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RESTORING THE SPOILS SYSTEM.

Democrats are enthusiastic believers in the merit system for the Civil Service when they are seeking votes, but their enthusiasm dies out when they gain power and have offices to fill.

KEEP THE MADMAN UNDER LOCK.

We have heard much of the efficiency and sufficiency of the madman who would be better off in a sanitarium than in a cell.

OUR GRASPING SECRETARY.

At last Secretary Bryan has found a defender in his practice of taking in literary and oratorical washing to help out his \$12,000-a-year salary.

WAGES AND EFFICIENCY.

An explanation of the reason why British workmen receive much lower wages than those of the United States is furnished by J. Ellis Barber in an article in the Fortnightly Review entitled "Great Britain's Poverty and its Causes."

down efficiency by employing hand labor, where by employing machinery they could so increase efficiency as to increase production and thereby increase both wages and profits.

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Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of September 1, 1888. Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 31.—The epidemic of yellow fever is in full swing in every part of the city. Today's report shows 23 new cases and four deaths in the last 24 hours.

Tacoma, Aug. 31.—Hoop-picking will begin throughout the Washington Territory districts Monday. The crop is good.

Salem, Or., Aug. 31.—Ben Critchlow, a carrier of The Oregonian and Statesman, was thrown from a horse and kicked a terrible blow in the forehead, while carrying papers this morning.

James Sargent, formerly connected with the Oregonian, has been employed on the Palouse country, where he has been employed on a railroad survey.

Professor T. H. Crawford returned yesterday from Brownville, where he has been attending the golden wedding of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Crawford.

M. H. Holcomb, general manager of the O. R. & N. Company, returned Tuesday from a tour over the lines of the company with Charles F. Adams, president of the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

J. W. Whalley and H. Pilkington started for Sauvie's Island yesterday for a week among the duck ponds.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church, corner of South First and Gibb streets, is undergoing extensive improvement.

Woodard, Clarke & Co. and W. M. Wisdom have put in the largest size cash register in their retail departments. From the number now in use it is evident that the cash register is being rapidly substituted for the retail trade.

Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregonian of September 1, 1863. A gentleman connected with the firm of Humiston, Wilson & Co., who came down on the boat Saturday, reports that between Boise and Unalakleet over one thousand immigrants are on the way down.

The steamer yesterday brought to our city Captain W. L. Dell, formerly commanding the steamer Columbia and other ships of the P. M. S. Co., and for many years the only pilot of marine emigration to the Columbia River.

The following was published in the Yreka Journal of the 27th: "Federalists are throwing shells into the sea. Beasts of the forest on the ground of humanity and ask truce of 40 hours. No terms will be granted except unconditional surrender. The last in-fighting in Fort Sumpter has been discontinued."

Kansas, Aug. 25.—Reports have been received that Majors Blunt and Thatcher overtook and killed a pack train, comprising the steamer Columbia and other ships of the P. M. S. Co., and for many years the only pilot of marine emigration to the Columbia River.

The Rev. Dr. Ekman, a Jewish rabbi and editor of the San Francisco Gleaner, arrived on the steamer yesterday to officiate in the synagogue of the Congregation Beth Israel.

Among the passengers who left New York by the steamer of August 3 were Hon. H. W. Eddy and family, of Milwaukee.

NEW DRESS FADS HELD RATIONAL.

"Inherited Error" Viewed as Cause of Conventuality in Attire. PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 31.—(To the Editor.)—For a rational, sound and telling discussion of the question of women's dress I can conscientiously recommend, in the full conviction that I am doing a moral act, an article entitled "Modesty in Women's Clothes," in Harper's Weekly for August 30. The points made are convincingly and interestingly illustrated.

A new era has surely dawned in styles for the conscientious woman. A prominent position to a contributor who makes it clear that he is in favor of the new style of dress for women. As a reason for his belief quotations from celebrated scientists and physicians.

The most remarkable part of the article is that it is making out a pretty good case in favor of the contention that the old custom among women of heaping on plenty of clothes is in reality a sign of an inward profligacy, an association of necessary evil with the good, and everything connected with the human body.

The fact that certain men and women even now quite generally insist upon an excess covering in the name of decency and modesty proves that they are the lingering victims of an inherited error which man, truly, he called a vital life. They need the bright sunnlight to food and purify their souls. That sunnlight is the joyful feeling of kinship with nature in all her lovely and wholesome variety and strength.

We seem gradually to be getting back to the sane attitude of the ancients. We are realizing that the clean, simple, beautiful human form cannot of itself be anything but good.

MISS M. M. An Ode to the Pelican. Santiam News. A funny old bird is the pelican. His bill can cut, but he has his bellcan. He can take in his beak enough food for a week, but he don't understand how the bellcan.

Are You "In the Know?"

There is an expression "in the know," which is rather pat. To be "in the know" means to be informed, or rather to have special information about things that perhaps others have not. This phrase may be very aptly applied to those of our readers who are not "in the know." One's attentions every day in The Oregonian as contrasted with those readers who are not so enterprising.

Being "in the know" on the subject of advertising gives one a marked advantage over those who are not "in the know." One dollar goes farther, shopping is made easier and ridiculous and wasteful purchases are eliminated.

Not to be "in the know" means careless, out-of-date news and extravagance. In the advertisements daily we see carefully read "one's

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