

# THE WEST.

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The Loud bill now pending before congress proposes great changes in the law relating to second class mail matter. Should it be enacted all newspapers except those sent to subscribers who have paid for the same in advance, will be required to bear a one cent stamp. This would include all sample copies, all exchanges and all those sent to subscribers whose time for which they paid, has expired. It will be seen that this would impose a great hardship on the weekly newspapers. The object of the bill seems to be to do away with the annual deficit in the postal department but we think this could be accomplished without injuring any class. Better modify the law so as to prevent abusing its privileges and see if that will not have the desired effect.

LAST FALL when proposals for carrying the mail during the four years commencing July 1st, 1898, were asked for by the postal department, the schedule called for a daily mail each way between Florence and Eugene. Rumors are in circulation now of efforts being made in certain quarters to have this cut down so as to give only the same service along that route as at present viz; two mails per week each way in winter and three per week in summer. When we consider the fact that the government has been experimenting with free delivery in rural districts and has been extending the free delivery, it looks as if this is an effort to cut us off from a portion of the benefits of government that justly belongs to us and to give that to others. It naturally follows that if the postal department curtails expenses by cutting down the mail service on the star routes of the country, there will be more money to expend for free delivery. But there are many post offices which receive mail only once or twice a week and the patrons have got to go to the office after their mail. Does not justice to those people demand the extension of the star route service rather than the free delivery?

### WEALTH AND MORTALITY.

Scientific American:

On the influence of wealth on mortality, the Breslau statistician, Neele, publishes an interesting paper in the Zeitschrift fuer Hygiene und Infektions Krankheiten. As a criterion of the means, the amount of rent paid was taken. In 1896 there died of every 1,000 living persons who paid a rent up to 300 marks, 20.7; with a rent of 301 to 750 marks, 11.2; the rent ranging between 751 and 1,500 marks, only 6.5 the average being 17.6 persons. While according to these figures the mortality of the Breslau poor population is three times as large as that of the rich, it is in reality much larger, because the deaths not included therein (servants, journeymen, persons who died in the hospitals, etc.) may be assumed to belong almost exclusively to the first class. The greatest difference in the mortality was, of course, shown by the babies; more than half of those born alive belonging to the poor population died in infancy, while the deaths of babies of the rich amounted to only one-sixth.

### POPULIST SENTIMENT.

Editor West, Dear Sir: Kindly allow me space enough in the columns of your valuable paper to express the sentiments of the populists in Florence precinct. I have conversed with most of them on the subject of fusion, and they seem to be unanimously in favor of uniting with the free silver forces throughout the country. I see that the opposition papers are doing all they can to corrupt the plans laid down by the free silver forces, which makes the fusion sentiment all the stronger in this country.

A Populist.

# THE WOMEN CAN VOTE.

IF THEY ARE TAXPAYERS.

The state supreme court has rendered a decision in the case of Laura Harris respondent vs. Sherwood Burr et al, appellants from Lane county.

The appeal in this case was from a judgment in the court below, awarding damages to plaintiff for having been denied the privilege of voting at a school meeting in the city of Eugene. The only question presented is whether women are entitled to vote at a school meeting for directors of the district in which the meeting is held.

### PARENTS MAY VOTE.

Salem Journal: "Attorney-General Ideman was seen today and he declares that under the old law that has never been repealed, men and women over 21, who live in districts under 1000 and have children of school age, may vote whether they pay taxes in the district or not. State Superintendent Irwin backs up this opinion, but limits it to country districts. He is under the impression that merely having children of school age does not apply to districts of 1000 and over, but the voters in such districts must be taxpayers. General Odell says men or women of 21 or over who pay taxes, or who have children of school age, may vote. He agrees with the attorney general.

"Justice Bean says the decision rendered Tuesday is in effect that in districts of 1000 or over any citizen, male or female, who pays taxes on property in the district may vote."

The Salem Journal thinks as a fundamental proposition men or women who have children of school age must be permitted to vote, whether they own property or not.

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### THE LUMBER BUSINESS.

Portland Telegram:

According to the statements of representative lumbermen the lumber situation at the present time presents a more favorable aspect than it has for years. Not only have prices advanced, but the demand is increasing, and mills that are now running only during the day expect to be running on full time, which means a day shift and night shift, by the first of next month.

The new schedule of prices went into effect on the 20th of last month, and mills are kept busy filling orders at the increased rates. All the common grades of lumber have been advanced on an average 50 cents a thousand, while the higher grades have gone up \$1 a thousand. During the past four years the demand for lumber has been only 45 per cent of the capacity of the Pacific coast mills. This year the demand will go as high as 75 per cent in the milling capacity, if not higher. The demand for lumber this month as compared with the same month last year has increased fully 50 per cent. and as the building season has not yet even opened up, this is a material improvement. There is considerable lumber sold by Portland mills in Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho, Colorado and all parts of Montana, and as the building season in these sections does not start until the snow leaves the ground, the 50 per cent increase in demand is confined almost exclusively to the export trade. There is a good demand for Oregon lumber from California and also from Alaska, and much more would be shipped were the transportation facilities better. There is a shortage of vessels, and this is proving a serious obstacle to the lumber trade. The Alaskan trade is proving a great benefit in disposing of large quantities of low-grade lumber that has accumulated during the past few years.

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# JAPANESE JUTE RUGS.

Children of 7 to 16 Years Mostly Employed in Their Manufacture.

American Economist:

Some details of the manufacture of jute rugs in Japan are given in the "Indian Textile Journal" of December, 1897. The seat of this industry is the town of Sakai, situated about eight miles south of Osaka. Its population is about 48,000. The rugs are made principally of jute, the number of people employed in the manufacturing being about 9,600, mostly children—girls and boys between 7 and 16 years old. There are 2,400 looms in 800 houses, giving an average of three looms to each house, and each loom is attended by four persons. The warps of the rugs are of cotton, but the weft is thick jute yarn, and the filling thin jute yarn. The designs are mostly Turkish and Persian (imitated), very few of the older flower (Japanese) designs being now made. The prices range from 21. to 41. per square foot, according to the quantity of material used. When the weavers are fully employed in filling orders, they can turn out 4,800 square yards daily. The yarn used in this manufacture is principally imported from Calcutta.

In the course of last year the Sakai weavers have made a step forward by turning their attention to the manufacturing of wool rugs, and they are now able to turn out a very creditable article, which, in appearance and durability, is almost equal to a Turkish carpet. Although this branch of industry is yet in its infancy it employs 120 looms in 50 houses, and 480 weavers, and can turn out 120 square yards daily. The warps are weft in cotton, the filling wool yarn, and the prices range from 6d. to 1s. per square foot. Most of the wool yarn is manufactured from Chinese raw wool spun in Osaka. An important improvement in the rug business is the attention now paid to dyeing colors. Fast dyes and beautiful shades are taking the place of their former attempts in this respect, and there seems no question that the quality of their article is now much superior to what it was a year ago.

### MATTHEW MAYER'S FRUIT DRYER.

Chesham Bee.

This week we received some samples of fruits which were dried by Matthew Mayer whose home is near Winlock. The fruit was dried in a Monteth steam evaporator which Mr. Mayer set in operation last fall. Mr. Mayer says that he dried all of his fruits, which could not be sold green to advantage, in this way. He had between four and five hundred bushels of apples and pears and about four tons of prunes. If the price of potatoes does not advance he will also dry that crop. Mr. Mayer considers the dryer the best thing on his farm. He believes there are great possibilities in the drying of fruit, especially since the Alaska trade has opened such a market, and thinks farmers should pay more attention to the matter. The waste of fruit and vegetables each season in this county is enormous and amounts to many thousands of dollars. This could all be turned into gold by the simple way of drying these products, and the extensive drying of fruit would help the market for green fruit. It is a fact that fruit growing cannot be made really profitable if all the growers are obliged to throw their entire product on to the market at the same time. The dried product is a staple article as good as gold at any time, easy to handle, and can be shipped and sold anywhere and everywhere.

Mr. Mayer has noticed in the "Bee" that the farmers about Swafford are offering a bonus for an evaporated potato factory, and says that one or two Monteth evaporators would do the work and do it well. He says that his evaporator is the latest patent, operates with steam heat, leaves good weight to the product and fine appearance, also crystallizes all fruit beautifully. He will be pleased to show his plant to any one interested in the matter.

We have shown Mr. Mayer's samples this week to Commissioner Degeler and others interested and they have unanimously pronounced them as pretty specimens as they had ever seen.

[We were shown a letter from Mr. Matthew Mayer to Mr. J. H. Monteth of Glenada, Or., in which Mr. Mayer stated that he sold his entire bulk of evaporated apples to a wholesale house in Portland, Or., for seven cents per pound, spot cash, and they wrote Mr. Mayer that they were the finest evaporated apples they had ever seen. The Monteth evaporators give entire satisfaction.—Ed. West.]

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# POSSIBILITIES OF THE HERBERT PLAN.

Tagama Ledger:

Mr. Herbert of Chicago, advances what he calls a novel plan as to obtaining a compromise between the advocates of the different metals, which is for a circulating medium consisting of coin certificates payable half in gold and half in silver—a \$2 certificate, for example, to be redeemed by \$1 in gold coin and \$1 in silver coin. If the relative value of one-half shall diminish, the value of the other half, according to Mr. Herbert, would relatively increase, and the value of certificates payable in both metals jointly would not be subsequently affected.

There is no "novelty" in this proposition, as a bill covering the same ground was introduced in congress a few years since. The matter was not given more serious consideration then than it is likely to receive at present. Mr. Herbert's plan does not go far enough in the line of novelty, for upon the basis he suggests the possibilities are illimitable. This circulating medium might be so arranged as to not only take in and prevent the fluctuation of not only gold and silver, but nickel and copper, and perhaps paper, by making the certificates payable in certain percentage of those articles. Or to go still further into the possibilities of the plan, the coinage might be made something after the manner of layer cake, or a pousse cafe, with the different metals in layers in each coin as in were, to show that they were there, and to prevent the values of the different metals being affected. Or again, the certificates might be made redeemable in the metal itself, without the expense of coinage, or in wheat or coon skins, or iron ore or canned salmon or any old thing the value of which it was desired to maintain. There are as immense possibilities in Mr. Herbert's plan as in the plans of "Coin" Harvey, and they are no doubt fully as practicable.

### GENERAL NEWS.

Minster Wolford sent a dispatch from Madrid to the secretary of state announcing that the government of Spain had disavowed the letter of Senor De Lome. This is regarded as satisfactory and the president authorized the announcement that the incident is closed.

Just after starting from Astoria for Alaska (re was discovered in the coal bunkers of the steamer Oregon. The fire was extinguished and the vessel returned to Astoria. The damage was minimal and she sailed again after a few hours delay.

It is reported that W. E. Gladstone is suffering from cancer.

Reports from the north indicate the loss of the steamship Clara Nevada with all on board. She had started from Skagway for Juneau on her way back to Seattle and when off Seward city in Berner bay about thirty miles south of Skagway she was seen by the inhabitants of Seward city all in flames. Soon after a loud report resembling an explosion was heard and nothing more was seen of the steamer.

### DO NOT FORGET.

The change of location of the Northern Pacific ticket office, which is now with "The Eugene Real Estate Agency" on the ground floor directly opposite the Guard office, near corner of Seventh and Willamette Streets, Eugene. This is the only regular City Ticket Office in Lane County. We are absolutely the only line running through cars from Eugene to the East or South without change. Remember no change of cars at Portland via the Northern Pacific, the only line running the upholstered Pullman Tourist Sleeping cars and the celebrated Dining cars on every train. Don't forget this in choosing your route for a business or pleasure trip. For full information call or address, R. McManis, General Agent, Opposite Guard office, Eugene.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

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The Douglas county democratic convention will be held in Roseburg March 19th. March 12th is selected as the day for holding the primaries.

At the teachers' examination held in Eugene this month, Della Morris and Ralph Taylor obtained second grade certificates and Mabel Knowles a third grade.

The West has for sale one year's tuition in the Holmes Business College of Portland. This is one of the leading business colleges on the coast, having English, Commercial, Shorthand and Telegraphic departments and we offer this tuition on easy terms.

Some very interesting exercises in honor of Washington's birthday were held by the Florence school in the forenoon of that day. Each of the pupils had learned a piece, an acoustic was given by several of them together, and these with readings and songs made the time pass quickly. Many of the parents were present. The children had a half holiday in the afternoon.

# W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT.

### OUR MOTTO.

For God and Home and Native Land.

### OUR BADGE.

A Knot of White Ribbon.

W. C. T. U. meetings are held every alternate Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock. The date and place of meeting will be announced the previous week. The National W. C. T. U. has over forty departments or lines of work, under the four general heads of Preventive, Educational, Evangelistic and Social.

### NON-ALCOHOLIC MEDICATION.

Our opposition to alcohol is purely scientific. It is based upon its narcotic nature and its injurious effects upon the body as set forth in our best physiologies. The promoters of this department believe with the non-alcoholic physicians that alcohol is as injurious to the body in sickness as in health; that not only does it fail to help, but it really delays, and in many cases, altogether prevents recovery. Our department work is not antagonistic to the medical profession, but is in perfect harmony with the non-alcoholic branch of the profession; indeed, its chief aim is to impart to people in general a knowledge of the reachings of those distinguished physicians who have made a special study of the alcohol question.

Among notable English physicians who have written strongly against alcohol are: Sir Astley Cooper, who said, "I never suffer ardent spirits in my house, think them evil spirits;" Sir Andrew Clark, physician to Queen Victoria, who called alcohol "an enemy of the race;" Sir B. W. Richardson, who said in the Medical Temperance Journal, "In its whole history and in its untold alliance with medicine, alcohol has not cured a single disease per se; it is an antidote for nothing, a specific for nothing, a cure for nothing, a preventive of nothing." Among American physicians: Dr. Nathan S. Davis, dean of the medical college connected with Northwestern University, Chicago, who now in his eightieth year, has not used liquor in his practice for fifty years and is the foremost physician in the country; Dr. Martin of Johns Hopkins University; Dr. A. B. Palmer, of Michigan University; Dr. H. C. Wood, of the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. J. H. Kellogg, of Battle creek, and others too numerous to mention. Dr. Palmer and Dr. Wood have made elaborate experiments showing that alcohol is never a stimulant, but always a depressant.

There is nothing in beer to revive appetite but the hop juice. A simple infusion of hops will prove as efficacious, and will leave none of the evil effects of alcohol as when beer is used. Soups are valuable as appetizers, oranges and grapes also. The best of all is plenty of fresh air. It people would avoid over-eating and eating between meals, there would be less lack of appetite.

All ordinary palpitations can be overcome by lying down and quiet. Nature is slow in her recoveries, and alcohol seems quick, but nature's recovery is very thorough. Alcohol always weakens the heart. Dr. Chapman of the National Hospital for diseases of the heart, writes in the London Lancet: "The very thing which they suppose had kept their heart going was responsible for many of its difficulties." Irregularity of the heart is often caused by indigestion from hurrying or irregular meals, or from business anxieties. Beef extract is very useful as a heart stimulant. As alcohol has been clearly proved to be not a heart stimulant but a depressant, a paralyzer, it should always be carefully avoided by those suffering from heart weakness as it will only aggravate their trouble while benumbing sensation.

John Spanglin a Russian was drowned in the Willamette river about 1 1/2 miles southeast of Junction last week. He was towing posts across the river when his boat upset.

At the young ladies' silver medal contest recently given at Gardiner under the direction of the W. C. T. U. the prize was awarded to Miss Margie Wade. There were six contestants.

Hon. Chas. A. Towne of Duluth, Minn. chairman of the national silver republican organization is expected to be in Oregon from the 5th to the 10th of March inclusive and will probably speak on the following dates: Saturday, March 5th, Ashland; Monday, March 7th, Eugene; Tuesday, March 8th, Salem; Wednesday, March 9th, Portland; Thursday, March 10th, Baker City.

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