FRIDAY, JANUARY 8.

The farmers are all busy now plowing.

The Springfield A P A installed officers last night.

No assembly was held at the university this morning.

W T Kayser, the Elmira merchant, was transacting business in Eugene today.

J J Butler, of Junction City, has been appointed a notary public by the governor.

Geo B Dorris has commenced suit against G W Crowell and wife to recover $500.

The station agent at Myrtle Point was held up last night and robbed of about $50.

E H Ingham of the Ninth street department store, received a carload of sugar this morning.

Miss Dell Walton expects to leave for San Francisco Monday. She will be absent about six weeks.

Mrs Mary Shelton came up from Harrisburg this afternoon and will visit a few days with relatives.

Raley Anderson and Horace Westbrook returned from Portland last night. They had round trip passage.

Chas S Henderson, an attache of the state insane asylum at Salem, is visiting relatives in this city for a few days.

Mrs W B Andrews, who has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs S S Sigle in Portland, returned home today.

Corvallis Gazette: "If a college trained man who is a business man, cannot be found, colleges should be abolished."

Miss Elva Richardson, of Pleasant Hill, who has been visiting with friends in this city, returned home this afternoon.

Brooklyn Life: "Papa don't need to say his prayers." Mamma—Why not? "Cause he most mornin' when he gets to bed."

The man handling a gun cannot be too careful. Guns are not foot balls.—Albany Dem.—Of course not, but they are just as dangerous.—Ex.

Hon S M Yoran went to Salem this morning where he will remain until after the casting of his electoral vote next Monday, as required by law.

In answer to a dispatch Mrs W Sanders left for Watsonville, Cal., on this morning's early train, where some of her relatives were dangerously ill.

Clackamas county is being sued for $710 damages done to a threshing outfit that was destroyed by the breaking of a bridge over which it was passing.

The members of the Elk lodge soon to be instituted in this city, have secured the Riedon building on Ninth street in which to serve their banquet.

Somerville Journal: Wiggles—Does the Rev Mr Fourteenth practice what he preaches? Waggles—Well, yes, generally, but not at such great lenght.

Capt Fisk, has advertised for bids for extending the jetty at the mouth of the Siuslaw river to be received at Portland till 2 o'clock p. m., January 22, 1897.

A club composed of ladies who consider themselv s over weight has been formed at Covington, Ky., whose object is to reduce surplus flesh by hill climbing expeditions.

The Oregonian concedes Senator Mitchell 35 to 38 republican votes and says he must get the rest to make 46 from the populists and democrats or else he will be defeated.

Jackson day banquets were held at Chicago and Canton, Ohio, last night. Wm J Bryan made a great speech on "Andrew Jackson" at Chicago.

An English minister has just died after preaching 60 years in the same place for never over $90 a year. No one could accuse him of having preached for filthy lucre.

Hon H R Kincaid spent last night in this city on account of sickness in his family. He was compelled to return to Salem this morning although it was against his desire.

N A Smith, who has been suffering from a severe attack of the grip was able to be out again today. His mother who has also been suffering with disease is convalescing.

Answers: Shaw—I'm sending my errand boy for some good old wine. Rankc—Don't go to that expense. Tell him to buy new wine. It will be old enough when he gets here with it.

The valley is swarming with footpads ready to stand people up when the opportunity is good for escape. Shrewd men should not carry much money about even if they possess it.

The electric lights on the capitol building in Salem are plainly visible, atmospheric condition being favorable from the Lawler gold mines, up the Santiam river, 50 miles or more distant, says the Albany Herald.

Boston Transcript: Mahlstick—Mr Grumpy, I have brought one of my dantiest works—a perfect gem; if I do say it. Grumpy—Oh, hang your picture! Mahlstick—Thanks; I'll hang it on the line, if its all the same to you.

Invitations have been received in this city announcing on the 13th of this month the wedding of Miss Mabel Walton, only daughter of Wesley Walton, formerly of Eugene to Mr Jas M Hone, both of Spokane. The young lady is a niece of Judge J J Walton of this city.

Senator Mitchell, in a letter to a Pendleton friend says: "Surely no one ought to have any doubt as to my status politically, after I have made fifty-five speeches in the late campaign in this state, in support of the republican ticket and the republican platform."

Portland Dispatch: "If we were to guess at the name of Oregon's next senator we would pronounce it Solomon Hirsch. He gave way once for Mitchell and it looks very much as if the latter will finally be compelled to reciprocate."

The normal school at Drain began its work last Monday, after a vacation of 11 days. The present attendance is the largest the school has ever had, excepting one year. There are 130 in the normal department and about the same number in the training school.

A M Alden, of Lakeview, president of the state board of equalization, which has just closed its session in Salem, spent last night in Eugene. He returned to Salem today and will remain in that city during the session of the legislature.

The Oregonian says Mitchell has now declared for a gold standard. However, that paper and its friends still refuse to support John H.

Medford Mail: Rev R C Oglesby, well known about here, is lying sick almost unto death at his new home at Myrtle Creek, this state. His brother, Dr Oglesby, of Eugene, is attending at his bedside.

Junction City Times: Henry Bushnell will leave today for Corvallis to attend a special horticultural course in the State Agricultural College.....The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will give a joint installation of officers at the opera house on the 13th. The public is cordially invited.

The present will be the longest session of the commissioner's court for a long time. The jury panel is to be drawn; supervisors to be appointed; their reports for the past year examined and passed upon; new supervisors are to be appointed, and this together with the general current business will necessitate a long session.

A young man over near Heppner last week, says the Condon Globe, was entrusted with the money to bring home a good family sewing machine. The hopeful son carried off a nighbor's daughter, married her and brought her home, declaring that she was the best family sewing machine that he could procure.

The New York World has footed up the government proof sheets of export statistics and finds that under the present Wilson tariff law the exports of this country were $408,783,411 during 1896, against $362,337,612 in 1894, under the McKinley law, a difference in favor of the Wilson law of $46,385,829—a pretty good showing for a ruinous (?) "free trade" measure.

The contractors having the work of drilling a well at the capitol have at last reached water. They went down 539½ feet, of which distance 250 feet were through bedrock, when in passing through the latter strata, a good vein of water was struck. The water at once rose to within 18 feet of the surface.

A man died the other day in Lancaster, Penn., aged 107 years. He left $2,000,000 and no relatives. His name was Anthor Lingard. A man with that much money and all those years surely should not be shy on such a common article as relatives. He should have had "stacks of 'em."

The students of the college of law of Syracuse university, have adopted the following yell:

"Agency, contracts, bills and notes,
Equity pleadings, sales and torts.
Domestic relations; Raw! Raw! Raw!
Syracuse 'Varsity,
College of Law!"

The Grant County News says that Prof R B Williams, who was stabbed by one of his pupils, Ed Meador, at Prairie City recently, has not died as reported by the newspapers, and will recover. The deputy sheriffs who went after young Meador followed him as far as Antelope, where they lost track of him and gave up the chase.

The Bimetalic sheriff, county clerk and recorder, in Yamhill county, are paying their own deputies. This is the result of the success of the Union Bimetalic ticket in Yamhill county. The county officers of Clakamas and Linn counties are doing the same and it will be a saving of several thousand dollars to the taxpayers of these counties.

The Clackamas county populist central committee has instructed its representatives in the legislature to oppose Senator Mitchell's re-election. The Baker City Epigram, generally regarded as Chairman Young's personal organ, declares that "no populist legislator can honorably cast his vote for Mitchell." This would indicate that the populist program is to keep strictly in the middle-of-the-road during the session.

Two Benton county youths are rivals for the affection of a young woman at whose home they both live, and while both were in town the other day one conceived the project of getting the other drunk, and so gaining an advantage. To this end he spent about $4, but the intended victim kept as sober as a judge, and the plotter got full himself.

Here is another juvenile claimant who is younger than his Linn county competitor. The Salem Statesman says that George Victor Evans, of Marion county, is the youngest person in the state holding a certificate to teach school. He is 11½ years old and passed the examination held by County School Superintendent Jones last August. His general average was 73½ per cent. He is a son of D M Evans, who lives south of Salem.

Junction City Times: Three boys were arrested Monday by Marshal Pavey for creating a disturbance in the church and two more for riotous and unruly conduct on the streets, also one Sunday evening. They were fined $7.50 each. This is the first offense for these boys consequently we refrain from giving their names but they will not escape the next time. The conduct of the boys was very aggravating and should they again be found guilty, the recorder will double the fine.

A novel strike is now on in Vancouver, B. C., the chain gang having refused to work. The city council recently decided to make the prisoners work, whether wet or fine weather, holidays and week days alike, this being thought to be the only way to rid the city of tramps and other tough characters. New Year's day the prisoners struck and refused to work. Since then they have been put on a bread and water diet, and Chief of Police Stewart has reported that the men are getting tired of such humble fare and he expected that the strike would shortly end.

Editor Shutt, of the Antelope Herald, relieves his mind in reference to the Cascade forest reserve as follows: "It has been reported that some of the notorious Matzamas have discovered that jack rabbits are ruining the valuable timber in the Cascade forest reserve, and congress will be asked to take immediate action in the matter. First it was the sheep that nibbled down the gigantic pine trees and drank up the water supply; now it is the jack rabbits, and next it will be the katydids. The Cascade reserve is the joke of the present age."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9.

The Aumsville Record is dead.

First quarter of the moon tomorrow.

Sam Case returned from Corvallis today.

Hay is retailing at $10 per ton in this city.

The Benton county tax levy is 23.4 mills.

Freight trains now run about every other day.

Mrs Geo F Frazer arrived home this afternoon.

Bud Edmunson of Eastern Oregon, is in Eugene.

Dr B F Russell of Thurston, was in Eugene today.

Rev T B Ford was a passenger north on the 11:30 train.

The week of prayer has been observed at most of the churches in Eugene.

A social dance was given in Lane's hall last night, about 20 couples being present.

O F Callison went to Salem today, where he will visit with friends and relatives.

The amount of State taxes that Lane county must pay under the state levy is $25,364.56.

The Dalles Daily Dispatch died yesterday. A case of a "long felt want" not panning out.

Claud Blair, who has been working on a steamboat between Portland and Astoria is home on a visit.

Hon S I. Moorhead, of Junction City, is in Salem and is a candidate for chief clerk of the senate.

It is asserted that Mark Hanna has sent instructions for Mr Mitchell to be elected. That settles it.

From the effects of a stick of wood falling on his foot Attorney Shipstead is limping around now.

Hiram A Straight, aged 83 years, and a pioneer of 1843, died at his home in Oregon City yesterday afternoon.

Douglas county is in debt $125,000, the interest on which at 8 per cent is $9200 a year. Enough to keep its nose to the grindstone.

E H Ingham, writing from San Jose, California, orders the Guard sent to him at El Paso, Texas.

Prof W H Alexander's dancing school is flourishing. He now has 20 young men who are taking lessons.

Lane county has two representatives in the deaf mute school at Salem, Daisy McFarland and Flossie Ross.

L R Fields, superintendent of the S P lines in Oregon, passed through north in his special car this morning.

Miss Dell Brumley, a teacher in the Junction City schools, came up this afternoon to visit at home over Sunday.

Hon L Bilyeu and wife went to Salem this morning on the early train. Mr Bilyeu goes to commence his work in the legislature.

George Fisher is home from a three days trip to the Long Tom country. While absent he purchased about thirty head of beef cattle.

Drew Griffin of the Griffin branch hardware store at Heritage Grove, returned to that city this afternoon after a short business trip to me.

Mr Nettle will ship a carload of beef cattle from Eugene to the San Francisco market on tonight's freight train. This is something out of the usual order.

Senators I D Driver and J H McClung went to Salem today. They will secure quarters and get in readiness for the opening of the legislature Monday.

Mrs John Krause has returned to her home in Salem after a very pleasant visit of two weeks in this city at the home of her mother, Mrs P H Khusy.

J W West, who has been employed in J S Luckey's jewelry store, will leave on the early train in the morning for a tour of several weeks through California.

Mr Mullen of the firm of McKenzie slashed one of his feet very badly with an ax yesterday. Dr Russell, of Thurston dressed the injured member and amputated one of the toes.

The game of shinney is being indulged in quite extensively about town by small boys to the detriment of grass and trees in public squares, vacant lots, yards, etc.

The Sick.

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Several cases of sickness are reported throughout the city and country.

J A Ham, who has been lying at the point of death on High street, is some improved today.

T S Riddle, who resides at the south end of Olive street, continues about the same.

The life of John Gray's infant child was despaired of for a while yesterday, but the little one is a little better today.

J H Lee proprietor of the brick yard west of town is very low. He is reported to be bleeding at the lungs.

H W Douglas, who resides on west Fourth street, is very low with a cancer on the neck. He has been suffering for some time and his recovery is impossible.

At the Mines.—Albany Democrat: After being idle for a short time the mines started up again a few days ago and are running steadily, it is reported in remarkably rich ore. A pocket of porphory is said to have been struck immensely rich just how rich cannot be learned. Several months ago a paychute, it is declared, was run into that yielded $75,000. The policy of the company is to not allow any of the business of the mill to get out to the public, hence the difficulty of learning anything reliable. There is no doubt though that there is some rich ore in the diggings. Mr Lawler, who is in London, the Democrat is informed is there to sell new claims to the same syndicate, and not to dispose of the mines to a new company.

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Very Low.—T S Riddle, who lives at the south end of Olive street, is quite low with several complications, and his life is despaired of by the attending physicians. He is the stepfather of Secretary of State Kincaid, and was at one time engaged in the newspaper business.

1897 TAX.

Lane County Citizens Will Pay 15 Mills—Two Mills Less Than Last Year.

The county court while in regular session today made the tax levy for the year 1897 as follows:

For county purposes	6 mills.
" school "	5 "
" state "	4 "
Total tax	15 "

Last year the tax levy was 17 mills being two mills more than it is this year.

With careful and judicious management the court believes that a 15 mill tax will meet the expenditures of the county for the year, besides paying interest on $25,000 indebtedness. The county debt has been steadily reduced during the past two or three years from $90,000 to $25,000, and while the board wished to make the tax as light as possible, they deemed it wise to make it sufficiently large to insure the prompt payment of all accruing expenses.

How Our Girls Kiss.

The Portland maiden is gentle and sweet,
Lets her lips meet the coming kiss—
With rapturous warmth, and the youthful souls
Float away in the sea of bliss.

The Salem girl will at first refuse—
Just to have you insist and plead;
But when finally she does consent,
Her kiss you'll confess takes the lead.

Now the Astoria girl gets a grip on herself,
As she carefully takes off her hat;
And grabs up the prize in a frightened way
Like a terrier shaking a rat.

The Seattle girl bows her stately head,
And flaps her panting lips—
In a fierce hard way—then lets 'em go
In spasmodic little snips.

But, oh!—the Tacoma girl says never a word,
As she freezes her face with a smile;
She sticks out her lips like an open book
And counsels her wax meanwhile.

As you place your arms 'round an Alsany girl,
And squeeze as you never did before,
You'll think she's going to faint, she'll fool you, for she shall—
She has been there several times before.

The Dalles City girl neither sighs nor replies,
Nor acts in a manner rude;
But goes about it in a business way,
That catches the average dude.

The Eugene 'varsity girl removes her specs,
And you'd think she was rather lame,
With her practical view of the matter in hand,
But she gets there just the same.

How Did It Get There?

M S Taylor, of Thornton, Whitman county, is spending the holidays at Walla Walla, says the Statesman. Mr Taylor tells of a peculiar thing that came to light in his vicinity a short time ago. A neighbor was having a well dug, and at the depth of 18 feet a black walnut log about 20 inches in diameter was struck. The log was as sound as the day it was placed there, there not being a sign of decay. A piece of the wood about six feet long was removed to the surface and found to be of the very finest quality and cured to perfection. When the wood was removed from its position in the well, a plentiful supply of water bubbled up.

Electoral Vote.

Special to the Guard.

Salem, Jan. 11.—John F Caples of Portland, F T Gee of Macleay, E I Smith of Hood River, and S M Yoran of Eugene, republican presidential electors, met at the capitol today and proceeded to perform the duties required of them by the constitution and laws of the United States, namely that of casting their ballots for Wm McKinley and Garret A Hobart, president and vice-president respectively. Hon T T Geer was chosen as messenger.

Death of Rev. Lewis.—Thursday's Albany Democrat: Rev. M. M. Lewis, pastor of the Baptist church died at this o'clock today, at the Baptist parsonage. About 12 weeks ago he was taken ill with typhoid fever. A few days ago he got up from his illness and had improved when he overate and a relapse followed. Perforation of the bowels resulted in his death. Rev Lewis was pastor of one of the Portland churches for three years. He was a young man about 37 years of age, of market ability, an eloquent talker and a logical reasoner. He had been in Albany only a few weeks when taken ill. His death has caused general sorrow among his church members and all knowing him. The deceased leaves a daughter of about ten and a wife, the latter of whom we understand is in California.

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Surprise Party.—Miss Bertha Goldsmith, of Oregon City, who is visiting with relatives in this city, and Mrs Julius Goldsmith were surprised by about 40 of their friends at the home of Mr and Mrs Julius Goldsmith at Eleventh and High streets, Wednesday evening. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing whist, charades and other games etc. The surprising party brought with them an ample supply of good things to eat, which were served during the evening. It was a very pleasant affair.

Circuit Court Jurors.—The county court during the present session will select Jurors for the present year. The law provides that not less 200 legal voters and taxpayers be chosen. These will be selected pro rata according to the number of voters in each precinct as near as possible by the board. From this list 31 names are drawn by lot previous to each term of circuit court to serve for that term.

Married.—At San Jose, Cal., January 6, 1897, Mr Charles W Ingham and Miss Nellie A Ingham. They will be "at home" after January 15, 1897, at their home, 129 Balbach street, San Jose. The lady was formerly cashier in her brother's store in this city, and has many friends in Eugene who tender congratulations.

Commissioners Court.

Jan 6.

Court convened in regular session. Present Judge E O Potter, Commissioners J T Callison and W T Bailey and Clerk A C Jennings.

At this time the court considered and allowed the following bills and clerk ordered to draw warrants on the general fund therefor, towit:

A B Hancock supervisor district No 88	24 00
John Trail supervisor district No 60	28 00
B F Waterman supervisor district No 43	30 00
John L Stewart supervisor district No 87	20 00
C A Van schoick supervisor district No 96	28 65
W B Lincoln supervisor district No 14	56 00
Warren Nichols supervisor district No 91	42 00
Warren Nichols road work	15 00
Sidney Stiches supervisor district No 89	20 00
S D Richardson supervisor district No 45	57 00
E O Potter county judge salary for December	66 70
C S Hunt school superintendent salary for December	50 00
A S Patterson county treasurer salary for December	41 70
A J Johnson county sheriff salary for December	166 70
C L Scott county deputy sheriff salary for December	75 00
A C Jennings county clerk salary for December	166 70
C L Gibbs county deputy clerk salary for December	75 00
E Bowen county ferryman salary for December	15 00
Grant Hendricks county ferryman salary for December	14 00
P T Carter supervisor district No 51	24 00
L J Yoder supervisor district No 94	37 25
W C Shortridge supervisor district No 16	32 00
P L Edwards lumber	5 70
Wm Tripp repair on road scraper	8 50
Thomas Harlow supervisor district No 12	52 00

In the matter of the Lombard road in township 18 south, range 4 west. At this time this matter came on to be heard on the petition of A. Lombard and 28 other petitioners for a 40 foot county road, asking that the same be viewed, surveyed and established as a county road and all papers relating to said road being in proper shape, it is therefore ordered by the court that said road be viewed and surveyed as prayed for and that Theodore Reinshaw, Geo H Day and James Stewart be and they are hereby appointed viewers and C M Collier surveyor, to view and survey said road, and to meet at the beginning point on ——, 1897.

In the matter of the Wheeler road in Fairmount, Lane county, Oregon. At this time this matter came on to be heard on the petition of A Wheeler and 19 other petitioners for a county road in Fairmount, asking that said road be viewed, surveyed and established as a county road, and all papers relating to said road being in proper shape, it is therefore ordered by the court that said road be viewed and surveyed as prayed for and that A W Gilbert, R Garrison and O W Martin be and they are hereby appointed viewers and C M Collier surveyor of said road, to meet at the beginning point on —— 1897.

In the matter of the Day and Comdray road in township 17 and 18 south range 6 west. At this time this matter came on to be heard on the petition of J S Day, A P Comday and 16 other petitioners, asking that said road be viewed, surveyed and established as a county road, and all papers relating to said road being in proper shape it is therefore ordered by the court that said road be viewed and surveyed as prayed for by petitioners, and that I. J Yoder, W T Kayser and A M Thurman be appointed viewers and C W Collier surveyor of said proposed road; to meet at the beginning point on ——, 1897.

In the matter of the Soderquist road in township 18 south, range 5 west. At this time this matter came on to be heard on the report of the viewers heretofore appointed and qualified and report was read first time and passed to second reading tomorrow.

The Legislature.

The Oregonian formerly printed a full list of the members of the legislature which meets Monday at Salem. The following is a

RECAPITULATION.

Number of representatives	60
Republicans	54
Democrats	4
Peoples	1
Mitchell republicans	2
Republican and taxpayers league	1
Mitchell republican and peoples	1
Union bimetallic	3
Taxpayers' league and Mitchell republican	1
Number of senators	30
Republicans	22
Democrats	3
Peoples	3
Mitchell republicans	1
Republican and taxpayers league	1

JOINT CONVENTION.

Number of members	90
Republicans	66
Democrats	7
Peoples	17
Mitchell republicans	3
Republican and taxpayers league	2
Mitchell republicans and peoples	1
Union bimetallic	3
Taxpayers league and Mitchell republican	1

Sued Ex Sheriff Osburn.—Corvallis Times: Benton county is to have a law suit with Ex-Sheriff Osburn. Ever since last October, when J H Wilson inspected the sheriff's books and submitted to the county court a report claiming that Mr Osburn was still indebted to the county in the sum of $6,000, the matter has been the subject of speculation and comment. Sheriff Osburn has always claimed that Mr Wilson's findings were incorrect, and out of the difference in the figuring the public has been much at sea. The determination to settle the matter in a court of justice, where all the details can be thoroughly sifted, is generally accepted as a wise course.

Thomas Johnson, a Swede, went to sleep under a car at San Jose. The train moved up and took off one arm and the toes from one foot. The sleeper was awakened.

TROUBLE BREWING.

Nashville Christian Advocate: There seems to be some trouble brewing in regard to "the inauguration ball." As no other suitable place for this "function" (sic) can be found in the city of Washington, it is proposed to desecrate the new Library Building—the noblest structure of its sort in the world—by opening it for the big dance. We are glad to see that the venerable senator Morrill and others are opposed to such a program. The press dispatches represent Mr Hanna as much suprised at this opposition. It is one of the wonders of our American life that this gentleman, who never wrote a book, nor made a speech, nor even uttered a thought that nobody cared to remember for twenty-four hours, nor did anything else except levy and disburse an enormous election fund, should be so much in evidence at the present time. In our judgment, the very idea of a ball or of any other great display in connection with the inauguration of the President, is an impertinence, especially at a time when the nation is pressed by so many and serious questions.

Sure enough, it is surprising that the party claiming the highest degree of intelligence and morality in the country would choose such a man as Mark Hanna as chairman of the national committee. No excuse can be given for such a selection other than the fact he had proved himself to be a cheeky and successful political boodler. The republican party from the earliest period of its history arrogated to its self the superb title of the "grand old party of high moral ideas." We think "grand old party of false pretenses" a much more appropriate appellation.

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A COUNTY WARRANT DECISION.

Acting under a law passed by the legislature of 1889, which required county warrants to be cancelled seven years after the date of issuance, the county court of Baker county made an order September 10, 1896, in which it sought to to cancel all outstanding warrants which had been outstanding more than seven years and were not registered as required by the notice of the county board. By this order $17,000 in county warrants were ordered cancelled and J E Burch who is a non-resident of the state, sued out a writ of review in the circuit court, and Judge Eakin decided that the action of the county court was without jurisdiction, and is null and void, and ordered that the warrants be restored to their former condition. In effect, this decision annuls the action of the county board as to all the warrants affected by the order.

Here is another case of 16 to 1. Since Queen Victoria ascended to the throne 16 presidents have sat in the White House—16 presidents to 1 queen.

Reports from Cuba show that only 1000 insurgents have thus far been killed in the war. This would seem to indicate that Weyler should at once increase his corps of typewriters.

It is reported that Senator Mitchell has returned to Oregon with a autographic endorsement from Mark Hanna. That settles it. Look out for the office seekers to fall over each other in their efforts to get into line.

Salem Statesman: We are very glad to notice that an artesian flow of water was struck by the men employed by secretary of state Kincaid to bore for a supply at the capitol. The depth, as reported, is only three hundred and thirty-nine and a half feet, and the water raises to a point within eighteen feet of the top. This shows that a generous supply of good, pure water, with no disease germs in it, is in within easy reach of our people. No doubt the company supplying Salem with water will take advantage before long of the knowledge furnished by the successful experiment of Secretary Kincaid. This may also result in other developments. There are those among us who think there is oil, coal and gas down in the bowels of the earth, hidden under the rich fields of the Willamette valley. Who knows but we may find that we possess here what they call in some of the Eastern states four-storied soil?

Suddenly Blind.—Stayton Mail: A strange story comes from the country east and north of Stayton a few miles, in which it is stated that a man named Popple was stricken suddenly blind last Saturday while working in the hop fields. It is asserted in the report that Popple called abruptly to his companion that he could not see, and was at once conducted to his home and medical aid summoned. The unfortunate man was apparently stone blind. He was taken to San Francisco for treatment.

Several S P carpenters are at work in this city manufacturing wood repairs to be used along the line.