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Portland's Chamber of Commerce h in earnest in the matter of the im- did antiquated pestigrees only consistent ohin that has yet the everthrow of the heeper. been presented for the prosecution of of the river helow Porsland to a depth ing should be called-"a war-talk" the passage of boats

This is the plan that has been urnpast, and should appeal to all Ore on shelves tables, usahs and in show of the situation

justly, as to all sections. The region the Pach Saddle took it upon himself drained by the Cotumbia includes to call the meeting. He set the date which about 180,000 is east of Cellio, which about 180,000 is east of Cellio. Our future is at stake, we must where the first obstruction is met in this action—decisive action—said coming up from Portland. Below the Pack Saidle to the Army musket. that point the river is open to com- in notifying him to be on hand, merce, and substantial benefits have taken part in many cammerce, and substantial benefits have paigns against an outrage," said the reduction of freight rates, ranging ful of the past; depend upon me. from 3c to 70 per cent. But the may you know where I can be found? jority of the people of the great valley of the Columbia are denied the the muzzle benefits that would come with the proper recognition of the waterway by the federal government.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce's plan new proposed is to combine the two projects--timer and low- to the Musket in every movement." er river improvements-in one, and to urns them conjointly before the river and harbor committee of the imous there is no ground for deattenual house. To this out assessing to the East Oregonian's into the chamber has insugurated a "Reserve a front seat for me: my Poisoned Arrow Head put forth efforts to bring matters to son. s head within the next two or three ions!

in this movement. Eastern Oregon chased the Bannocks with Crook. and Washington and Northern idaho Pack Saddle, with great gravity. may well 'foir heartily, and supple openede the meeting with a few well ment the Portland chamber's mem-chosen remarks. bers in every manner possible. Furcitizens will fall in line and co-operate with Portland.

STRAWS BLOW HIS WAY.

voters are disposed to concede the governorship to Eastern Oregon. They recognize the validity of the claim that this region has too long been de- hymn book as antiquated as itself. nied adequate representation at Salem in the state offices, and they are the Pack Saddle resumed: ready to back up this claim in substantial manner in the state conven- I shall refuse to pose longer as a

and the loss he has suffered has falous light in connection with the gubernatorial nomination, and there are "Has the Pack Saddle a "cinch," ranks are more to be feared than really no others in the western part asked the Bear Trap, opening its those without internal dangers, now of the state to contest for the place jaws to enter the debate.

with Mr. Geer. to view the situation as promising trap which the hunter had concealed the office to Eastern Oregon, and, of with dead leaves. The sight of your course, that means to Umatilla coun. open jaws gives me hystories ty. It is now in even wager that There was an awkward pause in and write the will of the assembled the man who next will occupy the the proceedings. The Nayy Pistol curios?" asked the pack-saddle governor's chair now resides in Pen- broke the 2 ente. "Sire, my activity has been

dieton. The political straws begin to blow that way, indicating the direction of the winds.

A REVOLT IN A MUSEUM.

A little group of old relics from different quarters of the globe, had ound their way at last into a down town shop, where they patiently awaited the coming of purchasers or admirers.

The individual and collective importance of the group was not realize alry Boots, ed by the shop keeper. In their own private estimation, they were a priceless array of celebrities.

For instance, a Pack Saddle which had accompanied Phil Sheridan on a dozen or more indian campaigus when he was only a cavalry cap tain, was marked down to two dollars-a sacrilege which smote the company keenly. It was worth at least fifty dollars, and as good a judge as the Gold Pan-(the one, by the way, in which the very first nugget was washed out on Sutter creek that memoriable morning in '491had so remarked on many occasions.

A Buffalo robe which had warmed the naked shoulders of Sioux chieftann for several dynasties, was offerwould ver hire inches, in Tuesday a more of Semi-Weekly, per inch per month. Semi-Weekly are inch per month. Semi-Weekly or hair area inches in Semi-Weekly edicted or hair first perform, per inch. \$1.00 ed at a sacrifice. It was said to make room for Filipino curios, a new race of relies which was invading the the shop, as the curios settled down Gold Paw, and Wooden Clock in a museums.

it was something awful to contenplate this wholesale slaughter of long-established prices. The shopgeoper was denounced, secretly, at first, as a heartless mercenary-who loved opliars more strongly than he provement of the Columbia river, mars of discontent soon became audi-That organization has formulated the ble. The relies began openly to plot

The Buffalo Robe whispered to the this work. It involves the deepening Pack Sandie that indignation meetto accommodate the larger vessels it would be in the Sloux tongue. The now coming into use and opening the sooner the better agreed the Pack Saddie to forestall any further deunper rivers so far as Lewiston to regionation of past honors and past

hooks, pegs malls and racks; lying ple of he found on the wall-

Being accustomed to taking the lead on former occasions, the male conditing of all tactics, it discon the office of the owner of the shop, jumble valley are thereby recognized tode was a colt of the bell mare). 245,000 square miles of territory, of baying get a lingering memory of the old dush of his former master.

accrued to the people in the form of Musker sternly "I am not forgot-The same old Tartar as of old." laughed the Pack Saddle, "leaded to

> These two friends broached the subject to the Army Pistol, who re-intiene the enemy surrenders." plied, with a touch of battle in his voice:

"I have always been a close second the chreitt rider, The news sprend rapidly and there was not a murnior of dissent.

"I almost regret that we are unan- yell bate," said a unir o Saddle Bags ing to the East Ocegonian's informa- which had once belonged to a Hoo- ed the scalping knife.

strong movement looking towards the cars are not as good as in the days of presentation of the scheme to the rep. Tecumseh, said a pair of Cavalry resentatives and senators, and will Hoots once owned by Andrew Jack-

> "Ha! Ha! This is glorious! glor I can limbering up already." eried the Brass Howftzer, which had of the war ery

thermore the plan should enlist sup- los: We have mer upon amorner of los: We have met upon another of tion. port in Asteria and tend to heal the the life of a race is threatened. Our differences between that town and life and occupation has been attacked Portland. If Astoria be wise, her by a tyrannical master. We feel that the value of a relic should increase a hundred bloody days, and have lovely museum among those who will and not diminish with age, and it never yet trembled at it, except in despise me," she said to him. is upon this momentous proposition anger. that we are met."

The Saddle-Hags were seen fidgit-Throughout the Williamette valley interrupted the speaker with a sug. The pois gestion

"Brethren, would it not be most appropriate to open the service with a familiar song." it said, producing a no one seemed inclined to sing.

"It has been determined by our master to mark us down so low that relic under such a stigma. In our ac-Indeed, the following of Governor customed places he proposes to hang Geer is noticably smaller than it was raw hide shields from llo llo, tomwhen he was first made governor, from Calumpit, pictures of Pilipino and the loss he has suffered has fal-len to the lot of Eastern Oregon. H. belles! The Gold Pan heard the ty-E. Ankeny is not regarded in a seri- rant arrive at this conclusion and mouned the saddle-bags. being rusted full of holes, fet the

"Piense close up," bellowed the governments. Let us hasten to Buffalo Robe "You make me shud- our declaration of grievances in Portland, one finds a disposition der! I suce stepped in an open bear

Ox Yoke, which had once belonged to Israel Putnam. "Who is it that speaks or peace with six powderprimed."

record as a peace maker."

Her arguments are unanswerchimed the Howitzer.

"And her voice a song," cried Cav

"We are not following the bell mare." said the Pack Saidle, resuming his speach. "Let us get on the right trail. We are not met to prove that peevishness accompanies old in any of our accustomed places. We We are here in self defense. Our occupation is in peril. Do you. Brother Ox Yoke, who have been listed at fifty dollars for a century wish to be adorned with a card marked seventy five cents? Or even cun the to be, the only relies in this shop, risk of being carved into rollingor croquet balls? Does the pins Gold Pan wish to surrender to a bamboo spear from Malabon? Or does the Howitzer wish to be supplanted by the Mauser, a gun of smaller bore" Even the Bear Trap, whose jaws have been closed for years, essays to speak said the Musket. "I could not imou such an occasion." In the lan prove upon it myself." guage of the Pistol, let us have neace."

There was a rustling throughout to business.

the grievance of the assembled relies solemnly said the Saddle-Bags. to their master.

The mur brethren," said the Suddle Bass

rapidly and accurately as my gram- try," said the gallant delegate, bowing mar would permit! What we want graciously to the scribe. is more thorough organization a plan

New England Ox Yoke. This is getting to be interesting."

The shop was crowded with old on ear toward the speaker. "I am in strands" said the Pistol "but I tering Musket. ed by the East Oregonian for months seeclinens. They were hanging on ours more in the service of my need would much prefer to send a regi-

"My plan of campaign," said the gon any as meeting the combinations cases. There was not a vacant half back Sanite. In to reserve all our the Howitzevength for a surprise an early morning surprise. It is the most dis- his precious document went direct to certs the enemy. We must sheep There was yet a light in the office with our boots on so to speak, and and the door was njar. The delegate be on the hot trail before the foe in rapped gently, and a voice within aware. At dawn, swoop down upon said "come. the unsuspecting camp like a whirl All the old gallantry of the past wind? This would be Phil Sheri came rushing back to this where this?

"Ah. I reed this moment as if I were elimbing a precipice in pursuit of the Bannocks. Soyously crisd those who serve Ready for any emer-the Howkizer. The plan of Crook servy he boldly entered looking as an all day fight—a running stern as his mission justified. The swinging pursuing fight. Firing only chair in the office was vacant. from behind your horse darting in No one greeted him. riose to the enemy, firing a terrifying volley and then retiring to a safe distance! Keeping this up day and night until from atter disgust and

"My brethren, we are not following text." Interposed the Saddle Bags of

ed. The hair on the buffalo robe tie fighting for freedom."
stood on end. The Hoosier saidle. The old soldier turned excitedly bags dropped its hymn book. Cavairs upon his heel in search of the speak. moots inclined an ear in the direction er.

"Yip! Yip," the scalping knife evict. Let the pistol speak." A click was the delegate. heard on the shelf as the hammer of "Friends, pioneers and fellow our, the pistol went up to service posi-

"I have been a restorer of brues and a preserver of peace on more ure.

and a preserver of peace on more ure.

"Alone and among strangers: I am this up the past" she "Alone and among strangers: I am than one occasion in the past," she said. "I have heard this war cry on dootsed to wear out my life in this Do not tempt me further. I am a dangerous weapon."

The poisoned arrow hid its head, and fanciful picture. and the tomahawk buried itself in si-

"Oh that I, for one blessed moment, might be transformed into a ing. It has been the pride of my life Hotchkiss rapid fire," mouned the to defend detenseless womankind. Howitzer.

"And that I muzzle-loading relic of the past that I am, might be, for 30 bowing low. holy seconds, a Krag-Jorgensen!" plied the musket.

sinner, might be transformed in the twinkling of an eye, into the trunk of a missionary, full to overflowing with Bibles, tracts and hymn books, for the heathen west of the Mississippi."

"Fellow curios," said the New Engranks are more to be feared than add my presence to his cause." as ever, menace the best regulated governments. Let us hasten to write send our walking delegate, forthwith. upon his mission. The rest of us will remain to preserve peace in his absence."

"Necessity has ever been the moth- ing his speech. er of invention," said the resourceful er of invention," said the resourceful er of invention, " said the resourceful er of invention," said the resourceful er of invention, " Said the resourceful er of invention," said the resourceful er of invention, " Said the resourceful er of invention," said the resourceful er of invention, " Said the resourceful er of invention," said the resourceful er of invention, " Said the resourceful er of invention," said the resourceful er of invention, " Said the resourceful er of invention," said the resourceful er of invention, " Said the resourceful er of invention," said the resourceful er of invention, " Said the resourceful er of invention," said the resourceful er of invention, " Said the resourceful er of invention," said the resourceful er of invention, " Said the resourceful er of invention, stained chambers loaded, capped and clock has but one hand, yet I trust she will write."

"Mainted as I am, I can yet serve came over on the Mayflower.

The Ox Yoke arose to offer a resolution. It had the olden revolutionary ring, and was adopted.

"Resolved. That it is the sense of this collection of relies, that we scorn the lumious hand which is lifted to prayer," he said, place another and a more recent reliedefy any tyrant to desecrate even the least of us, by putting down our And we shall resent any imputed decrease in value by force, if we must. We are, and of right, ought

The Wooden Clock finished writing the resolution with a breath of relief. Her one hand had been idle so long that this exercise gave it something resombling "writers' cramp."

"Nothing could be more perfect." "My own sentiments, crystalized,

said the Bear Tran. "And mine." eried the Buffalo Robe.

breath. "My brethren. I almost regret that It did not take long to elect Caval- we are so unanimous. As I said bery Boots as walking delegate, to hear took there is no ground for debate,"

Proceed with the good work my The Wooden Clock, secretary of the ethren," said the Saidh Bars meeting, sealed the document and quered.
"This brings back the memory of handed it to the Cavaley Poots, envoy many a heated action," said the Mus-extraordinary and training delegate. "in which I have spoken as "Open more it the rervice of my coun-

"You are instructed to hasten to of action and a declaration of gripel our tyranical master make known to him our demands, and report 'Ah, a declaration," sighed the old gress," said the Pack-Saddle to the walking delegate

"Amen" monned the Saddle-Hars "I have a high regard for all peacementer of unbilers."

Control your wrate." The gallant Cavalry Hoots, bearing

can's advice upon an occasion like He thought of the responsibility resting upon him. He was even now in the presence of his master and would prove that dignity yet accompanies Firing only chair in the office was vacuant,

> that the tyrant fled in Year at the just moment" Would be have no audience with his master, no conference with this heartless pawn-broker, who proposed a wholesale destruction of prices and reuntations of almost priceless relica?

From a allest corner of the shop (ode of defiance. "I have seen the there arese at this point an unearthly time, in the days of Tecumson, that would pursue the coward to his "Yip! Yip! Ki!! Yi! Kill! Kill! Kill! hiding place," roared the disappoint an famishing for blood." serion ed envey pointing angrily toward the door which led to the street. A voice "Only a drink of blood," yelled the in the room startled him.

"Have pity on me. kind sir: I am a "Only a drop," cried the tomahaws, poor, forsaken child. My friends and The teeth of the bear trap chatter, relatives have all been killed in bat-

On a white easel in a shadowed cor-"Silence" shouted the mus of a lovely Cuban girl whose large, the pistol speak."

"I am alone in the wide strange pistol went up to service post world," she sobbed pitcously.

"God forbid" said Cavalry Boots.

I have been a restorer of order buring his head to the beautiful fig-

"God forbid, my fair lady! m a dangerous weapon." shall harm you. I myself, will pro-The scalping knife dropped into tect you," said the gallant walking delegate, kneeling before this fruit

'Oh my kind sir, I shall owe you life-long debt of gratitude," said the Cuban girl.

"Owe me nothing-absolutely notham at your service. Command me." said the veteran still kneeling and

The assembled relics began to look "And that I, Ill-fated and forgotten anxiously toward the office door, at which the trusted diplomat had entered their master's presence some moments ago. By this time he should have made known his errand and received a reply.

"It may be that our trusted and land ox yoke, "the foes within our ance," said the Pistol. "I will so to "I will go to The Pistol approached the open

door of the office and halted to listen to the impassioned pleading of the delegate.
"I shall deem it a pleasure and a delight to serve you I can speak for my friends; we are an ancient and priceless collection." the delegate

The Pistol stole away silently, lest rios?" asked the pack-saddle.

he should interrupt the eloquent and peal of their envoy. He did not dare Savings Bank Building, Pendleton, Or. on band.

"Let peace adorn our delibera other lines: I am a miserably poor to look into the office, so did not see tions," he said. "Peace!" said an scribe," begged the pistol.

"Our cause is secure," he told the

After another painful suspense Saddle-Bags volunteered to go to the assaid the Musket. "We all know her my country," said the clock, which sistance of the delegate. On nearing the open door he saw Cavalry Boots kneeling and heard him say:

"O, thou perfect being!" The Saddle-Bags stole away unseen and reassured the assembly.

"Victory is even now in our grasp. That old veteran is kneeling in

Finally the suspense became un bearable. The Musket arose and said there had been enough argument to settle any controversy which could be we have a large stort of would bring the conference to a close. They would go into open revolt im-mediately. No more valuable time should be wasted in prayer and parleying. His friends shuddered think of the outcome, if he acted as savagely as he looked. The Musket went immediately to the open door and entered.

Cavalry Boots was still upon his knees before the beautiful Cuban girl, who was smiling upon the bronzed and weatherbeaten soldier.

Upon beholding the Cuban girl, the old Musket lost its balance and fell helpleasly into the corner of the fice unable to speak. When it finally recovered its speech it went over and leaned against the delegate and said in a stifled voice;

My brother, your devotion is worthy of your ancestry. We are con-

"O, my friend, I confess my weakmouned the kneeling soldier. "is this the enemy we have hated, despised resoluted against-I was going to say, feared? If it is my heart is changed. I only ask to remain in the room where this perfect being reposes. I care not how low they fix my price. I only crave standing room in her presence." "And I will be con-tem to hang, without a semblance of price, close to her side," said the tot-

commotion in the office brought the entire assemblage of relless to the open door. At sight of these trusted emissaries helpless in the power of such transcendant beauty the Wooden Clock threw up her sturic hand. The jaws of the Bear Tran flew open in amazement. The enthusiasm lenked out of the Gold Pan. (she being rusted full of holes) The hair on the angry Buffalo Robe arose in jealousy. The Pistol wept its barrel full of tears. The Ox Yoke gried to think it had no bow,

"Amen" moaned the Hoosier Sad-dle-Bags. "I regret to think we are once more unanimouss." The Pack Saddle saw that he had lost his "cinch" on the occasion, and went back to his accustomed neg. The Howitzer felt like firing a salute, as Cavalry Boots and the Army Musket triumphantly led the bewildered Cuban girl into the shop and put an end to the revolt in a museum by surrendering themselves and their friends into the hands of the enemy.

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