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Will the next congress give us a new issue? Why shouldn't it? The last one gave us half a dozen.

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It was cruel of Wilhelm to refuse to receive Oom Paul. He should remember that President McKinley received the envoys and showed them the view from his back windows.

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President McKinley's message was no doubt a profound and statesmanlike document, but it is improbable that very many people sat up until the wee sma' hours reading its exciting passages.

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President McKinley is said to have asked congress to guess what he had for them. "And the boys guessed right, the very first time." They guessed it was a message and it was—one of 18,000 words.

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Croker's campaign aga'nt vice is said to be for revenge against his henchmen who didn't help him out as he thought they should. It is ungrateful, of him, though, when we consider how good vice has always been to him.

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They believe in rigid justice in Canada. The Ottawa courts have fined a baker for selling loaves of bread that were two ounces heavier than they were professed to be.

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Advice to Lord Kitchener: "First catch your Boer."

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There are only about three weeks left in which a man can become one of the heroes of the nineteenth century.

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Seems to us we remember something about a telegram of congratulation sent by Wilhelm to Oom Paul after the smashing of the Jamieson raid. Can this be the same Wilhelm?

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The Dallas city council has passed an ordinance to second reading which prohibits free hypnotic, mesmeric and somnambulistic exhibitions. The ordinance is aimed at traveling hypnotists who generally have a "subject" asleep in some prominent store window for twenty-four hours.

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The keepers of the vile resorts in New York have closed up but they haven't moved out. They judge from the past that the present spasm of reform will run its course, just as a blizzard does—and the chances are that they are right.

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Some day soon, we shall all wake up and find ourselves in the next century. Only, it will be the present century then.

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The shipping bill will have a rough road through the senate. It will probably pass if it ever comes to a vote but it is doubtful whether it can do this. If it ever passes the upper house, however, it will go through the lower one like greased lightning.

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The prospects for building the Nicaragua canal seem very good, but it is to be hoped that care will be taken to prevent the contractors from forgetting that they are going to dig a canal and not operate a gold mine.

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Some of Boston's antiquities have been found to be bogus, but baked beans are not yet on the list of them.

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The W. C. T. U. did about as much harm as it could to the cause of temperance when it sent a delegation to the capitol to examine the glasses of the diners in the senate and house restaurants to ascertain whether they were drinking anything stronger than they should. Such a breach of good manners goes far to brand the entire organization.

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It might be just as well to wait until congress has time to act before we decide positively just what war taxes are to be removed.

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Nearly every paper in the state has had a lick at the ship subsidy bill, yet it is safe to say that the editors of nine-tenths of these papers, not only have no knowledge of what effect the bill would have, but aside from the general idea that the bill provides for a bonus of some kind, know nothing even of the text of the measure. Future embarrassment is often avoided by giving a matter thoughtful consideration before being rash with opinions.—Corvallis Gazette.

If the Gazette has any knowledge on the subject why don't it trot the same out for public gaze?

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3. Few sessions of Congress have opened more quietly than that which convened today. Advance knowledge of the fact that adjournment was to immediately follow the opening in honor of the late Senators Davis, of Minnesota and Gear, of Iowa, served to lessen attendance both on the floor of the House and Senate and in the galleries and consequently to lessen interest in the short proceedings.

Congressional interest is strongly centered in the Isthmian Canal question. Rightly or wrongly, the announcement that the Canal Commission had cut out of its report its original recommendation in favor of the Nicaragua route, and left it to Congress to decide between that and the Panama route, from the facts and figures presented, is taken to have been brought about by the shrewd work of the lobbyists employed by the Panama Canal Company, and to presage a fight which may cause a scandal before it is ended; the lobbyists are also credited with pushing forward the Ship Subsidy bill, which is likely to be the bitterest fought measure of the session, for the purpose of displacing the Nicaragua Canal bill, which by resolution adopted by the Senate at the last session, should be taken up on Wednesday of this week. This last may have been partly the cause, but there are other reasons why Senators will not object to seeing the Canal bill go over for a while. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty has not yet been ratified, and Senator Hay has just made a treaty with Nicaragua, giving the U. S. all the rights and privileges needed to construct the Canal. Many of the strongest supporters of the Nicaragua Canal bill think that both of these treaties should be ratified before the Canal bill is seriously taken up by the Senate.

There is constant watchfulness on the part of Senators to get better seats for themselves. Applications are often filed by Senators for the desirable seats held by retiring Senators several years in advance of the date of their retirement, and for a Senator who has a good seat, to get sick, is always a signal for applications to be filed for his seat, in case it should be vacated. Senator Hanna, who has a less desirable seat, filed a claim for the seat occupied by the late Senator Davis, about two years ago, and it is now his. He did not dream, however, that the seat would come to him through the death of Senator Davis. The claim was filed because Senator Davis had filed one for the seat of Senator Hoar, who at the time talked of retiring on account of his health.

Representative Shaffroth of Colo., is an enthusiast and an expert on the subject of irrigation. He has introduced a bill providing for the construction of reservoirs in the arid sections of the west and for the disposal of the lands reclaimed thereby under the homestead law. He thinks it an erroneous idea that money spent in irrigation only benefits the state in which it is spent. In his own words: "What benefits one state largely profits all the states."

City Treasurer Apperson of McMinnville, submitted his annual report to the council at its last meeting. This report shows a balance of \$1340.58 cash on hand, and a total indebtedness of \$9499.17, exclusive of the bonded debt, which leaves a floating debt of \$859.59. The cost of building, operating and maintaining the water and light plant for the past 11 years has been \$117,264.72. If the plant is worth what it cost (\$20,000), then the expense of maintaining and operating has been \$7,264.72. Of this amount the consumers have paid \$55,819.31, leaving a balance of \$41,445.41 paid or to be paid by the city for water and light during a period of 11 years, or an average annual cost of \$3767.76. The water and light collections for the year have been \$5676.11, leaving a balance of \$1908.35 in favor of the city.

Take Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil: take a little at first.

The Dallas Observer goes out of its way to charge the West Side with making "nasty little dings at Dallas in nearly every issue." The West Side has simply called the attention of its readers to a fact; as stated before, when Dallas people thought we had smallpox, they shouted from the house tops (figuratively, of course) that we had forty cases, and now we might get back at them if we so desired. We do not know of any fight being on between Independence and Dallas.

We had supposed that was ended when an Independence traitor appeared, making it possible for Dallas to go so far as to prevent Independence once more getting the upperhand so far as relates to the county seat matter. As for the implied threat that unless the West Side puffs up Dallas it will not get any business there we desire to say that the West Side is a thorn to some of the Dallas papers, hence the unfriendly notice given it by the Observer. Independence, as ever, will continue to be the business center of Polk county, despite its losing (through fraud) the county seat. We have the facilities and do the business.

SCOTT & BOWNE,
Chemists,
409 Pearl St., New York.
SOC. and \$1.00; all druggists.

West Side and Pacific Homestead, one year, \$2.

At least a man can balance his bacon and ham coverings with the Manchester coronet. This will balance a good many drs.

What bought of a man in business used to pay his employees their wages because the fund set aside for this purpose proved inadequate? The city of Portland is in pretty much this position. In order to get their pay for October and November the entire police force has had to sue the city. Why can't the city council transfer money from one fund to another to tide them over until next year's taxes come in?

The president scoped the country in his message when he announced that Ex-President Harrison, Chief Justice Fuller, Ex-Senator Gray and Attorney-General Griggs have been selected as members of the Hague court of arbitration. The country will highly commend the selection of the first three, but in regard to Mr. Griggs, there will be some misgivings, in view of the extraordinary opinions he has rendered on some subjects since he became attorney-general.

The Daily Times-Mountaineer, of The Dalles, has suspended publication. It seems that that thriving little city of Eastern Oregon has also been struck with the cyclone of McKinley prosperity and pretty hard too.—Cottage Grove Leader.

The trouble with the Times-Mountaineer, as with a good many other little popocatope sheets throughout this state, is that too much McKinley prosperity has struck their respective localities, so much that the picking has become very short for them.—Roseburg Plaindealer.

There may be some significance in the remark of Senator Allison, who is in the front rank of the majority leaders, that the only legislation which must absolutely be disposed of at this session, in order to prevent an extra session of the next congress, outside of the fourteen regular appropriation bills, were the army bill and the transportation bill, and that all the other proposed legislation was subsidiary and could, if necessary, be laid aside until the next congress meets.

This is the short and last regular session of the Fifty-sixth Congress. It will legally end on March 4 next, and the first session of the Fifty-seventh Congress will not begin till the first Monday of the following December. But an extra session is not improbable. Many important bills will come before Congress this winter, and they cannot, at least they will not, be cleared up by March 4.

Nevertheless and notwithstanding, the United States stands second in the list of nations in the amount of tonnage it has at sea.

This may sadly jar the advocates of the shipping bill but it is true all the same.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1900, the board of equalization will attend at the office of the county clerk of Polk County, and publicly examine the assessment rolls, and correct all errors in valuations, descriptions or qualities of lands, lots, or other property; and it shall be the duty of each assessor to appear at the time and place appointed; and if it shall appear to such board of equalization that there are any lands, lots or other property assessed twice, or in the name of a person or persons not the owner thereof, or assessed under or beyond its actual value or any lands, lots, or other property not assessed, said board shall make the proper corrections.

Dated at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, this 28th day of November, 1900.

R. S. CONNER,
County Assessor.

NOTICE OF EQUALIZATION BOARD.

Notice is hereby given that the following notice either has filed notice of intent to make final protest in support of his claim and that said protest will be made before the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, at Dallas, Oregon, on December 12, 1900, viz:

Benjamin Harrington, H. E. No. 11865, for the Northeast 1/4 of section 17, T. 9 N., R. 8 S.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuing residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

John C. Johnson, of Rose, Oregon; Albert Olin, of Rose, Oregon; William Keery, of Rose, Oregon; David Olsen, of Rose, Oregon.

CHAR. B. MOORES,
Register.

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