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MAJOR GAYNOR AND HIGH PRICES.

Mayor Gaynor, of New York, is not entirely convinced that high prices are an evil. At least in his judgment they are no greater evil, perhaps, than low prices, and he invites the public to remember periods when the cost of living was small and yet everybody was shrieking about it.

It must be admitted in candor that neither high nor low prices are in themselves either good or evil. The harm comes in when there happens to be a maladjustment between the price of goods and the price of money.

Salaries and wages do not always rise with the cost of living, though they are fairly prompt to fall with prices. That there is a tendency for incomes to go up with the price of goods is undeniable.

When prices rise, money wages do not rise, and since for many it is no easier to get, suffering naturally ensues. Given time enough, circumstances would adjust themselves to high prices or low ones, though in the process great misery would be inevitable.

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A FINANCIAL OBOY.

Take the case of Marion County for an example as to the working out of the West high finance road scheme. Out of the total bond issue Marion County would draw about \$500,000.

Now Marion County could borrow. In lieu of these state funds, an extra \$500,000 for thirty years at 5 per cent and save approximately \$1,000,000 by the transaction, counting in interest payments.

Take a look at the map of Oregon. There are Crook, Klamath, Lake, Grant, Harney and Malheur lying east of the Cascade Mountains and comprising about one-half the area of the state.

Think of it! If anybody should seriously suggest to the Multnomah County Commissioners that \$100,000 be directly appropriated for building roads in the southeast corner of the state he would be hustled off to the insane asylum.

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DR. FRANCIS S. HOYT AND HIS WORK IN OREGON.

Rev. Francis S. Hoyt, first president of Willamette University and a resident of Oregon from 1859 to 1869, died at his home in Cincinnati on January 21, aged 93 years.

Upon his arrival in Oregon Territory sixty-two years ago Dr. Hoyt found a beautiful wilderness with small settlements here and there on the Willamette River and out in the open country of the Tualatin plains and portions of Yamhill and Marion Counties.

appearance, white-haired, cheerful and optimistic, he was welcomed and revered as first president of Willamette. Among the most pleasing of the many social occasions that illustrate the spirit of good comradeship for which the name of the pioneer university stands, Dr. Hoyt's visit last June takes precedence in significance.

Such a chair, dedicated to Oregon history, patriotically and intelligently presented without discrimination in the matter of creeds, would be a tribute to his memory of which the entire state might justly be proud, and from which future generations would surely profit.

THE PROMISE TO OBEY.

It is held by some sticklers for truth as against vain repetitions in the marriage service that as long as the solemn statement "with all my worldly goods I thee endow" is exacted of the bridegroom, the bride should not rebel at the word "obey" in the marriage service.

It is not clear, says the New York Sun, that anything is to be gained by leaving out the word "obey" from the bride's vows; indeed, considering how lightly and cheerfully other promises are made by men and women upon entering the married state, the cynics are puzzled at the stand taken for and against this one word "obey."

This is one of the shams of which the marriage service might very properly be deprived. It is inevitable that, in punishing the guilty, the law should often inflict suffering on the innocent, but where this suffering can be avoided or mitigated, it should be done.

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There are still those in Oregon—"the old-timers" go to speak for the territorial era—who think the days of 50-cent wheat with only such market for the toilsomely-produced surplus of the virgin grain fields as could be furnished by the tramp windjammers that reached our port—then, as now, Portland; when there was practically no market for the generous surplus of the bulk—of orchard products before the days of orchard pests; when dairy products found no market beyond that represented in an irregular way by the village store, and by a livestock market which a few hundred steers each year would supply.

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wide prosperity, of which railroad transportation will be an active adjunct, going in advance of agricultural development when necessary and keeping pace with it in every section of the state.

Democratic insistence that, if Senators be elected by direct vote, Congress shall have no control over the elections, does not speak well for their sincerity in advocating direct election. They would rather postpone this reform till doomsday than run the slightest risk that the negro vote be counted.

Unless they change their attitude there will be but one means of accomplishing the reform—that is, election of a two-thirds Republican majority in both Senate and House pledged to carry it through. Such a condition shows how far from expressing real Democratic sentiment was Bryan's slogan, "Let the people rule." The Democrats mentally added the proviso: "if they rule our way."

Mr. Schwab's admission that he sells steel abroad cheaper than at home vindicates his whole argument in favor of the present tariff. The volume of our steel exports has become so great as to prove that our manufacturers can compete in foreign markets and make a profit. They make such exertions to extend foreign trade under these conditions that the profit must be worth while.

Conditions must have improved wonderfully fast since January 25, as Mr. Taylor writes on February 5. It is hard to believe that only about 800 idle men are in the city at present. Eleven days before, on January 25, no less than 29,000 men in Vancouver were told that they were 15,000 idle men in their city.

Take a pencil and figure it out yourself. Mr. Taylor in Pendleton. Umatilla County is to be one of thirty-four counties to receive an equal share of \$15,000,000 raised by a tax on the state's area, which is about one-thirtieth of the state's area. Umatilla pays about .054 of the state taxes. The \$20,000,000 in bonds run for thirty years at 5 per cent. How much can you save by chucking the state bonds and borrowing your own money for the same period at the same rate of interest? Doesn't it figure out more than \$1,000,000?

If ever it were excusable to do evil that good may come, it was so in the case of the mother of the late Rufus's mother. It is inevitable that, in punishing the guilty, the law should often inflict suffering on the innocent, but where this suffering can be avoided or mitigated, it should be done.

The mercy shown by Judge Lawlor was less to Rufus than to Rufus's mother, with whom the law has no quarrel.

Should Judge Hook's "Jim Crow" decision keep him off the Supreme Bench? It will look very much as if he were punished for exercising his judgment conscientiously. Is not this an assault upon the independence of the judiciary? It is not the same in form as the recall, but does it differ essentially from it in effect?

Many Orangemen in Belfast are disappointed at being deprived of the opportunity to crack Nationalist skulls. With bloodless shillshals resting in the corner, they mourn the passing of the old days, when the boat in front of a sermonizing St. Patrick's day and the anniversary of the battle of the Boyne.

Uncle Sam has no objection to Mexico's indulgence in revolutions provided the bullets are kept on the Mexican side of the border, but if any of them should stray over to our side and wound any of our citizens it may become our business to step across the line and stop the fight.

Viscount Haldane's mission of peace to Germany would have more permanent success if the British and German newspapers would cease fanning the flames of hatred by making a cause of quarrel out of every little incident.

Enforcement of the eight-hour law in election day machinery will make the people's choice an expensive luxury. Some day, perhaps after the millennium, the law will be made to fit like tenon and mortise.

That clergyman in Eastern Washington who is champion pool player of the place is a man of whom his townsmen are proud. In his zeal for salvation he never misses a cue.

Mayor Gaynor tells a Democratic gathering he prefers high prices to hard times. Possibly he remembers the battered old rooster he wore in his hat a score of years ago.

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MR. MYERS TELLS OF VANCOUVER.

His Information Gained From Score of Business Men There. PORTLAND, Feb. 9.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian market, Mr. L. D. Taylor, ex-Mayor of Vancouver, B. C., brands as "exaggerated" and "maliciously" false the statements I made in a letter printed in The Oregonian January 30. Inasmuch as I fully expected some rabid single-taxer to challenge my statement, I was extra particular to underline every word.

Mr. Taylor refers to bank clearances to refute my statement that trade with the retail merchants is the dullist in seasons, and holiday trade was poor. Mr. Taylor will delve into statistics a little further, he will find that moving the enormous wheat crops would be a bank clearance, and that the holiday trade is very little figure.

The way to find out whether the merchants are doing any business and had a good or poor holiday trade is to talk to the merchants themselves, their buyers and salesmen, not to be in a dozen. Mr. Taylor does not deny that the retail trade was poor. He says that hundreds of real estate men have gone out of business, but he repeats the laws do not permit us to take into account the very responsible citizens of Vancouver told me it was only recently that the banks had "drawn in" and ceased to take any way to accommodate real estate operators.

Well informed business men stated there was no life in the real estate market, and inquiry there was a year ago. They stated inside property was largely in strong hands that had faith in the city and who would hold through the "dark times."

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Mr. Taylor says "only on an average of 200 a day are being fed by the city." I do not know over what space of time he takes to compute an average. I long enough one is taken, the average might be made very low, but I do know that a great many more than any 200 are taken in the city. I am in the supply line, or free-meal-ticket-line on January 25. If Mr. Taylor calls this property, let him make the most of it. I long enough one is taken, the average might be made very low, but I do know that a great many more than any 200 are taken in the city.

The only reason for referring to the single tax in connection with conditions in Vancouver was to show that Mr. Fels and his various cohorts in their writings and lectures have been wrong in crediting to single tax any of the prosperity of Vancouver. Mr. Fels and his cohorts in their writings and lectures have been wrong in crediting to single tax any of the prosperity of Vancouver.

FACTS SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN.

Correspondent Urges Probe of County Matters in Fairness to All.

PORTLAND, Feb. 9.—(To the Editor.)—Approas the gravel pit deal and the alleged irregularities of the County Court are so anxious to have probed and explained, allow me to raise my voice with many others and say, "Let it be done." After the fact they stand waiting the decision of some one. If it is the duty of the grand jury to recommend the appointment and direct the operation of an expert accountant, why this hesitation? As it is they stand charged by the County Court as being prejudiced, and the grand jury of misstatement of facts, and being distinctly hostile.

The writer was always of the opinion that a hostile jury was a paradox. The jury probe is generally far from being a hostile proceeding and there is probably a reason for what may have sounded like hostilities.

Any one who should be appointed (not under the direction of the County Court or any other interested body) to make a thorough search of the records and files of the County Court, and to report thereon, would be happy to see the expert appointed and controlled by a body that would be unbiased and free from all connection with the affair.

Any way it is very easy to determine as to whether the grand jury has given the County Court a square deal, and it lies in some one's power to do it. We hope that duty will not be shirked, and that it will be discharged without further ado.

As it stands now, the County Court remains charged with mismanagement by a grand jury, and if not guilty of such charge should be vindicated in the public eye. Will the February grand jury take hold of this in an unbiased and settle it for all time? We shall see.

JACOB BURR, Arleta, Or.

Miss Correll's Nerves.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 8.—(To the Editor.)—The editorial opinion of Marie Correll and her alleged "literature" interests. It calls to mind a story applied at this time. In a London apartment, where there was a conservatory of music presided over by a talented woman, Marie Correll labored at her "literary work" as the story goes. Her daily practice of a score of young women on pianos got on the nerves of Marie. Marie protested to the landlord, who had a high opinion of her, and he proceeded to the woman at the head of the conservatory, setting up that the practice interfered with her "literary work." The disciple of Beethoven, too, was hard on a man falling downstairs, that if the piano practice would prevent her writing any more such stories as "Wormwood," "The Romance of Two Women," etc., she should have a dozen more high-class instruments would be installed at once. Which was "wormwood" indeed for Marie.

Counties in First District.

BORING, Or., Feb. 8.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Was Eugene City ever the capital of Oregon? (2) How long a residence is required to become a voter in this state? (3) What counties constitute the First Representative District at present? (4) How can this be the 12th year of the 20th century, as you stated in a recent number, when only 11 years has elapsed since January 1, 1901, the beginning of the century? A READER.

(1) No. (2) Six months. (3) Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Clatsop, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, Yamhill (1911 apportionment).

(4) Counting the year 1900 as the first year of the present century.

The men of Ulster were mere bluffers. Taft would be a big war President.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, February 10, 1862. From Jacksonville.—By last night's mail we received the Sentinel of January 25. Another flood had swept the valley, doing immense damage. On the 21st eight inches of snow fell and it continued to rain and snow all the week. The streams rose as high as they had been this winter. A tannery at Phoenix had been swept away, and a fine flouring mill toppled over in the water. The roads were impassable and the amount of damage done in the valley cannot be ascertained. Cattle had suffered from the severity of the weather. Numbers lie rotting on the hills and in the valleys surrounding Jacksonville.

William M. Hand has withdrawn from the Sentinel and O. Jacobs, Esq., has taken editorial charge. It will continue to be staunchly Unrepublican.

A meeting was held at Jacksonville on the 18th to ascertain the practicability of a wagon road to the Salmon River mines. One man said a pack train could go there in 15 days. Messrs. McDaniel and Ballard were authorized to organize a company of volunteers to examine the route.

It was found on the arrest of the Knights of the Golden Circle in Ohio and the examination of their papers that the New York Day Book was their organ and they had a fund to enable them to circulate the paper gratuitously. That was the business paper of the secessionists and Knights of Oregon.

The Argus says the Clackamas company of cavalry will be immediately mustered into service.

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Mr. Clemens, in company with two others, arrived here last evening from The Dalles with Tracy & Co's express. The party left The Dalles on Monday, the 2d inst., being seven days on the way. On the first day out they lost their way. The snow, which was about an inch deep, had changed the face of the country and obliterated all lines at any point necessary to make a permanent improvement, the work to be commenced within the year 1862.

The search for Alphin and Davis was unsuccessful. The Indian camps were all visited, but no traces could be found of them, or of the stranger who first left John Day's for The Dalles. When at the Des Chutes the mercury fell to the bulb, and the thermometer burst.

Jeffries has had both his feet taken off. Wellington has had one taken off. The rest of the party will share the same fate, with the exception of William Bolen.

Common Council.—The petition of William S. Ladd, praying for the exclusive right to lay water pipes in the streets of the city, was read and referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. King, Hallock and Barr.

Colonel Cornelius designs to establish a cadet school of instruction for the volunteer cavalry one fourth of the Cascade Mountains and the other in the valley.

Wheat in Canada.

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N. Nitts on Caution

By Dean Collins. Neelus Nitts, in whose cranial cap, The wisdom of Pundkorf was kept on tap, Saw a humming bird pass with a flutter and flap, And an unerring quid brought the bird to mishap. Then on suffrage a white spake the sapient chap.

"I sees Roosevelt has made recent discoveries ougter. About woman suffrage, with vigor and force, Explains and further dissertin' a lot On manners and means by which it shall be got; With all the assurance he's formerly shown."

With all other subjects, both known and unknown. "Thinks I when I reads it, Them sentiments ougter I never desired. Shore make a big hit with a gal like my daughter, Who holds, on account of her literary gift, The office of scribe for the Ladies' Uplift."

But after I asked her opinion, she said, "If that's your idee, why then you're plum misled."

"What right's Roosevelt to butt in that away. And to speak them sentiments he's had to say. 'Bout grantin' of suffrage—wherefore and how?' He's better jest tend to his business, I 'low. Instead of enditin' them there plans he endites On how wronged peot shall go after their rights."

"I start in to argue, but soon I retirse. For I sees a somethin' I never desired. I claims Roosevelt is fur bolder than me, But he ain't got half my discretion, his own. For now, to all argument, I jest gives pause, And I've a good reason—which same is this: Portland, February 9.

Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

A man who praises the dead thinks he is apologizing for a lot of his meanness to the living. The men are making confessions here lately; the wife who has a "candid talk" with her husband now, might get results.

Have you a friend you do not occasionally roast a little behind his back? In speaking of the virtues of the dead, people are as extravagant as they are in speaking of love, or of the value of an education.

A woman is always more disposed than a man to advertise a love affair. I am trying to find out, but I do not know. You don't? No one does. Writing for print seems to be as risky a business as gold mining. A few strike it, but thousands of others prospect for years and find nothing.

A girl doesn't always want to get married because she fears her heart will break if she does not; sometimes she knows it is up to her to get married or go to work. The police cannot depend on the deerskin of a business as gold mining. A bigger than he really is to the frightened man whose house he enters.

A boy is like an English sparrow—he manages to get along, in spite of everybody throwing at him. Alimony and Contempt. PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—(To the Editor.)—Can a Judge put a "kindly" in his judgment of alimony? If so, for how long, or what punishment is customary, if any? AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

He can be cited into court and ordered to pay, and if he refuses is in contempt and may be jailed. If defendant can make showing that he has no means with which to pay, the impossible is not expected. Wheat in Canada. TWOHY BROS., CAMP, Rufus, Or., Feb. 8.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly advise us whether the United States or Canada produces the most wheat. We have one here who believes that Canada produces the most wheat. L. JONES.

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Newspaper Advertising is an Investment Equal in Importance to Salesmen and Window Displays, and More Powerful as a Business Getter

There is a clothing store in this city which started in business about 20 years ago. The day the store opened there appeared an advertisement in The Oregonian telling the people of Portland about the goods offered for sale in that store. And The Oregonian has continued to carry this store's advertising during these 20 years.

The business of this store has increased steadily. And the space used in The Oregonian has been increased year after year as the business has grown. The business of this store and the greatness of The Oregonian's columns as a selling force have kept pace with the wonderful growth of the city.

The man who is at the head of the business referred to gives credit to newspaper advertising for the wonderful increase in the volume of business done by this store.

There are many small business houses in Portland which can increase their business by advertising in The Oregonian. They can easily be the big ones 6 or 10 years from now. Great growth may be accomplished by using small space at the start and increasing the space as the business grows and warrants an increase.