

To the Editor:

\$31,000 SHORTAGE RUBBER BELTING, PACKING AND HOSE CRACK-PROOF, SNAG-PROOF MINING BOOTS. Rubber and Oil-Clothing, Boots and Shoes. Discovered in the Books of HEADQUARTERS FOR ALL KINDS OF RUBBER GOODS. the Oregon Land Office. Goodyear Rubber Company 73-75 FIRST ST. R. H. PEASE. President. F. M. SHEPARD, JR., Treasur PORTLAND, OR. COVERS YEARS 1894 AND 1895 THE NEWEST MOUNTS Total Collections in That Period THE LATEST NOVELTIES IN PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS Were \$99,689 03-Only \$68,739 30 Accounted For-Ex-Clerk Davis Will Explain. Blumaner-Frank Drug Co. Portiand, Oregon SALEM, Feb. 20 .- The discovery of a defalcation of \$30,949 73 is the substance of the report made today by the joint com-SHAW'S PURE MALT mittee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the State Land Department. The alleged misappropriation oc-The Condensed Strength and Nutriment of curred in 1894 and 1895, under the administration of George W. Davis, as clerk of the board. It appears that the shortage BARLEY AND RYE was effected in various amounts by taking credit twice for one payment of mon-ey, or by altering the book entries so as Blumauer & Hoch, 108 and 110 Fourth Street to credit the clerk with more money than he had paid. In some cases it is barely Sole Distributers for Oregon possible that an innocent error was committed, while in others there is a plain alteration of the books by erasing one set of figures and writing in others. The committee found no errors in the accounts of the present administration, HOTEL PERKINS and so reports. The report is as follows: "We, your committee appointed under concurrent resolution No. 5, beg leave to report as follows: Fifth and Washington Sts. PORTLAND, OREGON That we have checked up the school EUROPEAN PLAN funds back to and including the year 1894. That for the years 1894 and 1895 we find . The to \$1.50 per day .\$1.00 to \$2.00 per day .\$1.50 to \$3.00 per day that the clerk of the State Land Board First-Class Check Restaurant Connected With Hotel. has collected money to the amount of \$30,949 73, which said sum has never been turned over to the State Treasurer. We append a statement hereto annexed and marked exhibit A, showing the amounts J. F. DAVIES, Pres. C. T. BELCHER, Sec. and Treas. collected and the amounts for which said clerk has receipts. The balance, as shown, **Charles Hotel** was Lever turned over to the Treasurer, but the books were balanced by a number of false entries. The principal entry crediting the school fund with \$10,449 94 twice, when he had but one receipt covering the amount; another being a raise of \$3000 on FRONT AND MORRISON STREETS PORTLAND, OREGON a receipt of the Treasurer, and a number of other credits for which he held no re-American and European Plan. ceipts. 'We submit herewith a statement showing those we have found to date. may be others that we have not found, owing to limited time at our disposal, having used the greater part of our time Liszt's 12th Rhapsody before we came to this. "For the past five years we find all moneys turned over to the Treasurer, as by law required. The present officers have been very kind and obliging to us, show-Is one of the masterpieces of plane literature. Ask some finished planist, some graduate of a watory of music, to play it for you. He won't do it. He would have to spend \$1000 of time to get in shape to play one-balf of it. Pay \$250 for a Flanda, and you can ing us every courtesy possible, and fur-nishing us with all papers and books re-quested. In regard to investigation of play at of it. Then there are other pleces. land matters, we beg leave to say that our work is just fairly commenced. This is a work of no small magnitude and re-M. B. WELLS, Northwest Agent for the Acolian Company

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taking work. It is a work of great im-portance to the state, however, and should A FURIOUS BLIZZARD. be attended to. Recommendations. es Early Action by England Unusual Storm Raging in Nort

WILL MR. DRESSER EXPLAIN?

SALEM, OREGON, February 20, 1901.

Considerable surprise has been expressed to me by a large number of the gentlemen who were delegates from Multnomah County to the last Republican State Convention at the course taken by Hon. A. S. Dresser at this session of the legislature in voting for the office of United States Senator. On account of my official position as secretary of the Republican County Committee of Multuomah County, and of the active part taken by me in securing for Mr. Dresser the nomination of joint representative for the counties of Multnomah and Clackamas at the twenty-first biennial session of the Oregon Legislature, I feel that in justice to myself I should make a full statement of the circumstances which caused me to espouse Mr. Dresser's candidacy with such zeal, and which resulted in his securing the nomination for joint representative for the counties of Multnomah and Clackamas.

In the last Republican State Convention the county of Multnomah had seventy delegates and the county of Clackamas fourteen. Mr. Dresser came to me before the meeting of the State Convention (which was held on the 16th of April, 1900), and asked me to use my influence with the Multnomah delegation to have a Clackamas man chosen for the office of joint representative for the counties of Multnomah and Clackamas, and further desired me to exert myself with the Multnomah delegation to secure the nomination for him. I told Mr. Dresser then that I was not averse to what he proposed, and that I thought I could accomplish what he desired if I could give the Multnomah delegation some assurances that if elected he would support the Hon. H. W. Corbett for the office of United States Senator. Mr. Dresser assured me that his chief desire in seeking the nomination of joint representative for the counties of Multuomah and Clackamas was that he might support Mr. Corbett for the office of U.S. Senator, as he regarded Mr. Corbett the most suitable man in Oregon for that place. He further stated to me that he knew that no man opposed to Mr. Corbett's candidacy could be nominated for that office, and that if he should secure the nomination he would know that he had gotten it at the hands of Mr. Corbett's friends, who he declared would by that act of declining what they had the power to take for themselves place him under a lasting obligation to Mr. Corbett and to his friends. Mr. Dresser further informed me, so that there might be no misapprehension as to his position on this subject, that he would sign a statement which would exactly express his sentiments, and which would allow me to give my personal assurance to every member of the Multnomah delegation of just where he stood on this question. There was then prepared and signed in my presence this statement, which is now in my possession, and which is here submitted.

GRAHAM GLASS JR.

If elected to the Oregon Legislature I promise to join with such other republican members as may desire a caucus for If Their Demands Are Not Complied With by the Authorities at Washington, They Declare There

Indians Seriously Contem-

plate Opening Hostilities.

COUNCIL MEETINGS WERE HELD

Will Be Trouble.

OMAHA, Feb. 20.-Information from direct sources, obtained by the World-Her-ald, indicate that the Sloux Indians are seriously contemplating an uprising, if demands now being formulated for submission to Washington are not complied with. Several council meetings have already been held, particularly among the Ogaliala Sloux, and preparations are now being made for a great council to select delegates to Washington. Owing to the desire to avoid sensationalism, the gatherings of the small councils have been given little notice, but the aspect is now considered grave.

considered grave. Recent orders of the Indian Commis-sioner are responsible, say the Indians, for their attitude. One chief openly de-clares hostilities will begin if relief is not forthcoming. The trouble is over the cutting down of supplies and a claim unpaid for ceding of the Black Hills.

NUMBER IS DECREASING.

Fewer Students at Presbyterlan Seminaries.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.-Much discussion has been caused among theologians by the report of the decrease in attendance at the Princeton Theological Seminary. In-terest was heightened by the belief prevalent in Princeton that the conservatism of the old Presbyterian institution was re-sponsible for the marked falling off in attendance. It was pointed out that while the number of students at the Princeton Seminary had decreased from 254 in 1895 to 196 in 1960, and from 196 last to 156 this year, there had been no falling off in the attendance at the Union Theological Seminary, where conservatism has been less conspicuous, and where liberality of thought has been tolerated to a marked degree. From this condition it is deduced that an inclination to broader views exists among the theological students of the present day. * The Rev. Dr. Benjamin B. Warfield,

president of the Princeton Seminary, de-clared last night that such a conclusion is not warranted by the facts. He also made the rather startling statement that the decreasing attendance at the Frinceon Seminary is only in proportion to the decrease in all other Presbyterian semina-ries. Dr. Warfield attributes the decrease in the number of theological students to the industrial development of recent years, together with the many recent opportunities for entering the military service.

Resentment of Cubans.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.-A dispatch to the World from Havana says;

on the Trenty Amendments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.-Ambassador Choate has cabled the State Department a brief outline of the interview yesterday between himself and Lord Lansdowne. respecting the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. For obvious reasons the text of the communi-cation is withheld, but it is admitted that it goes to confirm the press reports already printed, and, while Lord Lansdowne's response did not indicate exactly when an answer might be expected from the British Government or the character of that answer, the hope is entertained that the British Government, before the expiration of the date allowed for the ratification of the treaty, namely, March 4, will take action either upon the Senate amendments, or in the direction of extending the time limit, so as to continue the pendency of the treaty.

RETENTION OF PHILIPPINES

Urged at a Meeting of the Geographical Society.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 .- The retention of the Philippines was strongly urged this evening at a meeting of the American Geographical Society. The speaker was Dr. George E. Becker, head of the United States Geological Survey, who has spent 15 months in the Islands gathering data for the Government. Soth Low presided, and in behalf of the

society presented the Cullom geological medal to President T. C. Mendenhall, of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Nansen, Peary and John Murray, of England, have each received similar medals. It was for Dr. Mendenhall's servas head of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey and as a member of the Alaskan Boundary Commission that the modal was awarded.

Whisky Trust Case Decided.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 20,-Judge Rufus Smith, of the Superior Court, has renered a decision that is regarded as imortant in its bearing on trusts. Ellas llock & Sons, Kentucky distillers, shut up their manufactory under a contract with the whisky trust, by which the lat-ter agreed to furnish Block & Sons al debt. their goods and to pay them \$1000 a month in addition. The trust became in default of \$10,000 under this contract, and suit was brought to recover. The whisky trust filed a demurrer alleging that the contract was Illegal. The demurrer is Mrs. Nesbeth presented a resolution to overruled, the court holding that when a the effect that the statements recently contract, apparently illegal, is only an circulated attacking the board of of-incident to a large contract, which is ficers should receive the disapproval of legal, then the first contract will stand the society. After some discussion the as a circumstance.

New Minister From Colombia.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- Dr. Carlos Martinez Silvella, the Colombian Minister of Foreign Affairs, appeared at the State Department today to arrange for the presentation of his credentials as Minister of Colombia to Washington. The new Minister comes here principally to advance the interests of Colombia in connection with the Panama Canal as opposed to the Nicaragua route, and the length of his stay will depend on the outcome of the canal legislation.

Denial by H. G. Otis.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.-Statements having been published that General Harrison Gray Otis was seeking the office of Pension Commissioner, General Otis tonight authorized a denial of the publica. tions, saying that they were without a shadow of foundation.

western Pennsylvania.

CORRY, Ps., Feb. 20 .- In the history of this region, no storm ever reached the fury of ioday's blizzard. With half a dozen feet of snow on country roads and outlying city districts, and Hatch street burled under 12 feet of snow, Corry caught about the worst part of the storm. The Western New York and Pennsyl-

vania Railroad accommodation train, due here this evening, was stalled in a drift higher than the engine stack, while rushing down a huge grade south of this city. was dug out with difficulty and again started on its precarious journey toward Buffalo. It probably will not get through tonight. This road is operating its trains with three engines, and has three plows at work on 50 miles of track. The worst drifts are at Summerdale, where they reach a height of 20 feet in spots. On the Philadelphia & Erie, a snow plow jumped the track at Jackson's, while en-deavoring to force its way through a big drift. Traffic was delayed several hours. For the first time in many years, this road has been compelled to use snow

plows. The Erie is also compelled to ophastly improvised snow plows, ernte something unheard of on the main line west of Salamanca. The Lake Shore and Nickel-Plate are running their trains, but many hours behind time.

BETTER FOR INVESTORS.

Presidential Term in Venezuela to Be Lengthened.

WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacoa, Feb. 20 .- Advices received here from Caracas, Venezuela, say that a convention will assemble there today (Wednesday) to form a new constitution for Venezuela. It is reported that the President's term of office will be extended from two years to seven, and it is believed General Castro will remain President as long as he can lawfully do so. European investors, therefore, are planning large operations. A German syndicate will operate the Podernales asphalt mines, as rivals to the mines controlled by the so-called trusts. A French syndicate has offered a loan of \$35,000,000 to fund the Venezuelan

Daughters of the Revolution.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- After the preliminary opening exercises at today's session of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, resolution was laid on the table. Mrs. Daniel Manning presented her report as chairman of the committee on the Con-tinental Hall. The report showed that from February 10, 1900 to February 10, 1901, there has been received toward the fund \$10,790. The fund now amounts to \$62,623. The evening session was devoted to the reading of the reports of the committees on Franco-American memorial Revolutionary relics, the National University and the desecration of the flag.

Schulkberger Advises Surrender. PRETORIA, Feb. 20.-Reports from Lydenberg say that Acting President

Schalkberger, addressing a gathering of burghers recently told them he now rec-ognized that their cause was hopeless and that a prolongation of hostilities was futile. If surrender was inevitable, it was foolish to surrender in twos and threes. The proper course was to come to a general agreement and surrender as a nation. Later, the entry was raised by writing in

"A few things from the limited time at ur disposal we have learned, and note the following:

puires a vast amount of careful and pains-

"Many parties holding certificates of sale which are fully paid for decline to take deeds for same, to avoid paying state and county taxes. This should be reme-died by statute, or in some way. If possible. Another need of the Land Department is a system of direct and indirect indices to the records of deeds. We note also that the State Land Department is badly crowded for room for the growing business of the office. It should also be provided with a larger vault in which to preserve the records in case of fire. The clerk should be required to pay money

wer promptly, as by law required. "The bond of the clerk has generally been fixed at \$5000, which would seem to be a very small amount, considering the amount of money handled. Prudence, at least from a business standpoint, would require a larger bond. A Sheriff handling an equal amount of money would be reguired to furnish from \$50,000 to \$60,000. We append hereto a form of receipt marked exhibit B, which, we think, would simplify matters materially were it adopted by the clerk in taking his receipts from the Treasurer. As the matter now stands, we were compelled to go over some 2000 receints to find one.

"In our opinion, a committee should be appointed to further investigate the matters embodied under the concurrent resolution and report as this assembly may direct.

"It would seem that justice to all parties would require a full and complete investigation from first to last or the matter turned over to the Attorney-Gene "GEORGE C. BROWNELL, ieral

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J. R. Davis, a son of the clerk, George

Ex-Clerk Davis Will Explain.

Ex-Clerk George W. Davis was seen by

an Oregonian reporter and asked whether he would make a statement regarding the

The appendix to the report and a personal investigation by an Oregonian porter, shows that the errors occur as follows:

lows: Receipt No. 187, credited twice.... \$10,449 94 Receipt No. 188, credited twice.... \$149 98 Receipt No. 4001, raised on books... \$2000 00 Receipt No. 4215, raised on books... \$3,000 00 Receipt No. 4215, raised on books... \$3,000 00 Receipt No. 4325 changed on books... \$5,005 81 Receipt No. 4505, changed on books... \$5,005 81 Receipt No. 4507, raised on books... \$5,006 66 Receipt No. 4652, changed on books... \$5,006 66 Receipt No. \$5

In order to ascertain all the facts that may be gathered in addition to what is shown in the report, J. C. Hodson, one of the clerks of the investigating committee, went through the books with a reporter. By examining the entries for several years back, it was ascertained that, on December 11 of each year, the clerk has entered upon his books the amount of money turned over to the State Treasurer, the amount of cash on hand, but the receipt was not issued until January 12. possible that the money was not, in fact, turned over until January 12, but the book entry was made as of December 31. This entry was made on December 21, 1894, when the clerk credited himself with having paid the Treasurer \$10,449 94 of school d principal, and \$1489 95 of school fund interest. So far, the books were regular in this respect. But on January 12, the inte of the receipt, the clerk credited him-

self with the same amount a second time. This was simply taking credit for double the amount he had actually paid. It would appear that this may have been an inent error, but for the fact that it was the custom to enter the credit but once, and on the last day of the year, though the receipt was dated January 12 following.

False Entry in Detail.

The first error the clerks found in exam ining the books was that made on August 1, 1894, when the clerk turned in \$615 67, receiving therefor a receipt for that amo

the nomination of a republican candidate for United States Senator in a call for the same. I agree to participate in the caucus and abide by its result. I also agree to vote in the caucus on every ballot which shall be taken therein for Henry W. Corbett for United States Senator, and in the event of his nomination by the caucus, or in the event that there is no caucus, or that I participate in no caucus I agree to vote in the House and in the joint convention for Henry W. Corbett on every ballot which shall be taken for United States Senator and to continue doing so until released by Mr. Corbett himself. I further agree to use all honorable efforts to secure Mr. Corbett's election to the United States Senate.

A. S. Dresser april 10, 1900;

figure "2" before the amount, thus in-The next error was found in the entry on September 4, 1894, when \$329 49 was in-creased to \$3959 49, and \$362 63 was in-creased to \$3352 63. A close inspection of to the satisfaction of the committee had

the figures shows that ink of slightly difhe been given an opportunity. Davis was appointed clerk of the Land ferent shade was used in writing the addi-Board, composed of Governor Pennoyer, Secretary of State McBride and Treas-In the entry of September 29, 1894, a credit of \$139 53 was changed to read urer Metschan, and went out of office July 1, 1895. All collections made by the clerk ere supposed to have been turned over to the Treasurer, and how \$31,000 could have been retained without being detected by the Treasurer is difficult to understand. In 1895, a joint legislative committee, composed of J. W. Maxwell, J. A. Smith, T. J. Clecton, T. F. Smith and C. Stanley, was appointed to examine the books of this department. The committee employed A. B. Manley, T. J. Groves and A. B. At the end of each account a footing has been made of the total of the amounts

County for many years, and stands high in social, political and fraternal societies. were made, though it would be the first impression that the changes were made afterward, except in the case of the Inquiry of those who are familiar with

the handwriting in the books brings the

information that the books were kept by The report of the committee which experted the accounts in 1895 is as follows: Davis. No one could say in whose hand-writing the changes appear to have been "House of Representatives, Salem, Or., Feb. 23, 1895.-Mr. Speaker: Your com-mittee, appointed under House concur-It is also learned that for the period covered by the discrepancies the total col-lections amounted to \$99,689 00, for which rent resolution No. 3, to examine the books and accounts of the Board of Comthe clerk held receipts to the amount of missioners for the sale of school and university lands, have completed our la-bor, and beg leave to report as follows: \$58,739 30, leaving \$30,949 73 not accounted

gation in as thorough manner as the

facts reported by the committee. He said accounts for the land sold have been that he had no statement to make at this carefully compared with the entries in time; that he felt confident that the al- the cash book, and also with the indorseleged defalcation could be explained, and ments on the notes given for deferred that he could have explained the entries payments, and the entries for cash sales

with the consideration named in the deeds. We have carefully added all the columns of entries in the cash book and compared the totals with entries in the edger, and the credits in the ledger with the State Treasurer's receipts, and these with duplicates on file in the office of the Secretary of State. We have found the cash accounts absolutely correct and all moneys accounted for, the clerical work of said office well performed, and the system of accounts and general manner of conducting the to be plain, complete and comprehensive reflecting credit upon Mr. George W. Davis, clerk of the board. We find the

old school land tract books in bad con-A. D. Little as expert clerks, and on February as the committee reported having made a thorough examination of the books, which examination showed a condition reflecting purchase state lands, and have found them to be in due form and in according the requirements of law.

"T. J. CLEETON, Chairman."

Metschan Makes Statement.

business of the office

1893 and

Ex-Clerk Davis' alleged stealing was done between August 1, 1894, and January 12, 1895. During this time the state land board was composed of Governor Pennoyer, Secretary of State McBride, and Treasurer Metschan. Pennoyer and McBride went out of office January 14, 1895, and Mr. Metschan remained in fice until 1899. Ex-Treasurer Metschan was asked last night why his cash or records dld not disclose the discrepancy when compared with Davis' reports. He

replied that the board did not check up with the clerk, as that duty was per formed blennially by a joint committe of the Legislature. He added that Davis'

accounts were so experted in "We have, with the assistance of com-petent accountants, pursued our investi-said that he could not see how the jand board could be held in any wise respontime at our disposal would permit, The sible for Davis' defalcation

The resentment of the Cubans against American interference with the formation of a government has unquestionably been increased by the demands made by Secretary Root. The Military Governor's news. paper organ now admits that the constitutional convention will probably refuse the concession of coaling stations, and will also reject American supervision of foreign affairs.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS

Congress.

Lentz made two sensational speeches in the House. Page 2.

The House passed the sundry civil bill. Page 2.

The general deficiency bill was taken up by the House. Fage 2. The question of pneumatic tube mail service

was discussed by the Senate. Page 2.

There is no hope of getting pensions from the Government for Oregon Indian War Vet+ erans at this session of Congress. Page 3.

Philippines.

The general agent of the Tabacaleria Com-pany was arrested for aiding the rebels, Page 3.

Belgians are implicated in a plot to kill an American officer. Page 3.

General Davis will take up the duties of Provost Marshal of Manila, Page 3.

Foreign.

The Chinese have offered to comp nise, which the foreign envoys have accepted. Page 3. The Von Waldersee expedition may be abandoned. Page 3,

narrowly escaped capture by the Kitchener Boers. Page 2.

Domestic.

Mrs. Nation refuses to give bond to keep tha peace, and remains in jail. Page 2. Manslaughter in the first degree was the ver-

dict in the Hamilton case Page 3. Northwestern Pennsylvania is being swept by a blizzard. Page 1.

Northwest Legislatures.

Wednesday routine of the Gregon, Washing-ton and Idaho Legislatures. Pages 4 and 5. The Oregon House has defeated the pilot bill by a vote of 45 to 13. Page 4.

The Judge of Multnomah County will not re-ceive from the Legislature power to appoint officers of elections. Page 5.

tepublicans of the Washington Senate will try to force the Jones reapportionment bill through at once. Page 5.

in the Oregon Legislature Wednesday Corbett received two more votes, or 34, for Senator. Page 4.

Complete statement of the changes in the new Portland charter. Page 4.

The Oregon Senate favors abolishment of fishtraps. Page 5.

Pacific Coast.

A shortage of nearly \$31,000 has been disco ered in the accounts of the Oregon Land Office for 1894 and 1895. Page 1.

Commercial and Marine.

Stock markets weak on account of coming holiday. Page 11.

forthwestern wheat crop smaller than estimated. Page 11.

Portland gaining prestige as a wheat exporter, Page 11.

Otto Gildemeister spoken again. Page 10. German bark Edmund reaches San Francisco, Page 10.

Last September ship arrives out. Page 10.

Portland and Vicinity.

Law Enforcement League permanently organized. Page 8.

Effort will be made today to pull the steam-ship Almond Branch away from Morrison-street bridge. Page 10.

Articles incorporating Lewis and Clark Expo-sition will be filed today. Page 12.

City Council is wrestling with fire limit ordinance. Page 10.

15016 SI. This change is the first which was made by erasure. The erasure is very plain. On November 2, \$989 35 was raised by erasure to \$2243 11; on the same day, 1063 71 was raised to \$5603 71 by adding a figure, and on December 1, \$1381 49 was raised by erasing the last "I" and chang-

The other two errors of \$5 and \$3 35 were made by means of deficits, and, in the opinion of the clerks, may have been

therein contained. It is observed that in no case was there a change in the footing, but the footing was always a correct total of the figures as changed. It can-not, therefore, be determined whether the changes were made before or after the

He is proprietor of the Pioneer Stone Quarry, at Yaquina. His official bond was only \$5000, with George G. Bingham and E. P. McCornack as sureties. Many of his friends express the belief that he will be able to explain the apparent shortages.

How He Was Whitewashed in 1895.