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of the Journal, September 1, 1906.

A more glorious victory

cannot be gained over

another than this, that when

the injury began on his

part, the kindness should be

gone on ours.—Tillotson.

PORTLAND AND AN OPEN WIL-

LAMETTE

IT IS a safe guess that the mem-

bers of the Multnomah delega-

tion are not opposed to the Wil-

lamette locks project, local news-

paper statements to the contrary

notwithstanding. An original fac-

tor in the building of Portland was

the Willamette region. The time

was when that region was practically

all Oregon. It was the trade and

barter with the settlements of the

great valley that started Portland on

her career of growth. It was a

commerce that for 30 years was car-

ried on almost entirely by means of

steamboats on the Willamette river.

It was the presence of this commerce

and the agency of the river therein

that led the state to appropriate

\$200,000 toward construction of the

locks, an appropriation that carried

with it the right of subsequent pur-

chase, which right was, through the

connivance of private interests in the

legislature, allowed to lapse.

The Willamette region still is an

enormous factor in the commerce of

Portland as business men in this city

will testify. That valley, as all

know, is but a fraction of what it

is yet to be. The application of in-

tenescent methods in agriculture and

SAVE THE COMMISSION

IT WILL be unfortunate if, as re-

ported, an attempt be made at

the coming session to meddle

with the Oregon railroad commis-

sion law. It is known that the

commission has enemies who would

like to assassinate it. That they

could succeed in doing so in an open

fight seems impossible. The danger

is that the work might be accom-

plished in secret. Secrecy and silence

are agencies always invoked when

public rights are to be invaded.

control will be more and more

marked. Government ownership will

not come by a sudden or immediate

act. If it ever comes at all it will

be through a process of economic

evolution in which the railroad com-

mission is the beginning, and the

decisions of courts and statutory

legislation with a growing power for

the public, the process, by which

ultimate consummation will be

reached. A long period of years

may intervene. Ultimate public

Bennett would better abandon this

line of argument and stick to the

motto: Hurrah for party; d—n the

people. It is estimated that 99 per

cent of the power or energy of all

the streams of this country is going

to waste. And most of that utilized

is in the hands of corporations that

pay nothing for it. Here is a great

opportunity for the people to add

to their comfort, wealth and hap-

piness. Nature has done her part.

It is said that in England 700,000

people are suffering for the barest

necessaries of life. And at the same

time a few hundreds of men own

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Now comes the final rush.

No weather can be had enough to

stop 'em.

Venezuela is finding it a hard job to

'beat the Dutch.'

Uncle Joe would like to freeze up the

waterway project.

What a fine, valuable present a dozen

fresh eggs would be.

'Principles' and 'traditions' have

been fallen back on again.

Arguments of lawyers on trivial

technicalities should be cut short.

Now Mr. Harriman doubtless has

great respect for the supreme court.

The Cleopatra of romance may have

to go, but we have Salome—and others.

Castro took a serious way to abdic-

ate, if that is what he intended to do.

It isn't everybody who can get a fat

job over a year in advance, like Roose-

velt.

'New light on Brownsville' says an

exchange. A sort of dark light, as it

was.

Children are the true optimists; they

will be happy even if there is no ice

or snow.

The Haytian navy consists of one

little sloop, heavily armed with a

mortgage.

If you can think of nothing else for

yourself, people of course cash will

rarely be refused.

How would it do to have a country's

instead of a Wall street's secretary of

the treasury for once?

It is said that Roosevelt will not

speak softly to congress, but he will

not drop his big stick.

Now will those people who said no

criminal could be captured in this city

or county take it back?

It would probably not be strictly

original to remark that a useful Chris-

mas present is the best.

We shall not know whether Castro

is really a great man until we learn

how much money he carried away with

him.

Now Brother Charles wants his re-

ward for those big contributions. They

were not all on Brother Bill's account,

after all.

Governor Hughes has appointed a

commission to investigate Wall street.

The members would better leave their

pocketbooks at home.

There seems to be no help for larger

and still larger biennial appropriations.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS.

A Nehalem ranch sold for \$32,000.

From two to ten degrees below zero

late in Willamette county.

Magnouth has a cannery, a creamery

and a fruit evaporator ready to handle

the products of the orchard and dairy,

and the garden and berry farm and back

on hills there is as good fruit land as

can be found in the state, says the

Herald.

La Grande Observer: There is no

question but what 10,000 acres on the

south side of the river can be secured

for the irrigation project. This will

extend to Catherine creek and will mean

the subdivision of these present large

holdings and will be no small factor in

securing an electric line across the

valley.

One evening lately the Methodist

brethren of Corvallis held a church

meeting for the purpose of raising

\$2500 to clear off a debt of some years

standing. Only a very small proportion

of the membership was present but a

total of \$1500 was subscribed and Pas-

tor left in content that the remainder

will be raised without serious diffi-

culty.

All things come to the town that

goes after them, says the East Ore-

gonian. Among the things Pendleton

has set its heart upon are: a new

woolen mill, a properly equipped pub-

lic library, a remodeled Commercial as-

sociation, a gravity water system, branch

asylum and the improvement of the old

cemetery.

The year 1909 promises to be the big-

gest building year in Medford's his-

tory. Plans are under way for a score

of business blocks and the city will

present, although a different appear-

ance by another Christmas. Old build-

ings are to be torn down and new fronts

placed in many other stores, while the

improvements will be extended in every

direction.

A Crook county man has a small flock

of sheep on his place, and says that they

have not cost him a cent for feed this

year from about April 1 to December

15. They were allowed to range in the

vicinity of the farm, and secured their

living from the bunch grass and the

tender grass. They browse quite a little

on the tender shoots of certain varieties

of sagebrush and grow fat.

Turkeys in this vicinity are a splen-

did product of the region. Oaking is

The REAL FEMININE

ABOUT Sending the Present.

Most women the difficulties at-

tending the wrapping and tying

and mailing of packages at Christ-

mas time is more arduous than

all the rest of the preparation it

has cost. Most of us have had little

practice in the wrapping of articles;

the strings tangle up, when we get them

they are too loose, the ends of the

paper curl up and it is with sore mis-

givings that we finally release the

whole in the postoffice mailing window

and realize that it has become inevi-

table. We are nearly always in a

hurry and the wrappings will work off

and the address get lost before it gets

to its destination. And truth to tell

it is not wise to send wet flowers in a

postoffice box through the mail—

that is what some people do. A

box of books quite substantial when

they are wrapped in paper is not any-

thing but a durable substance. If

you think of sending roses from your

own garden, you will surely wrap them

up, lay them in damp cotton, or at

least the ends of the stems should have

some wax or vasoline applied to the

paper and the ends of the stems should

be wrapped in heavy wrapping

paper and its with stout cord. Chrys-

anthem, geranium, carnation, pansy,

and other flowers, can be beautifully

revived by cutting the stems and putting

them in water until the water is cold, and the flowers will

be fresh and pretty.

If you are sending a cup and saucer,

or any other thing that is made of

china or glass, be sure that each piece is well wrapped in

newspaper with layers of paper between.

When you wrap up a box of

paper or excelsior, and place all in a

wooden box. Write the name and ad-

dress plainly on the outside of the

wrapping paper which has the address

on each side, so that no matter which

way it comes the address can be

plainly seen.

The manner in which a package is

wrapped has much to do with its pre-

servation. White tissue paper, Christmas

seals and baby ribbon with neat little

cards of asking or sharing the sim-

ilar agent "Merry Christmas" are

cheap as cheap can be, and there is no

excusing haste and the neglect of these

little niceties in doing up your gifts.

Rumpled paper and string instead of

neat tissue paper and ribbon are inex-

THE REASON

why Senator

Bourne rather than old time

leaders has been able to domi-

inate in the postmastership of

Portland is very plain. The old

leaders with their organ have re-

sisted the will of the Republican

masses. They have attempted and

are attempting to compel those

TWO CHICAGO ALDERMEN

whose