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FINANCIAL.

The conflicting opinions between the goldites and the silverites are confining, and the radical advocate on either side of the battle of words, figures and printer's ink is prone to exaggeration.

Silver, as a commodity, is now nearer to \$2 to 1 in comparison with gold, than to the legal ratio of our standard dollar, 16 to 1.

All the gold coin in the world, were it cast into a square, solid block, would be a cube 22 feet long, 22 feet wide and 22 feet high.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

The City Charter to be Revised—Needed Changes—Financial Report of the City.

Council met in special session on Monday evening with Mayor Straight and Councilmen Broughton, Moffatt, Cooke, Jagger and Meldrum present.

Report of water commission accepted, which appears in another column. Treasurer's report accepted.

Conciliator Melvyn brought up the matter of revising the charter, and cited instances where the present charter was defective, some of which are as follows: Now the city is allowed to levy but a 5 mill tax, when he thought as did others, that 7 mills should be levied.

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STAFFORD.

Show began falling on the evening of the 1st and by the next noon there was almost a foot on the level; in the afternoon it began to sleet and by the next flight the trees were loaded so heavy that the tops and limbs began to break off under the weight.

A band of beggars came into the neighborhood last week and have become quite a menace to the community. Such pilfering beggars do not deserve any sympathy from a civilized public.

The new bridge on the meridian road is quite an improvement. When the planking was piled off the old one, some of the stringers broke in two by their own weight.

Our new blacksmith has a disabled hand and is therefore not thoroughly on deck. Messrs Vick and Elmer are about to get their tile machine in running order.

Mr. Xmas came to Sherwood was quite a grand affair. Music was furnished by Young, Graham and Westfall. The old as well as the young enjoyed it.

A little burglar took place at the home of Joel P. Geer Xmas eve while all were at a Xmas tree. Among the stolen goods was a very valuable ring belonging to Mrs. Geer, that was 106 years old.

The snow still makes its appearance on the north sides of the hills and in shady nooks.

The Gladstone motor being snow-bound on January 3d, compelled a couple of her residents, H. E. Cross and Mr. Olson to patronize the Park Place T. R. Pass Company.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.

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MOLALLA.

The holidays are past and gone, and our people have resumed their usual quietness, although everything during the holidays were unusually quiet.

The Molalla literary society still meets every Friday night, and discuss some knotty subjects.

The Russellville Literary has challenged the Molalla society for a debate. It is thoroughly understood that the Molallas will give them a round, but the question has not been selected yet.

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REPORT OF WATER COMMISSION.

Table with columns for Month, Balance in Treasurer's hands July 1, 1904, and Disbursements. Includes entries for Labor on mains, interest on bonds, and various utility charges.

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