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USE OREGON MATERIALS

AS FAR as possible the Multnomah court house ought to be constructed of Oregon material. This manifest truth is probably recognized by the county authorities.

Such a building, reflecting such a thought, is a first consideration in the erection of any public edifice. It is a guide board that is always among the first to fall under the visitor's inspection.

THE RESULT

THREE thousand one hundred and fifty accredited delegates attended the late rivers and harbors convention at Washington. This was in addition to the hundreds who were present without credentials.

VERY STALE CLAPTRAP

OKLAHOMA has two Republican representatives out of five in congress, and they are specimens of claptrap mouthing partisans that any state should be ashamed to elect to congress in these times of increasing enlightenment and political sincerity.

Such a declaration by such a body commands respect. It was the united expression of able and distinguished men of affairs.

men and senators of the United States were there. It has back of it the fundamental thesis that transportation is the heart of development.

INQUIRY INTO HIGHER PRICES

WOMEN of Washington, D. C., have started an investigation to determine whether the constant and persistent increase in the prices of necessities and consequently in the cost of living is due to natural or artificial causes, and if to both, in what proportion.

It is a big, important question; not for the rich woman to whom a few extra dollars a week or even a day are nothing to take a second thought about, but to multitudes of wives of wage earners and of men of small incomes generally, and widows and even single women whose earnings are small.

THE COUNTRY is exceedingly prosperous. It is said, and there is manifestly a good deal of truth in the assertion. Agricultural producers are prosperous, and this spells prosperity for many others.

THE BUILDING OF THE Lovett railroad up the Deschutes into central Oregon is assigned as one if not the chief reason for further improvement and probably the double tracking of the O. R. & N. line between Portland and Deschutes, which will put this road into a far better condition to take care of its great and increasing traffic.

rain and soil, from Mother Nature, through the Almighty himself, and bestow it all upon the robber Aldrich-Payne tariff. They would have farmers believe that this outrageous tariff law puts fertility in the soil, moisture in the clouds, motion in the atmosphere, heat in the sun and beneficence and bounty in the hand of God.

THE APPLE falls, for reasons. Water never runs up hill, also for reasons. The selection of Portland for a distributing center for the northwest is harmony with natural laws.

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state, yet the law is enforced there, three hotelkeepers who violated it being recently fined \$100 each, and suffering a revocation of their licenses besides.

Ruskin said that "poverty plus education meant revolution." The American people are not poor, but if a few men keep piling up billions while the coat of living but not wages keeps on increasing, the revolution will come, some day.

THEN HE WENT SADLY HOMEWARD. "If I were Santa Claus," he said, "I know what I would do. I would wrap up the world in mistletoe and give it all to you."

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, in plain, legible handwriting, and should be so addressed that it can be returned if not used.

CITIZEN INSPECTS FIREHOUSES. Portland, Or., Dec. 17.—To the Editor of The Journal—I have been reading for some time articles in your valuable paper about conditions of our firehouses, and I am glad to see that you are taking an interest in the matter.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

There seems to be no turkey excitement as yet.

For the first time since he was a baby Leopold is good.

Captain Loops appears to have a tongue that fits his name.

Almost everybody can help a little in the war against tuberculosis.

There are people who will want to shop early Christmas morning.

Granting licenses to disreputable dive keepers makes votes for prohibition.

These are gloriously prosperous days for the trusts, barring an occasional fine.

Zelaya, unlike Castro, doesn't pretend that Uncle Sam couldn't lick him, if he tried.

There are a few times when Mr. J. J. Hill is not in a mood to talk to the public.

Well to do people who don't remember the poor on Christmas don't deserve to enjoy themselves.

For two model school "gentlemen," according to Chief Cox, behold Tony Arnold and R. F. Arnold.

"Give prosperity a clear road," says Taft. Insert after "prosperity" the phrase, "for the trusts."

A fashion journal says hips are coming into style again. And will be built to an extreme, we suppose.

It is only their money that makes the Browns more interesting in a divorce case than any other couple.

A New York woman has had 20 children in 20 years. Her husband probably needs a raise in his wages.

The new king of Belgium is pretty certain to be an improvement upon Leopold, except in matters of money.

Nobody but corporation lawyers need apply for important positions under this administration.

Notwithstanding Marie Corelli's complaints to American women, we still retain our good opinion of them.

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The coldest place the other day was Devil's Lake, N. D. No wonder he wants a place to cool off sometimes.

Zelaya—if he can get away—should be happy to go right to the front, his job, and has millions to enjoy himself with.

If Adam could have raised apples on the outside of Eden's gate like those raised in Oregon, he needn't have kicked much.

If the Conservatives had had an Uncle Joe for head of the house of commons, that troublesome budget would never have passed.

Dr. Cook's money was nearly if not quite all gone a month or so ago. This is proved by Lawyer Wack's retirement as Cook's attorney.

Gertrude Atherton describes Chicago as "bloomy, ugly, frightful, dirty, money making, and it is practically nothing yet but an open barn. When these things must serve at a hard fought fire they must return to a cold house, without hot water for a bath, when they are cold, wet and dirty. If these repairs can be made, they could not have been done long ago."

King Edward is a shrewd old gentleman. It is said that he daily sends a favor to the dinner service, and upon the dinner service, may serve as a valuable tip to husbands whose wives have to be cooks.

Object to the Assembly. From the Woodburn Independent. An exchange, which has always been in sympathy with the old methods of bossism, wonders why there is so much fuss made regarding the proposed assembly, and declares that the nominees of the assembly will be elected.

Good Service Unrewarded. From the Newberg Graphic. Henry McGinn was not far wrong when he said in that speech that little attempt was ever made in Portland to put a stop to gambling and the attendant evils, until there were some Democratic officials elected. The first man to do any effectual work in cleaning up Portland was Tom Worp when elected sheriff of Multnomah county, and although every barrier possible was put in his way, he enforced the law effectively, that the gamblers and toughs generally were forced to the wall, and a Republican sheriff would hardly dare to let things drift back into the old ways.

Plan of Machine Politicians. From the Coos Bay Times. The times is first, last and all times unalterably opposed to any tampering with the constitution of the direct primary, and any proposition to do a thing, however disguised plan of the Portland machine.

Deposited in the family vault at Mount Vernon. 1848—Roger Ailes, governor of North Dakota 1856-67, born in Bradwood, England. 1862—Lextington, Ky. was taken by the Confederates. 1870—Thomas Paine, who was one of the first to engage in the development of railroads in Georgia, died in Savannah, Ga. 1878—New Jersey ratified the constitution of the United States. 1885—Three Chinese boats sailed with ballast of \$2,000,000.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Ground in Morrow county is soaked deeper than for many years.

Eugene and Salem are going to do more boasting next year than they did this year.

The Bandon school district has 420 school children, about 100 more than a year ago.

Recent severe weather did not interfere much with railroad building in central Oregon.

Couville Sentinel has bought a new modern press, and will enlarge and improve itself.

In Aurora an amended charter making for progress carried with only one vote in the negative.

Seaside wants a tub and barrel factory and other wood working industries that would save the city.

The Bandon veneer factory, that threatened to move away for lack of a suitable site, will remain.

A 200 horse and a 100 pony were shot by some miscreant near Couville so that they will probably die.

A Gold Hill man says his initials, O. S., stand for "Old Style," but he may not be in favor of the assembly.

An Albany young man has a business card that shows an increase of 44,589,287, or 53.9 per cent. The percentage increase in Harney county was 148.3 and for the whole state 18.148.

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The KRAM FEMININE

Pads and Pansions. NEW YORK, DEC. 15.—The most striking characteristics of the winter fashions in the splendid and exquisite beauty of the materials used. The most gorgeous silks, velvets, woollens, broadens, gold and silver fabrics, gauze and fur enter into the new making of costumes for gala occasions and even ordinary costumes are made of rich materials than in former seasons.

There will be many short evening frocks made this winter, and, curiously enough, while such frocks are becoming shorter, evening cloaks are growing in length so that, when the skirts are short, it will simply disappear under the cloak.

There are two models to choose from in the Russian blouse, the genuine blouse, full, rather shapeless and belted closely to the waist, and the short type, the upper part of which fits closely to the figure, except for the slight blouse above the tight fitting girdle, and is finished by a close fitting long or medium length coat skirt. The second type is the Russian blouse, which is apparently slowly but surely advancing.

Of course the point of real vitality in the short coats and Russian blouse effects is the basque motif, which is apparently slowly but surely advancing. This is to be expected after the long period of suppressed hips the world of fashion has been suffering through.

Two furs in combination are the fad just now and very handsome effects are obtained by bordering a short-haired pel with one that has long, fluffy fur. Sealskin and mink is a particularly fashionable combination and some of the most elegant coats that come from the hands of the French furriers are of sealskin with deep lapels, collar and cuffs of skunk. Broadtail and skunk are also very smart, and indeed, skunk is used in everything in Paris now, many of the children's frocks are being trimmed with narrow border bands of this fur. Ermine and white fox is another fashionable fur combination, but exceedingly expensive. The unspotted or tailless ermine is the particular fancy of the moment.

All the foxes are exceedingly smart, and real fox is as high in price as the most fastidious could wish. Lynx is as fashionable as ever, but this pelt grows more costly as the lynx becomes rarer and harder to trap. Lynx fur, moreover, is very perishable. Sable is another perishable fur, but its beauty and its rarity will always keep it at the head of the list of brown pelts. Only a very rich woman can afford sable, but for trimming purposes the hardy skunk makes a good substitute, and if a brown fur is desired, one may select fisher, the new fashionable brown pel. Fisher is very soft and velvety in texture and the fur is heavily shaded from deep brown near the skin to a tawny yellow on the tips of the hairs. All the brown furs are promised a renewed favor and the famous Paris dressmakers are bringing out most beautiful wraps and costumes of brown and white with border trimmings of skunk and other brown furs.

One of the Paris designers has introduced a long floral mousseline scarf for evening wear which is very popular. It is broad and has a long trailing design of flowers running the entire length. Each flower is applied upon the mousseline, while the pale green leaves are embroidered in silk.

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