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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Showers along the coast; probably showers interior. Eastern Oregon—Fair. Eastern Washington—Cloudy and threatening.

PORTLAND'S BATTLE.

Portland is making a hot and resolute fight for cheaper gas. She has ample ground for the encounter and there is not a city on the coast that does not wish her a happy issue from the contract.

CANDIDATES AB LIBITUM.

One of the strong features of the new direct primary law is its utility in affording an opportunity for whoever will to go before the people and find out just how he stands in the public eye.

JAPANESE ROMANCE.

When the new Japanese ambassador makes his bow at the White House he will be accompanied by a woman who will appeal strongly to the American lover of romance.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Riches may "shrivel the soul", but poverty is equally hard on the uppers.—Philadelphia Tribune.

John W. Gates is said to have rebuked a gambler for having spoken to him in public.—Washington Star.

Tammany is wondering whether political Indians are disposed to extermination with the rest.—Washington Star.

All that the President wants is rate regulation that will regulate rates. That seems reasonable.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

If there's anything you want to have put to sleep quick, send it down to Nurse Teller, the Senate, Washington, D. C.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Chicago boasts of 160 murders last year—the largest number ever known in any city of equal size anywhere throughout the world.—Boston Globe.

Let all adulterations be branded. Then if coal tar, borax and aniline dyes are so healthful, the consumer can get them straight from the paint shop.—Chicago News.

A Detroit paper complains that Senator La Follette's feet do not reach the floor when he sits in his Senate chair. Send him a foot rest.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Wigg—You ought to join our club. It offers all the comforts of home.

Wigg—That isn't the kind I'm looking for. I'm married, you know.—Philadelphia Record.

"There are a lot of statesmen in this country who ought to be shelled."

"Well, let's agitate for the adoption of the life insurance plan—having six to eight vice-presidents."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Come now," said little sergeant-at-arms, "you've got to go out, you know."

"No," said Casey. "I'll not go out unless you force me against my will, and you can't do that unless I'm willing."—Philadelphia Press.

A San Berdo man has a hen which lays two eggs a day. It's a mighty mean man who will rouse his hens to work overtime just to satisfy his craving for the almighty dollar.—Los Angeles Express.

Green—I thought you said that fellow Skinner was as good as his word?

Brown—That's what I said.

Green—Well, he lied to me about a business transaction.

Brown—But I didn't say his word was any good.—Chicago News.

Conductor—Can't take this nickel. It's plugged.

Passenger—You'll have to take it. You gave it to me yourself in change when I came down this morning.

Conductor—Well, the company's more particular than you are. Fare, please.—Cleveland Leader.

Miss Flitely—Accept you, Mr. Grinly? Why everybody regards you as a joke.

Mr. Grinly—And they say you can always take a joke.—Boston Post.

"Why are you going back to town in such a rush?"

"I just received a letter from my husband."

"Is he ill?"

"No; he sent me a big check and told me to stay as long as I wish."—Houston Post.

A party of Eastern men visiting California have planned to return to New York by automobile, and massive machines have been shipped west for them. The machines are built to run on

railroad tracks. The railroad track is the proper place for those lightning-speed creations, which, on a public highway are more suggestive of a locomotive run loose than anything else.

Jerome K. Jerome says he thinks Americans are overfed with humor rather than that they have lost the subtle sense of it, and attributes it to the comic supplement of the Sunday papers. That must be one of Mr. Jerome's jokes, the idea of humor in the matter he mentions.

Afflicted With Rheumatism.

"I was and am yet afflicted with rheumatism," says Mr. J. C. Bayne, editor of the Herald, Addington, Indian Territory. "but thanks to Chamberlain's Pain Balm am able once more to attend to business. It is the best of liniments." If troubled with rheumatism give Pain Balm a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. One application relieves the pain. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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The True Mission of "Commercial Training"

It is high time to rescue the term "COMMERCIAL TRAINING" from the evil repute into which it has fallen by reason of the abuses practiced in certain "business colleges" and "academies." In the minds of most persons industrial and commercial education means a six months' course in business, arithmetic and advanced spelling, together with a judicious admixture of the elements of stenography.

In sharp contrast to these views commercial training should be given recognition as a complete, independent and CO-ORDINATE system of education, particularly in our universities, and should rank equally with other complete courses of instruction.

THE OLD CLASSICAL CURRICULUM MAY ALWAYS BE IN DEMAND, BUT THE VAST NUMBER OF YOUNG MEN WHO HAVE NOW SET THEIR FACES TOWARD THE UNIVERSITY REQUIRE FROM IT A TRAINING IN EFFICIENCY AS WELL AS CULTURE.

Woman's Proper Place In the Home

EVERY normal young man anticipates marrying a wife, rearing a family and ESTABLISHING A HOME. And we have arrived at such an age of enlightenment that not only may a young man have the absolute choosing of his own wife, but the young woman herself has some little to say regarding her choice of a husband, though even in the United States she has not yet attained to that DEGREE of freedom in the matter that will be hers as the world progresses.

A young man who chooses a wife who does not understand the duties of domestic life is making a mistake, and that a woman is not always versed in these matters is often because domestic service is not regarded as honorable as other service, and until it is taught in the schools as a vocation, until it is confined to regular hours and those following it are REGARDED AS HUMAN BEINGS, with rights as imperative as the rights of the followers of any other vocation, mistakes will continue to be made.

SHE SHOULD HAVE A CORRECT COMPREHENSION OF THE PROBLEMS OF LIFE AND THE ETERNAL FITNESS OF THINGS.

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 WITTHCOMBE.

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 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 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. A. M. CRAWFORD.



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