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Oregon City will no doubt continue to grow, and as the population increases, there will be a demand for a water supply other than from the Willamette river. Therefore it is likely when the city shall have reached a population of 10,000, a move will be made to secure water from the upper Clackamas or some mountain stream within the limits of the Cascade reserve. While the present perfect filtering system guarantees a water supply of absolute purity the pumping apparatus is in danger of suspension from the effects of high waters, thus shutting off the consumers from a water supply for brief periods. As a matter of course, the city could not well afford to build a new water system until the municipality is better fixed financially and has more taxable property. While many persons would no doubt object to the expenditure of money for a new water system, on account of the heavy investment in the present plant, there are already earnest advocates of a new system. A long distance pipe-line could be made to bring in some returns for the investment by supplying residences along the line with water for household use and irrigating purposes.

There is no place in Oregon where desirable farm and fruit lands can be purchased cheaper at the present time than in Clackamas county. It is a question only of brief time when these lands will be convenient to trolley lines to be constructed, and their value will be doubled and trebled. These farm lands mentioned are not on the present lines of railway in operation, but can be reached by fairly improved roadways, and it is a matter of only a few years when they will be tapped by motor lines. New settlers are coming in slowly in the Viola, Highland and Molalla sections of the county, yet no more fertile or desirable lands can be found anywhere. The colonist rates will soon be in effect from the East, and effort will no doubt be made by the board of trade to secure a part of this immigration for Clackamas county. Stump lands from which the surplus timber has been cleared can be purchased cheaply, and with the present methods in use it will not be expensive to lift the stumps out of the ground. These lands are rich in plant food and will produce any kind of crops.

The car shortage affects Clackamas county lumber shipments to a considerable extent, and it is of vital importance that the local legislative delegation support such measures as will relieve this condition. A good supply of cars for timber and lumber shipments means thousands of dollars for Clackamas county, and the local legislators will not be doing their duty by their constituents unless they support such measures as will relieve the present conditions. The attitude of Clackamas county legislators in this matter will be closely watched, and they will no doubt do their duty by the people.

The construction of new buildings, the establishment of new lines of business and the improvements in the way of streets, roadways and sidewalks possibly would not be brought forcibly to the notice of the average resident who has been here continually, so steady and gradual has been the progress. However, the person who has been away from the city for a period of three years, at once notices a marked improvement in betterments and larger and better places of business.

All Chinamen do not look alike, or at least Chum Ah Gow employed in a local laundry for a brief period looked different according to the statement of Chief of Police Burns. Chum Ah Gow, who was wanted in Alaska for robbery was chumming with some local Chinese, and when a special government officer arrived Saturday Chief Burns had no difficulty in locating him as he looked different.

The fact that there is a probability of the \$300 exemption law being re-enacted by the present legislature will be good news to the householders of Clackamas county. It is believed that the local delegation will give the measure its unqualified support.

The associated press telegraphic service is authority for the statement that John D. Rockefeller has advanced the price of oil since he made a gift

of \$32,000,000 for general educational purposes. It is claimed that this advance in oil will increase the Rockefeller revenues from oil at least \$40,000,000 in one year.

Astoria is now in the reform line, the four dance halls in the wicked district having closed their doors, probably never to reopen. The keepers of the joints had a hunch that the mayor and council would order the places closed. The dance halls have long been features of Astoria's restricted district.

The numerous farmers' institutes being held in Clackamas county this week will no doubt have the effect of still furthering the interests of diversified farming. The farmers of this section are using brains in their work with the result that there is an improving condition of affairs withing the last few years.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of that great fiction character, Sherlock Holmes, has actually turned detective in his effort to clear the court charges against George Edalji, a young Birmingham lawyer, who is suffering unjust punishment.

Conditions are now favorable that the city water works as well as the plants of the Oregon City Manufacturing company will be operated by electricity until such time as the new basin wall shall be constructed.

Mayor Wright has put down the lid good and hard in Tacoma, ordering the saloons closed on Sunday, the discontinuance of music and all forms of gambling must stop. Tacoma has practically been a wide-open city, although the lid was strictly put on Seattle more than a year ago.

Senator Hedges' pet measure, the anti-railroad pass bill was shorn of its originality by amendments that would have the effect of making an entirely different law. However, Mr. Hedges has been given full credit for his intentions.

A move in Medford is being seriously considered that may result in eggs being sold by the pound instead of the dozen. It is likely that the producer of large eggs favor this plan, and the new idea will no doubt encourage the production of large hens.

President Roosevelt and the Californians do not agree on the settlement of the Japanese question. The San Francisco delegation refuses to yield on school questions unless assured Japan will agree to exclusion of coolies.

There was some discussion at the county teachers' institute favoring a still higher school tax levy. There has already been an increase in the school tax levy since the present state superintendent went into office.

Professor Thomas Condon, the noted Oregon geologist, died near Eugene Monday. He was 84 years old and had many friends in Oregon City. His researches were of especial value to science.

The Lenten season begins today and Ash Wednesday is being appropriately observed at the local Catholic and Episcopalian churches. Services appropriate to the significance of the day are being held at St. Johns Catholic church and St. Pauls Episcopal church.

A mass meeting of Portland citizens has decided that the city water board has no right to impose rates for the use of water as it belongs to the people. It was contended that the city had no more right to collect water rents, than it would to impose a toll for crossing the city bridges.

A move is being made to reapportion the 30 senatorial districts at Salem. In the event that the reapportionment bill shall pass, Columbia county would be included in the present joint district with Multnomah and Clackamas.

Oregon City has made a perceptible steady growth during the last three and four years, and the population has greatly increased. Therefore a new charter is an almost indispensable necessity, the old one being more suitable to the needs of a village.

The large attendance at the teachers' institute held here during the past week brings forcibly to mind that Clackamas county has furnished the Portland public schools more teachers than any other section of the United States. This condition of affairs is complimentary to the public schools of Clackamas.

An indication of the increasing population and new improvements in Clackamas county is the fact that a local shingle mill that formerly shipped the greater part of its product to

Portland and other points now runs entirely on home orders.

"I have got no use for the fellow who is afraid to buy two suits of underwear at one time for fear that he will die before he wears them out," is the terse state statement accredited to a Clackamas county farmer by the Canby Tribune.

That the popularity of the automobile has not lessened the value of solid horseflesh is demonstrated by the fact that a good 1400 pound horse brings \$250 in the Portland market. Two span of Molalla horses delivered to Portland parties Monday were sold on this basis of value.

The Clackamas fishermen are well represented at Salem, and are keeping a close watch on any matters of legislation that may come up affecting their interests.

Is it possible that it is an unselfish desire to help others that is causing certain members of the legislature to favor an increase in the compensation of the members from \$3.00 to \$10.00 per day.

Senator Hedges' anti-pass bill has been indefinitely postponed by the senate. He favored such a move, as the proposed act had been shorn of its originality by amendments until it was of no effect.

The lower house of the Missouri legislature has passed a bill placing railroad fares at two cents per mile. Some of the Oregon legislators are making a life and death struggle to secure a railroad commission.

It is now believed that no changes will be made by the legislature in the new primary law. Proposed amendments have not received earnest support generally at the hands of the legislators.

It is encouraging to note that a number of Clackamas county hop-growers are setting out additional vines, thus increasing the size of their boy yards.

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ACUTE WEATHER REPORT POEM

Mrs. M. R. Minton, of Charleston, Ill., is spending the winter with her sister Mrs. W. B. Spears in Oregon City. Mrs. Minton has just received some verses written on January 26 by her grandson, Gordon M. Grove at Charleston. The following is the poem:

Weather Report.
First we get a rainstorm,
Then we get some snow,
Then we have a blizzard,
Lordy, see it blow!
Then we have a May day
And the freshest starts—
Gee! this winter weather
Is made up of parts!
Never know by morning
What to wear by day,
Drat that fickle climate!
Skies all wet and gray!
Got the grip and sniffles,
Ge backache and chills,
Have to wear a plaster
And take peeks of pills!
Darn this fickle weather
With its stormy gust,
Write to congress, fellers,
Let's break up the trust.

ROADS LEFT IN BAD CONDITION BY FLOOD

Frog Pond, Feb. 12.—Mr. Myers is able to be out again.
Mr. Gebhart is hauling potatoes to Wilsonville.
Wagner Bros' ware house on the Willamette was nearly under water with a few sacks of potatoes in it.
While I am writing I understand that Mr. Kekel will have another slick dress to buy for his daughter Julia.
I hope our road supervisor will take mercy on some of us and fix up our roads so we can travel over them again. The wagons sink to the axles.
H. A. Toedtemeier made a business trip to Oregon City one day last week.
Mark Baker has not been able to be out for the last week; he had a

boil on his ankle.

Louis Toedtemeier Jr. is cutting wood for Mr. Milo Lee.

We have one of the funniest telephone centrals at Mr. Krue's, when some parties call for another party on another line they tell them to go and get them.

JURY PANEL IN THE HERMANN CASE

Washington, D. C.,—Trial of ex-Land Commissioner Binger Hermann began in Justice Stanford's criminal court at 10 a. m. Eleven out of the 12 jurors were accepted, and court adjourned until tomorrow when the jury panel will be completed.

EXEMPTION BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

Salem, Feb. 12.—The \$300 exemption bill passed the house today, but its provisions apply only to personal or household property. It is the shortest bill that has passed the house during this session. It is designated as house bill 271.

180 LIVES LOST ON LONG ISLAND COAST

New York, Feb. 12.—The steamer Larchmont collided with a schooner along the Long Island coast last night and 180 lives were lost. Two hundred passengers were saved in the launch boats. The thermometer was below zero, and a number of those lost died from the effects of the severe cold.

FELL AND INJURED HIS LEFT LEG

James Kiser, of West Oregon City, received a bad fall Monday evening

from the Oregon City Transportation dock, which resulted in his remaining out all night where he fell.

Kiser had been celebrating to some extent and had started for his home on West Side, but instead of taking the bridge made a mistake and went down Eighth street to the dock. Since the flood the dock is in a very bad condition and the upper platform stands on end on the south side. On reaching the stairway Kiser did not see anything wrong and went headlong into the dark pit below.

He hurt his left leg in such a way that he was unable to get up and he was forced to remain out in the cold the while night until some one found him. He was brought to the Howell & Jones drug store, and later was examined by Dr. Strickland.

STEAMERS COLLIDE IN A HEAVY FOG

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 12.—The passenger steamer Dove, collided with the tug Resolute in the fog last night, and sustained serious injury. None of the passengers were injured.

MUST CONTINUE TO RIDE CROWDED CARS

Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—The house took a tall out of Mr. Dye's bill to compel public service corporations to provide seats on street cars, and providing penalties for failure to furnish same. Mr. Dye thought the companies should furnish a seat to every passenger no matter whether a base ball crowd of a thousand tried to get on, but the majority of the members thought different, and voted the measure down.

Pine Salve Carbollized, acts like a poultice; highly antiseptic, extensively used for Eczema, for chapped hands and lips, cuts, burns. Sold by Huntley Bros' Drug Store.

Dado's Little Liver Pills thoroughly clean the system, good for lazy livers, makes clear complexion, bright eyes and happy thoughts. For sale by Hunt-

LAST DAYS! LAST DAYS!

But Seven more Days Remain in Which to share these Marvelous Bargains! We Quit Business in Oregon City Forever On Saturday, Feb. 23. You'll have to hurry now!

Messers Goldstein and Levitt, who are making extensive alterations and improvements, preparatory to taking possession of the premises the above date. The song of the saw, clip of the chisel and bang bang of the hammer is heard on every side, and dust is flying through the litter made by carpenters, painters and paper hangers who are busy as bees changing the old store into a bazaar of beauty. If you can stand the noise and confusion of the artisans it will pay you to take advantage of these last days.

Stupendous Bargains Await the Latter Day Buyers. A life-time opportunity to secure the greatest values ever heard of in Oregon.

Men's Best Regular \$7 and \$8 Overcoats	\$3.85	Men's Best Regular \$25 Suits	\$11.75
Men's Best Regular \$20 Overcoats	\$9.45	Men's Best Regular \$10 and \$12 Overcoats	\$5.90
Men's Best Regular \$15 Suits	\$7.85	Men's Best Regular \$10 Suits	\$4.85
Young Men's \$8 and \$10 Suits for	\$4-45	Men's \$2.50 Pants	88c
Boys' Regular \$3 Knee Pant Suits for	\$1.87	Men's \$3 and \$4 Pants	\$1.85
		Men's \$2.50 Canvas Coats	\$1.29
		Boy's Regular 35c Knee Pants for	12 1-2c

Mens Good, Strong, Serviceable and Dependable Working Shoes \$1.39

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