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### WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Western Washington-Showers. Eastern Oregon - Snow, fol-

lowed by fair. Eastern Washington - Generally fair.

IT WAS INEVITABLE,

The Portland-Seattle road goes into the former city over its chosen route despite the objections of its rivals. This is as it should be, and the vote of the Chamber of Commerce there, 200 to 2. in favor of conceding the bridge franchise, is a direct blow to the dominance of the rule of corporate power in Port land, the vital source of all opposition. not only at Portland but all over the state. It has become a proverb that Portland is absolutely governed by the transportation concerns centering there. sion to this power, if it shall be follow ed closely by another act confirmatory and conclusive. The Hill lines are just as valuable to Portland as the Harriman found in the careful, almost estentalines, and are entitled to the same scope tions, industry with which it ignores of concession and consideration, and it Venezuela.-Washington Post. they are to get it, and the city shall release herself from the thrall of the one line that has practically controlled two goals; four goals make one colloge her for years past, there is hope that the lesser communities of the state, Charleston News and Courier, tributary to its metropolis, may receive direct and immediate benefit by reason of the release from this selfish and predatory domination.

### SUCCESSION OF DEPUTIES.

It is getting to be quite a political cult nowadays to assume the justice of the claim that a chief deputy in a public office is the one, logical successor of his principal. There are many excellent reasons for the maintenance of such theory, among them the administrative equipment of the deputy, his extended acquaintance with the clientelle, the methods, the data, the scope of the office, and of its authority and responsibility; and his familiarity with details, people, accounts, dates and other elements of the business done there. This is all plain and resonable, but it lacks the essential of "popular choice" and the freedom of the appointive function, etc., and has the tendency toward rotation in office that is not in accord with republican institutions. It is a question as old as the hills, and is re- page." vived periodically, and perhaps will never be laid, until an amended primary law shall intervene to finish it as a pretended rule of political action. The good, and capable, citiz n should meet no barriers in his aspiration to hold office, and he, probably, never will meet,

### KILLED BY GREED.

The murder annually of a long list of innocent people is resultant from the sale of adulterated foods. In one month recently, the following deaths were reported: Four persons from eating toal stools mixed with mushrooms, three poisoned by candy, three by wood alcohol contained in lemon extract, and many by the same substance in whisky;

contained in ice cream, twin babies poisoned by formaldehyde used to preserve milk, and hundreds of persons poisoned by beer manufactured from glucose, in the manufacture of which sulphuric acid made from arsenic bear ing mineral has been used. Bills like that now pending in Congress for pubic inspection and control of foods is of vital importance in the preservation of the human family from the mercenary and conscienceless makers of adulter ants. Corvallis Times,

#### EASY TO BLACKEN.

A missionary from Rutland, Vt., who had heard of the great wickedness of Louisville, Ky., sent the following request to the postmaster of the home of Bourbon:

"Send me a list of the unsaved men and women of Louisville."

The postmaster in return forwarded a city directory, saying that it contained the names of 250,000 people who needed regeneration and advising the pruner of the vineyard to come at once with a set of sharp knives,

The incident is typical of the view taken by many evangelists of the moral turpitude of certain communities. Give a dog a bad name, etc. National humor concerning the capacity of the average Kentucky man for the consumption of good whisky has led people in other sections to believe that every Kentuckian is addicted to the use of liquor. As a matter of fact, local option laws have made more than half the counties of the state prohibition, and the prohibition party cast its largest vote there last fall.

Space writers and novelists have pictured Butte as an overgrown, abandoned frontier mining camp, and evangelists have descended upon us with offers of salvation. As a matter of fact, Americans are pretty much the same wherever you find them. There is vice and crime in every large community in the world. The average evangelist, like • for men of all parties. him who has so kindly offered to regenerate Louisville, makes his first mistake in generalization. - Butte Inter-

### EDITORIAL SALAD.

Her tearless grief was sad to see. We wondered why no tears she shed 'I'm glad I cannot weep," said she, "For weeping makes one's nose so red."

The President shoveled coal under and this single rebuff is a cheerful sign boilers of the battleship West Virginia of rebellion that will help to disprove a few days ago. He has also started the compromising story of her submis- a brisk fire under a West Virginia Senator.-Kansas City Star.

> An interesting and significant feature of the President's message is to be ----0--

> A new educational table of weights and measures: One high school makes two colleges make one university,-

"How do college degres benefit a

"They vary the monotony," answere. the scoffer, by enabling him to wear initials after his name instead of be fore,"-Philadelphia Ledger,

"Why couldn't George Washington tell a lie at the cherry tree?" asked the

"Because," answered answered his father, who is a rough and irreverent man, "he was caught with-the goods? -Wa-hington Star.

English Guide The echo 'ere in these mountains is very fine, sir.

"Tourist (after shouting "Hello!")-Well, there is an echo, but it isn't in-

English Guide-You don't understand the language, sir. These are Welsh mountains, y'know.-Cleveland Leader.

"To be entirely fronk," said his critial friend, "I don't like your editorial

"What's the matter with it?" demanded the editor of the Daily Bread, great-

y surprised. "You-er-don't run enough reprint on it."- Unicago Tribome.

"There's a man," said Phipps, "who mikes a practice of smoothing over the defects of poor humanity."

"He has a rather hard-looking face," said Fipps. "What's his business?" "He's a society photographer." Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Invaluable for Rheumatism. . . I have been suffering for the past ew years with a severe attack of insumatism and found that Ballard's Snow Liniment was the only thing that gave me satisfaction and tended to alleviate my pains, March 24, '02, John C. Degnan, Kinsman, Ills. 25c 50c and four infected by typhoid fever germs \$1.00. Sold by Hart's drug store.

### The American Nation Is Living Profligately

By JAMES J. HILL, President of the Great Northern Railway

HE nation at large is prosperous. We are cutting a wide swath; there is no doubt of that. If we get down, however, to a closer examination, we will readily see that the nation is living PROFLIGATELY. We are selling out our natural resources-exploiting them as fast as we can without building up in dustries and trade relations TO TAKE THEIR PLACE when ex-

It is only a question of time till our timber is exhausted. Our publie domain is all gone, and the nation cannot longer boast that it has homes for all. Where are the immigrants rushing to our shores to end up? Not on the land. WE HAVE NO MORE TO OFFER THEM. They must crowd into the cities.

WHEN THIS NATION HAS 150,000,000 PEOPLE THEY WILL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ELSE THAN EXPLOIT NATURAL RESOURCES TO EARN A LIVING.

### Collusive Divorces

By Judge ALPHONSE T. CLEARWATER of New York State Bar Association

HE proportion of divorces to marriages and remarriages in defiance of law is astounding and is indicative not only of contempt for law, but of a DECADENCE AND DEGRA DATION, a lowering of standards and ideals, which is depressing. The most disheartening feature of these collusive divorces and illegal remarriages is that by far the larger number of them are among people who, by virtue of their standing and in deference to the ancient and lofty maxim of noblesse oblige, SHOULD BE EXEM PLARS to the less fortunate, but no idea of this character for one moment influences their conduct.

#### POLITICAL COLUMN.

Announcements of candidates for office will be published in this column at reasonable rates

#### 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 WITHYCOMBE.

#### FOR SECRETARY OF STATE. I hereby announce myself a candi-

date for the office of Secretary of State, and ask the support of all Republi-F. T. WRIGHTMAN.

### FOR STATE PRINTER.

The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for renomination for State Printer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primary election, April 20.

Now serving first term. The same courtesy that has been accorded to State officers generally, that of a renomination, would be greatly appreciated. J. R. WHITNEY.

Albany, Oregon.

#### FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination for the office Successful Home Treatment of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and solicit the support of all Republicans at the primaries, April 20th. J. H. ACKERMAN.

### FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The undersigned hereby announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Attorney-General, subject to the approval of Republican voters at the primaries.

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