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PROOFS FROM AN UNEXPECTED QUARTER.

WHEN the poor little sore-eyed Journal first wobbled into the local newspaper field, rather more than three years ago, and made its modest initial bow, there were few so poor as to do it reverence. It was regarded as another candidate which soon would be added to the long list of accumulated failures in the competitive field.

Aspirations and convictions of the largest clientele of people that any newspaper in Oregon may boast. From the beginning The Journal introduced innovations. One of the most manifest to the eye was colored supplements. Because of this it was ranked among the "yellow" press. The Oregonian loudly proclaimed, never, no never, would it descend to such low levels.

SMALL CHANGE ADVANTAGES OF POSTAL SERVICE

The curious thing is that Uncle Russell had so much cash not already drawing interest. The well men who scorn doctors and preachers generally change their tune when they become ill. Old 1905 gave us a good bath at the end.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Between \$75,000 and \$80,000 in cash has been paid out during the past 12 months by the Corvallis creamery for butter fat. The year which is about to close has been marked by phenomenal growth and progress in Corvallis, says the Globe.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Portland, Dec. 24.—To the Editor of The Journal—I should like to inquire as to the rights the tobacco user is entitled to, if there is any law—framed by God or man—that gives a man or woman the right to poison one half of the traveling public in order that the other half may puff and smoke, chew and spit, and buy the atmosphere until worn and habit reared for breath.

THE PLAY

It is a comedy worth seeing. It was written by Charles Fawcett. In earlier days it was called by the title of "Tragedy." Now it is known as "The Late Mr. Tomkins." The Belasco stock company produced it yesterday and as the final offering of that excellent organization the stage director could hardly have selected a better bill.

WOMEN HEADS OF FAMILIES.

LAW TEXTBOOKS on the marriage relation must be quite different from what they were a generation ago, or even less, and must need agenda or revision frequently, in order to set forth judicial decisions that until recently had no place in them.

THE PEOPLE'S OPPORTUNITY.

POLITICIANS have lately found that it is a dangerous thing to fool with the people. A few years ago they did nothing else. Except on the rarest occasions they did nothing but make the pretense of complying with the popular wish.

THE DREAMLAND BURLESQUE.

"The Dreamland Burlesque" introduced a lot of hilarity at the Baker yesterday that set two large audiences to laughing as soon as the curtain went up and kept them at it till the end of the performance.