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To Business Men.  
The dollar in gold coin will be paid on the 1st of January, 1889, to the firm of individual who, in the year 1888, expended the most money in the purchase of the Daily and Weekly EAST OREGONIAN.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
and block south of the E. O. B. Bldg. on Third and Johnson streets. Sunday school at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday at 2 p. m. Mid week prayer-meeting at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all who desire to be connected with the church in any way.  
Geo. H. Lee, Pastor.

BRUITS.  
A 25 cents at J. F. Robinson's. \*  
Hall at Echo occurs to-morrow.  
Halls is now called "the Key."  
Halls fresh butter go to the Bed-  
Halls watch repairing go to the

forget John Jack and Annie at the opera house to-night.  
Halls Mass Meeting at Frazier's house next Monday evening.  
Halls everybody is sending off copies of Year's edition to friends.  
Halls meals at all hours at the French at J. W. Stanfield, proprietor. \*  
Halls stock of holiday goods can be seen at E. C. & E. M. Wheel-

Halls babies of Mr. and Mrs. Halls died yesterday, age six.  
Halls box cabinet sewing machine nearly new. Inquire at this  
Halls and organs for sale at Fletcher's installment plan, at Eastern

Halls and tables, rocker chairs, children's, etc., at E. C. & E. M.  
Halls designs in antique oak and mahogany can be seen at E. C. & E. M.  
Halls Brown, the well-known pianist recovered from pneumonia, this city about January 1st. \*  
Halls Grace Hindman, daughter of an Hindman of Baker City, is the wife of H. H. Sibley, of Pendleton.

Halls orders for copies of the New Edition of the EAST OREGONIAN, price, postage paid, 10 cents each. \*  
Halls grand ball in the new Pendleton to-night promises to be a grand affair, and a grand success.  
Halls yellow hay in any quantity can be had by calling on James A. Hay, at the office of the Empire Company.

Halls VanOradall, nee Miss Carter, has accepted a position in the Oregonian office as a member of the editorial force.  
Halls John is buying hides, pelts and his old friends should not be in the will in the business. \*  
Halls the highest cash price for

Halls Hillon, owner of the "Coffee" on the Mea Snow, is in town reports to snow on the Mea Snow miles from Pendleton, away from the mountains.  
Halls Wheeler and family of Watsburg, passed through town yesterday home from a visit to Mr. Wheeler is the editor of the Watsburg Times.

Halls children of Amadi LaChapelle, Marion county, died Saturday, and the father is reported to be ill.  
Halls the family are down with the

Halls it is rumored that Mr. & Son refused \$80,000 for the best week, the one on which the new stone building has stood since Heppner was tacked to the colony.  
Halls It is now pretty certain will be the next industry to start in Milton. We are not at all names at present, but are local capital will be princely and that the stock will probably \$50,000 at first.

Halls Christmas presents one will visit LaBow's Pendleton in the First National Bank there you will find a variety of beautiful vases, lamps, table cutlery and every conceivable article. No one can fail to be present just to their

Halls who received the continuing the county road around the north side of the river, above town, on the road to has finished the work in a fine manner, making plenty of the rocky bluff for vehicular ways at one time to pass

Halls in Missouri writes to the Oregonian and says he is willing to establish a broom factory here, what will be the price of the daily and weekly Oregonian to be issued from the 1st of January respectively over the length and breadth of the town?

Halls Our Washington correspondent sends us the following information.  
Land contests decided. The names of the successful ones are printed in capital letters:  
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Geo. W. Johnson vs. GEO. H. HUDSON.  
Nos. 1564, 1770, and 2365.

Jacobs & Neugass, of Corvallis, have failed, with heavy liabilities. They will make a general assignment, but as the same has not yet been completed neither their assets nor liabilities are known. They had a contract with J. R. Myers for fifteen miles of railroad, and it is asserted they have lost heavily on it; but there are probably other causes. On account of their general business relations with Benton county people the failure has a depressing effect there.

Frank Connelly, the man who was cut in a row on election day, was taken before Justice Bishop this morning on a charge of stealing a pistol from J. W. Burchfield's pawn shop, and disposing of it to a man named Phil. Craig. He was held under \$300 bonds to await the action of the grand jury. Connelly is now in jail, failing to procure bondsmen. Those who know him best style him a "bad egg."

The result of a raffle at F. M. Cohen & Co.'s store to-day was that Mr. R. Alexander carried off a handsome set of Dickens' works, and Mr. Harry Hexter an elegant set of Shakespeare's works. The highest number was 42, which won the books for Mr. Alexander; the lowest number thrown was 21, and won the books for Mr. Hexter. There were twenty-five chances.

Mr. F. Pollock, who was so seriously hurt a few days ago by falling into the excavation back of W. C. Kugel's barber shop, as stated at the time in this paper, is now getting along nicely at the Villard House, attended by Dr. King. Mr. Pollock is an old contractor, a gentleman, and hails from Denver.

Mr. J. W. Crow was in town to-day from his ranch. He states the slight fall of snow Saturday night will benefit the fall sown wheat and that the "golden grain" crop next year promises to be large if present appearances count for anything.

Mr. A. F. Eddy reports that some one with a taste for fowl, or a foul taste, stole a large and handsome rooster from his chicken coop last night. There are no "coons" in town, hence the theft can not be attributed to them.

Mr. T. C. Benson, for a long time engaged in the stock business in this county, but now a resident of Albina, Multnomah county, is in town visiting old friends and attending to some unsettled business matters.

Mr. M. J. Greene, manager of the Pendleton Hardware and Implement Company, formerly Wheeler, Greene & Co., is expected home on to-morrow morning's train from a business trip to Portland.

J. W. Sullivan and wife, who were along time residents of Pendleton, but who are living on their ranch twenty miles from town, were in town to-day investing in Christmas presents.

Mrs. Eva McKnight, a sister of the Richardson brothers, of Pendleton, leaves to-morrow for her home in San Francisco after a very pleasant visit among relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Matlock returned Sunday evening from the Cove, bringing their son Wesley with them. He is much improved, and will probably soon recover.

Mr. John Capps, of Pilot Rock, is in town to-day. He reports stock doing fairly in his neighborhood and some snow, but not enough to cause any alarm.

Mr. G. W. Mathews and family leave to-night to spend two months in the metropolis, returning to their ranch, near Pendleton, in the spring.

Mr. Manuel Carlson returned from a trip to Umatilla and Echo in the interests of the EAST OREGONIAN on this afternoon's freight train.

J. H. McCoy, the agreeable Deputy Sheriff, returned this morning from a trip to Wasco County on official business.

During the present year 42 dwellings have been erected in McMinnville, at a cost of \$130,000.

Mr. J. Hexter and Mr. B. Selling returned Sunday from a week's visit to Portland.

There were three additions to the membership of the Methodist church yesterday.

Hotel Arrivals.  
These are the people who spent yesterday, Sunday, at the hotels of Pendleton: VILLARD HOUSE—George Long, Pendleton; L. B. Cox, Portland; W. H. Smith, Chicago; E. H. Clarke, San Francisco; J. T. Daniel and wife, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Griswold, mother, and two children, Dayton; Tom Benson, Cheyenne; J. C. Shields, E. M. Maek, Baker City; A. P. Hippias, Seattle; C. Cooper, T. S. Brophy, S. D. Merritt, Walla Walla; C. H. Keugenan, Farmington; Frank Wall, J. Carden, city; E. M. Newfield, Chicago.

GOLDEN RULE.—F. Galsnes, Grand Rapids, D. T.; A. D. Kimrulus, City of Mexico; John Ross, Walla Walla; W. Twains, W. R. Campbell, Cold Springs; W. T. Lucas, Weston; C. W. Wheeler and family, Watsburg; L. M. Vanhook, Dayton; Mrs. P. M. Coffin, East; G. M. More, city; M. E. O'Brien, U. S. A.; John Mullala, country; Pat Crohan, city; Frank Donaldson, La Grande; John Morrison, Meacham; W. H. Geer, Kamela; I. L. Banta, Centerville; C. M. Ely, Centerville; W. R. Holmes, Portland; W. J. Sherman, Portland.

BOWMAN HOUSE—W. P. Elsmore, Brownsville; Samuel George, Butter creek; F. C. Christy, La Grande; Frank Grant, Echo; Lee Beam, Missouri; Frank Beam, Helena; George Church, Weston; John Davis, Helena; W. H. Embur, Walla Walla; A. E. Reynolds, Montana; Fred Fisher, Portland; J. A. Matott, Cheney; W. T. Charles Wilson, La Grande; Elmer F. Albee, Baltimore; M. M. Kay, O. R. & N.; A. M. Woods, O. R. & N.; Henry Hanson, New York; Isaac L. Rood, Kalamazoo, Michigan; I. D. Rowland, Iowa; Michigan; J. W. Dicky, La Grande; J. R. Woodworth and wife, Ferguson Falls, Minnesota.

Land Office Bulletin.  
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THE SINGLE-TAX THEORY.  
A Portland Correspondent Explains What the "Single-Tax" Men Want.

Portland, Dec. 20, 1888.  
To the Editor of the East Oregonian.  
My attention has been attracted to the letter from "Willis," in your issue of the 15th inst., in answer to your tax questions. He says of a "single tax":  
"In modern language, I think it is a gigantic humbug. What's the matter with the stock men, merchants, bankers, yea, the bankers with their thousands invested in notes, stocks, and exchange? Why not tax them a little as well as the poor devil who has chanced to squat on a little tract of worthless land?"  
Now "the poor devil who has chanced to squat on a little tract of worthless land" is the very person whom the "single tax" is designed to protect. There is a wide difference between a single tax on land and a single tax on land values. Under the single land tax the poor man referred to might be taxed, but certainly not under a single tax on land values. The latter is what we mean by the Single Tax Theory. No worthless land would be taxed, but only such as had value, and that according to its value. It isn't the poor man who has squatted on worthless land we are after as Single Tax men, but the speculators and all, be they rich or poor, who have squatted on valuable land, holding it out of use for population to make it more valuable. These are the barnacles of society whose scalps "Single Tax" men covet. We want to make it unprofitable for men to speculate in land, which was made to sustain life—not to gamble in. These holders of vacant land, I mean the whole kit whether the holder of a fifty dollar town lot or half a county, are directly and solely responsible for all the involuntary poverty in the world; and if the cloud now rapidly growing in the social sky shall precipitate upon us a storm of destruction, the blame will be laid at their doors.

The taxes on all forms of property save land are paid by the consumer; to tax stock, merchandise, and money simply increases the cost of these articles that much to the user; but not so with land values. A tax on these cannot be shifted from the landlord to the tenant. Landlords collect all the rent they can now, and they couldn't collect any more if you tax away the whole rent. By rent, I mean what is commonly called ground rent, not that part paid for the use of buildings or other improvements. This is not strictly speaking rent, but interest. The man who puts up a \$5,000 building rightfully owns it, because this is the product of labor; but the \$5,000 lot upon which it may stand possesses that value by reason of the presence of 5,000 people, and the individual ownership, to say the least, doesn't stand upon the same solid foundation as the building does. Hence, as a matter of simple justice, I claim that the community should tax that value which the community creates, rather than that which the individual creates. The people at large create land values without labor, and all other values are created only with labor. Single tax men advocate taxation of the former and exemption of the latter.

SINGLE TAX.

ANOTHER ANSWER.

Dr. Griswold Gives His Views—One Man in Favor of Deductions for Indebtedness.

HELIX, Dec. 13, 1888.

To the Editor of the East Oregonian.

Owing to illness I have been unable sooner to reply to your circular. By closing some of the doors through which many escape from a fair assessment; by enacting laws, requiring double assessment on all values withheld by persons assessed; by requiring a full valuation of all property subject to taxation, or a shrinkage to be made on indebtedness, proportionate to that made on values; compelling debtors to name and locate creditors within the county; restricting deductions for indebtedness to amounts owed creditors residing within the county in which the debtors reside; providing for precinct assessors, given ample time to do the work thoroughly, and whose duties should require them to meet soon after the close of each term of assessment at the county seat, as a "Board of Assessors," and exhibit and compare, carefully prepared lists of debts and credits; and by removing one of the incentives to an undervaluation of property by counties through an efficient State Board of Equalization.  
2. I think all property not public, nor strictly devoted to public charity, should be subject to taxation, with a fixed exemption on the property of heads of families sufficient to cover the necessities of the household.  
3. Yes, as above indicated.  
4. Yes.  
5. No.  
The single tax theory is not founded on justice.  
7. I do, but not having examined a copy of late, I will venture no recommendations.

J. GRISWOLD.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

A Freight Rons Away on the Farmington Branch. The Brakeman Killed.

Yesterday, Sunday, at noon, while the freight train, drawn by engine No. 20, was coming down the Alto hill on the Farmington branch of the O. R. & N., between Staruck and Bowles junction, the train became unmanageable and ran away. The engine and ten cars were derailed at the foot of the hill and one of the brakemen, whose name could not be learned, was caught under one of the cars and instantly killed. Other of the train men were more or less injured, none of them seriously. This Alto hill is the heaviest grade on the lines of the O. R. & N., being 165 feet to the mile. It was snowing at the time of the accident and the rails being slippery and the train very heavy, being loaded with iron, cement, stones and piling, the air-brakes failed to hold and the train went down the hill with the swiftness of a shooting star. The engine and the cars were badly smashed up and the escape of the other train men with their lives is considered miraculous.  
—LATER:—The brakeman who was killed was named Logan. Another brakeman had his leg broken, but will recover.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.  
Exercises, Festivities, and Services This Evening and To-morrow.

At the Congregational, Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, and Episcopal churches, pastors and their families—those who have any—were busy this afternoon with evergreens, mottoes, and bushels of presents, mostly of course for the little folks, who will evidently have a "picnic" this evening and to-morrow.

At the Congregational church, corner Webb and Thompson streets, there will be a Christmas tree this evening, also the following program of literary and musical exercises.

- PART I. INTRODUCTORY.
1. Song of Welcome, Mrs. Burget, Miss McFarland, Mr. Lee.
  2. Opening Verse, Dora Donaldson.
  3. Song, Kate and Grace Tillard.
  4. Christ's Birth Foretold, Mrs. G. H. Lee.
  5. Song 235, "Gospel Bells," by the school.
  6. Prayer, Pastor.
  7. Song 329, "Tell It Out," the school.
  8. Reading, Miss Cleo Conley.
  9. Song, Glenn Burget.

- PART II. THE BIRTH OF THE LORD.
1. Song, Hosanna, trio.
  2. Scripture, Luke 2: 1-7, Pastor.
  3. Verses, Bertha and Josie Conley, and Birdie Bowman.
  4. Response, "Hark the Herald Angels."
  5. Recitation, Robert Wren.
  6. Verse of a Carol, "Glory to God," Mr. Lee.
  7. Verses, Maud and Edna Crawford.
  8. Song 110, all please sing.

- PART III. THE SHEPHERDS.
1. Reading, Miss Stella Gibson.
  2. Star of Bethlehem, Kate Tillard.
  3. Response, "Brightest and Best."
  4. Concert Exercise.
  5. Response, "Who Is He?"
  6. Verse, Charles Wilson and Elton Partridge.
  7. Song, Coronation, all sing.

- PART IV. CONCLUSION.
1. Trio, "Song of the Soldier."
  2. Grandmother's Christmas Greeting, Edda Kemler.
  3. Distribution of gifts to classes.

At the Catholic church, corner of Webb and College streets, there will be a Christmas tree this afternoon and evening, from five to seven o'clock, for children only. Mass will be celebrated this evening at midnight; and the usual services will be held by Father DeKoo at 10 and 10:30 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m.

A Christmas tree will be found also this evening at the Baptist church, corner of Alta and Thompson streets, and an interesting program of literary and musical exercises, which had not been arranged in time for publication.

On to-morrow afternoon at 6 o'clock, a Christmas sleigh is expected to put in appearance at the Methodist church, and services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Kirkman, to-morrow evening. There will be a Christmas tree at the Episcopal church this evening, and services by the rector, W. E. Potwine, to-morrow at 11.

They Should Profit Thereby.

From the BAKER-CITY Revolt.  
The EAST OREGONIAN'S last issue contains a two column, double-leaded editorial, the text of which reads as follows: "This town is relatively going down hill!" Taken altogether, it probably strikes the Pendleton as a brilliant specimen of plain talk, and it should have this effect. It should convince them that the EAST OREGONIAN does not consider the administration of taffy to a debilitated patient the proper diet, nor does it mince matters when asked for a correct diagnosis of the case. It should lead them to enquire which can injure their city most—this open reprimand from their home paper, that is always far more willing to applaud their well-directed efforts than it has ever been to refer in any manner to their short-comings, or the damaging testimony of the stranger who advertises their apathy and want of progress in every town he visits after shaking the dust of Pendleton from his feet. The EAST OREGONIAN evinces a conception of duty that would commend it to the favor of any city whose inhabitants did not represent an aggregation of mossbacks. The same editorial, whether kindly taken or not, set it so high that the Pendletonians will have to look above the average newspaper to sight it when they feel the need of a champion.

Wanton Cruelty.

From the Forest Journal.  
A dastardly outrage was perpetrated near Mayville a couple of days ago by some party or parties unknown. Bob Galbraith's horse was tied up in Ed. Stinchfield's stable and during the night some cowardly and inhuman wretch went in and stabbed the animal in the neck, evidently with the intention of cutting the jugular artery, and thereby cause the animal to bleed to death. The knife was stuck in the horse's neck, making a deep gash a couple of inches long. Fortunately it missed the jugular, and the animal on receiving the wound broke loose, so that the cowardly wretch or wretches failed to complete their bloodthirsty designs. The horse is a valuable one, worth about \$1000, and belongs to Bob Galbraith's brother in Prairie City.

Oh Yes, It Will Survive.

From the Watsburg Times.  
We were boycotted by some because at one time we had the sand to say: "Our town is shrinking." Some told us that it wouldn't do to tell the truth at all times, while others with less cunning and more justice sustained us and stood by the ship like true friends. Here, however, comes the EAST OREGONIAN, which worthy journal \* \* \* talks to Pendleton like a Dutch uncle. As we read the able and, indeed, timely article, we were wondering how many would boycott the EAST OREGONIAN, if any, and whether it would survive the shock. We know it will, for truth, although it may hurt at times, it never hurts.

Laughlan McLean, night clerk at the International Hotel, Portland, has fallen heir to a \$35,000 estate in Germany, which falls to him by the death of his mother. He was born in Brazil in 1860.

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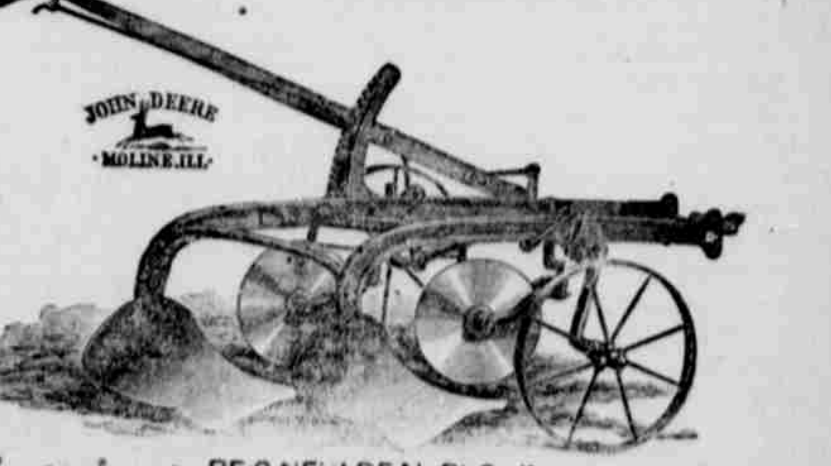
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