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THE RUSSIAN CRISIS. General Kuropatkin resigns his command of the Russian forces in Manchuria.

GRABBING THE STATES' LAND. There is nothing new nor strange in the attempt to grab 2000 acres of state school lands in Oregon.

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NEW DEAL IN WASHINGTON POLITICS.

The people of Oregon will not soon forget the work of Congressman Jones, of Washington, in coming to the rescue of the Cello Canal project.

The first important change to be made by the Ankeny-Piles forces is reported to be the retirement of Congressman Humphrey, of Seattle, and the substitution of Frank P. Brownell.

The primary cause of the downfall of Humphrey is said to be a pronounced anti-railroad sentiment above patriotism.

It should be noted by Brownell, as now seems probable, his position will be similar to that of Senator Foster, whose defeat was largely due to the ungraceful "straddle" he made in the Tacoma postmaster fight.

There is nothing new nor strange in the attempt to grab 2000 acres of state school lands in Oregon.

At the same time, there are cities and counties in the state where it would be as impossible to awaken a sentiment against the railroads as it would be to quaken an Egyptian mummy.

It is probably true that there was no effort to defraud the state out of any money for the state would receive the legal price, \$2.50 per acre.

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than three of their four-score years of life together will, in the backward look over the heads of their children and their children's children to the third and fourth generations, range themselves with the younger class.

The New York Sun translates a long article from a Paris magazine, by Philippe Bonnat-Vareille, on the feasibility of an ocean-level canal.

The ideal and complete solution of the Panama Canal, M. Vareille says, "is the Bosphorus; it is the passage freely opened between the oceans and the Chagres, flowing freely into the middle of the canal like a river into a strait."

The railroad commission bill, that disturber of political peace in the State of Washington, will come before the Legislature this week.

If the Legislature will propose amendments to the railroad local option law, so as to make it a true local option law, the act will be approved by an immense majority of the people of Oregon.

There is no doubt that the City of New York is adding 100,000 to its population each year.

The London Solicitors' Journal says that statute law always remains enforceable until repealed, with the legal result, for instance, that Sunday trading is punishable by the courts if the offender cannot pay the fine for it.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

The editor of the Howard (S. D.) Spirit takes his pen in hand and tells of Dakotan joys in his fashion.

From out of the hayrack comes a homely cackle of bass, "huddle, huddle, huddle" with two-foot eggs. The wheel tires creek a shrill melody on the frosty track.

Dear Colonel: I am in a heap of trouble, and I write to see if you can help me out. Last week when I was shooting at my wife another lady stepped in range and I hit her.

The Boston Transcript sarcastically says that two Scotchmen who were formerly artists, but have learned to paint in the English manner, have been elected to the Royal Academy.

A bear created a sensation by appearing on the stage of the Colonial Theater in New York. Bears among the audience are too common to attract attention.

That was a "faithful hound" which retrieved a stick of dynamite with a burning fuse attached, and tried to lay the prize at its master's feet.

The "Little Father" is little of a father, O. K.

This is "Plumb True." Woodburn Independent. A young married man, in a letter to The Morning Oregonian, speaks of being out of employment and refers to either getting remunerative work or to either getting out of the country or to either getting out of the country.

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A LEAF FROM HISTORY.

The Press on Which The Oregonian Was First Printed.

The evening paper publishes a very interesting article written by George H. Himes—who, it says, "is one of the best-informed men on the subject of old Oregon history, and especially of that part relating to newspapers."

He notes that it was sent to Mexico from New York in 1834 and was used by the Spanish government in printing proclamations; that it was thereafter taken to California, and used in printing the Callifornia, at Monterey.

A few years afterward, it being discovered that the public printing of the newspaper was a juicy "plum" ready for plucking, R. L. Doyle appeared on the scene with a Washington press and a "battful" of new type, to dispute possession of the prize with the Oregonian.

The old press remained in seclusion, till the early '80s, when it was taken from retirement by A. M. P.O., agent of the Victoria Press, and used to print a weekly paper called the Overland Press, which filled the local field as well as serving as the seventh issue of the Oregonian at Victoria, being distributed immediately on arrival of the steamer, thus distancing a competitor—the Colonist.

The Pioneer and Democrat was continuing to publish, but was supplanted by the Public Printers, who were in succession elected by the Legislature, which met annually. They were J. W. Wiley, A. M. Berry, George B. Goudy and Edward Furutse.

Although the laws were few and the volume "thin," in those days the printing was exceedingly lucrative. On bill-work our Oregonian was doing a thousand sheets, or 200 sheets per presswork, and the use of double-piece registers between the lines of the bills, half a dozen lines of which could be made by a "running over," and the best man in the world for printers, Elisha Whittelsey, Third Auditor of the Treasury, did the measuring at Washington.

The folding, attaching and binding was an equally lucrative job on the volume of laws and journals, far as it went. The printer's earnings were about \$100,000 a year, and for assembling and stitching in paper covers, \$1 per volume was the minimum charge. The printing per session cost the general government from \$100,000 to \$150,000 for printing bills, journals and session laws, and most of the profits went into the saloon trade.

Mr. Bryan on Signs. New York Sun. Since the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, Mr. Bryan has been one wide smile. Not a word about the money-changers and their gold.

Open Winter in Eastern Oregon. Wallawa Chieftain. Old settlers of this section say that this has been so far the mildest Winter in the history of the county, there having been less snow fall this year than in any year since 1890.

Let the Shoemaker Quit His Last. Boston Herald. President Roosevelt preached on Sunday, 30 did Governor Cleveland. And the sermon appears to have got a wider publicity than those of any of the regularly ordained clergymen.

RUSSIA: AN ODE.

The following famous verses of Swinburne, that tell him the laureateship seem especially appropriate to Sunday events in Russia:

Out of hell a word comes hissing, dark & gloom; Pierce an eye, and foul as plague-pollute a doom; Out of hell wherein the sinless damned eke More than ever sin conceived of pains to endure;

Help is none in heaven; hope sees no gentler star; Earth is hell, and hell bows down before the "Caar."

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