

## EX. STAR EDITORIALS.

Cottage Grove *Echo-Leader*: Lane county farm lands would double in value in twenty-four months with a good system of roads.

Tillamook *Advocate*: It is now the opinion of the press generally that there will be no extra session. The democrats are not anxious for it and republicans are decidedly against it.

The Montesano *Vidette* contains the following: A Vermont editor has commenced writing obituary notices of some of its delinquents—not having been able to hear from them. They have come to life wonderfully quick.

Corvallis *Gazette*: If the next legislature does not repeal the mortgage tax law before another two years roll around, the taxes of this state will be paid by the small property holders. The wealthy men and heavy property holders will practically pay no taxes.

Regarding the division of Lane county the Harrisburg *Courier* states: The people of Junction are endeavoring to form a new county out of a slice of Lane, to which they propose adding a piece of Linn and a corner from Benton. The people from Harrisburg, however, do not favor the plans proposed by the gentlemen from across the river.

From the Brownsville *Times*: Recently D. W. Langdon, of Albany, shipped ten Mongolian pheasants to some gentleman in New York city, who owns large tracts of land in the Empire state. He is in receipt of a letter which states that they are doing well, and that a bill will be introduced in the state legislature protecting them for a number of years.

Regarding a fish ladder at Oregon City, the *West Side* says. The demand for a fish ladder, properly constructed, to allow the fish to pass the falls of the Willamette at Oregon City is as great as ever, and petitions are being circulated and largely signed, asking the coming legislature to appropriate money for its construction. There are hundreds of miles of the very finest of spawning grounds in the many streams emptying into the Willamett that should be made easy of access to the thousands of salmon entering the Columbia river. A fish ladder would do it.

Discussing the question of convict labor on highways, the Rogue River *Courier* says: Various papers in Oregon are favoring the working of the roads by penitentiary prisoners. It is true that Oregon has lots to do in the way of road making, but her forests are thick and would afford fine opportunities for the escape of criminals. If it would take as many guards as it does prisoners it would be better to pay the guards to work the roads and keep the convicts inside the "dead line" of the penitentiary. There is however another alarming phase in this prison question. The penitentiary is getting crowded to its full capacity, although the last legislature had cells built for two hundred and fifty more boarders. Perhaps if they could be brought out on the roads and

allowed to escape, Governor Tennoyer wouldn't have to stand the blame of daip ning so many.

### HIS CASE WAS SETTLED.

It Took a Good Many Years, But in the End He Was Not Unrewarded.

I never knew when the accident happened. It was on the books of the railroad company when I first went to work for the attorney of the road.

"Well, let that go over another year," were his instructions to me whenever I would refer to the matter and urge that it be settled.

The man used to hobble in the office about once in six months and ask about the case. He had lost his leg in a smash-up, and had been promised, again and again, after the fashion of corporations, that his case would be settled.

"In a little while now," would be the lawyer's words, "we will be getting to your case; you must be patient, you know; there are so many ahead of you."

Year after year every six months the old fellow used to come down to the city to see if we were ready to settle.

"We are not liable; but we will do something for you," would be his greeting from the astute railroad attorney.

One day he hobbled into the general offices, and declared that he would not leave unless he was attended to.

"Your claim is for two hundred thousand dollars?" asked the lawyer, kindly.

"That's it; every decision of the courts has been agin you; it is now nine years since you told me you would settle. My wife has died. Poor soul, I thought some of the money would do her good. All the old neighbors I had are dead and gone. The boys has growed up. Lightning struck the barn. Fireswept away all I had. Jim, my favorite son, went down with liquor."

"We will settle," said the lawyer, kindly, "but you must be patient."

And the years swept by; and the lawyer himself went to his reward. The road changed hands, was sold under a mortgage, and was reorganized. New officers filled the places of the old ones. A newer life and a newer generation held sway.

They said the claim was to be settled. Yes.

Well, that funeral you just saw passing the door from the county poor farm was the last of earth for old Abner Coles, who lived and died without justice between man and man.—N. Y. Recorder.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

SILAS MALLOCK recently unexpectedly returned to his mother's home in Philadelphia, after an absence of thirty years.

THOMAS NELSON PAGE, the editor of Harper's Monthly, can tell from a man's speech what part of the country he hails from.

SECRETARY FOSTER is the thirty-first secretary of state, and six of his thirty predecessors became president—Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Van Buren and Buchanan.

GEORGE W. CHILDS has been called the "Abou Ben Adhem of the nineteenth century." This is the inscription upon a silver trowel used in laying the corner stone of a church at Wayne, Va. The trowel was presented to Mr. Childs by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Paton.

GEORGE C. GOEN, whose death occurred at Charleston, S. C., a few days ago, was the engineer of the Monitor when she had her famous fight with the Merrimac, and was one of the sixteen survivors who were rescued by the steamer Rhode Island when the Monitor went down.

A METEORITE a foot in diameter fell at Livingston Manor, N. Y., and shattered a rock a dozen times its size.

THE new Mormon temple at Salt Lake City will be opened April 6, 1893. It has been in course of erection for forty years, and has cost \$2,500,000.

A WOMAN is on exhibition in New York who is eight feet six inches high, and a New York paper, in speaking of her, says "she is tall and well formed."

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