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The United States now occupies a position of fifth rank in the potentiality of its shipping engaged in the foreign carrying trade...

Any day the bill introduced in the house of representatives by Mr. Payne, of New York, and which has been reported favorably by the proper committee...

At the end of the decade, if the so-called Hanna-Payne shipping bill passes congress and receives the approval of the president...

The war investigating commission completed its report and handed it to President McKinley last week...

If the senators who aided Senator Gorman in his fight against Mr. Bryan's leadership of the democratic party...

GIGANTIC RAILWAY EARNINGS.

Attention has been called in these columns to the remarkable earnings of the Northern Pacific. A still more remarkable showing is made by the Great Northern...

In other words, the Great Northern, after paying operating expenses and fixed charges on its funded debt of \$106,141,854...

But freight rates remain at the old level. There is no disposition among the railway managers to divide prosperity with the people...

Two years ago, when the people demanded relief at the hands of the legislature, the railroads put up the plea that times were hard...

No wonder the members who have been "fixed" by the lobby are writhing under the righteous effort to put their language and votes on record...

No speech made on the Philippine question has contained more common sense or a plainer statement of the actual situation than that made by Senator Platt...

Now is the time to renew your subscription to the Gazette.

STATESMAN CORRECTED.

EDITOR GAZETTE: There appeared in the Gazette of the 21st inst an article copied from the Salem Statesman...

When it says that no one opposes the bill except the people of Candon, it grossly misstates facts...

The only proposition is this, that Fossil wants to be a county seat. Suppose that the territory between Morrow county's south line and the John Day river would be formed into a new county...

OREGON'S FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Legislature and State Officials Observe it at Salem. Evening Telegram. SALEM, Feb. 14.—The Oregon legislative assembly is today celebrating the fortieth anniversary of Oregon's admission into the Union...

Governor Geer, who is presiding as master of ceremonies, state and ex state officials and other prominent citizens occupy seats on the speaker's stand...

The features of the forenoon program, which opened at 10:30, were the address of ex-Governor Lord, upon "The Judiciary of Oregon," and the address of Hon. L. B. Cox, of Portland...

H. W. SCOTT.

Doing Business With the Oregon State Legislature.

The entrance of H. W. Scott, of the Oregonian, to the floor of the house yesterday morning was the signal for buzzing whisps, such as: "Hello, here's the boss," "Now the Portland delegation will be disciplined," etc.

No. 4, Ralph Thompson, kept us guessing, as his cramped, laborious work at the beginning wound up with a well-paced, light, running movement that will prove very encouraging to him.

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AN OPEN LETTER.

HEPNER, Oregon, Feb. 15, 1899.

TO SCHOOL PATRONS: The annual school meeting, which is held the first Monday in March, is now close at hand. It seems almost a waste of printer's ink to say that these meetings should call forth all the legal voters in every school district.

There is nothing in this not well known to you, perhaps, but permit me to refer to it for the sake of emphasis. Examine the bond of the newly elected clerk. See that the bondsmen are responsible men, that their seals are attached and that the signatures are properly witnessed.

PENMANSHIP.

This Beautiful Art Being Mastered by Our Young People.

Since becoming a resident of Heppner and having our attention brought to the development of the school children in the art of penmanship we were most agreeably surprised to find the indication of free movement on their part...

The inspiration given these pupils by professional writers will surely prove invaluable to them, and thus encouraged it is safe to predict that many of them will stick to practice until the copy of these same professors will be cast in the shade in a very reasonable length of time.

Tuesday evening closed the interesting class of Professor G. M. Paul in special instruction. The progress made during his short term is decidedly marked, and to the writer, in combination with County School Superintendent Shipley...

No. 10, Ralph Swinburne, will out a dash, if he stays with it, that will take a few "laurels" from the doctor.

No. 17, Forrest Briens, kept right along with the procession, and there "were others."

Death of Dr. L. J. Estes.

About three weeks since Dr. Logan Jesse Estes was taken down with a gripe, which soon developed into pneumonia, resulting in his death last night at 1:30.

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SCROFULA. One of America's most famous physicians says: "Scrofula is external consumption." Scrofulous children are often beautiful children, but they lack nerve force, strong bones, stout muscles and power to resist disease.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank at Heppner, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 4, 1899. RESOURCES: Loans and discounts \$230,269.43, Overdrafts secured and unsecured 4,557.21, U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 12,500.00, Premiums on U. S. bonds 750.00, Stocks, securities, etc. 17,292.81, Banking-house furniture and fixtures 3,854.44, Due from National banks (not reserve agents) 6,300.38, Due from approved reserve agents 4,612.62, Checks and other cash items 9.38, Notes of other National Banks 11,200.00, Fractional paper currency, notes and cents 214.10, LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ: Specie 22,183.00, Legal-tender notes 4,000.00, Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation) 562.50, Total \$318,335.27

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF MORROW, I, George Conser, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Notary Public for Oregon, Correct-Attest: T. A. Rhea, S. W. Spencer, C. A. Rhea, Directors.

Mr. George Gray, of Heppner, was on the creek last week. Mr. E. Backer, who has been visiting his parents, has returned.

Mr. H. Bartholomew has moved his sheep to Wm. Wattenberger's place, to be nearer feed.

Agents for the Oregonian and Telegram. Lunch Counter in connection. Next door to Slocum Drug Co., Heppner, Or.

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