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I wish that more of us had the courage to be poor; that the world had not gone mad after fashion and display; but so it is, and the blessings we might have are lost in the effort to get those which lie outside the possible.

STRUGGLE WILL BE DESPERATE

INCH BY INCH, every effort by the state to control the railroads will be desperately contested. No ground will be yielded by Mr. Harriman and his agents until after a stubborn resistance.

The best thought in the country favors a commission appointive by the executive. So do those who, from desire for efficient regulation, have given the subject exhaustive investigation.

Of course, an elective commission will be favored by many who are entirely sincere and honest, but in the main they have examined the subject but superficially.

NEW BUILDING FOR INSANE. THE recommendation for a new building for the insane at Salem challenges attention.

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state college at Corvallis, the state normal at Monmouth, the state experiment station at Union, the state soldiers' home at Roseburg, and state-supported normal schools at Ashland, Drain and Weston.

All this means that the same constitutional provision that wisely or unwisely has suffered these institutions, one by one, to be located at places distant from the capital, forbids an eastern Oregon asylum.

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The Japanese Not Mongolians

From the Los Angeles News. While the Merchants and Manufacturers' association of this city evinces a commendable desire to get an expression from the people in regard to the proposed admission of Japanese to rights of citizenship, we must again direct attention to the ethnological error displayed in referring to the Japanese as Mongolians.

Bryce and English Humorists

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Diamonds Among Pebbles

From Praters' Ink, New York. One of the advertising journals that has not yet changed from a weekly to a monthly, in a review of the new book, "Newspapers Worth Counting," expressed surprise that out of a total of 33,334 newspapers and periodicals issued of which over 18,000 willfully admit that their regular issues are less than 1,000 copies, only 1,498 of the remaining 15,334 newspapers and periodicals trouble to furnish the editor of Rowell's American Newspaper Directory with definite information as to the number of copies they issue.

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BIRDSEYE VIEWS OF TIMELY TOPICS

SMALL CHANGE.

Forty days are as good as more. Charter-making should be left to the courts. It was the coldest since it was colder the last time.

Mr. Bryan no doubt told the cold truth up the country. The president thinks that Foraker has raised the black flag.

Did Bryan bring the cold wave west with him from Nebraska? At last the opportunity came to ask, "Is it cold enough for you?"

Will the legislature play politics instead of serving the people? Experience has shown that a coyote scalp bounty law scolds the taxpayers.

An Idaho man named Klock stole a horse, but the sheriff stopped the Klock. Now, eating raw vegetables has been adjudged a ground for divorce. Onions, perhaps.

The Car is said to admire Roosevelt. No doubt, but does the president admire the Car?

Bryan had a cold reception up in eastern Washington and Idaho. But not from the people. No kind of weather suits everybody, and the worst kind in the estimation of most suits some.

Did you observe, Mr. President, that the governor of Oregon is quite a message-writer himself? Roosevelt to Bryce: "Ah, de-lighted; you wrote 'The American Commonwealth'; here it is, I am it."

In Lacrosse, Wisconsin, people have adopted the motto, "No seat, no fare." But here they only say "no fair."

A scientist predicts that the future man will be legless. Perhaps it will be his ears, then, that will be pulled.

People in Africa have what is called the sleeping sickness. Some people in Oregon have it, too, but not so many as formerly.

A good many pipe drains, it is alleged, are built up-hill, that is, so that the water, instead of running off, will stand in them so that—well, ask the plumber.

Senator Dubois says he is one of the senators who have to live on their salaries, which are not enough. But his will make no difference to him after March 3.

The ministers of Nashville have resolved that "Romeo and Juliet" is immoral. Now, it is the actors' turn to express their opinion of the "Song of Solomon."

Letters From the People on Topics of Current Interest

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A Silent Worker of Wonders. One of the marvels produced by modern inventive genius, which has been known as such by name for some time, and about which much popular misconception exists, is the steam turbine engine.

January 16 in History. 1794—Edward Gibbon, historian, died. 1809—Sir John Moore killed at the battle of Corunna.

1815—Lady Hamilton, Nelson's "guardian angel" died in poverty in Calais. Alexander J. Dallas, father of "United States Bank," died. Born 1759.

1845—Admiral Charles D. Sigbee, commander of the ill-fated Maine, born. 1862—Two hundred buried alive in Hartley colliery disaster.

1890—Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott installed as pastor of Plymouth church, Brooklyn. 1893—Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii deposed by revolutionists.

1900—United States senate ratified Samoan treaty with Germany. Forbes-Robertson's Birthday. Johnston Forbes-Robertson, actor, now touring America, was born in London, January 16, 1853, was educated in France, and took up painting and was admitted as a student at the Royal Academy in London.

The Annual Bath. The Tibetan is not fond of water. As a matter of fact he takes a tub only once a year, for preference in the months of June and July. The tub consists of a large tree hollowed out in the middle, the ends being bound with iron bands. It is public and a permanent fixture, being placed by the side of a river from which water is got.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS.

Enterprise is growing rapidly. Bay City subscribed \$500 for the railroad. Coos county's records show few criminals.

Nearly five inches of rain fell in 24 hours at Bandon. Deposits in the Aurora bank amount to nearly \$100,000.

A \$25,000 irrigating plant is being installed at Blilock. The Jefferson council is preparing to get a water plant.

Many intending settlers inquiring about Malheur valley. Another schooner is to be built for the Coquille-San Francisco trade.

Baker county timber lands are being eagerly sought for by eastern capital. The Bandon Recorder gave a woman's hat as a prize. Let the winner change it.

A replevin case over a cayuse occupied the justice's court in Mitchell nearly a week. Mosier is divided as to county division, or if the county is divided whether to stay in Wasco or go into "Caucado."

The Port Orford Tribune warns people against reckless timber cruisers operating in Curry county who give false descriptions, as good timber claims are now few.

In consequence of the rains, a house near Prosper, with a family in it, slid 60 feet down a hill and stopped at an angle of 45 degrees near a river bank. Nobody hurt.

A large buck deer attacked a man near Glendale, but was driven off by a pitchfork, reports the News, but why the man happened to have a pitchfork is not disclosed.

The famous Wounded Buck, in Josephine, and the Forest Creek, Blossom and No Name mines of Jackson county have all been merged under a new \$2,000,000 company.

Vale Orario: Joe Neal is a scovier. He rides in a covered wagon. He stays a few days in a place and moves on. He is going to Mexico, if he ever gets there. He is in Vale this week. He didn't smoke the greater Hood River and valley every time. And this very fact has been largely responsible for the splendid advertising Hood River has received throughout the country.

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