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the Sherman law. Nor is it their duty to invoke that law in a strained and unnatural way to injure the Southern Pacific system.

MAKING FOUR JOBS OUT OF TWO. Mr. Evans, the new Game Warden, promoted by some kind of occult selective process from a mere non-salaried Commissioner to a fat salaried job, has this to say about the Governor's part in the political reorganization of the Fish and Game Commission:

It isn't so that Governor West jammed the programme through yesterday. He, however, knew that we were going to try to do it and if there was any jamming or steam-rolling done, the Commission itself would be responsible.

The Commissioner who absorbed Warden Finley's job for his own benefit tries to make it clear that the Commission was quite capable of doing its own jamming. Likely enough, it was the Commissioner who gave the job to Mr. Evans, while they were at it why did they appropriate paying jobs for only one Commissioner?

But elsewhere we hear that the "re-organization" was effected because the Governor insisted on economy and efficiency. We gather as much from Mr. Evans' further remarks.

The first great step of the Commission, under the benevolent inspiration of Governor West, toward economy and efficiency was to create four jobs where there had before been only two. Mr. Evans' four candidates for Game Warden who suited Commissioner Evans so well as himself, he procured his own election and elevated Clerk Opsund to another job.

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the great mistakes in old-fashioned teaching was the effort to educate the brain without regard to these organs, which played a part so fundamental in its development.

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The Native Son's Return

By Dean Collins. (The skeleton of a prehistoric man, estimated to be 200,000 years old, has been exhumed from the asphalt beds of La Brea, Cal.—(News Item.))

From that cell where it appears, He's been doing time, since time Barely had its course begun, California's sunny clime Welcomes to her scenes sublime, As him his unchallenged record As her oldest native son.

Ishl, prehistoric wight, Sinks into the public sight, And his fame's transcendent sheen Dwiddles, for his voice is done; From the olden land I've seen, Has a better claim than Ishl—As her oldest native son.

From asphaltum stratum dug By the geologic bug, Who with scientific dibble For you search the earth and dig, Comes this pious and good bible, Though he's dead through eons thrible, Still his claims as 'oldest native son' Are unquestioned and complete.

Wreaths of glory shall adorn ye, And your fame through California, Both far and wide and large and great, And glorious shall run; Honors high on you await, Darling of the sunny state, For you search the earth and dig, Quite her oldest native son.

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Half a Century Ago

From the Oregonian of Feb. 13, 1864. San Francisco, Feb. 6.—The Pacific mail today, loaded with freight and full of passengers, and no doubt this will continue to be the case for several months, is expected to have stood all through the state, and thousands will go overland this Spring. They are the only placer mines of any account on the Coast at present, and placer mining is the kind to draw a crowd.

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Senator NeSmith has introduced a bill in Congress to build a road through the Cascade Mountains, starting at Eugene, City and following middle fork of Willamette, and asks an appropriation of three sections per mile to build a road from Dallas to a point on the Snake River near the mouth of the Owyhee.

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—The ship Wild Pigeon has arrived from China. She brought news of the destruction of the ships Contest and Racer by the Alabama near the Cape. The United States steamer Wyoming is after the Alabama.

The steamer Pacific, A. M. Burns commander, left this port at 8 P. M. yesterday bound for San Francisco via Victoria. She had a large amount of freight on board and in consequence did not take all that was desired, and was carried away \$30,000 in treasure and about 100 passengers.

The Bannock Gold & Silver Mining Company, formed by some of the most prominent gentlemen of the O. S. N. in this city, has bought large interests in the London and Seattle and design putting extensive machinery in operation.

Two rafts of lumber were recently floated into the city from the Clackamas. T. J. Peabody, for 11 years a clerk of Wells, Fargo & Co. at Sacramento, came here by the last steamer, and got up with the woman and child, the business of the O. S. N. Co. at that point. R. H. Mallory, who has been in California, will go to Umatilla in the same capacity.

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Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of Feb. 13, 1889. Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator Plumb today today that Senator Hale had said to him that within 10 years the United States would have the best navy in the world.

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 12.—Colonel J. C. Saunders, Government Inspector of Bartoliomew Collier, superintendent of the Umatilla reservation, and Paddy Mills, chief clerk, the latter for drunkenness.

Seattle, Feb. 12.—War has broken out, over possession of the mud flats and it is altogether likely there will be bloodshed before it ends.

Seattle, Feb. 12.—N. J. Levinson, formerly of Portland and later of Seattle, will engage in the real estate business in Port Townsend with R. S. Miller, of that city.

Baltimore, Feb. 12.—Colonel Julian Allen, while in Washington recently, had an interview with James G. Blaine, who spoke with freedom about his acceptance of the position of Secretary of State.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—A. L. Maxwell, general passenger and ticket agent of the O. R. & N. Co., was interviewed today on a secret movement of the Southern Pacific upon the Puget Sound country.

Men are at work under the supervision of Samuel G. Lawson, putting in the wires for lighting the Exposition building. The new stone church at Alder and Tenth streets is nearly covered in. Arrangements have been made to send white fish to Crater Lake.

Dr. J. M. F. Chalmers and wife have returned to Portland after an absence of three years in New York City. Dillon Hoskins, of Hardman, Or., died January 23. The two-story section of 80 feet in the center of the union freight depot on North Front street, is nearly completed.

George H. Durlam, who has been at Baker City, returned home very sick with pneumonia. Mr. Jefferson A. Davis, of Salem, and Miss Margaret E. Pritch were married last evening by Rev. C. E. Cline, at the residence of B. O. Severance, West Park street. Dr. T. Brown has returned from Texas. Colonel John Lee, for four years superintendent of the Chemawa Indian School, has resigned.

Origin of New Law. PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—(To the Editor.)—Several subscribers of The Oregonian and taxpayers have asked me to ask you the name of the party who introduced the bill to change our law taking away the 3 per cent rebate on all taxes paid before March 15 and adding new penalties.

Your Character It Is Revealed Through the End of Your Pen When You Write Edith Macomber Hall has been working day and night on the vast pile of letters written by readers of The Oregonian. She has completed analyses of several hundred of the twelve hundred sent in thus far.

In the Bread Line. This is not a story of human poverty, but an inspiring account of the feeding of gulls along Portland's waterfront—the hobby of many, including one prominent Portlander. Full page, with striking photos. Was Jonah Swallowed? Whether he was or not, a fish has been caught that could have swallowed twenty Jonahs at a gulp. This is the biggest fish story yet, and it is true, as evidenced by convincing photos.

Borah, of Idaho. A rising influence in politics and National affairs, this progressive Westerner gives an interesting hour to the interviewer. Chasing Germs. It is not a very exciting form of sport, but it is a most important one. An illustrated article of how Portland's food supply is safeguarded.

Then and Now. Two remarkable photos of the ex-Empress Eugenie, showing her as a beautiful woman and as she appears today at 80. Her remarkable story is told in an article that surpassed fiction. The Children's Page. Mother Goose and other favorites make their reappearance on the full page devoted to stories and pictures for the children. All Aboard for Alaska. A glimpse into the wonderful realm that awaits the Government railway. Full page in colors, with photographs.

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