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ASSOCIATED PRESS FRANCHISES. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS was driven out of Illinois by a supreme court decision which held that under its charter it was obliged to furnish its news to any applicant who would pay for it. This decision was brought about by newspaper suits which made clear the discrimination practiced and the monopoly which was being fostered.

It had given monopoly rights in various cities but nowhere was the monopoly so flagrant as here in Portland. This city was so very far from the news centers and the telegraph wires covered such long stretches over sparsely settled sections that the cost of transmitting the news when borne singlehanded was more than any institution, unless backed by unlimited capital, could bear. The Associated Press, on the other hand, owing to its favorable contract with the telegraph company, which acted much like a rebate to a favorite shipper, was able to lay down its news at a cost which in comparison was trifling.

Nevertheless this assessment is very small in comparison with the value which inheres in the same right in Portland. It is no more reasonable that such personal property, one of the most valuable of the Oregonian's assets, should escape taxation any more than that the Evening Telegram, the evening edition of the Oregonian, should entirely escape taxation.

LET US HAVE A SKYSCRAPER. Portland, June 23.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I was very glad to see the suggestion made of a big skyscraping building erected by a syndicate of capitalists in Portland. My own experience is that of all things to advertise a city none is quite so good as a great skyscraper.

THE JOURNAL has reason to believe that no time could be more propitious than the present to make the suggestion that a syndicate be formed for the purpose of erecting a great office building along the lines that have grown so familiar in other cities, particularly in the east.

WHEN THE MAYOR BROKE WITH THE STAR. From the Kansas City Star. A perfect May morning. The air cool and crisp and the sunshine sparkling in its brightness. The dingy city hall took on new colors in the long white rays. Down in the crowded streets the merry crowd was happy in the harbor of the spring and the golden banners. A morning unsuspecting in its scintillating beauty. "Our relations are broken," said Mayor Meyer to a reporter for the Star. "You don't say so? Why, I'm sorry."

alone of Portland's faith in itself but of the enterprise, loyalty and pride of its people. It would form a striking climax, among many lesser ones, to the fair, which we have in a sense made our debt to the world and upon which we may modestly assume we have made a good impression.

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PROBABLY NO MORE WARS. NO THERE will be no war between France and Germany. Left to itself, Germany could whip France, though not so easily as in 1870. For one thing, Germany has neither a Von Moltke nor a Bismarck. The emperor puts on a brave front, but the German people would rally slowly and stubbornly to a war. A war would interfere terribly with German trade and industry.

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