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IDLE EXCUSES.

AILROAD officials intimate that they may not comply with Governor Chamberlain's nd for an annual report of the ess of the roads operating in state. Various objections are at forward, particularly the argunt that the law of 1885 is too vague its requirements and that it would e impossible for the railroads to now just what sort of a report they e expected to make.

To all such objections it seems ough to reply that for more than dozen years the railroads in Oregon id comply with the law and did file mual reports of their business. Not util 1898, when the railroad commison was abolished, did the railroads ontinue these reports. If they ould comply with the law ten years ago it is idle to pretend that they not do so now.

In demanding of the railroads that they resume the observance of the aw of 1885, Governor Chamberlain has taken a step of vast importance to the people of the state. For years Oregon has suffered from the lack of adequate transportation facilities. The progress of the state has been retarded and its people have groaned inder burdensome and excessive harges. Year after year there has en a shortage of cars and the evil has grown worse with each succeeding year. Vast areas of the state ave been undeveloped because the railroads refused to build branch lines to meet the needs of growing population and traffic.

Experience has shown that it is what the railroads are doing in Oregon, their earnings, their expenses, their profits, their rates and all the of 1885. When this information has been obtained, the people will be in a position to act intelligently.

THE STATE FAIR.

N 1860 the pioneers of the Oregon country came from distant Helena on the east, Astoria on the west, from northerly Puget sound and from Jacksonville on the south, to make a success of the first state fair at Salem. Many of these hardy and Clark exposition.

whole Oregon country; its scope has and criminals. contracted. It belongs to all the in the first place be especially adapt- wheat. Oregon people and merits their sup- ed to the required work. He must

state fair has done more for the sand. And even for such a man it stockrafsing, agricultural and horticul- is no easy job, if he does his work tural interests of Oregon than has well and is able to show satisfactory any other single influence. The fine results. But it had got so that aleffect of a healthy competition has most any patrolman and a lot of other reached every range and farm and people imagined they were cut out orchard in the state; has given us for detectives; it seemed to them that Newport and so along the Pacific's ing for work. better cattle, more cereals and world- it was an easy job, with "little to do shore nearly all the way. have learned at the fair at Salem has pears that such had really become won for them universal encomiums the case. The sifting process ought in international expositions; the merit to go opported that gained prizes in world-open compactent, honest and harman his government, without making concessions, beyond amnesty, to the insurgents, if Cuba is to have a gov-St. Louis and Portland had its first The city has simply been wasting and best encouragement at Salem.

The directors of the state board of tives, and a new deal was needed. agriculture promise a better fair this year than has ever been held in the of the future by the past, and put our on his journey to Nebraska, but will trust in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are ex-

proving the grounds; they have made etter arrangements than ever for the there is more room for the exhibits of all sorts, and they say the list of entries is better and greater than ever before.

The Journal believes in the state fair-believes in all fairs and expositions of this sort, because it believes that healthy competition brings out he best there is in one-and urges its readers to join the procession that will start for Salem on September 10.

ASTORIA'S WEEK.

HIS IS Astoria's week, and the people of all the state should ald in making it the success t deserves to be. The people of the fair city at the mouth of the Columbis have prepared a fine program of aquatic and land sports and entertainments for the pleasure of their guests, and all who find delight in yachting, who love dogs, and have joy in healthy outdoor amusements, will be on hand to swell the crowd and show our neighbors by the sea away are appreciated.

Astoria's regatta is one of the annual events to which the people of two great states look forward with growing interest. Portland's hearty metropolis of the northwest. support has gone out to the sport owers and their friends have found pleasure and profit in the trip to avored Astoria, whose location has made the growing city the ideal place for the regatta.

This year the committee in charge of the arrangements promises a program that will surpass any of the past; many of the big cities of the coast will be represented, and The ournal hopes the affair that begins omorrow will be a success, that the best yachtsmen and rowers will winand that they will be Portland's.

PENALTY MAY BE HEAVY.

NE CHICAGO grand jury has found ten indictments, including 6,428 counts, against the Standard Oil company, and if it should be convicted on all of them and the maximum penalty imposed the fines would amount to \$128,560,-000. And only a beginning has been made. Another grand jury is at work in Chicago, and prosecutions are beng carried on in Cleveland, Jamestown, New York, and elsewhere, so that if trial juries can be found that will convict and if judges will impose stiff penalties, and appellate courts will sustain the judgments, the people may come somewhere near getting opeless to expect voluntary relief even with the Standard Oil octopus from the railroads. The people must yet. But there are a good many "ifs" help themselves. And the first step in the way, and it is rather unlikely of clipping its tentacles has been other details enumerated in the law made, however, and there is at least some slight prospect that juries and courts will mete out someomeasure of punishment for its long and insolent violation and defiance of law and its audacious plundering of the

HE PUBLIC will generally apstate-builders have traveled a long force of the city, and has no doubt for what he can get for nothing comes road since that far-off day, but the that the reason he assigns for his in the way of a shock. enterprise dedicated then has lived action is well-founded. That the deand progressed and has grown tective squad as a whole has been greater and better every year; in the incompetent and practically worthless with the tariff on wheat, since that time that has stretched to nearly a for many months the record of crime cereal is so much lower than last half century of the fair's history there and of detection and arrest therefor year. Shouldn't the farmers demand has been but one interruption; that abundantly shows. And there is, to that the duty be increased. Of course says the magnet is her unfailing good was last fall, when the directors de- say the least, a strong suspicion that we export wheat and import none, nature. Here is a noteworthy hint cided to give their aid to the Lewis some of the detectives, whether in- except a little for seed, but if, as the for the girls who are drifting into The state fair 46 years ago was an honest work, were in fact to a cer- tects the farmer, surely higher duties exposition of the productivity of the tain extent in league with crooks ought to protect them more. We

have an aptitude for it, and this is It is not too much to say that the not possessed by one man in a thoupeating fruit. What our producers and plenty to get"; and indeed it ap-

a lot of money in employing detec-

Some of our esteemed contempo-

Portland's Commissioner of Commerce to Hawaii



people of the Peaceful Isles, and builds up trade between them and the

A Little Out of the Common

THINGS PRINTED TO READ WHILE YOU WAIT.

Over the Hills and Far Away. Since those we love and those we hate, With all things mean and all things great, Pass in a desperate disarray Over the hills and far away;

It must be, dear, that, late or soon, Out of the ken of the watching moon, We shall abscond with Yesterday Over the hills and far away.

What does it matter? As I deem, We shall but follow as brave a di As ever smiles a wanton May Over the hills and far awar.

We shall remember, and, in pride,
Fare forth fulfilled and satisfied,
Into the land of Ever-and-Aye,
Over the hills and far away.
—W. E. Henley.

Odd Notes. King Edward has never followed the example of Queen Victoria by writing books, but a biographer who is about to publish an account of his early life has succeeded in finding a drawing which the king made more than 50 years ago, as well as some of Queen Victoria's infantile efforts.

Mrs. Mabel Hill of Raymond, New Hampshire, has two pieces of old money—a \$1 bill issued by the Mechanics & Traders' bank of Portsmouth in 1851, and a \$5 bill of the Smithfield, Rhode Island, bank. The Smithfield, Rhode Island, bill is an especialy interesting curiosity. The face of the bill stated that "the president and directors of the Smithfield Union bank promises to pay D. Angell or bearer on demand five dollars." Then comes the date, August 23, 1806, and the signatures of E. Wilkin-King Edward has never followed the 1806, and the signatures of E. Wilkin-son, cashier, and Peley Arnold, presi-dent.

The first coins were struck in brass

Roman Numerals.

There is the best of authority for both methods of writing 1906 in Roman numerals. The ancient Romans would invariably have written MDCCCCVI, the M standing for 1,000, the D for 500, each C for 100 and VI for 6. When the other way of writing 1906 in Roman numerals way of writing 1906 in Roman numerals and the command the commander of the comman

feasting so freely and so long at the years old, in the senate till they die. prove the action of the mayor political pie counter that the sugges- but the people of that state at the in dismissing the detective tion that any one is willing to pay primaries Monday picked out their

There must be something wrong competent or not, were not doing protectionists claim, the tariff pro- old maidship, not diminished nor has its purpose To be a good detective a man must not been demanding a higher duty on nounced. Mr. Hearst wants to be

> choice of three railroad routes, part the patronage. of the way, to San Francisco-by way of Klamath Falls, by way of

surgents, if Cuba is to have a government that the rest of the world will be able to do so.

Probably when Teddy goes down What is the matter with Russia? be better than were seen at the Lewis announcement that Mr. Bryan will and assume an attitude of industry. did not see the assassination of a and Clark exposition. We can judge not accept the use of a private car They'd better.

middle ages. The explanation of it is as follows: An old rule in the writing of Roman numerals was that when a letter was placed before another of greater value the first was to be subtracted from the second. Hence in MCM for 1900, we have M equals 1,000; C subtracted from M equals 900, and the whole is equivalent to 1900.

A Japanese laundryman composed this advertisement: "Contrary to our opposite company, we will most clean-ly and carefuly wash our customers

An earnest citizen was making an impassioned attack on his city council. He said: "Let us go to the city council not like a lamb, but like he wolf, and take the buil by the horns."
"Cremation is good," wrote the little girl in the examination, "because the person might only be in a swoon, and if he is burned, he cannot recover."

Hogs Fortell Weather.

From the New York Press.

In the country you have no need of a better weather bureau than a drove of hogs. By their actions it is easy to tell the approach of a storm, a celd wave or a hot spell. When you see a sow going to her quarters to put her bed in order, picking up straw and leaves with which to render it comfortable, mark it down that a northeaster is coming and will continue for three or four days.

Sport Note.

From the Chicago News.

If all the batters in the National and American leagues were combined in one batter, and if this batter, at one stroke, hit the ball as far as all the batters in both, leagues hit it during the season, he would drive the ball 2,836 miles, 921 yards, or far enough to drive the ball from the home plate at Selma, Alabama,

Danish authorities have been adver-tising for "a reliable and sturdy exe-cutioneer." The late practitioner has retired because he can no longer wield DIFFERENT DETECTIVES ARE as MCM came into use is not known, the heavy ax. Good wages were of-

> successors. The legislature merely officially certifies to the people's choice.

A young woman who received 49 proposals of marriage frankly confesses that she is not beautiful. She

The issues in New York's guberwonder that the Salem Statesman has natorial campaign are plainly angovernor to drive out Jerome; Mr. Jerome wants the place to drive out Before very long there will be a Hearst, and Tammany needs it for

It is to be hoped that the detec-Coos bay and by the old route over tives whom Mayor Lane discharged the Siskiyous. And we doubt not for incompetency will have more sucthat before many years we can go to cess in their new undertaking than the Bay City via Seaside, Tillamook, they had in the old. They are look-

Though a rather novel and surpris-President Palma is right; he must ing notion, Mayor Lane's idea that naintain his government, without all city employes should fairly earn

thesis," has some of the characteriswill respect. And it looks as if he ties of the cat, apparently. It has come back.

orthwest; they say the displays will raries profess to feel surprise at the to Panama everybody will wake up The sun went down yesterday, and

A Little Nonsense

It Was the Second Cat.

From the Buffalo Times.

Mike and Pat worked for a wealthy farmer. They planned to turn burglars and steal the money which the farmer had hid in one of the recent of his house. They waited until midnight, then started to do the job.

In order to get the money they had to pass the farmer's bedroom. Mike says: "Til go first, and if it's all right you can follow and do just the same as I."

Mike started to pass the room. Just as he got opposite the door the floor creaked. This awoke the farmer, who called out: "Who's there?"

Mike answered with a "meow" (imitating a cat). The farmer's wife being awake, too, said: "Ch, John, it's the cat." And all was quiet.

Now Pat started to pass the door, and as he got opposite it the floor creaked again. The farmer called out again, louder than before: "Who's there?"

Pat answered: "Another cat."

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He Needed the Money.

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From Everybody's.

There is a story told about a famous New York surgeon. It runs that when the doctor was young in practice he had as a patient a certain Mr. Darlie of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, whom he treated successfully for a painful tumor on the neck. One day the doctor called on Mr. Darlie after a long interval, and despite the patient's assurance that his general health was greatly improved, the surgeon advised an immediate operation.

"But dinna ye tell me yoursel' an operation wasna necessary?" demanded the patient. "I'm feeling better than I ha'e two year gone, and wha' dy'e want to cut me up noc for?"

"Well," confessed the young surgeon with some embarrassment, "you see I need the money."

"Oh." said Mr. Darlie, much relieved, "if it's the siller ye're after, a richt! I was afeard ye war overanxious for the experience."

Demoralizing.

The old man on the postoffice steps was chewing his straw and frowning in high dudgeon.

"You seem in a bad humor, uncle?" ventured the starch drummer.

"Yaas, and, by heek, I ought to be," growled the old man, "This here town is going to the bow-wows."

"What is the cause of that?"

"Why, Bill Binks, our congressman. We sent him to congress to make the town better, and it was better while he was away. But as soon as he came home with all the things he learned in Washington the sewing socials turned to bridge whist parties, the checker clubs turned to poker clubs and, begosh, the spruce beer drinkers turned to cocktail drinkers. He's put the town to the bad, and the next time he goes away we are going to pay him extra to spend his loating months away from Bacon Ridge."

Let It Go at That.

Former Senator John M. Thurston of Nebraska, who was representing the defense in a recent trial in one of the state courts, arose the other day to reply to argument of counsel for the government on a point of law. In deliberate and impressive manner the attorney began a forceful presentation to the court Before he had fairly launched his counter attack, however, he was interrupted by the presiding justice, who said that he was about to decide the question in favor of Senator Thurston. "In that case," remarked Mr. Thurston, resuming his seat at once, "I will make no speech to the court for fear of changing your honor's opinion."

Theodore Biliroth, the eminent Vien-fiese surgeon, lecturing to his class in a medical school, said that a doctor needed two gifts—he must be free from any tendency toward nausea and he

must be a good observer.

He then poured a nauseous fluid into a glass, dipped one of his fingers into it and licked it off, whereupon he invited the students to follow his example. Without filinching, they did so. first test brilliantly. Not so the sec-ond, for none of you observed that I dipped my first finger into the glass, but licked the second"

Letters

Portland, Aug. 28.—Tu the Editor of The Journal—If Dhe Journal wishes tu comment on the president's recent order concerning fonetic speling, permit me tu offar a form that is really fonetic as far as our veri defective redundant alfabet wil permit: "Mr. Rozveit seems anxious tu become non as a reformer in other things besides politics. His vius on speling will have the hearty support of all his followers hu sign their names with an X." Dhis form is consistent and logical. Dhe mere mis-speling of a word does not of necessiti reprezent its fonetic elements. It is easy tu adapt allejd jods of the Silurian Age and hurl them agenst him hu wud introdius some order inter Inglish speling in place of the prezent anarchy. Yurs truli & foneticalli.

W. S. VARNUM.

Effect of Gulf Stream.

From the Boston Transcript.

If the gulf stream is what makes
England so warm and moist and green
and the gulf stream is moving up toward our New England coast a hundred
miles noarer than it has been, or only ward our New England coast a hundred miles noarer than it has been, or only 25 miles off Nantucket—why may we not become even more English than we have already been accused of being by members of less homogeneous communities of the United States? If the moist weather, both fair and foule that has made this summer peculiar and memorable, is due to the approach of the gulf stream, then sure enough we are in for that change of climate which some people are always on the lookout for, finding its symptoms in every phehomenal spell of cold or hot weather. We shall soon be turning up our trousers without waiting to hear it its raining in London, for it will be raining every day here, and a tight-rolled silk umbrella will be part of our regular apparel whene'er we take our walks abroad. But we couldn't well be more loyally fond than we are already of King Edward—unless perhaps he forthwith persuades the car to abdicate, as not knowing one side of the king business; if he does that we shall failed. not knowing one side of the king busi-ness; if he does that we shall fairly dote on him, and be almost ready to change "America" to "God Save the King," and give it back to him as fairly

in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise. They have pay his fare as other citizens are expanded in the promise in the prom

TIMELY TOPICS

SMALL CHANGE

The standpatters can't make the lesues for 1908 just what they would have them.

Three hundred words all at once; we don't want any job in the pur printer's office.

The poor tired vacationers are coming home numerously. They'll get rested up in a few days.

For our part, if every one of those monotonous crickets could be extermi-nated, we'd help do it.

It would be strange if in bestowing every other good thing on Oregon na-ture had omitted oil. Somebody'll strike

Some of those armies down in Cuba are said to consist of 250 or 200 men, but this is probably a gross exaggera-

But will there be any room for news and advertisements in the Pendleton Tribune after Brother Geer becomes ed-itor?

Going, going—the summer time; Later comes the dawn; Sooner the eve, with hint of rime; Going—ere long, gone!

Where'er you gase, the August h Fills all the atmosphere; It dims the hills, the dome it fills, And in it leaves turn sers.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS.

Another big sawmill is to be built at Brownsville.

Now the dirt is flying on the Umatilla Trout, salmon and several varieties of see fish at Marshfield.

Last Sunday Tygh was blessed with three sermons by three preachers. And it wasn't a very wicked settlement,

The dry counties will cause the Portland postoffice receipts to be greatly increased. The wholesale whiskey houses must keep the dry people posted, thinks the Brownsville Times.

A Pine Grove woman sent out an alarm that her beby was lost, and after a lot of searchers had hunted for it an hour or two it was found on a bed at home, asleep.

A Corvallis farmer says that his band of ewes sheared an average of eight pounds of wool which went at 25 cents, making 35 per head. The band averaged also a lamb to the ewe, and the lambs were sold at 25.65, a total of 25.65 per head, making his band of sheep by far the best investment on his farm.

The big Spaulding log drive from the McKensie, several miles long, now nearing the lower Willamette, is said to comprise 12,000,000 feet, being the biggest drive that ever passed down the river. Thirty-five men and a dozen horses are in the outfit, together with floating barns, bunk and cooking houses, tools and appliances.

Oakland Owl: The Skelley Lumber Oakland Owl: The Skelley Lamber company will build a spur from Drain to the mill, which is six miles, with other spurs reaching out into its immense body of timber. Later on the company may reach Coos bay through a cut in the mountains, making the distance only 60 miles from Drain to Marshfield. Now a railroad should be built from Oakland to the timber bolt on the upper Calappools.

A man claiming to be Adam is on the way to the coast with a band of followers, in search of the garden of Eden. He is headed in the right direction, yet he may run up against the police.

We believe that a man who dies after having willed his property to his wife on condition that she shall not marry again is not fit to go to any sort of heaven fit for a decent man to exist in.

Hood River is the banner telephone city of its size on the coast, says the city of its size on the coast

Nooks and Corners of History

NEW YORK'S INDIAN WAR.

By Rev. Thomas B. Gregory. ores in American history followed, one the year 1642 the Dutch governor at Pavonis, the other at Corlears Hook. 'Midst his other resolutions Kieft de-termined to lay a tribute of furs and

termined to lay a tribute of furs and wampum on the Indians "for protecting them from their enemies."

This, of course, only served to excite the contempt and indignation of the red men, who knew very well that they received no protection from Fort Amsterdam, and to Governor Kieft they sent the following reply:

"The sachem must be a pretty mean fellow. He came to live among us without being invited, and now he wants us to supply him with corn for nothing!"

While Kieft was chaffing over this fair and sensible answer to his attempt at laying tribute alpon the red men, a party of rescally foutchmen landed on Staten island and stole some hogs from De Vries, and, to add to their rascality, laid the blame of the thievery upon the Indians.

Old Kieft at once fell upon the innocent natives with fire and sword and the natives, being human, retaliated by burning barns and killing white men.

The bloodthirsty, governor was for instant war, but before issuing his order for the bloody business he called a meeting of the leading citizens. The council met in the fort August 25, 1641, being the first public assembly ever convened on the island of Mianhattan.

The vote of the assembly was against war, but war the stubborn old governor would have, and did have.

His bloody resolution was suddenly matured by the following incident: A Dutch trader made an Indian drunk and stole from him a dress of beaver skins. When the Indian got sober he shot a couple of white men to get even with the paleface who had wronged him.

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ter. Two of the most disgraceful m

The Prize Medford Garden.

From the Medford Mail to, even on land considered to the bridge some day and take a lat T. P. Kahler's garden. You w

Justly enraged at this inhuman treatment of their brethren, the Long Island Indians joined with the river tribes and declared open war against the whites. In a little while it looked had for New Amsterdam. The retribution was quick and terrible. Wherever a white man showed himself outside the stockade he was shot and scalped. Cattle were driven off. Houses were burned. Women and children were captured and killed or carried into captivity.

New Amsterdam was in despair, and it looked one time as though they would be obliged to quit the fort and go back to the old country.

Kieft begged for peace. The Indians scorned his stipulations and the havos continued.

tled near by them, the New Amsterdam burghers were able to turn the tide in their favor.

Under the command of Cook and Un-derhill, the Englishmen and Dutchmen so completely turned the tables that in a short time over 1,000 Indians were siain. At Maspeth, at Hempstead, at Strickland's Plain, near Greenwich, the natives were massacred in windrows, the women and children being driven into the huts and burned alive.

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The "victory" at Strickland's Plain, where over 600 of the children of the forest perished by fire and sword, practically ended the war, and on a beautiful April day of the year 1644 the surviving chiefs of the Long Island and river tribes appeared at the fort and sued for peace.

A little later all the sachems of the hostile tribes assembled on the Bow-

hostile tribes assembled on the Bow-ling Green and, after smoking the pipe of peace, swore that they would never again make war against the palefaces.

else, but the tomate vines are hanging full of the biggest kind of fruit. No melons are visible, but if you part the vines you will see melone lying as thick as they can on the ground and great, big fellows, too. He has the old-fash-ioned, rellow Yankee pumpkin as big a a bushel basket and Hubbard and other squashes that would cake a prize at