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The Democrat.

The price of wheat is dropping.

It will take us a long time to quit talking about the recent state fiasco.

Now Mr. McKinley, how do you stand on the Cuban question. Won't you give those Spaniards fits.

We will be glad to have property come gradually, and no one should put a straw in the way of it.

These are days when men suddenly become famous. The newspaper articles take a big hand in it too.

Mr. Driver could have received \$30,000 for his vote he is undoubtedly the most senior man in Oregon.

Mr. Harrison will have his hands full naming that baby. The public anxiously awaits the responsible ordeal.

In Kansas where sections of land have suddenly disappeared, leaving only fathomable lakelets to mark their location.

More than four-fifths of the murders in the United States last year were by men who had no regular occupation.

There are 360 mountains in the United States which have a height exceeding ten thousand feet. The greatest number is in Colorado and Utah.

When you see a man looking around in an abstract kind of way, you may know he is hunting for a chunk of that property now due.

The next Portland election will be "hot stuff." It will be of great interest to see the parts Joe Simon, Jonathan Bourne and the Oregonian will take.

Some people say Governor Lord cannot call an extra session if he desired to. Governor Lord is a pretty good lawyer, and if he calls one it will be apt to stick.

A Portland firm advertises: "Down it goes—best Oregon creamery butter, 40 and 45c; tons of Oregon and California butter, 30 and 35c; dairy butter, 20 and 25c."

A Salem paper claims that they hire a barber at the reform school as a farmer and therefore nothing is raised. Perhaps the youngsters may thus be able to raise beads.

The frog barometer, used in Germany and Switzerland, consists of a jar of water, a frog, and a little wooden staple. If the frog comes out and sits on the steps, rain is expected.

The White House will lose one of the finest mistresses of the present day, a woman. Long live Frances Cleveland.

No feature of the coming administration will be watched with greater interest than the part Mr. Hanna will take in it. How much Mr. McKinley will be governed by his dictations will be of great importance in giving him his place in history as a president of the United States.

Begun with the flashiest and most elaborate inauguration ceremony in the history of the U. S., in a time of financial depression, it will be of interest to watch the presidential wheels go round during the coming four years. Let us do it fairly and candidly.

The public generally will be very pleased to know that Theodore Durrant will have to hang for the murder of—well, it has been so long since the terrible crime we have almost forgotten the names. In one month it will have been two years, a sample of California justice.

The police of Tonton, Mass., are making a novel experiment in the hope of lessening drunkenness in that place. Each licensed liquor dealer of Tonton is to receive the name of every individual arrested and convicted of drunkenness, accompanied by a warning if his name is sold to any of them within a half year after the receipt of the names, the dealer so selling will be liable to a fine.

The method of lighting up the interior of the human body, or some part of it, was recently at Baltimore at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Prof. Friedwain, by means of a flexible rubber tube, passed a small electric lamp into the stomach of a patient, and the room being darkened, over two hundred persons were able to watch the glowing of the interior of the man, through the "transparency" created by the light in the abdominal wall.

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Pres. McKinley Ex-Pres. Cleveland.

Major William McKinley has now been president of the United States about 7 hours, at the Democrat's press hour. All his record is to be made. We hope he will make a good president, for the United States needs a good president at this time. Whatever may be said of a man when he is running for president, and the greatest freedom is necessarily exercised at the moment he once takes the oath of office, he is entitled to the respect and support of every loyal citizen of the government. His policies anticipated may not please, but as the head of a nation we love, he should be treated courteously and his name habited kindly, until he does something that justifies strong words, and then no one should stoop to personalities. The president represents the government, in a sense he is Uncle Sam, and as such should be looked up to. Before Mr. McKinley was elected some of his followers very injudiciously promised property at once, all this election. When that occurred very injudiciously desperate effort was made to carry it out. A result has been somewhat of a reaction. Now the promises were fair, and the after proceeding was unfair, in the first place property must necessarily come slowly, and in the next place it cannot be forced. So Mr. McKinley enters upon his duties with these facts behind him. Again the day of prosperity was put off to his inauguration. This should not have been done, for things will go on the same. Then again some are making it contingent on the passage of a new tariff bill, all this election. The truth is Mr. McKinley enters upon his duties with a big load to carry at once, for Mr. Cleveland has left him some things to attend to, the disposal of which will show his calibre, and all fair minded people will be willing to give him a chance before passing judgment. As Mr. Cleveland was no doubt the cause of Mr. McKinley's election the situation is an interesting one.

Now that Mr. Cleveland is not president we can say that we are glad he finished his job in the White House. Twice elected president by democratic votes he went directly back on his party and betrayed it. His last administration was a very weak one. His foreign policy was childish and peculiar, he ate at the same table with bores and walked arm in arm with the trusts and monopolists. In finance he thought only of Wall Street and he made a fortune from speculation in its stock. He has begun to look very much like John Bull, and at his Princeton home, from which he can go to the duck pond at will he will undoubtedly get fatter than that famous best eater.

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SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS

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May we never have another such legislature in the history of Oregon.

As the week closes there is a sign of war across the Atlantic where the waters of the Aegean sea roll into the Mediterranean. Little Greece is on the fight. Just at this writing, she has the Democrat's sympathies.

A great deal being said in the conservative papers about the new journal. The general opinion is that it is very rotten, and that many of the most prominent papers because of their sensationalism do not deserve a place in respectable homes and reading rooms.

This may be true, certainly the spirit of the so called new journal needs to be condemned. At the same time one does get a wonderfully big idea of what is going on in the world, and of what kind of a world we are living in, from them.

A speaker this week led one to believe that there was a great many hypocrites around.

The clerk who greets the customer with a smile is not a hypocrite at all. It is a part of his business. Were he to greet a customer with a frown, he would soon lose his job. In calling people names it is not just to split hairs. You can't get away from the fact that there is an inclination to do this among many, in manner to indicate that the human character is not appreciated. The best you can make it character is defective, that of one person is one thing another to another. Every effort is made to see another convention and union with churches right so, but when a person is once in, then at once he is told what a poor member he is, and it is getting so the ministers give the member "fits" more even than the outsiders, and he is soon made to feel both from outside and inside that he is hypocritical, because he cannot explain. There are doubt as many based on the policy of the day. It is a kind of a policy that wins no one and loses many. It is alright to fight wrong, but love is the great power that wins men, continually exercised, patient and forgivingly. Taken from all views there are few people who are not about what they are passing themselves off to be.

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