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HOME RULE THAT IS HOME RULE

It was once true in Oregon, in accordance with an early decision of the Supreme Court, that when the state, city and Federal Government had each enacted a statute prohibiting a certain offense a person by one act might commit three crimes.

It appears, however, that each incorporated city is now set up, by virtue of the home rule amendment to the State Constitution, as an individual principally so far as laws of purely municipal character may be concerned.

In adding this constitutional mandate there was no design to emancipate any city from the general laws of the State Assembly affecting the body of the people or the general public interest.

The decision makes possible a wide range of speculation as to what constitutes "matters wholly involving state-wide policies and activities."

If a certain rate of speed is dangerous to life on a country road it is certainly dangerous to life in a crowded city thoroughfare.

The same question may be applied to numerous other statutes. Under a state law a minimum wage for certain female employes has been fixed to apply to Portland.

The last Legislature attempted by law to divest the City of Portland of control over bridges across the Willamette River within its corporate limits.

It may also be inquired whether, if the State Legislature may not amend a city charter by depriving the city of certain powers asserted therein, it may amend the charter so that the city has more power than its charter gives.

One of the great Democrats retired from public life when Judge George Gray resigned from the United States Circuit Court bench.

as chairman of the commission which settled the anthracite strike. Judge Gray was not so vociferous about peace as some men, but he has accomplished more for peace, both international and industrial, than hosts of them.

OUR SHEEPLIKE HABITS

William Archer, the British dramatic critic, who has been visiting the United States, explained in an address not a great while ago why we have no worthy National drama.

THE PROBLEM OF REVENUE

The Psalmist's lament that the wicked "spread themselves like the green bay tree" was never better exemplified than in the case of Mrs. Cook.

BEWARE OF THE SIGNATURE-CHASER

The sponsor for the initiative and referendum bill in Massachusetts is trying to make the way easy for signature-chasers.

REPEALERS LOSING GROUND

The Administration is losing ground on the canal tolls bills. That is the conclusion to be drawn from the decision of the Senate foreign relations committee to report a resolution directing the President to negotiate with Great Britain for special arbitration of the tolls dispute.

A PREHISTORIC SKELETON

A German geologist, Dr. Hans Reck, has brought back with him from Africa the skeleton of a human being which he estimates to be 150,000 years old.

The remains were disinterred from a deposit which has been made in an ancient lake bed. Sand and chalk layers beneath the bones show that they had been finally laid at rest and in course of time the strata solidified, forming the rock in which the excavations were made.

The skeleton discovered by Dr. Reck is doubly interesting because of its high development. The skull is at least as well formed as that of a modern negro and in some respects more so.

Some of these races are capable of renewed advancement upon contact with the really progressive peoples and some are not. The Japanese went off like firecrackers as soon as they felt the influence of Europe and they have continued to detonate ever since, but they are an exception.

There are numerous other laws that might be mentioned here the dividing line between municipal and state authority must be finely drawn. It therefore may at last be said that the court has given the lawyers something to study over.

shown any capacity whatever for development. Some of them die off when they associate with the whites. Others do fairly well physically, but are mere animals in other respects.

Human history presents us with many cases of arrested development, but only a single one of continuous and irrefragable progress.

According to some authorities, the anti-trust law frowns upon associations of farmers and laboring men more severely than upon the real trusts.

The rain of fish in the Alsea country last Tuesday was characteristic of that best and bounteous land. Sometimes it rains quails there, as it did for the Israelites in the wilderness.

Germany will mobilize six full divisions this Fall into a wonderful show of military strength. By way of a military anti-climax why should not Uncle Sam mobilize six full platoons—if possible?

Statistics show that the demand for matches is falling off. Well, we've got to economize some place, haven't we, in order to buy gasoline, tires and other dire necessities of modern civilization?

A Sacramento chambermaid, marrying money, has bought the hotel where she once worked in order to discharge the duties of a landlady.

A local man is to be released from the rockpile in order that he may get married. Were we not a glowing optician, we might say something about jumping out of the frying pan into the fire.

Inspector Stansberry is to be commended for condemning yesterday a carload of potatoes from Los Angeles infested with tuber moth.

Irish militants sent a couple of female slugs in to beat up the editors of opposition papers. The American way would be to send in a couple of peaches to jolly the editors.

Huerta is ready to resign—when Mexico is politically pacified. Which is a characteristic Latin-American iteration of his stubborn determination never to get out.

That young fellow up at Oakland who is raising polecats to provide a fund on which to marry has all the world "skunked" on potential possibilities.

More than 70,000,000 feet of lumber shipped out of the Columbia in May records one item of the Oregon Country's prosperity.

Lebanon will open a great strawberry fair today, for Lebanon is where strawberries grow to great size and flavor.

Another American executed as a spy to have some slight pretext, you know, even to kill an American.

By refusing to deal in any way with Huerta the rebels run the risk of losing the world's moral sympathy.

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Corner in Shovels Acquired

How Hasty Foreman Obeded Orders Literally and "Sucker" Example

Portland, June 3.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian last Thursday I read a very interesting article by Addison Bennett concerning the growth of Sutherland's shovels during construction from that city into the timber, and the owners and promoters of the city and railroad.

As I have said before, there had been a great deal of talk at this time about the "hot" shovels, as they were called, and the little store, being a somewhat forehanded man, had just a few shovels on hand.

The Northwest Loan & Trust Company on Saturday elected the following directors: George B. Markie, J. Thorburn Hays, Harvey Bradley, G. A. Mooney, C. F. Beebe, D. F. Sherman, Richard Williams, J. A. Sladen, Van B. De Lashm, W. A. H. Moore, C. A. Allisky, S. B. Willey, A. Thielsen.

Two huge barges belonging to the Columbia Lumber & Fuel Company came down over the Cascades yesterday in charge of H. B. Borthwick, who celebrated his 75th birthday when they were safely moored at Bonnaville.

The smelting works at Brooklyn were sold yesterday at auction to Mr. Chase, of Omaha.

George Langford will begin laying brick today on Henry Weinhart's building at the corner of Oak and Second streets.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of June 4, 1889. The Oregonian acknowledges the receipt of \$5 from A. J. Hamilton, of Beaverton, Or., for the Johnston sufferers, and will make this the nucleus of a fund.

Salem, June 3.—The State Board of Railroad Commissioners today received a communication from the Board of Trade of Junction City asking them to reconvene in the Southern Pacific Company extension of its line from Corvallis to Junction.

Salem, June 2.—Albert Whyte, a prominent lawyer of Tacoma, was married here to Miss Frances May Misen sister of Mrs. Professor Arnold.

Chehalis, June 3.—The Seymour & Spaulding shingle mill was sold Saturday to Alvin H. Moore, of the same water, Minn., for \$2500. Seymour & Co. will immediately erect a new and larger mill on the river near town.

The typewriting machine belonging to W. H. Holcomb's stenographer has been found. It was taken from the brush near S and Twenty-third streets, where the bottom was found to be in good condition.

Plans for the proposed free bathhouse are being drawn by Otto Kleemann.

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The water in the river is now above the high mark of 1861, and within about seven feet of the high mark of 1862.

At Couch's wharf Thursday evening a small scow was loaded with lower dock, containing several live hogs for shipment. They were landed immediately under the office window of the assent's building.

The letters, bullion and packages taken by Wells, Fargo & Co.'s drayman to the steamship Oregon Thursday loaded one dray, the weight being sufficient to set the springs down solid.

A pack train of 64 animals arrived yesterday from the Snake River and were shipped to Vancouver. These animals were purchased by Levi Friedenrich from the Washoe and More routes for use on the Holt and Owyhee trails.

The Crane & Driggs appears to be the largest stock in market. Another sale of 10 feet of the reserved stock was made yesterday at \$100 per foot to one of the best business firms of the city.

Again we are without dispatches. This time the wire is down beyond Albany.

Why not look over the advertisement in this issue for "The Key to Comfort" is not right here.

Solving your needs is one of the most important services of this newspaper.

Let us advertising help you.