

Oregon City, December 15, 1893

There were in Massachusetts last year 48,762 deaths, 62,824 births, 22,507 marriages and 790 divorces—a greater number in each than has been the average for the last 20 years.

The main purpose of President Steele in building the motor line between Oregon City and Portland seems to have been to secure the "land grants."

There is no evidence that Receiver Joe Simon received any of the bonuses given Mr. Steele along the line.

The managers of the Union Pacific railroad have thoroughly sneaked this month dry. It bears a debt of \$250,000,000, on which its net income will not pay interest. Now the government, that for years has played the fool with the millionaire wreckers, can take it.

A GREAT DIFFERENCE. In July, 1890, H. H. Johnson, clerk of Clackamas county, officially reported that the indebtedness of the county was \$40,000; last month the grand jury report reported that it was \$129,000. A big difference. Every voter should meditate on these figures.

THE TOMBAWGS. Portland's bright new democratic weekly, thus makes its bow to the public in No. 1, Vol. 1: "We stand on the Chicago platform with the heel corks so far imbedded in the planks that there will be no opportunity of moving. It will be our aim to help in the work of making the state of Oregon democratic."

Run and religion, though contradictory, are rapidly civilizing the natives of Africa. In one place one missionary and 50,000 barrels of whisky were landed at the same time. From January 1, 1890, to January 1, 1891, there were 1,018,591 gallons of rum shipped from Boston to Africa. In 1891 the trade was almost doubled.

The Salem daily Independent is now in the populist camp. If both it and Governor Penney meet "in the middle of the road," where they are to travel henceforth, there will be a violent collision. They never can travel abreast.

PACIFIC COAST NOTES. Charles Littlefield of Spokane has dreamed up a colony of 100 families in Connecticut for the Big Bend region.

In the list of the breadstuffs which are transferred to the free list in the Wilson tariff bill is oatmeal. The McKinley act imposed a duty of 1 cent a pound, and the domestic manufacturers combined to take advantage of consumers by means of this impost.

One of the most wonderful exhibitions at the World's Fair was a type-setting machine working with such marvelous rapidity that it promises to revolutionize the printing business.

To the people of the eastern parts of Malheur and Clackamas counties, telegraphic communication with Portland and Oregon City, when established, will be a great and valuable convenience.

EVIDENTLY Queen Lil and Claus Spreckels are not wanted as sovereigns by the white citizens of the Hawaiian islands, and the best course Mr. Cleveland can pursue is to let the provisional government have its own way, which is prepared to fight for its existence.

The American Agriculturist says nothing could be farther from the truth than the oft-repeated statement that "nineteenth of our farms are mortgaged for all they are worth."

The economies of the saloon question were presented in an interesting manner at Worcester, Mass., by a committee which has been making a thorough investigation, visiting saloons, questioning proprietors, barkeepers and patrons, and procuring information from other sources.

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But very few have an adequate idea of the magnitude of Portland's foreign trade. The wheat trade for 1892-93 was larger than ever before and falls but two vessels short of the number that sailed from San Francisco during the same season.

The construction of a railroad from Astoria to Tualatin is a serious enterprise in the city by the sea. Two New York capitalists have made another proposition. They talk business.

Combinations make curious aspects. Moffatt, of the Telegram, for governor; Barrett, of the Oregonian, for minister; Japan; Greenwood, of the Oregonian, for governor of Kanaka Land. This is the ticket the Oregonian will endorse.

Six hundred vests of the 5000 mile Siberian railway are already partially completed, and 10,000 Chinese and Koreans are employed on the line.

DOWN WITH THE YELLOW DOG. GRESHAM, Or., Dec. 11, 1893. Editor Courier: In answer to the article in your issue regarding the Cape Horn Telegraph line please allow me to state a few plain facts.

It should be remembered that the cable has been on the ground already in face of all manner of discouragements, and had it not been for the cable it would have long since been abandoned for the world.

It is hardly possible if the service is a "luxury and a waste" as he pleases to term it, that the public would not support and patronage of such parties as Hoffman & Bates, contractors for the Bull Run pipe line, C. K. & Kistner and many others who are connected with a large investment of money.

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Attempt at Suicide. (From the Boston Post.) While the walks in the Public Garden were crowded yesterday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock, people near the entrance gates at the corner of Beacon and Charles streets were horrified to see a man suddenly plunge a knife repeatedly into his throat and fall to the ground.

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BAID HEADS! What is the condition of yours? Is your hair dry, harsh, brittle? Does it split at the ends? Has it a lifeless appearance? Does it fall out when combed or brushed? Is it full of dandruff? Does your scalp itch? Is it dry or in a heated condition? If these are some of your symptoms beware in time or you will become bald.

SKOOKUM ROOT HAIR GROWER is what you need. Its production is not an accident, but the result of scientific research. Knowledge of the causes of baldness and the discovery of the "Skookum Root" has enabled us to produce a hair grower that is not a dye, but a deliciously scented and refreshing tonic.

COUNTY TREASURER'S NOTICE. I HAVE NOW IN MY HANDS FUNDS AVAILABLE for the payment of all warrants on bond. Interest will cease from the date of this notice.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER EXECUTORIAL ORDER OF THE STATE OF OREGON, for the County of Clackamas. James H. Rogers, Plaintiff. Richard W. O'Brien, Defendant.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OREGON. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to claim the land described in the following description.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of an order of the county court of Clackamas County, Oregon, the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Henry Comstock.

SHERRIFF'S SALE. BY VIRTUE OF A CERTAIN CHATTEL MORTGAGE given by William W. Gillette and G. H. Hoy and assigned by them to W. M. McComb to secure the payment of \$4000, which mortgage, together with the claim of the Recorder in Clackamas County, Oregon, on the 20th day of January, 1893, was sold to the undersigned by public auction.

THROUGH TICKETS. TO ALL PORTS IN THE EASTERN STATES, CANADA AND EUROPE. Can be obtained at the lowest rates from R. KOEHLER, Agent, Oregon City.

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