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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1902.

### GENERAL NEWS

Representative John L. Sheppard, of Texas, is critically ill with an attack of heart failure and kidney trouble.

The Chicago federation of labor adopted resolutions presented to that body by the Chicago Postoffice clerk's union urging congress to pass legislation for a shorter work day in the postal service.

A government soldier who was a prisoner in the camp of the Liberal General Herrera, made his escape and arrived in Havana. He reports that last week an Indian chief named Lorenzo attacked the government forces of General Castro at Agua Dulce and was defeated.

It is reported that G. W. Vandevliet, superintendent of the Manitoba division of the Northern Pacific, will succeed E. T. Brown as superintendent of the Lake Superior division, who goes to the general management of the Montana Central.

General J. Franklin Bell has practically cleared up the rebellion in Batangas Province, the troops under his command having made a clean sweep of the district. It is not believed that all the insurgent arms have been captured or surrendered but that a number of them have been taken by the insurgents to other provinces or safely hidden.

The news of the Venezuelan government has been received from the interior of the country. There have been new and numerous uprisings in the state of Carabobo, whether the government has sent a number of soldiers. There were also two engagements near Vela de Cora between the government forces and revolutionists under General Riera, the government being routed.

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS

Captain Sam White, chairman of the democratic committee, left Baker City for Portland to consult with the secretary and other members of the committee in regard to calling the state and congressional conventions of the party.

The effects of smoking of vile cigarettes by some of the boys in some of the public schools of Portland has become such a nuisance that some time ago an application was made to the board of directors for permission to organize anti-cigarette leagues in the schools.

The representative of Pacific college in the state intercollegiate oratorical contest will be Miss Nervia Wright, a junior. Miss Wright is a leader in college life, popular in society, of striking appearance on the stage, and will make a strong representative of her college.

A new automobile line to Gresham and Mt. Hood is promised before long. A well known business man who does not wish his name to be given at present, said to the Oregonian: "If a trolley line is not built to Gresham before the 1905 fair, I will start an automobile line to run to Gresham and Mt. Hood."

Miss Faith Stewart and Miss Nettie Fields, two young women missionaries engaged in rescue work among girls in Portland, had an exciting experience in Whitechapel Saturday night which they will not forget in a hurry. They might have suffered serious harm had it not been for an unknown man, who sprang to their rescue like a brave knight of old.

The storm that was prevalent on the coast near Astoria on Sunday was especially severe around the mouth of the river and along the Oregon coast, so far as learned. The greatest damage done, as reported by the tug Tatosh, was to the jetty at the mouth of the river. In two places the sea washed the jetty away for 500 yards, 200 yards in one place and 300 yards in another. This was at least half a mile from the end and the seas were breaking through the opening.

## THE STATE LANDS

W. M. BUSHEY ASKS

### QUESTIONS OF ODELL.

Adopts Socratic Method—His Queries Are Seven in Number.

W. M. Bushey, writing from Salem, asks the following questions anent the state land board matter:

First—Is it not a fact that General W. H. Odell, the ex-clerk of the board of school land commissioners, is in the business of furnishing information as to "base lands" for a compensation charged by him?

Second—Is it not a fact that Odell, ex-clerk of the board, prepared for himself records showing the base lands and selections of lieu lands by the state?

Third—Is it not also a fact that this same Odell has his office in the statehouse at Salem, and has a desk in, and occupies as an office, the same room with L. B. Geer, state land agent, who was appointed by the governor, without the intervention of the other members of the board?

Fourth—Is it not also a fact that Mr. Odell pays no rent for his desk room in the statehouse, in the office of L. B. Geer, state land agent?

Fifth—Is it not a fact that this W. H. Odell has been receiving \$1 and \$1.75 per acre, spot cash, for information as to "base lands," and that lands purchased through this method cost the purchaser last sum over and above the \$2.50 provided by law, thus making the \$4.25 per acre in some instances, as stated in the item quoted from The Dalles Chronicle and the East Oregonian, while the state land agent, L. B. Geer, is receiving under the statute quoted \$1800 a year and expenses for doing this very work, under the supervision of the governor?

Sixth—Is it not a fact that all applications for the purchase of "lieu lands" must be made to the state land agent, L. B. Geer, who occupies the same office with Mr. Odell, which last named gentleman makes a special business of selling information as to base lands?

Seventh—Is not this man Odell the same W. H. Odell who published the laborer four-column defense of the state board of school land commissioners in the Oregonian a few days after the governor's facetious reply to the East Oregonian and The Dalles Chronicle?

With answers to the above questions the people will be better able to judge of the truth or falsity of the charges made in the East Oregonian and The Dalles Chronicle against which the governor has entered such a vigorous kick for personal political effect.

W. M. BUSHEY.

### UNLAWFULLY LOANED.

Decision of Salem Court Against Metchan and Odell.

That ex-State Treasurer Phil Metchan unlawfully loaned state money and received interest on same, was decided in Salem in the case of J. A. Baker vs. the William & England banking company. The decision was given to decide as to the objections filed by Ladd & Bush regarding the payment of interest on the claims of E. C. Giltner, Phil Metchan, J. A. Baker, Swafford and W. H. Odell. The objectors alleged that Giltner was the agent of Metchan, and that both were depositing funds belonging to the state treasury, that the claim of Swafford was for a deposit of city funds, and that of Odell for state money belonging to the state land board. Ladd & Bush were creditors of the Williams & England bank, upon a claim in the principal sum of \$10,000; the court found they have received in dividends the full sum of \$10,170.83 from the receiver, and that there is still due them interest at 10 per cent per annum on the principal sum of \$10,000 from November 14, 1895, until the date of the first payment.

### MASONS CELEBRATE

#### JUBILEE IN CINCINNATI

50th Anniversary of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Northern Jurisdiction.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 18.—During the four days commencing today the eyes of all members of the Masonic fraternity will be turned toward this city, where there was commenced today the elaborate celebration of the 50th anniversary or golden jubilee of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the northern jurisdiction of the Valley of Cincinnati. While much of the time is to be spent in secret session the four Mays' program provides a number of features which tend to make the celebration of public interest. Among the participants are many eminent members of the order, including Henry M. Palmer, grand master of the northern jurisdiction; James D. Richardson, grand master of the southern jurisdiction, and representatives of the various supreme councils including those of Canada and Mexico.

### WANTER BUSINESS

#### OF PACIFIC COAST

Rock Island Will Be an Aggressor in Securing Traffic Here.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—California lines are waiting with interest the coming

announcement by the Rock Island of its California schedule, for there is no longer any doubt that the Rock Island management have determined to pursue an aggressive policy regarding California business.

It was generally supposed that the Rock Island had its eye mainly upon Mexico and the possibilities of international trade when it projected its El Paso line. This view of the case was denied by an official of the company who said:

"The Mexican traffic will be incidental to the new line. What the Rock Island desires is a big share of the California business and intends to get it. I cannot tell you at this time what the Rock Island has in mind regarding the California traffic, but the public will not be permitted to lose sight of the fact that we will have the short line to Los Angeles and to Southern California. We are of the opinion that California and the southwest are in their infancy commercially, and that the mineral resources of the Southwest are unbounded."

### ALICE MORTON WEDS

#### WINTHROP RUTHERFORD

Lenten Season Kept Affair from Being Brilliant—Rich Simplicity Was There.

New York, Feb. 18.—A distinguished gathering of society folk witnessed the marriage at noon today of Miss Alice Morton, daughter of former Vice President and Mrs. Levi P. Morton, and Mr. Winthrop Rutherford. In keeping with the lenten season there was no attempt at display, a rich simplicity characterizing everything connected with the event. There were many out of town guests, including persons prominent socially in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington and several other cities. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Potter at Grace Church, which was decorated with palms and white roses. The Rev. Dr. William Huntington assisted in the ceremony. The bride was escorted to the altar by her father. She was attired in a gown of heavy white satin with point lace and wore no jewels. There were no bridal attendants. Mr. Stuyvesant Rutherford, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. There was no reception, and immediately after the ceremony at the church the bridal couple left on their wedding tour which is to be spent in the south.

### The Revised Bible.

The new American standard revision of the Bible brings it up to date, without changing its meaning; but do the people want any change from the original copy? Thousands will answer "No." This would also be the popular answer if you asked people who have once tried Hostetter's Stomach Bitters to use some other remedy. New medicines come and go, but this old reliable remedy continues to be the favorite, because it can always be relied upon in the most severe cases of indigestion, dyspepsia, flatulency, nervousness, constipation or biliousness. We would therefore urge you to try it. You will find its beneficial effect from the start, and it will eventually restore you to perfect health. Our Private Die Stamp is over the neck of the bottle.

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