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ASSESSMENTS AND VALUES.

The Salem Statesman thinks it knows something about property values in Multnomah county. It therefore publishes its own figures in this paragraph.

Take Omaha. In 1890 it had a population of 149,452, and now has 239,099. Its assessed valuation last year was \$33,645,592.

As to "discredit of Portland abroad," it is only to be said that no intelligent person can be deceived by unwarranted vauntings.

A TIMELY WARNING.

Mr. Goldsmith for once was astray on his figures, but he is sound as to principles, and the appearance of his letter in yesterday's Oregonian on the same page with the special school tax levy of nearly 7 mills is a suggestive coincidence.

ASSAULTING INTRENCHED LINES.

Lieutenant-General John M. Schofield, of the retired list of the regular army, is the only survivor of the great captains of the Union army of the civil war.

General Sherman, Sheridan, Hancock and Thomas. General Schofield not only was a very able practical soldier in campaign, but he was always a fine military scholar.

Discussing the folly of General Sherman's fruitless, costly and unjustifiable assault on Kennesaw Mountain in the Atlanta campaign of 1864, General Schofield says that "the general feeling of the army, including not only privates, but officers of nearly all grades, was opposed to such attacks, because they believed there was no necessity of fighting the enemy on such terms."

channels through those through which it is now flowing.

With the present heavy volume of outward freight from Portland to the Orient, return freights from Manila should be low, and a future product of the far East could ever find its way into the Oregon consumers' hands by way of the Suez canal and Atlantic ports.

A BRILLIANT DEMAGOGUE.

The speech of Senator Wolcott in reply to Senator Pettigrew illustrated forcibly the strength and weakness of the brilliant senator from Colorado.

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Who the Boer Artillerists Are.

Memphis dispatch in St. Louis Globe. Herman Muller has received a letter from his brother, Peter Muller, who at the time it was written stated that he was in the ranks of the Long Tom.

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Under army orders dated Washington, January 10, Lieutenant-Colonel Peter J. A. Cleary, deputy surgeon-general, has been ordered from Fort McPherson, Ga., to Vancouver barcamp at the mouth of the Columbia.

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SENATOR HOAR'S MISTAKE.

It lies in his Overestimate of the Philippines. Boston Herald. Nobody can doubt that Senator Hoar loves liberty, or that "his heart was warm for his native land."

Against Repeated Precedents.

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Joke on the Other Fellow.

Joke on the Other Fellow. Boston Transcript. His Mother (to wife going through the pockets of her husband's clothing)—I wouldn't do that, Irene. Come, now, do you think it is right?

The Butter She Wanted.

The Butter She Wanted. Chicago News. New Wife—I wish to get some butter, please. Dealer—Roll butter, ma'am? New Wife—No! We wish to eat it on biscuits.

Evidence.

Evidence. Philadelphia Record. Sunday School Teacher (in Chicago)—Why did the wise men come from the East? Scholar—Because they were wise men.

Sadly Realized.

Sadly Realized. Kansas City Independent. The Maid—Olive kim in to give 745 war'nin'. The Mistress (sighing)—You should have given it before you came, Bridget.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

How can musicians consistently join a labor union when they do nothing but play?

There are two sides to the Kentucky controversy, and Taylor is at present on the inside. Goebel's argument is that his supporters were so intimidated by the militia that they dared vote only once.

Naval officers are urging the construction of a Pacific cable, and yet they would be the first to cut it if they went to action on the other side.

Hats have gone up in Connecticut. If it were any place else than New England we might be led to believe that the flag had just been carried by.

Aguaído better take up a residence in Massachusetts before it is too late for him to become a candidate for something or other at the next election.

A Philadelphia woman looked into a mirror and noticed that her hair was on fire. It is gratifying to know that fires of this kind can never remain long undiscovered.

Now that Conan Doyle is with the British army in the Transvaal, he probably regrets that he killed his friend Sherlock Holmes. Holmes would have caught Joubert in about three days.

Few persons probably have any idea of the quantity of popcorn used in this section. One dealer imported 19 tons for the holiday season, and disposed of it all, and he is preparing to have 16 acres planted in popcorn next season.

There is probability that certain questions regarding the registration law will be submitted to the state circuit court for determination. These do not interfere with registration except in a few instances.

The taxpayers' league does not seem to be all taxpayers. One of them, while a prominent member of a recent grand jury, is said to have been appointed on a committee to investigate and report why all of the taxes on personal property are not collected.

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