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That Lilly case was a "corker" and the Courier would suggest that in the future such cases be tried in a glue factory or slaughter house and behind closed doors.

The matter of hanging four murderers last week stirred the state of Oregon. More lives will be taken in Oregon City by typhoid, and we refuse to take any steps to remove the cause.

If we had one case of smallpox or spinal meningitis in the city, our people would be taking every possible precaution to stamp them out, but this matter of typhoid and death seems to be taken as a matter of course.

When a fellow gets to the point where he admits he is wrong, he is on the high road to success.—Polk County Observer.

How long since have you been driving your auto on this improved highway, Bro. Foster.

Editorially the Enactment is given over entirely to the advancement of the city, without regard to the political, religious or financial bias.—Morning Enterprise.

Yes, I couldn't help but notice it. It is really a fearsome exhibit in the way the Enterprise has ripped things in the past without regard to "political, religious or financial bias."

Oh prunes, fudge, huckleberries, and all the other harsh things I can't think of.

It costs this country three and three newspapers. The congressmen and other speeches through the mail annually. And you taxpayers pay this expense your congressmen roll up.

What earthly good do they do? Do you read a hundredth part of the political stuff that is sent you from Washington—stuff sent out to boost your congressman's candidacy, and that he does not have to pay for?

Ninety-nine per cent of this stuff that loads down the mails is never looked at or read. When the voters want politics they go to the newspapers. The congressional frank is the biggest graft in national politics and one that should be abolished.

I note the government has commenced action to dissolve the High Trust trust. Wouldn't it be awful if those millions of pounds of butter that have been stored in the vaults should be "absorbed" wouldn't there be greasy times in Illinois. That do not get alarmed. It will not do any more harm to this butter trust than it did to the Standard Oil or tobacco trust.

Twelve dollars per head for every man, woman and baby in this great country to run the United States government. That is taxation. But the protest arises over the belief that this vast sum is not needed—that we don't get the value of our fines.

The new Baptist bible, which John Stark recently referred to in his letter, cuts out the word hell and substitutes the word "underworld." This may be all right but it is certainly going to be awkward at the start—telling a man to go to "underworld."

Already the gubernatorial campaign is being talked of. The most likely candidate for the Republicans seems to be Grant B. Dimick of Oregon City, if the sentiment in this community is a fair sample of the feeling throughout the whole state. Dimick was a candidate in the primary election two years ago, with Bowerman as an opponent, and lost by only three votes. Many who supported Bowerman at that time feel that Dimick would have been the stronger of the two.—Amity Standard.

The Democratic administration could not make a bigger mistake, in my judgment, than in re-appointing President Taft's political order, and putting the fourth class postmasters back in the political pot. There are 36,000 of them, and every postmaster has his bunch of friends and backers. This makes an army that would light the administration at every turn and never forget to vote against the ticket.

The way to handle postoffices is to get a good man and keep him—and this should apply to all postoffices.

Did you know that thirteen of our states have abandoned the grand jury system? I didn't, until I ran across the statement, and then right on the heels of it I saw another statement by one of our high up judges that more than half the failures attributed to the courts for suppressing of crime is due to the grand jury system—due to the men who refuse to hold a suspect for trial.

And this judge could have gone back a little farther and made an equal truthful statement for the justices of the piece for refusing to hold suspects for the grand jury. He could have said with truth that the country had many a justice who a few gold pieces would blind the justice eye.

The justices and grand juries keep many a guilty man from trial and our juries keep many of them from punishment.

BACKING UP.

Once human beings were cave dwellers and life was a survival of the fittest. If a hungry hound wanted something to eat he went out and hunted for it, took it away from his weak brother if he had the chance. We lived the longest who was the strongest and who could swing a big stick the strongest and quickest.

Then we evolved a few. We bunched up and scrapped for existence collectively. We killed more in bunches and less often. We organized.

Then we bunched up more and formed villages, elected men to head them and the fighting and survival of the fittest was conducted on yet a larger scale.

And so from the cave dweller to the cliff villages, to the later pueblos, and on up to our present great cities we have evolved, and now when we have got up to where we build forty-story buildings and have existence down to a pat nicely—when we think there is nothing more new under the sun—then some of our greatest of thinkers are advocating that we hit the clubs back to the cliff days; that in those days there was real living; that the community that has the least government is the happiest community to live in, and that we must get back to nature and the simple life if we would find the span worth the living.

All very nice philosophy—on paper—but it won't work out. Once we were happy apes together. We knew not when the noon whistle said it was time to eat. Our stomachs were our only clocks and our bodies our only care. We were happy, because we didn't know enough to be unhappy. We were happy because we didn't know any better.

But we couldn't stand still, so we went forward—we civilized. It has taken thousands and thousands of years to make an American out of a little cliff man, and the American can't go back and he can't stand still.

What the end will be of this wonderful civilization we have raised ourselves up to, none can guess. We can't go back and it is dangerous to go farther forward. About fifty years' raiding in my mind wouldn't you like to take a little Rip Van Winkle snooze for about 50 years and then come alive some morning?

ANYTHING THE MATTER WITH KANSAS?

If there was ever a state that has been maligned and ridiculed it has been "bleeding Kansas."

From "Sockless Jerry" down to Carrie of the Tomahawk she has ever been in the line light for ridicule. But the other day I ran across some statistics of Kansas. Read the following list, and then you make a reputation for Oregon like it.

Not one poorhouse in 80 of the 105 counties.

Fifty-two of the counties do not have farms because they do not nod them.

Sixty-one of these counties do not have any prisoners in their jails and 17 counties have no jails because they have no use for them.

Eighty-seven of the counties did not send one inmate to the insane asylum last year.

The ratio of illiteracy is the lowest in the United States.

This is a record any state may be proud of and the other states who jeer at Kansas have another think coming.

MAKING ENTRIES.

If newspaper reports are true, there is going to be some field in the primary race for governor in 1914. Here is the list of starters the form sheet give out:

- W. S. U'Ren, Grant B. Dimick, Mayor Rushlight of Portland, Sheriff Stevens of Portland; Judge Benson of Klamath Falls; Col. Hofer of Portland; Bill Haney of Burns; State Senator Key of Salem; Judge Bennett of The Dalles; Dr. C. J. Smith of Pendleton; Tom Word of Portland; O. P. Coshov of Roseburg; Clarence Reames of Medford; J. E. Hedges of Oregon City; Will Carter and P. Pepper of Portland. These are men who the newspapers and politicians state are likely candidates. Some of them are already announced candidates, some are "considering" and now doubt some of them never thought of the matter, but their friends thought of it for them.

WHAT'S THE USE?

The beef trust, the food trust, the clothing trust and the fuel trust should all be swayed by the common people upon every possible occasion, for they have taken an unfair advantage of the necessities of the poor. Associations of consumers should be formed to devise means and ways of fighting these devils by fire.—Contra Costan, Richmond, Cal.

But what's the use of the use? Hasn't our great and powerful government been fighting them for years, and if it cannot get them, can we poor little suckers?

Guilt is personal, so they tell us, but show me the one that the government has yet got.

Look them over: The sugar trust prosecution was stopped two weeks ago and the indictments quashed, with the consent of the attorney general. One jury disagreed, and the government says there is no use of trying further indictments for the reason that there is nothing new in evidence.

The beef trust. It was acquitted, yet every man woman and child who knows anything knows they were guilty.

The meat trust, as tight a combination as ever winked at the Sherman anti-trust law. Jury disagreed, and that ended the great "prosecution."

United States vs. Kissell, jury disagreed—dropped.

The wall paper trust prosecution, acquitted.

Railway and wharf companies, four indictments for a combination to monopolize transportation—"demerers sustained."

The shoe machinery combination—same as above.

Nation Cash Register Co.—on trial.

But on the other hand the "night riders" who were indicted for conspiracy to prevent the shipment of tobacco in interstate commerce by violence and intimidation, affirmed.

That's a great record. When our government can't get even one in these many years, what good will our feeble little protests and swats amount to.

So long as the trusts can get to juries and judges, what in the devil are we fellows going to do to help ourselves.

THE SWAPPING EVENT.

Last week John Stark of Maple Lane had an article on the modern Christmas spirit which this paper heartily endorses.

The true old Christmas spirit, that spirit that plays on the heart strings, has been dumped into the discard, and today it is a speculation.

The day for the token of remembrance, for the loving purpose for which the gift was sent has been changed to "I wonder what I will get in exchange,"—an annual swapping event, and hoping to get a little best of the deal.

And when it is all over and the inventory is taken, you have to admit that it has not been a satisfactory business and you wish we could go back to the old days and the old Christmas spirit that went with them.

Isn't it the truth?

Regarding the editorial in the Courier about state insurance, and the question asked, if it was good business for the state to insure its own buildings, would it not be equally good to insure the buildings of the farmers and the business man, the Woodburn Independent says:

The foregoing from the Oregon City Courier is worth thinking about. We have for a long time believed that the state ought to furnish the people insurance at cost. In our own case, as in that of many business men, the fire insurance bill equals the average tax for all purposes—state, county and school purposes.

Young Astor has inherited sixty-five millions of dollars. He never did a hard day's work in his life and never will. Others earned this money, not Astor. He could not earn \$50 a month. And I am in favor of an income tax that will cut deep into such a fortune. It should be cut in half. No man has any right to such wealth, and if he earned it. When such kids as this have such fortunes fall on them, there are thousands of deserving that simply have to go without, for there is not enough to go around in such a scheme. The income tax would take a little off of such a fortune, and to its taking extent it is good.

Facts About Shoes!

Oregon City Buyers Should Read Every Word of This.

THE OREGON CITY SHOE STORE

is not a department or a clothing store. It deals in shoes, and shoes exclusively. Its owner knows shoes, and the shoe manufacturers who sell to him know that he knows shoes.

THE OREGON CITY SHOE STORE has made its reputation on SHOES, and Shoes alone. Its success depends upon its Shoe reputation, for it handles nothing else.

THE OREGON CITY SHOE STORE does not buy shoes that will admit of "marked down" or any other sort of sale. It charges just enough above cost to pay expenses of handling and give a reasonable profit. That's why you never hear of the OREGON CITY SHOE STORE having any of these "special sales" fake or otherwise. The Shoe buyer gets a hundred cents on the dollar at the Oregon City Shoe Store, and that's all he is entitled to; no more, no less.

WHY NOT DEAL WITH A GENUINE SHOE STORE

If you want beef, you go to a butcher's shop. If you want shoes you go to a shoe shop. The Oregon City Shoe Store is the only exclusive shoe store in Oregon City. Doesn't it stand to reason that a store that sells nothing else but shoes, can give you better value for your money, than can a store that carries shoes only as a side line? Of course it does.

BIG XMAS VALUES IN FELT GOODS MAKE DANDY PRESENTS

The world's greatest felt manufactory is the Alfred Dolge Felt Company, now known as the Standard Felt Company. Their Ladies' Felt Slippers are standard. The big New York Stores are featuring them. They are the latest thing in Felt Foot-Wear. Dainty designs; big wearing value; both warm and comfortable. We have them for men and boys also. Come in and see them.

OUR LEADING LINES

THE CELEBRATED HOLLAND BOYS' SHOE

Made in Holland, Michigan. If there are any better boys' shoes at the price, the Oregon City Shoe Store never heard of them, and it is certain no one else ever did. Lace and button.

THE STACY-ADAMS SHOE

Everybody knows what that means. The Oregon City Shoe Store has a complete line—naturally.

LADIES' SHOES

for all occasions and all weathers. The very best makes and brands, at the very lowest prices. The biggest line in Oregon City by far. The biggest possible choice.

DRY SOX SHOE

for men, made by the Washington Shoe Company. Double stitched. Two full double soles. Rubber interlined. Water and weather proof. A complete line. Genuine foot comfort.

DAYTON WORK SHOES

Made in Pennsylvania. The very best shoe for the worker who needs strong durable shoes that will keep his feet dry and warm. A Champion Shoe at a comparatively low price.

RUBBER GOODS

Of course you know that rubber goods do not improve with age. The OREGON CITY SHOE STORE carries none but the season's output. Better still, they're made for this season's styles in shoes. Be wise and buy your rubbers where you know you are getting new rubbers.

There are on hand a few odd pairs of shoes, mostly odd sizes, left over from broken and sold out line, which can be bought cheap. You will find them on the front table.

THE OREGON CITY SHOE STORE

Exclusive Dealers in HIGH GRADE SHOES

Opposite the Post Office and Next to the Telegraph and Telephone Office.

MAIN ST., OREGON CITY, ORE.

TRADING STAMPS GIVEN WITH EVERY PURCHASE

Here's one from the Portland News. Because it is from the News many of you will not go much on it, but I can't see what difference it makes to the truth of a statement whether it appears in the Police Gazette or the Christian Advocate. This doctrine is sound, anyhow.

The day of editorial prostitution, of editorial lickspittle pandering, of editorial genuflection to the idol of gold coin; the day when an editor dared not tell the people when they were being robbed for fear he would lose advertising and his job as well, that period is passed. Only those organs who prefer to be partners with public plunderers, and that would rather be unclean than clean, rather be the humble slave of Big Business than a man standing on his own legs—only

such organs as those still find the call to bunco the public for a varil's wage.

That congressional committee that has been investigating where the Mexican revolutionists got the money to stage their monthly uprisings with is discovering that American big business has been financing the outbreaks. And some of these days, when our country calls for volunteers to protect American lives and interests in that republic, what a rush there will be to the front. It will be asking our men to die for big business.

After a week's trial the jury in the Dr. Harry Start sodomy case in Portland, brought in a verdict of guilty, and now the interests that tried to put the News under their wing in bringing these

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In addition to all stamps given with regular purchases this coupon entitles you to

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"Suffered day and night the torment of itching piles. Nothing helped me until I used Doan's Ointment. It cured me permanently."—Hon. John R. Garrett, mayor, Girard, Ala.

The Courier gives you the news

The Bank of Oregon City THE OLDEST BANK IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY Wishes You A Merry CHRISTMAS and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

A Conservative Investment

More than 400 citizens of Clackamas and Marion Counties own and are constructing the Clackamas Southern Railway, extending from Oregon City through Maple Lane, Beaver Creek, Mulino, Liberal, Molalla, Yoderville, Monitor and Mt. Angel.

Sufficient subscriptions of stock have been made to complete the grading and bridges from Oregon City to Mt. Angel and the rails have been provided. The switches and crossing on P.R.L. & Co. and S.P. Co. are in, and the rails are being rapidly laid toward Beaver Creek. Four additional carloads of rails arrived on Monday.

The company is selling additional stock to lay and ballast the track and in a short time will be operating to Beaver Creek.

This is a safe investment and will bring good returns to the purchasers of stock. Other roads pay big dividends on four times the capitalization, and in a less developed country. The wood sawlogs and piling adjacent to this line to be hauled will make the road pay from the first year. This stock is selling for \$50 per share and business men consider it a first class investment.

If each stockholder of this company will take just two shares of this stock it will provide sufficient funds, in addition to the amount now provided, to lay and ballast the road to Mt. Angel, which can all be done in 1913, leaving a quick return on the investment.

For further information call at the Company's office, ROOM 17, Beaver Bldg., Oregon City.