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## OREGON DOINGS.

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Portland, Jan. 27, 1908.—Working in connection with several commercial bodies over the state, and aided by individual fruit-growers, the Portland Commercial Club has issued a fruit bulletin composed of four pages of the New Year's Oregonian. Each paper sent out bears a paragraph, conspicuously stamped in two places, telling the reader that he can buy his ticket on the road most convenient to him at a remarkably low colonist rate between March 1st and April 30th. The \$30 rate from the great middle west is made the striking feature of stamp—of course mention is also made of rates from other sections. The bulletins are prepared in advance for the use of the agents employed by the various railroads, localizing the rate for their particular line.

The Oregon Development League is exceedingly prosperous. The past two weeks have added three members to the organization—the Stayton Commercial Club, W. L. Freres, President, R. A. Elwood, Secretary; the Commercial Club of Mosier Valley, with Dr. David Robinson, Secretary; the Seio Commercial Club, T. J. Munkers, Pres. and A. G. Prill, Secretary.

Newberg will have a house-warming, under the auspices of the Newberg Board of Trade, on February 1st, celebrating the opening of their fine new Imperial Hotel.

The Executive Committee of the Portland Commercial Club are appealing for additional funds to advertise the resources of Oregon, and at no time during the active work of that Committee have responses been so generous. New subscriptions are coming in, former contributors are either doubling or materially increasing their subscriptions, and every cent of it is devoted to advertising the State and not the city.

Complete plans have been decided upon for the Oregon Building at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, and up to date it is the most attractive state building yet shown in America upon the grounds of a great Fair.

## COUNTRY NEWSPAPERS.

The editor of the Santiam News attended the meeting of the Oregon Press Association at Portland last week, where the speakers threw boquets at the country press. On his return Mr. Dugger published the following truths in his paper:

There is not a doubt but that the country paper is of more general benefit to its immediate community than any other factor in its home town. It is continually working for the betterment of its home town and community, commends virtue and condemns vice, is the medium through which the influence of men who work for the welfare of the public reach the people. It tells the story of births, weddings; of sickness and death. Oftentimes it is made to give praise to the departed through obituary mention, that is not merited; for it is expected that it shall speak only of one's good qualities, and to say nothing of his evil ones.

Nor does the country newspaper receive the patronage that it deserves. Men refuse it patronage because they do not like the editor; or the way he does; or because he will not let them have the paper at half-price; or if by some hook or crook his visit to a neighboring town is not noted, the fat is in the fire then sure enough.

As a matter of fact, every citizen in a community, should patronize his home paper. Whether he knows it or not, he participates in every benefit that the paper is able to bring to the community. If, by agitation the paper causes a new industry to spring up, every citizen in the community reaps a benefit. He then, (the man who refuses to take his home paper) is in the position of getting something for nothing. He is enjoying the fruits of the editors labor without paying for it. Nor are these individuals above read-

ing the copy of the home paper that his neighbor pays for.

Another feature—the delinquent subscriber was discussed somewhat. The consensus of opinion was that the man who takes his home paper and neglects to pay for it, is a worse man than he who borrows his neighbor's paper. He knows or believes the editor will not sue him for the bill, because of the smallness of the account, and, after taking the paper two or three years, refuses to take it from the post office, or, mayhap, removes elsewhere and neglects to inform the newspaperman where. Can the editor be blamed, should he be called upon to write an obituary for such an one if he tells the truth?

Friday, Jan. 31 is the last day on which initiative petitions can be filed for submission to the voters at the coming primary election. According to the law, referendum matters are required to be filed within ninety days after the adjournment of the legislature and the 31st day of January is the last day of grace in the filing of initiative petitions.

Quite a number of important petitions have already been filed and will be submitted and a large addition to the list is expected in the closing days of the allotted time. It is believed that at least twenty measures will be put up to the people for their acceptance or rejection at the coming primary.

A petition was filed Tuesday by a delegation of Portland single taxers, praying for an amendment to Section 1 of Article IX of the constitution, exempting from taxation dwelling houses, barns, sheds and other classes of property.

Chief Justice Beau also filed his petition for renomination as justice of the supreme court.—Statesman.

Regardless of the kicks of the Portland papers, the police are said to be doing some things in a live manner. According to reports by the local night men yesterday, three car loads of idle men, fellows who would not work, thugs and bums, were gathered together and shipped towards California in empty cars of a freight train. The Albany policemen had their hands full getting them past Albany. There are said to have been between two and three hundred of them, undesirable citizens. A dozen slipped thru here and spent the night in the city jail.—Albany Democrat.

## Pen Portrait of Grieg.

Here is as vivid a picture of Grieg the man as any that has yet been drawn. A correspondent who saw the noted Scandinavian composer when he received his honorary degree at Cambridge, in England, in 1894, makes it for the Manchester Guardian: "It was a sad and a strong face that we saw, one might almost have said a grim face, but that there was nothing of hardness in it, a face which must have inspired both respect and affection in all who met him. Yet as the little, old looking man stood there in the red and yellow gown of a doctor of music there was something incongruous about his appearance, the head, encircled with long, straight, white hair, appearing above the still stiffer, straighter lines of gaudy brocaded silk, which descended to the ground in the form of a regular cone, and the smile of one visitor, who remarked that they made him look just like a penwiper, was irresistibly accurate."

## Beer Capacity of a Munich Porter.

An English family touring in Bavaria called at the world famous Hofbrauhaus, the pride of Munich, writes our correspondent. To the waitress serving them the head of the family in a matter of fact way simply held up his five fingers. To the family's astonishment, the waitress came back with five quart pots filled to the brim with beer. The visitors bravely struggled with the beer, but managed to dispose of only about a quart between them. Knowing that it would be considered an insult to leave beer, they called a porter and ordered him to finish it. In less time than it takes to relate it the Bavarian accomplished the task. Wiping his mustache, he demanded sixpence for the "job" and, having obtained the money, instantly ordered and emptied yet another quart pot.—London Mail.

## How He Grew Young.

One satisfied man returned from a two weeks' holiday. He spent it on a farm owned by an old aunt, and the royal way in which she fed him, to use his own description, formed the chief delight of his holiday.

"You see," he remarked confidentially, "my wife is a graduate of a diet and cooking school of the most up to date sort. She sees that we never have a meal which isn't perfectly balanced as to food values. The things we eat are chosen with reference to that and not with regard to whether we like them especially. Well, I can tell you, old Aunt Laura, with her table just groaning with forbidden, indigestible articles, was a mighty welcome change to me. She never heard of carbohydrates or phosphates or cellulose, and she wouldn't know a proteid if she met one in a bean porridge, where, by the way, I believe they largely congregate. But I tell you her fried chicken and fresh pork and biscuits were the finest things I've had for years. My wife actually turned pale when she saw me eat, and I know she was worried, because we were six miles from a doctor. I was never ill for a minute, though, and those two weeks of old fashioned, unscientific cooking have made me feel like a new man—or, rather, like a boy again."—London M. A. P.

## Her Conversion.

When preparing his parishioners for the solemn ordinance of confirmation an old clergyman found among them one old woman so excessively ignorant and stupid that for some weeks prior to the time he was obliged to have her come to his house every day in order to instruct and catechise her. At length he began to hope that his time, patience and zeal had not been entirely bestowed in vain, a few bright flashes of understanding having burst from the old dame's clouded intellect. "Now, my good friend," said the worthy pastor just previous to the commencement of the ceremony, "as this is the last moment in which I shall have an opportunity of conversing with you, let me ask, do you thoroughly understand and believe all the articles of your Christian faith?"

"Aye, yes, sir, thank'ee," replied his venerable pupil, with a simper and dropping one of her best courtesies, "I does indeed now, and, thank God, I heartily renounces them all."

## A Waiter's Amazing Wail.

The waiter spoke indignantly. "Men go about," he said, "complaining of being mistook for waiters, but it is on the other foot really that the shoe rests. Us waiters are the real complainants in these cases of mistaken identity. Our kicks are sincere. The others' ring false. For at dances and balls and such like crushes many a young man makes money by being mistook for a waiter. How does he make money? Why, he is tipped, and all them tips he pockets, never thinking of handing them over to their rightful owners. At every big affair we count on a loss of 5 per cent through the dishonest advantage that impetuous young swells take of being mistook for waiters."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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## Articles at Random Over the Store.

\$1.50 comforters, good values at former price, \$1.15  
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Star Tobacco, per lb. 45  
8.50 men's water proof 14 in. pegged shoes, 7.45  
10c Malta Ceres, now 8c  
2 pks Malta Ceres, now 15c  
15c pk shredded wheat 10c  
Coal Oil, same as you have been paying 25c, now 20c  
Coal Oil, 5 gallons, now 90c  
Gasoline, per gallon 25c  
A price on quantity.  
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