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EDITORIAL SALAD.

It begins to look as if some of the papers had established an Alice Roosevelt wedding-gown department.

Perhaps we can't have foreign bishops in our midst without murders, but still, we don't have to have murders.

It matters little at the present time what New Yorker wrote "Beautiful Snow"; the serious question is, where did he get his inspiration?

However, the real question is, how many White House Democrats will there be when a railroad rate bill is voted upon in the Senate?

The advertised-in-advance insurrections succeeds as little in Congress as elsewhere. It is the Gillespies and not the Dalzells who seem to get there.

Tippling is bad enough, but to know that one's tips go to a lobby fund to defeat anti-tippling bills is a little too much, even in Ohio.

Poultney Bigelow is now betting \$1000 he's right. When it comes to a question of money or facts, Mr. Bigelow should be careful of his only remaining possession.

With the Hottentot war still in full blast, and with threats of a general uprising in the Cameroons, the German course of colonial empire in Africa is not a path of pleasantness and peace.

The discovery of a new comet Saturday morning was the result, announces the Hobart College observatory, of sweeping the northeastern heavens with a large telescope. Might be worth while to mop up the milky way, next.

If they're married when they're married, then 'twere well they married quickly. Only another chapter in rapid transit. And that may be the reason why the event escaped the bride's notice. Here's certainly Fifth avenue material for a Bernard Shaw.

The Russian revolutionists know how to apologize at least. Having killed Colonel Lisorski by mistake for Colonel Prozorovski, they promptly apologized, and, like the western lynchers who strung up the wrong man, acknowledged that the joke was on them, and, moreover, promised to rectify the blunder.

A Kentucky lad of fourteen has just been committed to an insane asylum laboring under the delusion that he is a married man with a large family. We don't recall like commitments of married men who forget that they have wives and dependent progeny and get gay accordingly.

The camera is coming to the front even in politics. A bill has been introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature which requires a photograph to be taken and preserved of every citizen offering to register. For Philadelphia's ghostly electorate—formerly estimated at thirty thousand to forty thousand—"spook pictures" will probably be accepted.

PUBLIC OPINION KNOWN.

The fact that the people do not want the charter-commission named until after the June election, is now pretty generally known, and the wisdom of such a conclusion, if not patent just at this moment, will be obvious enough in July. There is no law governing the formation of a charter-body and the authority for such an enterprise must emanate directly from the people themselves. The people, as a rule, have been satisfied to permit such matters to be launched by their local representatives, official, and commercial, and it has become the rule of the day, everywhere, to look to the Councils, and Chambers of Commerce, for the initiative in such matters; and, adding the Improvement Clubs, in the case of Astoria, there is no reasonable ground for prejudice or protest, if these three organic, popular elements, shall take on the responsibility of providing for the new commission; but if any lesser representative number, or class, of individuals shall attempt to form, or steer, the movement, the quickest and most potent remedy at hand, is an instant and direct appeal to the PEOPLE.

Caution should be exercised in accepting the remarkable story about the revival of a moribund patient which Dr. Quackenbush told to the Entertainment Club the other evening. Physicians err in their diagnosis sometimes, and occasionally abandon hope prematurely. There have been spontaneous recoveries which have surprised both medical attendants and anxious friends. It should be borne in mind that in the instance cited by Dr. Quackenbush the patient was still alive, and it is axiomatic that "while there's life there's hope." On the other hand, the possibilities of benefit through an appeal to the will when a subject is under hypnotic influence have not yet been fully revealed, and it will not do hastily to reject the hint here offered to the medical profession.

President Alderman of the University of Virginia says that the South is the only section of the country that believes in God, reads Walter Scott and votes the Democratic ticket. It was Mark Twain who once, in describing the southerner and his habits, referred to "the Sir Walter disease," by adding that "the goatee extends over a wide extent of country, and is accompanied by an iron-clad belief in Adam and the biblical history of creation."

The worst of it is, if President Roosevelt should in self-defense nominate Jacob Riis, Mr. Riis would thereby be nominated.

On the other hand, an ice famine would not depend in the least on whether Mr. John Mitchell thinks it is warm enough or not.

Old maids would be scarce and hard to find, Could they be made to see, How grace and beauty is combined By using Rocky Mountain Tea.

By using Rocky Mountain Tea. Frank Hart, druggist.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Astoria National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, January 29, 1906.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$293,802.55
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	5,767.56
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	600.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	49,977.82
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	4,000.00
Other real estate owned	29,375.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	6,787.91
Due from State Banks and Bankers	870.13
Due from approved reserve agents	137,571.10
Checks and other cash items	1,288.35
Notes of other National Banks	615.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	1,631.13
Lawful money reserve in bank viz:	
Special	\$33,441.10
Legal tender notes	1,254.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$600,106.85

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	35,118.63
National Bank notes outstanding	11,300.00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$249,310.10
Demand certificates of deposit	32,153.79
Time certificates of deposit	212,224.33
Total	\$600,106.85

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, J. E. HIGGINS, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of February, 1906.

M. C. MAGEE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: GEORGE W. WARREN, GEO H. GEORGE, A. SCHERNECKAU, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, January 29th, 1906.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$315,275.60
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	8,536.62
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Bonds, securities, etc.	63,000.00
Other real estate owned	6,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	10,673.75
Due from State Banks and Bankers	70,919.26
Due from approved reserve agents	190,465.90
Checks and other cash items	224.00
Notes of other National Banks	380.00
Nickels and cents	55.49
Lawful money reserve in bank viz:	
Special	\$114,850.00
Legal tender notes	50.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$793,560.62

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	26,098.73
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$509,833.93
Demand certificates of deposit	144,677.46
Certified checks	50.50
Total	\$793,560.62

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. GORDON, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of February, 1906.

V. BOELLING, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: G. C. FLAVEL, W. F. MORGAN, J. WESLEY LADD, Directors.

POLITICAL COLUMN.

Announcements of candidates for office will be published in this column at reasonable rates for men of all parties.

FOR GOVERNOR.
 Republicans of Oregon are hereby informed that I am a candidate for the nomination of Governor at the primaries to be held April 20th.

JAMES WITCOMBE.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.
 I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Secretary of State, and ask the support of all Republicans.

F. T. WRIGHTMAN.

FOR STATE PRINTER.
 The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for re-nomination for State Printer at the forthcoming primaries.

J. R. WHITNEY.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.
 I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-nomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and solicit the support of all Republicans at the primaries, April 20th.

J. H. ACKERMAN.

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