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The Canby Independent asks the Courier-Herald to tell him why this country had a good crop under the gold standard. Why, that's easy. If the country under the gold standard had not a good crop, the people would have starved to death.—Salem Independent.

The proposed school book law, placing the matter in the hands of a committee of five appointed by the governor will mean a saving of much money to the school book trust. Heretofore they have had to purchase a majority of county school superintendents.—Roseburg Review.

Do the taxpayers of Clackamas county know that nearly one-third of the road money is paid to the road supervisors for housing? If we could have two bosses in each district to boss the expenditure of the other third many would be satisfied. We have altogether too many bosses in all lines of work.

When senator L. L. Porter attends the regular session of the legislature his paper, the Oregon City Enterprise will be edited by Charles A. Fitch, late editor and proprietor of the defunct populist Oregon City Herald and the populist candidate for state printer in last spring's campaign. Has Fitch or Porter got a change of political heart?—Woodburn Independent.

Here is a sample of the Salem Independent's sarcasm. It is reported that Gill, the conceited little fellow who presides over the destinies of the Canby Independent and the Woodburn Independent, and who rides a cross-eyed mule nearly to death each week between the two towns in his great double jointed feat of editing two papers with one small head, is a candidate with Claire and Walt Lyons for the position of private secretary to the governor-elect.

A MEMBER of the city council on Wednesday evening took the following silly ground: He said it did not make any difference whether the doings of the city were published in a paper having a circulation of 10 or 100, so long as they complied with the law. A more absurd statement was never made. What are they published for, if not to let the taxpayers see what is going on? We all know he was speaking for his little organ.

The situation in Porto Rico says an exchange promises to force on this government, for a time at least, the experiment of federal ownership of telegraph and telephone lines. The War Department now controls all lines in Porto Rico and in the evacuated sections of Cuba. In both places the lines are being repaired, and the government is handling commercial messages after government matters. The signal service in charge of this work says in six months from the 1st of January it expects to be able to furnish some interesting data as to the profit in the insular wire service. This enforced object lesson in federal management is naturally expected to have considerable influence in the agitation for like control in this country.

The new council of Oregon City made a good showing for their first meeting which was held on Wednesday evening. In the first place they recognized the inhabitants of Elville by electing Justice C. Schuebel councilman in the first ward to fill the vacancy caused by C. D. Latourette having been elected mayor. The appointing of a charter revision committee by Mayor Latourette was another very good move. The committee is expected to look after the division of the city into three wards and to consult with the property owners of Canemah and the Westside in regard to taking those sections into the corporate limits. The citizens of Oregon City can rest assured that they will have a clean and economical administration of the city affairs. The mayor and several members were in favor of making the city tax levy five instead of seven mills as heretofore. They also took steps toward furnishing Ely and Falls View with lights.

CHALLENGE THEM!

Gov. Leedy, because he called an extra session of the Kansas legislature, has dispensed a number of old party papers. They say that populist legislation has been repudiated by the people of Kansas, and that the populists should not assume to legislate at the last moment.

However, those old party papers must admit that the Kansas legislature, even though it be populist, can be called in extra session by the governor. Many people in Kansas believe that certain legislation for the protection of the people against the rapacity of the corporations should be placed on the statute books, and Governor Leedy believes an emergency exists for such legislation. Notwithstanding the evident chagrin of old party men, the populists can enact legislation for the protection of the people and incidentally regain their political ascendancy.

LET THE REPUBLICANS REPEAL THE LEGISLATION OF THE POPULISTS, IF THEY DARE. The republicans will have the power in the next legislature to repeal all laws passed at this extra session of the Kansas legislature. Why do republicans shrink from repealing populist legislation? Some of this legislation may find favor among the people, and the republicans can take issue with the people.

POPULISTS OF KANSAS, GO AHEAD WITH YOUR EXTRA SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE! PASS LAWS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PEOPLE, AND CHALLENGE YOUR REPUBLICAN OPPONENTS TO REPEAL THOSE LAWS.—Chicago Sentinel.

The Canby Independent asks the Courier-Herald to tell him why this country had a good crop under the gold standard. If a ten-year-old school boy would ask such a question there would be an excuse, but when a man with the intelligence of Mr. Gill does, there must be something wrong—under his hat.—Courier-Herald.

Never prevent a statement made by a contemporary. We spoke of marketable values of the 1898 and 1897 crops of corn and oats, which were smaller in yield but worth \$53,000,000 more than in 1897. But we are a young school-boy, and in the innocence of childhood, we would like to ask Mr. Cheney if the Courier-Herald is a populist or a democratic paper.—Independent.

The above statement, Bro. Gill, is enough to convince the average person that you do not know what you are talking about. In regard to the political complexion of this paper we would refer you to your own statements made during the campaign, when you admitted it stood for reform but called it "demo-pop." The paper speaks for itself. We would like to ask Mr. Gill what's the political complexion of his paper, whether it is a Brownell republican or a grafting republican sheet? From reading its columns one would think it was both.

A BUFFALO boy was arrested on a charge of grand larceny, for stealing a bicycle worth \$100. At the trial the boy's attorney proved by the manufacturer of the machine that the materials and labor used in its construction was worth only \$6.50, and as a result the court decided that the charge could not be sustained.

There is a kick all over the nation at McKinley for paying Judge Day and Whitelaw Reid \$100,000 each for their services as peace commissioners. There ought to be. It was an outrage. And then why should this money be taken out of the \$50,000,000 that was voted for defence purposes?

One would think prosperity had surely come, to see the number of candidates for road supervisors before the county court.

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COMMENTARIES.

Matters Concerning Local Everyday Affairs Noticed by the Courier-Herald Reporter.

It is now possible that the Oregon City locks will be open to free commerce before many months. A few days ago Representative Touze was before the river and harbor committee, and asked for an appropriation for the purchase, by condemnation proceedings or otherwise, of the locks and canal at Oregon City. It is possible that a provision will be put in the river and harbor bill for this purpose, but it may be that it will only provide for a survey and estimate of the cost, before the appropriation is fully authorized.

The parties, who established the steelhead salmon hatchery on Salmon river, probably builded greater than they imagined, and Messrs. Brown and Broughton will probably become great benefactors to the fishing industry of the Pacific northwest. It was stated last week that steelheads had touched the highest price ever known in the history of the fish business. They were quoted down the Columbia at 7 1/2 cents per pound, with a prospect of eight cents being paid before the new year. This means that steelheads will be in great demand in the future. In fact, they are becoming a valuable species of salmon, and will be in great demand.

The Seventh street stairway is in darkness now since the electric light was moved over on the Singer Hill road. This may suit the hoboes who congregate around the foot of the stairway and the water tank, but it don't suit the hundreds of people who walk up and down these steps after nightfall. It's a whole lot of fun to see the night pedestrians cautiously put their feet forward to find a foothold. The other morning a man who was in a hurry to reach his work at the mills, slipped and fell over three factory girls who were on their way to work, scattering their lunch baskets in three different directions. The reporter came down the other morning very early—long before the electric lights went out to give the sun a chance to rise. At the head of the stairway the reporter was overtaken by one of the most substantial business men on Main street, who always reaches his store by 7 o'clock. The business man slipped several times—felt his way, and said such nice things about the councilmen who voted to have the light removed (To be continued.)

It costs the state of Oregon—or rather the taxpayers \$327 per capita for each inmate in the reform school from Clackamas, or that matter from any other county. These boys are kept continually at work all the time too—in the farm, in the kitchen, laundry, etc., and evidently earn enough to pay their way. If the Clackamas county boys, who are now confined in that institution, were brought home and kept at work, they would not only pay their own way, but the state would be six or \$327 per capita.

The "card of thanks" business is getting to be a source of annoyance to newspaper offices. No one can make a speech at a public gathering, lose some dishes to a neighbor or visit a sick friend or attend the funeral of the dead, but some one rushes in to print with a "card of thanks." Nothing is more absurdly silly. These matters are always mentioned in the newspapers, usually in a complimentary way. The "card of thanks" sounds like a tinkling cymbal and sounding brass.

That long-legged, lousy sneak, who sat on a rear seat at the Methodist church entertainment the other evening, and whispered so loud to the girl beside him, that he could be heard for several seats around, ought to take a tumble to himself.

The COURIER-HERALD leads in the matter of news and everything else. A number of new subscribers come in every week, and the list is steadily growing. They are actual annual paying subscribers, whose names are not placed on the subscription book for the purpose of making a bogus show of patronage.

Councilman Koerner acknowledged at the council meeting Wednesday night that his newspaper had no circulation, but he wanted it to do the city printing, because it would cost less. Mr. Koerner evidently wants to keep the public in the dark as to what the council is doing. It would have been better to have put the council members in a gas chamber and scattered them broadcast during the past 18 months.

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