

The democrat who was most strenuous in his denial that the Republican party had anything to do with prosperity will be the first to hold that party responsible for any let up in prosperity.

Governor Chamberlain left Salem for Portland on Tuesday morning to confer with Major Langfitt regarding a conference between the new state commission and the government officials. The question to be decided is what action it is necessary to take towards obtaining the right-of-way for the Celilo Canal. We are glad to note this evidence of promptness on the part of the Commission, and hope they will keep up the pace until the whole matter is settled, and the right-of-way in the hands of the government officials.

Gov. Chamberlain is being tendered a great amount of credit for the short session, because he tried to exact a promise from the members that no other legislation than the tax law should be considered. As a matter of fact not more than a half dozen made the promise, and every one of these voted on every bill brought forward. The legislature passed quite a number of bills and the Governor approved every one of them. As a shining example of the man "who afterwards repented and went" our chief magistrate takes the bakery.

The slaughter of 321 passengers and 323 employes on the railroads of the country during the last year, and a total number over 46,000 injured, seems to be a frightful record, and it is time that some steps were taken to remedy this state of affairs. As a large portion of these disasters were due to collisions, it seems strange that the block system has not been more universally adopted. Though this might not put a stop entirely to the loss of life, yet it will go a great way in that direction. We are glad to learn that the Interstate Commerce Commission has drafted a bill to make the introduction of the block system compulsory, and that congress will have the matter before them soon for adjustment.

It is rumored that Mrs. Beach, the owner of the house across the river where the colony of Holy Rollers has been located has succeeded in forcing them to vacate the premises and it is also said that Parson Creffield is now in hiding near this vicinity. To save trouble, this gentleman should be hunted up and made to leave this section of the state for good. The story of one of his victims consigned to a living death in Salem, bereft of reason, is fresh in the minds of every father and mother in Corvallis. Who knows whose daughter will be the next victim. We have no room in our county for men who murder reason. Save your own neck, Parson Creffield, and the quicker you go the better for you.

Corvallis is gaining a reputation as an "easy mark" town, through the erratic zeal of some of her indiscreet scribes. Whenever a faker visits this burg he gets a column or more free advertising, and the impression is given out that he carries away all the floating wealth of the town. This puts all the other fakers in the country on to the place, and it will not be long before our town is flooded with get-rich-quick schemes and schemers. This idea of our town is not the correct one. Our citizens are not more gullible than the average. Times have been good for the last year, and nearly everybody has spare change in his pocket. This makes the crowd good natured, and a little humbug is appreciated, when some one else gets bit. Yet this same crowd would enter with equal enthusiasm into the sport of giving a swindler, a ride on a rail, and by the way, it is about time for some one to take a ride.

The supreme court has decided that the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution of Oregon has been legally adopted by the legislature and by the votes of the people and is now in full force effect and authorizes the legislature to judge when an emergency exists and to put any law immediately in force by declaring that an emergency exist. What is the matter with considering the lost gambling bill an "emergency" and give it the benefit of the law?

The colored gentleman who professed to be the hero of the stale egg bombardment in Kings Valley and who claimed that he was hit by some 600 of the ripe eggs, and had to bury a new \$30 suit of clothes in consequence, has been meeting with adventures all the way down on his trip to the metropolis. A few nights ago he preempted a night's sleep in a farmers barn. The odor of sanctity, or something must have hung round the reverend gentleman, as the farmer found him as soon as he struck the barn, and according to his story he was made to do up the morning chores, milk 36 cows, pump water enough to strengthen the milk, and then was taken to town and delivered up at the police station. Smarting under the base ingratitude of the farmer, and resenting the insult to the cloth, the Rev. D. W. Swackhaner, colored, slept off his indignation in the city prison, and was promptly released in the morning as there had been no charge lodged against him. There are grave doubts in the minds of the people in this vicinity about his being the hero of the egg affair, as he claims. His story of the event smacks strongly of exaggeration. It is a libel on the hens of Kings Valley to credit them with producing 600 stale eggs in so short a time. On the whole it looks very much like the vapors of an ordinary and ornery tramp coon. Go to San Francisco, Mr. Swackhaner. That has the reputation of being an "easy" town, and your peculiar abilities will have a chance for full and fair play.

The democratic party in advocating free-trade for the United States, has always pointed to England as the most prosperous country in the world because it was a free trade country. But the growing demand in England for protection takes that argument away from the democrats. When England, that has long prided itself upon free-trade, turns away from it, the United States will be wise to adhere to its policy of protection that has made this country the most prosperous in all the world.—Exchange.

For a republican ex-governor to commend an appointment by his democratic successor is unusual. When it is done there is every indication that Oregon politics have entered on a stage of good will and an era of peace unprecedented. Thus Ex-Governor Geer endorses a recent appointment of Governor Chamberlain of Hon. W. W. Cotton as regent at the Agricultural College at Corvallis is to be commended on general principles; no better man for the place could have been found in the state. Hon. W. W. Cotton is the able general counsel of the O. R. & N. Co. and has always taken a deep interest in agricultural education.—Salem Journal.

You should enroll in the Corvallis Business College on January 6, 1904.

Grasshoppers attain their greatest size in South America, where they grow to a length of five inches, and their wings spread out ten inches. It is not an uncommon thing when traveling by rail in the summer time to see a bee or wasp keeping up with the train, and trying to get in at one of the windows. Japan has a breed of mice which are a puzzle to naturalists. At different periods of the day they whirl round and round for hours at a time. If a person should lift a mouse when it is whirling the animal will resume its whirling the moment it is set down. When an ostrich is preparing to hatch she scratches a hole in the ground about the size of a bushel basket. Eggs are then laid day after day, and arranged around the hole. When 21 are laid the bird kicks them into the hole. According to Prof. Agassiz, there is a sea worm or annelid, the "Bololo," at Levuka, in Fiji, which arrives in myriads on the coast on a certain day. The waters are so full of them as to resemble vermicelli soup. After laying their eggs nothing is left of them but empty skins. **Foley's Kidney Cure** makes kidneys and bladder right.

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Notice of Final Settlement.
In the estate of L. Diller, deceased, notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of said estate that said administrator has filed his final account in said estate and that the County Court of Benton County, Oregon, in probate, has appointed Monday, the fourth day of January, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court room in the County Court House in the City of Corvallis, in Benton County, State of Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said final account and the final settlement thereof.
T. L. CHAMBERLAIN, Administrator of the Estate of L. Diller, deceased.
Dated December the 4th, 1903.

Notice for Publication.
United States Land Office, Oregon City, Or., November 13, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 2, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Philip H. Johnson, of Menmouth, county of Holt, State of Oregon, has filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6122, for the purchase of the E 1/2 of S E 1/4 of Sec. 18, in Township No. 13 S., Range No. 10 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Victor F. Moses, Clerk of Benton County, Oregon, at Corvallis, Oregon, on Friday, the 22nd day of January, 1904.
He names as witnesses: Charles Newman of Nevada, Oregon, Hiram Newman, Fred Hubler, Frank Fisher, all of Menmouth, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 22nd day of January, 1904.
ALGERNON S. DEBESSEB, Register.

Notice of Guardian's Sale.
Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Lincoln County, Oregon, (in probate) made on the 11th day of December, 1903, and entered in the probate journal of said court, Vol. 3, page 26 in the matter of the estate of the late Laura Whitney, deceased, duly licensed and authorized undersigned guardian of said minors to sell their interest in the following described real estate, the undersigned guardian of said minors will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on SATURDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF JANUARY, 1904, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m. at the front door of the County Court House, in the City of Corvallis, County of Benton, State of Oregon, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said minors and each of them, in and to lots numbered four, five, six, seven and eight in block number twenty, in the County Addition to the City of Corvallis, County of Benton, State of Oregon, the same being an undivided three-sixths interest therein.
Dated December 28th, 1903.
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