

The Oregonian

Entered at the Postoffice at Portland, Or., as second-class matter. REVISED SUBSCRIPTION RATES: By mail (postage prepaid in advance) Daily, with Sunday, per year, \$5.00...

POSTAGE RATES: United States, Canada and Mexico—10 to 14-page paper, 10c; 15 to 20-page paper, 15c; 21 to 24-page paper, 20c; Foreign rates, double. EASTERN BUSINESS OFFICE: The S. C. Beckwith Special Agency—New York: Rooms 45-50, Tribune building...

KEPT ON SALE: Chicago—Auditorium Annex; Postoffice News Co., 175 Dearborn street; DeWitt—Julius Black, Hamilton & Kendrick, 905-912 Seventh street...

PORTLAND, MONDAY, JAN. 9, 1905.

COST OF NATIONAL POLICY.

The Monroe Doctrine, though not very well defined, is a vital part of the policy of the United States. President Roosevelt's recent interpretations of it have been much misrepresented. The purpose of this policy is not to coerce or control the other states of America, but to protect them; that is, to allow them opportunity for development, free from the intrusion of the powers of the Old World.

Yet just now there is imminent danger in the case of Venezuela. That country is slow in meeting its awards under the Hague Tribunal. Its European creditors are becoming impatient. The government of the country is not doing what it agreed to do. Perhaps there soon may be concert between England, Germany and Italy to compel it. Then what of the Monroe Doctrine?

These are the serious features of the guardianship of the Western Hemisphere, which our regard for our own safety has obliged us to assume. The difficulty is not in getting on. Within three or six months the procedure upon Venezuela from Europe may be such as to call for our interposition again.

It is not like that paying back," said Laftast. "It's double labor." And in efforts to have that double labor performed much effort has been expended since the first touch was made outside the Garden of Eden, and many doleful verses have been written concerning it, for your poet has ever had a shrinking from the bait. The bait, indeed, has been no inconsiderable figure in literature, and has been a popular character with novelists so diverse as Dickens and Lover. Foll a balliff and the world laughs with you. It may be that all honest debtors thrill in sympathy with the hero in his garret, remembering how melancholy is the step of a dun upon their own stairs.

dianship is, we probably shall not relinquish it. The nation that claims a great position in the world must pay money to maintain it. Slow as Russia is, she also finds it out, and more is preparing for expenditure of \$300,000,000 on naval armament. And Japan must do the like. Yet the world is to be ruled through peace conferences and arbitration!

THE OREGON LEGISLATURE.

No Oregon Legislature ever had a better opportunity to do creditable work for the state than has the Legislature of 1905. With no Senatorial contest to take attention from the more important work of lawmaking, and with no stormy partisan or factional strife that supplant reason, there seems to be nothing to hinder careful and judicious enactment of laws. The people are in a mood to indorse and uphold progressive measures and will not complain at reasonable appropriations if the expenditures authorized are for the general good. Oregon has entered upon an era of development and the spirit of optimism pervades every department of our industrial life.

The Oregonian is a newspaper of character from individuals and cannot undertake to return any manuscript sent to it without solicitation. No stamps should be enclosed for this paper. KEEP ON SALE: Chicago—Auditorium Annex; Postoffice News Co., 175 Dearborn street; DeWitt—Julius Black, Hamilton & Kendrick, 905-912 Seventh street...

OVER IN WASHINGTON.

The State Legislature of Washington assembled at Olympia today. It is confronted by the usual troublesome task of selecting a United States Senator, and it will be called upon to enact the customary variety of legislation. It is to be hoped that such threats, if made, were expressed in the impulsiveness of a vigorous contest and have no permanent resting-place in the minds of men who are charged with the task of making laws for half a million people.

The session of 1905 will probably be memorable for the number of important bills considered. This Legislature will probably inaugurate the flat-salary system of state officers, and require that all fees be turned into the State Treasury. It is also likely that at this session the plan of indirect taxation will be extended so as to require express, telephone, telegraph and Pullman companies to bear a greater proportion of the burdens of government.

The measures here mentioned are of large importance and will have a lasting influence upon the affairs of the state. There is a multitude of minor laws proposed which have been given less discussion or which will be less permanent, if enacted. The game laws, fishery laws, pure-food laws and election laws are called for attention at this session, as they have many times in the past and will many times in the future. Whether gambling should be made a felony or the regulation of this evil should be left to municipalities; whether a uniform system of public accounts should be adopted and state supervision of private banks and fraternal insurance societies should be undertaken, are questions that will also be presented at this session and require consideration from future Legislatures as well as this.

It is popularly supposed, though erroneously, that the people elected Roosevelt as President two months ago. As a matter of fact, he has not been elected and will not be until some time today, when the Presidential Electors meet at the several state capitals and cast their ballots. The people chose Presidential Electors at the election in November, and those Electors are legally free to vote for whomsoever they please. Morally they are bound to vote for the candidates of their respective parties. If Roosevelt had died yesterday, the Presidential Electors in each of the states would be under the necessity of casting their ballots for some other person. The real Presidential election takes place today.

It is astonishing to what proportions the corn and tomato pack of the United States has grown. A report published by the Department of Agriculture at Washington estimates the tomato pack of 1904 at \$2,000,000, each case containing two dozen cans, or above 208,000,000 cans in all; while the corn pack exceeded 11,000,000 cases, or above 285,000,000 cans in all. Iowa is the great corn-packing state, with Illinois second. Maryland is the leading tomato-packing state, with Indiana

second and New Jersey third. At only six cents a can this double industry would represent an enormous amount of money. The men who have been centering their efforts upon securing places on the ways and means committee don't know the trouble they are hunting. Such a position confers, some little power, it is true, but it also imposes a large amount of work. If it gives the member a little more influence than his colleagues, it also places a large amount of responsibility upon his shoulders. Many a man has been sorry in subsequent campaigns on the stump that he had a record as member of a ways and means committee of the Legislature. The figures at the bottom of an appropriation bill do not often look good to the taxpayers.

Among the deutory paragraphs of the late grand-jury's report was this one: We praise the activity of the persons who, bearing the venom and vitriol of a great daily paper, are engaged in combating the irregular conduct of the Portland police system and in pointing out the better standards in this, their chosen home. "A great daily paper" should have some balance of judgment and some common sense. It should not be a sensational, paralytic, cranky, cantankerous thing. Else it never would be or become a great daily paper.

Clearvoyants and spiritualists who are not above trading their gift for commercial purposes. Dr. Hester Newton a handsome testimonial for publicly declaring that certain persons have power to communicate with the dead, and that clairvoyance is an established science. He admits that this is fraud, but fails to distinguish a credulous public on the distinction between faddists and the larger army who are willing to be the communicating agency for "Gents H. ladies 50c, open evenings and Sundays."

Cuba is also building up her merchant marine. The first vessel launched under the flag of Cuba Libre was completed recently in Belfast, and is designed especially to carry molasses in bulk between ports on the Cuban coast. This recalls Frank Stockton's story of the spotless American cruiser whose captain encountered a derelict in mid-ocean and resolved to sink the danger to navigation by ramming it. As the derelict was loaded with molasses, the result to the gunboat was too frightful to contemplate.

The biennial report of the State Treasurer shows that there is now but \$200,000 of idle money in the common-school fund, whereas there was \$728,000 lying idle two years ago. It is well that \$228,000 have been put out at interest, but it would be better if the remaining \$200,000 were also loaned out on good securities bringing 6 per cent. If it won't bring 6 per cent, it should be made to bring 5.

Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson, a man of cheerful yesterdays and confident tomorrows, recently celebrated his 81st birthday. Congratulations upon the length of years achieved in his case are well placed, since Colonel Higginson is still a brave, smiling and hopeful man, serene in reflection and fearless in anticipation, ready, as he has ever been, to go or to stay, as fate wills.

A purist, who reads The Oregonian, objects to its use of the word "cantankerous." That word is not a very fat-looking word, and the idea it carries is not among the most refined ideas. Nevertheless, a word that was good enough for Goldsmith and Thackeray, and many more, is a word The Oregonian may use, without serious question as to its propriety.

It is doubtless too much to expect that Missouri will appropriate \$500,000 for the 1906 Fair. But Missouri knows its own people and its own conditions, and it seems now to be convinced, along with the rest of the world, that the Lewis and Clark Fair will be worth all the money. The State of Washington will please take notice.

The Polk County Mohair Association will hold its annual goat show at Dallas Thursday and Friday, January 13 and 14. Here's wishing the association the greatest success. If the Willamette Valley had more goats it would have fewer fields growing up to brush and small trees and more fields producing grass for pasture.

An irrigation company in Harney Valley reports sinking a well 89 feet deep in which the water rose to within 20 feet of the surface, with every indication of an abundant supply. Now, if wind power or cheap fuel for steam power were to be used, there will be a splendid opportunity for many small irrigation systems.

All laws enacted by the Legislature will go into effect ninety days after adjournment, unless it is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety; that they should go into force sooner. Now we shall learn what a multitude of dangers have been threatening the state.

Harvard's new enrollment, as shown by the catalogue just out, shows a shrinkage of 192 students from last year. That time-honored institution is not likely, however, to close for want of patronage, since the roll still contains the names of 5565 students.

The settlement in Colorado is probably the best thing that could have been done. Now let the Legislature change the date of the election laws so that frauds will not be so easy hereafter.

Why didn't the late grand jury undertake enforcement of the Sunday laws in this county? Because so many of its sanctioning backers make money by violating them.

One irrigation company in the Deschutes country, Crook County, is working a force of 450 men and 150 teams. That is to be an irrigation system not built entirely on paper.

Washington County has levied a 10-mill tax for permanent roadbuilding purposes. Now Clackamas and Marion had better look out for their reputations as leaders.

The mildest thing now to be said about the grand jury system is that there are grand juries and grand juries.

As between the whipping-post and matrimony for wifebeaters, Philosopher Dooley inclines to the latter.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Several of the chorus were injured in the New York opera-house by the collapse of a bridge in the street scene of "Carmen." The audience heroically refrained from going into a panic and bore the sufferings of the injured with great fortitude.

Germany now says a good word for the battleship, which would be surprised, if it could do any thinking, to learn that its real purpose is the preservation of peace.

The Pope is about to give the peoples of South America some good advice in counseling them to give up revolting so frequently. But its acceptance would be an general revolution.

General Miles will now dazzle Massachusetts. Russia will blow in \$300,000,000 on an ocean navy. That is as quick a way of getting rid of money as any other.

Washington has a new religious sect called the Unknown Tongues, because its services are read in an unknown tongue. There's nothing very distinctive about that. In many churches the leaders are read in what appears to be the unknown services are read in an unknown tongue.

Tom Humes, formerly Mayor of Seattle, will give a great public funeral. The old quotation might be twisted to read "Nothing good of any but the dead." The tall robber and the short robber have been at work again in Portland. They are a most industrious couple.

Venezuela has not yet exhausted the patience of the United States. But when she does— Mrs. Corinne Brown, of Chicago, says that women's clubs "are going to smash on the shoals of tea and wafers." They are pleasant shoals on which to go smash, however.

One of the American girls who have acquired titles is known as the "children's angel" of Ireland, we learn from an exchange, because she gives much of her time and money to teach impoverished children in the west of Ireland the beauties of Nature. We should think the beauties of a beefsteak would appeal more to an impoverished child than all the beauties Nature can offer, even in the west of Ireland.

Says the New York Sun: An expensively gowned young woman in a Maiden Lane jewelry store had selected a pair of handsome military brushes, which she said were to be a gift to her fiance. "Would you like it marked with a letter?" asked the clerk. "Yes, you might just engrave 'U. S.' on it," replied the purchaser. "U. S.," replied the clerk as he jotted the letters down on a card. "Yes, his name is Eugene Smith."

A judge in Chicago, deciding a case under the child-labor statute, held that an office boy must be considered as actually working during the hours he is nominally employed. This should bring blushes to unaccustomed cheeks.

An American colored gentleman, says the New York Tribune, got into a poker game in a London club. His vis-a-vis, an Englishman, picked up three kings and a pair of deuces and said: "I raise the pot one pound." The colored gentleman picked up four aces. His eyes almost popped from his head. He said, stammeringly: "I don't know much about de system of weights an' measures in dis beach country, but I'm gwine to raise you a ton!" WEX. J.

Possibilities in Language. Illinois State Journal. "Our language," said John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, the Democratic leader of the House, "is certainly susceptible of much mutilation. I recall a statement made by one of the hands on my plantation that I consider the most ungrammatical combination of words I ever heard. "I had sent for him to do something about the house. Half an hour later the letters down on a card, said: 'Mr. Williams, I'm so busy out yonder I come down to say I can't come.' " "Huh!" put in Representative Clayton, of Georgia. "That's not in it with the remark 'water made to me in an Atlanta restaurant. I asked for some rare beef and he brought me a well-doned piece. " "See here," I said. "I want some rare beef—underdone, you know. " "Can't get it," said the waiter. "We ain't got none that's no underdone." Yet to Come. Lippincott's. Blanche, Thomas and Thomas were in the garden playing and making a great deal of noise, but small Jack sat in a corner very quietly, which for Jack was an unusual proceeding. After the remark "water made to me in a mother's curiosity prompt and her to ask, "What are you playing?" "We are playing house," answered Wilber. "Blanche and I are the mother and father, and Thomas is the child. " "And what does Jack do?" "Sh! sh! he ain't born yet."

GREAT WOMEN OF MODERN TIMES.

Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough (By Arrangement with the Chicago Tribune.)

I hope in Christ you will never think more of leaving me, for I would be sacrificed to do you the least service, and nothing but death could separate us. I am sure you will be possible I am every day more and more yours. —A characteristic sentence in a letter of the Princess Anne, later Queen Anne, to the Duchess of Marlborough.

No great man's life was ever more affected by women than was that of John Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough. He founded his immense fortune on \$500,000, which was given him by his admirer, the Duchess of Cleveland, a favorite of King Charles II. His rise was largely due to the influence of his wife Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, over the Princess, afterward Queen Anne. From this Queen he and his wife received most of their great and profitable offices. His fall came when another woman, Mrs. Masham, displaced his wife in the affections of her royal mistress.

The beautiful, brilliant, ambitious, imperious Sarah, when young, was just the person to fascinate a good, stupid body like Anne of Denmark; and, despite her furious temper, she was also just the woman to be the wife of the impetuous, able, warlike Churchill, Earl of Marlborough. She had been a little less haughty, a little less self-confident, a little less shrewish, she might have been the virtuous wife of England for 12 years, as in fact she was. The Jenningses were a good family, but in modest circumstances. Richard Jennings was famous chiefly for the beauty and brightness of his daughter, Anne, who, in 1670, became known in the court of Charles II. a court famous for its beauties, as "La Belle Jennings." The little Sarah, when about 12 years old, visited her mother at court. A playmate was found for her there in the Princess Anne, aged 5, daughter of the Duke of York. Sarah was a few years later appointed maid of honor to Anne, who was the mother of the little princess. The two girls were thrown much together. Sarah was fast becoming a handsome young woman, with dazzling complexion, fair hair, and eyes that shone like stars. Then, as later, "when in a good humor," as Macaulay says, "was meekly stupid, and when in bad humor was sulkily stupid," and the fascinating, strong-minded Sarah, though beneath her in station, rapidly became her idol, and kept an ascendancy over her which she got 30 years.

About this time Sarah Jennings met John Churchill, whose handsome face and figure and charming manners had made him a favorite with the painted beauties of the dissolute court. He was ambitious. He could have married any of the court beauties, and could have made money more. Sarah Jennings was poor as she was beautiful. Despite his ambition and avarice Churchill loved the fair maid of honor as soon as she appeared. But the young soldier was invincible in love as in war. The kind-hearted Duchess of York gave Sarah a dowry, and she was married in 1671. The groom was 27, the bride but 17. In an age of dissoluteness and conjugal infidelity, they seem, despite all their faults, to have ever loved and been true to each other. Churchill bore his wife's tantrums with meek resignation, and regarded her almost as a superior being.

In 1682 Churchill was created Baron Churchill, of Ayrmouth. The friendship between the Princess Anne, who was married in 1683 to Prince George of Denmark, and Sarah Churchill, who was appointed to the post of governess to the Princess Anne, was a most intimate one. At the Princess's suggestion she adopted the name of Mrs. Morley, and Lady Churchill that of Mrs. Freeman, and they "began," as the latter afterward wrote, "to converse as if they were in the most perfect affection and friendship."

A CALL TO SELF-DEFENCE. Put Down the Sheep Murderers in Eastern Oregon. Crook County Journal. The latest slaughter of sheep, account of which is found in another column, should mark the closing act in a series of which the character of the past grazing season. The time has likewise passed when this matter can consistently be handled with kid gloves. Facts, publicly and resolute action are necessary. Cattlemen and sheepmen alike are trying out against this wanton butchery which is doing no good, but is drawing a shroud of shameful crime over the head of the county. Hatred, such as has been engendered in the southern feud, has been engendered, and its course, so far unrestrained and flinging vengeance with a malignance that passes the bounds of humanity, must be checked and restrained, or needless and inexorable crime goes on. It is time now for it to stop. Excuses and extenuating circumstances should no longer be offered, but in their stead measures should be taken for a decisive move to be made. The matter has resolved itself into a reign of riot and senseless butchery and methods of extermination of this crime must be equally as effective in bringing the lawless Crook County to the perpetration of these crimes have made effective their manner of dealing with sheep. If the various stock associations, whose slogan during the past year has been "stop the range war," are incapable of dealing with this delicate question, and they have proved themselves to be, then the time has come when others will and must take the matter in their own hands. It is time now for a decisive move to be made, and it has never been before. Mob law and lawless crimes may be smothered with sanction in districts where criminal negroes are the instigating and leading forces. Only the courts are wholly at variance with those in regions referred to where crimes against humanity rouse hatred in men's breasts. Speedy action and swift punishment for these heinous criminals is the only cure. Let it come quickly.

Same Judgment Everywhere. Morning Olympian. The Portland grand jury that indicted Mayor Williams, a man 82 years of age, who has served his country as a Senator, as a Cabinet officer and who for years was Chief Justice of the state, on so frivolous a charge as the one laid, has shown that it has passed the stage of usefulness and is merely making mischief.

London Unemployed. London Daily News. Yesterday a city firm received no fewer than 258 applications in response to an advertisement for clerks. The salary offered was 30 shillings (£7.50) per week.

Each year the New Year's edition of The Oregonian is a special feature of the paper. It is a full presentation of Oregon resources and an especially complete list of the Lewis and Clark Fair. It should be means of bringing thousands of people to the fair next summer. If property districts in the Lewis and Clark Fair, and the natural result will be that the people of East will not only be astounded but amazed at the monstrous undertaking by the people of Oregon in exploiting the boundless resources of the Northwest, and Oregon in particular. As a newspaper, The Oregonian easily is all others of the Far West.

Salmon Statesman. The New Year's edition of The Oregonian is a special feature of the paper. It is a full presentation of Oregon resources and an especially complete list of the Lewis and Clark Fair. It should be means of bringing thousands of people to the fair next summer. If property districts in the Lewis and Clark Fair, and the natural result will be that the people of East will not only be astounded but amazed at the monstrous undertaking by the people of Oregon in exploiting the boundless resources of the Northwest, and Oregon in particular. As a newspaper, The Oregonian easily is all others of the Far West.