

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF



The REAL FEMININE. Overcoming Defects. THE woman who has grown up without the best educational advantages...

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Methodists will build a \$10,000 stone church in Joseph. A salmon caught in Astoria harbor weighed 84 pounds. Road improvements in Douglas county are improving finely.

SMALL CHANGE

They're all running about the same, apparently. The grocers should stay over next week of course. The Aldrich bill may make the Dingley bill a popular memory.

The Bridge of Life

From the Vision of Mirzali, by Addison. "Mirzali," said he, "cast thy eyes seaward, and tell me what thou seest."

THE PROPOSED NEW CHARTER

IT IS PROBABLE that Portland would do well to adopt the new charter. There are few persons in Portland who will not confess that there are incurable weaknesses in the present system.

TAKING THE UNEARNED VALUE

TWENTY per cent of the increase in the value of land is hereafter to be taken for public purposes by the British government. This form of taxation is of course based on the theory that population makes the increase, and that all the increased land value does not belong to the owner, but in part, to all the people.

It is improbable that Portland could worst herself by the proposed change. There is reason to believe that in many respects her system would be bettered. The principle of the new charter is exactly the same as that applied in their affairs by great industrial, commercial or other establishments.

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THE EXCISE AMENDMENT

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NEW THEATRE NEEDED

NOW that the Heilig theatre has been closed, as it appears for good and all, and the Orpheum is to be devoted indefinitely to vaudeville, the question of another and a first class, commodious playhouse for Portland becomes one not only of wide interest but of real importance.

About the Journal.

From the Echo Register. The Portland Journal has its face to the future, and its heart filled with hope. It is not a knocker, a malcontent with liberty and progress, nor does it observe some with acrimony and conflict with Latin quotations.

Settarian Teachers.

We want to go on record as being diametrically opposed to following graduates of sectarian schools to teach in the public schools of this state. In the first place they are, as a rule, prejudiced in favor of their particular religious denomination and narrow in their views.

Otis Skinner's Birthday.

Otis Skinner, the well known actor, was born in Cambridge, Mass., June 2, 1858, the son of Rev. Charles Skinner, a noted Universalist minister. In 1879 he made his first appearance as an actor in the stock company at Wood's museum in Philadelphia.

This Date in History.

1541—Richard Bellingham chosen colonial governor of Massachusetts. 1781—The British evacuated the city of York and retreated to the north bank of the York River.

FAMOUS GEMS OF PROSE

"The Glory of Massachusetts"—By Frederick T. Greenhalge

(Closing paragraphs of the governor's address to the legislature, January 4, 1894.) Gentlemen: Among the commonwealths of the earth we believe that Massachusetts is the masterpiece of Grecian architecture, 2600 years ago may well be applied to Massachusetts now.

Life vs. Mortality

From the American Life Magazine. National efficiency depends partly on natural resources, partly on the integrity of social institutions, partly on human vitality, and is a reaction against the old fatalistic creed that death is inevitable over at a constant rate.

Letters From the People

Letters to The Journal should be written on one side of the paper only and should be accompanied by the name and address of the writer. The name will be published unless the writer asks that it be withheld.

Munly the Strongest Man.

Portland, Or., June 1.—To the Editor of The Journal—Democrats, are we going to be played for suckers again? Rev. Broughton, the Republican political preacher, who hoped for Mr. Albee in a sermon (3) said he was advised that Judge Munly would not get over 1500 votes.

A Great Fact.

From the Spokane Spokesman-Review. The nation has not yet grasped it, but irrigation is the greatest fact now before the country. It is not only possible but wholly practicable to take a tract of desert land, apply water by irrigation and make every acre of it more productive than the most fertile acre of England, Germany or France.

Health Food

(Continued from The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kansas poet.) His problem was a red, raw, nature of this condition (The Daily Journal). The doctor is sure that my health is poor, he says that I waste away; so bring me a can of the shredded brain, and a bale of the toasted hay; O feed me on rice and denatured lye, and the next time the doctor, and a bowl of soup from the doctor's shop, and ladle it deep with spoons! I will have to feed on the Jimson weed, and the grass that the cows may leave, for the doctor's sure that my health is poor, and I know that he'd not deceive.

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