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been removed from the procedure so as to make the title good if possible. Taxes are payable twice a year with a three per cent premium for prompt payment."

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MILITARY CONDITIONS FOR THIS SECTION TO COMBAT.

Many Immigrants Could Find Lands in this Rich County.

Columbia county has some of the finest valleys under the sun, and people are needed to cultivate them. To stock them, to develop their possibilities, to start manufacturing on their water powers, to get back into their skirting hills and bring out the lumber, the mineral and the building stone abounding there, to "people" these hills with sheep, and goats, and cattle, to enjoy the comfort and the wealth which is within the reach of intelligent industry, and to live to the ripe old age which our genial climate guarantees.

We have the advantages and we need the people, and the people would be glad to come if circumstances were not so overlying against this vast and beautiful region known as Western Oregon. The most unfortunate circumstance which is against it is the want of a favorable railroad connection with those parts of the United States whose people are looking toward the Pacific slope for the very advantages which here abound in a superlative degree.

We are constantly assailed with the inquiry: "Why do we not get some of the immigrants which we read about as coming from the East so plentifully over the transcontinental railroads at reduced rates?" The answer to this is that our unfortunate situation, from a railroad standpoint, leaves us out in the cold, so far as the cheap emigrant rates are concerned.

Those emigrant tickets are sold in the East to what are termed "common points." Over the Central and Southern Pacific railroad those "common points" mean any station in California, but if the people wish to come to Oregon they must stop at Hornbrook, recheck their baggage and pay local rates. Coming by the Northern Pacific or by the O. R. & N. the "common points" means any place in Washington or any place along the Columbia river to Portland, and should the immigrant wish to penetrate the interior sections he must pay local rates. Thus, the homeseekers are left either upon the northern border of the state or beyond its south line, and only few of them reach for the interior.

There ought to be a concerted action among the cities of Western Oregon, through their boards of trade, to procure from the Southern Pacific the best terms possible from the south and from the north for land lookers. It is only by such means that the Western counties can be peopled and made fully prosperous. It is only so that the existing handicap can be removed from Western Oregon.

ABOUT ROADS.

Plans from Ten States on View at Paris Exposition.

Ten states have at the Paris exposition exhibits of scientific road making. Considering the fact that we have the worst roads, the attempt to teach the world how to construct good roads will naturally be attributed to Yankee ingenuity. There has been a marked advance in this country in knowledge as to road building, and a large part of our trouble in this direction has been because of our ignorance of the proper principles of road instruction. The government has been taking an active interest in this work, and is trying to teach people how to make a good road.

The favorite plan seems to be to lay two wide tracks for wagons to run on, and with a wagon on such tracks one horse can pull a larger load than three, or even more, horses can on the ordinary road. It will be readily seen that such a road would be an immense saving to the farmer. He could transport his products to the railroad at greatly reduced expense; he could save both as to the number of horses, and as to the strain that he would need to put upon those that he did have, while working on the road.

Saving horseflesh is not a conspicuous object in farm management. We are too apt to be careless in this regard, some times working our team too hard, driving them too far, overloading them and now and then ruining an animal by overstraining. A country doctor was once remonstrated with for buying such light buggies. He wore out a good many. His reply to the remonstrance was that buggies were cheaper than good horses, and that he could drive a horse the same longer, to a light vehicle than he could to a heavy one. The cost of roadbuilding is sometimes too great to be considered at all. There is no doubt of that; and farmers who live in sections where it is exceedingly expensive to build good roads are not to blame for opposing their construction. But good roads are of such vital importance that the subject ought to be calmly considered in its every phase. They will enhance the value of property; will save many dollars in the increased activity and longevity of horses; will add to the price of all stock that is carted to market, for it can be carted more economically.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

New Law for Their Regulation Now in Effect in This State.

The new state law relating to the standard weights of produce provides that "whenever wheat, rye, Indian corn, oats, barley, clover seed, buckwheat dried apples, dried peaches, potatoes or pears shall be sold by the bushel, and no special arrangement as to the measure or weight thereof shall be made by the parties, the measure thereof shall be ascertained by weight, and shall be computed as follows:

- "Sixty pounds for a bushel of wheat or clover seed.
- "Fifty-five pounds for a bushel of rye or Indian corn.
- "Thirty-two pounds for a bushel of oats.
- "Forty-six pounds for a bushel of barley.
- "Forty-two pounds for a bushel of buckwheat.
- "Thirty-eight pounds for a bushel of dried apples or peaches.
- "Sixty pounds for a bushel of potatoes.
- "Forty-five pounds for a bushel of apples or pears.

Senator Mitchell's Daughter.

The fact is recalled by the election of Mitchell as senator from Oregon that his daughter married, nine years ago, into one of the oldest of France's titled families, says the Spokesman-Review. She is the wife of the duc de Rochefort, who has one of the finest lineages in France, three titles, all of first rank, and a vast variety of a commission in the army and a host of friends. He seems to be an exception to the ordinary run of dukes, for he refused to marry his cousin and a great fortune, and took the Oregon girl without a dot. The couple met in Paris fifteen years ago. It was a case of love at first sight, although the duke is fourteen years his wife's senior, and had the reputation of a woman hater.

The lingering cough following gripe calls for One Minute Cough Cure. For all throat and lung troubles this is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Prevents consumption. For sale by N. A. Perry, Houlton.

Counterfeits of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve are liable to cause blood poisoning, leave them alone. The original has the name DeWitt's upon the box and wrapper. It is a harmless and healing salve for skin diseases. Unequaled for sale by N. A. Perry, Houlton.

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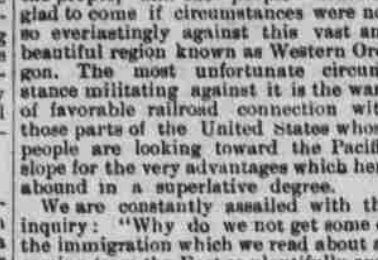
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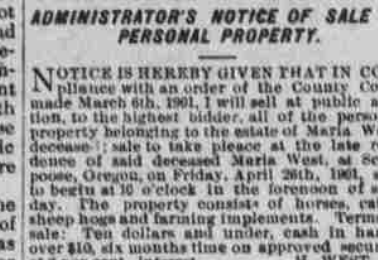
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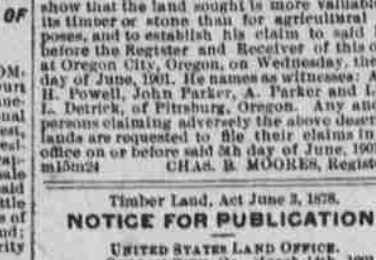
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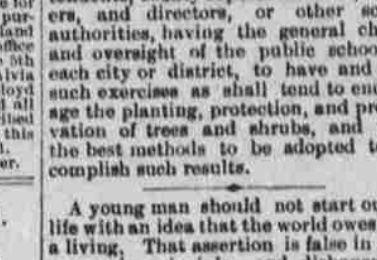
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There should be a business men's association organized here to protect the interests of the city and county. There are always matters coming along this line that co-operation upon at the right time would mean much toward the best interests and improvement of the town and county, which are now overlooked or ignored, for what is everybody's business is nobody's business.

PARRY lines seem to have gone to the races. We have just finished reading a fulsome eulogy of Senator Mitchell in a red hot populist paper, which in the same issue refers to Mark Hanna as "a traitor in the country." This too, when it is known that Mr. Hanna specially wanted Mr. Mitchell elected. There's no accounting for tastes," the monkey said when he kissed the cat.—Salem Independent.

Some one having informed Mrs. Nation that a certain Western paper had published the report that she was about to be divorced, she responded in writing: "Tell that editor to correct that lie and do it quickly by telling the people that what he wrote was manufactured in hell and is in the mouth of devils." Now this literary style is not elegant, but it is terse and forcible and could be imitated with advantage by some of our newspaper and magazine writers.

By a recent law we are now receiving thirty-two ounces of butter for two pounds. This is good news to the provider of the household. But if the good housewife accepts it as a license to use one-half more butter about her preparation of victuals where will we land? And too, the foxy dairyman may take on another 10 cents a roll to compensate him for his full-weight rolls. In either case, however, we'll have the satisfaction of getting what we pay for.

We shake hands with the Oregonian on its proposal for a title for the 1905 exposition, "American Pacific Exposition" is brief, yet it incorporates a volume of meaning. Not only do we approve the title, but we pledge hearty support to the big fair in our feeble way. Ours is a section of the state which witnessed the early explorations of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and every individual up and down the Columbia river should feel directly interested in the undertaking.

Hon. H. W. Corbett, who was a candidate for the United States senate, declares that on the first day of next January he will start in and make a fight for election at the next session of the legislature. He will see that clubs are organized in every county in the state, and he proposes to make a hard fight and commence early. His friend, Joseph Simon's, term will expire at that time. Mr. Simon will make a fight and will be a dark horse in the field the next session of the legislature promises to be more tropical than the last.

Oregon weather, Oregon scenery, Oregon hospitality and Oregon collectives, made a big hit with the Chicago millionaires who visited us last week and those gentlemen will return to their homes in the windy city brim full of pleasant memories of the Webfoot republic. The good impressions which these gentlemen have received of us will be private property of the country and our only regret is that we do not often have an opportunity of displaying our many resources to representatives of the Eastern states. Oregon weather, which is nice by nature, was in dress parade at that particular time and graciously succeeded in sustaining the state's reputation for having the most salubrious climate on earth.

Mr. PORTER, editor of the Oregon City Enterprise, and senator from Clackamas county, says, editorially, in his paper: "The assessment and taxation laws have been radically changed and much for the better. The responsibility will fall largely on the assessor. If his work is in proper shape with correct description, tax titles will become of value. Under the new law the county guarantees the title and refunds the money if the title fails. This will result in all property sold at delinquent sale being bid in by private parties instead of the county and the county will get the tax. If through fault of officers the tax title fails, the county will have to refund the money. All possible technicalities have

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