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THE RECORD.

Although criticisms may be directed against the Legislature for not having enacted a more elaborate program of consolidation and elimination...

Let it be said that the psychology of the demand for consolidation of commissions is not to be traced to this or that man...

But there is a practical side of the question in every practical consolidation, no matter how the initial saying may be.

The state now has a beautiful new Supreme Court building. It cost approximately \$285,000 with its furnishings.

Retrenchment in the form of centralization is valuable as an example to counties and cities and other taxing districts.

The Oregonian does not believe that abolition of the accountability bureau and immigration department and the merger of the highway and State Engineer's offices will end the demand for centralization of state government.

It is interesting also to note that Mr. Fox says proportional representation is determined by population, not by geography.

a special election, application of the referendum would withhold the law from operation for ten months after the date upon which the amendment becomes effective.

The Legislature performed a vast amount of work in forty-one days. No freak bills were presented.

Dr. E. E. Southard, director of the Boston Psychopathic Hospital, has published in the New York World some interesting information about the functions of different parts of the brain.

Dr. Southard remarks that the brain is divided into two parts by the fissure of Rolando. Behind that fissure is the division in the feeling and knowing areas of the brain.

The Oregonian is not tenacious in any one of its articles, it is hopeful; but it is not disposed to yield in any argument that it is mistaken over a question of opinion or of fact, unless it shall be convinced by reasonable proof.

There is another provision that a candidate's name shall be printed in the official list of candidates in the district in which he or she resides, but it is clearly arranged that the voter anywhere in the state may vote for whomever he or she pleases, by "writing" or "marking" on the ballot.

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Thus, to all intents and purposes, the government of the Philippines has already been turned over to the Filipinos in advance of the passage of the Jones bill, and the consequences are already apparent.

also reported on his negotiations with United States Consul Pratt at Singapore, contain this statement of the argument for co-operation with Admiral Dewey:

There would be no better occasion than that afforded them to insure the landing of the expeditionary forces on those islands and to arm themselves at the expense of the Americans and to the situation of the Philippines in regard to our aspirations against these very people.

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maintaining higher prices than market conditions would justify. If the law prevents too large concentrations of capital, there will be no danger of their dissolving into too small, and therefore, into uneconomical units.

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Twenty-fives Years Ago

From The Oregonian, Feb. 22, 1890. Seattle. The steamer Skagit Chief and Evangeli collided yesterday morning at 4 o'clock at Five Mile Point.

Berlin.—Socialism proved itself a giant in the elections just held in Germany, and Bismarck stands defeated.

New York.—Benjamin Butler is the head of a land and railroad company incorporated in Boston to buy land and build a railroad through the Holy Land, on which express and passenger trains will run.

George Reichman and family arrived yesterday from New York. Mr. Reichman is to be the Chief Cook for the new hotel, the Portland.

G. W. Hunt, president and general manager of the Oregon & Washington Territory Railroad, presented through a committee a proposition—that of extending his railroad lines to this city—at a special meeting of the Board of Trade last night.

E. W. Allen, secretary of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, was aroused from bed at 1 A. M. by a couple of men since to receive a telegram from the West.

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T. P. O'CONNOR ARTICLE GENUINE

L. Shanahan Also Speaks Again in United Irish League.

Portland, Feb. 20.—(To the Editor.)—Two weeks ago received from Michael Jordan, national secretary of the United Irish League of America, 43 Globe Building, Boston, Mass., the following letter, which is originally published in the Boston Transcript, arguing that it be given publicity here.

An irreconcilable Orangeman, writing under an alias, makes this stupid suggestion that it is possible for some one in Portland, first, to imitate T. P. O'Connor's incomparable style, second, to manufacture facts to fit into a situation several thousand miles away and third to bring manuscript to your office and put over a monumental fake story on an old and reputable newspaper like The Oregonian.

J. B. Courtney yawns his loyalty to England; Edward Ryan yelps his hatred of England and his loyalty to the German cause. "This is not patriotism, it is pure alienism," Courtney and Ryan are working for the same end, but in different ways.

Either through carelessness or from the unusual amount of work connected with the annual meeting of the United Irish League, St. Valentine's day was omitted to note that the day also was the anniversary of the birth of Oregon into the Union.

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Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, Feb. 22, 1865. The following figures show the number of persons in which the largest churches in Europe will hold St. Peter's, Rome, 54,000; Cathedral at Milan, 37,000; St. Paul's, London, 25,000; Moscow, St. Sophia, Constantinople, 23,000; Cathedral at Pisa, 15,000; and St. Mark's, of Venice, 10,000.

In a late communication to his Congress as to the safety of blockading-running Mr. Davis stated that out of 11,736 bales of cotton shipped between July 1 and December 31 only 1372 bales were lost or not quite 11 per cent. The statistics in the Navy Department at Washington show that in the time mentioned our vessels took 7544 bales of cotton in capture blockade runners.

Lately Mr. Warhaug, in connection with his desirable improvements at First and Second streets, has constructed a good and substantial sidewalk over the ravine between Jefferson and Columbia. Mr. Warhaug has done a good deed and all others who should do likewise to help the community.

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