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A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF.

EBRUARY is the dullest month of the advertising year in the Portland papers. It, therefore, furnishes a supreme test of how those papers are regarded by the advertisers. In the lively months when very little is required to stimulate trade, the advertiser does not always look too closely to advertising mediums when he is in almost any event sure of results. But in such a dull "between seasons" month as February, he must make every dollar he spends for advertising count in producing results, for he is practically trying to create trade. Such a month, therefore, is the severest test which can be placed upon a newspaper and unless it reaches the people whose trade is to be attracted, its shortcomings are soon discovered and the advertiser promptly ceases to waste money

Measured by this test The Journal today makes public with feelings of gratified pride the result of its February

During the month of February, 1904, The Journal carried a total of 21,988 inches of advertising, or 1,099 columns. This included classified, displayed, readers and every class of advertising except railroad time tables. This was an increase of 290 per cent in advertising over February, 1903.

During the same period, that is, February, 1904, the Telegram carried 19,310 inches of all kinds of advertising,

In other words during the dullest month of the year The Journal carried 154 more columns of advertising than its evening rival. The Journal carried the advertisements of 43 local merchants whose advertisements do not appear in either the Telegram or the Oregonian. Both of these papers carry the advertisements of less than a dozen merchants who do not patronize The Journal.

The Journal is the real estate exchange of the city, printing more real estate advertising than both the Telegram and Oregonian combined.

People go where they get results and they get them in The Journal,

MORAL RESPONSIBILITY IN GAMBLING.

MOST extraordinary and anomalous condition is ordinary in this, that it thrives not in pursuance of, but in spite of the law, and is protected and fostered by a mayor who was elected as the representative of those opposing this very evil. Anomalous in this, that study as of officials, you can find none which treats on the subject these conditions, no less amazing is the apparent indifference of the business man to a condition which will in the end affect him more adversely than anyone else. They wear out everybody who engages in it. must know the fines that are paid the city come from some scriously on them than on any one else.

per annum, being vastly in excess of that received from all expand so that when but a few short months ago those who gambled were only the initiated few, to great establishments brilliantly illuminated, attractive in every way, to such an extent that in some of the more favored "clubs" the gamester is compelled to await his turn to tempt the

As we see the gradual growth of the "gambling octopus" in this city, its slow but certain monopolizing of certain districts, its increase in influence, its tenacity of purpose, its usurpation of power, its triumph over law, the question unconsciously arises, why is this permitted? The thought involuntarily arises how it was possible that such a man as Mayor Williams could have been induced under any circumstances or for any reasons to have laid this city open to influences which can only work for evil. From the moral standpoint it is conceded by all to be wrong. It is destructive of character, it brings ruin, sor- ENATORS Mitchell and Fulton of Oregon voted with row and trouble in its path. It is against the statute, that law which every officer of this city and county has called on God to witness he would enforce. In the framing of the ative votes. The experience of ages as demonstrated by

under the protection of our officials it not only is not sup- soon be needed. pressed but to all intents and purposes is encouraged. There are those who, while they dare not openly defend it. element who thrives in this sort of business is in the as- the direct means of saving life and property.

cendant it would be permitted. These sort of things never stand still; they grow or they shrink into nothingness. The boss gamblers realize this thoroughly. They are ever grasping for more, are never satisfied. resentatives will be found dominating our primaries, controlling our conventions, moulding our the legislature, nominating the judges and naming officials. But at the last legislature one closely affiliated with this element or power in politics, a leader of the party of moral ideas, the head of a notorious sailor's boarding-house, was given the freedom of the senate of the state of Oregon, the power of veto over measures affecting his "business" interests, all of which was accepted with a grace becoming the representative of so much power.

Do you think the picture overdrawn? Wait and see, and when the time comes, as come it will, when the very stones in the street will cry out against such practices, who then will carry the burden, who then will make the fight for better things? Those who have made all this possible; Never The business man who now is blind will pay the penalty and the penalty will be exacted to the last farthing. Do not be deceived, do not beguile yourselves, an atom item in the story of Oregon's The man who breaks a physical law suffers; the man who fruit industry. violates the law of good conduct suffers; the man who will not observe the laws of business will fail. These truths are self-evident and as sure as the sun rises and sets unless this blot on our escutcheon be wiped out, unless this cancer which is eating into the young manhood of our city, paralyzing the officers of law, demoralizing good citizenship, debasing the public as well as private morals, is cut out root and branch, we will pay the penalty just as certainly as the night will follow the day. Those who are permanently discouraged. directly responsible for this condition may well pause and consider. They are deceiving no one. They may seek to justify, to palliate, to excuse. This is an old story. Right city marshal is carrying on a crusade is eternally right, and wrong is everlastingly wrong, and against the town dogs. "Reform" must s eternally right, and wrong is everlastingly wrong, and those who attempt to compromise evil that good may come are engaged in an effort that never profited but one of the parties to the bargain.

WASHINGTON STATE POLITICS.

UR lively and thriving neighbors over in Oregon's big daughter state, Washington, are again entering into the throes of a political campaign that prom- that he did not know himself. the gambling situation in this city. Extra- ises to be exceptionally warm, even in that politically seething commonwealth. Politics is always "hot stuff" in the northwest corner state, but is likely to reach this year they say 125 bushels of oats an acre are a temperature hitherto unknown, hence the many-sided game will be an interesting one to watch, even by us you will the works on municipal government or reports rather cooler-blooded or less excitable people, politically, of the mother state of Oregon. The Washington Repubof a city entering into a partnership where the gain or in- lican state convention has been called for May 11, and if come comes from violation of law. Extraordinary as are the Democrats choose a date not much later, the campaign will roar and rage for the long space of five months or more—a period sufficiently protracted, it would seem, to and is looking for a more profitable po-

The initial ante-convention fight within the Republican ranks is over the nomination for governor, it being the bling establishments are paid from someone's wages; that field against Governor McBride, a stout, uncompromising the gains of the gambler is the loss of the laborer; that man who demands a re-nomination. He stands chiefly there never was even a "fair" game where the percentage in this battle for railroad freight regulation by means of a did not favor the dealer. That take it all in all from the commission to be appointed by himself; and this scheme most "businesslike" aspect, gambling invariably reduces finds much favor in eastern Washington, where the farm- per, for which exhibition of pluck and the purchasing power of the wage earner, and yet in spite ers have been subjected, they claim, to excessive freight The governor is also bitterly opposed to the inter heed to this insidious deadly vice to their interests which is ference of the railroad lobby in legislation, in which poslowly but surely creating a condition that will react more sition he is supported by the better elements of the party. It is well known that Washington legislatures have been taking swimming lessons on the floor. We are not considering it from a moral aspect, but from dominated in the past, as perhaps those of no other state One of them, on his way home, fell off a that of a business man. We have seen it grow under have been, by railroad and other corporate lobbyists; and the benign influence of a friendly administration from a the governor is courageously insistent that this evil snall small beginning and under cover into one of the most cease. On the other hand the larger towns, and many valuable of our municipal franchises, producing for the communities awaiting development, oppose any attacks city's share of the plunder in round numbers about \$50,000 upon or restriction of the railroads, truly pointing out that to the railroads, more than to all other influences comother municipal franchises together. We have seen it bined, the state owes its marvelous growth during the

At the present outlook, it seems likely that the governor and his faithful followers will be defeated in the convencrowded literally nightly by hundreds of people. Crowded tion. But if so, will they meekly submit? Will they not put forth a bolters' ticket, or openly join forces with the Democrats? This seems probable; and on the other hand, if the governor wins, may not his Republican opponents pursue a similar course?

In brief, the Republican party in Washington is, if possible, worse rent asunder, or will be ere the dog days are gone, than is the Republican party in Oregon; and it seems that if the Democrats are wise and shrewd, and nominate their really best men, on a good ,reasonable platform, they will have a fair chance to win.

OUR SENATORS VOTED RIGHT.

the Democratic senators against the would-be shipping trust's bill providing for the transportation of all government freight in American bottoms, a bill Russian fleet in New York harbor in charter the question of licensing gambling came before not only designed to give a few very rich shipowners a the charter board for action and received but four affirm- monopoly of this business, at an increased expense to the people, but which, under existing circumstances, is pethe observation of every writer condemns it as a vice as culiarly inimical to the interests of Portland and the Codangerous, a pitfall to be avoided, a thing to be sup- lumbia river region. The bill has a catchy title, or a depressed. That it is not considered a desirable neighbor or jusive cloak of nomenclature, the better to deceive the alliance had been effected between Rusoccupation the agitation of the property holders on Wash- American people, but it is a bad, nefarious bill all the sia and this country and would postpone ington street over the possibility of a "Palace" being same. Producers do not care what ships carry their proopened in their midst most eloquently testifies. That it duce: but if it be desirable, as is no doubt the case, to can be controlled and stopped was but recently shown "build up the American merchant marine," this can be when one woman with the aid of the district attorney done far more effectively and naturally in other ways than kept one of the largest establishments sealed for three days by creating and fostering a shipping trust. The Oregon the fleet arrived in due course, and the until she was repaid money lost by her husband gambling, senators did well and showed a proper spirit of political desired impression was produced. We have shown that it is a vice, condemned alike by independence, but their protests were unavailing. The the moral law, the law of the land, the experience of ages, lash of the Republican party leaders, intent on trust serand that one determined woman could stop it, and yet vice, was entirely effective. Great campaign funds will follows, therefore, that we have been giving our affection to Russia under

Sailors plying up and down the coast have a true friend with the sophisty and cunning of the advocate, do what in Observer Kelliher of the North Head weather station. they can to protect it by suggesting that any individual During the past two weeks his "eternal vigilance" has been can suppress it if he will. This suggestion is not made in the means of saving a score or more of them from going good faith, is not the expression of an honest thought or down to watery graves. He was the first landsman to noof a sincere conviction or desire to suppress this evil. On tice the helpless condition of the American schooner the contrary it is conceived in iniquity. It with one hand Frank W. Howe, and with admirable alacrity communisupports the official in his flagrant dereliction of duty and cated the intelligence to the several life saving stations with the other discourages those who desire the enforce- which immediately responded to the call. With the spirit ment of the law. We have officials whose duty it is to of the true hero, at the risk of his own life and health, he suppress this crime, for crime it is in the eye of the law, joined in the work of rescue. Every man on board the then escape being cashiered from the and the individual citizen can do but little unless he has doomed vessel was brought ashere in safety. A few days like the woman of a few weeks ago, the officials with him, later the watchful observer discerned a small speck out The citizen has the right to demand of those he pays, of upon the misty sea that did not look altogether right. those who are his servants, that they do the work they are With the aid of a telescope he discovered that it was a employed to do. Be this as it may, in no other city of steamer in distress. He apprised the tugboat captains, which we are aware do such conditions exist, and we doubt and they went to the rescue. Later they returned with if in any other unless the conditions were such that the the Grace Dollar in tow, and the alert Kelliher was again

Good riddance to this February, with its 29 wet days. Yet it might have been

Arlington young people had a "Hard Times Social," but it was hard work to act up to the name of the function.

Oregon City business men have held lively, cheerful banquet, and enjoyed

themselves, as they deserved to do. And yet the Baker City holdup man cannot be positively identified. Strong suspleions won't convict, as District At-

Falls City, Polk county, a young town built in or near the tall timber of the coast range, is growing, it is said, faster than any place in Oregon.

A neighborhood near Monmouth is excited over a new well, the water of which is said to be "75 per cent sait." So far the salt trust has exhibited no

Still North Bend, Coos county, booms. The latest enterprise is a large box factory and "shook" plant that will use 15,000,000 feet of spruce timber an

A carload of dried prunes shipped from Corvallis to Milwaukee contained 49,000 pounds of fruit, and this is only

A Turner farmer sold 28 six-months' old pigs for \$252; mostly profit, for they were largely a by-product of his dairy make money is to try.

Heppner is rapidly rebuilding and recovering from the effects of the calamitous flood of last June. People like those of Heppner can't be kept down or

Attorney Hailey, having squelched the Pendleton gamblers, the "in the air" up there.

McIlwain of that city weighed over 300 pounds, and lost by four pounds, and now wishes he had put a bag of shot in the big man's pocket.

The foreign secretaries did not quite he decfined to explain exactly what he meant, perhaps for the very good reason

Two Athena farmers have purchased large tracts of land in Alberta, where raised. Yet they will not find everything up there as agreeable as in Uma-

Can it be that barbers are so little in

demand in Albany as this item from the

"George Davie has returned from Albany, where he has been working in a barber shop sition. His salary there was a minus Mr. Coe, whose Long Creek Itanger plant was destroyed lately by dynamite, exploded for that purpose by some mis-

creants whose proper place is in a peni-tentiary, has decided to "hold the fort." and continue the publication of his paperseverance he will doubtless meet with much encouragement and aid. A hypnotist visited Whiteson last

week and, among other feats, caused reliable citizens to believe that they were log into a deep, wide ditch full of water and in spite of his swimming lesson would have drowned except for the friendly aid of two faithful dogs. hypnotist might be a valuable addition to the "Holy Rollers."

A MYTH EXPLODED.

What Brought the Russian Pleet to New York in 1861.

From the Chicago Journal Another of the myths of history has een destroyed. For many years the American people have had a warm spot in their hearts for Russia because of their belief that Russia sent a fleet of warships to New York in 1861 with sealed orders to help us if any other European nation should attempt to aid the confederacy with force. We have believed that Russia was our friend then, and there has been a general impression all along that some sort of secret treaty between the United States and Russia was . in existence, to be brought to light when need was.

But now this pleasing theory has gone the way of Pope Joan and William Tell and George Washington's hatchet and so many other cherished illusions. Hen-Clews, the veteran banker of New York, has written a letter to Marquis true explanation of the presence of the

Mr. Clews says that Secretary Seward. hearing a Russian fleet was cruising in South American waters, "conceived the idea that if it could be induced to come to New York it would give the impression to both France and England that an action on their part leading toward a recognition of the confederacy." upon the secretary invited the officer in ommand of the Russian fleet to visit New York, the invitation was accepted

Mr. Clews, whose word is not to be questioned, says he had this information from Secretary Seward's own lips. It false pretenses for more than 40 years.

From the Chicago News. Henry Clews affrms that the Russian fleet which visited New York in 1863 was not sent there by the Russian government, but that the fleet commander went there on his own responsibility in answer to a direct invitation from Washington. To make his story complete Henry should explain what happened later to the commander. A fleet commander who could take it upon himself to visit another nation with out even nsulting his home government and service ought to have an undying fame,

Reflections of a Bachelor. From the New York Press. All women look alike in the dark.

It takes a widow to anuggle up to nan like an innocent child. The only argument a man who ought to reform will listen to is a splitting

her to dress so as to be a credit to What a woman can't understand is

RUSSIA'S POLICY IN ASIA

From the Chicago Tribune. "The Russians," said a man who has traveled widely in Manchuria, "hold the warrior chieftain, was the heart and sword in the right hand and a bit of sugar in the left, and when they have done with the one they begin with the other.

This has always been the policy of Russia in Asia, and it explains why she holds her vast orient conquests with such apparent ease and is less troubled by rebellions than any other great power

governing many subject races.
When the Russians seized Manchuria nearly 5,000 Chinese perished in the massacre at Blagovestchensk. In the grim uphemism of one of the czar's generals, "They went away.

But so indulgent were the authorities after the massacre that in a few months all the Chinese merchants who had fled from the town, expecting never to return, were back doing business at their old stands, and many more had flocked in to compete with them under the protection of the just laws and paternal government of the Russians.

The atrocities committed by the Russian troops during the Peking campaign, and after, shocked the civilized world; but they did not shock the Chinese or antagonize the Chinese government. The Chinese do not resent the brutality of punishment at the hands of other nations. In that respect they resemble other Asiatics who have felt the scourge of the czar's soldiers.

War is war to the Russian, and he takes care "to make it hell" while it lasts; but when it is over he is hallfellow-well-met with his conquered foe, and treats him with a rough kindness which wipes out from the Asiatic mind even the memory of ruthless massacres

"You Anglo-Saxons are fond of talking about benevolent assimilation," said a former captain in the Russian army, who is now living in New York, "but if you want to see it really put into practice; you ought to travel through Russian Asia.

Wherever you went, from the Caucasus to Vladivostok, you would find the natives living happily under our rule soon as we have taught them to fear and respect us, we mix with them freely.

"We do not hold ourselves aloof as if we were made of a different kind of clay and were altogether superior beings, Secretary Hay's note, and as other foreigners do. We are half orientals ourselves, of course, and naturally do not share the color prejudices of the American, the Englishman and the German.

"We freely intermarry with the Asiatics, among whom it may be our positions in the czar's service, if they are worthy to fill them. "Thus it is that our Asiatic subjects

grow to like our rule, and in time beto their names as soon as they enter the czar's service.

"The English gain the hatred of Asi-Germans use the sword first, and then upon Russia. the whip, never letting the people down at all; the French colonies in Asia are

best results from conquering them. That of India." is why we have been able to march right across the continent from the make the people glad they were conquered.'

ness with which Russia lays down the der to garrison them.

sword and offers the lump of sugar to vanquished orientals. Makdum Kuli, soul of the defense of Geok Tepe in the Turcoman campaign of the early 1880's. The ashes of Geok Tepe had hardly grown cold, the bodies of thousands of his massacred tribesmen wer still unburied, when Makdum Kuli was visited by a Russian secret agent, who found him in the midst of the army he

the Russian invaders. This agent per-suaded him to give in and go to Rus-sia as the guest of the czar, whose coronation was then due at Moscow It is a familiar story to students of Russian conquest. Schamyl was the foremost foe of Russia in the Caucasus for a generation. Today Schamyl's sons are officers in the Russian army, treated

with especial honor by the czar. After the blood lust of the troops was over at Peking the Russians did all they could to save the lives of Chinese rest dents and to spare the feelings of the Chinese officials. The Germans clared that no protection could be given to Chinese, whether they had been implicated in the attack on the legations

or not; the Russians protected them. When the Russians left Peking the Germans occupied their quarter of the Thereupon all the Chinese who the Russians as they resent far milder had settled there immediately scampered off into the adjacent Japanese quarter. They had felt they were safe under the Russians, but they would not trust the

> Yet both the Russians and the Jap anese had been guilty of slaughtering defenseless Chinamen, to a degree equaled by the Germans or any other foreign soldiers—the Russians in that very campaign, the Japanese in the Chino-Japanese war.

> "Kill me in time of war." says the Asiatic. "That's all right. I expect it. unless I can kill you. But in time of peace let me live in my own way, and treat me as a man and a brother.

Russia concedes this demand, as no other western nation does. That is why there is no nihilism in Asiatic Russia. A Russian writer compared English and Russian administration in Asia in and becoming thoroughly Russianized, an article which he wrote for the if they had not already become so. As Russ in January, 1885. His views were, of course, prejudiced, but they were interesting

"England lays a heavy hand on her dependent peoples," he said. "She reduces them to a state of slavery, only that English trade may profit and Englishmen grow rich. "The deaths of millions in India from

staryation have been caused indirectly by English despotism. "And then the press of England dis-

seminates far and wide the idea of Rusdestiny to live, and we encourage them sia being a country of barbarians. Thouto rise to the highest civil and military sands of natives of India only await Russia's crusade of deliverance!

"If Englishmen would only throw aside their misplaced pride, and study come more Russian than the Russians, a little deeper the foundation of Rus-They are fond of giving a Russian twist | sia's power in Central Asia, comparing it with their own, they would soon see plainly why the name of Russia has such a prestige in Asia, and why the natives of India hate the dominion of atics by treating them like children; the England and set their hopes of freedom

"Russia gives full liberty to native manners, and not only does not overhells paved with good intentions; the burden her subjects with fresh taxes, Dutch in Java are greedy and tyran- but even allows them exemptions and privileges of a most extensive charac-"The Russians alone know how to han-ter. England, on the contrary, is a vamdle Asiatics properly, and obtain the pire, sucking the last drop of blood out

Russia suffers no permanent drain upon her military resources by reason Urals and the Caucasus to the shores of of her conquests. On the contrary, she the Pacific. We conquer, and then we can be taught nothing in the art of raising native levies and making them loyal. She can raise, and does raise, a far greater number of soldiers from her Foreigners are surprised at the quick- Asiatic provinces than she needs in or-

SUDDEN CHANGES IN JAPAN

development of Japan. An American pire. The Mitsui bank, more than 200 seaman, Perry, "opened" the country to years old, is putting up in Tokio the the trade of the world. The American first steel frame building in Japan, cov-Minister Harris made the first treaty ering two and a half acres. 'the total with Japan. The first election under the Japanese constitution was held on 600 in 1868-the year after the revolu-July 4, 1890. The United States gov- tion-to \$254,000,000 in 1901. ernment gave Japan her first foreign wanted in a hurry for the Philippines. beginning of the present war to prewants.

expedition landed in 1853. Previously foreigners could not enter Japan, Japanese could not leave it. The civil war and the reconstruction period in Japan great material changes have been made Ito, his old friend, in which he gives the since that year. The new constitution went into effect and the parliament assembled in 1890. .

Japan's government is neither despotism like Russia's nor practically republican like that of Great Britain. There are but 2,000,000 voters qualified for general elections out of a total population of 49,000,000. The emperor is assisted by a council and by 10 ministers comparable to our cabinet officers, except that they have more power. instance, the Japanese minister of the interior has general charge of police matters, and most of the railways and the telegraph and telephone lines are government monopolies.

Japan has 4,000 miles of railways, her merchant ricets are eighth in size among the world's peace navies; her banks are rapidly increasing in deposits. Japan is successful in colonizing the island of Formosa, taken from China in the re-

cent war. Missionaries sympathize with Japan, she is technically 'heathen.' Really, Japan is rapidly becoming Christianized. There are 150,000 Christians, people of more than average influence Besides, Japanese rule means freedom: Russian means despotism. On this point Clement says in his newly issued "Handbook of Modern Japan": "Her (Japan's) aims in the far east coincide with ours and with the dictates, of civilization. The supremacy of Japan in eastern Asia means far more for America and American institutions than does the Japan enjoys domination of Russia. rights unknown in Russia—social free-dom, political privileges, representative the bark increases with the age of the dom, political privileges, representative institutions, local self-government, inand of the press and religious liberty. Japan is already far in advance of Russis, and in many respects is abreast cara bark is now being used more and of Germany."

In local government Japan rather reusband go into po...ics is that he wants scope of the local legislature is ather less than that of our state legis- river bottoms and swampy lands. latures, but the governor, according to Clement, usually interferes little

very small and there is neither great America has had much to do with the wealth nor extreme poverty in the emtrade of Japan has grown from \$13,000.

There are about 1,000 newspapers and order for a ship-a small gunboat periodicals in Japan, all of recent founding. Books are plentiful. The new The United States first moved at the growth in China of the scientific spirit is fed from Japan. In printing books serve the integrity of China, which is all of science, language, law and literature that Japan, as the champion of freedom, for Chinese use the reformers translate not from European tongues, but from The dates of Japan's new birth are the Japanese; the Japanese have already conveniently remembered. The Perry made selections and adaptations useful in the east. This fact, according to Mr. Clement, illustrates the leadership of Japan in the Pacific. The leadership is also shown by its commanding importroughly correspond with our own, ance in trade with the mainland as far New Japan dates from 1867. All the south as Siam. Russia in trade is simply not "in it" compared with Japan.

> The Japanese are not pure Mongols, nor do they closely resemble the Chinese. Dr. Nitobe, a Japanese-scientist, agrees with a French observer who estimated that the Japanese were six-tenths Malay, three-tenths Mongol and one-tenth of mixed races. The emperor himself scems of a Malay type. Others estimate the Mongolian element more generously.

The Japanese have in one generation greatly improved in health by adopting a more varied diet from the Europeans. They like European cookery, have in troduced European cards, which they call "torumpo" or "trumps," and European dogs, which at first they called "kami," mistaking the frequent call to dogs of "come here" for the name of the animal. In the army and navy they have adopted European uniforms. Their schools and universities are modeled upon those of Europe and America. Their moral code even has been changed by association with the "silver men, particularly by raising the status of lant from the anti-Moody campaign

PRESERVE THE CHITTIM TREES. From the Corvallis Gazette. A very important subject confronts the

farmers of Benton county, and it is one that must have immediate attention. It is the preservation of the chittim trees. Unless some means are taken for the protection of the smaller trees, the time is not far distant when they will be utterly annihilated. During the excite-ment last year many small trees were cut down that should have been allowed tree, and as the bulk of the cascara bark tellectual liberty, freedom of assembly of commerce must come from Oregon and Washington, the importance of this matter may be readily foreseen. Casmore extensively in medicine, and al-though it is found in many states, it is sembles France. Each district or large only in Oregon and Washington that it town has its local legislature and a is produced in such prolific quantity. governor appointed by the emperor. The trees do best and are found in largest quantity on the banks of lakes, river bottoms and swampy lands. A crance. A direct primary nominating farmer with an eye to his children's fullaw will bring the desired result. Let ture welfare will not fall to utilise these the rank and file of each party settle waste places on his farm, if such there these The pay of workingmen in Japan is be, and start a grove of chittim trees. I all the trouble.

Small Change

Anybody can talk; who can "wield the niluence" and get the votes?

Ten to one that March cannot equal February's rain record; also that it

It will take a good while to dig the Panama canal, but not nearly as long as it has been talked of had rallied for another stand against

The war is welcome in some respects; people don't have to read so much about Schwab, for instance.

Governor: How about that Superin-tendent James' alleged graft? Can the Democratic party stand it?

Still, the farmer who had May wheat need not be green enough to suppose the bulls bellowed for his sake.

Probably Colonel Watterson would kick and roar even if the Democrats should nominate him for president.

A man 100 years old is in a New Jersey poorhouse. Why doesn't he go out and lecture on the secret of longevity?

Poor old Senator Morgan; with the

ratification of the canal treaty he must

feel as if his occupation was largely Those Russian and Japanese officers don't "regret to report"; they leave the public to regret being lied to so un-

The fight against gambling and gamolers is on in various cities in a greater or less degree, and is likely to increase in extent and intensity until sambling becomes far less common and

more difficult and hazardous than it is

All the defendants on trial at Washngton for postal frauds were convicted, at which result they were astonished, amazed, dumb-founded, thunderstruck and fairly "paralyzed." But let them not despair; higher courts are yet to be heard from.

If the Union Pacific shortens the ime of travel between Chicago and Portland over half a day, as is reported probable, it will considerably please and benefit many people, which should be gratifying to the corporation's brains, even if it has no "soul."

Sociálists and Prohibitionists will have tickets and go through the motions of making a campaign this spring as usual-and with the usual result, notwithstanding the fact that they are mostly very good people with patriotic if not entirely practical ideas.

Few things in life are more important than absolutely pure milk, and if the people of Portland havn't it in every case they must have it. Eternal vigilance is the price of pure milk as well as of liberty, and those who officially secure this bygenic requisite are performing an importantly useful service.

Of what beneficial use are lying reports sent out by either Russians or What gain is there in causing the world to believe one day that a victory has been gained only to be undeceived within the next day or two? What is the use in "claiming everything" when the inevitable "official count" must soon disclose the truth?

It is expected by the English conservative party that it will have to relinand suffer deafest at the hands of the liberals in the ensuing election. But there is small difference between the two English parties; even less, if possible, than between the Republican and Democratic parties in this country.

Portland lacked only one thing to be quite up-to-date and in the fashion along with cities east of the Rocky mountains. and this was supplied Friday by miniature yet quite appreciable and no ticeable cyclone, occurring out near Mt. Tabor. This is the first of its sort here since the city was founded-for the great wind of January 9, 1879, was a wide, straight-ahead blow-and it may be the last of its sort for a century.

POLITICAL POINTERS

Eugene Register: E. O. Potter of Eugene, one of our well known and successful attorneys, who served Lane as county judge from 1896 to 1900, and mentioned again for the same office, and who was deputy district attorney from 1890 to 1894, is out for the office, of district judge in this judicial district, to succeed J. H. Hamilton, Democrat, and present incumbent.

Lincoln' County Leader: The Salem Statesman's new editor, ex-Governor Geer, is making its editorial page "very readable," to use an expression which expresses, even if it isn't Bostonese It seems quite certain that Mr. Geer has struck his forte, and when he sings a song of harmony with a big "H," publicans should sit up and take notice, Having abandoned the political arena as a principal and engaged in a legitimate and honorable calling, he is that respect and honor merited by every. man who evinces a desire to become The choir will please sing: "Let the past be all forgotten; let's be friends

and love again." Antelope Herald: The Dalles Chronicle thinks it an awfully poor plan to change congressman while important legislation is under consideration, in which conclu-sion the Chronicle at last admits the justice of the argument made against Mr. Moody's retirement two years ago Of course the Chronicle has reached this conclusion only after two years of deepest meditation upon the subject, with occasional injections of mental stimu funds, but it is at least a hopeful sign to note that the Chronicle is generous enough to concede the argument made by Mr. Moody's friends, even if this 'generosity" is the result of matured reflection, "and other good and valuable considerations."

Salem Statesman: The Statesman heartily approves the suggestion of the evening paper that the factional fight in the Republican party in Multipomen county should not be permitted to affect the party outside that county. This is the stand the Statesman has taken all along. It has pointed out several times where efforts have been made in that county to extend the influence of this faction or that into other sections proval. If the autocratic and prospetive methods which have been suggested there in some quarters should pr and an effort be made to extend their sphere outside that particular county, the Republicans in the rest of the stole ridden borough a lesson in brotherly tol questions. The 'managers' make

JETTY AND DEEDGE.

Chinook: "Everything thus far points Those men who work on the bar in the to the success of the work of the bar capacity of pilots, and who should be The Astorian, after viewing the pro- dredge. The vessel has been able to op- most thoroughly posted on matters of how her rival's husband, without brains, posed jetty extension rather pessimistic- erate only at times during the winter, the kind, express the belief that the can bave so much most affr, says of the work of the dredge but it is believed she is doing good work. dredge will give us the desired depth." husband with brains.

What a woman likes about having her