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a feeling is their falsity. There are as many educate

and as well educated people in proportion to population in the west as in the east—even more. The percentage of illiteracy in Oregon is lower than in almost any state in the union. We have just as good schools as towns of similar size back east have, and as many and as good

churches. There is also as much true "culture." Per-haps there is not quite so much affectation and dissem-blance as one may find in some centers of so-called

culture; money is not yet worshiped quite so much as it is on the Atlantic coast; but of genuine, healthy de-velopment the west asks no favors of the east.

But the most outrageous statements quoted are that

the foundations for the structures of high morality

are not yet laid"; and that "the frog of civic government is yet in the tadpole stage and requires the tail to sustain

existence"—whatever that may mean.

What shall be thought or said of a newspaper published in a town of 6,000 inhabitants, one nearly 40 years old, in a prosperous agricultural country, that declares there is not even a foundation yet laid upon which morality can rest, and that such a thing as decent, re-

spectable civic government does not yet exist? Verily,

in frontier towns where such conditions prevailed as are

ridden out of town, if not treated worse, for less offenses

than this against the community.

What sort of representations concerning Pendleton are these to go forth to the world? That education, religion and culture are but slightly and feebly developed, that morality is entirely wanting, and that civil government

is in the embryo state. What eastern or for that matter

western man except some gambler or other criminal

tations were true? We of the west mostly know they are false, but some of the "educated" and "cultured"

people of the east, if any of them were to chance upon this wonderful production, might not. But let us be as lenient as we can. The writer was

trying to excuse a wide-open town in respect of gambling and seven-days-a-week and 24-hours-a-day saloons. It

LUSTER TO PORTSMOUTH'S FAME.

for there, dressed in the uniform of the navy he loved

so well, with the flag wrapped around him-the same flag that he had raised over New Orleans and Mobile-

For more than a hundred years, Portsmouth has been well known to Americans. And now, as long as history lasts, the town will be known to the Russians and the

more enjoyably than in the town so rich in historic

nemories-memories of the wooden navy, which Farragut thought iron could never conquer. One day shortly

to the sloop of war Dale that was lying in the navy yard. The admiral tottered as he walked about the decks. A quartermaster helped his former commander across the gangway. Shading his eyes, the old admiral

looked back at the dismantled sloop and sadly remarked, "This is the last time that I shall ever tread the deck

admiral who lashed himself high in the rigging of his

flagship when the battle raged most fiercely, the spirit

Portsmouth should be doubly interesting to M. Witte

for Farragut was a friend of Russia. When the admiral

the day the welcoming signals floated from the Roman

THE "TRANS-MISSISSIPPI" REGION. -

becomes relatively more important. It is the

E VERY YEAR the "trans-Mississippi" portion of the country-a term coined east of that its

more interesting half of the country in that it is yet

susceptible of more development than the eastern half

It is the country west of the Mississippi that chiefly

invites settlement and the new or increased utilization

area barren soil. It is on this side the Mississippi that

irrigation will reclaim tens of millions of acres of land. It is in this half of the country that nearly all the great

forests lie, and that all its gold, silver and copper are

produced. It contains the greatest wheat and corn states.

raises most of the livestock, has the highest mountains, the broadest prairies, the freshest air, the freest men

Not so many years ago the trans-Mississippi region

was considered a howling wilderness, except for a few large spots. Now multitudes of eastern people have learned that from many points of view it is the healthier,

richer and better portion of the country, and the one offering more opportunities to the average young man

The Pacific coast region is the finest, fairest, most comfortable and delightful portion of the great trans-

Mississippi region. Girt by sea and mountains, it is free from interior drawbacks. Soil rich; climate mild; re-

sources great; opportunities numberless—it is fitting that the trans-Mississippi congress should meet here in

Portland, the chief city of a large segment of the vast

This organization has done much good, and will do

or woman of health, strength and spirit.

man the guns and those who feed the furnaces.

Orleans and Mobile."

offs' flagship.

lay the body of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut. .

HIRTY-FIVE years ago today the eyes of the

civilized world were turned towards Portsmouth, New Hampshire, just as they are this afternoon,

tasteful to the public.

Editorial Page of

THE MORNING MOSSBACK AFTER SUB-

HE mature and mossbacky Oregonian is making an industrious not to say desperate effort to secure subscribers. There was a time not long ben it was perfectly indifferent whether men took paper or not. It knew that if men wanted the telegraphic news with a reasonable degree of freshness there was only one place to go and that was to the Oregonian because it was the only daily paper printed here. Hence it printed what it wanted and when it wanted and did just as it pleased in its relations with the public. But the monopoly once destroyed it stands in the same relations to the public as any other newspaper. Proof of this is furnished in the appended letter from

Rev. J. Edward Blair, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Clatskanie, who wrote to a friend in Portland certain statements and inquiries couched in this lan-Mrs. Blair in my absence from home this morna tilt with an agent of the Oregonian. He is ing had a tilt with an agent of the Oregonian. He is taking orders (or trying to) at 15 cents per week and giving as inducement four maps for premiums. The to argue the case and she gave him our opinion of the Oregonian—the principal objection being its opposition to the things considered sacred by the church people. He replied that Mr. Scott had changed around and joined the church. When asked what church he replied, the First Presbyterian church, that Dr. Hill had brought him around. Would you mind telling me if this is the ase? If the editor has come to see in harmony with welfth and Alder I am certainly very happy to learn it."

From all of which it is evident that the Oregonian is not overlooking any chance to get subscribers.

SOME PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE.

HE envoys are making considerable progress a Portsmouth, justifying the hope that they may finally come to an agreement, though the points of greatest difficulty are being postponed till the less ortant ones are out of the way.

Russia has conceded Japanese paramountcy in Korea; with the proviso that the Korean reigning family shall ally retain its position; has agreed to the surrende to Japan of Port Arthur, Dalny and contiguous territory, that the Russo-Chinese railroad south of Harbin, ugh Manchuria, shall be made over to China, which on, it is supposed, will in recompense supply a por-of Japan's indemnity; and both Russia and Japan are to keep their armies out of Manchuria.

Agreement on these points simplifies matters very even if agreement on all points is not yet rendered certain thereby. Both parties seem to be willing to make concessions in a sincere effort to attain peace pan on its part consents to at least a semblance of native Korean government, and does not claim southern huria, except a strip along the coast, nor the Manchurian railroad, for itself. Russia on its part agrees give up the southern Manchurian ports and railroad,

rill have to keep its promise.

The tug of the peace-war will come over Sakhalin, Vladivostok, an indemnity, and the restriction of Russia's nt as Russia can accept.

Doubtless Japan will have to and expects to somew nodify its terms as at first proposed, and M. Witte, pite of his brave talk, will go far to make peace terms

It is yet far too early to make any positive predictions, but it certainly looks more like peace than it did a week ago. The dove of peace seems hopeful of a friendly reception at Portsmouth.

TOO MUCH TAGGART.

WHAT CONSEQUENCE or importance are WHAT CONSEQUENCE or importance are of the commander who wrote, "I am going into Mobile these Taggarts, more than any other couple who bay this morning if 'God is my leader,' as I hope he is," have had similar experiences and get into a must live and burn in the hearts and souls of those who divorce court? Why should the disgusting details of Mrs. Taggart's inebriety and carousals with many different men be sent broadcast over the country, any more than like conduct on the part of Mrs. Tim Titmouse! According to the other side's evidence she got drunk at every opportunity, and was grossly familiar with anybody in uniform that came along, but why should her ormalties be blazoned to the world as highly important news? As for poor old rum-soaked Taggart the less said of him the better. Doubtless the case is given prominence because he is an army officer and because other army officers are involved in the scandal. In so far as it indicates a tendency in the army so much the worse for the army. There have lately been many scandals springing from the same source, much dirty linen being washed in the courts. The public is growing tired of it as a spectacle and irritated with it as evidence of low ideals. The army owes a duty to itself as well as the country. It should not tolerate conditions which breed such results and the good men and women should sternly set their faces against it. As for the Taggarts and the rest of their ilk, the shoulder straps simply serve to emphasize their shortcomings and make plainly evident that they are out of place in the employment of Uncle Sam if they have any claims whatever upon decent society.

FALSE AND SLANDEROUS.

HE PENDLETON Tribune, commenting upon the efforts that have been made in that town to close saloons on Sundays and suppress gambling, makes these curious remarks:

The west is the west. Western communities are not like the older towns of the east. Education has not reached the stages of the east. Churches are not so strong. Culture is confined to the few. The dations for maintaining the structures of high morality are not yet laid. The frog of civic government is yet in the tadpole stage and requires the tail to sustain existence. But the west is growing. It is getting better every day. Conditions may sometimes stir the sensitive hearts of the eastern bred. but to the westerner, whose heart and soul is in the west and who knows conditions from the border

weried to the present time, we are doing well.

We cannot help wondering if the man who wrote and published these remarks was not ashamed of himself when he saw them in cold print. And if he was not, we Pacific coast region. much. Its purposes are helpful, beneficial, praiseworthy. The spirit which animates its leading workers is noble. Its members deserve a warm welcome and cordial supare greatly mistaken if a majority of his readers were not ashamed of him, and indignant at him. One thing about these statements that justifies such port.

Poisoned Flour in China.

From United States Consul Anderson Amoy, China. The trade in foreign flour from Amoy

and 40 people have died as the result of eating products of flour sent to Amoy in a certain shipment from Hong-kong, and the natives in the interior as well as in Amoy have almost altogether to the interior of China and in Amoy to the interior of China and in Amoy well as in Amoy have almost altogether ceased to use the product. All sorts of rumors have been apread broadcast and anti-foreign agitation has received a great impetus.

Garrett A. Hobert to Wed.

From the New York World.

The engagement is announced of Miss.
Caroline Frye Briggs, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Frank P. Briggs of Auburn,
Maine, and granddaughter of Senator
William P. Frys. to Garrett A. Hobart
of Paterson, New Jersey, son of the
late Vice-President Hobert.

SMALL CHANGE

That regatta, if decided on, m

Witte is a better fighter than Kur

Hyde, the grafting ex-govern rop statistician; is troubled with buncles, but they are not on his reignes.

Shorts is back in New York fr Panama. Stevens is expected to al up on the hext steamer. Shorts sta more than 24 hours.

If they won't build railroads, them built anyway. There are ways

One of woman's rights is to

Hear Tacoma blow.

Most weddings are still "very pretty.

A publication is entitled The Wester Lady. Perhaps the western woman i considered unworthy of notice.

Everybody on returning home report the fair to be above expectations. Uncle Chauncey isn't talking as much

It is about time for Emperor Bill

was a hard proposition, and abler newspapers than the Tribune have tried and failed to make it decent and It is reported that graft in the army has been discovered. It must have been a long time since Uncle Sam gave the army a glance.

Taft will carry the Philippines, Root will make Labrador solid. France gets a decision for one thir-teenth of its claim against Venesuela— probably about right.

The old senators are planning to sit down on La Follette, but he may make it a warm seat for them.

If sincere and honest, the battle a Portsmouth is the noblest one of all.

Japanese. Ships that were the terrors of the seas to all foemen of the newborn republic were launched from Portsmouth ways; sailors who had never heard the word like Henry Sienkiewicz für expressing an honest opinion needs much enlight enment and reformation. "defeat" were born in Portsmouth homes. At what place could the old seaman have passed his last days

How many did you get?

Portland is today headquarters for quite a patch of country—all this side the Mississippi rives. Best place in it

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

"A good, bright female, between 18 and 25 years of age, can get a position as waitress," reads a notice in the Medford Southern Oregonian. It is supposed a young woman is meant. power of the first rank; they tell us that the navy of Uncle Sam is one of the very strongest afloat. But if

"A Wasco county sheepherder set a gun trap for a bear; thinking he heard it go off in the night, he went out and sprung the trap himself, losing two fin-

The three principal needs of La Grande, says the Chronicle, are a grav-ity water supply, a sewerage system and meters for every one using city

visited Russia after the civil war, the war fleets of the Average crops in Lake county. Range dry and sheep feed scarce. czar assembled to welcome him, and from the yards of the flagship floated this signal: "Let us remember the glorious examples of Farragut and his followers at New

More men wanted on the Columbia But the Russians did not remember, and now their Many farmers will move into Pendli ton to send their children to school. greatest statesman is attempting to make peace at a price almost appalling with a nation well-nigh unknown

Hands scarce in the country; hop-plentiful in the towns. New town in northern Lake county-

Condon Times: There are 765 bachelors over \$1, and 115 maids over 15 in this prosperous county. How all these bachelors are going to get gives is a kind of a pussie. The ladies of marriageable age ought to be able to make good selection from the surplus of marriageable men. An "introduction bureau" in this region might do a thriving husiness. of hitherto or uncultivated and as to a large aggregate

A Wood river cattle ranch of 4,80 cres has been sold for about \$50,000.

Merrill, Klamath county, is

Fine crops in Powder river valley.

Springfield is one of the busiest town in Lane county nowadays. It is not booming, but is steadily and constantly growing. All lines of business are getting better every day. Everybody has plenty of work and money is flowing freely, says the News.

Ontario expects to become quite railroad center.

Hops must be picked clean this year may growers. Pickers take notice.

The Heppner branch train on the O. R. & N. now carries a Jap "pilot" on the rear end of the train to discover any fires which may be started by sparks from the engine. These fires often cause considerable damage to railroad property, as well as to crops and farm property adjoining the track. Last Thursday evening, after the train left lone, the crew was obliged to extinguish three fires before it reached Heppner.

A man near Spray will dam the John Day river, and thus secure water, which he thinks will increase his 200 acres of land 550 an acre in value.

THERE WAS GRAFT LONG ACO

That was the age of gratt—not is oday we are comparatively pure. Where he he he had not our current race an be and will be obliterated."

This, in effect, is the belief of Prevances W. Shepardson, of the University of Chicago, an authority on Unitiates history, and one of the foremost of the country. He is taken the said of the headship of the department of the institution, and is said to ated for the headship of the department, which is now vacant.

His views were expressed yesterday

commercialism. I hestate to believe this. It is true that we are commercially inclined, but not yet are we entirely given over to money-making. Take, for example, Elihu Root. He gave up probably the best law practice in the country to accept a position in which there is little money. In comparison of the times, I would like to mention his case in along with that of George Washington, who refused to accept remuneration for his services as president.

"It is true we are far from being what we should he. But we have a sure future. What defects there are now, I believe, can be remedied. It is up to the present generation of college youths to straighten us out, When they become mature I believe we shall have less to complain of."

Prefers the Simple Life.

From the Ashland Record.

Wealth and all the luxuries wealth can bring though now in their gras cannot lure David Briggs and his family cannot lure David Briggs and his family from their simple home upon the slopes of the Siskiyou mountains, southern Josephine county. The Briggs family, though wealthy by their last summer's strike and good fortune, have no desire for city tumult and grime, or fine raiment and stylish turnouts. They are supremely content in the freedom of the mountains, the genuine freedom that was all their own before Ray Briggs stumbled across the great pile of gold

supremely content in the freedom of the mountains, the genuine freedom that was all their own before Ray Briggs stumbled across the great pile of gold that made them wealthy in a day.

With the arrival of summer, the family has left the mountain home and made a camp on a placer claim upon the ridge of the Biskiyous near the original claim. From their tent they look off across the grandest array of mountains, glittering peeks and pine-whiskered ranges the west affords. "I wouldn't give this for the grandest mansion ever built," the elder Briggs declared a few days ago, as he sat in the tent door and swept his hand out over the vast domain all his own. The sun was setting and all the surrounding mountain peaks—Preston. Fennant, Grayback and Shasts—were crowned in brilliant spiendor. Over the sputtering campfire built of seasoned snow brush and dead pine Mrs. Briggs cooks the meals, and the family that can write its check for thousands sits happy and contented about the simple board.

Just once Ray Briggs ventured down to the city. It was in Portland, while the races were in course, and one visit to the track and a meeting with a trio of "aharps" was sufficient to convince him all the more thoroughly that the mountains and the people of the mountains are the best the world affords. Bo the summer will be spent on the claim and in the same dear old way.

What Ching Gave Ispan to End War.

From the New York American. Following the war between Japan and China a treaty of peace was signed on April 17, 1895, Li Hung Chang and Li Ching Fong representing China and Count Ito and Viscount Mutsu repre-

Count Ito and Viscount Mutsu representing Japan.

By the treaty China—
Recognized the independence of KoreaCeded to Japan part of Manchuria in
the Liao and Yalu river countries.

Ceded Formosa and the Pescadores.
Gave to Japan extensive commercial
rights and privileges.

Agreed to pay a war indemnity of 206,000,000 taels.

Russia, France and Germany protested
against the cession of the Liao Tung
peninsula after the treaty had been ratified. Japan was told she must surrender Manchuria or fight again. Russia, in
particular was peremptory in her demands. Japan, weakeend by the war,
was forced to give in, and Manchuria
remained a field for the larger wat operations now drawing to a close. Again
it will become a subject of peace discussion. This time Japan will fix the
terms.

Mason-Dixon Line Marked.

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Hanover, Pa., Cor. Philadelphia Inquirer.

The resurvey of the historic Mason and Dixon line has been completed by the corps employed jointly by the states of Pennsylvania and Maryland.

When the legislatures of the two states decided not to allow the famous boundary line to disappear so far as visible signs of its location were concerned, they undertook a work that proved very difficult and tedious. The surveyors were obliged to out a patifithrough the mountains, and they found many of the old markers and crown

EVERY MORNING GOOD TO THE GOOD

thing that is needed, and that is to get right or to become adjusted to nature.

We like the weather when we are admitted to the conditions about us. There is nothing wrong with the weather. The blame is with ourselves. The anaemic, nervous woman shudders at the touch of the spring sephyrs which would be refreshing and grateful to the healthy person. The constant fear of draughts, repeated dread of exposure to cold or heat. The symptoms of bad health. If we would behave ourselves as well as the weather does there would be no cause of for complaint. It is refreshing to come I into the presence of a man or woman who can honestly say good morning, who can would be refrained even in they mean it.

Good feelings are contagious. An expose of vitality is catching. Good humor, that bubbles over, that cannot be restrained even in the presence of uncongenial company, is wholesome and healthful.

Lots of good, red blood is conducive to good manners, to good morals and good morning. Any person who can honestly say good morning has had a fairly decent alsep the night before. A hearty good morning is a certificate of self-restraint and a clear conscience.

Solf-restraint and a clear conscience.

When they mean had killed a deer. When they reached the place where Drewyer had thrown out the intentions, they all dismounted in confusion and ran tumbling over each other lite famined days are to call it confusion and ran tumbling over each other lite famined they all dismounted in confusion and thrown out the intentions, they all dismounted in confusion and ran tumbling over each other lite famined they are each other lite famined to the kidneys, in short no part on which we are accussioned to look with disgust escaped them.

Captain Lewis now had the liver, some had the live

Charges Against Equitable Directors.

plaint charges that the Equitable direct-ors permitted the funds of the policy-holders to be wasted, lost, directed to improper uses and applied to profiting lands occasionally pn the banks, and themselves and others in the following strewed with islands, four of which

Chicago Dispatch New York American.
Adrian Constantine Anson, by the grace of the plain people of Chicago city clerk of the municipal corporation and keeper of its seal, though at one time captain of the Chicago baseball team, has issued a stern fiat against attendance at local baseball games on the part of employes of his office.

"Any attache of the city clerk's department who forsakes his work to witness the american national pastime shall be fined." Buch in effect is the solemn ukase recently promulgated by the former captain, to behold whose prowess at the bat thousands have played "hooky," flibbed to the boss and otherwise proved recreant to exacting duty.

And to show that he meant just exactly what he said Clerk Anson created And to show that he meant just exactly what he said Clerk Anson created a senstaion in the city hall by "docking" John Mahoney \$39 of his last month's pay for absenting himself to see the performances of the White Sox and the Chicago Nationals. Mr. Mahoney is an old-time "fan," and for years has been a servitor of the public in the city recorder's office, and that he should be thus punished for his devotion to the great sport of which his chief has for years been deemed the patron is a matter for sad commiseration among his fellow employes.

Racetrack Gambling.

From the Catholic Sentinel.

The gamblers have fallen out among themselves with the result that there is neither racing nor gambling at the track fall bling has been judicially determined to be contrary to law, it is to be hoped but the catholicials will never the contrary to law, it is to be hoped but the catholicials will never the catholicials.

plain duty and see that gambling is no resumed.

Bace track gambling is perhaps the most harmful of all the prevalent mode of gambling. Not only is this gambling harmful in itself, but it is doubly harmful on account of the disreputable class that follows the racing circuit. To most infiguitous of the suman birds of prey seem to be attracted by the racingle.

AND CLARK

Charges Against Equitable Directors.

From the New York American.
Attorney-General Mayer in his completit charges that the Equitable directions was still so rapid and saint was an investigated as to oblige us to drag the large cancer.

For the first seven miles the piver formed a band to the right, so as to make our advance only three miles in a

improper uses and applied to profiting in the improper uses and applied to profit the improper uses a series of the public and to the insurance department; by carrying more than \$3.00,000 of the public and to the insurance department; by carrying more than \$3.00,000 of the as a liability. By keeping many millions of dollars uninvested on deposit in truet companies, and by falling to show it as a liability. By keeping many millions of dollars uninvested in interest-bearing securities.

By-paying excessive salaries to officials and unwarranted sums to attorneys.

Unkindest Cut of All.

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The Development League's Program.

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From the Salem Journal.

The next development convention, to be held in Eugens, should not swarve from its program of holding Mr. Harriman and his Oregon managers to a line of duty different from what has prevaled for the past 18 years. The liberality has all been on one side in the relations of the people toward the forporations.

The true development of Oregon means a just relation between the fleople and the corporations—an equal sharing of the burdens of taxation and transportation and construction.

That is the purpose of the development organisations, and they are in earnest and sincere in the tellef that the way to develop is to develop, and not to talk about it several ways.

She Wanted to See.

From the Argonaut.

A woman cycled up to a butcher's shop and went in with a smilling face. "I want you to cut me off 28 pounds of beef, please." Twenty-five pounds? "Yes, please." It was a big job and when he had finished he asked her whether she would take it or have it sent home. "Oh, I don't want to buy it." has explained; "you see, my doctor tells me I have lost 25 pounds of flesh through cycling and I wanted to bee what it libeted like in a lump. Thank you see much."