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PROBLEMS FOR LAWMAKERS.

The Oregon Legislature of 1907 can accomplish much benefit for the state by enactment of laws for improvement of the state government. The subjects upon which legislation is desired, as indicated by public discussion, are few but important, and if the Legislature will give to these the attention they deserve and not waste time upon sev-eral hundred measures for which there is no wide demand, its record will be a proud one. All members should avail themselves of every opportunity to gather information that will aid in intelligent action when the Legislature meets. Though a member sits in the legislative session but 40 days, his term begins immediately after his election and he should begin then to study, with particular interest, all questions that are likely to come up for his considera-tion when the Legislature meets. Making laws for the people is a serious matter and should be entered upon with

a readiness to render valuable service. The Legislature will be called upon. for one thing, to weigh the recommendations of the State Tax Commission which was appointed by authority of the last Legislature, to investigate the whole subject of taxation. It is to be assumed that the report contains much valuable information and that the recommendations have been made after The report will be careful thought. published in pamphlet form shortly and every member of the Legislature will be supplied with a copy. The fact that there is a minority report, upon several features of the proposed changes, makes it clear that the Legislature cannot act upon the recommendations without difference of opinion. The Legislature will have all the material be fore it long before the session begins, so there should be action early enough avoid the dangers of hasty passage of bills near the close of the session.

Decisions of courts from time to time in criminal cases have disclosed many laws, whereby men, notoriously guilty, escape punishment. The defects have usually been such as could be taken advantage of criminals, thus giving strength to the feeling that criminal laws have been made chiefly for the punishment of the petty offender. Attorney-General Crawford has undertaken to compile a list of the laws that need amending, and has enlisted the aid of the several Prosecuting Attorneys in doing so. He will place before the Legislature information which will enable that body to place the criminal laws in much better condition than they have ever been before, with the result that men shall stand upon a more equal footing before the law.

Adoption of the constitutional amena ment which takes frim the Legislature the power to enact city charters and requires that all such charters shall be adopted by the people of the city under general laws will make it incumbent upon the Legislature of 1997 to pass a general law upon this subject. Such a law must be adapted to the needs of both large and small cities, and must cover every phase of municipal incorporation, from the first incorporation to the enlarging restriction or changing of boundaries, the drafting of new charters, elections thereon, and numerous other subjects. To prepare such a law will be a more or less laborious task, and should be undertaken before the Legislature meets, with the co-opera tion of well-informed authorities in both large and small towns, so that the new law shall be practical in its operation. This is one of the laws that must be passed and the legislation should be well considered.

The people of Oregon expect this Legslature to pass a state banking law which shall provide such regulations as will secure safe banking methods and protect depositors and other creditors against dishonest or careless bankers. Modern business conditions make it necessary for all men who handle money to do more or less business with anks, and banks have, at all times, heavy deposits of money for which there is no security but the honesty of the proprietors of the banks. Since the general public is practically compelled to deposit its money in banks, the state should provide a system of inspection and regulation, with heavy penalties for violation, which will reduce the danger of loss to a minimum.

The last Legislature made an appropriation for the purchase of a site for a school for defective youth, an institu-tion for the feeble-minded, and directed tion for the feeble-minded, and dir an investigation of the subject. The state has now a representative in the East visiting institutions of this kind, and he will doubtless make a report which will enable the Legislature to act advisedly in providing a home for that class of persons, who are not fit subjects for commitment to the insane asylum and yet cannot be permitted free-

These and a few other subjects de- transportation is beyond question. But port under difficulties which he has im-

mand attention from the next Legislature. They should be publicly dis-cussed between the present time and the convening of the Legislature, so that the views of well-informed per-sons may be known. Secretary Cornelia Marvin, of the Oregon Library Commission, has very kindly volunteered to procure, for members of the Legisla-ture, information upon any subject in which they may be interested, and members will find this service a valuable aid in their work. Oregon is in need of a few new laws, and only a few. In fact, the general opinion has been that past Legislatures have made too great an effort to pass a multiplicity of iaws for which there is no real need. If this Legislature shall pass laws that are worth while and see that they are properly drawn, it will mark the beginning of a new era in Oregon legislation.

are a great many Democrats who deny that Mr. Hearst is a Democrat, and we do not find that he is himself so constant in his assertions of fidelity to the party as he might be. For exam-ple, in his recent formal renunciation of all claim to the Democratic nomienid:

I am eager to see the line drawn, irre-pective of party, between those that believe in special privileges and those that believe in copular rights, between the producing classes nd the plundering corporations, and wher-ver that line is drawn I will gladly fight to the lead or in the ranks as required.

There is no mistaking Mr. Hearst's has by no means quit it, and we sup-pose he will not, so long as he has a chance to control its organization, frame its platforms and name its candidates. Mr. Hearst is undoubtedly a andidate for Governor of New York. chief resources in his campaign are Hearst newspaper" in places where the leading Democratic papers are against him. "His campaign," says the Evening Post, "is distinctly planned to win success by the slum and rowdy vote of both parties"; and it adds, after a long review of the Democratic situation, that there is extreme likelihood of his nomination, "unless self-respecting Democrats bestir themselves." The class of Democrats to whom the Post appeals seldom do bestir themselves, and, when they do, are not listened to; so there is a reasonably good prospect of Mr. Hearst's nomination, especially ace he has buried his differences with Tammany and made a fast alliance with Boss Murphy.

But what does Mr. Hearst want with the New York Governorship? Is it vindication for the loss through theft and fraud of the New York city may-oralty? Yet it was stolen from him by Tammany, which he expects to support him for Governor. Does he want to run for President, as the New York Sun clearly intimates? But he has most definitely withdrawn his name for consideration. There is no reason to doubt that he means it, just as there is no reason to doubt that Roosevelt means it. Hearst has probably everal objects in view. He does in a measure seek vindication. He purposes to make Tammany and the Democracy epair the wrong done him in the May oralty contest by placing him at the ead of the party in New York, and he wants to be in position to make terms with Bryan when the latter shall be nominated for President, or even to defeat him if it shall be possible.

FRUIT-MARKETING PROBLEMS. To strike the happy medium between over-supply and under-supply seems to between the autocracy and their pup-be a difficult task for Oregon fruit-pet Czar and the millions of people, and profits. It pays good wages and large growers. At the recent midsummer neeting of the Oregon Horticultural Society at Salem several speakers declared that one great difficulty in marketing fresh fruit is that the quantity produced is not suf-ficient to permit shipment in carload lots, nor enough to make it an object for packers to give particular attention to it. The loss on this account is seen two ways. In the first place, the relative cost of shipping in small quantities is much larger than in large quantities, and the cost must come out of the producer's profits unless the consumer can be made to stand it, which he will not da if he can buy other

fruits at a better figure. Again, the loss on account of haphazard methods in picking, packing and shipping is considerable. With only a little fruit to be handled, no one makes a specialty of packing it, and no systematic efforts are made to secure he highest standard of excellence. few commission merchants may do some packing as a side issue, but they do not give it that thorough attention it requires. If a farmer brings in cher-ries that have been roughly handled in picking, many of the stems loosened In the fruit, cherries hauled to town in large boxes over/rough roads in farm wagons that jolt them around until they are covered with bruisesif fruit comes in this way, the packer must take it. If there were a large crop and he made a business of packing, he could and would require that the fruit be brought to him in firstclass condition. Then, too, if he made a business of packing he would put forth greater efforts to find new and larger markets, would pack his fruit in the best possible manner, ship it in refrigerator cars and get it into the hands of the consumer in the most tempting condition. Because the crop is small this cannot be done, and the fruit goes upon the market largely as

chance may determine.
Viewing the subject in this light, it is evident that the great trouble with the cherry industry, the berry industry and the grape industry is that we do not grow these fruits in sufficient quantities to permit shipments in car-load lots. But what if the desired condition were brought about? If the farmers of the Salem district and of every other district should grow cher-ries, berries and grapes and other fruits in large quantities, would there not soon be an over-production and an inability to find a market notwithstand-ing the excellent condition in which the fruit came to the show windows of the retail dealer? A glut in the market means a reduced price, and that with-out delay. How much better off would the grower be, then, if he relieved himself of the disadvantage of shipping in of marriage, by means of which he small quantities only to find that he wrecks the life of innocent, trusting

can the farmers feel any assurance that if they plant trees in sufficient quantities to permit shipment in car-oad lots, they will not have their fruit small prices, upon the ground that the market is over-supplied?

REAPING THE WHIRLWIND.

Having engaged for many years in that somewhat dangerous pastime of sowing the wind, the Rusisan aristocracy is now about to reap the whirl-wind. The long list of atrocities and crimes committed in the name of the law by the Russian government for generations esems to have culminated in a criefs which promises utter annihilation of the aristocracy. After that, what? Possibly a reign of anarchy, but in the end freedom for the millions of white slaves who for so long have cringed before their royal masters. It

is a fearful price that these downtrod-HEARST FOR GOVERNOR.

The New York Sun, dropping into dom; but, while "negotiations" recordrophecy, declares that the "next Gov- ed in blood are in progress, the nobility ernor of the State of New York will is also yielding up its toll in victims be a Democrat," and the "next Gov-ernor of New York will be the next President of the United States." That means W. R. Hearst, although there indifference almost any change and to approve mildly almost any method by which it may be brought about.

Goaded to desperation, they feel that nothing worse than their present fate can overwhelm them, and that any change must necessarily be for the better. This sentiment, fed and nurtured nation for the Presidency, Mr. Hearst by every overt act of the Government, ically uneducated. The government represents the thin vencer of civilizameaning. He doesn't care what be-omes of the Democratic party. Yet he place it. The government must hold on archy will supervene." The apparently unending difficulty with the alleged civilization of Russia is that the vencer is so thin that it neither conceals nor softens the hideous eruptions of sav-His agents are active everywhere. The New York Evening Post says that his ever afforded a spectacle of riot, assassination and murder which would have disgraced the Dark Ages.

> civilization and education, for it is on that a new and ideal city, with parks the ignorance of the people that the aristocracy has relied for immunity from the reforms which necessarily would have caused curtaliment of the unjust special privileges which they now enjoy. Russian influence has paralyzed enterprise and civilization wherever it has come in contact with them. It is the culmination of this policy of mother forced her to marry a titled for It is the culmination of this policy of repression that has accelerated the movements of what one of the Conservatives in Parliament terms a "passive | happiness; so she eloped with a strollrevolution," which, he asserted, had ing vagabond and went down the primbeen in progress for forty years. There ger that the extreme revolutionists, in Evelyn Nesbit, poor and pretty, show rending the present governmental fab- that the crimson highway, like death ric, may be unable to replace it with le a great leveler. Miss Ward was one that will meet the expectations of the people. Beyond question, however, beauty. Perhaps the recording ange the inevitable unheaval will result in a more liberal form of government than | of the facts regarding these frall creat Russia has ever known. That the land ures, will find extenuating circum-will be drenched with blood and that stances which on earth their own conthe autocracy, headed by the cowering Little Father, will make a last stand with a dictatorship whose only law will be that "might makes right," there is sorrow that they caused but little question.

> By extraordinary force of arms the rapidly approaching climax might be warded off for a short time, but it cannot be averted. When educated, refined men and women and even fair crease of wages. True, everything is young malds seek to avenge tyranny high in price as compared with the with the deadly bomb and walk smil-ingly to their death on the scaffold financial depression, but this is one of while the Czar skulks and cowers in the items that go to make up the great hie palace, there is revealed a social sum of our abounding prosperity. condition so monstrously wrong that al-most any cataclysm of bloodshed that itself, but in the failure to realize that would right it would be welcomed and prosperity is not in any sense a cheap excused. It is now a fight to the death thing. It abounds in industrial acwhen the conflict is ended history will not have much difficulty in segregating return, hence the higher rents and inthe murderers from the martyrs. The phrase "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown" never possessed deeper meaning for any of the earth's rulers than it now has for Nicholas, Czar of

not confined to the Czar alone.

CONVICTS WHO ESCAPE. The state has sixty convicts working on the public roads or at the State Fair grounds, and has lost six by escapes this season. This is one feature of working convicts on the roads that will always prove troublesome. The matter of expense places a limit upon the number of guards that may be em-ployed, and, as guarding is a lazy man's job, the best of guards will get careless. The purchase of reliable loodhounds by the state might go far discouraging escapes, but, toward view of the fact that most bloodhounds fail to make good, this kind of an investment is one that must be made

with caution. The problem of working convicts on the public roads is yet unsolved. While probably makes little difference whether a prisoner shortens his time six months or a year or two by running away, such escapes must sconer or later have an injurious effect upon the discipline of an institution such as a prison. It may be assumed, and will probably always be true, that men convicted of serious crimes or who have long terms to serve, will not be put at work outside the prison walls. The men who escape will therefore be shortterm men. But one of the elements of effective punishment is its certainty. The man who thinks he can commit crime without capture, or can escape from confinement, is strongly tempted to try, while he who considers capture and punishment as unavoidable will have respect for the mandates of the law. Losing 10 per cent of the men at work on the road seems excessive.

If any man can be more depraved sworn to love and protect, the man who deserts his bride of a few weeks or months is entitled to rank as next lower than the wifebeater. The newspapers have in the past week or two recorded so many instances of wife desertion that the matter calls for public atten-There can be no doubt that in a great majority of instances of this kind the men married the women with the intention of soon deserting them. For such a degraded being no punishment can be sufficient. He has attempted to protect himself from the penalt the law by resort to the sacred forms had assumed the difficulties of ship-ping in large quantities? That small shipments mean an increased cost of shipments mean an increased cost of

Long terms in the penitentlary should be the penalty for such a crime in order that the inhuman wretch may not repeat his offense. The wife-derefused entirely or purchased only at serter of that class is beneath the consmall prices, upon the ground that the tempt of decent men and can find sympathy only among those who have characters like his own.

> In a news item in yesterday's Oregonian appeared an expression of opi from a railroad man that construction of a railroad to the mouth of the Co-lumbia River would eliminate the 30 cents per ton differential levied against Portland. This is obviously an error. It is quite generally known that it was the deleve here the colors have adopted it is there my talk of returning to the old plan, or of inventing a new one. General satisfaction is expressed with results obtained where the voters have had convertible to the delays below, and not above, As-toria that caused the shipowners to charge is 3d more for grain ships from Portland than from Puget Sound. Shipping no longer experiences any delay in the twenty-five-foot channel between Portland and Astoria. There is no charge for pilotage, and the towing charge from the sea to Portland and return is cheaper than from sea to Tacoma and return. In addition, the adso great that even the Alaska salmon ships, after discharging cargo at Astoria, are towed many miles up the Columbia River to get into fresh water. The actual cost of transporting wheat from Portland to Astoria by towing it down in the hold of a vessel is about improve on this rate with his railroad.

Down in Okiahoma, prospective statehood and big crops have started a genuine boom. Exclusive of Indian Territory, Okiahoma will produce this year 30,009,000 bushels of wheat—the record crop. In anticipation of the formation of a new state government, candidates for the Governorehip are from springing up on every-side, and the question of the location of the capital of the state has started a lively fight.

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Princess de Chimay, formerly Miss Clara Ward, of Detroit, is reported dend at Paris, aged 35 years. Miss Ward was formerly a strikingly beaueigner. Everything that money could buy was hers, but it would not rose path with a rush. The adventures of Clara Ward, rich and beautiful, and cursed with wealth, Miss Nesbit in heaven's chancery, in full possession duct concealed. these misspent lives which may offset the mental anguish and

"Everything is so high," sighs the careful housewife whose "hard times" allowance for family expenses has not increased proportionately with the inprofits. It pays good wages and large salaries, but it gives nothing without creased cost of living. No method has as yet been devised whereby one "can

the land-fraud defendants it may have been noticed that among those not present was S. A. D. Puter. However, if we understand Mr. Puter's position correctly, it is that a wedding is not a necessary condition precedent to perfect harmony of understanding be-tween two persons of congenial temperament who happen to be in the same

Dr. Short, the Methodist pastor, has uccessfully explained how godly young man masqueraded as Dr. Short in Yellowstone Park and danced with The Oregonian contest girls. The real doctor, it seems, was asleep, and the bogus doctor then got very busy. Both enjoyed themselves according to their bent. But why did the doctor wait until he came clear back before be explained it?

short of trying his vital magnetism on other people's money. He is not the first Portland man to persuade the nimble dollar to abandon another's pocket and follow his beckoning

Dr. Benzon will, we suppose, stop

There are some snarling people who will profess to be surprised that Mrs. Hartje didn't fall back on the valid Pittsburg defense that she couldn't be expected to tell a white coachman from If Banker Gourdain is laboring under

ought to be in the penitentiary is be hind the bars, he will learn his mistake when the doors clang behind him. If Major Dreyfus will take a tip from American history, he will discover that over here we have been known twice in recent years to elect a Major Pres-

the impression that everybody who

ident of the United States. Dr. Charles Edward Locke is again in our midst, with the optimistic theory that there is no such thing as tainted money. And the doctor is no Baptist,

If Mr. Gourdain will only retire to his own prison, or any other, and hang up the telephone receiver, much will

calling the kettle black, and proving it.

PRIMARIES HAVE COME TO STAY. Other States Follow Oregon in the New Method. Washington (D. C.) Star. The Portland Oregonian says:

In Oregon the political party convention s a thing of the past. Whatever else may be said against the hominating primary, it puts out of business an oligarchy of profes-sional managers—even though the people in making direct nominations may not always do their work wisely or well.

voters have had opportunity to register their choice as to the party ticket. Sena-torial elections so decided have been so approved that no longer any need is felt

approved that no longer any need is felt for amending the Constitution in behalf of the popular election of Senators. The primary method of instructing the Legislatures gives us that in effect, and no additional machinery is necessary.

In Kentucky a Democratic primary has been called to nominate both a State ticket and a candidate for United States Senator. Some objection was raised as to the date—the Congressional polling day in November—but that was overruled by the committee, and the battle has begun. committee, and the battle has begun. Candidates for the state offices are announcing themselves, and Senator McCreary and Governor Becklism are in the creary and Governor Beckham are in the field for the former's seat. The state will be thoroughly canvassed, and no Democrat need be without information as to where the men who aspire to lead the party stand on the issues of the day. Every voter of that party can make an intelligent choice, and then await the result with the feeling that, come what

didates, conventions have been much more expensive for the people. Conven-tion day was the signal for the fine work of caucus-fixers and tricksters, and usually a few expert spirits living at county seats manipulated the expression of the county. It was the era of numerous small and corrupt rings, whose members flourished on political pickings. Primaries do not banish rings—nothing ban do that—but they reduce their num-ber and lessen the opportunities for fraud

What Gritty Determination Will Do.

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Kansas City Times.

Six years ago John Benton, then a boy of 20, walked from Crawfordsville, Ind., to North Superior, Ia., and entered the law department of the Emma W. Kink Memorial University. All he possessed was \$1170, the proceeds of a mortgage his widowed mother had placed on the old farm. By dint of careful economy and through an inborn thrift he managed to get his degree and still have enough money to visit his roommate's cousin in Wilkes City. After a brief but happy courtship young Benton hung out his shingle in Snedeker, Colo., where he is looked on as one of the most promising members of the Bismuth County bar. Not only has he kept up all interest payments. only has he kept up all interest payments as they came due, but, thanks to the unparalleled growth in the value of agri-cultural lands, he has been able to in-crease the mortgage to \$2000.

Memorial Windows for McKinley.

Baltimore News.

Mrs. William McKinley has presented the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Canton, O., four memorial art glass windows in honor of the late President. The designs for them were made by one of the largest art glass firms in the East, and are at present in the hands of the trustees of the church. The church at present has no memorial of McKinley except a small brass tablet marking the McKinley pew.

A Catalogue, but Take Your Choice.

Parkersburg State Journal, Taft wants it. Dolliver will take it. Roosevelt refuses it. Fairbanks longs for it. Fairbanks longs for It.
Cannon is talked of for it.
Foraker is very receptive.
Beveridge is modest but willing.
La Foliette thinks he would fill the bill.
Senator Stephen B. Elkins ought to

Archbishop Ireland as Ald-de-Camp. Archbishop Ireland has accepted appointment as alide-de-camp on the staff of Commander-in-Chief James Tanner and will ride with him in his carriage in the Grand Army parade at Minneapolis August 15. Archbishop Ireland served in the Civil War as Chaplain of the Fifth

Minnesota Regiment, No Wasted Words in This Story. Memphis Dispatch in New York Sun.
"Will" Anderson. a Memphis negro
dangles from the crossarm of a telegraph pole near Tillar, Ark., in full view of the windows of Mrs. Crawford's cottage. An-derson assaulted Mrs. Crawford late on Saturday afternoon. He was trailed into a swamp, captured, identified, confessed and was hanged.

Mr. Debs Is "Agin'" Mr. Brynn.

New York World.

Mr. Debs declares that Mr. Bryan can
not possibly be elected Prendent in 1908
"No candidate can win," he says, "with
both capital and labor in one party." In such circumstances it would possible to elect a President at all in

Japan Still Adding to Her Navy. Chicago Record-Herald. The Japanese are getting together a good-sized navy by retrieving wrecks of Russian vessels. Their perseverance in such labor is attested by the news that they have just floated the cruiser Novik, which was sunk nearly two years ago.

John D.'s Luck Stood by Him

Exchange.

It is not surprising that John D. Rockefeller was able to pick the winner at
the French races. That man couldn't
lose money if he burned it up in an incinerator.

Oh! Promise Her.
Chicago Record-Herald.
HE.
Some day I shall find you in heaven,

Wherever our heaven may be;
Some day I shall find you and know
And you shall give greetings to me!
It may be on youder pale planet,
Or past the last limits of space,
But, ch, I shall find you and class;
In long and ecstatic embrace.

Ere the day of our meeting a billion
Of acous may have to clause;
The sun may cose blasing and crumble
And you will grow weary perhaps:
But I will not rest till I find you,
Wherever our heaven may be,
And I shall be richly rewarded
When you turn to give greeting to me. When you turn to give greeting to me.

SHE Some day is lar, har in the future,
And who can be sure that the sky
Will open for us in the morning
When the night we call "Life" has gone by?
And heaven, if heaven awaits us,
May reach to such heights and so far
That you never, ah, never can find me,
No matter how realous you are.

The Czar did it merely to show that the explosion of bombshells is by no means a lost art around Peterhof.

As to the Thaw case, the pot keeps on calling the kettle black, and proving it.

And even if after long acons we meet in far atretches of space. And you swoop, as I tremble, to class In long and centatic embrace, Why wait for such loy or that glory. Why lay the glad scene in the sky? There's nobody looking at present—Why wait for the centasy? Why

MEN'S APPAREL IN SUMMER. He Has to Wear What the Tailor Says

New York Sun.

It would be interesting and profitable to know why Carlyle in his delectable "Sartor Resartus" falled to tell the world the

know why Carlyle in his delectable "Sartor Resartus" falled to tell the world the philosophy of the change of the fashlons for men in the Summer time. We talk at random about the radical alterations in our climate, but after all the weather is a pretty old-fashloned and conservative sort of thin, and Summer is Summer every year, especially in the months of July and August.

There was a happy time in the infancy of some of those who now find themselves sweltering in long-bodied coats and tall collars when it was the right of every man to wear white duck clothing from the top of his coat to the bottoms of his trousers, yet in this year of grace only the doughty Grosvenor of Ohio has had the temerity to confront an assembly of his fellow-men thus clad in the garb of spotless freedom.

Crans garments for men are admittedly cool and comfortable, though they have a certain nonehalance which is incompatible with upright bearing and physical boldness. But in dog days, who wishes to be upright, and who is bold? Linen, lovely, clinging, dust-defying finen, is no longer worn by men, not even in the ancient and honorable form of the duster. Women, always more wise than her inferior in the matter of garments, wears

Women, always more wise than her infe-rior in the matter of garments, wears both linen and duck. Yet women could better afford to want consideration in these matters, for whatever she wears she looks more beautiful than man, espe-cially when he reaches those years in which the waist grows and the shoulders

droop.

The Panama hat is less fleeting than The Panama hat is less neeting that false, and at its best it is no cooler than the primmer straw. But man, the slave of our fashionable convention, walks through Summers of discomfort wearing whatever the tailor bids him wear and suffering solely that the knight of the shears and the needle may wax fat and prosperous.

> FORTLAND'S FRANCHISES. Robbed the People of Millions.

Thursday's Oregonian contains a complete expose of the franchise steal at Portland, whereby the "first families" of Oregon's metropolis robbed the people of millions. The Oregonian has the sympa-thy of the state at large in its feariess campaign against these plunderers.

> What Franchises Are For. Echo Register.

*Portland gets soaked for new franchises every little while, and a new batch of millionaires arises to keep up society. The people grunt a little, but pay over their nickels and dimes as cheerfully as the French peasants hand- as little worry as we can command. ed tithes to the grand seignores two cen

House Bath Connected With Ocean.

Philadelphia Record. Henry C. Frick's new home, which has been in course of construction at Pride's oats before taking up the ministerial Crossing. Mass., for the last two years, is about ready for occupancy. It contains a swimming rool connected directly with the Atlantic Ocean, so that the bather merely has to turn a stopcock to obtain the pleasures of a swim in the sea without leaving the house.

The Hymn "America" Finds Its Place. New York Press.

Homer Case, of the town of Lafayette,
N. Y., bequeathed the church choir there
the sum of \$100 on condition that the
choir would sing "America" every Memorial Day.

Just the Right Time of Year, Lewiston Teller.

The trial of the land-fraud cases has been reopened down in Oregon, where this weather is very suitable for roasting purposes.

Democracy's Dollar Dinners.

Kansas City Star.

But the question is, Has not Mr. Bry-an's London experience spoiled him for any more dollar dinners to Democracy?

The Country Editor. He is the hardest worked of men,
A busy chap is he;
He wields the hatchet or the pen With great felicity.

He chronicles that "Beeste Brown Was married to William Goode," Then to the woodple hustes down And splits a lot of wood.

He writes two columns of advice To cure the people's illa. Then done his apport in a trice And prints a hundred bills. And if some callers then there are, His inky hands he'll wash, And trade a year's subscription for A pumpkin or a squash.

He states "Hi Higgins is in town Upon a load of rre"— And takes the upper cases down And fixes up the "pt."

And when the "pl" is straightened out. The furniture he dusts-Then sets a stick or two about The tariff and the trusts.

His paper cheers us every week-It does whate'er it can To keep the mud off Freedom's peak And save the rights of man.

So come, ye freemen of this land, And let's be thankful for This bulwark of the Nation, The country editor!

HONEYMOON AFTER 13 YEARS. Couple Parted at Altar Start Again on

\$5000 Wife Saved. New York Dispatch.
After a separation 13 years ago at the marriage altar, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Nett have started on their belated wed-

ding tour, reunited. When they return from a motor boat excursion through Long Island they will begin housekeeping on Fifth atreet, Unlonport in The Bronx. The cottage, the grounds and the motor boat were all

the grounds and the motor boat were all purchased with the money Nett had been paying his wife in weekly installments during the 12 years.

Nett had a good position in the bridge department when he was married, but the young bride listened, unwilling at first, to stories that "friends" told her concerning her husband's past life.

She decided she had made a great missiake, and told her husband of an hour.

take, and told her husband of an hour she could not live with him. He in-sisted that the stories were fulse, but to no avail. A short time ago Mrs. Nett reviewed her husband's life during the years since their marriage and decided she had been

deceived by malicious gossip, Every week Nett had sent her \$15, which he insisted she should keep, at-though she had not asked for it. When the reconciliation was effected, Mrs. Nett

"Here is \$9000, the money you sent me for 13 years. I have not spent a cent of it. It is yours. It always has been yours."

LIFE IN THE OREGON COUNTRY.

Home-Made Joke. Portland New Age. A King has a bomb job

Ellensburg Capital.

It is hard to preach temperance sermons with lemons 50 cents a dozen.

Everyhody Works.

Rainier Register.

There is not a mill in this community that can fill all its orders. That sounds better than a report that they have more material than they can find mar-ket for.

> Bughouse Astoria Herald.

One reason the population of Astoria does not increase is that too many of its people are taken to the Asylum every month. No city can stand such a steady drain as that, Philosophical.

Hover Sunshine.

Every successful fruit district expects and requires some hot weather. Conditions demand it. It gives color and thorough maturity to the fruit. So we welter through the heat with as good grace and Whew!

Bugene Guard.
Rev. Dr. Brougher, the Portland reformer, states that he has seen worse places than the Oaks. The doctor probably sowed a pretty good-sized crop of wild

Seeking Blind Pigs Cottage Grove Western Oregon.

It is rumored that there is a detective in town, a regular full-fledged sleuth, who is trying to ferret out who is who in the matter of the sale of liquor. Well, he may succeed, but if he does he is a dog-gasted better sleuth than we newspaper guys.

Just Recalling Old Times.

The Dalles Chronicle.

B. S. Pague, the erstwhile weather man, of Portland, was in The Dalles last evening, and sitting up and taking notice caused the thermometer to step a little higher. Today she is up to the 91 mark, and none are inviting her to continue her ascent. The minimum this morning was

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Woodburn Independent.

A change has come o'er the scene of newspaperdom. Several years ago evidences could be seen in the issues of newspapers on the day of, or after the Fourth that the force had been infulging too much in John Barleycorn and were not up to the usual. Today it is different; the newspaper man must always keep a clear head. As an instance, the great Morning Oregonian on and after the Fourth displayed the same splendid, clear-headed ability as daily evinced.

Why? The whole force is composed of Why? The whole force is composed of tectotalers, who love their work, are am-bitious, painstaking, consider the past and gaze well into the future, and look upon the drinking of beer and whisky as vul-

Hidden Well.

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Hillaboro Independent.

One evening last week Mr. and Mrs.

J. A. Messinger were cating supper on
the porch of their home, on the farm recentily purchased west of the long bridge.

The floor of the porch was hadly decayed and Mrs. Messinger broke through,
falling to the ground saveral feet below.

She was helped up by her husband and
though somewhat frightened was not
injured to any extent. But after Mrs. though somewhat frightened was not injured to any extent. But after Mrs. Messinger found out that she had fallen on the ground only a few inches from an open well, measuring eight feet across, she was still more frightened. Had she dropped into the well she would cer-tainly have been drowned. When Mr. Messinger purchased the farm nothing was said about the well, and he did not know of its existence until the accident occurred. It was a close call.



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