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The Dallas Itemizer says that "every cow should have its pig" but we doubt if very many of them ever will.

The legislature is greatly handicapped in the practice of economy because it has no constitutional right to abolish Tom Kay.

After February 1, the Espee can adjust its schedule as north bound trains will not have to stop all day at Hornbrook, Cal.

If the bill to prohibit sending anonymous communications to newspapers is passed, it will be necessary to appoint a waste basket inspector to search for evidence.

To cut the alleged "graft" out of the publication of the delinquent tax list, publish the list of each precinct in the nearest newspaper. This will give better service and reduce the expense one-half.

If the weather keeps up its little fling, it will the buds and blossoms bring, that may not be just the thing, but it's working up an early spring; so looks as if it was time to sing, to make the hills and valleys ring, start the birdies on the wing, it may be foolish but it smells like spring.

We must not neglect to mention the bumper New Year's edition of the Oregonian. While true that it is a habit of our big neighbor to swell several score of pages the first of every year, still that gives us no license to neglect to take off our hat and give a cheer when it passes by.

Oregon newspaper men in a proposed bill ask the legislature to define what constitutes a newspaper, which may not be a bad idea, but the average editor is content to leave that matter to his readers.—Hillsboro Independent.

When we look at some so-called newspapers, we are much inclined to doubt the judgment of the readers.

The farmers rule in North Dakota. Forming a non-partisan body, they drove out the politicians and are in possession of every department of the state government. Now they propose to do some legislating in the interest of themselves and the people in general. Their work will be watched with much interest and if their efforts bear fruit, the people of other states will be brave enough to follow their example and do considerable cleaning up on their own premises.

Two men of distinction passed away last week—Admiral George Dewey and Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill). Admiral Dewey's principal feat was to sink a Spanish fleet in the harbor of Manila and leave an elephant on our hands, tho it was not entirely Dewey's fault that we were left the elephant as the statesmen of the days of 1898 could not let loose of anything we got our hands on. Buffalo Bill killed buffaloes the first half of his life and in the second half piloted a wild west show over the world. As soon as Bill quit killing buffaloes, we captured the few remaining and cherished them tenderly and encouraged them mightily to multiply. The wild west show we patronized liberally but hoping inwardly that it was the last of its kind.

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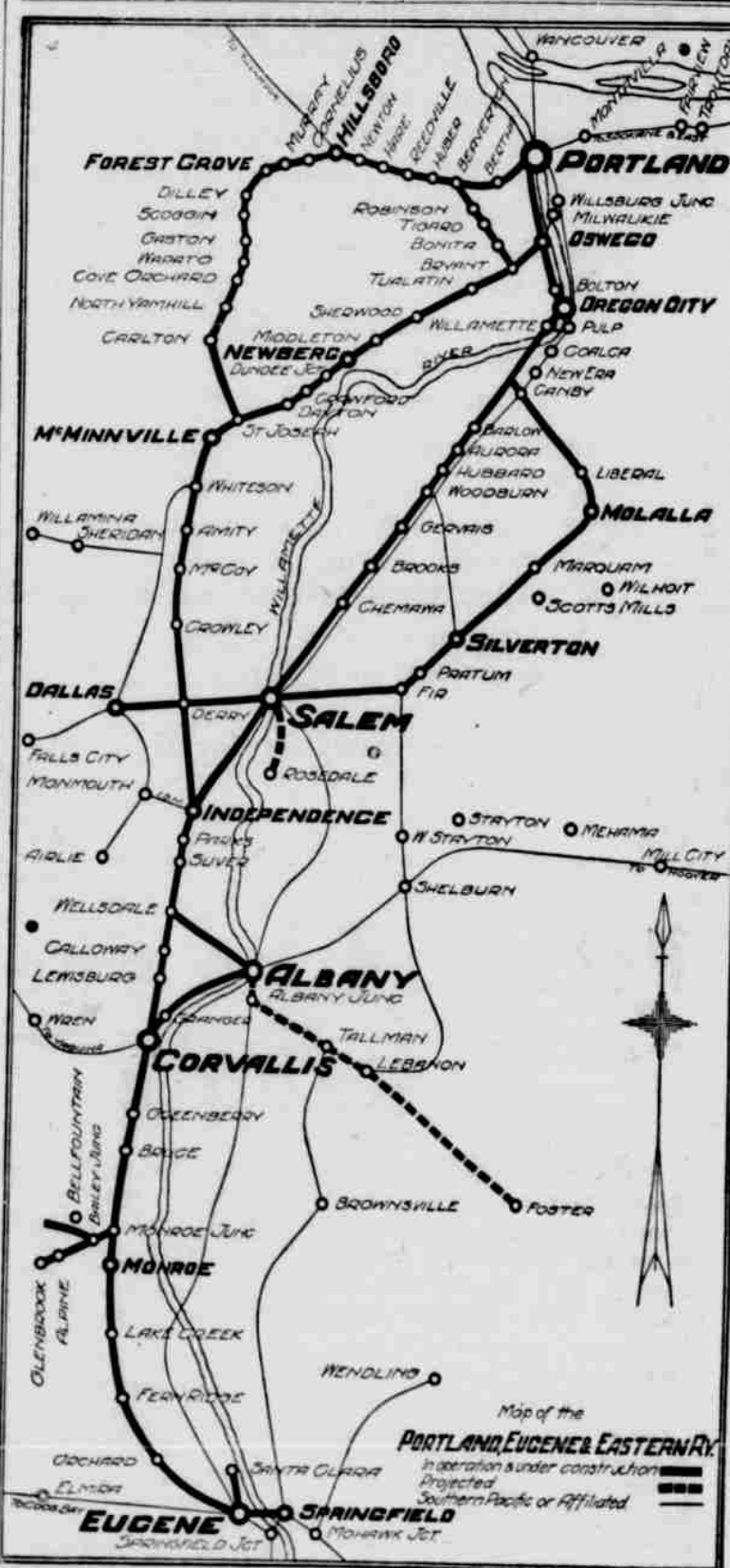
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