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Much learning shows how little mortals know; much wealth how little worldlings enjoy .- Young.

STRUCK THE KEYNOTE.

clared in the council meeting yesterday that the Oregonian's effort to secure the revocation of the Portland Gas company's franchises was due simply and grudge against the officers of the cor-

"No thought was given to the inthe councilmen declined to become alarm" at the capitol in Washington catspaws to pull the Oregonian's and, it seems, even in the white chestnuts out of the fire. The real house. purpose of the campaign against the Another reason why the convengas company was not to give the people cheaper or better gas, not to se- in administration circles is that it is cure to the city some adequate return overwhelmingly Democratic, it being for the franchise, but to destroy the composed of 99 Democrats and only value of the company's property. 12 Republicans. If the people of There was no effort by the Oregonian to secure the purchase or condemna- with their million of people and vast tion by the city of the gas plant, at a

Undoubtedly the public has had in the past some cause of complaint against the company. The service and the quality of the gas have not askance by the powers that be in the always been of the best. Blunders national capital, and that is that the have doubtless been made by care- Oregon method of electing United less employes in meter readings and States senators has been adopted; in computations of bills. Similar the people are really to elect, the causes of complaint exist in greater legislature to ratify their choice, and or less degree against similar cor- the politicians of high degree at the porations in every large city in the national capital are not pleased with land. The investigation by the Port- this plan. Where, if this system land city council has been productive were in vogue throughout the counof some good in this, that the ex- try, would Platt and Depew, and posure of abuses has done much to others, be? bring them to an end.

only holder of perpetual franchises federal government to assume many in this city. It is not even the only of the powers hitherto exercised by lighting company holding such fran- states, the required presidential promade no campaign against these may not as a matter of course be other corporations? Why has the forthcoming on its arrival in Washmonopoly of the Oregon City locks ington, been so markedly exempted from attack? Why has the Oregonian THE TAX COMMISSION'S REnothing to say about the Southern Pacific's usurpation of Fourth street, one of the most important thoroughfares in the city? Every intelligent citizen understands full well the real situation, the motives which govern the Oregonian's course.

The same tactics employed in the effort to whip the council into subserviency are now being used at Sa-Press-must be undisturbed. But to ation of this report, whereas the joint gratify the private grudge of the committee can spend but small por-Oregonian, the gas company's business is to be destroyed and its prop- investigated the laws of other states. erty is to be virtually confiscated, and their operation, as the commit-We do not believe that the legislature will put its power to any such There is little doubt under such cir-

HAVING EARS, THEY HEAR existing laws. NOT.

about the exorbitant freight rate com- it covers, and their opinion is also pert Wiley has had time to think it plained of along the line that has en- entitled to much weight, abled the O. R. & N. to pile up a rates of the country have been re- of all classes of property but for uni- his retirement from politics. the exorbitant rates that were so desired. It contains many other dehigh that as long as the Yaquina-San sirable and progressive features, and paid. Francisco line was in operation they in the main is, we believe, deserving caused Eugene shippers to haul of a favorable report.

Oregon is the fine model and exform the place for the place

means known to them escape on a usual. valuation of a little over \$10,000,000 when their property in Oregon is believed to be worth between \$70,-000,000 and \$100,000,000?

How strange, how passing strange that in the midst of all these complaints, the railroads' apologists should have heard only of the car shortage. Through what ears do they hear and through what glasses do they look darkly?

THEN Councilman Sharkey de- OKLAHOMA'S CONSTITUTION

HE OKLAHOMA constitutiona convention is inclined to adopt some provisions of organic law that will not be acceptable solely to that newspaper's private to the railroads and other monopolies, and, according to some recent poration, he struck the keynote of the reports, are not acceptable either to situation and voiced the opinion of a President Roosevelt or other Republarge majority of the people of this lican leaders. The convention seems disposed to guard the future state better than any other state is guardterests of the dear public," said Shar-ed by its constitution against op-"It was just a private grudge pression by railroad and other mothat had its origin in a newspaper of nopolies and public service corporalice." Precisely. And a majority of tions, and this is "viewed with

tion is regarded with unfriendly eyes Oklahoma and Indian Territory, resources and wealth, persist in voting the Democratic ticket, should they be given statehood at all?

Another proposition that the convention has indorsed is looked upon

For these and other reasons, and But the gas company is not the since the president's policy is for the chises. Why has the Oregonian lamation of the new state's existence

PORT.

HE TAX code prepared by a tax commission and introduced as a bill in the legislature is preparation entitled to favorable concommittee of the two houses now of water. considering it. The work done by lem, to wring from the legislature a the commission cost the state some go scot free. Other monopolies- diligently and faithfully. They including that of the Associated spent about 13 months in the prepartions of a few days. The commission tees at Salem have not time to do cumstances that the report as a whole turers of war rumors. would be a great improvement upon

AILROAD apologists undertake port, and most of them are earnestly evidence that we are doggoned tired to say that the car shortage is in favor of it. They are men who of them? the only source of complaint have a practical and to some extent against the railroads. What an expert knowledge of the subjects

Besides, any member of the legisfabulous surplus in nine years of lature, upon examination, can see gion and the solar plexus. \$24,000,000 on 1,200 miles of road? that the proposed bill contains many What about the freight rates in the good features and if it has any dis-Willamette region that are as high tinctly bad ones they have not been that land shark, the Southern Oregon now as they were 30 years ago, pointed out publicly. It is designed company, ought to be loosened by though population has immensely to require certain classes of taxmultiplied in the meantime, though dodgers to pay their reasonable prothe traffic has so increased that the portion of taxes, and will apparently railroads cannot handle it, and though work some reform in this respect. It came quite near suffering from such in that period the average railroad provides not only for full assessment serious indisposition as would require duced until they are but 63 per cent form assessment in all the counties of their former figure? What about of the state, a change greatly to be

pers there to be at this moment plan- to pass. The people generally ex- obstreperous husbands. ning to haul freight parallel to South - pect some legislation on this subject. ern Pacific lines between Lebanon and those who have studied this reand Albany? What about the rank port and are competent to form an discrimination in rates all over Ore- opinion are generally agreed that it gon, exacting for instance \$1.35 per is a good measure and ought to be the decree himself. hundred on harness hardware from come a law. If any serious defects Portland to Union, almost as much as disclose themselves they can be rem from New York to Portland? How edied two years hence, but a new tax about an assessment on farm lands code is needed, and unless this is well as other forms of murder. on which the owners pay a full valu- passed about as recommended by the ation when the railroads by the commission we shall get nothing, as

HARRIMAN'S POWER.

HE WALL Street Journal says that 'E. H. Harriman is the most powerful individual in the United States, not excepting even the president. It makes no allusion to Rockefeller, from which we infer that it assumes that he gives Harriman an absolutely free hand. The Wall Street paper, one of recognized high standing in financial circles, says of the lord of Oregon:

His power is absolute over about 15,000 miles of railroad having a capitalization of about \$1,100,000,000. His authority is very large over 12,000 additional miles of road having a capitalization of \$1,200,000, 000, while he has a potent voice in the management of \$8,000 miles of road having a capitalization of \$1,000,000,000. Thus directly and indirectly his power extends over one third of the railroad transporover one third of the railroad transpor-tation interests of the United States, and of a very considerable part of this he is an autocrat, and by reason of his autocratic powers over the Union Pa-olfic, and especially his unrestricted-power over its finances, his influence over the remaining portion, as well as over the financial markets, is increased.

There be those in Oregon who think it useless to try to legislate in opposition to the will of this potent evening. man, and who are hopeless of the will of the people prevailing over his influence, exerted, secretly for the most part, in many ways at Salem; but The Journal as yet does not regard the struggle as hopeless or useless. We shall soon see, however.

California is slowly recovering from her awful panic. The citizens are crawling up from cellars and sliding down from the tall timber; one or two restaurants are opened, the gilded palaces where the demon rum presides are doing business; other commercial enterprises show signs of returning activity, and the people of the golden state have great hopes that President Roosevelt will reconsider his decision to declare war on

That millions of people are staryin China ought not to be a matter of indifference to the people of Oregon, who have plenty and always some thing to spare to those in dire distress. Many ought to follow the example, as their circumstances will allow, of Mr. Wilcox and other leaders in this good movement.

Hill spoke so bitterly at Chicago of these heads of the great western rail-

Mill men cannot market lumber and farmers and fruit growers have found it difficult to market their from the circumstances of its products, because of the car shortage. but Mr. Harriman seems to find no sideration on the part of the joint difficulty in finding market for lots

It was Senator Bailey who last forfeiture of the gas franchise. Other \$10,000, and it is to be presumed the eyear indignantly defended the charholders of perpetual franchises may members worked upon their report acter of the senate as a whole and its members individually. Perhaps Depew or Guggenheim will do as much next year for Bailey.

The price of a battleship like the Dreadnaught would pay for building 12,000 boxcars, which the people need just now much more than the battleship, notwithstanding the manufac-

Why not offer the Philippines to The assessors of the state at their Japan, not in settlement of any anlast annual meeting indorsed the re- ticipated difficulty, but just as an

> It is quite possible, now that Exover, that he knows there is a close relationship between the dorsal re-

Undoubtedly the stranglehold of the legislature, if possible.

Senator Bailey (of Texas) also

The normal schools need large appropriations. Lobbyists have to be

ern Pacific lines between Eugene and ought to be made soon, for such a in the east are copying our direct Corvallis? What about the high rates bill will necessarily arouse much dis- primary laws, while Washington will n vogue now that are causing ship- cussion and require considerable time make use of our whipping post for

> An Iowa woman has filed a divorce complaint in rhyme. The defendant ought to need no lawyer to secure

Acquittals on the ground of insanity are calculated to breed lynching as

The Oregonian is making a fight against perpetual gas franchises. wants no competition,

In spite of everything, we stand up for Oregon weather.

Golden Weddings

By Mrs. John A. Logan. the dumping of "love upon the rubbish heaps" to read accounts of the cele-bration of fiftieth anniversaries of wed-

kind that have occurred recently is that of ex-Postmaster-General and Mrs. James A. Gary of Baltimore, who on by their children and grandchildren to the number of 30. Sous and daugh-ters, bringing their children with them, an ideal home, where love and happi-ness reign supreme.

General Gary, now 73, and Mrs.

Gary, 70, are a remarkably fine-looking couple, both the embodiment of mental and physical vigor, happiness and cor-diality. Mrs. Gary is a most gracious matron, who, when surrounded by her seven daughters in their wedding gowns, vied with them for the compilents of the fortunate guests of the

No evidence is necessary to prov union and the law that has governed such a family, or that the children will endeavor to emulate the example set before them by their revered parents. tractive daughters are remembered a among the most charming people of th cabinet circle. There was an air of cordial greeting and genuine hospitality that is rare in these later days. The Garys never allowed callers to feel they were bered by calls and other civilities chowered upon them. If they were bored they were clever enough to hide it from their guests. They never complained to hosts of the drudgery im posed upon the families of officials. They found something else to talk about persons very happy by giving them an outing at the magnificent country place of the Garys at Catonsville, near Baltimore. It was from the greenhouse at this lovely home that the gorgeous chrysenthemums and other yellow flowers were grown which were used in such profusion on the evening of the 26th.

On the same evening Hon, and Mrs Isaac R. Hitt, now of Washington and recently of Evanston, Illinois, observed the fiftieth anniversary of their wed-ding day at the home of their son, where the children and grandchildren where the children and grands on the people's backs so assembled to do honor to the venerable pair. A ceremony was performed of exchange of plain gold rings which for exchange of plain gold rings which if \$1.50 a n.onth is wrong, what system of logic do you use to determine by the eldest grandson and grand-that 50 cents per month is right? daughter. Bishop Cranston joined the hands of the couple and pronounced a heautiful henediction upon them. roads that the public will be pardoned together the occasion was delightful for showing some alarm. It is forced and emphasized the blessings which folfor showing some alarm. It is feared low a happy married life which has that Hill and Harriman are about to been spent in conformity with God's holy ordinance. Their children's dren rose up and called them blessed.

It is to be hoped that no anniversary of this kind may pass unobserved, as there could not possibly be better object lessons in support of the power of

Robert T. Mantell's Birthday. Robert B. Mantell, the actor, was bot Ayrshire, Scotland, February 7 54, but was brought up in Ireland His first appearance was made in "Richelieu." Under the name of Hudson he made his professional debut in 1874 at Rochdale, Lancashire and the same year he came to America and played in Boston. In 1878 he supported Madame Modjeska. His first lift into popularity arrived when Fanny Davenport engaged him for the part of Loris Ipanoff in "Fedora." His success in this character established a vogue for him that paved the way for his stellar career of several years in the one play, "Monbars." Mr. Mantell has added to his reputation by his appearance in numerous Shakeapearean characters.

A Lonely Christmas.

Many a missionary working in one of other of the outposts of Christendon has spent a lonely Christmas thinking of the festivities of home, remarks the Liverpool Post and Mercury. But the loneliest station of them all is that or Herschel island, off the coast of far northwest Canada. The nearest postor-fice is more than 2,000 miles away south. On account of distance and the character of the region, mails are only delivered twice in the year. The island itself is a dreary and barren waste, on which the sun shines but two months That is their summer, and in the year. That is their summer, and it is too short to allow of any vegetation whatever. Yet the missionaries plod on and it is good to be told that the Esquinaux are very glad of their are. company and responsive to their in

Famous Irish Giant. One of the most famous giants of comparatively recent times was Cor-nelius Magrath, the Irish giant, who, born in 1756, caused a great sensation in Europe, being seven feet, nine and three-quarter inches tall when 16 years of age. He was afflicted with rheuma-tism from infance and was not atrong mentally. His skeleton was preserved in the musaum of the medical school of Trinity college and in 1879 was taken to the Anatomical and Zoological museum. He died when only 25 years old. The bones show symptoms of serious disease, being all irregular in shape. The skull seems rather small in proper tion to the rest of his body, but on

Letters From the People

The Water Problem.

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Portland, Feb. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—in today's Journal is an editorial entitled "Working Out the Water Problem." I request that you publish this reply to that editorial as an act of fairness to the "other side." Referring to the meter system contemplated, you say it "would oblige larger consumers to pay more and exactly in proportion to the amount consumed, which no one will have the hardihood to say is not just." I wish to assure you that you are mistaken, and that I.

which no one will have the hardihood to say is not just." I wish to assure you that you are mistaken and that I, for one, have the hardihood to deny the justice of such a proceeding, and will show incontrovertible reasons for rejecting the scheme as unjust.

The Portland water system was built by the people, paid for by the people. I for the purpose of use. Now, as a consequence, land values have risen. The people pay these land values to a useless set of monopolists, called landlords, in rent. That is to say, all the benefit accruing from this enterprise of the people goes into the pockets of the landlords. Now, if the maintenance of the aystem was laid directly against land values by a lax on land values, as land values by a lax on land values, will compel each individual to pay twice for the sam thing—once in rent. Once in direct tax. This is unjust, and neither The Journal nor the water board nor the "citizens" who attended the landowners conference at the city hall can show to the contrary.

That this is seen by those who oppose the free water agitation is shown by the fact that those who have persistently pursued a selfish and look-out for my own-pocket damn-the-people course, land grafters and their servants, carefully aveided any plan to tax the land though its and the land that the land that the land the land that the land the land that the land that the land that the land the land that the land the land that the land that the land that the land the land the land that land the land that la

for my own-pocket damn-the people course land grafters and their servants, carefully avoided any plan to tax the land, though its value is leaping rapidly toward fabulous uncarned fortune. If these gentlemen were imbued with a sense of civic righteousness or a desire for the common good they would have advocated a return to society of that uncarned increment which has attached to their holdings by virtue of this enterprise. But since the people have installed and paid for the water system, it is rightfully theirs to freely use for consumption. Where, on the other hand, the system is used as stock in trade, as capital for the production of wealth, it is right to charge the amount of public wealth so used against the user, etherwise there would arise an undue advantage of one over the

But if the people to whom the water The second generation are intellectual-belongs waste it, whose business is ly, morally and physically splendid that? Is it not theirs? It is certainly specimens and bid fair to be as useful in their day as their proud antecedents. General and Mrs. Gary and their atself-constituted conservators, as though
the people were a pack of rattle-brained,
thriftless idiots. It is an insult to suggest such a thing. And if they did
waste some water, it would not equal
the waste of money under the graftconceived system now in operation.
Why has this body suddenly awakened to a sense of economy? The freewater men have driven them to refuge
in subterfug.

specting meters, etc., and a good chance of graft in buying them. But fat jobs are obstinate, and landlords will favor these burdens on the people's backs so long as their selfish interests are

Use Historic Names.

er month is right? LOUIS BOWERMAN.

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 5 .- To the Edite of The Journal-Please grant me the courtesy of your columns to appeal to the legislative assembly for proper rec-ognition in the creation of new coun-ties of the impressive names in the history of the state. I am sure it would be a proper and just tribute to the work of McLoughlin to give to the pro-posed county, whose borders will reach near the scene of his great career, his name. The word Cascade can signify nothing, except that it may indicate nothing, except that it may indicate falling waters. It will teach no lesson to the generations yet to come. If another county is to be born, let it bear the name not of Clark alone, but Lewis and Clark, that it may impress itself upon the map in recognition of the extended to the clark alone itself upon the map in recognition of the extended to the clark alone. to the generations yet to come. If an-other county is to be born, let it bear upon the map in recognition of the ex-then Gollath caim on & David hit him pedition which counted so much for in the forehead with a rock wich went the Oregon country.

the Oregon country.

The third may justly be adorned with the name of Abernethy, in recognition of the beginnings of the state and of its first executive. If others are to follow—and they will ultimately, as the vast interior becomes peopled—let us remember Jason Lee and Marcus Whitman Page 2 and Applemate. Nesmith and down town, when he is down town he man, Deady and Applegate, Nesmith and down town, when he is down town Minto, and a score of others, some liv-ing and others dead, who have helped about the time he shook hands with without other signification than eu-phony or local compliment, that neither hamilton, nor Jefferson, nor Franklir has yet been honored here. STEPHEN A. LOWELL.

Immortality and Humanity. Life-

Oh, what is life? We live and breathe and move Like pigmies wand'ring midst the great unknown; We clutch at shadows, thinking sem-And strive with secrets that are God'

we can but follow where our faith We weep, when angels sing aloud for

Rejoicing when an angel's heart might bleed.

Watching Jupiter Revolve

By Professor Edgar L. Larkin.

Anybody now, even a man suffering from the hideous money disease so neverely that it prevents him from ever thinking about anything else, can see Jupiter if he is unable to think of it.

That glant world rose at sunset on December 28, 1906. For it, the earth and the sun were all on the same straight line on that day, or Jupiter was in opposition, pulling the earth away from the sun a little and off its regular track comewhat.

So if you' want to know where the carth's track is, watch the place where the sun sets; draw a line from that point through your head to Jupiter and you will be within five minutes of it.

The wonderful thing about Jupiter is its short time of turning on its axis. It takes our speck of a world 25 hours to turn around, but Jupiter, 1,283 times targer, gets around in nine hours and 55 minutes. Everything on the equator moves around at a lively rate, and it is just fine to watch it move in the big

The disc of Jupiter is always belted and banded with streaks darker in color than the general surface. On January 1 they were plentiful and of a light chocolate tint. They are thought to be in clouds. They are often banked and piled in heaps, and at times contain spots. By centering the telescope on one of these and watching, one can see the planet turn.

It is fascinating to watch the motions of the four prominent moons of the Jovian system. Here are distances from Jupiter and lengths and months: Names of Distances Time of Revo-Names of Distances Time of Revo-Moons, from Center of tion or Months, Jupiter in Miles. Days, Hrs. Min.

Some time ago The Journal announced that it was favorable to the single tax as right doctrine. How, then, can it maintain that the fractional burden belongs on the general public, regardless of land privilege? It is wholly inconsistent with the single tax, wholly inconsistent with right.

It is cute to say the meters will be beneficial. But how? We eagerly await a reply. Certainly not in the estimated expense of \$700,000. If the people wish to waste water, it is their business, and when they want more to waste they will build more pipe lines. But the desire is not to prevent waste; it is to furnish more fat jobs for inspecting meters, etc., and a good chance. These satellites go behind the planet,

alv as the New York heroes.

HEROES.
Heroes is men that cum to New York then git married on the saim salary hay had when they were single. That is the greatest kind of h there were many other kinds in good old days, but they were not

Among the old heroes was a strong man naimed Herkulees. He was taller than any of us & wider than the widest policeman you ever saw. He was braiv beekaus he had the size to be braiv & so he didn't cast, he was so big that when he got up in the St. Cars eight (%) ladies cud sit down, but he was a hero so he dident git up, he always sed that nobedy but a hero cud stay in his seat when eight (%) ladies was standing up

looking at him setting down.

A other grate hero in the old times was Alexander the Grate, he was a fine fiter wich licked all the soliers or other side & sed Show me a other world, I have jest begun to fite, but he

these names are not enough, we should all thay talk about is fites. when he cums hoam he says Why shudent a man be braiv, why shud he fill a Cowards Graive? then my Ma starts talking to him & Pa starts talking lower & lower & then he doesnt talk at all.

> February 7 in History. 1478—Sir Charles Moren born. Died July 6, 1535. 1819-Charles Dickens born. Died

June 9, 1870. 1866—Oude annexed to the British territories in India.

1862—Ship Orpheus wrecked off New Zealand coast; 190 lives lost. 1864—Jacksonville, Florida, taken by the Federals.

1870.—General Sir C. Windham, hero of the Redan, died.
1890.—Duke of Orleans visited Paris, arrested and imprisoned.

Oh. what is life? It is a riddle deep
We may not know till life's short day is past;
Then God himself shall lift the parting yell
And clear away all mysteries at last!

—Emma Tolman East.

we do know we shall be far better off dead than alive after a life of pure thoughts and good deeds, as the reward of a good deed lies in doing it. Everything in the universe goes to prove this, not least the inward consciousness of one's self, the inexplicably small part of God, that I am, which amounts to as much as one drop of the ocean. Yet sonality at death no one can solve, we do know we shall be far better And clear away all mysteries at last!

—Emma Tolman East.

"What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" is the question with which "Nightwatch" begins his article, and which needs his thorough support. I would not care to answer it, were it not that I thought both his and my article might be read by "Student," whom I thank with all my heart for his article, which is philosophical; yet I feel there is a certain egoistic spirit in part.

One's self, the inexplicably small part of Grants Pass Courier: I was just think-much as one drop of the ocean. Yet who can kick one drop of water away from the ocean? I am satisfied that God loves me for my own sake, for his own pride's sake, and not on account of any blood being shed on any cross for me. I do not want one drop of the blood of Christ; but how could mortal blood at the blood of Christ; but how could mortal blood at the blood of Christ; but how could mortal blood at the the at the blood at the think the theat the other than the other than the t

Small Change

Too many men want laws to suit their articular little cases.

Portland appears to be short also of

The speaker is bound to get down mong em and speak some.

"Don't be a Clam" does not apply to

In the Williamette river indicating that it wants an appropriation?

What are the members of the normal school combine going to give as a con-sideration?

Dr. Wiley, the Thaw alienist, seems inqualified to be superintendent of a sanitarium for demented cata,

Spring has put in another appearance, but we are not guaranteeing that it will be in evidence by the time this state-No use to pass a law to prevent deep now and slides and floods up the Co-ambia in the good old winter time.

There is plenty of snow in eastern Oregon, but the new county propositions up there seem to have hard sledding at

The late Senator Gorman was eulo-gized by men who hated and did not respect him, a common case of congres-sional hypocrisy.

We don't know what trusts Briggs, slected senatos from New Jorsey, is tied up with, but he can't be worse than old poverty-plundering Prudential.

The safest place to buy stamps is at Uncle Sam's shop, of his agent, Minto. If you do this you won't get jail on account of stamp purchases.

for \$50,000 damages for breach of prom-ise and got a verdict for 1 cent, and her opinion of the jury is not print-What will be the next ordinance that Councilman Shepherd will desire to get through before resigning? Oh, any old thing, providing its passage takes plenty

The Duchess of Marlborough will pay \$100,000 a year, for the privilege of re-taining the name without the company of the duke. The latter consideration makes it a good bargain.

A young woman up the valley is reported distracted because her husband-to-be is blockaded up the river, but she ought to be thankful that he isn't in a Dakota blizzard or the Salem lobby.

Oregon Sidelights

Revival meetings at Olex are credited

A farmers' board of trade at Canyon-ville is talked of.

A Hood River man was fined \$40 for allowing minors in his saloon.

Fights are becoming too frequent in town, says the Lakeview Examiner. Lumbermen and fruitgrowers are pro-testing against recent advances in freight

Corvallis has offered a bonus of \$5,000 for the removal there of an Oregon-City furniture factory.

S. L. Kline of Corvallis presented the oublie Astoria's future is brightening, says

merce is waking up. Astoria thinks it sees in the near fu-ture a Hill railroad all the way from

that city to San Francisco. Six coyotes, emboldened by hunger, came up to the back door of a Hood River butcher and demanded a handout.

Hood River Newtowns sold in Lon-

don for \$1.12 a box more than California Newtowns sold the same day to the same buyer. Hon T. G. Hendricks, who recently

donated a public park for Eugene, has now given \$500 to purchase books for the Eucene library. Fur trappers are meeting with very good success this winter, and the furs taken are of good quality, while the prices are up in the air, says the Gran-ite Gem. One man has 16 marten skins.

Albany Herald, 5th: The Herald office is situated (at 3 o'clock this morning) at the foot of Broadalbin street, somewhere between the middle channel and the east bank of the river. Drop

While digging a post hole a Paisless man found a piece of rock which with-out being assayed is estimated to go 2,000 pounds to the ton, says the Lakeview Examiner. As further develop-ment he sank another shaft eight feet

Dayton people held a meeting for the purpose of organizing a development company, the object being to engage in the work of buying and improving prop-erty, erect brick buildings to accommodate those who may desire to conduct stores and office rooms, and a suitable hell for public gatherings.

Robert Wilson of Corvallis, 13% years old, holds a permanent job as station agent, telegraph operator and Wells-Fargo express agent at Summit, a station on the line of the Corvallis & Eastern. His salary is \$50 per month, to which there is an increment through the commissions of the express business.