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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and West-
ern Washington—Occasional
rains.

THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS.

There are two bills, fathered by the Typographical Union of Salem, that we are explicitly and unreservedly opposed to, on grounds of common business expediency both for the state and the citizen: They are a menace to the vested businesses of the state and the hundreds of thousands of dollars of working capital in that particular industry, as well as the right of the printer and the book-binder to his wage and sustenance.

We allude to the bill compelling the public building commission of the state to erect and equip a state printery, at a cost of \$60,000 for site, building and plant; and to the bill providing for the election of a state printer and the appointment and employment of book-keepers, stenographers, proof readers, foremen, printing and binding mechanics, and laborers; and for the maintenance of incidental repairs, contingent expenses and ink; and for printing and binding materials, at an outlay of \$48,000 per annum, the same to be increased, ad libitum, as the business of the state shall increase from year to year. We are not contending against the propositions because of this Typographical Union's fathering of them, but upon the ground of their needlessness, and the direct injury they will do the private interests in this line throughout the state.

It might be well to employ a state printing expert, at a good salary, and make him utterly responsible for the public printing, under a large and responsible bond; but beyond this the state should not dabble with the business at all. Put the printing out upon free and open bids just as all other supplies are secured; put the successful bidder under strong bonds for the faithful performance of his, or their, contract, and do this business just as other functions of public supply are conducted. The proposed bills open up a broad and simple road to constant graft, and the element of scandal possible is incalculable. Do business with the citizens at large, and not with any particular trade or source of supply; give the man with money invested a chance to make something in his own line. The printers and binders cannot object to this plan, since their employment is assured in any event; and the less public institutions there are to nurse and nourish, the better for the whole state. The propositions are dangerous in that they contribute another phase in the political establishment of the state, and this is not needed, if we know anything about the temper of the people of Oregon. We shall fight the bills to a stand-still, along with many other papers and collateral businesses affected, and we are not altogether selfish in the contest, either; for we have the right to protest against the invasion of the private right as well as to contend against the setting up of useless and expensive public adjuncts.

CAN'T BUTT IN.

Is the American farmer prejudiced on the subject of goats? It would seem that that humble, bewhiskered animal might be made a profitable feature of the farms of the middle

west, for in the fiscal year of 1906 the United States imported just \$32,000,000 worth of goat skins from abroad. Only ten short years ago the total exports were \$10,394,395, and the gain would indicate that the demand for goat skins is growing, while the domestic supply is falling off. British India supplies the greatest part of these skins, according to a report of the Department of Commerce and Labor; China comes next in the amount sent here, while Mexico and France each sent in more than \$2,000,000 worth of hides. The only important article of manufacturer's materials showing a more rapid gain than goat skins in importations is "pig tin," the value of which has grown from less than \$7,000,000 in 1896 to practically \$31,000,000 in 1906, thus having more than quadrupled. But as for goat-skins, there certainly seems a market here that could be supplied easily from American farms, and if a goat thrives on odds and ends of hardware, tin cans and old boots, its feed should not deduct much from the profit to be found in the industry.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

German scientists announce that the material for a man weighing 150 pounds can be found in the white and yolk of 1,200 hen's eggs. Reduced to a fluid, the average man would yield ninety-eight cubic meters illuminating gas and hydrogen enough to fill a balloon capable of lifting 155 pounds. The normal human body has in it the iron needed to make seven large nails, the fat for fourteen pounds of candle, the carbon for sixty-four gross of crayons, and phosphorus enough for \$20,000 matches. Out of it can be obtained besides twenty coffee spoons of salt, fifty lumps of sugar and forty-two liters of water.

A thing that the real estate purchaser should consider in his purchasing is the tendency of the average man to believe that the day for profitable investment is gone by. Prices today naturally seem high when one recalls how cheaply the same property sold a generation ago. How often one hears: "If my father had bought that property thirty years ago he'd be a rich man today." And how seldom the man who makes this statement reflects that thirty years from now his son will be saying the same thing of him.

It is stated on excellent authority that Ringling Brothers, the great show people, have ordered all of their chariots equipped with motive power by one of the great firms of automobile makers at Detroit, Mich. It is said that it will cost no less than \$200,000 to make the change. Horses will be eliminated from the show so far as moving the great wagons is concerned. The contract for the change requires that the work be done before the season for opening arrives, April 1, when the show appears in Chicago.

Dr. Willoughby, the well known lecturer on food products, interviewed on the subject, said: "Eggs are really the only concentrated food known. When I am pressed with work, I find nothing better in sustaining power than a few eggs broken into milk and swallowed, for in all that goes to repair the waste and supply fuel, they are as good as a big dinner."

Now comes the season of discontent, when your body with chills is sorely rent, your summer's wages almost spent, your winter's song the Chump's Lament. Alas! too soon, you will discover, that troubled dreams of the loving lover, the fondling visions that in fancy hover, is the result of your wife swiping all the cover.

Thomas A. Edison claims that he can make an automobile for \$200 that will last for fifteen years. But why should anybody want an automobile that will last as long as that? We will all be flying in less than fifteen years from now.

Prosperous America sent more than \$125,000,000 abroad for luxuries during the fiscal year ended June 30 last. These figures do not include the scores of millions of dollars spent by Americans travelling in foreign countries.

"Credit is better than money," says James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad. But you bet, if you ride on Jim's road or ship any hogs or cattle along his line, you will have to put up the cash or its equivalent.

Can't that currency bill which is supposed to provide money for bankers in times of great need, be stretched to include the rest of us? Bankers are not the only people who want money the worst way in time of need.

A Poem for Today

SALLY IN OUR ALLEY

By Henry Carey

Of all the girls that are so smart,
There's none like pretty Sally.
She is the darling of my heart,
And she lives in our alley.

There is no lady in the land
Is half so sweet as Sally.
She is the darling of my heart,
And she lives in our alley.

Her father—he makes cabbage nets
And through the streets does cry
"Come!"
Her mother she sells laces long
To such as please to buy 'em.
But sure such folks could ne'er beget
So sweet a girl as Sally.

She is the darling of my heart,
And she lives in our alley.

When Christmas comes about again,
Oh, then I shall have money!
I'll board it up and box it all;
I'll give it to my honey.

I would it were ten thousand pound;
I'd give it all to Sally.
She is the darling of my heart,
And she lives in our alley.

Of all the days that's in the week
I dearly love but one day,
And that's the day that comes be-
twixt

A Saturday and Monday.
For then I'm dressed all in my best
To walk abroad with Sally.
She is the darling of my heart,
And she lives in our alley.

My master carries me to church,
And often am I blamed
Because I leave him in the lurch
As soon as text is named.
I leave the church in sermon time
And slink away to Sally.
She is the darling of my heart,
And she lives in our alley.

OUR HELP, YOUR INVESTMENT

RETAIL PROFIT IS ONLY A FEE
FOR SERVICE, AFTER ALL—WE
WAIVE THAT ON SOME OF
THESE PIANOS—IF INTERESTED
READ ON.

We are more interested in securing a large number of sales just now than we are in getting fewer sales of the more expensive ones at the larger prices fancy ones bring.

It's a hard matter for anyone to decide about buying a piano when but \$200 or \$250 is available for its purchase.

It's all in the judgment shown in the selection, after the time in which to buy has first been decided on.

If you are looking for a safe, sure opportunity to secure a reliable piano bargain, you should look these up. Any one of them will do for the hardest kind of service, and all are under-priced. Some will go at first cost, on account of having been rented or exchanged; or having stood around in stock two or three months, in the way of more instruments coming.

You may ask why not wait a few days and then see the newer stock? In answer we will say that considering the price we will have to ask for the latest goods, you wouldn't pay the difference if you knew (in advance of seeing newer ones) what you could get a satisfactory piano for now, from the present splendid showing of new and used ones. And we have fine new ones on hand now, too, that you can't better anywhere, if you still decide you want a new one after making a call.

Come in, anyhow, on a sort of preliminary visit, and inspect these, and you will know then that you haven't allowed an opportunity to pass you by even if you do not purchase one from our present showing.

Being able to please our patrons is our profession; and we no more expect to sell you a piano right off, than a physician would expect to cure a patient in one visit.

We will study your needs and help you to decide satisfactorily; and for such service we most certainly expect to be paid; but we will call it "getting paid" if we realize first cost on some of these splendid bargains, and slightly more than the cost on the rest. But you must hurry; that is in the bargain, too.

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LONG TENNESSEE FIGHTS.

For twenty years W. L. Rawls, of Bells, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, till I began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence. 25c at Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

ROLL-CALL MEETING.

Interesting Business Session at First Baptist Church.

The Baptist church held its annual business meeting yesterday afternoon. A special and new feature was the roll call in connection with it. The business meeting was called to order at 5 o'clock, Prof. S. K. Diebel acting as moderator. At 6:30 supper was served in the basement. After supper the roll was called and nearly all the resident members responded either in person or by proxy. Letters were also read from Mrs. Trumbull and Rev. L. J. Trumbull, late pastor of the church. Following this brief addresses were given by persons representing the different departments of the church, showing the present condition of the church work. This was the first meeting of the kind the church has ever held and was in every way a success. The affair had not been made public and was confined almost entirely to the members of the church, the prime object being to get the members of the church together for confidential discussion of matters of interest and importance to the organization. The church has not yet settled on a pastor but all the services are maintained, except the Sunday evening preaching service. The committee appointed for that purpose is busy corresponding and it is expected that a pastor will be located soon. All lines of work are in good condition, several new members have been added recently, all of which reflects creditably on the work done by Mr. Trumbull, who left the church a few months ago after a twelve years' pastorate.

THAT'S IT!

Cough yourself into a fit of spasms and then wonder why you don't get well. If you will only try a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup your cough will be a thing of the past. It is a positive cure for Coughs, Influenza, Bronchitis, and all Pulmonary Diseases. One bottle will convince you—
at your druggist, 25c, 50c, \$1.00.
Hart's Drug Store.

The worst has happened. They have invented a pie-making machine and "mother" will either have to compete or admit that they are better than she used to make.

PUBLIC SPEAKER INTERRUPTED.

Public speakers are frequently interrupted by people coughing. This would not happen if Foley's Honey and Tar were taken, as it cures Coughs and Colds and prevents pneumonia and consumption. The genuine contains no opiates and is in a yellow package.

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