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shington, D. C .- Ebbitt House News PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18, 1905.

SENATOR MITCHELL'S STATEMENT. Mr. Mitchell's statement, delivered through the Senate of the United States, is before the country. Delivered through the Senate, it comes in the most impressive of all ways; for thus it is invested with an interest national dramatic, tragic, it will be read through, not only by the people of Oregon, but of the whole country. Senator Mitchell makes his own state ment in fullness and detail, and The Oregonian need not here repeat ft. It stands upon the records of the Senate. and upon the truth of it his own name,

reputation and future depend. A very grave responsibility rests upon Mr. Honey, the prosecutor, and upon his official superiors, his prompters, backers and guides in this undertaking. The accusation comes from They have proceeded with slow deliberation; they have pursued their purpose for months and still are pursuing it; the inquisition at this moment is active in Portland and throughout Oregon. Through the investigation urged by Mr. Heney, under direction of the retary of the Interior and the Attorney-General, not only Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann, but other well-known men, are accused, and it is given out, apparently without reserve, that still others will be indicted. It is a grave matter, the gravest ever presented in the State of Oregon. and in some ways the gravest ever pro sented in the history of our National inistration.

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What further? The issue now is Mr. Mitchell enters unqualified danial, in the most solemn way, before the most august body in America; and he emphasizes the denial by attack upon his prosecutors, by denunciation of the spirit of their proceedings, and by defiance of their utmost effort against him.

Here is a case out of which some thing is to happen. It is not for The Oregonian to express any opinion now. at if the prosecutors-the Attorney-

postponement entirely clear. There will be no primaries of any kind under authority of law for the Portland June election. The bosses are to have plenty of rope. This includes all kinds of bosses of all factions and parties. They will make horrible examples of them-selves. The need of primary reform will thus be obvious to everybody, and in 1996 there will be no trouble whatever in procuring its general acceptance.

AN UNFAIR PROPOSITION.

The Orlgonian deems it a duty to raise its protest against the proposal that the charter of the City of Port-land be so amended as to direct the ievy of a two-mill tax each year on all the property of the city, for the purse of building bridges over 10.00 gulches here and there, in the distant

parts or outskirts of the city. It is not a fair proposition, that the entral parts of the city, which have made all their improvements at their own expense, and which pay the larger part of the taxes, through high assess-ments, should now be taxed further for construction of roadways or viaducts

in distant localities. People who have bought property beyond the guiches, because property there was cheap, may wish, doubtless for their own convenience and profit to tax others who have no share in the benefits. Four-fifths of the money, ollected under an act like this, would be taken from the central part of the city for improvements solely for the benefit of local property here and there. that would pay very little. Buitne property in Portland is already loaded to the limit with taxation.

People have bought lots in the outskirts, because they didn't want to pay the rents inside that high valuations and high tax rates compel; and now it is most unfair on their part to ask that inside property shall pay further taxes. to enable those who have gone to the outskirts or suburbs, to reach their property or homes

A proposition of this kind bears no relation or proportion to the Willamette bridges, of use to all, because the river divides the city into parts nearly equal. Local improvements, like bridges over distant guiches, ought to be made by the local property; and The Oregonian is sure that in this statement it voices the opinion of the owners of four-fifths of the property of Portland.

FEDERAL LICENSES FOR CORPORA-

TIONS.

The recent recommendation of Comuissioner Garfield that new Congressional legislation should establish a system of licenses to be taken out by every corporation engaged in interstate commerce has raised a storm of criticism in the East. It is proposed that an investigation should be conducted by the Commissioner into the plan and operations of every corporation seeking a license before such license be issued. Such proceeding involves an exercise of discretion by that officer which will arm him with enormous power. Practically it will mean the creation of a new court and Judge, and gravest doubts are expressed whether power to that extent is vested in Congress under its control of interstate commerce. Possession of a Federal license is intended to justify the corporation holding it in doing business in any state. There is no limitation specified to corporations engaging in transportation or any allied industry-interstate commerce is to be

the test. Obviously the neveral states would have to determine whether or not to continue to exercise any control or jurisdiction over corporations formed within their borders, but whose operations might pass their limits. Serious debate would inevitably arise between the individual states and the Federal Government on these important mat- of the stricken among their own memters. If decided in favor of the Government, a long step would be taken in To sustain this recommendation it is vided a place of resort in Arizona for urged that the states have diverse and such enlisted soldlers and sallors as are often not harmonious laws on the for- attacked by pulmonary tuberculosis mation, conduct and control of corpowhile in the service. But the effort, whether Individual, fraternal or offirations formed within their boundaries. It is arguable that the proposed remedy clai, is not as widely extended as the this new Federal Interposition exigencies of the case demand. Except by. might be worse than the disease. The in a relatively limited extent, it has creation of corporations, and supplying them with powers to live, to grow, to stage, either along preventive or remmake profits and distribute them, to edial lines. Of the 40,000 consur sue and be sued in the state courts is of New York for example, the city one of the high sovereign powers of the provides beds for 1000; Baltimore and individual state, a power neither to be Cincinnati have tuberculosis hospitals lightly yielded nor to be devolved by in which a very small percentage the state on any outside tribunal, how- the afflicted may be cared for; in Chlever august it should be. Therefore, in | cago only the contagious diseases hosview of the evils under which all are suffering from corporate exactions or corporate despotism, the first question to be solved is whether the reserved he is permitted to receive treatment at wers of the state suffice to find and to apply the remedy. Hitherto every erporation in the United States has had to have selected for it a state birthplace under whose jurisdiction it should live, by whose laws it should in its essential being be governed, even though it should come under Federal or other state jurisdiction as to such part of its operations as should partake Pisinly, this original jurisdiction could not be avoided while the corporation maintained its entity-other lurisdiction could be avoided by censing business within their bounds. The original birth state then gained by the corporation both the right and the duty to enforce on its created citizen obedience to its laws. It has been sitting at Salem. In the meantime, as found by the experience of other countries that certain precautions in the formation of corporations are needful for the protection of the stockholder and of the public. In Oregon, as in other states, many of these are conspicuous by their absence. The first is publicity of all contracts and engagements made between the parties interested in forming the corporation and any propertyowners whose possessions the corporation is to acquire and operate, and all contracts between the company and the incorporators. Such papers are required to be filed with the articles of corporation with the officer of the that of all other efforts and agencies state government, and there remain for public inspection. Secondly, the nature known as the New Year's Oregonian Fortunately, there will be another sesand purport of all such contracts is re- has attracted universal attention. It quired to be displayed on every pros- has had notice in the columns of nearly octus or invitation to subscribe for

profiles are earned, it may be asked not be required to be discharged in the fact that The Overtherst. It gagements with the public by which not be required to be displayed, in is the one newspaper of the Pacific manner similar to the course followed Coast that is universally known, and with National banks. These suggestions are not intended to stands for and represents.

exhaust the subject, but to instance precautions in the future formation of corporations which would serve to avoid some of the evils of overcapitalization and of injury to the stockholder. Whether the necesisty of such steps on the part of the state can be obviated by the system of Federal control suggested by Commissioner Garfield will need mature and careful consideration. oth at Washington and in the Legis-Itaures of the several states.

OUR CONTLIEST PLAGUE.

It has come about through careful in vestigation of its wide prevalence and great fatality that tuberculosis is characterized as the "white plague," and that persistent warfare is being waged against it by sanitary science, in the simplest yet most exacting forms. Formerly the disease was called "con-sumption," and its victims were regarded as having been foredoomed to

death by this means through the ines-capable subtleties of heredity. Even yet those who cilng to old traditions and ignore the developments of medical and sanitary science wag their heads, and with lugubrious air and doleful tone say, "There is consumption in his family," when a boy comes to manhood lacking the appearance of robust health. To a considerable extent, however, the mysterles of fate that were wont to

attach themselves to this disease have been dispelled. The pestiferous, insidious germ of tuberculosis has been dis-covered and classified; the possibility that it may find lodgment in the susceptible tissues of any human body has been conceded; the failacy of attempt ing to dislodge it by means of drugs has been shown, and the fact that it can be overcome by life in the open air,

a generous diet, systematic exercise, rest and freedom from care, has been demonstrated. Still, the "white plague," notwithin life, suspended energy and vain quest for relief of all the diseases that scourge the human race. According to the estimate of physicians, it disables

from one-quarter to one-third of the population of our own country between the productive ages of 15 and 45. To combat the conditions that lead to this shocking waste of human life, energy and productive force, much stress has

been laid in recent years upon the fact, first, that the disease is communicable and therefore preventable, and, second, that it does not necessarily and inevitably lead to a fatal result. In support of the first contention boards of health in many of the large citles urge the necessity of reporting to the health authorities all cases of developed tuberculosis in their districts; the strict supervision, in a sanitary sense. of the premises where such patients live, and the thorough disinfection of rooms wherein they have died. If the various forces that have moved in the matter of showing the absurdities of some of the old ideas concerning con-

sumption, and in explaining its real nature and proper treatment succeed even fairly well in the undertaking. greatly diminished death rate from this cause in a few years. It must be said, however, that such progress in this direction as has been

made is largely due to unofficial effort. Private individuals have, for mercy's sake, established retreats like Phipps Institute, of Philadelphia, and the Adirondack sanitoria. Fraternal organizations have come to the help bers in like manner as in the consump-tives' home for printers in Colorado;

known for what it is and for

THE MORNING OREGONIAN, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1905.

A project is to come before the City Council today for a junket by that body from Portland to Los Angeles and return. The ostensible object is to investigate various methods of municipal improvement, for the purpose of introducing any needful innovations in Portland; but the real object, or a part of the real object, is to look into the independent telephone system at Los Angeles. A trip of this kind somebody

has to pay for. The city cannot do it, the telephone company should not be permitted to do it, and the Councilmen are not ilkely to want to do it. So it would be better, The Oregonian thinks, to take the telephone company's word for it that there is a competing telephone company in Los Angeles. The Council already knows that there was a second telephone service in Portland.

Washington's progress in general and Tacoma's in particular during the year 1904 are fully and fittingly described and commemorated in the annual edition of the Tacoma News. The resources of Tacoma as a manufacturing and shipping center, especially in connection with its great supply of electrical power, are excellently pre-sented, and the established industries of the city are comprehensively de-scribed. In addition, the natural resources of the State of Washington are fully covered, so that this edition of the News gives in readable form a concise and authoritative presentment of state

and city achievements and possibili

ties.

To be old is not necessarily a matter of regret, though most people so assess it; to be old and poor is generally conceded to be a combination of ills; to be old and a pauper represents a condition which is indeed sad to contemplate But to be old, a pauper and an inmate of a poorhouse while two staiwart sons standing the attitude that science and live, forgetful or unmindful of their common sense have taken in regard to duty, is a lot too pitiful to contem-its cause and cure, is still the costliest plate, and one from which death is certainly a relief. This combination of ills was the fate from which Mrs. Mary Barr, aged \$5 years, escaped by dying at the Washington County poor farm a few days ago.

> The friends of Miss Jennie Arnold, of the Couch School, were shocked and grieved to learn of her sudden and serious attack of illness Monday afteroon. Miss Arnold is one of the most conscientious and capable teachers in ur public schools-bright, cheerful and voted to her work. She has served the district acceptably for half a score of years. It is hoped that she will peedily rally and be able in due time resume her educational duties, though latest advices are that her illness is of a most serious nature, incolving partial paralysis of the brain.

The death is recorded, at the age of 44 years, in Coos County, of a native daughter of Oregon, who had been the mother of seventeen children, ten whom were inmates of her home at the time of her passing, and sixteen of whom are living. Judged by Napoleon's standard of womanly greatness there is every reason to look for a and perhaps by the Rooseveltian idea of large families, this woman's achievement in a little more than two-s years of life was indeed great. With the children and the future, however, rest the proof of the value of this achievement.

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The press of the State of Washington is dealing in the most liberal manner with the Lewis and Clark Fair. It is constantly printing matter about the Fair, commending it to the interest and support of the people of the state and encouraging an ample appropria-tion between the the take the watch after tion by the Legislature for a Washington building and a varied Washington exhibit. The liberality of the press of Washington demands recognition and acknowledgment, not only from the management of the Fair, but from all our people.

NOTE AND COMMENT

That rising young playwright, Richard Brinsley Sheridan, must be flattered to read the commendatory notice given "The Rivals" by the Tacoma Ledger on the occasion of a recent performance. After noting that the actor cast for the part of Sir Lucius O'Trigger had not a role in which he could display his ability, the Ledger goes on to say that those expecting seriousness in the play were disappointed, "yet it is refined, clean-cut comedy." and continues:

connedy,' and continues: Of the play fiself there is not much to be said. It is a high-class connedy production from the period Richard Brinsley Shoridan. There are no serious complications, but a vari-ety of situations, all of which are mer with the utmost dexterity by the members of the com-pany. The conturnes are claborate and typical of the period in which the scenes of "The Rivals" are laid. Incidentally it might be said that there is some literary merit displayed in the play, The intes are well written and show that the author has devoted not a little time to the study of the English language. We frust that Mr. Sheridan will be en-We trust that Mr. Sheridan will be en couraged by this recognition of literary merit" in his play to continue his

study of the English language.

Gessler Rousseau is declared to be sane. except on the matters of anarchism and dynamiting. Trifling exceptions these

So T. T. Geer is to cast aside the editorial pen, which is mightier than the sword, and leave Salem without its bits for breakfast. Ta-ts. T. T.

Their Wedding Garments.

They slood under a beautiful canopy of lace and flowers, he in moble young manhood and she in white allk, decked with flowers and jewein-Lincoln (Kan.) Sentinei

What is the world coming to? Francisco Y. Ordozgolti managed to the Oliver Drew in a match for the handball championship. The man with the long name is champion of Spain and France, Drew is champion of Ireland. When an Irishman doesn't hold the handball championship the world must be coming to an end.

A funny story is told of an experie Evic Greene while on her way here on the steamship Lucanis. The actress wears pa-jamas, and she had difficulty in gaining access

to the women's bath, the stewardens insisting she was a boy .- New York World. On the principle, apparently, that

clothes make the man.

"Why is the sky blue?" asks an exchange. It isn't.

Some kind soul helps us out by sending this conundrum on a postal card:

Henry, what is the matter up in Crool County? What have the poor sheep done? They're all crooks, my dear, and the Beform League is after them for gamboling. There's no real objection to the boxes-

only to the people in them.

It seems to us that if we were a girl running a basketball team we'd have one lot of girls to play and another lot to be photographed.

The Smoot crowd is going to inquire it ut along this line, if it takes all Sum-

They tell of an East Side man who has walked across the Morrison-street bridge 957 times since it has been opened just to get accustomed to it again.

Brooklyn libraries are to have a censor after this. Here's where some authors

The "shepherd's crook" has no reference to Crook County.

If Smooth believes in revolations, or says he does, he is either an idiot or a liar, and in either case he is not fit to be a member of the Senate.-A Democratic Senator. That is something of a slam at professed

ristians, 100. Love is not only blind, but mushy-

the Summit correspondent of the Elma (Wash.) Advance is proof enough of this:

STRAY ECHOES FROM THE STREETS

WHILE your Uncle Samuel has it, and barely noticed it was drifting long held the entire respect of over the Indian's started

WHILE your Uncle Samuel has long held the entire respect of rolling up his sleeves and administer-ing a judicious and well-delivered thranhing now and then to some ob-streperous nation, it is only of last years and months that be has succeed-ed in imbuing a fairly well represented class of his own subjects into a suit-able condition of respect. The view of Uncle Sam as a big-hearted and lib-eral person, too delightfully absorbed in various and sundry affairs of state to center attention upon the handling of public domains is rapidiky vanish-

of public domains, is rapidly vanish-ing. By the investigation of land "Well, the next thing I saw was an frauds, the dual end of protecting the indian scrambling up the road with a fat conest settler and punishing the squaw pudding along behind him. I scheming official is being effected, and jumped on my horse and ran them down acheming official is being effected, and jumped on my horse and ran them down, furthermore a precedent of a most but do you think f could talk them out of their fright? Maybe I didn't try very generations. With the aid and advice hard, for a sudden inspiration came over their fright? Maybe I didn't try very hard, for a sudden inspiration came over their fright? Maybe I didn't try very hard, for a sudden inspiration came over their fright? Maybe I didn't try very hard, for a sudden inspiration came over their fright? Maybe I didn't try very hard, for a sudden inspiration came over the I for a sudden inspiration came over the I for a sudden inspiration or a basis of \$200 and promised to bring his effects after him. I loaded his belongings the ame night, banded his stock and within a week I had my filing on that land and or for my final more later.

But while men, of high and low de- got my final papers five years later. gree, are being dragged into the net day by day, there is within the boundaries of the state, in fact within the city, a prosperous farmer who will not hesitate in telling you he got his place by the rawest kind of fraud, al-

place by the rawest kind of fraud, al-though he has not the slightest fear of official reatraint or of loosing his home upon which he has lived for these many years. The man's name doesn't matter and his home is on the Umatilla Reserva-tion not so very many miles from Pendleton. "It's nigh onto 29 years ago since 1 filed en a little roll of land about as big enough for a cabbage patch," said he

"It's nigh onto 20 years ago since 1 filed on a little roll of land about as big enough for a fabbage patch," said he. "I was tired of working for other peo-I was tread of working for other peo-ple and was going to try to make a living on my little strip. It was an uphill businese at that, and after a Summer of it I was about ready to give it up. It was a hard, uphili grind, with

If up. It was a hard, uphili grind, with plenty of hard knocks and little re-ward. "Next to me was a lazy Umatilla who had a fine stretch of land which he "Next to me was a laxy Umatilia who had a fine stretch of land which he about half cultivated. He used just about enough to feed his bony cayuses and sell a little hay besides to buy incidentals with. I used to sit out on the corral gate of an evening, smoking and wishing I had that strip of land. But I realized I might about as well wish for the moon. "And there was where I was wrong. I got that plece of land. I got every A well-dressed man walked down the street, and as he approached the window peered long and intently in, after which he raset his hat and gave his mustaches a few deft turns. Next came two men together, and both peered at the window. A weanan came sent and didn't look at all; then snother man, who looked full and long; another woman gave a casual glance, and that was all. And so they came and it was noticed that the barreet

And there was where I was wrong. I got that plece of land. I got every acre of it. Twe got it yet, and it only cost me \$290 for the Indian's claims. To be more exact, it was a little boy that got the land. He was 7 years old then and was always wanting something. One time I had him in town thing. One time I had him in town whou he sees a big man-hite and noth-ing would do but he should have it. The thing cost me half a dollar and I never needed a half dollar more than I did that one, but someway or other I couldn't refuse him that big kite. I did that one, but someway or other I couldn't refuse him that big klie. "Three evenings later there was a good brisk breeze and the kid was out flying the klie. It swept and dove high up into the air pearly the entire length of a spool of strong, black thread. I was sliting on the corral gate waiting for my crowbaits to fin-

thread. I was sitting on the corral gate waiting for my crowbaits to fin-lah their outs bury thread. I was slitting on the corral gate waiting for my crowbaits to fin-lah their oats before doing a little after-supper work with the scraper on a ditch. I was paying little attention to the kite, although I was waiching

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brained as well. The and story told by Wallowa News, J. L. Maxwell went to Eigin last Sat-urday for the purpose of meeting the "school ma'ams," to make sure that they were here on time to begin their lakers there bere on the to begin their lakers Monday. They arrived safely, and school is progressing as usual this week.

savage must have seen it just as it

"I don't know whether you would call

"You do woman a wrong and flatter your own sex." remarked the jeweler, and in support of his assertion motioned

the customer to the side disalay window

came, and it was noticed that the barrer

display window excited general attention from the sterner as, while, with a few exceptions, the female pedestrians either did not look at all or passed by with a

"But what has that got to do with the argument" asked the puzzled customer, after he had watched the procession for

SAD CASE OF THE NEW YORK RICH

New York World.

In spite of Thomas E. Watson, the

rich are certainly growing poorer and

the poor are growing richer. There

are now only 20 thrifty souls in all

New York who have managed to ac

umulate \$509,000 or more in personal

property. Of these, only eight have \$1,000,009 or upward. One of them is Mr. Car-negie, who has managed to save \$5,500,300 out of the \$250,000,000 for which he sold his steel properties, and

cottage on

which meets the sidewalk at an angle

much to that quality.

mera glance.

General, the Secretary of the Interior. and Mr. Heney, whom they are backing in this undertaking-fail to "make there will be louder outcry good." against them than there ever has been against those whom they prosecute. It ay be supposed they are weighing this well. Most shortsighted are they If they have not done so already

Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann are accused. Where are the proofs and what are the proofs? Oregon walts and the country walts, What is there besides the statements of Puter, of the Watson woman and others of their kidney? It behooves men high in authority to show proofs or to stand condemned.

EEFORM IN 1906, NOT 1965.

After profound consideration the Direct Primary Nomination League finds that conditions are unsuitable for undertaking the actual launching of that reform in the coming Spring election. The reasons are cogent and convincing and are inspired by the deepest feelings of propriety and delicacy. The Speaker of the House, who is president the Direct Nomination League, thinks it not expedient to make the operative at this time. He does of the interstate character. not say why. It is sufficient to know at he finds it an inauspicious time to lend the forces of ballot reform in a grand assault on the intrenched battlements of bossism and the machine. The ecretary of the Direct Nomination League, who happens to be father of the initiative and referendum, hesitates to invoke the emergency claus on any amendatory act, because he long ago lost confidence in emergency clauses. Just why is immaterial and irrelevant; so we shall not inquire furthey into that phase of the matter. Representative Capron, whose long and vallant war on the bosses in the Third Ward had lastingly impressed him with the necessity of a revolution of some kind, in the interest of a pure ballot and a full count, put in a little bill up at Salem Monday designed to bring disnay to the machine and disaster to its modons. It should be understood that the word "machine" is used in an entirely impersonal sense. We are strictly impartial and are speaking merely in the language of reform. Any old machine is, of course, meant, just as any machine that happens to stand in the way of these persevering reformers must suffer the consequences. Mr. Capron was persuaded that the most opportune date for the great reform to wgin is 1995, and not at the 1995 city tion, and he withdrew his measure. Thus we find that three great authorities on direct primary reform-viz, the

president and secretary of the league and a popular warrior in the ranksagree that the time for the primaries to be reformed and the bosses routed to be reformed and the bosses routed is not in 1965, but in 1966. To the lay-men this might all be very puzzling. but a little active the part is the bosses for the prop-

provisions.

not advanced beyond the educational pital at the poorhouse is open to consumptives, and in Boston and Buffalo patient must also be a pauper before municipal hospitals. Coming down to our own city, we find the doors of our hospitals closed to patients of this class, and practically, wherever he goes the sufferer from the "white plague" finds it difficult and even impossible to secure lodgings. In view of these facts as they apply here and elsewhere, the establishment of the Open-Air Sanitarium for Consumptives near this city is easily the most humane, philanthropic, and in a far-reaching sense economic, achievement of the past year in this community. It is the first check that has "costliest plague" in this state. It is well deserving of any aid that its promoters may ask of the Legislature now said by the New York Post, until the boy. time arrives when official zeal outruns.

private effort in the stamping out of our costliest plague, "every step in the education of the public to a better knowledge of the real nature of tuberculosis is of value."

-----The Oregonian thinks it makes no istake when it expresses the opin that thus far its work in advertising Let us have Nesmith County. the Lewis and Clark Fair, and in connection with the Fair the City of Portland, the State of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, has exceeded in extent combined. In particular, the number

every newspaper of the United States. the stock of the corporation. The di-rectors of the corporation as well as the some part of these, in a collected body. parties to the contracts are held re- for the purpose of showing how far sponsible for compliance with these The Oregonian reaches and for the puroose also of showing how far, thr Thus the stockholder is guarded by it, the Lewis and Clark Fair and the nformation of the obligations imposed Pacific Northwest have been

the corporation which he joins, those tised. There is no other agency through who are to do business with the cor-poration in the future may know the have been secured. The Oregonian of but a little study makes the reason for sessment rolls in the immediate future. the Union and all parts of Canada, tions.

If the end of the Tanner-Creek ewer scandal is to be reached in the way now indicated and the city and property-owners are to get a good job ccording to the accepted plan, City Engineer Wanzer will, thus early in his official career, prove himself to be the right man in the right place. In the interest of all concerned it may be hoped that he may not take a too hope-

ful view of the case.

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Electric plows are being introduced in Italy, according to a report from Consul Cuneo, at Turin. The plow is pulled from one end of the field to the other by cables from two power cars of from 25 to 40 horsepower each, Three men are required to operate the device. which is capable of plowing from seven to fifteen acres in twelve hours, the area depending on the condition of the soll

It is fitting that the monument to the late Governor John R. Rogers, to be unveiled today in Olympia, should be the outcome of a movement begun by been put upon the progress of this the teachers and the pupils of the Washington public schools, for when other Governors shall have been forgotten Rogers will be remembered through his friendship with the barefoot school

> Once more The Oregonian begs the egislature to name the new county Nesmith, Stockman means nothing, and Jefferson has all kinds of honors in Oregon and elsewhere. Nesmith, by all means. In any list of our eminent ploneers and distinguished men, James W

Nesmith must stand at the very head. The Legislature of 1905 is getting

busy amending the acts passed by the Legislature of 1902. And the Legislature of 1907 will have its turn taking the kinks out of the acts passed in 1905. slon in 1909

General Storgsel has left Nagasaki or Marseilles. He will probably suffer for Marseilles. more from his reception in France than he did from the slege, for his welcome is sure to exceed even that extended to Kruger.

News that the Smoot case may continue all Summer is robbed of its terror by the knowledge that the Fair will help Portland to forget it.

China seeros likely to get licked again for being too weak to lick other na-

alipping a ring from her finger, and thought leasty regarded the trade as a token of affection. Now she may recall the event by a beautiful watch, while a worthless chewing gum ring reminds him of a and incident when itah love overruled con

Actresses coming to Portland just now resemble the man with a parachutenot quite certain as to where they will light.

Portland Jan 17 -- (To Note and Comment)-Please explain how "House Bill 104" came mean what it does. Anti-Statesman. Give it up. Ask the Historical Society.

The whipping-post may soon be established in Oregon. Beat your wives now!

Secretary Hay doesn't want the Powers to punch the Chinese punching-bag too

Costa Rica, one of those places knows only to stamp collectors, is having allegations made against it to the State Department. As the country's full of alligators, the Government is not likely to be scared, and will proceed decorously with the next revolution.

Love is popularly reputed to be blind. How far this idea is from the truth is shown by this story from the Nashville Banner:

Banner: It was a young Franklin County boy who has week thought to send his best girl a Christmas present. Not having a great deal to spend and wishing to make a fine display, he purchased a 25-cent bottle of cologne and after adding a cipber to the cost mark pro-orded to clothe the gift in the contentional sheet of liesus paper and dispatch it to his lady love. In a very little while the gift while fairly well reposed with solett, was not which that a serve with a reply that, while fairly well reposed with solett, was not while the fairly well reposed with solett, was not it how that ain't get any more sense than to pay \$2.50 for a 25-cent buttle of cologne to a intro bit too big a fool to beam me."

Panama may be young, but has all the

tions of gender of inanimate things in their own languages often have their dif-ficulties with the English. A Frenchman neurities with the ranging. A prencuman recently came to grief over his English. "I fear I cockruach too much upon your time, madam." he remarked politely to his hostess. "K'en-croach, monsteur," she smillingly corrected him. He three up his hands in despair. "Ah, your English genders." he sighed.

Well, They Do.

Spokane Spokesman-Review Heavy snow has fallen in Portiand, but that will not prevent the reitera-tion of the satertion that rouses bloom there in the open air the year round.

The South's "Burning" Question, Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution, "Hiram, the wood's all out."

That's nothin Hip up of cotton and keep up the fire!" The Amende Honorable. Wallows News.

BITS OF OREGON LIFE.

Postmaster Blann Makes a Visit.

Mitchell Sentinel. Isaac Blann, the Waterman Postmaster was in town last Satúrday. He brough

in a nice lot of pork sausage for sale.

Maxwell's Fetching Blandishments.

Wallowa News,

brough

Bob Flanary's stove has come to light. It has developed that the editor was mis-informed last week and that the stove was not stolen but was purchased by a certain resident of the town who does not was not stolen out certain resident of the town who does not like to be mentioned in a public way, but it is only justice to say that the stove was it is only justice to say that the stove was

Dayton's Sleeping Beauty.

Dayton Courier-Press. You've all heard of men going to bed ith their boots on, but there is a girl in Dayton who has, them all beaten to a frazzle. One evening this week after supper she thought she would take a short nap, and turned down the bed covern and laid down, all dressed as she She did not wake up until the breakfast bell rang the next morning.

Why Ray Filloon Was Popular.

wny Ray Filloon Was Popular. The Dalles Chronicie. The snow is almost too light for the best of sieighing and coasting, but many are getting their share of enjoyment out of them anyway. The boys and girls were numerous on the hill at the east end of Fourth street this morning. Bay Filloon seemed to be the most popular young man on the hill, none of the girls giving him the cold shoulder nor his fine new i sled the "loy stare."

> Four-Footed Varmint Killed. Marshfield Mail.

A large lynx was killed at Sumner a few days ago. He had been raiding E. H. Beyer's sheep, having killed about a dozen of them. A trap was set and the varmint walked into it and stayed. The first man who visited the trap undertook to kill the animal with a club, but he changed his mind immediately and sent back for a gun. The animal measured four feet from tip to sip, and as the lynx has no tail worth mentioning this means that he was an usly customer.

Two Bachelors Hold Out Hope.

Pliot Rock Record. A reporter in his rounds for news yes-tenlay asked Owen Carnes when he was to be married. He replied that he thought

he would put the event off until June, when he would go up in the Perris wheel at the Lewis and Clark Fair and have the knot tied. The same question was put to Postmaster Matthews, it being known

Those Wicked Senators.

Indianapolis Sentinel. A Washington correspondent reports that United States Senators do not repeat the Lord's prayer after Rev. Dr. Hale. the chaplain, when invited by him to do

and the correspondent further avera that all the Senators know the prayer, but we very much doubt that statement. It is not so very long ago that one Sonstor bet another Senator \$10 that he could not bet apother Senator H0 that he could not repeat the Lord's prayer, and a het of H0 was made and the money posted in the hands of a companion. The Senator com-menced: "Now I hay me down to aleep, I hope the Lord my soul will keep," etc. The Senator who had proposed to bet sold "Pon my soul, I didn't think you knew it. Pay him the \$50, Jim,"

who also owns a modest cattage Pith avenue, so he is not obliged pay rent. Mr. Rockefeller is only h as rich as Mr. Carnegie, and is more

frugal too. It is an inspiring showing of middle-personal property that is revealed by the personal property list made public b the tax board. All the tinnel is stripped

who live here possibly by prosperous farmers of the vicinage who often drop into town for the opera, and by persons from Chicago who love like simple life of the Waldorf, the Astor and the St. Regis. Even the 400 is made up of poor but honest persons who pursue culture and give them-selves over to blain living with bird selves over to plain living with high thinking. New York believes that a good name

New this othe chosen than great is rather to be chosen than great riches. Nobody in this town is ever taxed on his good name.

Light Will Break June 1. Prineville Review.

Princyille Review. Six long months we have to wait yet before "taking in" the Lewis and Clark Fair. To a country editor, who has a thank-you job at best, there is much pleasure in saticipating a week's layoff. if it is six months ahead of him: and coupled with this is an anticipated spin in the coming auto, a half-day ride in the "cars" and the delights of the expo. at the end of the journey. To him who is a galley slave for half of the years and then for the other half, a trip like this then for the other half, a trip like this is a ten-mile post in his simple, plodding tramp through life-never to be forgotten. ding tramp through life-never to be forgotten. To other people, who have money-and time-it is but an incident; to a country editor who has neither, it is a guiding light.

Roosevelt and Niagara.

H. W. Massingham in London Speaker. Mr. Moriey kept his lips sealed against the interviewer in the United States, but a private mot of his did get into circulation. He was asked what were inc two things which impressed him most in the States, and he replied, "Ningara Falls and the President. Both were great natural forces, and both gave you the impression of going on forever."

No Leaning in Any Direction.

⁶ Olympia Olympian. The Portland Gregonian, through its Olympia representative, is giving a fair and impartial report of the progress of the Senatorial fight. Articles published In The Oregonian a few weeks ago indi-cated a leaning toward one of the four candidates, but if the paper has a favo-rite at this time its preference has been ost sight of in its desire to give its read

Not Enough Funerals. Eugene Register.

Portland is hoasting of its low death ate. We congratulate the metropolis on its mortuary record, even if Eugene does its mortuary second, even if Eugene d beat it. Old age is the chief trouble this sect

Nor Anybody Else's Wife.

Olympia Olympian. We don't want to hear any more of this talk about freedom, liberty and personal and property rights. Why, in Oregon a man can't even best his own wife

dignity of a sophomore. WEX, J. Those Dreadful Genders. New York Tribune. The English language is supposed to be

chaper.