer who has given such satisfaction during the period in which he has been stationed here...

Big Bundle of Papers for Voters of Lane County to Handle. EUGENE, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—The sample ballots for the June election have been distributed to the 99 precincts of Lane County...

THREE TICKETS IN THE FIELD. Republicans, Democrats and Socialists Active in Columbia. CLATSkanie, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—A total of 2167 voters were registered on the books at the County Clerk's office for Columbia County...

Initiative and Referendum Measures. For the information of voters there will be published on this page from day to day brief summaries of the initiative and referendum measures...

POSTAGE RATES. Entered at Portland, Oregon, Postoffice as Second-Class Matter, October 3, 1879...

Our racial psychology predisposes Americans to compromise. We are not inclined as a people to push matters to extremes, and it is often the case that a narrow escape does more to reform a man than punishment...

Exports of more than \$50,000,000, nearly all of which went out between April and July, the exports for May, 1904, amounting to \$41,000,000. Some of this big business was due to the Panama Canal payments...

Many years of British rule in India have failed to eliminate the fatal trait in the character of the natives. The Mohmands, mountaineers, will only crude spears and ancient firearms, charge right up against the armaments of the British with no more caution or discretion than they exhibited before they learned the power of the British arms...

Insurance Statistics Show Drain on Oregon Pocket-Books. SALEM, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—The annual report of insurance Commissioner F. W. Benson for the year 1907, shows that the insurance companies doing business in this state collected in that year over \$5,744,000...

DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST. David A. Houck, Who Came West in 1853, Mined in Southern Oregon. KEROY, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—David A. Houck, who died at his home here, May 13, of paralysis, at the age of 77 years, was born at Hagerstown, Conn...

Major George M. Rowe. ASTORIA, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—Major George M. Rowe, of Seaside, died at the hospital in this city today of pneumonia...

KEPT ON SALT. Postoffice News Co., 178 Dearborn street; Empire News Station, 100 N. W. 2nd St. Commercial Union, 100 N. W. 2nd St. Commercial Union, 100 N. W. 2nd St.

Ab Hembree, a degenerate scion of a family honored in the early history of Yamhill County, has again been found guilty of murder. In this instance was his daughter, and the charge upon which he has been convicted is murder in the first degree...

DOWN GRADE TO PORTLAND. The Harriman system has commenced construction work on the Snake River cut-off between Huntington and Lewiston. With the exception of the traffic originating in the Seven Devils mining region and in part of the Wallowa country, the local business of this line will be small, but as a link in the transportation system...

LOYAL TO STATEMENT NO. 1. CAKE TELLS BAKER CITY VOTERS WHERE HE STANDS. BAKER CITY, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—EIKS' HALL, in this city, was filled tonight to hear H. M. Cake. He made an earnest appeal to Republicans, reviewing things that a Republican Senator will be able to do for this state...

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Students Edit Engineering Paper. OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 22.—(Special.)—The engineering students are shortly to begin the publication of an engineering magazine, to appear monthly. The staff will be from the electrical, mechanical and mining students...

RETURNING BORROWED GOLD. Less than six months has passed since European gold was pouring into this country in record-breaking quantities. The movement which began in October continuing until more than \$100,000,000 of the yellow metal had been ferried across the Atlantic...

THE SUBSIDY BILL. In the matter of the ship subsidy bill an interesting compromise has been effected which is expected to smooth away all difficulties from its pathway to success. The agreement is to pay the same subsidies to "dollar service" as to Atlantic City clipper service...

Hembree has been convicted again. That would seem to assure at least another year in the penitentiary before that beautiful parole law and Governor Chamberlain can get together again.

Law Graduates at Willamette. SALEM, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—At the annual commencement exercises of Willamette College of Law last night the following were graduated: Philip Stover, George Neuner, Jr., William P. Lord, Jr., Walter C. Winslow, Claude O. Hindman, Roy Morgan, Wallace G. Waller, Roy Morgan. The address was delivered by Hon. J. C. Moreland and the charge to the class by Attorney-General Crawford...

Four Killed During April. SALEM, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—Reports by railroad companies to the Railroad Commission for the month of April show that railroad accidents during that month resulted in the death of four persons and the injury of nine.

Chamberlain Grilled at Canby. CANBY, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—T. J. Cleaton addressed the voters of Canby and vicinity in the interests of H. M. Cake last night. The meeting was held in the hall and was entirely successful. Music from Canby's Cornet Band. The audience was very attentive and the address was well received.

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"A TIME OF WAR AND A TIME OF PEACE." The outcome of the Ruff trial in San Francisco affords little consolation to the friends of honest government. Although the deposed boss has already pleaded guilty to a charge not unlike the one for which he was on trial, nevertheless the jury could not agree. From the beginning to the end it stood six to six. Persuasion and argument were of no avail.

WALTER AUGUSTUS WYKOFF, professor of political economy in Princeton University and author of "The Workers" and several other sociological works, is in charge of the office which stands at the head of the common laborer in the logging camp, with the shovel, the ax and the hod. Professor Wykoff's books touched at its very core the old problem of earning bread in the sweat of the brow...

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