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THE JETTY STILL THE SUPREME QUESTION.

PORTLAND is growing rapidly and it is amazingly prosperous. It is growing very much more rapidly than many of its best informed people believed would be possible...

ciently. They have a right to demand that the money collected through taxation, and returned to them through congressional appropriations for public works, shall not be squandered in vain experimenting but shall be promptly and efficiently employed to carry out the designated purpose.

GIVE THE LOCAL BIDDERS A SHOW.

BY WHAT singular fatality does it always seem to be arranged that the world's fair money is sent out of the city and state to be spent for such supplies as are needed?

Oregon Sidelights

Eugene is also becoming virtuous, having closed games and driven the nickel-in-the-slot machines out of business.

In some Oregon counties the really prominent men hereafter will be eligible voters who are not candidates for any office.

The financial world must be in considerable trepidation if Portland bridge bonds can be sold only at a large discount instead of a premium.

Eugene bakers have raised the price of bread to 6 cents a loaf. This is always the price in Portland, but sometimes one gets little in a loaf—and sometimes less.

Several new fruit canneries will be started this year in communities whose people believe that on the fruit proposition they should save all they can and can all they save.

Again is displayed the power of the press. The North Yamhill Record says: "The little puff the editor of the Record gave Sammy when in town caused him to give much better weights and lower prices in butter."

The Hood River Glacier's motto is: "It's a cold day w'out a coat on it." But from the big batch of local news the Glacier publishes, no very cold day occurs even up there under the mountains.

Salem believes itself to be now "closed up tight," so far as gambling games are concerned, and the Statesman remarks: "The way to keep them closed is to keep them closed, and eternal vigilance is the price to pay for such a condition."

The North Yamhill Record is informed that "there is about 14 feet of snow on the summit of the mountains between this place and Tillamook. About four feet of snow fell between Saturday and Monday morning, completely blocking the road, since which time it has been impossible to get the mail through."

Vancouver Columbian: The Columbian wishes to emphasize the fact that the editor is capable of and does write his own editorials, notwithstanding any remarks to the contrary.

Irrigon (Or.) Irrigator: Up to the present writing there is only one Irrigon and one Irrigator, and no "green growing thing" has yet put in an appearance to establish an opposition.

A dairyman writes as follows to the News: "Enterprises: 'Dairymen will surely reap some benefit from the opposing element of the creamery business of Portland as long as it lasts, but look out when the scrap is over. The man who sells his entire supply of milk to the creamery will not make a success of raising his heifer calves. Building up a dairy by buying cows instead of raising them is poor economy.'"

Things People Want to Know

Scotts Mills, Or., Feb. 17.—To the Editor of the Journal: Have any of your correspondents or contributors the right of suffrage to women so that they may vote at state and national elections? If so, will you kindly give the names of such states and oblige.

Four states—Wyoming in 1890, Colorado in 1893, Utah in 1895 and Idaho in 1896.

To the Editor of The Journal—Rumors indicate that there is commercial value to Oregon Grape plants and that they are being bought and shipped in large quantities, while many farmers are clearing land and gathering grape-roots for medicinal purposes.

NATIONAL CAPITAL GOSSIP

Washington, March 2.—The Hearst movement has assumed proportions which astonishes older Democratic wheel-horses of the house and senate and it now seems clear that the leading candidate is the young man from the city of New York.

"I have just returned from a trip home, and I was utterly amazed at the strength which Mr. Hearst has developed. Whether it is because of the activity of his literary bureau or not, I cannot say, but I am now forced to confess that if his strength increases from this on to the time of the convention, he cannot be beaten.

The senate committee on military affairs has agreed to incorporate in the army appropriation bill an item of \$250,000 to continue and complete a military road in Alaska.

Chief Joseph, the famous warrior of the Nez Percés tribe of Indians, is making his annual visit to Washington.

The bill granting right of way for pipe lines through Indian reservations has passed both the house and the senate, and has been referred to a conference committee to adjust some minor differences.

This bill authorizes the secretary of the interior to grant right of way for oil and gas lines, and its enactment was recommended by him.

A remarkable fact has just been developed following the publication by the state department of the extract from a report of United States Consul Lee Bergholz of Three Rivers, Canada, and that is that emigration from the United States is increasing at a rapid rate.

To the Editor of The Journal—Will you please answer through the columns of your paper the following questions, viz:

- 1—Names of each man at the head of each United States cabinet department.
2—Names of each Oregon state officer.
3—How many members in each house of the state legislature?
4—Names of Oregon senators and congressmen.
5—Where is the fish center?
SUBSCRIBER.

Secretary of state, John Hay; secretary of treasury, Leslie M. Shaw; secretary of war, William H. Taft; attorney-general, Philander C. Knox; postmaster-general, Henry C. Payne; secretary of navy, William H. Moody; secretary of interior, Ethan A. Hitchcock; secretary of agriculture, James Wilson; secretary of commerce and labor, George B. Cortelyou.

To the Editor of The Journal—Please let me know in your query columns what holidays if any were legalized by an act of congress.

from Italy, 2,419 from Sweden, 2,020 from Hungary, and 8,177 from Gallia.

A member of the general staff of the United States army is of the opinion that the war between Japan and Russia will be a prolonged struggle.

"The war will be a long one. Now that Japan has control of the ocean, Russia cannot conquer her. She cannot invade Japan. She cannot prevent her receiving supplies from other hands."

The four American army officers detailed to join the Japanese field forces and get to the front in order to observe and report everything of military interest during the war between Russia and Japan for the benefit of the American army have started for the front.

The Mikado after considerable pressure agreed to take care of four of our army officers, and they are traveling as fast as they can to Japan. Their status is thoroughly defined. They go as military attaches and will be the guests of the Mikado.

Russia at first declined to allow officers to accompany her army, but at last consented, and through Ambassador McCormick, Secretary Hay has been officially notified of Russia's action.

The largest total of exports in the history of the country for any similar period was reached for the seventh month which ended January 31.

From Lincoln to Taft. Secretary Taft still fresh from his service in our far colonies, thus expressed himself.

From the Atlanta Journal. Strange is the fortune of Theodore Roosevelt. A death, totally unexpected, made him president of these United States of America.

What Does Parker Stand For? From the New York Sun. It does not follow that because a man is a good judge he will make a good president of the United States.

Small Change

A great many people are indispensed to "stand pat" on the tariff and trust issues.

The number of officials to be chosen is small in proportion to that of those who desire ardently to be called.

Who says the president is not friendly with Russia, when he appoints a man named Grunsky canal commissioner?

Would it be a case of less majesty for a Republican club to name itself the Lincoln or the McKinley, or the Hanna, or the Mitchell, or the Simon, instead of the Roosevelt club?

A Chicago man has paid \$23,000 interest in five years on a loan of \$4,000. This beats the record of some building and loan societies that operated in this part of the country during recent years.

A highwayman who incidentally committed a murder was hanged in Montana the other day by due process of law, which is nearly as notable an exception to the rule as the lawful punishment of a negro rapist or murderer down south.

Because Hon. Binger Hermann has not formally announced his candidacy for representative is not a cause for anybody to doubt whether he desires the nomination or not.

Democrats are short-sighted who suppose that they can make much valuable political capital out of the Roosevelt-Washington luncheon incident.

Secretary Hitchcock, it is announced from Washington, is not pleased at the president's change of front in the Roseburg land office case, and is still personally opposed to the re-appointment of Booth and Bridges.

President Smith, head of the Mormon church, acknowledges that he has five wives, with all of whom he maintains marital relations, and all of whom have given birth to children, aggregating 13 in number, since 1850, when it became unlawful for a citizen of Utah to live polygamously.

County School Superintendent Nowlin of Umatilla county, criticizing the management of the Pendleton public schools, declares among other things that "cellarhenics, basketball, football, the athletic, gymnastics, and all other games, are occupying too much time. However, may be there, this is certainly true in many schools and colleges, and educators are to be commended for declaring the fact."

A man died this week in a New Jersey almshouse who was 132 years old, and who had used tobacco 120 years and liquor from youth until he was sequestered in the poorhouse.

Evidence in regard to Senator Smoot's religio-political status is being taken in Washington, but judgment from accounts some other senators are more proper subjects of ethical inquiry than Smoot. If he were a Democrat, his church affiliation would probably serve as a sufficient excuse in the minds of the religious body, the senate, for his expulsion, but since he is a straight Republican he may stick.

RUSSIA IN MANCHURIA

G. Frederick Wright in Chicago Record. Herald. The war now raging between Russia and Japan is sure to mark one of the most important epochs in human history. It is not the result of a mere clash of national leaders alone, but is the result of a combination of far-reaching, irremediable causes which have been slowly but surely preparing for the result.

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