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The prune dealers of California will have to send for J. Pierpont Morgan when they form the next prune trust.

A MARION county farmer started for Salem on horseback carrying a lantern. He said he was looking for an honest man. That night he rode back home in the dark. Somebody had stolen his lantern.

A PROPOSITION has been made to Portland by an advertising company, to put up street signs with soap advertisements below them. There is only one step beyond this barbarity. It is an advertisement on the side of a bear.

In the appointment of Henry Meldrum to the position of surveyor general, the selection was evidently made with a view to securing a man who was qualified for the place. Mr. Meldrum is a civil engineer of high ability and large experience.

An unusual number of small banks throughout the country are being dynamited and robbed. The robbers are no doubt anxious depositors who want to get their money out before the cashier has a chance to blow it in on stock speculations.

A WOMAN well known in Oregon City has recently achieved fame as the author of two books on bird lore. She is Fanny Hardy Eckstorm, and her books are entitled "The Bird Book" and "The Woodpeckers." Mrs. Eckstorm will be remembered as the wife of Jacob A. Eckstorm, pastor of St. Paul's church in Oregon City, in 1893 and 1894.

The erection of a monument at Champoug this week, is for the purpose of commemorating the first organized government west of the Rocky mountains. On May 2, 1843, 52 men voted for the government, while 50 voted against it. The monument will stand upon the spot where the meeting took place.

CLACKAMAS county is thrifty in the promotion of divorce suits. As each divorce suit brings the sum of \$22 in costs, the revenue derived from this source is not to be despised. At the present term of the circuit court the number of divorce contests reached 57, thereby furnishing a reward of \$1,254 for the county coffers.

ONE of the best towns in the state of Oregon is La Grande. It is wide awake and thoroughly up to date. Its last enterprise is a saratoga chip factory, and the town proposes to supply the entire Orient with the saratoga chips of commerce. This go-ahead town can now "hew to the line let the chips fall where they may."

SAN FRANCISCO is struggling to maintain the transport business to the Philippines. A committee of citizens is now in Washington urging the government to abandon the chartering of steamships and turn the traffic over to a private corporation, that will run vessels from San Francisco to Manila if the government business can be secured.

It is reported that the Southern Pacific Railroad company is attempting to secure another route so as to avoid Cow Creek Canyon. Surveyors have been at work running a line through the mountains that not only keeps away from the Canyon, but saves 40 miles. The Cow Creek Canyon piece of road has been treacherous ever since it was built, and has cost the company immense amounts of money to remove landlides.

BORING for oil in Oregon is getting to be quite a fad. It is not yet reported that anybody has found oil, but one man who smelled of the point of the auger says that he detected strong evidences of petroleum. Perhaps this is enough foundation upon which to build a stock company. Many a stock company has come into existence on less provocation than a strong smell.

The "absent treatment" fraud has received a sit-back at Nevada Missouri. For a long time the "Waltmer Institute of Magnetic Healing" has been giving "absent treatment" to thousands of poor deluded dupes. The so called "institute" was run by Stephen A. Waltmer and Joseph A. Keely. They were making more money than Andrew Carnegie when the Postoffice Department stopped their mail. They were fined \$1,500 each by Judge Phillips in the United States court.

It might be well to remark that President William McKinley will pass through Oregon City in less than three weeks. If the presidential eye ever fixes itself on some of the alleys, Oregon City will never get a rating for cleanliness or Godliness. The vista will present to President McKinley an assortment of dead cats, tomato cans and ash barrels such as the good man has never seen outside of a garbage crematory.

ORAGOON again claims distinction in the world of music, for William Wallace Graham, of Clackamas county, has been admitted to the Konig Hochschule of Berlin. Mr. Graham is a son of one of Clackamas county's oldest settlers. He was born and raised at Graham's Ferry. All the old rivermen know him, for he used to sit on the bank and play them tunes upon his violin. He has many relatives in Clackamas county, among them his talented sister, Mrs. Marion Young, of Wilsonville.

THEY had a great time over in the classic town of Tillamook the other night. One of the best residences in town caught fire and the volunteer fire department responded to the alarm. As the hose had not been unwound for several months it naturally burst at many places. Seven lengths of hose went out of service and the fire burned a hole in the ground. It was a counterpart of Homer Davenport's fire at Silverton where none of the fire apparatus could be used.

THE supreme court of the United States has recently handed down a decision that forms a precedent. A certain newspaper at Lincoln Nebraska, known as the "Call," complained that the Western Union Telegraph company was charging it \$5 for every 100 words, while a rival newspaper was receiving dispatches and paying \$1.50 for 100 words. The case was tried twice on appeal in Nebraska and then taken to the supreme court. In every case it was decided against the telegraph company. The last decision is final.

THERE is an open opportunity for Oregon City to establish and maintain an enterprise that will be of lasting benefit to the community. It is the founding of a condensed milk factory, to supply the growing demand for this useful article of commerce. It is the opinion of those who deal in condensed milk for foreign shipment, that the trade will always prove remunerative. Portland dealers imported approximately 40 carloads of condensed milk last year. This milk was brought 3,000 miles for shipment. There is nothing fanciful or ephemeral about establishing an enterprise of this character.

A GENTLEMAN named Thomas Shelton went from Arkansas to Denver about two years ago and began the publication of a newspaper called the "Christian." He assumed to cure everything that might afflict humanity, by sending "vibrations" through the mails at so much per "vibrate." When he began receiving so much money by mail that the Denver postoffice was burdened with the

"offerings" of the sick, the Postoffice Department pounced down on him and he is now in jail. If there ever was proof needed that the dear public is going crazy, the "absent treatments" and "vibrations," are enough to convince the most sceptical.

THE failure of two banks, one at Salem and the other at Vancouver, teaches an oft-told lesson. The people put their hard-earned money in the banks. The bank officials used the money to promote their own enterprises. The banks failed and the depositors have no more redress than as though a bandit had taken the funds and fortified himself against all comers. It would be harsh and somewhat uncivilized to seriously argue that a defaulting banker should be punished for his misdeeds, and yet some of them ought to be vaccinated with the virus of retribution. It is entirely possible under the simple and softly yielding laws, to rob an entire community and then go scot-free of anything resembling punishment. There was a time when the cry of "stop-thief" awakened the burghers to great activity in defense of their belongings. But that was a long time ago, dear children.

WARLIKE England is having enough of war. From day to day and from month to month the contest in South Africa drags on. It is costing \$1,000,000 every day the British army is in the field. This did not seem a great sum for so wealthy a country at first, but even England begins to writhe under the stupendous effort. Since the beginning of the Boer war nearly 20,000 men have died or been permanently disabled. The entire cost of the war according to the war office, has been \$755,000,000. The great monarchy is now facing a deficit and has been obliged to raise money in various ways. It is proposed to place an export duty of what is equivalent to 25 cents a ton on coal. By this means England hopes to make the foreign buyers of English coal pay some of the war expenses. But as English commerce is largely maintained by taking out coal and bringing back articles of trade, the plan may not work very well. There is considerable gloom over the prospects of additional taxation.

THERE is a man in Oregon City who keeps a grocery. He refuses to extend credit to anybody, and he also refuses to allow anybody to extend credit to him. That his style of doing business is a kind of revelation need not be commented upon. He buys his groceries strictly for cash and therefore takes advantage of every opportunity to buy for the least money. He has no book-keeper and no account books. When a farmer brings in his butter or eggs or produce of any kind, the cash grocer gives him spot cash for everything he has to sell. The farmer can then do with the money as he pleases. He can hand the money back to the grocer, or he can take it and go somewhere else to trade. The grocer makes the statement that by selling for cash he teaches the weak members of the community how to spend their money. He will not allow them to become indebted to him. He forces them to live within their income. He counts among his customers many who are addicted to the reprehensible habit of getting into debt for their daily subsistence. These customers have worn out their credit everywhere, and they come to him with their cash. They are proud to look him in the face, for he is the only man they do not owe. He has saved them from their own iniquities, and they count him as their friend and teacher.

TO SLOVENLY STATE LAWS. It has now been definitely determined, that George W. Davis, clerk of the state land board, was a defaulter for exactly \$30,978.33 of public money. He was under a bond of \$5,000 with George G. Bingham and E. P. McCormack as sureties. Davis left the state last February, as soon as it was intimated that a shortage in his accounts had been discovered. The loss to the state and the flight of Davis would seem to bring forcibly into prominence the necessity for a better system of bonding public officials. No private corporation ever allows its money to be thus placed in danger. It requires a good and sufficient bond. Individual citizens are not considered good bondsmen, for the reason that they may become insolvent through unlucky speculation or unavoidable misfortune. Experience has further proved that individual bondsmen do not watch closely

the responsibility they assume. It has come to be the custom for bonding companies to furnish security. These companies have a large capital stock and are absolutely responsible. They charge a certain amount for every thousand dollars they assume in case of loss. They have a system of inquiry that is thoroughly modern. Before they bond a man in his position, they require to know all his antecedents as well as his personal worth and private character. Had George W. Davis been bonded by a responsible corporation, the state would not now be called upon to lose so vast an amount of money.

With the Exchanges. Butter fat at 25c, a pound in Tillamook is death on mortgage plasters in this county, and is a dead shot relief to those who have invested in farm property on time. Industry and Old Bosny will carry a man to prosperity, which hundreds of dairymen in this county can testify to.—Tillamook Headlight.

T. D. Henderson is one of Yamhill's farmers upon whom the spirit of diversified farming is moving. He has spent one-hundred dollars this spring for grass and clover seed, and intends engaging more extensively in the growing of hay and forage for his increasing herds of fine stock.—Yamhill Reporter.

Gradually the enterprises for converting the products of the Grande Ronde into articles of commerce are being increased. A sugar factory, forty saw mills, ten flouring mills, four creameries, a woolen mill, three fruit dryers, three packing houses, and now a Saratoga chip factory and a possible cannery or two. When piled together in one sentence it sounds like an effusion of one P. Donan, but its true neverthelessness.—LaGrande Chronicle.

Mr. L. K. Cogswell, of Olympia, Wash. breeder of and dealer in pure-blood red polled cattle, called upon T. D. Henderson last week for the purpose of trying to buy his red polled bull. Mr. Cogswell was willing to pay a fancy price for him but Mr. Henderson positively refused to sell, because he realizes that it pays to raise good stock. Mr. Cogswell is one of the charter members of the red poll registry association of America, and he pronounces the red poll the best all purpose cattle.—Yamhill Reporter.

Hop growers are not anxious to make contracts with buyers for this season's crop, as they have found that the contract does not assure to the grower a positive assurance that his hops will be taken at the contract price. If the market price is above the contract price his hops will be taken; but if the market price is below, some excuse will be made by the speculator as to poor quality, not properly dried, picked too green, picked too ripe, moldy, etc.—Yamhill Reporter.

The overland train which passed through here four hours late this morning carried about 100 homeseekers enroute to the Willamette Valley. They came principally from Iowa, Illinois and Indiana, and were enroute to Polk, Yamhill and Marion counties. They would have done better to have stopped in some of the counties in Eastern Oregon, but it would have been a difficult matter to have convinced them that this is the best part of the state.—Dallas Times-Mountaineer.

Last Tuesday morning considerable amusement was had in O'Neil Bros.' back lot. They have a cinnamon bear about 2 years old staked to the end of a chain. The chain became unstuck from his bearship's neck and an attempt was made to capture him. He was tugged out from under the house by means of something to eat and stuck one of his hind feet into a noose that was awaiting for him. He made things rather lively and several attempts were made with a lasso to catch him by the head, but the every ready paw would send the loop off. Finally he was caught and about a half a dozen men were required to hold Bruin so that the chain could be fastened into his collar without injuring someone, which he would not have been at all backward about. He was finally secured and anchored with a chain.—Prineville Review.

One Oregon editor who heard that President McKinley was going to pass through his town became poetic in his admiration and wrote these lines: McKinley's coming to our town; We've got our bib and tucker down; We've creased our pants and blacked our shoes, Since we have learned the joyful news, Our whiskers we have trimmed with care; And we propose to cut our hair, And wash our feet and scrub our face, Before McKinley strikes the place. We'll give the glad and happy hand, And celebrate to beat the band, With all the high-toned people who expect to come here on review. We'll tog right up and we may add, We'll swear we'll not get drunk begad, Hurrah for Mac! He is the stuff; We'll give him just a daisy puff, For he and Teddy are a pair, That can't be beaten anywhere. The Enterprise \$1.50 per year.

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