

Corvallis Gazette.

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES

THE ERA OF STRIKES.

In New York the switchmen's strike appears to be strong and well organized. It would have been stronger had the men refrained from acts of violence and intimidation at the outset.

In selecting Buffalo as the scene of the outbreak the strikers have acted shrewdly. In that city the Erie, Lehigh Valley, New York Central and Lake Shore lines all meet.

The warfare in Tennessee is of a different character from that in New York. The Tennessee miners strive to abolish the use of convict labor in the mines.

In Idaho the onslaught on the non-union miners has ended in disaster. The valleys, gulches and mining camps of the Couer d'Alenes are all under martial law.

CAPTAIN John T. Apperson, register of the land office at Oregon City, makes a statement that will be of special interest to all settlers.

HEAVY TIMBERS.

The state of Washington is making preparations for an attractive exhibit at the world's fair of some of her great resources. A dispatch from Tacoma says that ten immense logs have been brought from Port Blakely for shipment to Chicago, to go into the Washington state building at the exposition.

The many friends of Hon. W. J. McConnell will feel gratified at his nomination for governor of Idaho, by the republican convention.

The world's fair buildings will be dedicated the 21st of October instead of the 12th, congress having passed a bill to that effect.

SPEAKING of the diabolical way in which the republican party has squandered the surplus, it is important to note that the interest-bearing debt of the United States has been reduced since the inauguration of President Harrison in the sum of \$275,000,000.

ONE of the ward politicians of the people's party was asked the other day, says the Mercury, "How does your party stand in respect to the Mills bill and the McKinley bill?"

A POLITICIAN of a statistical frame of mind has figured out that the legitimate campaign expenses of each of the two great parties this year will amount to \$1,425,000.

In spite of croakers, there are more tourists in Newport this year than ever before. Postmaster Hampton reports more mail Tuesday than was ever sent from this office in one mail before.

ACCORDING to the careful investigations of the New York Tribune there are only 4047 millionaires in the United States. This leaves plenty of room in the country for the ordinary man to get around in.

It is permissible for railroad men to strike while the iron is hot, but they shouldn't make it hot by setting fire to freight cars.

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LIGHT AND WATER QUESTION.

CORVALLIS, OR., Aug. 23.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—It is important that the question of city improvements, to be voted on August 29, should be discussed and understood and I venture a few remarks on the subject, if you can spare me necessary space.

There are some considerations why it seems impracticable, unbusiness-like and not to the best interests of any city to own its public works. Some persons advance good reasons showing that the centralization of power in the hands of government has a demoralizing tendency.

The very first thing to be taken into consideration in regard to water and light plants, it seems to me, is the relations existing between the present proprietors of the plants established here and the city.

If this movement will afford light and water at reduced rates, and not impair our protection from fire, or violate the rights of those having capital involved, then I want the city to own its own works.

Then for purposes of sewerage, water is absolutely indispensable, and if there be no great additional current expense, that seems to me to be a good reason for the city to own its own water.

It is not the original cost of the appliance which furnish the commodities that make it wise or not wise to own the plants, it is the current expenses which make it profitable or unprofitable, and if by combining the two they can be run nearly as cheap as either one, and admit of cheaper water and light to the city and to the individual consumer, it seems plain, that, from a financial point of view, it would be a good move to vote in favor of them.

This is worthy of consideration, and were private capital seeking the investment, it would be carefully estimated in the future prospects of the business. CITIZEN.

they could have reasonable grounds for complaint. It is true that reasoning from some other and different kinds of investments there might be a right violated in compelling a sale, for to carry this question at the polls virtually compels a sale to save themselves, as any one-eyed man can see, of the works in question.

The Alaska Herald says that if the seals were all destroyed, the Pribiloff islands would still be valuable by reason of the bone deposits. On these islands seals have been killed in almost countless numbers for more than a century, and the accumulation of bones is correspondingly large.

The San Jose Mercury has the following comment upon the proposed exhibition wedding in Portland: Portland proposes to have a christening and a wedding among the attractions at her industrial exhibition, and Bishop Morris has protested against it on the ground that it is sacrilegious.

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The oddest freak of midsummer madness this year has occurred at Zanesville, Ohio, where river merchants have set the women crazy by giving corsets away; and now Jeness Miller has a right to ask, "Where was I?"—Ex.

On Wednesday last, sixty-five carloads of fruit were shipped from Sacramento. This is said to have been the largest single shipment of fruit ever made from the Pacific coast.

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ALL the signs point to the approach of that time when there must be a final trial of strength between organized labor on the one side and the people of the United States on the other. It is certain to come, and to have its beginning in troubles like those at Homestead. It may not come this year nor next, but that it will be here there is little room for doubt.

To give an idea of this deposit it is only necessary to consider that a single year, under present circumstances, would yield a hundred thousand carasses, each containing at least twenty pounds of bone, or a total of one thousand tons.

It has been suggested that a steam fire-engine would afford a better protection from fire than can be economically had from water works. That question is not under discussion. But if the city owns its own water it is certain that by no very considerable expense any amount of water necessary could be made available at any point in the city, remote or near, at slight additional running expense.

THE world is beginning to turn its eyes toward New Orleans, where, in the near future, laurel wreaths will be placed on the bloody brows of a trio of pugilists and another trio will explain to broke backers how it all happened. It is not every city that can have the proud distinction of being a municipal circus with three rings.—Examiner.

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