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The spring of 1890 is here.

HURRAH for the council. They have at last taken up the sewerage question.

A NUMBER of the sidewalks in Corvallis have some bad holes in them. They should be repaired.

DON'T talk sarcastically about the street car line. It is going to be built—and you will have wasted your "gab."

COUNTY republican primaries on April 5th. Let all republicans attend. It is necessary to select honest, capable men as delegates to the county convention on the 9th.

FREE traders often laugh at the idea of the farmer of the Pacific coast requiring protection for his products. But the fact remains that apples have been brought to San Francisco from New Zealand, and now the arrival of a cargo of onions from Australia has depressed the markets of the Pacific coast, and Oregon producers who have been holding off for fancy prices find themselves disappointed. The farmer must have adequate protection for his onions. Then if we can be given protection against the people who eat onions, the tariff will be a decided success.—Spokane Review.

Five years ago the Spokane Review was a weekly newspaper. To-day the Review newspaper is easily worth \$100,000, and the proprietors would perhaps refuse that amount for it. In addition to this the proprietor of the Review purchased a building site less than a year ago for \$30,000, and this ground would no doubt be regarded as cheap at \$90,000. This Review has commenced the erection of a building for itself—eleven stories in height. The main structure will have six stories and a basement, surmounted by a tower with five additional stories making it 152 feet high. On one street the frontage will be sixty-eight feet and on another 148. It will be of pressed brick with terra cotta trimmings. How's that? The GAZETTE is in its twenty seventh volume—and no building. Corvallis is thirty years old and over; Spokane is about ten. That city has 20,000 population; Corvallis has 2,700.

If it is true, as it is reported, that an unconstructed rebel professor in the State university at Eugene City, who draws about \$1,800 of the state's money each year, recently told his class that the South would have whipped the North but for the help of the Dutch and Irish soldiers, and if it is true that this same professor urged members of his class to pay no attention to the Grand Army veterans at the recent encampment there, and slightly avoided them himself—if these things are true, this professor should be summarily dismissed from his position. This school is partly supported by a direct tax, imposed by a legislature that had much respect for the Grand Army. The state should support such a school, but a big majority of the people of this state has no sympathy with any man who would insult or even slight the Grand Army. Politics has no place in any State university, and especially politics of that kind in the Oregon State university.—Statesman.

THE COMING CENSUS TAKING.

The actual work of taking the eleventh decennial census will begin in June. The preliminaries are, however, quite thoroughly organized already, and point to the most thorough census system that the United States has yet had. The value of the collection of statistics on a large scale has become so apparent that the mere enumeration of inhabitants has come to be almost a secondary consideration compared with the immense outlay of work in other departments.

One of the benefits of the census will be the education of the people of the entire country concerning the remarkable growth and development of the great northwest. People whose thought runs in machine-like grooves, and who accept information only from the highest official sources, which with all their circumspection and red tape

are generally several years behind the times, will almost have their breaths taken away by the cold facts that will then be exhibited, which they, in a sort of willfully blind and stupid conservatism, have been accustomed to consider as northwestern yarns, says an exchange. It is hoped that even the postoffice department at Washington, will be willing then to consider its own statistics as ratified, and give us proper postal facilities.

The census of 1890 will create a vast bureau of most valuable statistics, especially so as many branches of social and vital statistics which were first covered by the census of 1880 will receive their first great comparison. This bureau of statistics must also fit itself to many new branches of industry. For instance, the census of 1890 will be the first to devote a special department to electricity and its dependent art and industries. The industrial applications of electrical and magnetic inventions on a large scale, as in the telephones, electric lights and railways, is almost a thing of the past ten years.

The political results that depend on this census will also be interesting. Not only the congressional representatives of the states for the next ten years, but their relative strength in the presidential elections of 1892, 1896, and 1900, will probably be governed by it. It will doubtless also mark another advance of the center of political power westward. Besides the interesting developments to be awaited in the four new states, the people of Idaho, Wyoming, Arizona and New Mexico are confident that their population will be proved sufficient for statehood.

The subject of congressional apportionment is also especially interesting. Since the first congress, when a member in the house in the time of Washington represented 30,000 people, that body has grown from 65 to 330 members, each member now representing 153,000 population or over. It is evident that some steps will have to be taken to prevent the house of representatives from being such a bulky and unwieldy body, that, to secure the proper transaction of business, the speaker and chairman of important committees will have to be invested with almost autocratic powers.

If the census of the present year shows a population of 65,000,000, and if the membership of the house should be kept at near its present figure, there will be one member for about every 200,000 people, or over six times the ratio of the congress of the last century. But it is likely that the maintenance of the house at its present number will be resisted by some of the older states on account of a reduction of their congressional delegates to permit the increase of those from the newer states where the population has grown faster and in greater proportion. This would really be no hardship on the older states, as their representation then would be in the same proportion as in the membership of the house were increased, and the newer states got the benefit of the increase, as they would in either case. But it is not human nature to quietly submit to a diminution of power which is even only apparent and not real. Possibly by that time, however, the Western states will be powerful enough to bring about this right result.

One of the commonest mistakes made, is by people in answering as to their age. You meet a young man who announces, with an invitation to come an "smile" with him, that he is "21 years old to-day." In nineteen cases out of twenty he is, as a matter of fact, but 20 years of age. He dates his age from his birthday, not from its anniversary. I have no doubt that thousands upon thousands of young men have marched to the polls under the impression that they had reached the requisite 21 years and were entitled to vote, who were lacking of citizenship by a year.—Globe Democrat.

The national debt of France, which is larger than that of any other country in the world, is increasing rapidly. An addition of \$150,000,000 to it in 1890 is contemplated.

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The Southern Pacific Co.

Have ordered their road extended south from this city to a junction with the main line. This means that the OVERLAND trains will be running into Corvallis the present summer, bringing THOUSANDS of home-seekers, capitalists, and investors here: Corvallis in 1880 had a population of 1,200; she has to-day 2,700; and, by 1891, WILL have 4,000. The

ry at the Agricultural College; and, in addition to the above, a large number of fine business blocks and private residences are contracted for.

With the Southern Pacific and Oregon Pacific railroads now forming a junction here, and the completion of the Corvallis, Brownsville, and Eastern making its terminus here, Corvallis is certain to become a railroad centre of no small importance. The

State Agricultural College

Is the most important educational institution in the State, and is located here, bringing hundreds of students from all parts of the state. Corvallis offers to-day greater inducements to investors than any other point in the Willamette Valley.

Improvements for 1890

Are: Extension of the Southern Pacific Railroad; construction of Street Railway; building of a large new Flouring Mill; grading and drainage of the city; establishment of Woolen Mill; erection of another large Dormito-

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2. Every lot is high, dry and level.
3. It has perfect natural drainage.
4. The City Park is directly in the centre of the addition, and will be handsomely improved the present summer.
5. The Corvallis Street Railway Company have rails now on the way for the construction of their road from the post-office to this property, and cars with 5 cent fare will be running before the end of May.

6. Because more lots have been sold in the past sixty days than in all other additions combined.

7. A large number of cottages will be built the present season, work having already begun.

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