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THE NORMAL SCHOOL BILL.
The Weston Leader is alarmed over the normal school fight which has been opened in the Oregon legislature by Senator Miller of Linn county, whose bill provides for the suspension of the Drain and Monmouth schools and the removal of the Weston school to Pendleton.
Neither Pendleton nor the Umatilla county delegation initiated this movement. The Miller bill was introduced as the expression of legislature on the normal school question and if the question is resolved into this form, Oregon must be prepared to accept it.
The East Oregonian has ever been faithful and loyal supporter of the Weston normal school. But rather than see the school moved to Baker City or La Grande, every loyal citizen of Umatilla county would certainly submit to the removal of the school to this city.
The people of Weston cannot hold Pendleton responsible for this movement when Pendleton has always come to the support of the school, and in this instance had no part whatever in initiating the movement to abolish two schools and move another. If this is the sentiment of the state upon the normal school question, let us be thankful that it is no worse. The Weston school might have been abolished, altogether.
Western Oregon, the governor of the state, the Multnomah county delegation and many of the leading legislators of the state are opposed to more than one normal school. This question has been an eyesore in the legislature for 10 years, and if it has finally been decided by these opposing interests to give eastern Oregon one school at a central location where railroad and mail facilities are favorable and also to give southern Oregon one good school, eastern Oregon may be thankful, indeed, that her interests have been thus fully considered.
The Miller bill was fixed arbitrarily. It was either Pendleton or else Baker City or La Grande. Thus, if the normal is forced upon Pendleton, she must accept the solution, however loyal she may be to Weston as long as she is the recognized normal school location.

LOVE'S LOGIC.
Because your eyes look into mine
And read my heart and understand,
Withholding nothing, dear, they are
The fairest in all the land.
Because your lips, a budding rose
With half its glories still unfurled,
Surrendered to my kiss, I count
Those lips the sweetest in the world.
Because your heart still beats with mine
Up all the thorny way I go,
Beneath the sun no other heart
Holds any secret I would know.
—Reginald W. Kauffman.

GRAFTERS IN OVERALLS.
Not all the grafters in the world wear white shirts, "stand up" collars and part their hair in the middle.
Over in Baker county a country road supervisor has just been indicted by the grand jury for padding his county road work bills, to draw more pay than he was entitled to.
The county court must sleep with one eye open it seems, to watch the grafters in overalls as well as the grafters in broadcloth.
It is just as bad to steal from the county through county road work as it is to steal from it through "expert" bookkeeping, smooth manipulation of records or by any other form of graft.
There are so many ways through which the taxpayer's money may leak

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out that it requires the utmost vigilance on part of the county court to prevent constant stealing.
Of course a common, dirty-necked, hard-working road supervisor will not attract so much attention from the women in the court room as a mild-mannered rascal in diamonds and tan shoes, but his crime is just as reprehensible.

OREGON CITIES.
There are only two real cities in Oregon—Portland and Pendleton. Salem has "pipped the shell" by letting a contract for seven blocks of street paving, but all other Oregon towns are still wrapped in the mysterious process of incubation.
Pendleton will go ahead with her street paving until all the principal streets are put in first class condition, it is believed by members of the city council and other leading citizens.
It is the greatest improvement ever made by this city and the favorable advertising which it is giving Pendleton all over the country has put the name of this city into the mouths of people in every western state.
"What, Pendleton has street paving?" exclaimed a pioneer merchant in Salt Lake during the meeting of the sheepgrowers there last week.
"Why is it possible that Pendleton, the little village of 1880, is now in a class with Portland, Seattle and Spokane?"
That remark is worth the cost of the street paving.

SCHOOL MEETING FARE.
The bill introduced by Senator C. J. Smith of this county, in the Oregon legislature, giving school district boards the power to fix the school levy without action on part of the taxpayers, is a sensible and extremely practical measure and should become a law.
The old school district meeting is a farce, in this age of progress. Very few taxpayers are sufficiently interested to attend and often the most bitter fights are kept alive from year to year through these meetings.
If a school board is capable of expanding the school money it should be deemed capable of levying the tax.

In his annual report, the first assistant postmaster general has asked for an increase of the salaries of officers and clerks of the postoffices and for better pay for the carriers. He states an increase is needed to make up for the increased cost of living. He is right. There has been a great increase in living expenses in the past half dozen years, but there has been no corresponding increase in the remuneration of those who handle our mail. The men are underpaid everywhere; their salaries were too low before this general advance in the cost of living came about, and now they are ridiculously low. The government can afford to pay its men adequately. It should pay as well as the very best private employers and not leave its men wrestling with the problems of poverty while striving to give satisfactory service to the public.

THE SILENT MAN.
Solitude is a life force. As men and women of business we habituate ourselves to the stir and turmoil of the commercial world. Some of us can so withdraw into ourselves that the noises of outer things bother us not at all. We have almost come to look upon bustle as conducive to effectiveness, forgetting that the great forces of nature perform their work in quietness, that the mightiest forces of the universe move in silence and solitude. A recent speaker in the industrial world claimed that the silent men who plan and move the occult things of life, have done and do more for the progress of the nation than any others.
New York has a society for the Suppression of Useless Noises. It might make a good start by getting the choruses in most of the theaters along Broadway to quit singing.

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The Big Newspapers of the Pacific Coast

The Salem Journal is printing a series of editorials on the big newspapers of the Pacific coast. The first one deals with the Seattle Times and is as follows:
The Capital Journal proposes to notice in detail some of the great daily newspapers of the Pacific coast. We place the Seattle Times first in the list because it is day by day the largest paper printed on the coast.
The Seattle Sunday Times, January 20, 1907, has 80 pages, and, aside from the comic supplement and juvenile magazine sections, it may almost be said to be printed in all the colors of the rainbow.
Day in and day out the Seattle Times is larger than any of the Chicago newspapers. Considering that Chicago must have 10 times the population of the Puget Sound metropolis, draw your own conclusions about the enterprise of the Seattle Times.
It is doubtful if even New York can produce a newspaper that measures up to the Seattle Times in size, snap, pluck, vigor, enterprise and ability.
This is saying a great deal, but we have been observing the newspapers of the United States for many years, and it is our calm, deliberate judgment that the Times is more national and less provincial in its editorial scope.
Without saying so, the editorial department towers over all the rest. Its editorial page is tingling with tension. It is keyed up to strike the thrilling, effective note and say something—to strike fire from the living rock of fundamental issues, it deliberately seizes the live-wire questions and holds onto them at the risk of burning its fingers, but with the everlasting desire that there be something doing and no evasions or quibbling as to where it stands or what it means.
Its news service is simply stupendous.
Its pictures and advertisements and color printing are works of typographical art.
It represents the red life blood and pulsing heart throbs of the great city that seems to want to swim out and cover half of Puget sound with skyscrapers, and half the world with its commerce.
In its array of special features the Seattle Times "has them all skinned."
The Times is an independent paper with both morning and evening editions.

KISSING THE POPE'S TOE.
The custom of kissing the feet of persons whom it was desired to honor originated with the ancients. The people of oriental nations used to kiss the hands and feet or hems of the clothes of the persons they wished to show respect for.
The ancient Egyptians got this custom from the Assyrians, and later the Greeks adopted the habit from the Egyptians. The Romans followed the Greeks, and then Pontifex Maximus had his great toe kissed by celebrities.
The story will be remembered of the old Briton ruler who appeared to do homage to a Roman monk after the conquest of Briton. He was told that it was customary to kiss the foot of the holy father. He hesitated for a moment and then, bending down, he suddenly seized the monk by the ankle and, jerking it up to his lips, toppled the worthy father over backward.
The toe of the sultan of Turkey is kissed by subjects of high rank. Those of more lowly position are merely allowed to touch the fringe of his garment to their lips, and the poorest classes must be content to make a low obeisance in his presence.

WORLD'S GREATEST DIAMOND.
The American Magazine for February reports graphically the recent discovery of the largest diamond in the world—a diamond which weighs in the rough, 302 1/4 carats. Translated into understandable terms it is a stone weighing a pound and a third. Until the discovery of this wonderful gem the world's record in diamonds was held by the "Excelsior"—a stone of 969 carats—nearly half a pound avoirdupois. Three years ago the "Excelsior," which was badly flawed, was cut up into 10 stones, valued at \$415,000. This in turn utterly eclipsed all the other great diamonds of the world. Thus:

THE LIGHT OF LIBERTY.
Let us sing of the land that is Liberty's altar,
For all whom it shelters and millions to be;
Lord, guide and uphold us lest we should falter
In love to each other and honor to Thee.
In mercy Thou gavest us birth as a nation;
Thy love has been with us and blessed us each day,
O! shield Thou us all, and each in his station,
From war and from famine and evil, we pray.
May the lamp Thou hast lighted shine on through the ages,
Till the night of the fool and the tyrant is gone,
And the grace of Thy saints and the love of Thy sages
Shine forth in the glory of heavenly dawn.
—Edgar C. Kennison.

Mrs. Anna McLen, aged 50 years, was burned to death at 152 Haight street, San Francisco. She was the widow of a pioneer and had lived in San Francisco 59 years.

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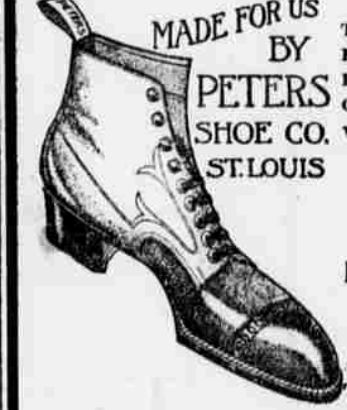
L. H. Holsey, Bishop C. M. E. Church, Atlanta, Ga., writes: "I have found Peruna to be a great remedy for catarrh. I have suffered with this terrible disease for more than twenty years, until since I have been using Peruna, which has relieved me of the trouble.
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