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Car No. 1	403
Car No. 2	403
Car No. 3	403
Car No. 4	403
Car No. 5	411
Car No. 6	375
Car No. 7	375
Car No. 8	403
Car No. 9 (due Monday)	397
Total 1900 Bicycles	3573

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NO FUSION FOR THEM

DEMOCRATS OF MARION COUNTY START CAMPAIGN WORK.

The Precinct Primaries Were Set for March 24, and the County Convention for April 7.

and exercises over the previous year. There are at present 509 pupils in the public schools, which is nearly 200 in excess of last year. Eleven grades are now taught, and the 12th will be added the ensuing year. The question of tax levy was discussed and a school tax of 5 mills was voted. This is 2 mills greater than last year, but was voted without opposition. The total tax for all purposes will reach 38 mills in this city.

Hillsboro School Taxes.

Faded East Oregonian.

HILLSBORO, Jan. 27.—The city school district today voted a 12-mill tax on a property valuation of \$148,329. This will conduct a nine months' school, pay \$500 interest, and reduce the bonded debt about \$1000. A motion was also carried to authorize the school board to refund the \$9000 bonds due in March. The board has the option of bonding, issuing warrants, or notes, but must get the lowest possible rate of interest. The district expects about \$1000 from the state fund.

MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE.

Should Be Chosen With Other Objects Than Election of Senators.

Were some mortal to drop from the moon and observe the course of political events here in this state, he would conclude that the entire structure of the state government was framed with but one object in view—the selection of United States senators. In only about one instance out of ten is comment made on an issue which is not related to the United States senatorial aspirations of the various candidates. The whole sum and substance of the political scheme seems to be to send another man to the national capital to sit in the upper house and draw the \$9000 a year and the "perquisites" whatever they may be, and which are always determinable by the degree of thrift on the part of the incumbent.

St. Helens Republicans.

ST. HELENS, Or., Jan. 27.—At a meeting of the McKinley Republican Club held in St. Helens last evening an organization was effected by electing J. K. Bloskoley president, and George A. Hall secretary. The following were elected delegates to attend the republican state league in Portland February 8: W. W. Blakesley, George A. Hall and E. B. Quick.

Delegates From Sheridan.

SHERIDAN, Or., Jan. 27.—The Phil Sheridan Republican Club held a meeting and recognized by electing C. B. Lafolette, president, and M. T. Henderson, secretary and treasurer, and chose the following delegates to the state meeting in Portland: C. B. Lafolette, J. R. Evans, George W. Elbee, W. Tyler Smith and A. S. Fogg.

Two More From Forest Grove.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 27.—The McKinley Club's membership here has increased since its former election to entitle it to two more delegates to the convention which will meet in Portland. At the meeting last night, David Smith and William Billingher were elected.

A Candid Democrat's Creed.

Salem Sentinel.

We do not believe in the cowardly doctrine of sitting on the fence and watching the fruit with hungry eyes, ready to pounce upon it as soon as it falls to the ground. We are going to get in and help shake the tree.

The Ontario lyceum, after earnest debate, has resolved that "the human race is improving morally."

TAX LEVY IN COLUMBIA COUNTY.

State Tax to Be Greater Than Last Year—New County Surveyor.

ST. HELENS, Or., Jan. 27.—The county commissioners at an adjourned session yesterday fixed the tax levy at 28 mills. This is 1/2 mill lower than last year's levy. A bicycle tax of \$1.25 each will be levied upon bicycles; also a tax of 1 cent per head upon sheep and goats.

School Taxes of Forest Grove.

FOREST GROVE, Jan. 27.—A district meeting to vote a tax for the support of the public school for the coming year was held at the schoolhouse here this afternoon. Last year 4 1/2 mills were voted, but on account of the low assessment a levy of 6 mills will be needed to raise the same amount this year. While the district was behind having missed a levy two years ago, still it caught up several months ago, and the gain since then will offset the 1400 shortage which will occur in the receipts from the county school fund in the current year.

Eugene Jan. 27.—The annual school meeting of district No. 4, comprising the city of Eugene, was held at the courtrooms last night. The board of directors made their report of the work of the past year, showing considerable increase in attend-

RAILROAD TO BOHEMIA

ENTERPRISE SAID TO BE IN PROCESS OF FORMATION.

Probably a Southern Pacific Branch Will Accommodate the Heavy Timber and Mining Interests.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 27.—Information has leaked out that a company is being formed to build a railroad from this place to the Bohemia mines, a distance of 25 miles, and it is said that men of large means are behind the enterprise. It has been known for some months that such a project was seriously considered, and men have been at work during the past summer and fall examining the Bohemia mines and the vast belt of timber that is available. It is estimated that there is 20,000 acres of timber land that can be reached by building a railroad up Row river and Sharp's creek, and it is said that 12 sawmills will be erected at various places to cut this timber.

British Columbia Afloat of Smallpox.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 27.—In view of smallpox in Washington, extreme precautionary measures have been adopted by the civic authorities. Mayor Hayward today proclaiming that general vaccination was imperative. Chinatown is also to be thoroughly overhauled. All mail for Kootenai will hereafter go via the Canadian Pacific, instead of by Puget sound.

Walla Walla Postoffice.

Receipts and expenditures at the Walla Walla postoffice for the past four years have been as follows:

Year.	Receipts.	Expenses.	Net income.
1896.....	\$12,749 19	\$3,222 73	\$9,526 46
1897.....	13,248 50	8,293 50	4,955 00
1898.....	15,173 23	8,228 81	6,944 42
1899.....	15,375 38	8,355 00	6,970 38

OREGON POULTRY SHOW.

Annual Election of Officers—Next Meeting to Be in Portland.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 27.—At a business meeting of the Oregon State Poultry Association, held this evening, after the close of a very successful show, lasting a week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

To Establish Oriental Trade.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 27.—S. D. Emerson and F. F. Mead, of Denver, have arrived here en route to the Orient. They state that they represent an Eastern syndicate which intends to establish trade relations on a large scale with China, Japan and the Philippines.

Two Penitentiary Sentences.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 27.—Judge Davidson this afternoon sentenced Tom S. Martin, colored, to 18 years in the penitentiary for the murder of Tom Johnson, colored.

Victoria Still Champion.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 27.—Victoria today defeated Vancouver in the final and decisive game of the Rugby championship series, winning by a score of 8 to 6. This is the third season in which the champions have not lost a game.

Died at the Asylum.

SALEM, Jan. 27.—Greta M. Talmquist, aged 28, and Mrs. Anne Eliza Mason, aged 83, committed from Multnomah county, died at the hospital for the insane today.

WYLAID AND KILLED

FATE OF YOUNG MAN GOING WITH A FARMER'S DAUGHTER.

She Left Home a Week Ago—After Shooting Lover, Father Mauled Horse and Fled.

LA CROSSE, Wash., Jan. 27.—At 7 o'clock last night Samuel R. Clemens shot and killed George Boland, the bullet striking the center of the nose and penetrating the skull. Clemens then mounted a horse and escaped. Officers have not obtained a trace of his whereabouts. Clemens is a farmer near here, and had a young daughter, who ran away from home a week ago. Last night, while she was on the way to a masquerade ball, in company with George Boland and two others, Clemens waylaid them and shot without warning.

DEAD MAN IDENTIFIED.

Tenderloin Saloon-Keeper Arrested, Charged With the Murder.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 27.—The man who was killed at Lake Union last night was today identified as Charles Marbacher, a waiter in a downtown restaurant. Charles Shomo, owner of a saloon in the tenderloin district of Seattle, was arrested this afternoon, charged with the murder. It is alleged that Marbacher was the man upon whose trail the police have been for several weeks for indecent exposure towards little girls. The description given by the little girls tallies with that of the dead man.

BURGULARS IN JEWELRY STORE.

Took Property Estimated to Be Worth \$1200 to \$1500.

JUNCTION CITY, Jan. 27.—The jewelry store of F. W. Crain was burglarized last evening between 5 and 6 o'clock, while Mr. Crain and his brother, Horace, were at supper. They left the light burning, and as the thieves entered through the back door, they were not detected. The burglars took 50 gold watches, estimated at an average value of \$25 each, and 30 of which belonged to customers; 25 to 10 gold rings, worth \$1 to \$7 each, and a miscellaneous lot of other jewelry, the value of which is hard to estimate. The total value would probably reach \$1200 to \$1500.

JUDGE McDONALD'S LETTER.

Testifies His Own Virtue, His Contemporaries' Perfidy, and Withdraws.

COLFAX, Wash., Jan. 27.—Judge McDonald, of the superior court, has issued an open letter to the voters of Whitman county, in which he announces that he is not a candidate for re-election, and then proceeds to give the reasons why he has been moved to make this announcement, but first he gives his own idea of what his record has been as superior judge of Whitman county during the three years of his incumbency. According to the judge, he has tried more important civil cases than any of his predecessors, and has been almost always sustained by the supreme court. Court expenses have been reduced \$300 a month by him, and by the use of the discretion vested in him, foreclosure proceedings have always been held up to enable the farmer debtor to harvest and market his crop, and either pocket the

proceeds or pay his debts, as was most profitable to him. He says: "My record is such that I can point to it with pride, well knowing that it will reflect credit upon me while I live, and honor on my loved ones after my death."

He asks himself the question, "Do you think you could not be re-elected if nominated?" and, answering, says: "No; a man with such a record can be elected in any country."

The reason for not being a candidate he says, is that he is disgraced at the dishonesty and malfeasance in office of 20 to 30 per cent of the officials elected on the same ticket with him. These dishonest and venal men, he says, have been trusted and vilified by them and their friends. He alludes to the fact that in 1898, with the consent of the prosecuting attorney, J. W. Matthews, a detective was employed to shadow him, with the avowed purpose of gathering testimony that would convict him of bribetaking or some other felony that would warrant his removal. Continuing he says:

"And this is what it means to enter politics in Whitman county. I am sick and tired of such perfidy, and will retire to private life at the end of my term. This open letter has been commented on very freely by members of all parties, the populists dealing with it the most severely. One man, prominent in that party, stated that McDonald had issued the letter with the evident intention of forcing his own nomination from the populists, to keep him from opposing the ticket."

Democracy Takes Oakesdale Sub.

OAKESDALE, Wash., Jan. 27.—Leading democrats of Oakesdale, headed by R. L. Nottingham, have organized a company for the purpose of conducting the Oakesdale Sun in the interest of that party. The Sun has been established 10 years, at first being conducted as a republican paper, but in 1896 swinging into the ranks of the silver-fusionists, and in 1898 turning populist.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Funeral of Mrs. Burt.

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 27.—The funeral of Mrs. Caroline E. Burt occurred here today, the remains being interred in the Masonic cemetery, under the auspices of the ladies of the Red Cross.

William Mason, Pioneer of 1852.

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 27.—William Mason, one of the early pioneers of the Willamette valley, died at his home in this city this morning. He was 87 years old the 15th of last December. He came from Illinois in 1852, settling on a down claim near Monmouth, and with the exception of

a few years spent in the East, he continuously resided in this vicinity. He left a widow and one son, E. D. Mason, who resides here.

SEATTLE VERSUS TACOMA.

Queen City Takes Three Games From the City of Destiny.

SEATTLE, Jan. 27.—The second interstate bowling championship match scheduled for Seattle was played tonight, the Seattle Bowling Club team taking three games from the Union Club, of Tacoma, and tying her for the fourth. Gillette, of the Seattle Bowling Club, did remarkable work, as the following scores show:

Seattle B. C. Union Club

Stule	150	Pursons	120
Baldwin	126	Pulling	115
Huston	135	Griggs	110
Hartman	174	Toussie	110
Darlington	123	Sherly	130
Gillette	339	Steeb	133
Total	1862	Total	1363

Score by games:
Seattle Bowling Club 233 253 252 295—933
Union Club 233 | 230 | 230 | 325—918 |

Basket-Ball at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 27.—The second of the series of basket-ball games between the Vancouver Amateur Athletic Club and the Vancouver volunteer firemen took place at the Auditorium last evening. The score was 14 to 4 in favor of the V. A. C. There was less rough play than at the first game last week, and the game was characterized by much better team work on both sides than the former game.

Complaint Against a Log Boom.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Jan. 27.—A complaint has been filed against the North river boom by two North river settlers, on the ground that it blocks navigation.

The boom is a co-operative affair of practically all the settlers on the river, and was built because no individual or corporation could be induced to do so. A boat tramway was built around it to accommodate skiffs, etc., which must pass while the boom is in use. This week the last of nearly 8,000,000 feet of logs belonging to the settlers was taken out, and the river is now open. The boom has paid for itself in two years, at the rate of 5 cents per thousand for boomsage and rafting. This is less than one-half the usual rate. A corporation was formed by Montezano parties some months ago to build a boom on the river, and Henry Hewitt, the Tacoma lumberman, was supposed to be back of them, but no further steps have been taken.



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