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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1902.

All roads lead to Umatilla county; but are they good roads?

It is hoped the Russian earthquake shook that spell of "blues" off the czar.

Was there ever a more suggestive time in which to discuss street paving than now?

When the New York American settles the divorce question we will listen to General Corbin on early marriages.

Two American jockeys have been ruled off the French race tracks. France is getting even on us for poking fun at Castellane.

The legislature must pass a law creating a bureau of labor statistics. We must prepare for that Greater Oregon which is yet to come.

The Spanish cabinet has resigned. The king will have to shake his "baby rattle" at them and threaten to "tell mamma," if they don't be good.

Some Central Oregon papers are doing a thriving social business. The name of almost every person in the county appears in every issue—in a land notice.

Baker county's assessment shows that the number of hogs in the county is 422 less than last year, but it will be difficult to make Union county believe this.

An enthusiastic correspondent, writing of the resources of his district, says the butter from that locality is a strong competitor in the markets. We hope not.

The Oregon horse has climbed up out of the mire of low prices and is looking from the hilltop of prosperity toward the green pastures of a 50 per cent increase in value.

In the quiet and seclusion of a cell in an Iowa jail, Mr. Balliett will have a splendid opportunity to compose a later symposium of mining bonanzas in the West, to spring on Iowa.

Chicago trainmen are going to add a strike to the severe blows the business of the country is just now receiving. No wonder the president is going to Mississippi on a hunt.

"If I only had range," remarked a sheepman of this county. "I have hay enough to keep 5000 head more sheep." "More range" must be one of the strongest planks in Eastern Oregon platforms hereafter.

A Connecticut man is reported to have "caught votes" with an automobile, by hauling voters to and from the polls. In Colorado, the women voted so fast that a man in an automobile couldn't catch them.

The special session will have to hurry or the doors of the regular session will be open and the seats all filled. After all, can't Oregon do her chores, without working overtime? Forty days will be ample time for 40 jobs.

Misfortunes never come singly. Before the country has recovered from the news that Boni Castellane had been thrown out of the French chamber of deputies, word is received that Hickory county, Missouri, has gone republican.

The Western republicans just took the democrats by the collar, tripped them up and jumped on them and

knocked their hands and feet and left them lying flat on their backs by the roadside. All we can do, as usual, is to kick and cuss.

In the epidemic of getting lost in the mountains, President Roosevelt should be careful on his hunting trip. Still, he has been speaking in public so much lately that his lungs are strong enough for his voice to be heard across the state of Mississippi.

The high altitude of Eastern Oregon must be antagonistic to the spirit of joyousness. Wheat has been 60 cents per bushel for a week, and we haven't heard of a single farmer advertising that he would throw away 2000 nickles.

If Baer's reply to the coal miners' demands is in keeping with his other utterances, the arbitration board may want the incorporation papers of the providential partnership, to exhibit with the other ghoulish findings in the strike situation.

The world has come to resemble pretty closely a corral full of steers. The one with the longest pair of horns hooks the next smaller and he another in turn, and so on down, until the smallest fellow in the lot is shivering in a corner, trying to crawl through a crack in the fence, which means suicide.

A revenue collector of Alabama has been removed for helping to oust the negro delegates from the republican state convention. Roosevelt is going to finish that story he began when he invited the negro, Washington, to dine. The solid negro vote next election will be the last chapter in it.

Irrigation will make an oasis where the prairie dog town now stands; turn the cactus into a sweet pea vine; change toadstools for sunflowers, make cabbage of sand burrs, apples from sage brush and convert the croaker who says it is a fake, into a bloated plutocrat with two galluses across his back where but one is stretched now.

The country will be surprised to hear that a shortage of one thousand naval officers is anticipated, by 1906. Perhaps the bureau of navigation means officers who can "lead a cotillion," when it says this. Fighting men are plentiful in the navy, but men with heavenly form and graceful air upon the ball room floor, are perhaps needed to keep up with Newportism.

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### "A SUNKEN STATE"

Hon. John Wannamaker of Philadelphia, former postmaster general, says Pennsylvania is a "sunken state" and he almost despairs of its redemption. James Creelman in the New York World thus writes of an interview with Mr. Wannamaker:

"The coal strike? It was inevitable. It came because the reasonable demands for remedial legislation were ignored. The legislature and all other instrumentalities of public service were literally owned and used whenever wanted by the great corporate combinations which furnish the money by which the Quay gang defeats every effort to raise this commonwealth out of the abyss if shame into which it has fallen. "This is a sunken state," he said

gravely. "I mean that literally. It is not on the surface of the map," stretching his hand out over the top of the table, "not on the map level with the rest of the country. It is sunken."

"The miners are inevitably tending toward socialism, and so are other workmen. They turn to anything that seems to promise relief. But the relief they need can be found only in the complete overthrow of the corrupt and law-defying ring which controls the dominant politics of our state. Lincoln was right when he said: 'Nothing is settled until it is settled right.'"

"But it seems incredible, Mr. Wannamaker that a rich and old community of 7,000,000 persons, with schools and churches and colleges, and well developed industries, is without power to have its organic law enforced?"

"It seems strange, but the fact is plain. They buy every vote they want, high or low, singly or by the dozen. This is the last analysis of every contest. The office holders form a political trust, and politically appointed courts block the way of redress."

"Nothing but a patriotic Mont Pelée can destroy the power that defies the constitution and circumvents the laws. It must be a tremendous upheaval."

### OREGON'S CARTOONISTS.

Murray Wade had a cartoon in a Portland paper the past week that ranks high as a forcible exposition of state politics, says the Salem Statesman.

It represents Governor Geer as the farmer politician who has paused to pick a daisy, and pulls off the leaves musing, "loves me, loves me not."

A crow sits on one stump, and the democratic donkey is in the background braying his neigh, while the fallen petals all cry "nit!"

It is the best political cartoon since Ed Payne pictured the leading figures in the Furnish campaign for the Capital Journal.

These young men are a credit to this city and state, and if they adhere to their careers they will score high in the fields of pictorial journalism. Oregon has produced a Davenport, a Hary Murphy and a Warren Gilbert, the latter in rapid development overtaking the former in general ability.

The last two candidates for fame from the city of Salem have great futures. Wide reading of history will develop them into great cartoonists. They possess much natural ability in depicting, and keen political insight and grasp on public events.

There has been considerable homesteading in Oregon during the past year as shown by the returns from the several land districts. In the Burns district 272 original homestead entries were filed, for 38,984 acres; La Grande 153 homesteads of 193,053 acres; Lakeview, 278 homesteads of 41,351 acres; Oregon City, 493 homesteads of 72,698 acres; Roseburg, 928 homesteads of 133,396 acres, and The Dalles 1674 homesteads of 256,096 acres.

The profits of the hop crop have increased 40 per cent—\$400 on the thousand—in the past 60 days for growers who had the nerve to hold. As a cent a pound increase on a 20,000-pound crop means \$200 to the holder it may be realized that the selling of hops is not a little on the gambling order.—Eugene Guard.



Fantastic stories have been written of magic mirrors in which the future was revealed. If such a thing were possible many a bright-faced bride would shrink from the revelation of herself, stripped of all her loveliness. If there is one thing which would make a woman shrink from marriage it is to see the rapid physical deterioration which comes to so many wives. The cause is generally due to womanly diseases.

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