

The Oregonian.

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excellent health. The mother of a numerous family, she was energetic, capable and apparently tireless in the discharge of her duties. She was, moreover, practical in the requirements of social life, having been in a manner bred to them, and went to Washington well equipped by experience and a ready mind for her duties.

LOW STANDARDS IN POLITICS.

The moral awakening of the Nation, to which President Roosevelt's accession, example and address have powerfully contributed, is reflected in the municipal housecleaning of St. Louis, Minneapolis, Seattle and other cities, and also in the general condemnation that is visited upon the nation...

THE CRIMP BILL.

Where have they gone—these agitated friends of poor Jack Tar, who have been wont to make the welkin ring with their cries for abolition of seamen's abuses? Is their love a plant, to flourish only when no Legislature is in session and then to wither on the stalk...

Dr. Lyman Abbott, whose name is a synonym for Christian scholarship and exalted citizenship, has donated his long career of more practical beneficence than to direct his weekly magazine, The Outlook, to an expose of the Tammany and the Adickes operations...

THE NEW MILITIA LAW.

The new militia law is an attempt to modernize the ancient militia law of 1792, which required that an officer should have a sponoon (a half pike) and "a hanger," a sword, and that an enlisted man should have a musket carrying an ounce ball.

GRAND JURY LOSING GROUND.

Minnesota is now struggling with the grand jury problem, a bill being before the Legislature for the abolition of that ancient and unwieldy adjunct of the criminal courts.

THE SOCIAL STRAIN.

The duties of the mistress of the White House are arduous and exacting. Though the name of the President's wife has not, with a single exception, been mentioned in recent years in connection with political affairs or incidents, she is unmistakably a person of importance in the Administration...

Here in Oregon we have had experience with both the compulsory and the optional grand jury. Eight years ago the Oregon statute was so amended that the calling of the grand jury was made optional and the courts were authorized to try persons charged with crimes upon the information of the District Attorney.

In the present Oregon Legislature restoring the compulsory grand jury, but it received scant attention. It was regarded as a device in the interest of lawyers rather than the people. No-body points to injustice as a result of the present method...

From official reports made to the Secretary of War it appears that there were in the United States on February 1, 1901, the day before the passage of the anti-canteen law, 1555 saloons within the limits of city-streets...

The zeal of the lifesaving crews at the mouth of the Columbia and on the Washington Coast has, it is said, aided sailors to desert stranded vessels when the danger did not justify them in so doing, and the condition of the vessels was not hopeless.

In view of the fact that the race problem threatens the future of the Republic, this is a statement altogether too strong. Events have a way of working out problems that affect the stability of governments...

During the fiscal year of 1882 immigrated into the United States numbered 78,992, and the nearest approach to that figure before or since has been in the past year, when 739,289 immigrants arrived.

Governor Chamberlain's reason for his veto of the bill which placed bicycle thieves on the criminal code does credit to his humanity. Bicycle thieves are mostly boys, the Governor would save them from a brief severance of the Pentecentary...

The three women so suddenly and shockingly bereft of their husbands by the deadly aim of the coevict, Tracy and Merrill, at Salem, last Summer, are entitled to and have received plenty of sympathy from all sympathetic people.

Carrie Nation declares that Los Angeles is the most immoral city she ever visited. The Council, thus spurred to action, immediately adopted a resolution of confidence in the ability and integrity of the Chief of Police.

Colonel Goodale, of the Seventeenth United States Infantry, who has just been promoted to be Brigadier-General, U. S. A., and placed on the retired list, served in the Army of the Potomac and was a participant in the Peninsula campaign of 1862 under McClellan, and fought at the battle of Gettysburg.

J. P. Morgan's visit to the White House with Aldrich and Hanna indicates his superiority over Rockefeller. "Never write letters," said an old politician, "and a man." Better yet, go yourself, as Morgan does.

the Krag-Jorgensen rifle, with which the Army is equipped. PUBLICITY AND THE TRUSTS. Chicago Tribune. The Nelson amendment to the Department of Commerce bill, which needs only the President's signature to become a law...

The information and data collected by the commissioner are intended primarily for the information of the President and the Senate. The information is not to be made public.

Has No Soul for the Birds. North Yamhill Record. A snob legislator has introduced a measure in the Oregon Legislature which punishes by fine or imprisonment for any one to kill or injure any wild bird or birds, other than crows or hawks, except game birds.

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Whatcom Revelle. If Portland will not be good and Multnomah County will not get a line the Geer men and Fulton men could even up matters by sending back to the United States Senate as Senator from Oregon the Hon. Joe Simon, of Portland.

Suffering of the Innocent. Salem Statesman. The most fearful thing about the cowardly deed of Elliott Lyons in Lane County is the mortification felt by his relatives, who are good people. What a mortification a man is who will bring such sorrow upon his family, the members of which have always conducted themselves as good and law-abiding citizens.

Businesslike Session. Elgin Recorder. The present legislative session doesn't appear to be inclined to allow the Senatorial election to interfere with the transaction of other business. In this respect it is a decided improvement on a number of previous sessions.

Action Will Be Taken. Walla Walla Union. The authorities of Portland should take action without delay in the matter of the sailor crimps and see if it is not possible with the aid of the city of Portland to get the crimps out of the city.

Support the President. Boise Statesman. In view of the astounding disclosures in Washington concerning the methods resorted to to prevent the enactment of anti-trust legislation, it would seem to be the duty of our Legislature immediately to adopt a memorial giving voice to the sentiment of this state on the subject.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. Geaundheit! How's your cod's this bodrig? "What is so rare as a day in June?" Any one of Oregon's midsummerlike February days.

The Senatorial wheel of fortune at Salem is still spinning. There is yet time to make your bets. The ceremony attending the opening of Parliament resembles somewhat an old maid hunting under her bed for a burglar.

Richard Croker will not return to New York until 1904 for fear of harming Tammany. Some one ought to shanghai him and bring him back at once. Some one said that a fool is born every minute. Judging from these turt companies' success there must be at least ten suckers born in the same interval of time.

It is seldom that the partial burning of a building leaves so much regret in its wake as did the latest Occidental Hotel fire. Usually somebody is glad for what is left, at least. Many of Portland's women are like peacocks. They will appear on the streets arrayed in costumes costing small fortunes and with footgear that seems never to have come in contact with shoe polish.

During the tulip mania in Holland in 1636 and 1637, a single bulb of a tulip named the viceroy was sold for four tons of wheat. Judging from these turt companies' success there must be at least ten suckers born in the same interval of time. Here is a sign that is becoming quite noticeable in the front of Portland grocery stores where the sidewalk is laid out.

This pleases President McCusker, of the Civic Improvement Association, and also people who eat fruit and vegetables. For unblushing impudence and monumental gall, witness the following from the notorious "Gas" Adickes: No man who refused to vote for J. Edward Adickes in the Legislature will ever be allowed to hold any office in Delaware, nor will any better sympathizer be permitted to come to the front.

If the men of Delaware will stand this sort of thing, it is time, high time, for the women to take control. The New England Historical Genealogical Society has appointed a committee to ascertain, if possible, the exact place of rendezvous of the Boston tea party when it assembled, December 16, 1773, preliminary to throwing the tea into Boston harbor. The stories of the place handed down by tradition have been conflicting, and many of the members of the society think the effort will be in vain.

That old worlds perish daily in volcanic disaster, and that new ones are continually formed from their dust and fragments is eminently probable. This idea is only a generalization from those of the two great Englishmen—Lord Kelvin and Sir Norman Lockyer—whose genius has been aroused by the innumerable celestial collisions of which we are mute witnesses and of the volcanic eruptions that seem to indicate how the earth is to come to an end in some far-off day.

A popular book of statistics places Portland's population at the end of 1902 at 110,000, with births for the year at 1156, deaths 1172. The same work credits Seattle with 150,000 population, 519 births and 516 deaths. Owing to superior water, Portland's death rate is probably lower, but the proportion of births should be about the same. Assuming the correctness of the Portland estimate, Seattle should either fake all statistics as she does her bank clearings or else tell more of the truth. A little maiden who resides in South Portland has for her neighbor and best friend a German gentleman, whom she visits many times daily to share most of her joys and sorrows, and from whom she receives many useful instructions about plants and flowers and birds and drawing and music. The other day this friend told the little girl about some deaf mutes and some blind people. The child was much impressed with their unfortunate lot. Not to be able to hear any person speak, to hear her mamma or papa, or to talk to them or to any one else—never—never—oh, it was awful! And then the poor things that could never see the funny pictures in the papers, nor the flowers, nor the sky, nor the birds; that could never see any thing, nor draw pictures, nor play face tag, nor find the sugar bowl or apple bin! If possible, this thought was awfuler than that of being a deaf mute. "What would you do, dear, if you were deaf and dumb or blind?" asked the German friend. "I'd be awful, awful sorry," the little one responded, with all the solemnity of one in the very presence of impending calamity. Then, after a moment's reflection, in which the gravity of the matter grew upon her, she would to wake her! Well, how does your mamma wake you up? What does she give you in the morning? Bitte—a spoonful of cod liver oil, auntie.—Brooklyn Life.