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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT No doubt the good people of Oregon are actuated by the purest motives in favoring a repeal of the capital pun-ishment law. It may have sometimes happened that men have been con-victed of murder on circumstantial evidence and executed, who have sub-sequently been found to be innocent, but the instances are very rare. Michigan and Minnesota at one time repealed their capital punishment laws but they were soon re-enacted. A former Minnesotan makes the fol-lowing brief statement of how the law operated in Minnesota: "About thirty-five years ago the good people of Minnesota, feeling that the capital punishment law was a relic of a past age, enacted a law requiring life ser-vice in the penitentiary for persons convicted of murder in the first degree. The same year this law was placed on the statute books the notorlous band of highwaymen, train rob-bers and murderers, the James and Younger brothers, made a raid on the quiet little town of Northfield, shot down in cold blood the cashier of a bank, wounded several others in the bank, and in their endeavors to escape shot down indiscriminately men, women and children on the streets of the village. Two or three of the gang were shot before they had an opportunity to escape, but the principals to the desperate encounter, the James and Younger brothers, were pursued more than two hundred miles across the state and three of the Younger brothers captured, one of them having been wounded and the other two brothers would not leave him behind. The James brothers escaped to Missouri and were never arrested, although frequent requisitions had been made by the governor of Minnesota for them. The Younger brothers were brought back to the county seat of the county in which their crimes had been committed, where they confessed to murder in the first degree and were sentenced to the penitentiary for life. There was a strong sentiment in the state in favor of lynching them, but the officers of the law had acted with such celerity that the criminals were in the penitentiary before the sentiment crystalized. After being confined in the peniten-tiary about fifteen years petitions began to circulate favoring a parole of these desperadoes. All the state officers of Missouri and many members of the legislature appended their names to these petitions, but the sen-timent of the state was so pronounced against their release that no action was then taken. Year after year the matter of paroling them was brought before the pardoning board and finally, after twenty-five years incarceration, they were paroled, not being permitted to leave the state. One of them died a few years before the re-

A STATE PRINTING OFFICE

crimes the capital punishmut law was

re-enacted, and according to the pres-

Unless the state treasury at Salem possesses a superabundance of the yellow metal it would be well for the legislature to pay no attention to the mmendation of Gov. West for the establishment of a state printery. The Governor had to make the recom-mendation to satisfy the demand of organized labor. Organized labor always wants something and woe betide the politician who fails to recognize these claims. The typographical unions of the country are, as a rule. The typographical commendable They most always have in their order what is known as the "Square Man's Association." All printers are

Oregon City Courier and no man is permitted to excel his fellow workman either in quantity or quality. Five good every day all around printers could accomplish as around printers could accomplish as around printers could accomplish as each at top of this class. If a state on the legislature. They President. even the square men to make the work hold out until the bi-annual meeting of the legislature. It would cost the state at least \$25,000 for a moderate plant, and the head printer could always be relied on to demand \$5,000 or \$10,000 more at each session is session.

up with all kinds of modern ma-chinery. The Square Man's Association fill all the positions. No one else need apply. This establishment has been the subject of a number of congressional investigations. At one of last year advised voters to cast their the investigations the fact was ballots for certain men for the legislabrought out that the public printer purchased thirty-five expensive typesetting machines for which the government had no use. The public printer was charged with being a grafter and he was permitted to resign. Another printer was appointed and in a short time he was suspected of purchasing supplies not needed by the government. Congressman Tawney, of the house ways and means committee, says that if the government would let out its printing to the lowest bidder there would be a say that if the government would let out its printing to the lowest bidder there would be a say that if the government is printing to the lowest bidder there would be a say that if the government is printing to the lowest bidder there would be a say that if the government is printing to the lowest bidder there would be a say that if the government is printing to the lowest bidder there would be a say that if the government is printing to the lowest bidder there would be a say that if the government is printing to the lowest bidder there would be a say the lowest bidder there would be a say the lowest bidder there would be a say the lowest bidder there were the actions of Joint Represents tive Chatten, Clackamas Mulmomain, who was one of the staunch supporters of the rank assembly filibuster. Eaton, for the position of speaker of the rank assembly filibuster. Eaton, for the position of speaker of the rank assembly filibuster. Eaton, for the position of speaker of the rank assembly filibuster. Eaton, for the position of speaker of the rank assembly filibuster. Eaton, for the position of speaker of the rank assembly filibuster. Eaton, for the position of speaker of the rank assembly filibuster. Eaton, for the position of speaker of the rank assembly filibuster. Eaton, for the position of speaker of the rank assembly filibuster. Eaton, for the position of speaker of the rank assembly filibuster. Eaton, for the position of speaker of the rank assembly filibuster. Eaton, for the position of speaker of the rank assembly filibuster. smaller scale in Oregon,

WAGES OF CONVICTS

The law regulating the employment of convict labor in some form will probably be passed by the present session of the Oregon legislature. Laws regulating the labor of immates of our penal institutions have been for the support of those dependent upon him. As this phase of the sub-ject will probably receive considerof the Minnesota state board of con trol will be read with interest;

"For the year ending last July, the Stillwater inmates earned \$22,012 and the reformatory inmates \$10,746. About 60 per cent of the men at Still-water are able to earn something, the employed in the farm machinery fac-tory earn the largest wages, and those making twine the least. Extra amounts are earned by the twine-workers for extra rapid work.

them died a few years before the re-maining brothers were granted a pa-three divisions each, the pay ranging rom 6 to 15 cents a day, the amount role. One of these outlaws fell desperately in love with one of the ladies who had been active in securing his release, but his affections not being All of the credits may be wiped out

returned, committed suicide. The oldest and worst of the gang. Cole Younger, is now in Missouri and at last accounts was connected with 'n circus, violating the terms of his pa'The money is disbursed only on 'The money is disbursed only on the circus, which is the circus and circus a At the session of the legislature following the commission of their iles a written request with the warpunishable by death, but if there are any extenuating circumstances the jury can recommend the prisoner to the elemency of the court." water shows that since 1901 the instithe income \$338, leaving a per capita balance of earnings of \$137 a year.

GOOD ROADS AGAIN

Probably no state in the Union is more in need of improved public righways than the state of Oregon. The railways are spending immense sums of money in penetrating differ-Association." All printers are square, but the members of the Square than the regular organization. They are eight jobs to give out and there are ight jobs to give out and there are ight jobs to give out and there. These roads squares of the state. These roads squares of the state. These roads squares of the state. These roads than he would have been had he been are in most instances constructed in advance of settlement in the hope that it will be the means of opening up new territory to the prospective farmers. Of what use will be these of the states where notal have been had he been ha are ten applicants they are perfectly roads and these settlers if there is no of the states where postal banks have willing to remain idle provided the way of traveling during six months of the states where postal banks have eight lucky ones will make a "davy." the year? Of course it is not practi- the opinion that bankers have had too They are notoriously incompetent or extraordinarily lazy. If there is a state printing house installed these men will have all the jobs. They know how to make a job hold out meet the conditions existing in other most important measures ever passed They are pastmasters in the art of states, if they desire to carry 3,000 by congress and it will not do for fed The state could pounds to market where they are now count on always having work on only able to transport 1,000, they will the will of the people by placing ob-hand. They keep tab ou one another do all in their power to encourage stacks in the way of properly testing

around printers could accomplish as much as ten of this class. If a state printing house is to be established it would be necessary to keep the employes at work all the year. As a matter of fact there is not much work for the state to do except when the legislature is in session. There are a few reports of state officers to print, but it wold be hard work for even the square men to make the work hold out until the bi-annual and the honding act which will real the square men to make the work hold out until the bi-annual

\$5,000 or \$10,000 more at each session in session in Portland. Oregon has of the legislature. of the legislature.

There is a state printing office at Albany, N. Y., and one at Sacramento, Cal., and if unbiased reports could be had from the states it would be found that they are luxuries that only a few states can afford. The government printing office at Washington is the most expensive branch of the buplic service. They have a magnificent building and it is fitted up with all kinds of modern magnificent service.

The Square Man's Association been hampered for years because of the lack of ways for vehicle transportation. Farmers of France and Germany can carry from three to ten farmers in this state. The time is now ripe for favorable action. All agree that it is one of the most important questions now before the legislature. If the farmers encourage their representatives there will be no doubt about the outcome.

THE REST ARE ALIVE.

The Courier during the campaign of brought out that the public printer ture, and to not vote for certain lowest bidder there would be a sav-ten runs a little engraving plant in ing of millions of dollars to the na-Portland, and Eaton is hooked up tion. If that is the case in Washing- with a bookbindery in Eugene, whith-ton the same would be true on a er much of the binding of books and tion. pamphlets from the State House at Salem goes, Well, it isn't hard to see why Chatten threw down his constituents and flung aside all honor, but it is a wonder he didn't exercise horse sense and pick a soft spot to land, for he's now numbered among the dead

If the Crampacker resolution passes discussed and acted on in most of the states. Convict labor in most of the prisons is so distributed that it does representatives in the next congress cot come in competition with free and the southern states, including labor. The late session of the Minne oklahoma, tine. Should the states sots legislature passed a law permit vote in 1912 as they did in 1908 it sota legislature passed a law permater would mean an addition of the ling the prison authorities to set apart votes to the Republican candidate. The Republicans can lose New York, the law of the law Indiana and two or three other north-ern states and still elect their candiable attention at the present session date, as it is quite likely that Misthe following extract from the report of the Minnesota state board of con swing into the Republican column. The outlook for a sweeping Demo-cratic victory in 1913 is not as pronounced as it was two months ago. The Democrats also have insurgents in their ranks and they are in the majority. The peerles one is still in the amount varying with the employment saddle, and he has served notice on and the capacity of the men. Those the conservatives that he must be considered when policies and candidates are to be discussed. There is a possibility that, the insurgent Republicans may induce Senator LaFoilette to run as an independent Republican.

The cold storage trust in Chicago is about to collapse and millions of "At the reformatory the inmates in which case the situation would be are divided into two classes, with still further complicated, as he would three divisions each, the pay ranging probably draw enough votes from the Republican candidate to cause him to increasing with the spirit of the in-mate toward work and his attitude toward the institution and its rules cal Democratic candidate and a radi-cal Democratic candidate the situation would be about the same

"The money is disbursed only on was framed in the interest of the la- States to fortify the Panama canal. bounty is now \$3 and the pelts are bridge of the inmate himself, who soring people is not working out as The world has too much at stake to worth an average of \$2.50 for they At Stillwater there are 486 measure anticipated. Chinese iron stroy it, single men, 94 married, with no chil-dren, 115 married, with children, and 26 widowers with children. The number of families reading and subtractic coal, an excel-26 widowers with children. The number of families needing assistance from the fund, which the prisoners the Pacific at rates far less than deare accumulating, is not too large to be cared for. "The earnings paid the Forty years ago the iron and coal prisoners are in excess of the amount mines of China were pratically idle. The products of what few were in op The report of Warden Wolfer of Still- eration could not be disposed of as has spent, the per capita expenses for things has now dawned upon the cents per net ton registered tonnage, the past year having been \$201 and mission to the United States, are now entering into competition with the price paid in this country. Railways are rapidly penetrating every section of the Chinese empire, and before many years have elapsed it is quite probable that the Chinese laborer will prove to be more of a menace to the abor interests of this country at home than he would have been had he been

> Friends of the postal savings bank law do not like the idea of having most important measures ever passed eral officers to undertake to thwart stacks in the way of properly testing the operation of the law. The postoffice officials still maintain that they have commenced on a small scale in order to familiarize themselves with the wo king of the new act and that soon establish postal ings banks in every city where there is a moneyorder office.

The income tax amendment to the federal constitution will be acted on by a large number of state legisla-tures this month. About threefourths of the legislatures meet in 1911, and it is probable that the am adment will be acted on by them before they adjourn. Nine states have already ratified the amendmen's. They are: Alabama, South Carolina, Illinois, Maryland, Kentucky, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Georgia and Texas. Five states have voted on the amendment and failed to ratify. They are New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Virginia and Louisana. As it requires a ratification by three fourths of the states twelve states can reject it. In a recent statement Senator Morris Brown of Nebraska thinks that four of the five states that rejected the amendment will eventually ratify it.

Walter Dimick of Oregon City. Sen-ator Dimick is also on the committees By order of the Directors of said on fishing industries, labor industries Company, and municipal corporations. Senator Brooke is chairman of the judiciary

Representative Magone is on tion. Representative Magone is on the fisheries committee and alcoholic traffic. Chatten, Multneman and Olackamas joint, ways and means committee. Malarkey, Clackamas. Multnomah-Columbia, chairman judi-

Statistics show that during 1910 per than 30,000,000 industrial workers in the United States waged the battle of business. Of that number more than 55,000 met with death or injury. More than 35,000 for them were kill-d in mine explosions, wrecks and unavoidable accidents. The appaling statement is made that every very three areas. every year there are as many killed or wonded in industrial life as were killed or wounded during any one year of the civil war. We kill All more men every year in our industries than were killed in the war between Japan and Russia.

The fire per capita loss annually in the United States is about \$2.50, compared with 83 cents in six of the most important countries of Europe. Our carelessness and their caution is assigned as the prime reason.

SUMMARY OF NEWS OF THE WEEK,

have been arrested in Los Angeles for Portland spent over four million

dollars on street improvements during the year 1910. The first apple tree in the Pacific

Northwest, planted 85 years ago, has been discovered at Vancouver, Wash The claims of Capt. Peary have been approved by a house committee and he has been re ommended for promo-

Mr. Charles F. Murphy is not hav-ing clear sailing for his choice of Succhan for senator from New York. A dark horse will probably be named A California firm offers to transport

lumber from Portland to Atlantic coast points for 40 cents per hundred pounds, about half the railway rate, The bubonic plague has broken out

number of victims to date being 1,500. A test vote in the senate indicates

the passage of the constitutional amendment providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the peo

The Japanese naval officer who crit-cized President Taft for desiring to fortify the Panama canal is to be disciplined by the Japanese govern-

An effort is being made to have the conservation policies of Theodore Roosevelt declared unconstitutional by the supreme court of the United President Taft sends a special mes-

sage to congress orging an appropria-tion for fort fying the Panama canal

about to collapse and millions of pounds of butter, cheese and eggs will be thrown on the market. Big depression in price is expected. Another of the Gould family is to

marry a title. This time it is the 17

year old daughter of George J. Gould, who will shortly marry Baron Decies, an English peer 27 years her senior. A Berlin paper thinks it not only

satisfactorily as the originator of the permit some warlike nation to de-Senator Nelson's bill providing for the leasing of the coal mines of Alaska has been favorably considered by the public lands committee and if

passed by congress will assure cheap coal for the entire Pacific coast. A bill for the regulation of toils on the Panama canal will be introduced n the national house of representa there was no means of transporting tives in a few days. Rates will not the surplus to market A new order be more than \$1.50 or less than 50

The great battleship Arkansas, the best equipped fighting machine in the American laborer at one-twentieth the price paid in this country. Railways on Saturday last. It has a displace Bank of Le Granda ment of 27,243 tons, length 554 feet, breadth 92 feet, speed 2014 knots per hour, and will cost when completed ten million dollars.

> bits a bequest to a church of more than \$5,000 a year, and the will pro-vi es for a bequest to the Scientist been postponed by Judge Percy Kelly hurch at Boston of \$3,000,000.

Baltimore on Tuesday night and the matter of tariff revision was fully discussed but nothing decisive was done. The most important feature of the gathering was the mention of Champ Clark as the Bryan candidate for president in 1913.

The deposed soltan of Turkey has \$4,300,000 on deposit in a German bank, and the Turkish government is trying to recover it. courts decided in favor of the Turkish government, but a number of individuals have attached the funds and the money is still in litigation.

A Great Northern west-bound train was stalled for four days near Fielding. Mont, vith the thermometer at 58 degrees below zero and the wind blowing at the rate of 60 miles an hour. When the passengers were resbeen done beyond the inconvenience of the passengers being delayed.

The state of Oregon is paying out thousands of dollars anually to exgrowing farming and housekeeping in that the people of the state may enefit by this information. Are you eiting your share? It not, attend the Farmers' Week Course at the Agricultural College, February 13 to 17 inclusive. No fee. Special railroad

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the stock-holders of the Home Oil & Gas Com-pany held at the office of said com-Clackamas county fared well in the appointment of committees. One of the most important senate committees, upon the most important senate committees and an increase of the provided and increase o is that of revision of the laws and an increase of the capital stock of said this committee is headed by Senator company to Five Hundred Thousand

C. D. LATOURETTE, Secretary.

THROUGHOUT OREGON

Chronicle of Important Events of Interest to Our Readers.

State May Get Lands. Portland.-Oregon, instead of the United States may become the beneficiary of the suit brought by the United States to forfeit 114,000 acres of land valued at \$4,000,000, granted to the state and later passed on through several hands to the Southern Oregon Company, these lands lying between Coos Bay and Roseburg, and granted in aid of the military wagon

The state may regain title to the lands through a discovery made by Representative James Cole. After a careful examination of the law and the bill of complaint recently filed in the United States circuit court by B. D. Townsend, special assistant to the Four wealthy Chinese merchants attorney-general, Mr. Cole, who was formerly a United States deputy district attorney, has become convinced that the state can intervene in the case and establish its title to the big timber land prize.

Holds Jury Has No Jurisdiction.

Salem.-Alleging that the grand jury had no jurisdiction when it sat at the state penitentiary a week and proceeded to take testimony from among the inmates of that institution relative to the stabbing there two weeks ago of Guard Jerry Simpson, Attorney William P. Lord, Jr., has filed a plea in abatement to the indictment of Thomas O'Rourke, the accused convict. Attorney Lord's plea first time that such a plea was ever filed in a criminal action in this state.

WAR ON COYOTES

New Cases of Hydrophobia in Wallowa County.

Wallowa,-New cases of hydrophobia are being reported almost daily and citizens of this county are awakening to the necessity of prompt ac-

State Veterinarian Lytle will take personal charge of the 12 hunters who are in the employ of the forest service and also of a number of volun-

Approved methods of hunting, trapping and poisoning will be used to exterminate the coyotes and the surplus of worthless dogs and cats. After a conference with the county commissioners, it was decided to police the entire county and enforce the quarantine rigidly.

It is probable that an increased and 27. bounty will be placed on covotes. The worth an average of \$2.50 for they are in prime condition. With the land added bounty it is proposed to give. the value of a coyote to the hunter will be approximately \$7.50.

Bank Loss May Be Repaid.

Elgin.-Petitions are being circulated to ask the legislature to pass a bill authorizing the county court of Union County to make a levy sufficient to repay County Treasurer Frawley and Sheriff Childers the county money which they lost in the Bank of La Grande.

Meyers Trial Postponed.

Salem .- As a result of a conference According to a statutory law in New Hampshire the will of Mary Baker Eddy is void. This law pro-McNary, the second trial of Meyers for murder in the second degree has from Monday, January 16, to Monday, The Democrats held a love feast at February 6. This was done in order to procure witnesses that are important both to the state and to the de-

Douglas Builds Good Roads.

Roseburg -- Approximately \$175,000 will be spent on good roads in Douglas County this year. A general levy The German of 414 mills for that purpose has been made by the county court, providing for a fund of \$142,400. The court refused to grant the urgent request of a number of the heaviest taxpayers of Roseburg for a levy of 5 mills to de-

Farmers Save Millions.

La Grande.-More than \$600,000 with unknown profits probably bringing the figure to an even million dollars, have been saved by farmers of Union, Wallowa and Baker counties in two years, through co-operation and organization under the Farmers' Cooperative Union. This was asserted at a meeting of the executive board of the Oregon State Farmers' Union

Solves a Deep Mystery

' I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart." wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both s severe case of stomach trouble and of rheuamtism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me. For dyspensia. indigestion, juandice and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters has no equal. Try them. Every bottle is gnaranteed to satisfy. Only 50 cents at all druggists'.

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NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM OTHER CITIE: IN OREGON

Wellowa County tax levy is the lowest in the history of the county. The levy is only 614 mils.

The Oregon Retail Merchants' Asso ciation will hold its fifth annual couvention at Salem, January 25, 26

President Taft has sent to the ser ate the renomination of Philip S. Malcolm as cullector of customs at Port-

The grand jury will call J. W. Bailey, state dairy and food commissioner, to answer charges of graft and incompetency, made against him

by three deputies who have resigned. Representative Hawley, of Oregon, introduced a bill granting a pension of \$16 a month to all veterans who served 30 days or longer in any Indian war in the United States prior to

Diamonds and other jewels valued at \$500 were stolen in broad daylight and found guilty. from the Fred J. Holmes residence, one of the most fashionable homes of La Grande.

tion from Yamhill and Marion coun perish. ties to bridge the Willamette River at this point.

Oregon Agricultural College will be admitted to practice law in Oregon held this year from February 13 to 17 with him by examination before the inclusive, and the college authorities supreme court of this state in June. are planning for the largest gather ng 1910. of agriculturists in the history of the

sage to the legislature Monday asking that Oregon go on record favoring San Francisco as the place for holding the world's fair commemorating the opening of the Panama anal.

Governor West sent a special mes-

In his message to the legislature, Acting Governor Bowerman recommended that the Oregon Conservation Commission be abolished and that the money appropriated for the commission be devoted to "some useful pur-

Senator Bourne has introduced a bill authorizing the construction of a lightship near Orford Reef, off Cape Blanco, Oregon, to cost not more than \$150,000. Bourne delivered an address Sunday at Jersey City on the Oregon system of laws reestablishing rule of the people.

Two convicts, Albert Ferris and Albert Murray, who were among the five that escaped from the guards while employed at the state institute for the feebleminded a year ago last October were tried in the circuit court for Marion County before Judge Kelly

Because of the recent cold snap and the consequent covering up of their food supply, it is feared that all Under direction of the Newberg the Hungarian and China pheasants Commercial Club a determined effort with which the Rogue River valley is being made to secure an appropria was recently stocked by the state will

Governor Oswald West will be tendered a banquet soon by the members The annual Farmers' Week at the of the class of applicants that were

The Siuslaw national forest has been closed to homesteaders who seek The Oregon tax commission goes on to take up land under the forest homerecord as being heartily in favor of stead act. The secretary of agriculthe proposed income tax amendment ture has sent word to Acting Superto the federation constitution to be visor Fitton of the reserve, that he considered by the legislature next has issued an order forbidding the week and its adoption is strongly listing of further applications for pre-

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