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PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT. The following are authorized to receive for subscriptions to this paper, 25¢ where we have no agents...

ALL PAPERS DISCONTINUED AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE TIME PAID FOR.

An article from G. H. Kilgus, of Polk county relating to assessment and taxation will appear next week. We endorse all he says.

During one of the hot days of June a Connecticut lady thought she smelled something burning upstairs. In searching for the fire, she entered a small, close garret room used for storage.

It is absolutely sickening to read the accounts of murders, suicides, murderous assaults and robberies that take place continually around us.

THE REPUBLICANS OF California have nominated M. M. Ketch as their candidate for Governor, on a strong Anti-Monopoly platform.

THE ALBANY Herald objects, because the WILLAMETTE FARMER has an opinion concerning candidates for the Senate from Oregon.

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There are a multitude of people who have axes to grind, and enough more who have hobbles to ride or crochets they have faith in, and the result is a host of measures that ought never to pass.

CORPORATIONS AND THE PEOPLE.

This paper is always open to expressions of the sentiments of its readers, and is their natural organ and mouthpiece.

It is always proper for every community to exact safeguards and protection against improper exactions, and no doubt legislation will in due time define the relations between the transportation companies and the people.

It is very easy to arouse the jealousy of the masses by appeals to their fears or cupidity. It is the work of a demagogue to make capital by inflammatory statements, but a journal which respects itself should never consent to methods of that kind.

ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The coming of the fall season brings the time when most of our subscriptions terminate, and removals take place.

While we have a large list, we should have thousands more, and we ask our friends to help us to get them. We offer a liberal reward to all who will send new subscribers.

For each new subscriber sent us with \$2.50, we will credit the sender four months on his own subscription.

For two new subscribers and \$5, we will credit the sender's time eight months.

For three new names and \$7.50, we will credit the sender one year.

Any person wishing to canvass his county or district can send us for terms, which will be liberal!

If you wish to get up a club of five to twenty, write to us for special rates!

We wish to have all the territory from California to the British line, and from the Rocky mountains to the Pacific ocean, thoroughly canvassed by local agents, and will give great inducements to good workers!

TOO MUCH LEGISLATION.

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A MATTER OF VITAL IMPORTANCE.

The farmers of the State of Oregon are vitally interested in maintaining and increasing the price of wheat. A difference of five cents per bushel in the price of this year's wheat crop would have added about \$200,000 to the farmers' receipts.

To remedy these evils a tug company has been formed, and a powerful tug purchased for service on the Columbia bar, and henceforward there will be good tug service, at low rates, thus cheapening freights to that extent.

In regard to pilotage, the Board of Trade of Portland, acting in connection with the pilots, the Astoria Chamber of Commerce and practical men from other parts of the State, have had a bill prepared by the very best legal talent, which covers the whole ground.

The limits of the "bar" and "river" pilot ground are clearly defined.

A Board of Three Pilot Commissioners is provided for; they are each to serve three years, at an annual salary of \$300, and are to have a Secretary with a salary of \$600 per annum.

The Board has power to examine and license pilots for the bar and river and to hear and determine complaints against any of the pilots.

The Board is required to make a full report of all its proceedings to the Governor by the first of August of each year.

Pilots applying for a license are to be carefully examined, and if found qualified by the Board are to be licensed for one year, which is to be renewed, of course, unless the pilot proves unworthy or inefficient.

The Board may revoke the license of any pilot who is found unfit for his duties, after he has had a hearing before them.

A pilot must be an American citizen, 21 years of age, and well skilled in his profession; and in case of a bar pilot he must be attached to a pilot boat.

The bar pilots are required to keep a pilot boat cruising upon or outside of the bar to supply pilots to vessels bound in.

The rates of pilotage are as follows: From without the bar to Astoria, \$6 per foot for the first twelve feet, and \$8 for each additional foot of the vessel's draft.

On outward bound vessels from Astoria to the sea, \$5 per foot for the first twelve feet, and \$7 for each additional foot.

These rates are somewhat less than at present, and are deemed fair to all concerned.

There are provisions for paying a pilot who shall be detained on a vessel or carried to sea. Bar pilots are required to speak all vessels in the order of their arrival, and bring them in,

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STATE NEWS.

They have an amateur minstrel club formed in Union, Oregon.

There are 100 scholars in attendance at the Pendleton public schools.

The government snag boat is at work on the upper Willamette river.

Bears are quite numerous in the mountains around Grand Ronde valley.

The Pendleton flouring mills can hardly supply the demand for flour.

Major Keifer, United States Paymaster, has been ordered to Kentucky.

Six families and 60 head of broses passed through Union one day last week.

It is claimed that Baker county, Oregon, is a better quartz district than the Wood river country.

Extensive forest fires are raging in the Cascade Mountains, on the head waters of the Santiam river.

A large number of immigrants have settled in and about La Grande, Union county, and are generally well pleased with the country.

Thirteen thousand more people came into the State by way of the Columbia river than left it, during the year ending June 30, 1882.

The Board of Directors of the Blue Mountain University have appointed a building committee, and will improve the building very much.

The store of Col. Cornelius, in Cornelius, was retored by burglars one night last week, and \$80 in money, a silver watch and some tobacco taken.

The Chinese employed on the Blue Mountain branch of the O. R. & N. Co. have struck because their wages were reduced to \$26 per month.

Quite an excitement concerning the new mines in Mineral district, opposite the mouth of Burnt river, is raging. One man was offered \$150,000 cash for his mine.

Says the Grande Ronde Post: Mr. J. H. Foster displayed at his meat market last Thursday three hogs, whose combined weight was 1766 pounds. The same was raised by A. B. Conley, near the Cove, and are unusually large for this country.

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GENERAL CROP REPORTS.

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