

The Oregonian

Portland, Oregon. During the month of September, 1907, the average paid circulation of The Oregonian was:

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County of Multnomah, State of Oregon—This is to certify that the actual net circulation of The Oregonian for the month of September was as above set forth.

A. K. STICKNEY, Circulation Manager. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of October, 1907.

GOLD MARK PAPERS.

There are listed in the American Newspaper Directory 25 gold mark publications and so listed there are but 6 distinguished by the Gold Mark.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2, 1907.

THE MURDER OF BROWN.

Of a piece with the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, in the assassination of ex-Sheriff Brown, of Baker, Or. The latter deed is an exact repetition, in method and in detail, of the former; and the identical nature of the two horrible crimes, together with the relations of the two victims to the mining troubles in Idaho, point with certainty to the conclusion that the crimes are of a common origin.

Brown had months ago retired from the Sheriff's office, and he was not in the city at the time the murder is never, or is hardly ever, a murderer. He is merely a type of petty thief and sneaking parasite who is too lazy to live by honest labor and too cowardly to adopt the bolder methods of the regular or highwayman.

Nothing can be surer than that deeds of this horrible nature are the work of hired assassins, organized for the purpose, under direction of some central junta or inner circle, determined on vengeance against those who have been active in the pursuit and prosecution of a special class of crime.

DIVIDED RESPONSIBILITY.

In these columns a few days ago regret was expressed that the University of Oregon must lose for the time the use of the new female dormitory because the appropriation for furnishing the building has been held up by the referendum.

ardemum movement and has criticized those who have had it in charge. At the same time it must not be forgotten that much of the strength of the movement arises from just such instances of misuse of money as this under consideration.

SHIFTING FINANCIAL CENTER.

The New York Journal of Commerce, located at 32 Broadway, placidly announces that "the West and South are now engaged in their annual demonstration of their financial independence of the Northeastern section of the country, and although this process affords complete satisfaction to local interests, the fact that it has to be repeated every year excites the skepticism that expects the financial center of gravity in this country to remain for a long time in the vicinity of Wall and Broad and New and Pine streets."

The sentiment thus voiced is the sentiment of Wall street, and that famous thoroughfare has for a long time been in the condition of the Indian who plaintively asserted that it was the wigwam, and not himself, that was "lost." While the great and growing West and South have been booming along on prosperity's highway, the alleged financial "center of gravity" has been staggering like a drunken sailor under the burden of its own weight.

Something more than ten years ago, when the entire country was experiencing much of the same kind of panic as recently disturbed the center of gravity on Manhattan Island, it would have been useless for New York to send agents into the West for the purpose of borrowing money. They sent agents, of course, but they returned with the same kind of report as the agent who returned with a foreclosure document which had been reluctantly forced on them.

OUR SELF-INFLATED CAPITAL.

American bidders will be permitted to charge 50 per cent more than foreign prices for coal for Admiral Evans' Pacific fleet. If they should attempt to hold the Government up for anything in excess of this liberal bonus, the contracts will be placed with foreign bidders.

Fortunately, some of this large sum will be diverted to those who by "divine right" control most of the coal output of the country which will be recovered in the shape of cheap wheat freights which the presence of such a large fleet of steamships on the Pacific Coast render possible.

But the effect on ocean freights out of Pacific Coast ports would be just the same if these steamers brought in coal at a saving of \$2 per ton to the Government. If it is right and proper for the Government to pay contracts to the foreigners when the rates asked are 50 per cent lower than those asked for by Americans, it is also right that the contracts should be given them when the rates are only 10 per cent or 5 per cent lower than the American price.

chartered to bring coal round from the Atlantic the Seattle Post-Intelligence and a number of other agencies of prohibitive protection for American vessels scoured the Government for its action.

Now that the vessels are coming here and are offering to carry to foreign markets at from 3 to 5 cents per bushel less than the rates which would have prevailed had the foreign vessels not been chartered, we have a practical illustration as to who profits by the ultra-protection afforded by a ship subsidy. One of these steamers will carry the product of a hundred farms, and we accordingly find that opposing forces on the question to be one shipowner and one hundred farmers on a single transaction, with the ratio increasing rapidly for many individual shipowners.

ASTOUNDING ACCIDENT.

Another wicked thrust has just been aimed at the dintless sphericity of the Dingley tariff. This time it is the Pennsylvania editors who are guilty of sacrilegious defamations of those sacred schedules, and to make the matter as bad as it could possibly be, they are Republican editors, most of them.

The Chicago wheat market, after a decline of about 5 cents per bushel from the high point reached, took a slight turn upward yesterday. The price is still hovering around the dollar mark, and so long as it does not drop back too far from that figure the market will be in a steady decline.

When the present style of streetcar with a large vestibule at either end was adopted in Portland it was generally agreed that it furnished the maximum of comfort. However, its full complement of seats was not ready for use until a week or two ago.

A total of 3,000,000 pounds or 255 carloads of dried prunes is the record of the Marion County prune industry this season. The question of pickers of this enormous crop was met by the employment of Japanese—a class of laborers who have it to their credit that they work every day and all day during the short picking season.

Plans for the Union Pacific extension to Puget Sound have been completed and bids will be called for within thirty days. While unable to determine the exact status of the plans for the Union Pacific extension to Central Oregon, we feel safe in stating that the bids for construction will be opened in advance of those for the construction of the Puget Sound line.

It is mighty well the woman isn't of Japan, we believe. She would instantly become a figure of international importance, and Portland for the time would be a chief news center of the world.

Increased registration at every Oregon college is another evidence of widespread prosperity in the state. Let Taft square things with the Mikado and maybe we won't feel like sending the Navy to the Pacific Coast.

HIGH PRICES OF NECESSITIES.

Living Expenses Contrasted Here and in Eastern Cities. (PORTLAND, Oct. 1.—(To the Editor.)—As the Oregonian has turned the light on so many wrongs, will it lend assistance toward solving a widespread problem? Why are prices in Portland so exorbitantly high, and are there any legal measures we can take to correct this growing evil?

The best loaf butter has been selling for 30 cents a pound in Spokane, while in Portland it is 40 cents a pound for the same thing, or if bought on the East Side, 45 cents. Nebraska eggs bought at nine cents a dozen, while in Portland they are 15 cents a dozen. The best loaf butter has been selling for 30 cents a pound in Spokane, while in Portland it is 40 cents a pound for the same thing, or if bought on the East Side, 45 cents.

The first installment of Hicks' prediction of a stormy October came a day in advance of date. A great gale broke Monday over Cape Cod Bay, where, off the Barnstable shore, the fleet of United States battleships was anchored. The gale was so violent that about like corks and literally whipping the sea with them for twenty hours.

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WHO ORDERED THE COCKTAILS?

Chicago Inter Ocean. While the efforts that are being put forth by the esteemed New York Herald Tribune to get the "who ordered the cocktails" are praiseworthy in the extreme, and entitled to encouragement from all right-thinking people, yet we cannot give approval to its latest effort, which is to get the "who ordered the cocktails" out of the hands of Albert Jeremiah Beveridge.

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MEANING OF STOCK SPECULATION.

Kansas City Star. A magazine estimates the cost of the New York Stock Exchange to the public in the form of interest on the loans to be about \$60,000,000 per year. This cost is only the price paid for the privilege of gambling, while the game itself is a favorable one.

THE JOYS OF AN ALL-DAY CIGAR.

New York Herald. Cigars are a foot and a half long, which are made for one day's smoking, and are sold in the American Museum of Natural History. With them is a holder which looks like a tuning fork and is large enough to be used as a paper holder.

CALL JIM HAM LEWIS FOR GOVERNOR.

Chicago Special to St. Louis Globe-Democrat. "James Hamilton Lewis for Governor. Liberty and etiquette for the platform." This was the programme outlined by some of the local leaders of Democracy today with the combination they hope to carry to the state in November.

RECEIVES LETTER MAILED IN 1875.

Ole C. Haugen, a well-known contractor of Stanley, has received a letter mailed to him at Lyfyrk, Norway, November 18, 1875, addressed to him at Minnaitin, Mexico, whither as a boy of 18 years he had gone. The letter was written by a boyhood friend, and was not at Minnaitin when the letter came. Mr. Haugen found his way to South America and later returned to Norway. A quarter of a century ago he came to this country.

DOGS "GHOST" BOTHERS NEIGHBORS.

Rochester (N. Y.) Despatch. Residents in Suffern, N. Y., say they have been annoyed by the ghost of a dog which was owned by Dr. Gilbert Johnson and which died three weeks ago.

WEALTH OF ENGLISH DUKES.

Selected Aristocrats Who Have Shown Marked Ability as Tax Dodgers.

London Telegraph. The estate of the sixth Duke of Northumberland, who died January 1886, aged 87 years, left an estate valued for probate at £253,573 gross, with net personality of the value of £200,182. But, as appeared in proceedings which have lately been reported, he had previously given bonds worth £202,000 to his son, the present Duke, and to his grandson, Lord Settrington, now Earl of March, and other bonds to the amount of £28,104, all of which it has been held, were not liable to be charged with the estate duty.

The fifth Duke of Portland, who died in December, 1879, leaving a personal estate worth £7,500,000 in value, had bequeathed to his son, the sixth Duke, the bulk of his property, which was in the charge of the death duties. In these cases, however, the estate would probably have eventually come by entail to the persons to whom it had been transferred.

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MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP PROBLEM.

Result of Investigation by National Civic Federation's Commission. Roland Phillips in Harper's Weekly. The more important conclusions of the investigation conducted by the National Civic Federation, which will be published shortly in the complete report of the commission, may be briefly summarized as follows: Public utilities, whether in public or private hands, are best conducted under a system of legalized and regulated monopoly.

"TOOTS," TINIEST DOG IN THE WORLD.

New York World. "Toots" is the tiniest black-and-white dog that you ever saw. He is only two and a half inches long, and weighs only two ounces. His owner says that "Toots" lays claim to championship honors as the smallest full-grown dog in the world.

FOX TERRIER SAVES HIS OWNER'S LIFE.

Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Despatch. A little fox terrier saved the lives of Dr. C. W. Spayd and his family, when a fire broke out in their home. The dog was in the drugstore of Frank & Barbe, over which Dr. Spayd resides. Most of the heavy volume of smoke ascended into the second floor.

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SPARROWS' EXPERIMENT IN CHURCH LIFE.

Springfield (Mass.) Union. Sparrows pecked at the mortar in the First Congregational Church, of Westfield, Mass., where repairs are necessary that extensive repairs are necessary for safety.

Hairpulling Editors.

OCCASIONALLY the peace of the Oregon newspaper family is jarred by hairpulling. The strenuous word is used figuratively, just as it would say that an editor goes on the warpath and scalps a rival. We would not mean, of course, that one editor pulls out the hair of another or lifts his scalp; only that he calls his contemporary "tooth-sucking" or "editorial bad-water," or "brainless ass" or "brain-storm fool," each epithet being intended to raise the hair or ruffle the feathers of the offending party.

There is no guardian of the peace in the newspaper family. Yet the assaults rarely do more harm than to waste the ink, paper and brains of the man behind the editorial gun. Shall we say the people of the country are not entertained by the assaults? They are. They see Hans and Jacob or Mike and Pat fall into furious passion of anger, smite each other, call bad names and almost reach for the knife. What is the result? The audience was greatly pleased. But was the play genuine? It seemed so. Hans and Jacob thus drew people to see them. Were their editors they would make subscribers.

Up in Gilliam County a feud between the Times and the Globe has broken out in a violent assault by the editor of the Times. He calls his rival a "flopper" and a "tooth-sucker," and a "kidnapping pair of editors," says he:

"The 'editorials' in last week's issue of the 'Flopper' are genuine, written by its disgraced editor, and the 'tooth-sucker' hand did not put them, we give him credit for better stuff. Boys, let me give you a piece of advice. Don't let the 'Flopper' little noodles against a brick wall. When the 'Globe' comes out, we will go out and get the votes, and then we will see what your boys are up to. Your last editorials are not bad, considering the 'tooth-sucker' and 'kidnapping' of the baby act. 'In the air' the 'balloon' and 'on the jump' may do for the 'write-up' of the 'tooth-sucker' and 'kidnapping' of the baby act. 'In the air' the 'balloon' and 'on the jump' may do for the 'write-up' of the 'tooth-sucker' and 'kidnapping' of the baby act."

Over near the sea in Tillamook, the autumn storms are heralded by bad weather. The 'tooth-sucker' and 'kidnapping' of the baby act. 'In the air' the 'balloon' and 'on the jump' may do for the 'write-up' of the 'tooth-sucker' and 'kidnapping' of the baby act.

WOULD YOU THINK THAT EDITOR GEOR (FORMERLY GOVERNOR) STENBERG, WHOSE POLITICAL ENDEAVOR HAS BEEN TO STROKE THE RIGHT WAY, WOULD GET INTO A MIXUP?

That is what he has done, though forced to it, let us say, by the settlement of the 'tooth-sucker' and 'kidnapping' of the baby act. 'In the air' the 'balloon' and 'on the jump' may do for the 'write-up' of the 'tooth-sucker' and 'kidnapping' of the baby act.

Another storm center is Medford, where the whirl has been started by rivalry between the 'tooth-sucker' and 'kidnapping' of the baby act. 'In the air' the 'balloon' and 'on the jump' may do for the 'write-up' of the 'tooth-sucker' and 'kidnapping' of the baby act.

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