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WEATHER.

- ◆ Western Oregon — Fair, probably light snow south portion, slightly warmer.
- ◆ Eastern Oregon — Continued cold.
- ◆ Western Washington — Fair, slightly warmer.

THE WEEKLY RAILROAD.

It has been all of ten days since a new railroad has been sprung on this section of the country, and there is considerable uneasiness around these diggings; somebody is remiss, and we beg to register our kick against being deprived of our usual, and heretofore regular budget of news. There is not even a new steamship line projected upon which to feed until the customary paper railway shall make its appearance. Our readers are accustomed to the diet and the deprivation is felt sorely.

DEMOCRATIC NERVE.

After foisting the direct primary law upon the State of Oregon and going on record as supreme sponsor for its value and necessity, the Democrats are exercising their abundant nerve in letting the thing absolutely alone. With one exception they have not put forward a single man under its provisions, and really they did not put him to the front; it was the independent act of the man himself, who chose to forestall another prominent leader who was, perhaps, the choice of the party here, but be this as it may, the statement that the Democrats have repudiated their own offspring utterly and completely, remains a portentous political fact, because it indicates something in reserve that is more effective by way of chicanery, and it behooves the Republicans to be on their guard. There is a "nigger" in the Clatsop "woodpile."

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

There will be a notable assembly in Astoria today when the people interested in the Farmers' Institute shall have gathered and opened the convention from which so much of profit is expected. The program as arranged covers a wide area of discussion and the acumen, trained and untrained, that will prevail in the deliberations cannot but work to the great advantage of the Clatsop farmer, dairyman and orchardist. There is a broad field for improvement here and it need not be doubted that full value will be given and that the two days' convention will be memorable in its effects upon the several industries engaged. The Astorian wishes all concerned a pleasant and profitable time.

Washington society henceforth will be divided into two classes—those who went to the wedding, and those who did not.

Many a girl will turn down some good, sweet honest fellow for a hairless pup to live in a gilt cage because there is money in it.

The Japanese woman is very proud of being well. She considers it quite a disgrace to be ill. She never tells her ill and she conceals them as much as possible. As a result she is usually well.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Keeping the lid down requires officials of some weight.

The stock market must be on very solid foundations just now. It didn't get cold feet when Schwab sneezed in New Mexico.

With cranberries at \$28 a barrel, the poet in our midst may yet be forced to a diet of quail, guava jelly, rosequart and strawberries.

If there is anything favorable to be said of the Chicago police force after the present raking over in the Chicago press, it will have to be said by those who "escaped arrest."

Seventeen Van Bruggens reached New York from Rotterdam the other day and nearly swamped the ship's passenger list. The Dutch have taken New Holland this time.

A fitting sign in New York insurance offices today might read: "Gone to Albany. Will be back as soon as the Legislature is convinced of the goodness and purity of our intentions."

Your hair must shine this year or you will not be in fashion. If it is naturally dull hair so much the worse for you. It means spending lots of time and lots of money, for shine it must.

Dr. Osler has left us. But his superannuation theories are beginning to be taken seriously by the law-makers at Washington who want to make seventy years the deadline for salary drawing in the federal service.

Those who hold that the scarcity of domestic servants is accounted for by the extraordinary increase in the production of short stories will have their theories substantiated in the March output of the magazine world. Somebody is certainly neglecting the broom.

Sartorially, the present British house of commons is a dead failure. Too many referees, red neckties and baggy-kneed trousers. Couldn't "Tim" Woodruff be induced to go over and set a new pace for the Britons?

While the courts are gravely considering the question of the propriety of performing Verdi's "Requiem Mass" on a Sunday evening, what about the performances of Miss Tottie Twinkleton and her troupe of Pink Pajama Girls? If the "Requiem" is not truly a "sacred concert," what is the vaudeville?

John Bunyan's anvil, used by him when working at his trade in Elston, brought at auction in London the other day 225 pounds. Now, if the new owner can beat out a new "Pilgrim's Progress" upon it, the publishers of our "best sellers" may be inclined to compete for the copyright.

Grover Cleveland in his old age has made a remark which deserves preservation. Here is what he said: "I would rather my boy grew up able to build a great structure like the Brooklyn bridge than to receive the highest honors that the people could bestow upon him." Mr. Cleveland's observation was voiced during the conversation which began with the announcement that he would round out his sixty-ninth year on March 18.

The historic long bridge spanning the Potomac, over which nearly all the union troops passed over on their way south during the Civil War, is soon to be destroyed. The march of progress has put the old structure out of usefulness, but the tread of the armies of Grant and Sherman, as they crossed the long bridge for the grand review in Washington, will go echoing down the avenues of time forever.

When a citizen sends matter by mail he is charged according to the weight of the package. Newspapers pay according to actual weight of each shipment. But when the government pays there is a "system of averages": one month's weighing with payments for four years based on that average. There is nothing like it in all business, yet under it the government pays the railroads \$400,000 annually.

The great pig question is still rampant in the Balkans. A little time ago we were told it had been settled and the markets of Hungary and Austria were to be opened again to the porkers of Serbia. But now the Serbian Ministry has resigned rather than concede the Hungarian demands, and King Peter is looking about for another Prime Minister with a not more unpronounceable name than that of Stojanovich. To the world at large it may all seem like a tempest in a teapot—or in a pigpen—but to the Serbians it means a great deal.

To "Anti-Monopolist": No, the Tobacco Trust is not responsible for the smoke nuisance.

And now we are to have our bill posters acting as moral censors. After August 1, according to a resolution adopted at their international convention at Detroit, they will decline to paste up any "sensational, vicious or suggestive" bill board pictures. Is Anthony Comstock to be thus ruthlessly legislated out of business?

The renewed activity of the New York Police and Health departments against spitting in public places is commendable. Spitting is not so serious an offense as arson or burglary, but it is a dirty nuisance, and in many cases a menace to health, and it should be suppressed as completely as possible.

A great and gratifying reform in that particular has been effected in the last few years, but it will require sustainable effort to make it permanent. Eternal vigilance is the price of decency.

Says "The Public Ledger," of Philadelphia: "If at this instant somebody should propose to issue legal tender based on the storage of potatoes in national depositories, the House would probably be in a quandary how to proceed. Any proposition to issue 'Potatoes' might support would be far, and without question." The statement is slightly exaggerated. The people believe in the honesty and patriotism of the President, but they also believe in his intelligence and common sense, and the things he proposes can all be judged by that standard.

The Cause of Our Present Prosperity

By Ex-Congressman JEFFERSON M. LEVY of New York

THE financial situation at the present time is due to the extraordinary prosperity of our country. Everything for the last ten years has tended toward the present era of advancing prices, which is nothing more or less than an UP-HEAVAL. Our enormous crops, the production of our mines and the continued demand upon us from all sections of the world for our products constitute the basis for this great prosperity. We have been continually increasing our per capita of money, but not to the extent that the BUSINESS COMMUNITY requires. The recent lack of supply of loanable funds was due to some extent, I regret to say, to the lack of confidence in the south and west in the good faith of the management of our great financial institutions.

The extraordinary demand for securities on the New York Stock Exchange as well as the general advance in the prices obtained for real estate ALMOST EVERYWHERE can be traced to the fact that for many years our railroads have been expending vast sums of money upon improvements and paying moderate dividends. The roads are now approaching a point where a larger distribution can be paid to their STOCKHOLDERS; therefore it is safe to say that many securities which may look high at the present time will realize a larger return in the near future. The whole world is now turning toward us for investments, as they consider this the safest field to invest in.

The next ten years bid fair to be a golden era and one of prosperity to the whole world, as we are surely nearing the time when the different nations of the world will be PERMANENTLY AT PEACE with one another and the great armies that now exist will be supplanted by armies of mechanics, farmers and traders competing with each other for the business of the world.

Our problem as to the currency at the present time ought to be seriously taken up by congress, which should give us a currency that will work with more elasticity for the benefit of the financial and business community. A system somewhat on the plan of Canada would be better than our present system. Congress ought also to adopt a liberal policy in aid of our shipping interests, for it is disgraceful that a great nation like ours should fail to have its flag flying in every part of the world. Our products should be carried in OUR OWN bottoms.

I LOOK FORWARD TO A YEAR OF GREAT MATERIAL PROSPERITY AND OF THE OVERTHROW IN RUSSIA OF THE LAST REIGNING AUTOCRATIC FAMILY OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD.

Intellectual Avarice Is the Worst College Temptation

By Rev. Dr. D. J. BURRELL of New York

IT is an open question whether a college education is of REAL ADVANTAGE to any one or not. The only possible answer is found in another question, "What will be done with the education after it is received?"

We hear a lot about the temptations which beset a young man at college. They are alluring enough. Many a man's life has been ruined by friendships formed in his college life. There is a temptation, however, a thousand times worse than these. I mean that of INTELLECTUAL AVARICE; the gathering of wisdom for its own sake. When a man spends all his life in accumulating gold we call him a miser, and in the end we hear God's word, "Thou fool."

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Political Information

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

REGISTRATION

Registration books opened by County Clerks, Tuesday, January 2, 1906. Registration books closed for Primary Election, April 10, 5 p. m. Registration books opened after primary election, April 21. Registration books closed for general election, May 15, 5 p. m.

DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION

County Clerks give notice of Primary Election not later than March 21. Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballot for state, congressional and district offices, March 20. Last day for filing petitions for County officers, April 4.

DATE OF PRIMARY ELECTION, APRIL 20, 1906.

Canvassing votes of primary elections for state officers, May 3.

GENERAL ELECTION

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state officers by assembly of electors, April 17. Last day for filing nominating petitions for state officers, May 4. Last day for filing certificates of nomination for county officers by assembly of electors, May 4. Last day for filing nominating petitions for county officers, May 19.

GENERAL ELECTION, JUNE 4

BE SURE AND REGISTER

CANDIDATES' ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 candidate for the office of Secretary of State, and ask the support of all Republicans.

F. T. WRIGHTMAN.

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.

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.

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.

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