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## GOOD ROADS.

Good roads are of incalculable benefit to any community. Every person desirous of moving from one point to another by team enjoys a good road, over which he can travel with ease and comfort without endangering his vehicle, his team or himself; especially if he has a heavy load. Good roads are also true indices of the enterprise of a people, of their thrift, their public spirit; in fact, a good road is indicative of the moral status of the people.

How important then it is to build and keep the public highways in a good condition. Every man who possesses any pride in being a good citizen should take an interest in the condition of roads in his county, his precinct, his neighborhood. It is to his pecuniary interest to see that good roads are made and kept in good condition for travel. It brings him nearer market. It enhances the value of his land. A good road to a farmer's market town is money in his pocket by enabling him to haul with a given amount of team force, double and often triple the amount of produce to his market town. As the season for road labor is near at hand the PLAINDEALER kindly reminds its readers of the importance of doing good and efficient work on the roads. The too common idea of men when called out to work the roads is that: "If I go on to the road and put in the time charged against me I settle my road tax, and if I can loaf and gass with my neighbors half of that time it is all the same—my tax will be settled for this year." To such persons (and by experience and observation such practices are found to be too common) we are constrained to say that they are really cheating themselves. Road work is a citizen's own work. He should do his own work well. If he neglects it he generally suffers for it. Then the character of work should be of a durable nature. It is an old and true saying, "Work well done is twice done." Let our road masters see to the character of the work as well as to the amount and our roads will be soon the pride of every citizen.

## THE OPEN DOOR.

The women of Portland in establishing "The Open Door" for errand sisters have shown to a greater degree a Christ-like spirit than any other institution ever devised before. Christ said to a certain woman: "I commend thee; thy way and sin no more." These good women of Portland say to their wayward sisters: "Come this way and sin no more. We will not upbraid you for past offenses. Come in through 'The Open Door,' you are welcome here."

## THE INCOME TAX LAW.

In the case involving the validity of the income tax law, Justice Fuller, Fields, Gray and Brewster were opposed to the law; Justices Harlin, Brown, Shiras and White sustained the law. Justice Jackson was too ill to take part in the hearing.

On April 1st last Governor McKinley made a visit to Washington, and making a call on the president was received most cordially by him. The governor was in good spirits, and said he had no special business with the president, but merely called to pay his respects and to renew an acquaintance begun during the president's first term. President Cleveland received him at his first leisure moment, and the two had quite an interesting chat together, in the course of which the president twitted the Ohio governor as to the possibilities of his being the next republican occupant of the White House.

Secretary Kincaid is doing a "good job" for the taxpayers in refusing to pay the officials who make up the railroad and other commissions not provided for by the late legislature. When he is certain they are legally existing servants of the people he will pay them, and not before. If Secretary Kincaid succeeds in "abolishing" these useless commissions the people will appreciate the favor and rise up and called him blessed—East Oregonian.

Secretary of State Kincaid, is of the opinion that the East Oregon Normal school cannot draw money from the treasurer in a lump sum quarterly and spend it ad libitum. He claims that the school must present bills properly vouchered for and be audited by him before he draws his warrants therefor. He is reasonably correct if not legally so.

Ole Olson, a Minnesota man, was run over by a train and his brainpan was emptied of all except a few shreds of gray matter. He has refused to die and is now convalescent, the doctors having covered his skull with a silver lid. Now if the populists are looking for a presidential candidate—

The government of Great Britain has recognized the republic of Hawaii.

The president does one sensible thing; he goes off duck shooting or fishing to sober up after a drunk.

France and Belgium with Germany in sympathy with their demands, say to England, Hands off the valley of the Upper Nile.

A terrible coal mine explosion occurred at the Blue Canyon coal mine on Lake Whatcom, Wash. Ten dead bodies have been taken out and thirteen are still in the mine.

The boundary line between the United States and Canada in the Alaskan territory will be run soon by Professor Davidson, at ten marine leagues inland from "the inside shore."

The completion and control of the Nicaragua canal by the United States will be of incalculable value to this government, and it should not be allowed under any consideration to pass into the hands of another power.

In view of the great probability that Binger Hermann will be chairman of the rivers and harbor committee, representatives of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, urge Mr. Hermann to make a tour of the great lakes.

President Addicks of Delaware continues to hold daily sessions of his school of constitutional law. Every day the lesson that senators should be elected by the people is thoroughly taught in the Addicks school.

The effect of the decision of the supreme court on the income tax law will greatly reduce the revenue intended to be derived from it. The revenue that will be collected now will not much more than pay the cost of collection.

The Supreme court has finally issued its decree on the income tax law. It has knocked the tax of incomes for rents and from state, county and municipal bonds. Justice Field's opinion is that a law that discriminates between amounts of incomes or the sources from which derived is unconstitutional.

The Mazamas, a society of mountain climbers organized in Portland, have proposed a system of telegraphing by means of heliographs along the line of snow-capped peaks a sun-beam message from British Columbia to Mexico. The experiment will be tried July 10th, 1895. Parties wishing to communicate with the society on the subject will address T. Brook White, Sec. 14, Worcester Block, Portland, Ore.

## NEWS ITEMS.

The employes in the Carson mint have been falsifying the bullion of that mint by stamping bars as fine gold when in fact they were mostly base metal.

A terrific wind storm in Western Kansas prevailed for several days that has completely demoralized travel on the railroads by heavy drifts of snow and sand. It is also reported that many persons have been suffocated by the whirling clouds of sand.

The loss of stock in Colorado during the storm a few days ago, it is reported, will be at least 20 per cent. The storm has been unprecedented in severity and great suffering has ensued. Cattle drifted before the wind from the north over a hundred miles.

The good old times were not without their drawbacks. At a performance of one of Handel's oratorios in London more than a hundred years ago the tickets had a postscript which read: "Gentlemen are requested to come without swords and ladies without hoops."

The herd of camels that ranges between the Gila and Colorado rivers, in the plains below the Eagle Tail mountains of Arizona, is said to be increasing rapidly. It numbers upward of 400 despite the fact that many are killed and sold to miners for beef, and others are captured for circus troupes. The herd now forms the main supply for the showmen.

A new lighthouse will be built on Pin-march Point, off the coast of Brittany, and will be known as the Eckenbi lighthouse. It will contain an electric light of 40,000,000 candle power, casting a beam which can be seen a distance, in clear weather, of 30 miles, and in foggy weather a distance of twenty-one miles. The highest order of light now in operation in the United States lighthouse service can be seen only twenty-one miles in clear weather.

As a result of the two blizzards that swept over Florida during the past winter, it is said many of the hardiest orange trees over large areas of the state have been felled to be not only blighted, but killed outright by long and reiterated freezing, and many of the most plucky and enterprising growers are talking of giving up the cultivation of oranges, in part at least, and devoting increased attention to the raising of early fruits and vegetables in competition with Bermuda.

The census report of farms, homes and mortgage statistics for 1890 shows that there are 12,690,197 families in the United States. Of these 62 per cent own their own homes, 25 per cent of which are encumbered and 72 per cent own free of incumbrance. On the owned farms and homes there are liens amounting to \$2,142,949,568 or 37 per cent of the value of the encumbered homes at a rate of interest averaging 6.65 per cent. The average worth of these encumbered homes is \$3352. On the owned farms there are liens amounting in round numbers to \$1,000,000,000 or 35 per cent of their value. Each owned and encumbered farm is on an average worth \$3444.

Are the republicans of Roseburg intending to be represented at the meeting of the Republican clubs at Portland in May?



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## WEATHER BUREAU.

Weather Crop Bulletin No. 1, for Week Ending April 2.

Briefly, the winter was mild. Severe winters, in a comparative sense, are unknown in Oregon, but the winter just passed was milder than usual. While there were no low temperatures, the snowfall in the northern portion of the state was above the normal. At Portland the total snowfall from Nov. 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895, amounted to 22.9 inches; at Baker City 44.4 inches; at Roseburg 1.5 inches; in the Columbia river valley to 18.5 inches and in the stock country south of the Blue mountains, it was from 10 to 25 inches. The snowfall was in excess over the small portion of the state referred to above, the rainfall was deficient in every section of the state from 15 to 40 per cent. The temperature was slightly below the normal. Marked, or even usual low temperatures did not occur. West of the Cascades the lowest temperatures ranged from 15 to 20 degrees; to the east of the Cascades, in the Columbia river valley, they were the same, while to the south of the Blue mountains low temperatures and below were reported from places having high elevation. The winter throughout was what is called an open winter and the effects of the weather on farming operations and upon stock were favorable. The autumn was favored with early rains sufficiently copious to allow of early plowing and seeding so that the acreage of fall-sown grain was as the farmers desired it to be. The winter was favorable to the fruit orchards. Range grass was good and during the brief period of feeding the ranchers had plenty of hay for their stock so that they are now in prime condition. Sheep wintered well; the wool grew continuously so that there is no break in the staple; it is long and the fleece is heavy and clean. During the latter part of February and the first of March warm sunshine prevailed during the day and the nights were comparatively warm also, so that buds began to swell, and in the southwestern counties the almond, peach, pear and plum buds were open or nearly so, by the close of March. Spring plowing and seeding was well advanced by the first of April.

Crops: Vegetation made satisfactory growth, though warmer would have produced a more rapid but not more healthful growth. The frosts did but little real damage to the fruit buds. The rainfall was sufficient to put the ground in good condition for plowing and seeding. Peaches, pears, apricots and plums are generally in bloom, particularly in the southern counties. The fruit trees, at this present writing, are in excellent condition and continued favorable weather will result in a heavy crop. Hops are up and growing rapidly. Fall-sown wheat is well stooled and rooted. Sowing of spring wheat and oats is being rapidly pushed to completion. The lambing season is here and there is every appearance that a large proportion of lambs are being saved.

The season opens auspiciously in Oregon with bright promise of diversified products and good yields.

B. S. PARKER, Director.

## School Visitation.

Wednesday I visited grade number one, taught by Miss Lizzie Parrott. I found a room full of bright little pupils of about eight years of age. They seemed very attentive to their studies and showed unmistakable progress. They were at the time of my visit engaged in orthography, both oral and written. These little fellows wrote a good hand for children that would do credit to many a lawyer. Their orthography for small words were almost faultless, evening good teaching and a fair power of memorizing word forming. This grade is doing finely.

Grade number four is taught by Miss Inez Hamilton, with fifty-two names on the roll. Here too was evidence of progress. At the time of my visit a class was on drill in orthography, both oral and written, from pronunciation by the teacher. These pupils in a class of thirty-two, divided into sections of four pupils each, would write words quite rapidly. Numbers one, two, three and four of each division writing the same word the number in his division required. This spelling was excellent and showed evidence of progress under good instruction.

W. F. BENJAMIN.

"Large numbers of salmon are said to be coming up the Willamette over the new fish ladder at the Oregon City falls." Yes, salmon are in the habit of coming up the South Umpqua river during the spawning season—as far as the Roseburg dam. From there on up to their spawning grounds in this section of the country, they find it more convenient to travel by rail—and they come high—ten cents per pound, but we must have 'em. —Riddle Enterprise.

That is dam high, isn't it? But it is as low as we get 'em unless we hook 'em.

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