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**TO ADVERTISERS.**

Independence is located at the head of navigation (the most of the year), on the Willamette river, and on the main line of the Oregon & California Railroad, contains a population of 1800 people, is the principal shipping point for the county, which is one of the largest, most wealthy and thickly populated in the Willamette Valley.

The grass widow has no weeds on her.

Best recipe for catching a husband—Don't try.

SO MANY people when they find they are fit for nothing else, try to be good.

EXPERIMENTS prove that deep planting up to eight inches increases the yield of potatoes.

The American hog is still excluded from France, unless he goes over disguised as a tourist.

A BONNET covered with birds does not sing, but it makes a man whistle when the bill comes in.

A clock is always an appropriate wedding gift. It means on its face that there is no time like the present.

LET us have the best possible water facilities for extinguishing fire in our city. And let us have it now.

ACCORDING to the returns of the enumerators engaged on the mortgage census, there are now 2,491,930 homesteads mortgaged.

The "make-up" of the *Capital Journal*, especially the second page, is bad enough to give its readers the cholera in its worst form.

THERE are those who think it a proof of independence to stand aloof and disparage partisan activity, but such conduct is in fact a proof of doubtful patriotism.

FOUR new comers, with their families, this week looking for settlement near our town. Better times are beginning to simmer. Let them simmer, yes, let them boil.

THE Hillsboro Democrat made its advent into this mundane existence last Friday, Aug. 14, 1891. It is a spicy six-column folio. Its political persuasion is of the Democratic type.

LET us read a lesson out of the great book of nature, a lesson that teaches us that sane persons of mature age are able to take better care of themselves than their neighbors can do it for them.

SOME men would be millionaires if they expended the same amount of energy and cash in a legitimate business that they spend trying to guess which horse will win a race or which numbers will prove the lucky ones in a lottery drawing.

HERBERT SPENCER, writing to Dr. James, of the Brooklyn Ethical society, observes: "In my earlier days I constantly made the foolish supposition that conclusive proofs would change beliefs. But experience has long since dissipated my faith in men's rationality."

THE Portland Telegram, the evening Democratic edition of the *Oregonian*, is improving every day. The Democrats would take a little interest in the paper if they knew that the Democratic half of Mr. Scott was not overruled by the Republican half. Some things are necessary sometimes as well as expedient.

IT is always an item to make as much as possible out of the products of the farm, and one way of doing this is to feed thrifty growing stock under such conditions as will secure the best gains at the lowest cost. While a good deal depends on the material supplied and the manner of feeding, the grade or quality of the stock must also be considered.

AN editor is a man. He can bear more ridicule than any man alive or dead, and he never dies in a lunatic asylum. They often die in poverty as well as in jail. There are many kinds of editors—rich, poor, handsome, homely, long, short, knock-kneed, pigeon-toed, good, bad and indifferent. We belong to the class that is poor and handsome.

THE spec acie of Carter H. Harrison, a two times millionaire, and a seeker for the third party nomination, inveighing against plutocrats as the author of the poor man's woes, is about as refreshing as was that of Ben Butler making a canvas of the country in a luxuriantly equipped private car as the special champion of the workingman against his rich oppressors. It can not be possible that such absurd demagoguery can be taken seriously by the people of any nation upon earth.

**A GREAT SCHOOL.**

One of the greatest ambitions of many wealthy men of this age seems to be to perpetuate their names by the forming of great institutions of learning. It is understood that W. S. Ladd and H. W. Corbett, of Portland, have each expressed their intention of contributing one million dollars for the founding of a great university at Portland, to be conducted under the auspices of the Presbyterian church, and they hope to secure pledges of an additional million from the church at large for the same object, thus starting out their proposed university with an equipment of three million dollars. It was with a knowledge of this fact and a firm desire to start out this institution under the most favorable auspices that the Presbyterian churches of Oregon, and of Portland in particular, made such earnest endeavors to secure for Portland the meeting of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church for the year 1892. This assembly, which is to gather together the best brains and best bloods of the Presbyterian church in the United States, will be of more than ordinary interest, for the reason that it will mark the inception of what is to be the greatest institution of learning on the Northwest Pacific coast.—*Salem Statesman.*

**THE FARMERS ALL RIGHT.**

The farmers are all right. There are some broken down politicians from both the old parties in their organizations, trading on them, and disgracing them by promulgating radical theories, but the farmers movement has already been a blessing to the country, and it promises to be a greater blessing in the future. It has its base in equal justice and sound Americanism. Its instincts are Democratic, and it will soon develop Democratic conservatism. It has already arrayed itself against two of the worst evils of our politics, civil war taxation and civil war sectionalism. The people simply ask for justice—that alone, and that, by the eternal, as Jackson used to say, they will have. When the agricultural states trample down the barriers of civil war sectionalism, and unite, they will restore the old union of frugal and free government, responsive to the will of a people whose labor will then accrue to benefit themselves and families, instead of making millionaires, as now. The farmers are all right. Let them keep right and keep on. S. S.

**THE SCHOOL TEACHERS.**

Prof. Yoder and his force are wading through the wilderness of examination papers left behind by the fifty odd departed applicants for certificates to teach. Here are sample answers to history questions: "The Tories were those people who are now Democrats." "The Hessians were a fierce band of people." The writer has a beautiful hand, but only a limited stock of accurate historical information to teach from. Her opinion of the Hessians is only a little less fierce than of the Democrats.—*Salem Capital Journal.*

**CLASSICAL SLANG.**

The authority for the slang phrase, "to fire out," has been happily found to be the great Shakespeare himself, who wrote in one of his sonnets, "Till my good angel fire my bad one out." Another bit of modern slang is now found to be, if not as old as the above, at least old enough to command respect and silence criticism. When Alexander Suwaroff, one of the best generals of Catherine III of Russia, stormed Ismail, in 1790, he announced his success to the empress as follows: "Praise be to God, and praise be to you: the fortress is taken, and I am in it."

Forty years ago the millionaires could be counted on the fingers of a hand. Now there are 10,000 millionaires, and half the wealth of 64,000,000 people is in the hands of 25,000 men. Acting on the belief that vast wealth in the hands of the few would produce traitors, Thomas Jefferson swept from the statutes of Virginia the laws of primogeniture. What are the people of this day and age going to do to stay the hand of corporate power from grasping the entire wealth of the country, and thus enslave the people?

The greatest boom failure in the history of the world is probably that of Pasco. Keep your eye on Pasco for only three seconds and you can see the whole town, an almost depopulated place, with a \$15,000 school house in the midst and about a half dozen children to enter it. It makes one's eyeballs ache to watch the spectacle. The bubble is burst, and it is time to quit making bubbles.—*Albany Democrat.*

JUDGE M. L. PIPES returned from St. Louis yesterday after a short visit with the old folks at home. He enjoyed his trip very much, but comes back contented to remain in Oregon the rest of his life.—*Corvallis Times.*

Just as the taste of blood makes the wild animal more vicious, so the taste of success stirs the ambition of man. Washington having succeeded in capturing the G. A. R. encampment for next year now wants to corral all the national nominating conventions next year, and its citizens have already taken the preliminary steps towards presenting its claims to the respective National committees. Washington will start with one certain vote in both the Democratic and Republican National committees, the members for the District of Columbia, but if its business men work with as much vim as they did for G. A. R. encampment it will be a rival not to be despised before the matter is settled.

CAN a newspaper please everybody? It can not. Ought everybody to be pleased? No. Why not? Well, if a newspaper pleased everybody, and everybody was pleased, the time spent here on earth would be so fearfully monotonous that the people would not care how soon the globe went to pieces. A newspaper must rattle the dry bones, make everybody mad, be boycotted, kick up Jack, tell the truth, expose falsehood, lay bare hypocrisy, fraud and the like, and then trust to the sober second thought of all fair-minded people.—*Corvallis Times.*

AN Albany paper claims that it was an embryo city before Corvallis was known. We think it is mistaken. J. C. Avery started Corvallis in 1845. It was first named Marysville. J. C. Avery, Gen. Joel Palmer, and Adam Wemple, camped there in November, 1845, and J. C. Avery located a claim there. Mr. Avery was a very prominent man in his day, and one of the leaders of the Democratic party in Oregon.

HANNIBAL HAMLIN was one of the founders of the Republican party. At a banquet given in New York on an anniversary of Lincoln's birthday, in response to the toast, "The surviving standard-bearers of 1860," Mr. Hamlin said: "I am grieved at the action of some of our congressmen. They cast a shadow over my later days. I am grieved at the dishonesty of some of our senators."

CHAUNCEY M. DEFEW, whose brain is associated with other practical brains in robbing the producers, said lately: "Acres do not govern the country, but brains." There acres of brains in the hay-fields of this nation that will eventually govern the country. These acres are rapidly brightening up with "boss" ideas, and they are too many for the Wall street garden patch.—*Klamath County Star.*

VICE PRESIDENT MOULTON seeks a renomination. There has been but one president where a vice president was elected for a second term, being that of John C. Calhoun. Richard M. Johnson, who was vice president under Van Buren's administration, suffered defeat in an attempt to be re-elected.

The people of the Willamette valley should make themselves heard in demands for the improvement of the upper Willamette, Patience has ceased to be a virtue.—*Salem Statesman.*

Indeed, we agree with the *Statesman*, and would add, how much better it would be if our congressman and senators would lift their voices in favor of improving the upper Willamette river, than to sit on the rocks at The Dalles and talk wearisomely about the impossible "locks" on the Columbia. Let the state of Oregon build the portage railways on the Columbia river, and let congress improve the Willamette. These improvements are feasible and possible, the "locks" are a political ignis fatuus.

PEOPLE talk of "pleasure" at the seashore. It is chiefly a fashion, a fad, a craze. The water is nearly too cold, and nine-tenths of those who go into it would declare, if they had an accidental plunge into water of such temperature, that their health had been ruined and death was to be expected, and they would sue for exemplary damages if they could lay the blame on anybody that was responsible; at the numerous drownings there are expressions of surprise and horror, but what have people rightly to expect who plunge in the raging sea—a sea of almost icy coldness? Nobody would take such perilous chances or submit to discomfort so extreme, if it were not a popular craze.—*Oregonian.*

**BUENA VISTA ITEMS.**

Harvest is progressing finely. J. W. Shaw and L. V. Stingley got forty bushels per acre from 100 acres. F. D. Snyder is around again, after having been laid up three months with a bruised hand. He suffered the removal of one finger. J. H. Alexander has turned granger. He is feeding J. M. Prather's machine. Misses Eva and Hattie Locke, of your city, are visiting friends here this week. A. Anderson has the banner wheat crop so far. One field of fifty acres yielded fifty-three and a half bushels per acre, and one piece of four acres yielded sixty-two bushels per acre. We do not believe it can be beaten in the county. Your reporter had the pleasure of spending an evening with Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Stingley, and while there we had the pleasure of seeing a cream-pitcher 112 years old. It is of the Dresden china make, and was brought from Scotland just 112 years ago. This makes the fifth generation it has passed through. By the way, for hospitality Mr. and Mrs. Stingley can not be surpassed.

**Doubting His Honesty.**

"The city editor of the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* claims to have caught 1500 trout in one week. The mind stands appalled at what the story would have been, had it been the managing editor."—*Tacoma Ledger.* Now the city editor of the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer*, Will H. Parry, is well known in Salem and Oregon. He used to work on the *Statesman*. This office will vouch for his truthfulness and veracity. If he says he caught 1500 trout, of course he caught them. Or at least if he prevaricates now he has learned the habit over in Washington, where the habit seems to be sort of infectious.—*Salem Statesman.*

Mr. Parry was once proprietor of the *West Side*, and we confess that we are wary about being successor to a man who caught so many fish in so short a time. Maybe he did though.

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