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OREGON CITY'S GROWTH.

per cent. within the last five years. This year's enumeration will show about 3712 population or an increase of about 600 in the five years.

This is a remarkable growth that promises to continue indefinitely. Hundreds of homeseekers are reaching Oregon monthly. No other section of the state offers greater inducements to new comers than does Oregon City and Clackamas county. There is abundant opportunity for the laborer of every class as well as the capitalist. For this reason, then, the population of this section may be expected to increase still further.

We have the room and the advantages to interest the homeseeker and by properly advertising this section, as is being done by the Oregon City Board of Trade, we will get our share of this influx of new people.

THE COUNTY'S FINANCES.

By promptly applying all available funds in the cancellation of the county's outstanding indebtedness, County Treasurer Cahill has succeeded in reducing the aggregate of Clackamas County's obligations to \$66,302.83. This condition was shown by the records last Saturday. This outstanding indebtedness, which consists entirely of warrants, is made up of warrants for three years as follows: \$13,761.17; 1904. \$34,883,54; 17,658.12. Warrants aggregating \$10,286.41, have been called in, but as yet have not been presented.

Since the collection of taxes was begun in February, Treasurer Cahill has handled an immense amount of 1900, have beaten that record, but money. In that length of time he has Peary himself now holds third place strongly in evidence when 1908 rolls received and applied in the cancella- by reason of his adventure of 1902. tion of warrants, the sum of \$82,423.-22. During the month of March, alone, 32,853.15 was paid out in redee disbursed by the county during a single month.

thought. By continuing the conservative policy of those now in charge of the administration of county affairs, Ziegler-and the Duke of Orleans the Democracy," for example, is not it will be but a few short years until both have chosen the route across shared by all his friends. If the Dethe county will be restored to a pay-as- Franz Josef Land, but Peary has no mocracy had carried Missouri in 1904 you-go basis. This showing is certainly most gratifying to the taxpayer.

One of the most elaborate souvenir editions ever issued by a country the shore of the Polar ocean by boat, members of the legislature put up newspaper in this state was that published last week by Messrs. E. H. and march on land that he has previously which deluded Cockrell into posing as W. C. Woodward, of the Newberg had to make and have an excellent Graphic. Printed on good book paper chance for ultimate success. with a souvenir first page of clever an exposition of the resourceful in- adventurers, however much it may dustries of Newberg and Yamhill So well are the advantages of Yamhill county set forth in this in Clackamas we would feel sorely neighboring county.

IMPROVE THE MAIL SERVICE.

If the Oregon City Board of Trade does not accomplish another thing besides improving the mail service ice attempted at all.

John A. Stromgreen and J. J. Jones, farmers, residing at Colton, were in the city this week and they certainly had a grievance to make. These gentlemen are readers of the Enterprise which is generally mailed at the Oregon City post office Thursday afternoon. Instead of receiving the paper Friday evening or Saturday at the latest, the Colton subscribers do not receive the paper until the following Tuesday or five days after it has been mailed at Oregon City.

This sort of mail service is a farce. Colton is about sixteen miles distant from Oregon City, still five days are required for the delivery of mail that is posted at Oregon City. The same is true of letters.

This condition is not blamable to the Oregon City office for the reason that all mail posted at the local office is forwarded by the very first mail train. Just where the blame belongs it is not known, but suffice it to say that the people of Colton are entitled to a better service than they are receiving.

At present the Colton mail goes via Portland to Estacada thence to Springwater and then by star route to the

Colton people. Wishing to market some hogs a few weeks ago, Mr. Stromgreen mailed a letter to an Oregon City butcher, to whom he makes sales regularly, notifying the dealer that the first of the

Oregon City Enterprise week he would bring some pork to clearly be seen could not be accepted market. He arrived with the hogs on by Russia unless she were rent by

er had not yet received the letter. ter service provided.

FAILURE OF LIBEL SUITS.

The Oregonian well and truthfully says: R. D. Hume, "King of the Representative defeats Rogue. Burnes of Coos, who brought suit for

Recently a libel suit in Astoria libel suit against the Oregonian ended the same way. So with a suit brought against a newspaper in Baker county a year ago. Likewise other It appears that actions for libel thus far in Oregon have not met popular approval or that pleas of injured feelings and damaged reputations have not gone to the hearts of juries. Why?

Largely because the publication and the resentment caused thereby were viewed by juries as the surplus fruit of political vitality. So long as a man engages in politics he is a pub-When the census for Oregon City lic character and is subject to critichas been completed, it is announced isms which would be libelous were he from the Assessor's office that the a private citizen. Politics is a great population of Oregon City will be game with the American people; it is own to have increased about twenty the National sport and when a person plays it, he is expected to endure its hard knocks as he enjoys its soft pats. After a political campaign the wounds soon heal up and hair over and the public forgets all about them or re-

members them with a smile. The public and juries of Oregon have been lenient with the press. It behooves newspapers to use well the privileges they hold. The failure of libel suits in the past should make editors not bolder but more cautious and more considerate. The honest newspaper libels nobody. Yet it is exposed to danger of a libelous slip of a word or sentence or a libelous error of statement. In a great daily newspaper office this danger is ever The honest newspaper represent. duces it to a minimum. - Roseburg

THIS YEAR'S ARCTIC EXPLORA-TIONS.

Commander Peary, who sailed from New York on his quest for the north pole, hopes to winter this year farther north than ever before, and so to be dash toward his goal. His ship, the Roosevelt, is the best he has ever had, and to offset all the bad luck that has befallen him in the past he hopes for good luck in his battle with the ice this summer.

From 1882 to 1895 the United States held the "farthest north" record, which had been made by a member of Greeley's party. Both Nansen, in 1895, and Cagni of Abruzzi's party, in

warrants-an average of more than pole, and the other, Amundsen's, is hopes." \$1000 per day, the greatest sum ever searching for the magnetic pole. Not only Peary but also the Duke of Or- else gets any comfort out of these These figures afford food for that there are four parties for the which would make Mark Tapley look world to watch.

confidence in the feasibility of that it is not at all certain that Gen. Cockroute. This time, as before, he goes rell would have been returned to the as he hopes, in attaining a point near he will save himself the 400-mile

The world is impartial in the good design, the fifty pages are devoted to wishes which it sends with all polar think that they are making great expenditure of time, money, of comfort, and sometimes of life, for a reward publication that were our lot not cast of little real worth. But surely if fate gives it to Peary to win, the fame he tempted to locate in our enterprising gains may be considered especially well deserved, considering the years of his life and the great material sacrifices he has devoted to the effort.

THE TERMS OF PEACE.

Now that Sergius Witte has spoken, for the people of Oregon City and and we are getting an indication of Clackamas county it will have per- both the condition and intentions of Parker would be elected. Cockrell's formed a most appreciable service, the Russian government, what was piratical friend, Captain Roaring Ralph Not only are the mail facilities be stated in these columns several weeks Stackpole, the Ring Tail Squealer, of tween this city and Portland lame, ago, immediately following the anbut conditions under which mail is nouncement of peace terms to be transmitted to the interior of the proposed by Japan, is clearly justil in the electoral college would be the county, that is, in some sections, is fied. The statement of the tentative biggest since Pierce cleaned out Scott. miserably poor and perhaps could propositions to be advanced by the Roaring Ralph will say the same thing only be worse, if there were no serv- Japanese commissioners included to the poor fellow who chances to

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the following Tuesday, but the butch- internal discords and forced to abdicate her position among the great It would seem that the blame for powers of the world. The Globe-Demthis miserable mail service and of ocrat expressed the opinion that Ruswhich the Colton people hav com- sia was not reduced to a condition of plained for more than a year, should absolute submission, and the hope that be placed where it belongs and a bet- some of Japan's preliminary propositions would be found to be advanced only tentatively.

Since then discussion has apparently drifted in the direction of the conclusion that Russia must have peace at any price. It is well that M. Witte disposes of this delusion as thoroughly as he does. Exaggerated reports of everything really occurring in Russia, and inventions of stories with no foundation in fact, account came to nothing. A few years ago a for much of the delusion concerning the internal condition of affairs in that country and its bearing upon the situation. But even had all that been told been true, the facts would not have meant revolution in Russia, which is, as M. Witte tells us, different in temperament and aspiration from all other nations of the Western world. Had everything which is said to have happened in Russia really happened, the nation could have borne much more without showing symptoms of decay or division.

To those realizing this important truth it was clear that the war party at court could not be bowled over as easily as many supposed. M. Witte makes this even clearer, pointing out hardly less that the war party is strong now than at the beginning of the war, and intimating that the acceptance of any degrading terms of peace would at once restore it to full ascendancy. What Russia will be apt to consider degrading terms has already been indicated in the Globe-Democrat discussion of Japan's tentative propositions. That she can not consent to turning over her Pacific railroad to Japan, or even to an internationalizing of that property, is as true now as it was six weeks ago. Neither can she surrender Saghalien, unless it be as a set-off for money innemnity. Nor can she make surrender of her war vessels in neutral ports or accept restrictions on her naval activities in the East. All this has been clear enough to people not muddled and fuddled by a mass of sensational reports and exaggerations. As a matter of course, Russia can not dictate at Portsmouth, but she is too strong a power to have to accept terms humiliating or disgraceful to her. It is not a case of going to Canossa by any means, and Japanese diplomacy is apt to meet its highest test at Portsmouth in avoiding responin better position than on any of his sibility for the continuance of a war six previous expeditions to make a of which the Christian world is beginning to grow a little tired...St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

COCKRELL ON 1908.

Gen. Cockrell has been giving out some Delphic utterances about 1908. He says he has an "abiding faith in the Democracy;" declares that "the percentage of men who believe in Democratic principles is just as large now as ever;" says his party "will be round;" confesses that he does not There are in the arctic regions at know what the issues of that year will the present time two expeditions, of be, but adds that he looks forward to which one. Fiala's, seeks the north the election of that year with "high

If either Gen. Cockrell or anybody leans begin voyages this summer, so out-givings he must have a buoyancy like the melancholy Jacques in the Fiala-who was equipped by William comparison. His abiding "faith in by way of Greenland. If he succeeds, Senate. When his party found out that it could not elect anybody, its Cockrell a presidential aspirant at the St. Louis convention of 1904 had his defeat for the senatorship in mind, and that element would have worked hard against far as six or eight go in the city. him in the legislature had the Democrats won a majority of that body. There are more Benedict Arnolds and Capt. Kidds in Missouri Democracy than in any political sect extant in any other state. Cockrell's old friend, Bland, could testify to this if he were

It is all right for Gen. Cockrell to look forward to 1908 with "high hopes." Hope springs eternal in the breast of every well-regulated American-Democrat, Populist, Republican and everybody else. The ex-senator had high hopes in 1904 also. He said pus to tell Parker that his majority Post. some propositions which it could get the Democratic candidacy in 1908. whatever his name happens to be. But if that prediction of 1904 had turned out to be true, and if Missouri had joined the bulk of the other states in the Democratic columns. Roaring Ralph would have worked very hard in Jefferson City last January to write that bar sinster of an "ex." across Cockrell's name - St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

THE BUSINESS OF LIVING.

At this writing an army of youths with banners, is marching from college to join the ranks of the fortunehunters.

Very many of these youths came from country towns where life has a wide and pleasant margin, and is still democratically conditioned with one honest man who can earn a living as good as any other. But not many of them will consent to do their fortunehunting at home. Most of them will If You Don't Forget to Mail It go to the city, where existence has A letter can save you lots of time, trouble Dalles and way points; arrives at 11 A worthy the beneficiary of higher edu-

There they will live in hall bedrooms up dingy streets. They will nearly break their necks morn and night to catch the elevated, and wish they had quite broken them after they are ground into its fam. They will find that the city knows democracy no more, but is a place of classes that Oregon City . .

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fight one another over the spoils. Business and the professions will look as overcrowded as the elevated. Many times they will yearn for the shade of the oak in the yard at home and a taste of mother's pie.

In the fullness of time a certain proportion of them-let us hope it will be ninety-nine per cent-will succeed in some measure, and by that time they will find that their measure of success is this: to be able to go back to the country and live where they might have been all the time. The country town afforded them lit

They could only get an interest The element, however, in a dry goods store, or work into a practice at law or medicine that would pay two or three thousand a year But it required very little, and the two or three thousand would go as

> They knew this very well, but it seemed to them that Life is in the city. Perhaps it is-until the time comes when it seems just as clear that Life is in the country. It is more and more a matter of every-day experience that country youth is no more anxious to get into the city, where a man has a chance to do business, than Portland and The Dalles

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