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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Rain or snow; colder in south portion.

THE RAILROAD OCTOPUS.

The Standard Oil Company is not the only giant mill that is grinding the lives and hopes and opportunities from the people. The railroads, such as those combined under the control of E. H. Harriman, are measuring closely up with the Standard, and furnishing another clear spectacle of the awful system of robbery to which this nation is subjected.

EDEN, TROY, AND OREGON.

The Oregon apple in all its beauty, substance and flavor, is to come up for analysis and criticism, at the metropolis next week, and the valleys of the Hood, the Rogue and the Willamette, are going to seek the prestige of producing the very best in the state.

The woman and the apple, with a man or two thrown in for scrapping purposes, is a combination historically perilous, and history has a way of repeating itself. So, Beware!

COAST AND VALLEY RAINS.

There was a sharp Yank' out here some years ago, who insisted that the name "Oregon" was a corruption of the expression, "Oh! Rain Again!" and the present winter would seem to justify the queer derivative just a little.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Mayor Dunne of Chicago may run again, but a reaffirmation of the platform on which he was elected would make everybody laugh.

With a decaying party on its hands to prop up, the new Missouri legislature will hardly get around to the general welfare of the state.

The motto of congress in getting up a rivers and harbors bill should be "Study the needs of the country." Instead of "See the chairman."

Brazil also complains of a lack of transportation facilities to market its crops. The moving of freight looms up as one of the greatest problems of the fertile western hemisphere.

The edict of the emperor of China against the use of opium is followed by "eleven drastic regulations." A message habit is not confined to any particular part of the world.

Brazil is clamoring for Japanese labor and Mexico is receiving a share of it. Are all the Japs in evidence the real thing, or is China drawn on for something "just as good"?

New York immigration officials estimate that in 1907 1,280,000 aliens will enter this country by way of that city. There is a difference of opinion as to whether congratulations are in order.

President Hill advises the railroads of this country to spend \$5,000,000,000 for improvements in the next five years. That sum would build twenty-five Panama canals or a magnificently vast system of waterways.

The latest goosebone foreshadows some cold weather in January and more of the same kind in February. As a wise bird the goose imitates the almanacs in weather prophecy.

The freight record for 1906 at the Soo is 6,000,000 tons ahead of 1905. No one dreamed of such a great result before the lake channels were improved by government appropriations.

A writer expresses a fear that the general use of electric power will result in the muscular atrophy of the race. He forgets the popularity of hanging to straps and other athletic sports.

Whether President Roosevelt will get Senator Foraker into line, or Senator Foraker get the President into line, is the first important question for the new year to solve and on this all other questions must wait.

A statistician says it would take a forty-mile solid train loaded with silver dollars of par value to pay for this year's agricultural yield in the United States. The trouble would be to get the cars, not the products or the money.

BIG BUSINESS DONE

County Court Receives Report of County Officers.

PREPARES FOR COURT HOUSE

Completes Selection of Names of Two Hundred Jurors—Attends to Lot of Routine Matters—Minor Allowances Made—Notes.

The county court entered upon its third day of the January term yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock, with all the commissioners present and court officers in attendance.

The matter of the selection of 200 jurors from the names of land-holding citizens on the new tax rolls was completed by the court yesterday morning, and the list will appear in these columns later.

County Clerk J. C. Clinton submitted his report of the county finances for the last six months of 1906, the pertinent totals in which are as follows:

Table with columns for LIABILITIES and ASSETS, listing various funds and amounts.

This indicates a small net gain in the past six months, in the debit figures of the county. The report was sent to the files.

County Treasurer W. A. Sherman also handed in his semi-annual report of county finances, from which the following balances are given for the various funds of the county.

General fund warrants, outstanding July 1, 1906, including interest, called but not presented, \$3,772.18.

General fund warrants called during six months ending December 31, 1906, \$13,029.00; interest on same, \$529.95, total, \$17,322.14.

General fund warrants paid and filed with clerk during six months ending December 31, 1906, \$13,396.28; interest on same, \$538.55; total, \$13,844.83.

Called warrants outstanding December 31, 1906, \$3,477.31. Summary of balances in various

funds: General fund, \$3,081.59; county school fund, \$1,612.42; special road fund, \$171.62; public road fund, \$295.21; Nehalem road No. 77, \$803.27; Institute fund, \$153.44; Lewis & Clark bridge, \$27.24; county court house, \$1,250.10; city of Astoria, \$1,231.05; city of New Astoria, nine cents; city of Warrenton, \$512.32; town of Seaside, \$45.70; town of West Seaside, \$9.73; Astoria city park, \$57.11; Astoria public library, \$57.11; Astoria city hall, \$799.74; Astoria road poll tax \$920.51; county school library, \$41.04; school district No. 1, \$1,014.78; school district No. 2, \$7.84; school district No. 3, \$33.73; school district No. 4, \$15.42; school district No. 5, \$5.52; school district No. 6, \$199.84; school district No. 7, \$44.40; school district No. 8, \$15.84; school district No. 9, \$1.25; school district No. 10, \$219.28; school district No. 12, \$108.12; school district No. 13, \$14.10; school district No. 16, \$290.80; school district No. 17, \$168.18; school district No. 18, \$9.76; school district No. 19, \$7.37; school district No. 20, \$78.16; school district No. 21, \$1.12; school district No. 22, \$16.46; school district No. 23, \$7.95; school district No. 24, \$8.07; school district No. 25, \$1.20; school district No. 26, \$7.87; school district No. 27, \$15.73; school district No. 29, \$6.16; school district No. 30, \$51.52; school district No. 31, \$4.28; school district No. 33, \$10.55; school district No. 34, 80 cents; school district No. 35, \$10.12; school district No. 38, \$12.47; road district No. 1, \$3.78; road district No. 2, \$804.55; road district No. 3, \$76.37; road district No. 4, \$78.98; road district No. 5, \$232.11; road district No. 6, \$75.09; road district No. 7, \$409.60; road district No. 8, \$551.69; road district No. 9, \$59.62; road district No. 10, \$495.24; road district No. 11, \$4.82; road district No. 12, \$717.47; road district No. 13, \$1,039.83; school district No. 37, \$5.95; road district No. 14, \$178.65; road district No. 15, \$562.02; road district No. 16, \$1,219.93; road district No. 17, \$437.41; road district No. 18, 30 cents; road district No. 19, \$2.28; total, \$29,344.79.

The court then took up the matter of the completion of the new court house, upon the basis of the bid heretofore received in answer to a published call, by Hastie & Dougan, in the sum of \$89,599, which, by an order of court, was declared reasonable and satisfactory. And the further orders were made in this behalf, accepting said bid, that the contract be entered into with said firm, on said bid, the building to be completed within ten calendar months; that said Hastie & Dougan furnish the court and county with an approved bond in the sum of \$50,000, that the district attorney prepare said contract; that said Hastie & Dougan, shall use all the material now in the possession of the county and paid for, such as terra cotta, pressed brick, stone, steel and lumber, and that when the bond required herein shall have been furnished and accepted by the court, the clerk return to Hastie & Dougan the certified check for \$5,000 which accompanied their bid. The court then adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. on Monday, January 7, tomorrow.

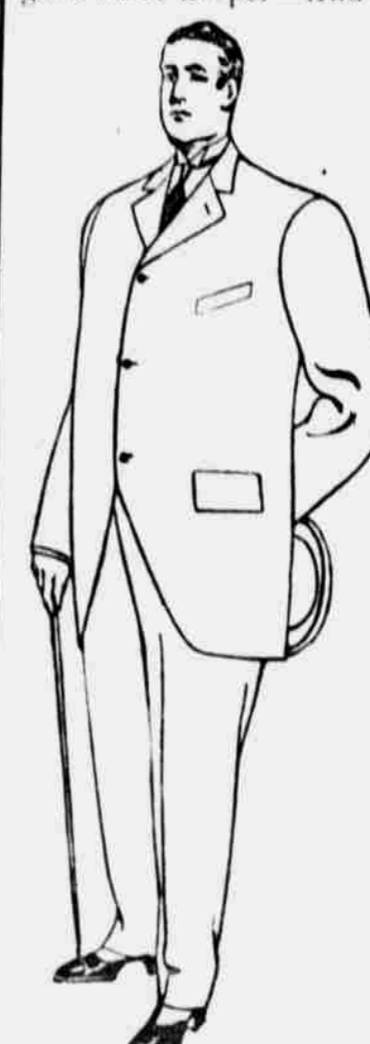
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We've rummaged thru the stocks and not skipped a table, counter or shelf; in some cases we've found lots out of balance—too many there—too few here, and we now offer our patrons some marvelous values—things of worth at prices so shriveled and shrunken in size they'll delight the thrifty buyer who waits for January to make his saving—to stretch his dollar to twice its buying size.

Everything in the Store Stands Reduced Thru January

excepting contract goods—such as Hawes Hats, Overalls, Rubber Goods, Oiled Clothing, Etc. The appended mentions are merely representative of hundreds of others that go unprinted. A visit to the store at this time is imperative in order to realize the extent of the values to be found among the

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