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## A FEW FIGURES.

The editor of the PLAINDEALER asks the indulgence of its readers for just a few words on a topic of general concern. For a few weeks last past he has been attending to his duties as member of the state board of railroad commissioners, in examining the roadbed, trestles and equipment of the various railroads of this state. The presence of the board in the several towns of the state have been the cause of almost as many editorials by local newspapers on the "useless board" the "ornamental commission," the "octopus" and such like pet names. The trouble has been there has been scarcely a paper in the state that has had either the inclination or the knowledge, to state the case of the commission or its work to their readers. They imagine that the riding around in a private car is all there is to it, when as as a matter of fact the reputation and standing of the commission would be better if it was not required to do this work at all. It is just as much to the interest of roads as to their patrons to keep their roads in repair, but there was a time when many of the structures were in a deplorable shape.

But what are the facts? Since the creation of the commission ten years ago the state has paid out for its maintenance something over $90,000. That is the showing on one side of the ledger. How about the other? There are shipped out of the counties of Eastern Oregon, taking one year with another, about 150,000 tons of wheat, about half of which comes out of Umatilla. When the first commission took hold of the freight question they found that the farmers of that county were paying $6.00 per ton to get their grain hauled to Portland, and the farmers beyond and nearer corresponding rates according to distance. A reduction of $2.00 per ton was asked, and refused. Suit was instituted and a compromise entered into whereby the rate was lowered a little. In 1893 when the present board entered upon the duties of the office they found a $4.75 rate in effect where there was formerly $6.00, and ranging up and down, according to distance, in the same ratio as before. This was still deemed high and in that year, 1893, another cut was obtained of 50 cents per ton, not without much effort and persistent endeavor on the part of the board. In 1894, the price of grain continuing low, the board determined on another effort in the line of reduction. The request was at first flatly refused, but subsequently granted and a $3.90 rate obtained. So that the farmers of Eastern Oregon are paying less than they did ten years ago before they had a commission. It is claimed by some toady newspapers that these reductions would be made anyway, but the fact remains that they were not made until requested, and sometimes flatly refused, and some at the end of the law suits. The aggregate of these savings, most of it directly the work of the railroad commission, will exceed a million of dollars.

The territory of the Southern Pacific has not been such a promising field. The best of its territory is tapped by the Willamette river and that has tended to keep down rates; and then the volume of business has been light, and much lighter during the past four years than previously. Notwithstanding this, the board had several conferences with the management of the road, especially in regard to grain rates, and as a result, succeeded in getting a rate on Oct. 10, 1894, that made a difference of $30,000 a year against the company and in favor of the farmer. At that time the facts were given to the Oregonian, but for some reason all reference to the commission was stricken out and the country papers with one voice wanted to know why the railroad commission could not have done that? The commission had done that very thing, and had been at work on it for months. The correction was made the next day, but that went unnoticed. The first statement, like a slander, could not be overtaken.

Of course the commission is doomed, public sentiment calls for the repeal, but the unconditional repeal of the law will leave no barrier between the railroads and the people.

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A Salvation Army woman of California, wife of a millionaire, has announced her intention of saving the life of a convicted wife murderer, if possible. If there were fewer attempts of this character on behalf of murderers and they were allowed to suffer the extreme penalty, there would be fewer murders. What is needed is more hanging and less sentiment.

## CIVIL SERVICE.

A Washington correspondent says the president is considerably troubled, owing to the orders issued by Cleveland during the last six months of his administration. Cleveland had pretty well succeeded in eliminating from office all who were not "cuckoos," and then spread the blanket of Civil Service over them to give them a perpetual position. In many of these instances the idea was entirely impracticable, for it is impossible to obtain suitable employes through the Civil Service rules to fill many of the positions which Cleveland endeavored to cover by his orders. It is presumed that Mr. McKinley will abolish or modify those orders of Cleveland in such cases in which the public service will suffer.

There is a good deal of flap doodle about this civil service business anyway. It was inaugurated at the instance of goody goodies of politics, otherwise known as mugwumps, who thereby expected to improve the public service; but it is a failure. There are men in all parties competent to fill public positions from president to pound master and the victorious party should be rewarded with the offices. They must be responsible to the country and should consequently manage the ship. We got along very well before the days of the civil service reformer, and the sooner we return to the Jacksonian policy, "To the the victors belong the spoils," the better. When the people vote a change they expect it, from the president to the cross roads postmaster.

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It is a fad popular with many to curse the money lender. The money borrower is always presumed to be the injured party. Yet it is he that in the main deserves our maledictions. It is seldom that the lender lies awake o'nights, concocting plans to pursuade a borrower to secure the loan of his surplus cash. The man irretrievably in debt has, in the majority of cases, no cause to kick any one but himself. The young Venetian merchant was not obliged to pawn a pound of precious flesh to old Shylock. He took the risk and if he escaped with a whole skin, it was due to his luck and a shrewd woman's tongue, not to his merit or horse sense. It is not the money lender, but the untiring energy manifested by many in patronizing him, that is one of the greatest economic evils of the present era. When people have learned—as they may sometime—to live within their means and to cease hazardous speculations that evil will cease. The best friend of the money lender is the farmer that buys his vegetables in town.

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The populists of Washington last winter provided for a "board of control," whose business it was to make appointments to office. This was to bring the appointing power nearer the people, presumably, and relieve the governor of the thankless task. There is trouble on between the board and the governor. The latter wants the superintendent of the reform school at Chehalis retained, the former want him removed. The governor informs the board that if the superintendent is removed, he'll remove the board; so he's boss, after all.

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The victory of the Greeks, reported last week, was barren and short lived and the rejoicing at Athens turned into lamentation. Greece seems doomed to defeat. The Turks, in addition to superior numbers, have exhibited superior generalship and are steadily and surely driving the Greeks before them from one position to another. It was hoped by the civilized world that the result of the war might be the driving of the Turk from Europe, but the fates have decreed otherwise and prophecy is not yet to be fulfilled.

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Let it not be forgotten that the government of President Dole of the Hawaiian Islands was not intended to be perpetual, but until the islands were annexed by the United States. But for the change of administration four years ago the stars and stripes would now be floating over that country. It would be both proper and popular for the administration of President McKinley to initiate the steps that shall bring Hawaii into the Union, as a territory perhaps at first.

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It is shrewdly suspected that the great hulabaloo raised by our distinguished contemporary over the A. P. A's is simply the casting of an anchor to windward. It intends to play upon the prejudices of men rather than appeal to their judgment. There is a city election coming on and some people prefer a dark and befouled atmosphere in which to operate. Clear light and a thorough understanding would be fatal to their interests.

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Now that the senate has had the courage to call for the report of the committee on the tariff bill and that document is in its hands, it is to be hoped that august assemblage will not weary in well doing but will make their speeches short and dispose of the measure so that the country may understand upon what condition it is expected to do business. Oh for a Reed in the vice president's chair for about thirty days.

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Outside of Salem there does not appear to be any particular desire for an extra session of the legislature. The feeling is that there should be some assurance of organization and legislation before that body is called together. There can be no such assurance while U'Ren and others like him say they are ready to pursue the same tactics as those adopted last winter to prevent organization.

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Judge L. L. McArthur, a prominent attorney of Portland, is lying at the point of death at Walla Walla. Judge McArthur was for several years one of the chief justices of this state, was United States attorney under Cleveland's first administration, a good lawyer and a good citizen.

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The editor who will pander to a popular prejudice for the purpose of increasing his revenues is a journalistic harlot.

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Brazil and Chile are indulging in a sort of mutual admiration and throwing boquets at each other.

## NEWS NOTES.

Silver is quoted in New York at 61 cents an ounce.

The Transvaal army has been ordered to be in readiness for service.

Japan has sent a war ship to Hawaii to look after the Japanese side of the labor troubles there.

The battle ship Oregon will probably visit Portland. The punch bowl will then be presented.

James N. Tyner of Indiana has been appointed assistant attorney-general for the postoffice department.

Nearly all the Americans, who happened to be in the Paris bazaar at the time of the fire escaped unharmed.

The house of representatives at Washington will meet but twice a week for the present. It is waiting on the senate.

The negroes of the Mississippi valley, the more ignorant of them, regard the recent destructive floods as a visitation of divine wrath.

There is a rebellion in Uruguay. In two recent engagements the rebels defeated the government troops, scoring decisive victories.

A Montana man is to open the new hotel at Flavel, below Astoria. It is an elegant place and if not too far from the sea, should be well patronized.

The railroads in Eastern Oregon have had more trouble from high water then for years past. The O. R. & N. line in Burnt river canyon suffered severely, and large sections of the Sumpter Valley road were washed away completely.

By the census of 1890, Oregon ranked the 38th state in population. By the figures of the U. S. department of agriculture, however, she now ranks 4th in number of sheep; 12th in number of cattle; 20th in number of horses; 28th in number of swine, and 37th in number of milch cows.

The Greek tackle seems to be strong and sturdy, but there is a suspicion of weakness in the center, hence the revolving wedge would be more effective than bucking the line, notwithstanding the fact that the Greeks have scored the only touch-down on mass rushes.—Detroit Journal.

A rumor is current that Hon. Cornelius N. Bliss, Secretary of the Interior, is to resign on account of the demands of his private business. Several names are suggested as those likely to succeed him. The most prominent, however, is that of H. Clay Evans, the present commissioner of pensions.

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## THE VICTORIOUS TURK.

### The Greeks Driven from Pharsala Fall Back on Domokos.

LARISSA, May 6.—The Turkish forces under command of Edhem Pasha have captured Pharsala.

ATHENS, May 6.—A dispatch from the front announces that Prince Constantine's army retired yesterday evening in perfect order upon Domokos, about 13 miles from Pharsala, where the Greeks will await the attack of the Turks. General Smolenski remains at Velestino to protect Volo.

Pharsala has been abandoned and telegraphic communication with that place has been cut off.

ATHENS, May 6.—General Smolenski's brigade of Greek troops is about to retreat from Velestino. Smolenski may fall back on Volo and try to hold that place with the protection of the Greek fleet, or he may retreat on Almyro (Halmyros) with a view, possibly, of effecting a junction later with the main body of the Greek army.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 6.—The ministry of war has received the following dispatch from Edhem Pasha, the Turkish commander in Thessaly, dated yesterday evening.

"The Turks today won a great victory. Turkish shells are commencing to fall near Pharsala. Details will be forwarded later. Sabah says a division of Turkish troops commanded by Hakki Pasha carried the first line of Greek defenses at Velestino and the attack is proceeding against the other lines."

It was ascertained at daybreak that the Greeks evacuated Pharsalos during the night. A majority of the Greek forces are retreating on Domokos. The baggage and artillery took the main road. The infantry crossed the hills.

LONDON, May 6.—A dispatch from Athens asserts that the losses of the Greeks in the fighting at Velestino and Pharsalos yesterday were certainly 1000 killed and wounded. The Turks lost fully 6000 killed and wounded.

### Mediation Proposed.

ATHENS, May 6.—2 P. M.—The Ministers of Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy have been instructed to propose mediation between Greece and Turkey. Similar instructions to the German and Austrian ministers are expected every moment.

### Evacuation of Crete.

ATHENS, May 8.—The government has informed the ministers of the powers verbally that following the recall from Crete of Colonel Vassos, 25 officers and two companies of troops, the gradual withdrawal of troops from the island of Crete will take place. After a brief stay, the powers will offer to mediate between Greece and Turkey. The powers will insist, however, that Greece shall confide her interest unreservedly to their hands. Negotiations have commenced, and meditation is regarded as imminent.

### Turks Entered Volo.

VELESTINO, May 8.—The Greeks have evacuated Volo. Detachments of marines have landed from British, Russian, French, Austrian and German warships to guard the town.

The foreign consuls have arrived to confer with Edhem Pasha, the Turkish commander.

As this dispatch is being sent, the Turkish troops are entering Volo. The Greeks who fled to Almyros will rejoin the main body of the Greek forces at Domokos.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Mary A. Flourney, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at his home in Looking Glass precinct, within six months from the date hereof with proper vouchers.

Dated this 5th day of May, 1897.

LEONARD BUELL,
Administrator.

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### SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE of Oregon, for Douglas County.

Thomas G. Devens, Plaintiff,
vs.
Luther Palmer, J. D. Boyer and Harriet Boyer, Defendants.
} Suit in Equity to Partition Real Property.

To Luther Palmer, J. D. Boyer and Harriet Boyer, above named defendants:

In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the first day of the next regular term of this court, to-wit: Monday, June 28th, 1897, and if you fail so to answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, a succinct statement of which is as follows, to-wit: For a partition of the real property described in the complaint, as the N. E. ¼ of Section 22, Tp. 29 S. of R. 8 W., in Douglas County, Oregon, according to the respective rights of the parties hereto, or if partition cannot be had without material injury to those rights, for the sale of the said real property in the manner provided by law, and a division of the proceeds between the parties hereto, according to their respective rights. That the plaintiff have judgment for the sum of 34 and 68-100 dollars, paid out by him for taxes, and that the same be taken out of the proceeds of sale prior to any distribution thereof, or judgment against each of said defendants for his just proportion thereof, and that the costs and disbursements of this suit be charged to the respective parties pro rata, or, in case of sale, be paid out of the proceeds prior to distribution thereof.

This summons is served by publication thereof in pursuance of an order of the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Douglas county, duly made and entered on the 26th day of April, 1897, and May 3d, 1897.

A. M. CRAWFORD,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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### Administrator's Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the undersigned A. S. Ireland has been by the County Court of Douglas county, Oregon, appointed administrator of the estate of K. B. Ireland, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate must present the same with proper vouchers duly verified to said administrator at my residence in Olalla Precinct, Douglas county, Oregon, or to his attorney at Roseburg, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated April 28, 1897.

A. S. IRELAND,
Administrator.

IRA B. RIDDLE,
Attorney for Administrator. a295

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been by the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, appointed administrator of the estate of Daniel Wilson deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same to the administrator at the office of Brown & Tustin in Roseburg, Oregon, with proper vouchers duly verified within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Roseburg, Oregon, April 26, 1897.

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### SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE of Oregon, for Douglas County.

Mattie Stanton, Plaintiff,
vs.
Henry E. McDaniels and Annie V. McDaniels, his wife, E. McDaniels, I. L. McDaniels and Annie P. Garner, Defendants.

To Henry E. McDaniels, Annie V. McDaniels and E. McDaniels, defendants.

In the name of the State of Oregon: you and each of you are hereby required to be and appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before the first day of the next regular term of the above entitled court, to-wit: On or before Monday the 28th day of June, 1897, that being the first day of said next regular term, and if you fail to appear or answer plaintiff's complaint against you as aforesaid within said time, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in her complaint as follows:

For judgment against defendants, Henry E. McDaniels and Annie V. McDaniels for the sum of six thousand and sixty-six and .81 ($6066.81) dollars, with interest thereon from May 5th, 1897, at the rate of ten per cent per annum, for the sum of five hundred ($500.00) dollars attorneys fees, and for the costs and disbursements of this suit, and for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage executed by said Henry E. McDaniels and Annie V. McDaniels to A. W. Stanton on the 24th day of April, 1894, for the sum of five thousand and five hundred ($5,500.00) dollars and interest, and assigned by the said A. W. Stanton to this plaintiff the 28th day of April, 1897, and for such other relief as is prayed for in said complaint and as the court may adjudge, meet and equitable.

BROWN & TUSTIN,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

This summons is published in accordance with an order made by the Honorable J. C. Fullerton, judge of the above entitled court and dated the 6th day of May, 1897. m947.

### Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been by the County Court of Douglas County, State of Oregon, duly appointed administrator of the estate of Sarah M. Weatherly, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate are hereby required to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, properly verified, to the undersigned at Scottsburg, Douglas County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 10th day of April, 1897.

H. WEATHERLY,
Administrator of the estate of Sarah M. Weatherly, deceased.

### Notice of Appointment of Administrator.

IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR DOUGLAS County, state of Oregon.

In the matter of the estate of Henry Conn, Senior, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been by the County Court of Douglas County, State of Oregon, duly appointed administrators of the estate of Henry Conn, Senior, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly verified to the undersigned at the office of J. W. Hamilton in the Marks building in Roseburg, Douglas County, State of Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, this 26th day of April, 1897.

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FRANCIS M. CONN,
Administrators of the Estate of Henry Conn, Senior, Deceased. a295

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