

# The New Age.

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Senator Simon, the silent man of the senate, is making his mark already.

The Democrats of Portland seem to be in the agony of final dissolution.

Alaska is a great mining country, but so far Oregon is proving a greater one

State Senator Brownell, of Clackamas, may succeed Congressman Tongue.

The New Age is under obligation to United States Senator Simon for favors received from Washington, D. C.

It is a question as to whether or not Dan M. Watson's proposed visit to San Francisco, during the holidays, is intended to replenish or deplete his political forces.

General Lawton's death by a Filipino bullet is a national tragedy. He was acceptably the most aggressive and the bravest soldier in the Philippine campaign. No man in the army today, whose record is known, can take his place.

Public men whose purposes are pure seldom get into such scandals as that in which Governor Geer finds himself in the Plummer controversy. If Mr. Plummer has libeled Mr. Geer, Mr. Geer's remedy is to prosecute him for it.

Since the beginning of the Christian era and the birth of our Savior, it has been the custom of his followers—the people of every civilized country on earth—to commemorate with fitting services this great event. Christmas means much to every person, whether it is the lisping baby, the playful youth, or the grave old man, it brings its glad tidings.

General Beebe, it is rumored on the streets, will be the next Republican candidate for Mayor. General Beebe is a very popular man and would certainly make an excellent mayor. His effective work in behalf of Portland in the East recently served to strengthen him greatly in this community. It simply showed what Beebe could do when he earnestly undertook to do it.

Senators Simon and McBride have been suitably placed on important committees. They are in influential positions to do good work for the Pacific coast and especially for Oregon. Senator Simon has been particularly fortunate, as a new member of that great body, in securing such eminence among the great committee organizations of the United States senate.

Governor Geer has denied Mr. Plummer's impeachment. Of course he would. He could do nothing else—but he was a long while doing it. The Plummer snook became so dense that the Geer constituency finally discovered a flame and promptly attempted to put it out with a squirt from one of the state-house chemicals. They succeeded temporarily; but the fire still smolders and will continue to smoulder until Governor Geer prosecutes Plummer for criminal libel or confesses the crime.

## THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

So many men have been named as possible candidates for the nomination for the sheriffalty of Multnomah county as to prompt the friends of some of the aspirants to make careful inquiry into the manner in which that very important office has been conducted for some time. As a consequence of this investigation, let it be said to the credit of Sheriff Frazier and his constituency, there are fewer "possible candidates" today than there were a fortnight ago.

Mr. Frazier and his excellent staff of deputies have made a splendid record in the conduct of the sheriff's office. Their methods have been especially economical and, although an immense amount of business has been transacted during the past two or three years, entailing in some cases extraordinary expense, the general cost of maintaining the several departments of the office is

remarkably low, showing a most economical administration of the affairs of the sheriffalty in this county.

In addition to that, the inquiry developed the fact that Sheriff William Frazier is a very popular man and enjoys the confidence of the people of this city and county. He is beyond doubt one of the most quiet, most unassuming and most faithful officials who ever did important service for the people of Multnomah.

England is suffering galling defeat in the Transvaal. Even General Buller, "the chief of Britons on the firing line," has been whipped. The British army has suffered terrible losses in nearly every engagement and has been pronouncedly outdone in every battle of consequence. English losses have been extremely and most discouragingly heavy. New forces are being organized in England and it is evident that all of the available "fighting contingent" in the queen's domain will be necessary to the successful termination of the war with the Boers.

## McDANIEL'S FATE.

The McDaniel-Fitch murder trial, which was closed on Sunday with a verdict of manslaughter against the defendant, added an interesting chapter to the criminal history of the state. The manner in which the case was conducted by District Attorney Sewall and Deputy Giltner, is very generally commended for the elicitation of facts, under the most difficult circumstances, which proved beyond doubt McDaniel's guilt in the degree, at least, of the verdict rendered.

The case was shrouded in mystery from the first. Although the crime of taking the poor girl's life may not have been premeditated, it was sufficiently proved, both to the jury and the community, that her life was destroyed by Frank E. McDaniel. It was not shown to be possible that any other person could have committed the awful deed. Harsh as the defense struggled to intensify the mystery, it succeeded only in showing that its only salvation lay in defeating the cause of justice, and the jury evidently took that view of the matter.

However, the state was not confused in its presentation of the matter; and, in a summary of the case, both attorneys for the state acquitted themselves most creditably.

Lawyer St. Rayner should be given credit for a masterly defense of a criminal of a low order of human beings—a mean, contemptible, characterless skunk who sought to destroy the virtue of girls and then laugh in derision at their folly for submitting to his passionate plea for pleasure.

The defense will move for a new trial; but it is the general opinion, so far as The New Age knows, that McDaniel's attorney should be satisfied with saving the disreputable scoundrel's neck from being broken, as it should have been, on the hangman's scaffold.

## THE COUNTY ASSESSOR.

It is probably not true that the Republican county slate has been completed for presentation to the convention in two or three months, but it is quite certain that a part of it has been fixed in the public mind.

Among those who are being urged as a proper person for a prominent place on the county Republican ticket is Mr. George E. Watkins for assessor.

Mr. Watkins has for many years been a conspicuous figure in the business, social and political life of Portland and Multnomah county. He is now member of the real estate firm of Parish & Watkins, most prominent among the realty dealers of the state. His reputation as a careful business man in the management of affairs for himself and his large clientele fully warrants the claim for him as a proper candidate for the assessorship.

No one knows better than George E. Watkins the values of properties in this county and it is the general opinion that no one better than Mr. Watkins can perform the duties of assessor of values on those properties.

Hence, Mr. Watkins is being urged as a most available candidate for that important office.

The New Age knows that the office of assessor is one of the most important in the gift of the county—and it knows that Mr. Watkins is competent to discharge its responsible duties most acceptably to the taxpayers.

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

What a halo of holiness there is in the word Christmas! What a joy it inspires in the little ones' hearts to hear the family chat about what Santa Claus will do for children who have been good enough to warrant his favor on that holy day. And yet it is a matter chiefly of sentiment. Why should it not be? What else could it be? But there is in this, 1899th year Anno Domini, no new fact discovered concerning the custom of observing the day. There is nothing new in the history of the season.

Therefore, The New Age will renew its orison for the happiness, on this occasion, of all of its readers, great and small, and the few remaining members of mankind as well; and it will supplement this prayer with expression of the hope that the new year may bring with it greater prosperity and increased comforts to all.

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## "A Hot Old Time" at Cordrays.

The attraction at Cordray's theater for Christmas week, beginning Sunday, December 24, will be that record-breaking success in the farce-comedy field, "A Hot Old Time," which is this season more than duplicating its hit of last year, when it won recognition as the most prosperous organization of its kind on the road.

The success of the attraction is easily explained. Not only has it a consistent plot, a fund of humor that is irresistibly contagious and a liveliness of action that, while escaping actual violence, is both constant and comic, but it is entirely free from that element of vulgarity and suggestiveness that has handicapped so many productions. Nearly all of the music introduced in the piece was written especially for it, and it was in this production that the popular "coon" song, "I Guess I'll Have to Telegraph My Baby," was first heard.

## Waverly Sugar Factory.

The new sugar factory at Waverly, Spokane county, Washington, began operations December 6. This is the first beet sugar factory to be built in this state, and the second in the Pacific Northwest. The farmers in the vicinity of the factory raised about 400 acres of beets this year, the yield being 4 to 12 tons per acre. D. C. Corbin, of Spokane, owner of the factory is paying \$4 per ton for beets containing 12 to 14 per cent of sugar and 33 1-3 cents per ton additional for each per cent of sugar above 14. The average price for the entire crop is about \$4.50 per ton.

Taking the average yield as eight tons, half way between the extremes, this would give a gross return of \$36 per acre. The cost per acre of the beets delivered at the factory is in the neighborhood of \$25 to \$30. This leaves some profit to the average beet grower, and considerable to those whose beets give yields of 10 or 12 tons per acre. Another year, when the farmers know more of beet culture, and are in position to give their crops the attention they need, better results may fairly be expected. This is the beginning of an industry which will, if successful, become an important feature of Eastern Washington agriculture. It will give the farmers of the Palouse country a profitable crop to grow in rotation with wheat. When the farmers have learned the value of sugar beet pulp as a stock feed, it will also doubtless result in an increase of live stock on the wheat ranches in the vicinity of the factory.

## Northwest Notes.

Postmaster Winter, of Colville, has resigned.

Spokane saloons are compelled to close at midnight now.

The enrollment of pupils in La Grande's public schools is 641, with 15 teachers.

Dogs killed 26 head of sheep for a Kentuck slough rancher in Coos county last week. He has killed one of the dogs.

Read The New Age, for it is growing more popular every week.

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## SHERIFF SALE.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Multnomah, E. B. Watson and B. B. Beckman, partners doing business as Watson & Beckman, plaintiffs, vs. the Larch Mountain Investment Company, defendant.

By virtue of an attachment, execution and order of sale duly issued out of and under the seal of the above-entitled court, in the above-entitled cause, to me duly directed, and dated the 7th day of December, 1899, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 4th day of December, 1899, in favor of E. B. Watson and B. B. Beckman, partners doing business as Watson & Beckman, plaintiffs, and against the Larch Mountain Investment Company, defendant, for the sum of \$250.59, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 4th day of December, 1899, and the further sum of \$21.75 costs and disbursements, and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following-described real property, to-wit:

The west 1/2 of the west 1/2 of section 19, township one (1) north of range six (6) east of the Willamette meridian, in Multnomah county, state of Oregon, containing 161.60 acres.

Also the east 1/2 of the west 1/2 of section 30, township one (1) north of range six (6) east of the Willamette meridian, in Multnomah county, state of Oregon, containing 160 acres.

Also east 1/2 of the west 1/2 of section 31, township one (1) north of range six (6) east of the Willamette meridian, in Multnomah county, state of Oregon, containing 160 acres.

Also the east 1/2 of the west 1/2 of section 32, township one (1) north of range six (6) east of the Willamette meridian, in Multnomah county, state of Oregon, containing 160 acres.

Also the east 1/2 of the west 1/2 of section 33, township one (1) north of range six (6) east of the Willamette meridian, in Multnomah county, state of Oregon, containing 160 acres.

Also the south 1/2 of the north 1/2 of section 25, township one (1) north of range five (5) east of the Willamette meridian, in Multnomah county, state of Oregon, containing 160 acres.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution and order of sale, and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will on Monday, the 15th day of January, 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the front door of the county courthouse, in the city of Portland, said county and state, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder, for United States gold coin, cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within-named defendant had on the date of the attachment herein, November 19, 1899, or since had, in and to the above-described real property, or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, order of sale, interest, costs and all accruing costs.

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