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ANNOUNCEMENT.

With the issue of January 31, 1891, Mr. L. Samuel retired from the management of the *West Shore*, and from the *West Shore Publishing Company*, and is no longer connected with either.

The new management of the *West Shore* is arranging for extensive improvements in the paper. Its style and character will be materially changed. It will don a new dress of type, improved methods will be employed in raising the standard of the illustrations, and in every department such changes will be made as will bring it to the very first rank of illustrated journalism. A few weeks ago the opinions of patrons regarding the treatment of features of public interest was asked in this column. In response to this invitation it develops that colored lithographic illustrations are not the most popular for a journal of this class. So the changes to be made will include the superseding of that style of color work with illustrations made by photo-mechanical means, enabling us to reproduce pictures direct from nature that are absolutely true—such as are used in the highest class eastern publications. We are confident that these improvements will appeal strongly to popular favor. It will take some time to perfect the arrangements, but they will be marked and permanent.

A self-made man reveres his creator and admires his handiwork.

The insurrection in Portugal was too short to earn so long a name.

There is a time for all things, and it is quite time congress attended to business.

Those gentlemen at Salem who are wearing collars do not require any name engraved on the plate for recognition.

With Lotan and Simon tugging in opposite directions the poor turkey of an Australian ballot law might as well be a buzzard.

Sioux Indians are going to Washington to see the "great father." The president will be "great shakes" to see, undoubtedly, for Indiana is noted for them.

Senator Squire is said to have gone to Washington with blood in his eye for some of the federal officials of the state who are two round to fit his square holes.

The directors of the Columbian exposition can already see where they can put \$15,000,000, which, of course, includes the putting of some where they can not see it.

Wyoming has appropriated \$30,000 for the world's fair. This is pretty good for the infant state of the union. Full grown Oregon ought to do no less than five times as well.

Revolution in Chili, revolt in Portugal, mutiny in the Belgian army, rowdiness by English troops in Bermuda, are some of the items of foreign military intelligence of the past week.

Those who may think the illustration on the first page a little unseasonable, are assured that violets are actually in bloom in Oregon, not only in the picture, but in the gardens. The poem was written by Ella Higginson.

The *West Shore* Word Contest closed January 31. As there is such a large number of lists to be examined, it will be impossible to announce the names of the prize winners for two weeks.

Both parties to the bribery case in Olympia have been proved to be immaculate by the committee of investigation, though neither gentlemen fully agree with the committee on this point.

It is quite a commentary upon affairs at Olympia that a correspondent, in speaking of the great quantity of mud, felt it necessary to specify that he referred to the streets and not to politics.

The final vote on the Australian ballot bill in the senate will determine the question of whether the president of that body owns it, and whether the highest legislative branch of the government will be true to the people or to the bosses.

A contemporary complains that more than half the state revenue is to be expended in appropriations. How does it expect it to be expended? Publishing the laws in newspapers would not consume quite all of it; in fact, not nearly as much as some publishers have been counting on.

As the United States supreme court has decided that is proper for Canada to test the Behring sea question in that court, Blaine will do well to moderate his indignation a trifle. He can not feel very much confidence in the strength of his position if he is unwilling to let the highest judicial authority of his own country pass upon it.

Although a little late in taking up the subject, the waterway convention held at Walla Walla this week will doubtless give a great impulse to the movement of opening the Columbia river. Oregon is making great progress in that direction in her legislature, and if Washington will be equally liberal and earnest, something practical will be accomplished.

When it is thoroughly understood at Salem that the great majority of the residents of Portland, East Portland and Albina earnestly desire consolidation, and that those who are at the capital working against it represent nothing but themselves and their own personal, political or business interests, all of which is the true facts in the case, there ought to be no difficulty in passing the bill.

While it is proper that the extent to which employees and employers may go in any contest that may arise between them should be regulated by law, it is equally proper that those regulations should apply to the latter as well as to the former, and in this regard Willis's senate bill is defective. Not only so, but it is entirely too stringent. It is just as bad for employers to blacklist men as for men to boycott employers. The less of either the country has, the greater will be our prosperity and the happier our condition.

Although Multnomah county has been the most enthusiastic supporter of the national guard of the state, and though the bill appropriating \$16,000 for its better equipment and support was introduced by one of its representatives, the bill can not be said to be a distinctively Multnomah measure. That county pays more than one-third of the taxes, but will receive but little more than one-fifth of the appropriation. If that county is willing to give more than it receives for this purpose, the other counties should be willing to do their share in rendering our national guard an effective military organization.

Promoters of the scheme of a Pacific cable from the United States to Australia, via Hawaii, must not forget, and probably do not, that there is already well advanced a concerted movement on the part of Canada and the Australian governments for the laying of a cable from British Columbia to Australia over practically the same route. A conference of delegates from the various governments will be held in a few months and the scheme be placed on a practical basis, each government guaranteeing its proportion of the expenses of operation. The United States can not afford to be behind in this movement.

Oregon is making haste slowly on the world's fair question. The artist presents the situation fairly on the last page. Bravely, indeed, did the pioneer say *Alis volat propriis*, and Oregon did, indeed, "fly with her own wings" in those pioneer days; but not now. While her sister states are flying with strong sweep of wing toward the heights of prosperity, Oregon is content to creep. Whenever an effort is made to provide wings for her flight, the shears of the mossback cut them off. Yet, nothing is truer than that she must have wings if she would fly, and that she must fly if she would make the progress she should. No better opportunity will ever be offered her to try her wings than the present, and she should not be deprived of them.

The attention of writers of verse is called to the department of "Poets of the Pacific Coast." See the Announcement on page 98 of this number.