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AND NO MORE.

Napoleon Davis, police commissioner and dictator for the mayor of Portland, resents the insinuations that the police commissioners were "collecting \$2000 a month from the gamblers and others," and indignantly says: "I want to say that this is an infamous falsehood." Of course as to that this journal is not informed, and cannot therefore speak; but it notes that Mr. Davis' denial is to the \$2000. This does not deny some (other smaller sum, say \$1,950. The oversight might have been caused by the sudden burst of indignation, which set the lava flow of speech rolling out of Mr. Davis' mouth, but it leaves the denial unsatisfactory just the same.

Then there is another little thing. When Mr. Davis had cooled slightly, he said in a fitting peroration: "I move that Mr. Myers be paid just what is coming to him, and no more." Now this leaves the inference that had Mr. Myers not stirred the deeps of Mr. Davis' wrath, that gentleman, as police commissioner, would have paid Mr. Myers more than "just what was coming to him and no more." Commissioners Reily and Watt heartily applauded this sentiment, the secretary figured up "just what was coming to Mr. Myers, and no more," which was \$30, and that sum was paid him.

Mr. Davis may be correct in all of his assertions, but there is an uncertainty, a vagueness, an indefiniteness of expression in his denying specific amounts that leaves in the minds of the weary taxpayers an unexpressed, and not fully formed, yearning, for something more specific. As Mr. Davis is an attorney, he would probably express the idea by saying it was "immaterial, irrelevant and incompetent, and did not state facts sufficient to constitute a defense. The court will give judgment on the pleadings."

Tomorrow the Oregonian promises the public its long-expected mining edition. We sincerely hope that the paper has covered the field as well as it usually does, and that the edition will be all that is claimed for it. Mining in Oregon is only in its infancy, or at least that is true of quartz mining, and unfortunately Portland capital is not taking a proper interest in this great industry. There is hardly a paying quartz mine in Eastern Oregon but is owned by eastern people, unless, like the Bonanza, it is owned by people who discovered or fell heir to the claims. Baker and Grant counties are in the near future to become magnificent gold producers, and the Oregonian will have accomplished a good work if it induces Portland capital to seek investment in their mines.

The trial of the Competitor crew has again been postponed, and that indefinitely. It is an outrage on American citizens that should cause the administration to read the riot act to Spain. Those men, many of whom are American citizens, have been confined in a Spanish dungeon for a year, and no effort has been made to force the Spaniards to give them a trial. The suggestion is natural that the Monterey and Monadnock would be more useful just now in front of Moro castle than in Portland.

The New York Journal, commenting on Debs' anarchistic speech, very correctly intimates that Mr. Debs is in no danger from Federal troops, that his idea of gathering 300,000 people into a socialistic scheme will result in troubles coming from members of his community, not from out-

siders, and closes its comment with the suggestive statement that "Kaweah, Altruria and Topolobampo were not suppressed by troops."

In Ohio the political battle is to be fought over the money question. Each party has expressed its preference for senator, but this cuts but little figure as the battle royal is the old matter of 16 to 1. The free silver craze is dying, but it is dying hard. It will get another knock-out blow in Ohio in October, and Hanna will succeed himself as senator.

Under the Dingley bill hides are to come off the free list, and will have to pay duty. It is estimated this item alone will yield \$6,000,000 a year revenue. Whatever else our Democratic brethren may think of the question as to who pays the tariff, there can be no doubt but that this \$6,000,000 comes out of the foreigner's hides.

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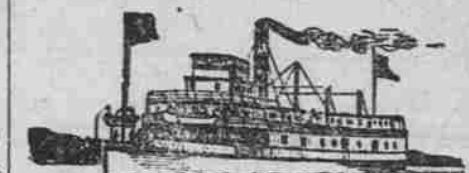
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