

THE WEST SIDE

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES.
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Congress sat all day Sunday adopting legislation for closing the St. Louis exposition on Sundays. Consistency is a jewel chiefly valuable from its rarity.

President McKinley made some significant remarks about "any new estate" that might become ours and the country is waiting anxiously to find out just what particular piece of real estate it is about to fall heir to.

Cuba is wondering now whether congress means its recent declaration in regard to the island any more than it meant its declaration of three years ago on the same subject.

When Mac was being inaugurated, William J. was writing editorials pointing out that the present alleged prosperity was altogether fictitious and could not survive.

There is some grim humor in the recent rejection of the appropriation for the Charleston exposition by congress. Senator Tillman was promised this, if he would let the army bill become a law. He did so and then congress refused to pay the price—and Tillman cannot complain without admitting that he practically sold his vote.

How brief is fame! Mrs. Nation now gets no more notice in the daily papers than even Mr. Bryan.

The next thing Kansas is likely to do is to invite Carrie to run a saloon for a day and then tell the world all about it.

A fire in a Wisconsin town destroyed the whole of it except one saloon. Possibly there is a moral in this, but we are unable to find it.

If the city council of Dallas adopts the new ordinance as printed in the Observer, Dan Stouffer and a few other Dallasites will have to sell or give away their fine horses for they won't be allowed to drive them about town at a speed much faster than a walk. Independence people who drive over to the county seat must look out; 6 miles is the speed limit.

The young man from Newberg college who won the oratorical contest at Corvallis recently is charged with having appropriated his address from a book almost entire. If that is true he is unworthy of any honors or of being recognized hereafter in similar contests.

Secretary Gage has issued orders that special privileges shall no longer be allowed to particular passengers who may enter the United States. The latest case of special privilege, which admitted free of duty the \$5,000 Paris trousseau of a young lady who had a few dollars worth of clothes destroyed at Pekin was the straw that broke the camel's back.

Congress stayed open on Sunday last by the legislative fiction that it was still the session of Saturday that was going on. Suppose St. Louis does the same thing.

The unanimity with which each locality talks of the jobs in the river and harbor bill for the benefit of other localities is really touching.

It has been stated that the \$300 exemption heretofore allowed to householders on the value of their personal property will not be allowed under the new assessment law. This is an error, however. The new law contains a provision that no reduction of assessment shall be allowed on account of indebtedness, but the old law as to the \$300 exemption is not affected by this provision. There has not been for many years an allowance for indebtedness, so the law in this respect is not changed.

Senator Mason of Illinois is subscribing to all the papers in his state, sending each a nice little letter saying that he just can't get along without it. N. B.—Mason comes up for reelection before long.

Another expedition has sailed for the north pole. The pole seems to be like a woman's skirt pocket. Everybody knows where it is, but nobody can reach it.

Roosevelt has made a career for himself no matter how comparatively unimportant an office he has been able to hold. Those who think that he will change now that he occupies the superannuated post of vice-president have something still to learn about the character of the man.

New Road Laws.

A new law enacted at the recent session of the legislature and which is already in full force and effect provides for the collection of road taxes. The law requires county courts to levy a road tax of not more than 10 mills on the dollar, based on the previous year's assessment. The fund thus created is to be expended under the direction of a county road master who has supervision of the road supervisors. Upon the petition of 12 freeholders of any road district, approved by the road master for the improvement of any road, the county court shall consider the petition, and, if approved, shall call for sealed bids for the performance of the work and furnishing of the material needed, and let the contract to the best bidder, provided, however, that the court may reject any and all bids. The court is also authorized to purchase rock crushers out of the road fund. The tax provided for in this act is in lieu of taxes heretofore made collectible under other acts.

Another new law which goes into effect at once requires the collection of a road poll tax of \$3 from every male inhabitant between the ages of 21 and 50 years. The county court may require the payment of the tax in cash and suit may be instituted in justice's court to collect it, and wages of any delinquent levied upon to satisfy any judgment recovered.

The city council, by unanimous vote has decreed its intention of calling in the warrants now outstanding that draw 6 per cent interest and issuing in lieu thereof bonds at 4 per cent.

In order to give our people an opportunity of investing their savings in these securities the council will issue the bonds in sums of \$50 to \$300.

With the amount of idle money said to be in this neighborhood there seems to be no reason why Mayor Stockton's efforts to reduce the expenses of the city will not be successful.

The plan to be pursued will be patterned after the popular loan made by Salem. The Mayor has been assured that subscriptions for these bonds will be large and prompt. Preference will be given our own people first so that the money paid out in interest charges will be kept at home.

If our own people don't want these bonds there is no question but that Salem people will step in and take them.

Mayor Stockton is in receipt of letters from Salem parties urging him to get the bonds placed at home, as Oregon already sends more money as tribute to eastern capital than any other western state. One writer states that if the bonds are not placed here, Salem people would take them up mighty quick.

Another writer says: "There is so much to be said in behalf of a local loan that it is hard for a business man to understand why objection should be made to it; if made, these objections come from interested warrant buyers, bankers, brokers, who dislike to see their speculations abridged."

The committee charged with the duty of preparing the bonds and given full power in the premises consists of Mayor Stockton, Recorder Lines, Councilmen Mills, Kirkland and Spurling. That the committee will faithfully discharge its duty in the matter is a foregone conclusion.

Musings from Monmouth.

The Normal basket ball team suffered defeat at the hands of the Chemawa boys. However, it seems that there was an element of unfairness in the game even to the point of stubbornness on the part of the visitors.

Mr. Root, of the Keystone View Co., succeeded in making agents of a number of our students last week.

Harry Stricklin, on account of sickness, was forced to leave for his home in Eastern Oregon last Monday.

Prof. B. F. Mulkey, in his very interesting manner, presented in two chapel talks last week a synopsis of the life of Col. E. D. Baker. The discourse was instructive as well as interesting.

The Southern Pacific pay train came up last Saturday, the paymaster transferred to the Independence line by the motor and payments were then made from the regular train.

N. L. Butler delivered the chapel address Monday morning.

The Normal students in general seem to sympathize with rather than dishonor Mr. Minchin's efforts and victory in the oratorical contest.

Olin Scraftford, on account of the illness of his father, will be absent from school for the remainder of the school year.

Monies seem to be quite prevalent. Miss Olive Harris has just returned to school after quite a serious attack.

Miss Lora Stamp was a college visitor on Monday.

The Farmers Institute met on Monday and Tuesday and was addressed by representatives of the O. A. C.

From the somewhat malicious pranks played by the town boys a little closer attention at home at night by the parents would be a recommendation not one year, \$2.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 11, 1901. After deciding not to take up the question of a change in the rules of reorganizing the committees, the senate made short work of the extra-session called to act on the president's nominations, and adjourned Saturday afternoon. It would really have been the saving of time in the end for the senate to have remained in session long enough to have settled both of those questions but there are such wide differences of opinion about changing the rules so as to limit debate that its settlement would have required more time than the senators were disposed to devote to it this spring, and the influential senators had reasons of their own, some of them connected with patronage, against any reorganization of the committees before the regular session.

In official circles, a very hopeful view is taken of the Cuban situation, notwithstanding sensational press dispatches from Havana, and the opinion is expressed that the Cubans will, after talking awhile, accept the conditions laid down by congress for the removal of American control. It is very positively denied that any increase of our military force is or has been contemplated by the administration.

The president is not discouraged because of the apathy of the senate on the reciprocity question, shown by the failure of the whole bunch of reciprocity treaties for lack of action by the senate. By his direction, Secretary Hay has arranged with the French ambassador to extend the time within which the reciprocity treaty with France may be ratified until Sept. 24, 1902. Whether senators will show more interest in reciprocity during the life of the present congress than they did in the last, remains to be seen. The administration believes that reciprocity is necessary to avoid a commercial war on the U. S. by combined Europe.

wholly out of order.

The good weather is doing considerable toward resurrecting the bicycles. What a privilege it is to be able to ride on the sidewalks while the roads are rough.

Hartley Mulkey has returned from Walla Walla where he has been waiter in a hospital.

Notarizing is the rage. Bidding youths and tinted maids are to be seen sauntering over hill and dale.

The first street laker of years was on our streets last Saturday.

Miss Ella Jones, of the Oregon Children's Home Association, delivered a short talk on the purposes of the association, in the chapel Monday morning.

Judging from a recent Chicago divorce case, typewriters ribbons are dangerous things; that is to say it is dangerous to buy ribbons for your typewriter—if your wife finds it out.

If the New York yacht club decides that no boat not belonging to one of its members shall be permitted to enter the competition to decide which yacht shall oppose Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger, it will deserve to be defeated, and here's hoping that it will be.

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Oil in Polk County.

Other portions of the state are having a run of excitement regarding the reported finding of oil indications in various sections and it is now Polk county's turn to have a little oil excitement.

A Salem correspondent to the Portland Telegram on Tuesday writes as follows:

It is hinted by wise ones that the Polk county hills across the Willamette river from Salem are on the eve of a big oil boom. The matter has been kept as quiet as possible in order that there might be no excitement, and thus farmers prevented from making concessions that would allow prospecting. It is said that an eminent oil expert is here from the Pennsylvania oil fields, and that he has satisfied himself that there is plenty of oil beneath those hills.

The report is that the first discovery was made near the road leading from Salem to Bethel, some seven or eight miles from Salem.

H. A. Thomas, of Salem, has a 300 acre stock ranch near Oak Grove, lying in the low pass in the hills, west of the Willamette River. When he purchased the place, he found a spring in a swale or draw, and decided on erecting a comfortable home near the spring so as to utilize the water for domestic purposes. To his disgust, however, he found that a dark, slimy substance formed on the water, giving out an unpleasant odor, and, considering the spring worthless, he abandoned the building site selected, and chose another. A few hundred feet about the spring the farmhands, in plowing, found a tract of land several acres in extent that was always damp or "slick," as they termed it. No matter how dry the surrounding fields were this spot always appeared damp and oily, and the men frequently spoke of this. It seems that the oil expert has decided that this "slick" ground is impregnated with oil, oozing out of the ground, and that one of the most promising places for boring for oil would be this self-same spot.

The spring, immediately below this place, has been found to be what might be termed an oil spring the slimy black scum on the water being the coal tar.

Some years ago a well was bored at Crowley Station, in Polk County, to secure water for a boiler. After the job was completed it was found that the water could not be used for the purpose, because there was so much oil in it that it caused the boiler to "foam," so the hole was filled up.

It is said that at another point the water from a well was so full of oil that it actually burned when a match was applied to it.

A farmer in the Polk County hills across the Willamette River from Salem was a few days ago approached by a stranger, who offered to prospect his place for oil, provided he would bond his land, he (the farmer) to waive a certain percentage (10 or 20) of the oil taken out for all time. He refused to consider the proposition, saying he had got along without the income from oil all these years, and that it could not make him any poorer if he refused to sign the bond, while he might be a good deal richer if he had oil beneath the surface of his soil. And he said he was able to raise the money to hire his own prospecting, in case it turns out that there is oil in his neighborhood.

The stranger left him, but it is understood that he has been more successful in bonding the farms of the man's neighbors.

Sunday Meeting.

President Campbell's address at the opera house Sunday afternoon on "The 20th Century Outlook to Education" was very much appreciated by a large and attentive audience.

President Campbell has made such a careful study of this question that he presented many new ideas that are well worth our careful consideration when planning our public school improvements.

S. W. Doughty sang "The Tear," which was enjoyed so much, that upon request he sang "The Lord is my Shepherd" at the close of the lecture.

We understand that these meetings are to continue and the people of Independence given a chance to hear some of our most highly educated men. That the people of our city appreciate such efforts will be shown by large audiences.

The Chicago street railroads have forbidden their conductors to eat onions, because their breath offends the fastidious Chicagoans. This is interfering with the rights of man with a vengeance.

City Bonds.

\$8,000 of 4 per cent coupon funding bonds for sale.

The City of Independence, Oregon, in accordance with an ordinance passed by the City Council on March 19, 1901, has opened in the office of the City Recorder, a book for subscriptions. Subscriptions will be received in the following denominations at the option of the purchaser: \$50, \$100, \$200 and \$300. Interest payable semi-annually, bonds payable on or before April 1, 1901. Principal and interest payable in U. S. Gold Coin.

The last assessed valuation of the City of Independence, was \$28,000. The total liabilities of the city is \$8000.

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Abstract of Instruments Filed in Polk County Mar. 12 to 18, 1901.

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Bids for Wood.

Sealed bids will be received by J. D. Irvine, clerk school district No. 29, for 60 cords of red fir, body wood, and 15 cords of oak grub wood. Oak wood to be not less than 3 nor more than 8 inches in diameter. Wood to be delivered on school grounds by Oct. 1st, 1901. Bids to be opened by March 30th 1901 at 7 o'clock p. m. J. D. IRVINE, Dist. Clerk Independence Or., March 13.

Notice to Delinquent Tax Payers

The Delinquent Tax Roll for the year 1899 has been placed in my hands for collection by the Honorable County Court, with instructions to collect all taxes due on the same at once. Notice is hereby given to delinquents that unless payment is made at once I shall proceed to levy upon property to satisfy said delinquent taxes. Dated at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, this 12th day of March 1901. J. G. VAN ORSDOL, Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, In the matter of the estate of Miranda Hill, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Miranda Hill, deceased, has filed his final account of the administration of the said estate with the Clerk of the county court of said county, State of Oregon, and that the judge of the said court has fixed Saturday the 23d day of March, 1901, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day at the court room of said court as the time and place for the hearing of said account and objections thereto and for the settlement of the same. H. R. KILPATRICK, Administrator of the estate of Miranda Hill, deceased. Dated February 21st, 1901. 2-22-01

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