

The citizens of Olympia, Washington, are informed by "a company having ample capital," that they stand ready to establish a large sash and door factory there if "sufficient inducement" in the shape of land or money is offered.

Lane county, Oregon, reports a gross assessment of \$6,882,352; indebtedness \$1,397,030; exemptions \$553,324; net taxable property, \$4,929,898. Last year the figures were, \$6,609,577, \$1,292,192, \$515,062, and \$4,802,323, respectively, showing practically the same proportions throughout.

The thriving city of Hoquiam, on Gray's harbor, Washington, has purchased a fine large engine and other apparatus for the protection of its buildings from destruction by fire. Such precautions are prime requisites in places which are being built up with frame structures, and Hoquiam has set a worthy example for many older and more pretentious cities in the northwest.

The capital stock of the Northwest Industrial Exposition at Spokane Falls, is \$50,000; the building and equipments cost \$108,000; the receipts from the exposition were \$25,000, leaving a deficiency of \$58,000 to be paid by the enterprising citizens managing the affair, or carried over as indebtedness to be wiped out by future exhibitions. The city council is considering the proposition of purchasing the property for \$75,000 and leasing it to the company for \$6,000 a year.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced by parties engaged in mining for opals in the recently discovered fields near Moscow, Idaho, by water filling the shafts almost as fast as it can be removed. Blasting the rock also destroys the crystals. In Hungary and other places where opals are mined the rock is sawed into blocks and taken to the surface of the ground and carefully broken. The same means will probably be employed at Moscow. The parties most deeply interested in the business are confident that large returns will be made by the mines when properly operated.

In advocating the establishment at Boise City of a state mining and geological bureau, the *Ketchum Keystone* says: "Such an institution would aid materially in making known to visitors the great mineral resources of the state, not by collecting and exhibiting rich samples of our various ores, which would be a part of its business, but the publication of its annual reports upon the condition of our mines and mining industry, which would be authoritative, and, therefore, sought after and read by men having means to invest in mines. Besides, it would serve as a preservative of petrifications, fossils, curios, stones and minerals of general and particular interest, all of which would be helpful in discovering facts and diffusing a knowledge of local geological and mineralogical peculiarities, which could but serve to stimulate prospecting on the one hand, and investment on the other hand of much needed capital in mines already discovered, and their development into sources of vast revenue to our people and state. That our mines are rich beyond possibility of computation will not be disputed; that the state and people should employ every agency in their power to compass their early development ought not to be disputed.

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MRS. GAZZAM—"Show her up."  
NEW HOUSEMAID—"Faith, an' I don't know anythin' agin her, mum; I niver laid eyes on her before."—*Judge.*

**PROFESSOR—Who was Sidonius?**  
STUDENT—There were several of that name.  
PROFESSOR—I mean the writer of history and of elegies.  
STUDENT—Oh, that was Sidonius Apollinaria. His second name was conferred upon him because he was a poet of the first water.—*Puck.*

**DANSHAWAY—**Suppose you should come around to my house some day, walk up to my room, and find my lifeless corpse in bed. What would you do?  
**CLEVERTON—**I would institute an immediate search for that five dollars you owe me.—*Life.*

**JACK HUSTLE—**Will you marry me?  
**RITA HUSTLE—**This is so sudden—give me time.  
**JACK HUSTLE—**You can't afford to waste any more time. You must be twenty-six now. Say yes, Rita.—*Puck.*