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If Miles and Roosevelt form a junction Alger will probably take to the woods.

It is noticeable that there are not many babies being named Russell A. Alger.

The United States has remembered the Maine and England has remembered Chinese Gordon.

The annexation of Jamaica would be a very popular move just at this time of year while ginger is in such great demand.

If the people become alarmed at the amount of money which is accumulating in the United States treasury, all they need to do is to elect Cleveland president again.

The native women of the Philippines are not much on dress or style but there is one good thing about them. They do not expect their husbands to conduct themselves according to the rules laid down in the Ladies Home Journal.

The prospect of an extra session of the legislature for the election of a United States senator brings a large group of prospective candidates to the front, but none are receiving more prominence than Binger Hermann. The people know that Hermann served them faithfully while he was in congress—Oregon City Press.

The Eugene Guard and other pop papers are advocating a law reducing the rate of interest in Oregon. They had better go a little further and pass a law compelling men who have money to loan it without security. This would render the interest law effective, and would be another long step in the direction of the political millennium, according to the pop idea.

Governor Lord has issued a proclamation calling for an extra session of the legislature to convene at Salem on the 26th inst. This is not the wish of the majority of the people of Oregon, and nothing will be accomplished at the extra session that will come of any good to the people of our state. A senatorial scrap is on and old man Corbett is probably the projector of the whole scheme to get himself elected to the United States senate.—Klamath Republican.

A great deal of fun is being poked at Hon. Binger Hermann, Commissioner of the General Land office, by popocratic papers, for keeping Forest Rangers in the Cascade mountains, to prevent the spread of fire and the wholesale destruction of acres of valuable timber. The clearness of the atmosphere, at this time of year, attest the faithfulness of these guardians of Uncle Sam's forest reserves. Binger Hermann knows a thing or two, these popocratic fellows never thought of with their little thinkers.—Linn County Republican.

La Grande has passed an ordinance prohibiting assemblies on the streets. It is supposed that the law is aimed at the Salvation Army. The people of Eugene would approve of a similar ordinance.—Eugene Guard.

Well, it is not to the credit of Eugene or any other city that they would approve of such an ordinance. The Salvation Army will have a nice pleasant corner in the New Jerusalem, while a lot of you sinners will find yourselves standing on the outside under the eaves, while the water trickles down your spine as you wait for your turn to hit the slide.

There has been a great demand for labor, in Josephine county, throughout all the summer. This demand has been mainly on account of the many new ditches constructed, or lengthened. And it still continues. There is no scarcity of work in Southern Oregon for the horny handed sons of toil, and they have come in considerable numbers from the Willamette valley, and as far south as Sacramento.—Oregon Mining Journal.

The above editorial, from one of the strongest populist organs in the state, indicates that the return of prosperity, is at last making itself apparent even to the darkened mind of our populist brethren. There is yet hope that our socialist brother of the Review, will see the error of his way, and come out of his cave of gloom, long enough to get the benefit of some of the sunlight of returning prosperity.

One of the first and most important questions which should receive the attention of the Oregon legislature at the coming regular session, should be the question of building good wagon roads. We have no suggestions to offer as to how roads should be constructed, or as to the best manner of going about it. Matters of detail can be easily worked out when it is once determined that the state will go forward in the work of building roads of such a character as will place the state in the ranks of the progressive states of the union in this regard. Take this county as an illustration of the condition of the road ques-

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