

# The Herald

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## GOSSIPING OF WAR

There is a good deal of war talk going the rounds these times, both in the newspaper field and that of common gossip. In the Philippines Japanese spies are reported to have bought up all the maps of the Islands that were on sale in the stores and to have gathered definite information of the fortifications, etc. Besides this a Japanese officer is reported to have said that Japan could take the Philippine Islands whenever she wanted to do so.

When nations contemplate going to war they are not apt to do any boasting, before hand, nor to let much information leak out so that it is hard to determine the true status of the situation, but where there is so much talk most likely there is some cause and for some reason or other there has been rumor after rumor of trouble with Japan ever since that country dressed down Russia.

That the Japanese are wily is but the result of their training. Their religion teaches them that to accomplish one's purpose it is proper to use cunning, expedient or pious fraud, and with such conception of right and wrong, treachery would be but the natural result when dealing with other peoples.

We know that there is much unrest in all parts of the world, and it is reasonable to believe that there is much trouble ahead that must show up soon, and if there is nothing more than rumor in the Japanese problem, that in itself will serve to stir up enmity, just the same as gossip brings its crop of ill in a neighborhood.

The overthrow of Jay Bowerman for president of the senate is a telling blow against assemblyism, and one that evidently will make politicians wake up and take notice, while the victory for the opposition places the insurgent forces in control of the legislature. The general public will await with interest to see what the new alignment will bring forth.

## IS IT A CRIME TO PUNISH CRIMINALS?

In arguing in favor of the abolishment of capital punishment an exchange asks the question: "Is not the officer who, in compliance with his official duty, executes a murderer also guilty of committing murder?" The answer is, No. The officer who springs the drop is in no way responsible for the man's death.

Governments are formed for the protection of the governed, and not for the protection of rogues. People assemble and make laws, not to execute criminals, but for the protection of those who do not commit crime,

and as there can be no order without law, it is necessary to attach a penalty in order that the law does not become of no effect. No man need commit crime; there is no compulsion in the matter, and the person that does it does so through pure cussedness, and with a knowledge that he is doing so, and when he becomes enmeshed in the coils of the law he has only him or herself, as the case may be, to blame in the matter.

The murderer commits an outrage against the law; he becomes a menace to the public weal; men's lives are endangered if he is not apprehended; what shall be done? shall he be permitted to run at large or shall the law step in and rid society of the danger? The law is enforced; the man is proven guilty beyond the shadow of a doubt and the criminal is executed according to the law. Why the law does so and the one that springs the trap is no more guilty than the jury that condemned him, or the witness who testified of what he knew.

Order is the result of law and there is no kingdom either temporal or spiritual that is not upheld and sustained by the observance of law. The only exception to this that can be urged is hell, and we must needs believe that there are certain bounds and laws governing that place.

We once thought capital punishment very wrong, but as we have delved deeper into natural conditions we have changed very materially.

The question arises what will you do with the criminal class who endanger the lives and property of peaceable citizens? Will you cage them up and toil for their support and endanger the lives of those who wait upon them, or will you let the law take that which the guilty person has forfeited?

Liberty and License is what the criminal desires that he may carry out his selfish purposes, and how often does he strike down his guard, or jailer, that he may gain his desire?

There are no compunctions when his guard stands in his way, and he has no qualms of conscience for their lives when he strikes to regain his liberty.

Monday evening and Tuesday morning brought our first snowstorm of the season, which will perhaps, also, be the last one during the winter, but when we compare such small flurry with Eastern conditions we are far to the fore in good weather. The little blow experienced here is nothing to the fifty to seventy two mile rate on exhibition at Chicago and Pittsburgh, Sunday, while mercury dancing around the snow-line is a sunbeam compared to that reported from places East of the Rockies within the week. Oregon is a good place to live although it does blow some along the coast.

## More Money Needed

It now looks like the eastern Oregon branch asylum will be a greater institution than we supposed. That a paltry \$200,000 will not be enough to build and properly equip an asylum large enough to accommodate 600 patients is now claimed by the authorities at Salem. So they

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want about \$400,000 additional. Then that money should be voted of course. It will not do for a great state like this to be niggardly toward its unfortunates. But remember it is the state of Oregon that asks for this money; it is not Umatilla county.—East Oregonian.

## Church Directory.

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Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.  
Y. P. A. Meeting at 6:30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH

W. A. WOOD, Pastor.

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Evening Service at 7:30 p. m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

### BAPTIST CHURCH

W. W. DAVIS, Pastor.

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" " 7:30 p. m.  
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