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The Weekly Guard is still clubbed with the Semi-Weekly Oregon Journal at \$2.50 a year for both papers.

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THE COUNTY PRINTING

The Springfield News (reprint) has a chance to bid on the county printing, and asserts that it is in a position to save the taxpayers a considerable sum or money.

"The delinquent tax list is to be printed for four cents a line, quite an act of economy on the part of the county board.

But if that was the case why did not the county board call for bids and let the Cottage Grove and Springfield papers bid? Rather a dog eat dog proposition, but it is only a repetition of the way that body does business.

The out of town papers are not recognized by the county board in any way, shape or manner. If they are anxious to practice economy and save the county money, why do they not call for bids on all the county printing?

The Springfield News, Junction City Times or the Cottage Grove offices can do printing as cheap as the Eugene offices and far cheaper than they are now doing it, and it is only fair that these offices be given a portion of the work.

The delinquent tax list was let to the Register at four cents a line, 16 cents lower than it has ever been taken at before.

The Register does not like its bargain as they claim four cents will not pay the cost of setting. The News force is busy, but if the Register man is sick of his bargain we will set the tax list for him at considerably less than four cents per line, hand composition.

We will also do job work for a third less than they are now paying. Springfield pays her portion of taxes and we believe we are entitled to a small portion of the county printing."

THE WILLAMETTE LOCKS.

It is almost unbelievable by strangers visiting Oregon that the people of the Willamette Valley have submitted for years to having been taxed 50 cents per ton, or any other sum, for their produce and supplies passing through the locks at Oregon City.

The habit of bearing this uncomprehendingly is as true to our nature

that privileged parasites always find ready sympathy with the masses whenever a newspaper tries to create intelligent dissatisfaction at any prevailing wrong.

It is not enough that the state of Oregon should make the locks on the Willamette free from toll; it should build a canal from the head of navigation to Eugene of a sufficient depth to accommodate river steamers.

Such a canal would endure for all time, and ensure water freight rates to farmers and manufacturers; would treble the population of the Willamette valley, quadruple the value of taxable property and make of Eugene a manufacturing metropolis unsurpassed by anything on the Pacific coast.

OREGON'S GLORIOUS VICTORY The University of Oregon splendidly deserved the victory won on the football field yesterday, says the Portland Journal.

But Oregon matched strength with strength, courage with courage, and when it came to a question of speed, the university men proved faster; their endurance was more lasting.

HARRIMAN'S ECONOMY. An important discovery has been made. E. H. Harriman, the great railway king, shaves without soap and does not contribute to the soap trust, according to recently published dispatches.

A newspaperman caught him making his toilet the other morning, which fact did not embarrass the magnate, who admitted to the reporter before doffing his bath robe, which is a beautiful one, only because the stores didn't keep plains clothes in stock.

"I believe the people should own the railroads, not through government ownership but through private ownership, but through private corporations. I do not believe small groups of men should control the railroads.

is necessary, but when it becomes a reality the roads must meet the situation."

WOMANHOOD PROTECTION.

Dr. T. B. Ford in his Portland church the other day took occasion to draw a moral from the killing of young Whitney by the brother of the girl he betrayed, with this conclusion:

"Man is the natural protector of womanhood. Protect her from the danger. Keep her from the hop fields, the theatre, the dance halls and the streets. This is the protection that womanhood needs.

GOVERNOR'S GOOD REASONS. Governor Chamberlain over the telephone from Salem told the Portland Journal yesterday why he is of thankful heart.

"Tell the people of Oregon for me" drition now than ever before. I am thankful because they are contented, prosperous and happy.

TILLMAN'S POINTED TRUTH. The country needs men, men like Senator Tillman of South Carolina, men fearless in telling the truth.

SEAMY SIDE AT GOLDFIELD. Ex-Governor Frank W. Hunt, of Idaho, died at Goldfield, Nevada, on the 25th inst. of pneumonia.

The Democrat boasts of six passenger trains standing in the Albany yards at one time. That's nothing—everything stops when it hits Albany.

Portland was none too liberal with her neighbor food sufferers across the Columbia at Castle Rock, \$1622 being all that was raised.

"The election did not kill me," says David B. Hill. That's lucky, seeing that Mr. Hill was an innocent bystander at the time.

tremely grateful to Governor Hunt and going to Nevada founded the camp of "Diamondfield" and made a fortune in mines, as well as becoming a good citizen.

There is a moral in the dispatches that tell of the former governor's death: "His death makes vivid the fact that here on the desert, with 40 bodies in the morgue tonight, there is another side to the scramble for hidden gold near Death Valley."

Early in the year conclusive evidence was presented to the government that the New York Central railroad was giving rebates to the American Sugar Refining Company.

From almost everywhere west of the Rocky Mountains comes the same tale of suffering from lack of fuel on account of the inability of the railroads to move it.

Mark Twain's book, "Eve's Diary" ought to find a good sale now that it has been barred from a Massachusetts public library.

Sagehen Island, below Portland, is a great duck hunting place, besides being the location of not a few steamers.

From old women fighting over the ever plentiful source of contention among neighbors, chickens, the attorneys in such a case in justice court at Hillsboro the other day got into a scrap.

Mr. Henderson, a Portland man, is suing the wife he married forty years ago for divorce. He asserts she has an ungovernable temper and once struck him with a club.

Automobile races are about as dangerous for the spectators as the chafeurs. At Philadelphia Saturday three spectators were killed and five dangerously hurt by a runaway auto.

Mayor Schmitz says the anti-Japanese agitation is a "tempest in a teapot." His honor has the same opinion of the anti-groft crusade, but later he may revise his views.

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It is said that Senator Beveridge is not satisfied with the meat inspection situation. It will be remembered that it was the Indiana senator

who threw the whole country into a whirlpool of excitement by introducing his amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill providing for an inspection of all meats intended for interstate commerce.

The census of the state as compiled by Secretary of State Dunbar from returns from the various counties, shows that Oregon has a population of 464,538, of which 257,076 are males, and 207,462 females.

A pinless country of millions of inhabitants? China is that country. An attaché of the Chinese legation at Washington said this about the to us indispensable little article.

Mr. Welch, of the Willamette Valley Co., with a Roseburg paper that he will spend \$50,000 in improving the water and light plant recently purchased there.

Few ears are closer to the ground than those of Hon. Shelby M. Cullom. When that wise old Illinois bird pipes for tariff revision it is a good time for standpatters to wonder if the sacred and immortal tariff is a good risk.

Possibly the action of Commercial clubs of Oregon, backed by the newspapers, is causing the Southern Pacific to wake up.

Baker county is pretty badly hit by the car famine, too. Mills with a capacity of 200,000 feet a day have just been shut down.

Why can't financiers fix it so that any of us can issue "emergency" currency when we get hard up?

What is the Modifying Influence? (Salem Statesman.) The Eugene Guard strongly arraigns the Willamette Valley Company on account of alleged broken promises as to a water and electric light supply and the building of a trolley line.

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English Farmers' Ways And the American Plan

By JAMES WILSON, Secretary of Agriculture

IT is true, as J. J. Hill says, that the British grow on an average thirty bushels of wheat an acre to ours of less than fifteen. But we can get thirty IF WE ADOPT THEIR METHODS.

In the Mississippi valley the farmer nowadays works altogether for corn, and his system of rotation is based on the requirements of the CORN AND LIVE STOCK that he wishes to produce.

Mr. Hill's observations on the subject of farm help are correct. But it is hard to do much for the farmer at this point. HELP IS EXPENSIVE AND SCARCE. But better appliances make it produce more.

Every acre of our domain is good for something. We are raising the spineless cactus on the sands of the Mojave desert and feeding cattle on it to determine how the results compare with those in more favored sections.

Why Cuba Should Not Be Annexed

By United States Senator BACON of Georgia

ASIDE from our OBLIGATION not to do so, it is, in my opinion, not now to our interest to absorb Cuba.

Then again, with development of the sugar and tobacco interests in Cuba, which would certainly and speedily follow annexation of the island, those interests in the United States would soon be DESTROYED.

THE GRAPEVINE SWING

By William Gilmore Simms

ONE of the best known American writers half a century ago was the South Carolinian, William Gilmore Simms, who was born in Charleston in 1806 and died there in 1870.

LITHE and long as the serpent train, Springing and clinging from tree to tree, Now darting upward, now down again,

Never took serpent a deadlier hold, Never the congar a wilder spring, Strangling the oak with the bo's fold, Spanning the beach with the condor's wing.

Yet no foe that we fear to seek— The boy leaps wild to thy rude embrace; Thy bulging arms bear as soft a cheek As ever on lover's breast found place;

O giant strange of our southern woods! I dream of thee still in the well known spot, Though our vessel strains o'er the ocean floods And the northern forest beholds thee not;

Doest thou spring and cling in our woodlands yet? Does the maiden still swing in thy giant clasp?

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