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Advertising is to business what steam power is to machinery—the grand motive power.—Macaulay.

There is but one way of obtaining business—publicity; but one way of obtaining publicity—advertising.—Blackwood

SOMEONE asked the editor of this paper, a week or so ago, what amount of gold and silver was used in the industrial arts. The latest report we have is 1890, when \$18,105,901 of gold and \$9,231,178 in silver was used, a large part of which (two thirds) was new bullion.

THE New York Press, in speaking of the democratic policy, says: Repeal the state bank note tax, repeal the silver purchase act, repeal the McKinley tariff, repeal the Federal election law—in a word, undo republican legislation, is the sole definite policy of the democratic party. Such a thing as a constructive policy does not enter its head.

DURING 1890 the cost of the congress of the United States was \$7,103,469.80, and of the executive department \$12,526,569.07, and of the judiciary \$5,808,080.77, or a total of \$25,438,119.64, or a daily expense of almost \$70,000. The total cost of our government in 1890 was \$731,126,376.22, or an average of \$2,000,000 a day, or about \$84,000 an hour.

WHENEVER you see a partisan paper throwing water on any attempt at political or other reform, you should look behind the scenes and see what causes the opposition. In many cases you will find the opposition arises from ignorance of what the party which the paper represents would want it to say. So it is the independent paper, tied to no party, that can express its honest opinions. Thus on the expression editorially by papers in "direct legislation by the people," much depends upon what powers are behind the throne, what the opinion will be.

A man up at Sheridan wants a new county pared out of Polk and Yamhill counties and spliced onto the Indian reservation west of us. Some time ago the subject of county seat division was discussed by the local press, but it was not then determined whether the forming of a new county would be practicable or easily accomplished. It is the purpose of this paper to inquire into the matter and as early as possible give the voters, who would have a voice at the next election, a clue as to whether such a project can be brought to successful issue.—Perrydale Patriot.

In a recent issue of the North American Review appears an article by T. R. Gilmore who takes the side of the saloon in a very convincing manner and shows that the saloon has some good reasons for its existence and for that reason it cannot be abolished. He then points out the ideal saloon, one partaking of the nature of a social club, and then shows the departures. There are new ideas contained in the article. The club-room idea would embrace furnishing of reading matter to patrons, and that idea would be popular with the newspaper fraternity, for if every saloon were by law compelled to subscribe and keep on file every newspaper within a certain district it would be a very material help to the business—particularly in a city like Portland where there are four hundred or more places where liquor is sold. By all means let the saloons be elevated.

If it is true that the democratic party is not capable of successfully carrying on this republican form of government, and we must wait for three years before we can make a change, what is to become of this republic in the meantime? How much longer are these hard times to continue and the people quietly submit to such apparent mismanagement of our national affairs?

When the rigors of winter are upon us, and people starve, will not riots take place. Unless we are careful, some man will rule this nation with a strong hand, instead of the people ruling. Our boasted liberty will then be at an end. Mass meetings should be called and patriotism prevail instead of partisanship.

Senator Sherman was asked what he thought of the prospect for the repeal bill. He replied that it all depended on the democratic side of the house, adding:

"We (referring to the repeal republicans) are quiescent. They do not seem to realize that they are in the majority and responsibility for legislation rests with them.

WHEN an assessor takes his oath of office to assess all the property of a county and then knowingly turns in an assessment roll upon which the county court fixes the county levy, and at the same time the roll is incomplete, is he not violating his oath of office and is not the county court equally at fault? Does, or does not such a state of affairs exist in the present tax roll of Polk county?

THAT county court at Dallas maintains a stolid silence in regard to the why and wherefore of county printing. Some of our readers are themselves wondering why this part of Polk county should receive no recognition by the county court. This county court was supposed to be unbiased and willing to divide the patronage but never has a set of officials shown more sectional feeling. They may have some good reason for it, but none appears on the surface. To illustrate this matter we will point out to the county court that if they were so inclined they could give the financial statement to the WEST SIDE as well as the Itemizer, under the law. They could also allow this office to bid on job work, without doing themselves or Polk county any harm. If the WEST SIDE had opposed the election of the gentlemen it might be ignored, with propriety, but it was the warmest friend those gentlemen had in the campaign.

THE statement has been made so often, by the free coinage papers that if the purchasing clause of the Sherman silver bill is repealed that half the money of this nation will be destroyed, that many intelligent persons have taken the statement to be true, and believe that all the silver money now in circulation will then be worthless, or in other words "destroyed," as the papers express it. The statement is not true. The repeal of the Sherman purchasing act simply means stopping the coining of more silver, but every ounce of coined and uncoined silver now in the United States treasury or in circulation will be a full legal tender, as much as it is now, and continue to circulate. If we were to suppose that there were but two kinds of money in the United States, gold and paper, and after \$615,000 in paper was placed in circulation, with \$650,000,000 in gold, it was found that increasing the paper circulation \$54,000,000 a year, and no increase of gold, was apt to make the paper depreciate, a law were passed stopping the issue of the \$54,000,000 yearly, does anyone suppose the \$615,000,000 of paper already in circulation would thereby become valueless, or be "destroyed?" Not at all. It would be more stable than ever since the government would be better able to redeem it.

AN INSURANCE TRUST.

The insurance companies of California have formed a powerful trust in the hopes of killing those competitors who will not "stand in" there by leaving the field to themselves.

Like all other organizations of the kind they do not scruple us to methods. Their intention is to wipe out all that stands in the way of their combine and in order to do this agents are put into the field whose business is to hamper competitors in every way possible. These agents have their instructions from headquarters and are hired according to the ability they display in distorting and misrepresenting facts. They are an oily-tongued crew and it is well for the farmers of this community to look out for them. The California combine is anxious to procure a clear field in Oregon, and it hopes by the methods it is adopting to either force the State Insurance company to the wall or else into the combine. They will never be able to do either, however. The State Insurance company is an Oregon institution and is capable of taking care of its own interests as well as those of its patrons. It will

not be dictated to as to rates, and if these California companies do not think they get enough for their risks in Oregon they can seek another field. The farming element is down on this kind of a bulldozing scheme as they will know what the result would be if a foreign combine had this field to itself.

Every man who works for the State Insurance company has his home in Oregon. Their money is all spent here. None of it leaves the state. This company has risen to the place it occupies in insurance circles by hard honest work and it is a thing of pride to the state. It is one of our institutions.

Our prosperity as a state depends upon the success of home enterprise. Every business of the magnitude of this, our home insurance company that has grown up in our midst, means thousands of dollars added to the wealth of our state. Further more, it means that other business enterprises will plant themselves on our soil, feeling safe in the knowledge that the Oregon people will support Oregon institutions. These business ventures will grow and add untold wealth to the state.

The proposition that we are to allow a foreign trust to come here and carry away our wealth is absurd. Our farmers and our merchants well know that it is to their interest to put their money where they can get it back again.

If they spend a dollar for insurance they want a chance to receive it back for wood and grain, for butter and eggs. Every merchant in the city knows that he cannot spend a dollar in home market without getting part of it back again in some way or other. These men also know that if they send that dollar out of the state that is the last they will ever hear of it. This California insurance trust can assure itself that the webfoot state knows its interest too well to be duped by glib talk of its agents. Our motto is, Oregon for Oregonians first, last, and all the time.—Salem Independent.



Mr. D. M. Flanders

"I had Typhoid Fever which left me with torpid liver and kidney trouble. I was a great sufferer. I took a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and was restored to health and gained over four pounds in weight. It is the best blood purifier." D. M. Flanders, real estate agent, Portland, Oregon.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures
 Hood's Pills cure constipation. Try a box.

FINE JERSEY STOCK
 Those persons who desire to have Jersey stock in their herds are invited to inspect the thoroughbred bull owned by T. B. HUNTLEY, two miles south of town, on Buena Vista road.

T. B. HUNTLEY
 Independence, Oregon.

Mrs. L. Campbell
 Has returned to Independence and announces that she has again opened Dressmaking Parlors and is very conveniently located in the Front Rooms OVER THE CITY RESTAURANT.

Hubbard & Staats,
 PROPRIETORS OF

City Truck and Transfer Co.
 Hauling of all Kinds Done at Reasonable Rates.

Agents for the O.P. Boats.
 All bills must be settled by the 10th of each month.

Independence, Oregon.

\$20,000 STOCK
 Must be closed out in the next Sixty Days!

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS.
 Bring your cash and get your goods for fall and winter, at prices that will make you happy.

Everything Goes. There is no Reserve.
J. M. VANDUYN,
 Independence.

What is Life Without a Dinner?
 An Aching Void.

What is Dinner without Food?
 A Distressing Dream.

What Would Independence Be Without McEACHERAN & SANDERCOCK'S Grocery?
 A Desert Waste.

McEACHERAN & SANDERCOCK are here!
 Dinner Hour Comes!
 Delicacies Appear!
 Result: Domestic Peace!
 (Successors to Oregon Mercantile Co.)

Waltham Elgin Springfield Columbus
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 For sale by **O. A. KRAMER.**

Dr. S. A. MULKEY
 RESIDENT DENTIST.
 Independence, Oregon.

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WAGON - AND - CARRIAGE MAKER
 All kinds of wood repairing done on Wagons, Carriages, and Machinery with neatness and dispatch.
 Harkins & Fennell's blacksmith shop.
 INDEPENDENCE.

H. A. FULLER.
HORSESHOER and BLACKSMITH.
 The Best Plain Shoer in the County
 INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.

GEO. E. BREY,
 DEALER IN
 Grain, Hops, Wool, Potatoes, Etc.
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We sell
 FRUIT TREES and all other NURSERY STOCK very cheap.
 Send your lists for special prices. Catalogue free.
CORVALLIS NURSERY COMPANY,
 47-121 Corvallis, Oregon.

The Leading IMPLEMENT Dealer **J. F. O'DONNELL** The Leading HARDWARE Dealer
 —Carries the largest stock of—
 Buggies, Carriages, Phaetons, Jump Seat Bunks and Carts,
 Reapers, Drills, Chilled and Steel Plows, Riding and Walking Cultivators, Plowet Jr. Garden Drills, Bulkey and Gang Plows, Aspenwall Potato Planters, Disc, Lever, and Spring-tooth harrows.

THE RUSHFORD WAGON
 Guaranteed the best and lightest-running wagon made. Mr. O'Donnell is, by a recent arrangement the manufacturer's agent, and will carry the largest and most complete line of implements ever brought to Polk county.
 Opposite Independence National Bank, Independence, Oregon.

SHELLEY, ALEXANDER & CO.,
 The Druggists,
 They Have the Goods. They Sell at Low Prices. The Quality is Superior. They are Accommodating
School Books and Stationery,
 They keep everything called for. They will fill orders by mail or by telephone. They keep pens, ink, writing paper, in fact, a full line in that department.
REMEMBER
 That Shelley, Alexander & Co. fill prescriptions at all hours of the day or night and have an experienced pharmacist.

SALEM STEAM DYEING AND CLEANING WORKS
 WALDEMAR NELSON, Proprietor.
 183 Commercial Street.
 Established in 1884 with the most complete and expensive plant in the state. Steam capacity, twelve horse-power. Ladies' and gents' clothing and fine fabrics of all kinds cleaned and dyed. Carpets, Blankets, Flannels, Silk Underwear, Ladies' Hats Straw Hats, and feathers cleaned, dyed and renovated. Silk Hats ironed. Silk Hats, Stiff Hats, and Soft Hats cleaned, dyed, blocked and renovated.
 Leave Orders with Independence, Monmouth, and Falls City Stage Drivers. Or Send by Mail or Express.

Independence ROLLER MILLS,
SKINNER & CO., Proprietors,
 Wish to notify the public that they are now Ready to Receive Grain in Exchange for Flour.
 We have also put in a New Improved Cleaner and will do a General Warehouse Business on the most favorable terms.
 The highest market price paid for wheat at all times.
 Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Independence Stables.
Stylish Turnouts Always in Readiness.
 Having lately purchased the entire interest in the stables of J. N. Jones, we are now better prepared than ever to meet the demands of the public as we are now making and are preparing to make many substantial improvements. Teams boarded by the day or month. Travelling men a specialty.
SALEM STAGE—We operate a daily stage line between Salem and Falls City. Stage leaves Falls City for Independence at 4 a.m.; leaves Independence for Salem at 9 a.m.; From Salem for Independence, stage at 1 p.m.; leaves Independence for Falls City at 4 p.m.
PETER COOK Prop.

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Marble and Granite Monuments
Headstones, Tablets, and Curbing.
 A new and complete stock of Marble and Granite Monuments to arrive soon, which we will furnish at low prices and at short notice. We buy by the carload and can give customers advantage of low freight.
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