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SUBSCRIPTION RATES. INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE. (By Mail.) Daily, Sunday included, one month, \$3.00

are responsible for a great deal of insanity. Such noises as the racket of trolley cars cannot be abolished, though they could be diminished; but one of the worst of all these disseminating nuisances, the barking of dogs in the night, might be abated entirely.

The worry which causes insanity generally relates to property. It arises among the poor from the perpetual grin of the wolf at the door, and among the rich from the fear of losing what they have in the savings bank, in stock investments, or in some other place of insecurity.

IT IS OREGON'S CAUSE. The favor of a visit has been paid The Oregonian by Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Cotton of the railway combine that has long had Oregon bottled up.

CAUSES OF INCREASING INSANITY. The relative number of insane persons in the world is increasing, and it does not increase so fast as it would suppose from the records of the criminal courts.

THE WAY OF THE POLITICIAN. Mr. Bryan shows himself a superficial observer and incorrect thinker when he says that "predatory wealth can protect itself more easily from National legislation than from state legislation."

THE LADY WITH THE CIGARETTE. Without disposition to be flimsy or prudish, the general sentiment will approve the action of the New York Board of Aldermen in forbidding women to smoke in restaurants and other public places.

THE YOUNG WOMAN. The young woman who was discharged by the California Bank Commission because she knew more than they did and served the public more faithfully happened to find a new position in England. She therefore suffers no inconvenience and the Commission will receive their merited portion of scorn and contempt.

THE CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET. The Chicago wheat market went off with a rush yesterday, the May option showing a loss of nearly 2 1/2 cents per bushel.

from this country. Fortunately for the United States, the farmers have marketed the greater part of the surplus, and the average price received has been so far above the average of recent years that it has made the business of wheatgrowing much more attractive than for several years.

MR. LITTLEFIELD'S WALL. It is, of course, quite natural that Mr. Littlefield should rant and protest against the appropriation of \$1,000,000 for coal and for freight thereon for the Pacific squadron.

W. W. CALKINS. Mr. W. H. Calkins, of Eugene, thinks the referendum system stops far short of what the people require for assertion of liberty and promotion of justice.

THE INITIATIVE. The initiative petition for enlargement of the powers of the Port of Portland to enable it to handle the bar pilotage and towage was filed yesterday with the names of 2460 voters.

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