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The Portland City & Oregon Electric Railroad Company is taking the first step toward extending the road to Mount Hood. Surveyors are now locating the line through the timber section between Mount Scott and Gresham.

Governor Geer stepping into the senatorial race puts a new phase on the political horizon. Of course the chances of election cannot be gauged at until after members of the Legislature are chosen.

General Miles is too much of a thorn in the administration's side, so will have to step out. It is quite probable that the General understands more of the arts of war than the President and Secretary Root combined.

There must have been a hot time at Atlantic City yesterday—judging from the pictures in the morning paper. The heat seems to have driven the people to the drink and bathing apparel and all sorts of sport and trouble.

The lobbyists and "con" men of Washington are regretting that Christmas comes but once a year. They would like to have that sort of a Christmas all the time. They evidently found him a good thing as a producer.

Hon. J. N. Williamson has taken up his residence in the Dalles. He desires to be a little nearer the iron horse than is the quiet city of Frinville.

Some of the old mossbacks are getting it driven into their noddies that it is Wright and Wise to advise.

Mr. Moody eulogizes Geer. All of which shows that "the fellow feeling cannot die."

Uncle Sam seems to have no use for that Christmas gift from Denmark.

This is house cleaning time. Let it be city cleaning time as well.

An April Fool. When Uncle Robert got his mail that the first of his bills were all paid. (Now, absent-minded people all, just read and take a warning.)

Among the business bills and slips. And cards of invitation. And friendly notes, he found, at last, one queer communication.

It took but little time to read—a moment but to scan it. That two women were all there that could be found upon it.

Then Uncle Robert laughed and said: "I've heard of funny blunders. In superscription and address, and many puzzling wonders, and seen epistles left unopened. This goes them all one better: For here's a man who signed his name and forgot to write the letter."

—Abby F. C. Bates.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

There are said to be not less than 200 cases of smallpox in and about Salem.

George Sandy was arrested on a larceny charge at Astoria for stealing the watch of Merchant Robinson. He declined to prosecute until the watch slipped down the leg of Susan Traversa to the street.

Vandals are operating at Eugene, and are robbing graves in the cemeteries there of flowers.

Mrs. J. G. Stevenson, while cutting rose slips at Eugene, scratched her hand and imbedded a number of thorns in her flesh. The Saturday afternoon paper came very near resulting in a serious case of blood poisoning.

Mrs. George Robinson fell on a defective sidewalk at Corvallis. She dislocated her wrist and broke three of the metacarpal bones. There is talk of bringing an action for damages.

Within a month Sheriff Kelly has collected \$109,000 in taxes at The Dalles, leaving only \$30,000 outstanding for 1901.

Farmers in the country round about The Dalles believe that there is a gang of cattle thieves operating there. One man lost 12, another 2 head of cattle and two others, 2 head each.

A man named McCue picked the pocket of the proprietor of a saloon at The Dalles, getting a purse containing \$66. Marshal Wood afterward arrested McCue, recovering all but \$15. The man robbed declined to prosecute.

E. E. Foley, a railroad employe residing at Ashland, has been sentenced to the penitentiary at Salem for two years on conviction of forgery.

An Eastern Oregon man who was cured of stuttering, explains that it came about by using the long distance telephone. He declares that he couldn't afford to stutter at two bits a minute.

From the newspaper reports it would appear that so many runaways of horses are occurring at Grant's Pass that they are almost becoming an epidemic.

The 12-year-old son of Arthur Gaines fell from the barn at his home near Larwood Saturday, breaking his left arm near the shoulder.

A farmer living near Lebanon sold \$212 worth of potatoes from two acres of ground the past season, besides saving enough for his own use and seed for next year.

Regular Boer. "Such a lot of grammatical errors as he makes." "Yes, Regular Boer isn't he?" "What's the connection?" "Oh! Just the way he slaughters the pig."

Hints to Women

PRETTY COLLARS. A woman shows her personality in her neck dressings. It is her time and money to carry out her taste in this respect. It is surprising how many hours and the lot of cash that may be invested in fixings for the neck.

Gentle with the Little Folks. Wise Bros. make it a point to win the confidence of children and then to keep their confidence. They treat little folks with the greatest gentleness.

Beautiful Teeth. Will not always remain beautiful if they are not properly cared for. Wise Bros. will examine your teeth without charge, and tell you exactly what they require to keep them beautiful.

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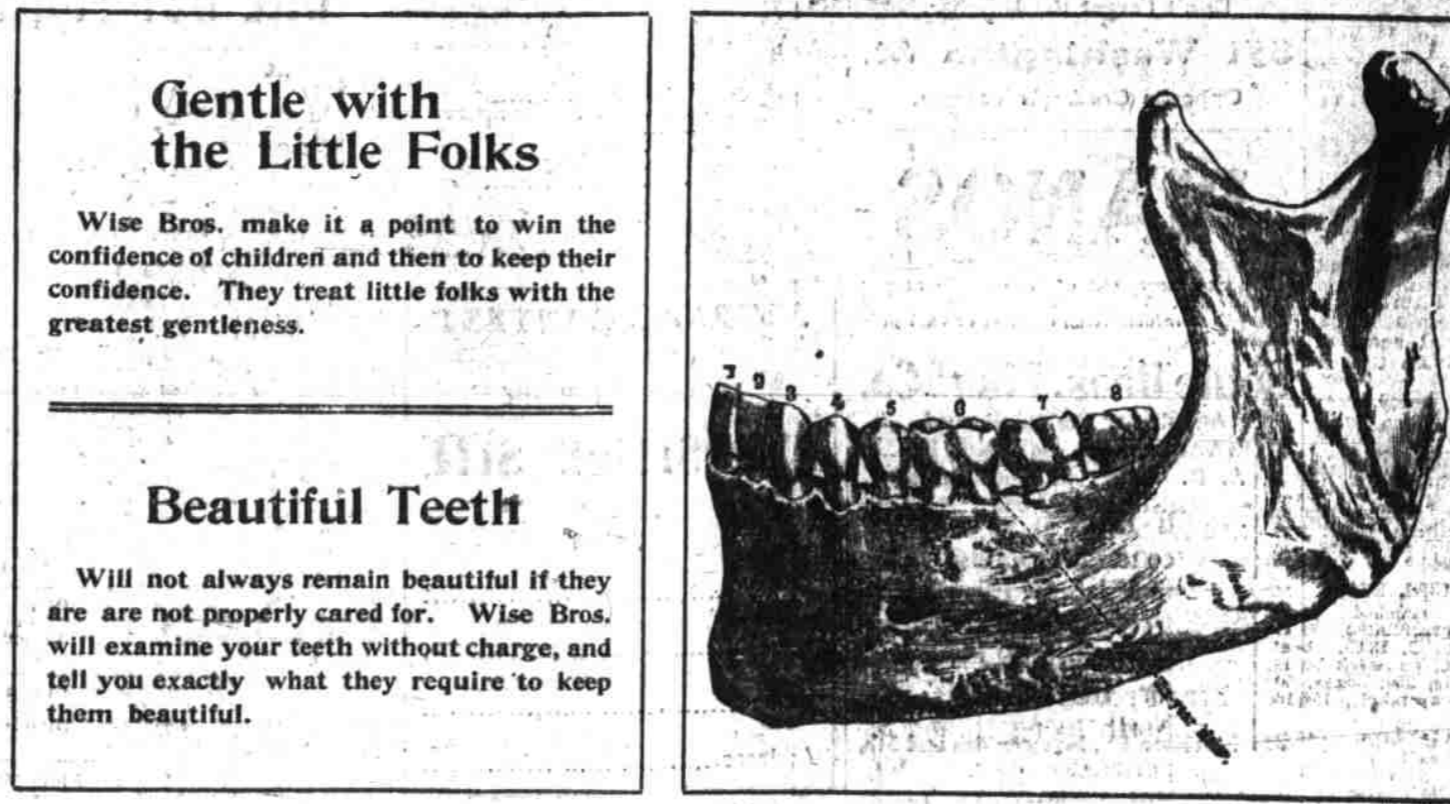
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THE SIX-YEAR MOLAR

The dotted line in the illustration below indicates the six-year molar. This is the first permanent tooth that a child gets. It comes usually about the age of six years, hence the name. The six-year molar is one of the things that parents of young children are apt to be least informed about in dentistry.



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NEWS OF RIVER AND OCEAN

Between 30 and 40 sailing ships are on the way to Victoria, one of the largest fleets listed for that port for some time. The coast and gable survey boats Patterson and Gedney, are being repaired at Seattle and when completed they will take a cruise in the Alaskan waters.

POLITICS IN OREGON

Several County Conventions Held Yesterday. The Baker County Democrats held their county convention yesterday and sent delegates to the state convention.

AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAN GRAND THEATER. One week, beginning Monday, March 31, with matinee Wednesday and Saturday at 2:15 o'clock. Wm. A. Brady presents last year's big success, Way Down East.

A LIVELY ROW IN POLICE COURT

Girl Kidnaping Case Causes a Hot Dispute. Superintendent W. F. Gardner of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society is considerably worked up over the kidnaping of one of his wards, Jennie Sturgis, aged 16, and her abduction to Chicago.

THROUGH SERVICE.

Agent General Passenger Agent Charles of the Northern Pacific felt some this morning that interruption of traffic would no longer be heard of along that line by reason of the recent blockade in North Dakota.

Indian Fighter's Widow.

A petition is being circulated in Portland for signatures among attorneys and others in behalf of Cornelia Kelsey, residing at Corvallis, for whom a pension is desired. She is the widow of Colonel Kelsey, who took a leading part in the Rogue River Indian war in 1855.

FAMILY ROOMS

Gentlemen's Resort Louis Dammasch. Goodnough building, 788 and 790 N. 5th street. Opposite post-office. Cold lunches. Schlitz beer on draught.

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