

**NEWSPAPER TALK.**

The republican ticket for 1938 will probably be Blaine and Dewey of New York. The former to furnish the brass and the latter the cash. —*Portland World.*

A lady informs us that "ladies cannot afford to stutter; time is too precious and limited to do talking enough anyway." This is the best explanation we have had of the phenomenon. —*Inter Ocean.*

The law suit in this state that has priority in age has just passed its forty-second birthday. It began about a \$7 hog, and has cost the principals \$7000. Pork will rise if you give it time. —*Chicago Inter Ocean.*

Vermont is a prohibition state, but the authorities have issued an order to the saloon keepers directing them to keep their establishments closed on Sundays. This reads odd to people at a distance. —*Sunday Gazette.*

More trouble! The white democrats of Brunswick county, Virginia, have just given a barbecue to their colored fellow citizens. It was expected they would make a barbecue of them. This is a disappointing world. —*Alta.*

Congressman Blount, of Georgia, wants to build another executive mansion, because at a White House reception last winter he had to sit on a chair with broken springs. We should say it would be cheaper to buy a new chair or have Mr. Blount stand up. —*Vidette.*

If Gen. Fairchild can keep the United States from falling to pieces this summer, and Mr. Sherman and Mr. Blaine and Mr. Allison and about seventy-five others conclude not to seek the presidential nomination, he may get to be president himself. —*Courier-Journal.*

This will be the most prosperous year for the Oregon farmer that he has had for several years. Everything he has to sell will bring a good price, while many things he has to buy are cheap. The whole Willamette valley will boom this fall and next year. —*Albany Democrat.*

Mr. Harper, of the Fidelity bank of Cincinnati, is a poor banker, but a truthful man. In 1884 he said if Cleveland were elected he would go out of business, and he has. By inadvertency he has got further out of business than he intended, for his present address is the county jail. —*Alta.*

Ben Buttler has given his opinion of the interstate law, and he hits the mark about in the center. He says, "if it was not carried out, so much the worse for the railroads. The law, as it exists is only a shower; the next warning the roads got would be an avalanche." —*Roseburg Review.*

It is useless to talk about more than two men at present in connection with the next republican nomination for the presidency. John Sherman has committed bara-kiri, and Fidelity Harper is in jail. This leaves Mr. Blaine and Sargeant Bates alone in the field, with the chances just now decidedly in favor of the latter. —*Courier-Journal.*

This hardly seems probable, but it is: In the first two years of President Cleveland's administration the federal debt was reduced \$263,884,046. Blaine and his followers tried to make people believe that Cleveland's administration would settle the rebel debt first. It has not been decreased a cent. How disappointing. —*East Oregonian.*

The objective point of the Oregon Pacific construction is now the summit of the Cascades, and they will be running trains to that point so soon as men and machinery can clear the way, build road and clear track. Not many months will pass until this is made a trans-continental line. The people of this section owe a great debt of gratitude to the Oregon Pacific. They will pay it as they are given opportunity. —*Salem Statesman.*

Judge Fields has decided that Mrs. Langtry "must come into court" to make her declaration of intention to become a citizen. How arrogant these perverters of law become. "The Rose of Sharon" has been dragged through the San Francisco courts, and now the "Lily of the Valley," the queen of beauty, must bow her fair head in homage and do courting. Alas! for gallantry. —*Wasco Sun.*

We want to register ourselves thus early upon the side of wholesome temperance legislation by the next legislature. We want a local option law, so as to allow each city, or precinct, or county to determine in what manner they shall govern their saloons. Eola has no sort of right to say how Salem or Portland or Astoria shall govern their saloons, nor have these cities the right to say how Eola shall regulate the sale of liquors. Let us be reasonable. —*Salem Statesman.*

When we hear of a man suddenly coming into possession of a great volume of wealth the old question of "how he made it," is no longer asked. The question now is, how did he get it. Fortunes come by the hour, and at night they spring upon men asleep, like a mushroom, through legalized robberies of the producers, and by unjust speculations upon the products of labor. Millions are not made honestly. Life is too short and competition in honest business to great. —*Jackson State Wheel.*

Boss Shepherd is to have a public reception on his return to Washington. At one time the people of Washington were thirsting for his life on account of the extravagance indulged in by Mr. Shepherd while he was superintendent of public improvements. It shows how quick people are to forget an injury when said injury turns into a blessing. The Washingtonians all feel now that Shepherd did much to beautify their city, and they are willing to stand up and testify so publicly. —*East Oregonian.*

The barrenness of republican leaders in progressive ideas of statesmanship is so palpable and painfully apparent that it is a source of astonishment, as well as of humiliation to all intelligent citizens. Bloody shirt and bloody flag chatter of the insane sort, and platitudinarian, threadbare protection ideas is their whole stock of trade for lo, these 25 years. No wonder everybody finds such ready relief in the conservative, economic, industrious, honest Cleveland administration. —*Louisville Democrat.*

Among other schemes for overcoming obstacles to navigation in the Columbia it has been suggested that a portage railroad be built at the Cascades and another at Celilo, with a transfer boat between the two points. Another scheme is to build a 60 mile railroad from the over Cascades to Celilo. Both of these schemes might be practicable were it not for the fact that they would be built by corporations, which, like the O. R. & N., would have neither soul to be sworn at nor body to be kicked, and from all such, good Lord, deliver us! Just at present we are not prepared to trade our old dog Towser for two of his pups. We want an open river, free for all, six-day-go-as-you-please and Sunday if necessary. We want that, and we want nothing short of it. —*Wasco Sun.*

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