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The East Oregonian would put a stop to the habit of going in debt by the abolition of all laws for the collection of debts.

Marion county, like Wasco county, has added two mills to the county levy which is intended to be devoted to the improvement of her county roads.

The new dome of the Oregon capitol building will be covered with copper and of course the next legislature will be asked for another appropriation for gliding it all over. Domes are expensive but we must have 'em.

Speaking, the other day in the senate, of the importance of The Dalles as a center of business and population, Senator Mitchell said the city had three or four weekly papers and one daily. Is it possible the senator has never heard of the Daily Times-Mountaineer?

The Astorian of January 26th has the following:

The British ship Lawton is now 77 days out with a big cargo of tin plate aboard for Astoria. There has been a good deal said about tin plate since the passage of the McKinley bill. Apart from any political feature of the matter, but purely as a matter of news, it is interesting to know that tin plate is cheaper here today than it has been. Last year it sold as high as \$6.75 a box. Today good tin-plate of the same quality as was held at \$6.75 a year ago, can be had for from \$4 to \$6.15 a box. An ounce of facts is worth a ton of theory of unsupported statements.

All the newspapers in Oregon whose heads are in the Oregonian's stanchions are falling into line with the Portland crowd of tax-dodgers. Great are the moulders of public opinion.—Salem Journal.

The Journal is away off. The Portland "crowd of tax dodgers" have the law on their side; the more's the pity, but they have it all the same. What some of us object to is the paying of Multnomah county's state tax as well as our own. If some counties are so wedded to their most inequitable tax that they propose to let Multnomah get the best of them that's their own lookout. We're not built that way in Wasco county.

If the editor of the Pomeroy (Wash.) Independent is not a dangerous lunatic he writes exactly like one. A man who is capable of writing the following, which appeared in the editorial column of the last issue of his paper is not fit to be at large let alone edit a newspaper. The alliance whose divinely chosen mouthpiece the crank pretends to be ought to sit down on him, hard and fire him unceremoniously out of its ranks. Here is what he says: "The enemies of this paper who do it an injury because it exposes their corruption are one by one being removed by Him who presides over the destinies of worlds and rewards every being as is just and proper. Beware when you try to tear down with your vile tongue this chosen instrument for the defense of the people. The very poison that such spit at this paper will become a festering sore to remove their corrupt carcasses from this mundane sphere to one where the fire is not quenched."

The secretary of the state board of equalization has addressed a circular letter to the several county assessors urging them to adopt, as the basis of their next year's assessment, the cash value of all kinds of property, as the statutes direct. The circular advises the assessors to have an understanding with one another to that effect, "either by holding a convention or through some other means of organization by which the said understanding may become universal and be acted upon accordingly." The advice is good and right. No assessment will ever be fair and uniform till tax payers are assessed at the cash value of everything they own. But the board itself has set a very poor example to the assessors. Had they practiced as they preach their advice would have more weight. A set of men who would deliberately "equalize" one class of property by putting it up to its cash value and leave the rest at fifty cents on the dollar or all the way from thirty to seventy-five cents, cannot expect that their advice will have much moral force. It would be very different if the assessors knew beforehand that the state board would make the various assessment rolls conform to the statute where the assessors had failed in this regard. As it is assessments next year will be made very much on the old plan. Each assessor who has any patriotic pride in him will do his best to see that other counties do not get too far ahead of him in their effort to evade a just proportion of the state tax.

The various government works in Oregon will be photographed for exhibition at the World's Fair, says an ex-

change. The CHRONICLE suggests for the Cascade Locks a study in "still life." The crop of candidates for the various offices in the gift of the dear people of Wasco county is about as thick as tar weed in a field of volunteer wheat. Alas! that so many of the tender plants should be nipped by the chilly frosts of the June election. The Heppner Gazette comes to us this week with a full report of the speech which "Hon. J. L. Ayer" was to have delivered at the late convention of the Young Men's Republican clubs held at Portland. It is rumored that Mr. Cleveland, within the next few days, will announce his withdrawal from the presidential contest, but nobody believes it. Grover ain't built that way. President Harrison is taking a long time to make up his mind whom to appoint to the vacant judgeship of the ninth district. A little more sunshine and the spring poets ought to begin to bud. Escaped on a Private Vessel. RIO JANIRO, Jan. 30.—The flight of Count Leopoldia, president of the General Railway Company, of Brazil, is announced. He escaped on board a private vessel before the authorities could serve a writ. Gives Great Satisfaction. NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—A special to the Evening Post from Valparaiso, says: The United States' acceptance to Chili's reply to the ultimatum has given great satisfaction. Exchange has risen one and one-half pence. Treaty Negotiations Broken Off. PARIS, Jan. 29.—Negotiations between France and Spain for a commercial treaty have been broken off, owing to the exorbitant demands of Spain. The Spanish ambassador will take a leave of absence in a few weeks. Garza Begg for a Pardon. CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 30.—It is not denied that Garza has begged for pardon from President Diaz, offering to betray his followers. It is stated Garza will be here soon with the intention of arranging the matter. Several of Garza's lieutenants are petitioning for a pardon. "Jack the Slasher" Goes Free. NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The trial of Henry G. Dowd, better known as "Jack the Slasher," was concluded late this afternoon, the jury acquitting him on the grounds of insanity. It is probable that Dowd will be placed under arrest. The following appears in the Augusta, Ga., Chronicle's advertising columns: WANTED.—A young lady for clerk of the county court of Elbert county. It will be necessary for her to marry the county judge. Address County Judge, Elberton, Ga. One physician prescribes asafoetida as a specific for grip, and another recommends powdered sulphur worn in the stockings as a preventive. As between the remedy, the preventive and the disease most persons will take grip in "their'n." "What are you crying about," asked a kind hearted stranger of a lad standing in front of the office door weeping as if his heart would break. "Oh, pa's gone to whip the editor." "Well, has he come out yet?" pursued the gentle Samaritan. "Pieces of him has," said the boy with a fresh burst of tears, "and I'm expecting the rest every minute." Thirty-six years ago Tuesday occurred an Indian battle which, but for fortunate circumstances, would have wiped the village of Seattle out of existence. Several of the men who fought that day against the infuriated savages are still residents of the town they helped to found, having lived to see a city larger than their wildest imaginings ever dreamed of built at the point they selected. The veteran traveler, Paul du Chaillu, has explained why he abandoned African exploration. Upon one of his journeys in the dark continent the chief of the territory through which he was passing greeted him with distinguished consideration. He even brought out a row of 853 comely negro maidens inviting Chaillu to take his pick for a wife. "I told him," said the traveler, afterward, "that the proof of his good will overpowered me, but that I was afraid to choose one lest the others might be jealous. The chief pondered a moment, then exclaimed: 'Well, friend, take 'em all!' Then I fled."

Every producer of lumber in the northwest is interested in the effort now being made by the democratic majority in congress to have lumber put on the free list. This is not politics, it is business; it affects the bread and butter of thousands in Oregon and Washington, and if the attempt be successful it will paralyze the lumber trade of the northwest. If the bill introduced by Congressman Dockery, of Missouri, becomes a law, it will bankrupt the lumbermen of the northwest, and depreciate the value of every acre of timber land in these states. It will put a premium on British Columbia lumber, and boom the Canadian Pacific at the expense of American roads and American interests clear through. The Canadians could afford to give the Missouri man \$1,000,000 to get this through and recoup themselves the first year. In the interests of this entire section the Astorian emphatically protests against so suicidal a measure.—Astorian.

NORTHWEST NEWS. A Tacoma paper says Mr. Frank Murphy has induced 3,000 men in that city to sign the pledge. Natural gas was discovered at Fairhaven in an excavation in the street sewer tunnel. It flows steadily and burns with a clear light. The discovery excites considerable interest. The Wasco county court has put an extra two mills on the tax levy for improving the county roads. Wasco county commissioners have done a very sensible act.—Fossil Journal. The Salem Journal says its arguments for a special session as the only way to get The Dalles portage railway built in 1892 have not been answered, and are endorsed even by democratic papers. Three dozen eggs will buy a nice calico dress with trimmings. If the girls in these days were like their grandmothers a good hen would keep a girl looking as nice as the flowers that bloom in the spring. An Indiana sheriff, while recently crazed by drink, was locked up in jail by his own mother. She was a little out of practice but succeeded in yanking him around just as she had done when he was an obstreperous and mischievous youngster. A human brute named Henry Hanes, aged 43 years, has been arrested and jailed at Walla Walla, for a fiendish outrage committed upon the person of Sarah Ott, a ten-year-old German girl. Hanes was forced to admit his crime at his trial in the justice court, and will undoubtedly be given the punishment that his offense deserves. Agent Luckey, of Warm Springs, and Rev. J. A. Speer, missionary at Sinemasho, were in town yesterday. Mr. Speer expects to erect a large church building, parsonage, out houses, etc., at Sinemasho this year, and will require about 100,000 feet of lumber. He was here to negotiate with Wm. McMeekin for the purchase of his saw mill.—Ochoco Review. The British ship Port Adelaide is discharging 12,000 boxes of tin plate at Astoria. The British ship Lawton is on the way there with 11,850 boxes, and will be followed by the City of Madras with 5,000 boxes. This gives a total of about 29,000 boxes. It is expected that it will require 40,000 boxes of tin for the salmon season of 1892, calculating 107 boxes to each 1,000 cases of canned salmon. In the extreme northern portion of this county the report comes to us that a great many horses are sick with a poisonous disorder. Forty head belonging to Mr. Ashby, of Wasco county, have died, and many others are affected. It is claimed they eat a weed called rattle weed. This is a matter which ought to be investigated by the State Veterinary surgeon.—Prineville News. L. Bilyon, of Eugene is mentioned in connection with senatorial honors from the democratic side of the house. Mr. Bilyon is an able attorney, fully alive to the wants and needs of Lane county and would reflect honor and credit to his constituency. He is a whole-souled gentleman and recognizes his friends 365 days in the year. The democracy could go further and fare worse.—Junction City News. H. McArthur returned from a trip to the Sound the first of the week, and reports things over there in rather a collapsed condition. The bottom has dropped completely out, and property that found a ready sale a year ago at \$1,000 and upwards, couldn't be given away today. Business houses are half empty, big hotels are closed up and people are leaving by the hundreds.—Athena Inland Republican. A gentleman from Echo says that farmers there will make an effort to secure the services of Melbourne, the rain-maker, who was unable to make a contract with the Umatilla county farmers' alliance. Melbourne agrees to make two good rains for \$700, and a subscription will be circulated to raise that amount. The rain comes high but the farmers feel that they must have it, and will invoke Melbourne, who is running opposition to Jubiter. The Salvation Army has been established in Butte for one year, and in a summary of what it has done, the Inter-Mountain states that it has enlisted 180 men who one year ago were in the slums and gutters, but who now lead honorable and industrious lives. This is a record of which the army may well be proud, and the incident goes to show that the Salvation Army, besides being the butt of many a joke, is capable of doing some good. The work of prospecting for oil in Nook-sack valley, Whatcom, is progressing steadily. The drill is now down over 200 feet and the owner, D. J. Wynkoop, declares himself greatly pleased with the outlook. He has been in the oil boring business since he was 21 years of age, and has never seen more promising indications of the existence of oil in any locality. He reports that he was favorably impressed with the country as an oil producer when he first arrived, and has never yet seen any cause to change his opinion. Hon. J. B. Huntington, register of the Burnes land office, has the welfare of Eastern Oregon at heart, and is using every effort in his power to further the project of irrigation of the arid lands of this section. Mr. Huntington recently laid the matter before Senator Dolph, the letter afterwards being published in the Harney Item. This letter will also have considerable weight in congress, as it presents the arid land question in its true light. He also says: "The arid lands reclaimed in Eastern Oregon cannot be missed from the hundreds of thousands of acres which still lie open awaiting some process of redemption, which will surely come to them sooner or later through the inevitable results of human energy."—John Day Sentinel.

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