

The Oregonian
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chivalry, Colonel Watterston, confessing that with the approval of Wilson's manager he "touched" Thomas F. Ryan for a contribution to the Wilson campaign fund.

Here we have, according to Watterston, the man whom Bryan backs with oratory and Commoner editorials seeking through a friend, financial backing from one of the men whom Bryan...

But there is a slight difference between the two forms of backing—editorial or Commoner's—and the editorial backing is its publicity. Everybody knows about it. But a little check or a roll of bills can be passed from one person to another, and none...

Nature seems to have favored the United States in its acquisition of Alaska. Politicians have exploited it, mercenaries have plucked it, and theorists have tried to bottle it...

With good roads radiating from every city into all parts of the country and with the parcels post in full operation on every rural route and railroad, the rural carrier should be able to load the auto truck with better quality fruit, vegetables, etc., than the farmer to the consumer in the city without any such intermediary as the express company or the commission man.

RANGERS AND SETTLERS.
All that the Oregonian has ever said in reference to the abuse of power by the Forest Service...

WHAT AN AWFUL SMOKE!
As a result of careful nursing by war chest beneficiaries of the Fels fund quite a showing is being made in the press of the state as to the growth of single tax discussion.

WILSON AND THE RYAN "TOUCH"
Democrats are so busy with their own little faction fights that they seem to have no time for stirring up trouble among the Republicans.

to Canada. Our forest rangers and special agents are driving them there just as surely as Russian persecution is driving the Jews to America.

SPREAD OF DIRECT LEGISLATION.
Though Bryan remains true to Woodrow Wilson as the apostle of progressive democracy, in spite of the "cooked hot" letter, there is a difference of opinion between them on one of the principal political issues...

Direct legislation at present may be only a state issue, but if the present tendency to its adoption in more and more states should continue, it may soon become a National issue.

One of the first fruits of the initiative in Oregon was the direct primary, and it is spreading even more rapidly than direct legislation, for it has been adopted in many states by legislative enactment.

When such a movement as that for direct legislation becomes general, it is impossible to confine it to the individual states; it must inevitably extend to National affairs.

The history of the growth of the Portland Commercial Club is a condensed history of the growth of Portland. From modest quarters in the Chamber of Commerce building it moved four years ago into its own building.

"Bill" Hanley is right. Boom prices for land will kill the boom in the settlement of Oregon. Irrigators should be given a chance to build his house and harvest a crop before being required to make a second payment on his land.

Tacoma's Montanara Feste, following close upon Portland's Rose Festival and Seattle's Potlatch, will make June a month of times the hazy holiday gaily in the Pacific Northwest.

President Taft voices his honest opinions about the recall, regardless of whether he loses the vote of the U'Ren organ. His courage and independence must command the admiration even of those whom he thus antagonizes.

The Vancouver weather man who was asked to cover the meaning of day and night combined, might say to the farmhand, who works that way...

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of Jan. 29, 1862.
The different regiments now in service at the East make regular remittances of \$10,000, \$15,000 and as high as \$20,000 per month to the folks at home.

The steamer Cowitz arrived here about 6 o'clock last evening from the Cowitz River, where she had been blocked in during the late cold spell.

From Olympia—On the 6th Alonzo W. Poe, a Union man, was elected public printer.

From Victoria—The abolishment of imprisonment for debt is being agitated in the Victoria papers.

On Sunday three letters were placed in the Postoffice on which were old postage stamps.

From Portland, Jan. 25.—(To the Editor.)—A father emigrated into the United States, and he was made a citizen of this country according to the naturalization law.

Naturalization Laws.
PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—(To the Editor.)—The German department of war, under the stated circumstances, may validly claim whatever on my time or services? I believe not.

Value of Potters Clay.
WOODLAND, Wash., Jan. 25.—(To the Editor.)—(1) If a person buys land without any contract on time, and pays a part to the party who sells it, foreclosing without giving the money back?

The man who sold the property would have legal right to possession upon failure of purchaser to pay any note not be compelled to refund, in the absence of contract to the contrary.

Suppose you wanted to send a message to, say, 30,000 Portland homes. A form letter would cost you at least 4 cents each—\$1200.

Put it another way. Use the same amount of space in The Oregonian that a letter occupies. Say 8 1/2 inches wide by 11 inches deep.

The newspaper is the cheapest advertising medium on earth. The Oregonian is the greatest advertising medium in the Pacific Northwest.

DITTY UNSEASONABLE

By Dean Collins.
'Twas in my childhood first I learned That things aren't what they seem: That something sinister must lie 'neath all creation's scheme.

Nothing escapes the swarming things. They camp within our food. And in the drinking cups placed 'Round our tables so demurely, And now a scientist affirms, In pond'rous fourteen-jointed terms, That baby Spring we love so well Springs from a springing swarm of germs.

Now, in the Spring, ah, foolish me, I used to lope and run About the budding hills and dales, And care of full of fun, And never dreamed I opened wide An avenue on every side, Where Springtime germs could gain a way Into my system and abide.

Now that I've learned this, still I hold I do not care a rush, I'll sterilize my food and clothes, And never dream of opening wide An avenue on every side, Where Springtime germs could gain a way Into my system and abide.

WATTERS' SIDE OF TIPPING TOLD Gratitudes Bring Average Monthly Wage to About \$70.
PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—(To the Editor.)—Under date of January 17 there appears in The Oregonian an article entitled "Salesmen United in Anti-Tip War."

The average tip received by most waiters would amount to about 16 per cent. This does not include all sales, however, and would average about \$1.35 per day, which, together with the average wage, brings it around \$32.50, would bring his income to about \$79 per month—surely not an excessive amount to keep a family in style, clothe and properly educate a family.

No man is asked to tip his waiter. If he chooses to do so it is his privilege. The proprietors of Portland's principal hotels, grills and restaurants approve of the giving of gratuity, as is shown by their own liberality in that respect to their employees.

Jobs Beyond Reach.
PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—(To the Editor.)—Permit me to call your attention to the fact that only a very few of the rich can enjoy the pleasures of a fine, ocean-going yacht; the great majority of the so-called rich are too poor for such pastimes.

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Suppose for Instance
Suppose you wanted to send a message to, say, 30,000 Portland homes. A form letter would cost you at least 4 cents each—\$1200. You could take that \$1200 and use one whole page, in The Oregonian, every day for eight days. Think of how much greater effect the newspaper advertising would have over that of the letter.