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pel the Eastern publishers to keep
their agreement in regard to the
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ment as keenly as our subscribers.
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nal, at \$2.25 a year for both papers.
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cations to
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SMALL STATESMANSHIP

The Albany Democrat talks right
to the point on the bill introduced
in the state senate by Hodson, of
Multnomah, having for its purpose
the designation of the Associated
Press as a common carrier of news.
Oftentimes just what is apparent to
every impartial observer—that the
measure is the outcome of personal
spite and jealousy, and should not
be considered seriously at all by the
lawmakers. It is common knowledge
among newspaper men that the As-
sociated Press is not a common carrier
of news, but simply a mutual organi-
zation of newspapers who pay only
the actual cost of news gathering and
transmission, and that no dividends
are ever declared or paid to any
member of the organization,
that all act without pay as corres-
pondents in their particular fields,
telegraphing the news to common
centres, where it is distributed to the
papers comprising the association
membership, and that all the money
paid in by them is sufficient merely
to meet telegraphic tolls and the nec-
essary expenses incurred in the work
of the association. It is purely a
mutual organization, in which there
are no personal financial interests in-
volved, and it is lawful and just that
its membership should say what pa-
pers they desire to take in from time
to time, just as a fraternal
order or social club is entitled to
select or reject by ballot applicants
for membership.

The Democrat, which is not an
Associated Press paper, takes the fol-
lowing impartial view of the Hod-
son bill:

"A member of the state legislature
should be broad enough not to per-
petrate spite work ever to enter into his
duties as a representative of the
people. Unless he is he has no busi-
ness at Salem. It is true that a good
many of the men sent there are so
narrow that they show personal spir-
it in much of their record during the
legislative session. There is a case
prominently conspicuous just now,
that of Senator Hodson in his bill
to make the Associated Press a com-
mon carrier. It is simply an aim at
the Oregonian. The Associated Press
is not a common carrier in the gen-
eral sense at all, and should not be
such on the statute books, nor will
it be, for the legislature will not be
small enough to pass such a law. It
is not a matter at all of one's friend-

ship or enmity to the Oregonian, but
of common justice and right. The
calendar is being encumbered with
too many fool bills like this, some of
which would be a disgrace to a mock
legislature."

THE DIRTY THAW TRIAL

The Capital Journal must apolo-
gize for much that is printed these
days in the newspapers about the
Thaw murder trial.

But why do you print it all? some
one asks.

Because it is a great moral object
lesson of the corrupt condition of so-
ciety in our larger cities.

It is one little pimple on the body
politic that has come to a head and
broken out.

It will be an education to millions
of the dangers that surround young
girls in large cities.

It is a red flag of warning of what
the nation is coming to when wealth
back unrestrained passions.

The demand of the age is better
fathers and mothers, less superficial
reform work by the churches and
moral reform agencies.

Let those who parade physical
beauty or pursue sensuality learn the
lesson that there is no escape from
responsibility for sinning.—Salem
Journal.

The Journal's comment on this sa-
lacious murder question is true
enough, but we doubt if its reasons
for publishing the testimony are the
only ones. The Journal and all other
reputable newspapers regret the ne-
cessity of filling their columns with
such stuff, but to a certain degree
must cater to the demands of the
public. The average newspaper man
is conscientious in his work and pre-
fers to run a decent newspaper, a
sense of the responsibility of his posi-
tion growing with experience in the
profession. The daily paper is a
great educator and moulder of public
morals, and the realization of this
fact tends to make one careful not
to wantonly pervert the tastes and
enter to the unnatural appetites of
his readers. Thus far the Journal's
explanation is no doubt literally cor-
rect, but there is something more
that is left unsaid. To be plain, it is
better to publish stuff like this Thaw
case "news" than not publish a news-
paper at all. The reading public de-
mands it and will buy the paper that
prints it in preference to those, if
such there be, that fill their columns
with a higher class of news matter to
the exclusion of the sensation, scandal
and crime. That is the real ex-
cuse for the printing of this dirty
news matter.

The newspaper manager is only
human, although perhaps an honor-
able, conscientious man, and he nat-
urally wishes to succeed in business.
He realizes that he must print such a
paper as the public demands in order
to do this—and the demand is for en-
tertaining, "yellow" news. Naturally
he lays aside his high ideals and
prints stuff that he never thinks of
reading himself, trying always to
keep it within the bounds of respect-
ability and drawing editorially, as
the Journal does, a moral lesson
from the filthy columns that the tele-
graphic news associations daily sup-
ply him with.

After all the public, not the news-
paper man, who becomes in time a
sort of human machine, are the real
makers of the daily newspaper.
When they want a cleaner news-
paper they must make that desire
known in a way that cannot be mis-
taken.

CONSUMPTIVE COWS MUST DIE

According to the Portland Tele-
gram war has been declared by the
state board of health on cattle in-
fected with tuberculosis. Animals
with the tuberculosis are often used
as milk cows. This milk contains
tubercular germs and the disease is
in this manner contracted by those
who drink the milk or use it in their
food. An infected animal will also
spread the disease to other animals
in the herd, and the germs will linger
for a long time in barns where
diseased cows are kept.

Inspections have been made of the
herds at the state insane asylum and
state prison at Salem, and many of
the animals used as milk cows have
been found infected. These have
been ordered destroyed, and a care-
ful watch kept on the remainder of
the animals.

Directions have been given county
health officers throughout the state
to make inspections of milk and cat-

tle, and whenever they detect the an-
imals infected with tuberculosis to
have them killed. The officials man-
ifest considerable interest in the mat-
ter, and the board of health expects
that in the future reports will be
obtained from the various counties
covering the condition of every dairy
herd in the state. It may take
months or even years to accomplish
this, but the members of the board
are determined to proceed.

Dr. J. W. Harris, of Lane county,
is regarded as one of the most active
officials in the state in his efforts to
detect contagious diseases among
cattle, and have them slaughtered.
In November he had two cows with
lump jaw killed, and two in Decem-
ber. During January he discovered
three tubercular dairy cows, imme-
diately condemned them and had
them put out of the way. Dr. Har-
ris in his report to the state health
board says:

"I shall use my utmost endea-
vors in matters of this character to
eradicate even the possibility of the
disease, as far as the law may sustain
me in doing so."

Members of the state board of
health have commended Dr. Harris
for his activity and are attempting
to get other health officers to fol-
low his example.

JUSTICE FOR BOHEMIA

With no desire to rob Douglas
county of any territory that is right-
fully hers, and with only the friend-
liest of feelings for our neighbors on
the south, The Guard is compelled
to take the stand that the Bohemia
mines should be annexed to Lane
county. They are much more ac-
cessible to their trading point (Cot-
tage Grove) and Eugene, the county
seat, than to Roseburg or any other
town in Douglas county. Good wag-
on roads lead out in this direction
and there is a railroad from Cottage
Grove to the edge of the district, and
these mines must come out through
Lane county to attend to any official
or court business, making such mat-
ters unreasonably expensive for them.

Douglas county has ignored this
mining district, so far as building
roads or making any improvements
for its benefit are concerned, leaving
it to Lane county to do all of this
work, and for that reason alone its
claim to the territory, which geo-
graphically belongs to this county,
is slight.

The question seems not to be one
of land grabbing, but is based upon
the rights of the inhabitants in the
territory affected by the boundary
change, and our Douglas county
neighbors should lay aside all self-
ish interests and consider it from
a broader viewpoint.

EUGENE'S NEW DIRECTORY.

A new 1907 directory for Eugene
and Lane county has just been issued
by the well-known firm of R. L. Polk
& Co. In addition to its list of names
and addresses the book contains
much interesting information and is
neatly printed and bound.

In the introductory attention is
called to the state university and
other schools located here, making
Eugene the acknowledged education-
al centre of Oregon, and the manufac-
turing interests, among which lum-
bering holds first place, are enlarged
upon. Also it is stated that of the
large area of Lane county, compris-
ing 7000 square miles, fully one-
third is fertile valley agricultural
land, a large portion of the remain-
der being covered with splendid for-
ests.

As to the population of this city
the directory says: "Estimated in
the manner usual to directory mak-
ers, Eugene has a population of about
7500. This is an increase of nearly
1000 in the last two years."

The decision to have an elective
railroad commission means that the
corporation interests have won out
again. The men whom the railroads
back with their money and influence
will be able to secure the nomination
in either or both party primaries, and
the people will be forced to sup-
port them at the regular election or
refuse to vote at all. This result will
be made more certain from the fact
that there are likely to be many an-

ti-railroad-candidates at the prima-
ries, while the railroad interests will
unite upon one set of men and pro-
vide them with ample funds to make
their canvass. It will simply be an-
other case of Jonathan Bourne
against a divided field.

EDITOR HOFER ON THE SCHOOLS

Colonel E. Hofer, editor of the Sa-
lem Journal, who knows all about ev-
erything from strawberry culture and
poultry raising to running the na-
tional government, prints the follow-
ing roast on the Oregon school sys-
tem:

"The legislature ought to abolish
the eighth grade teachers' certifi-
cates and the 'bam' normal schools.
But it can't do that; the whole state
educational system needs wiping out
and a new one started, but it takes
brains for that and they are not
available. In Linn county the other
day three-fourths of the eighth
graders were rejected. The third
grade teachers' certificate is another
humbug. There are really only two
grades of school teachers, good ones
and those yet in the sap. The bill
that went through the senate to put
two of the state school machine onto
the text book commission ought to
be killed. It is a move to put the
text book business back into the
hands of the Rigler push, where the
state rescued it from odium a few
years ago. The American Book Com-
pany should get its books back into
the public schools by merit, not by
the advocacy of its hired men, and
under the guise of legislation."

After reading an uplifting article
on the decline of the drinking habit
in this country, we had the misfor-
tune to pick up the brewery and dis-
tillery statistics for last year, show-
ing a record-breaking production.
Since then it has been interrogation
marks for ours.

Negroes of Washington accuse ne-
gro teachers in the public schools of
drawing a color line between yellow
and black, in favor of the former.
Color experts will next be asked to
classify the different shades of ne-
groes.

Southern senators are still wearing
smiles that won't come off, since it
was announced that the president
will give one of the best federal of-
fices in Ohio to a negro; but Foraker
and Dick—well, that's another story.

Delays in the election of senators
have been more than once brought
about by those desirous of raising
the price, but, of course, the legisla-
tors of New Jersey and Rhode Island
are above suspicion.

The Hanna chair of the Western
Reserve University of Ohio is de-
voted to the practical science of po-
litics. We had supposed that experts
in that line were out of the financial
reach of colleges.

"Teddy's" latest was the declar-
ation that Quakers make the best
fighters, because they never fight un-
less they have to, and always fight
to win. By the way, who fights to
lose?

Hilda Smith will go down in his-
tory as Colorado's first jury woman,
and the jury on which she sat hand-
ed down a prompt verdict in a di-
vorce case—in favor of the man.

Gothamites are hard to classify.
They gloat over columns of slush
and gush relating to the Thaw trial,
but stop the progress of an opera
because of its gruesomeness.

Unsuccessful investors in Nevada's
Skiddoo mines will have no grounds
upon which to base a kick.

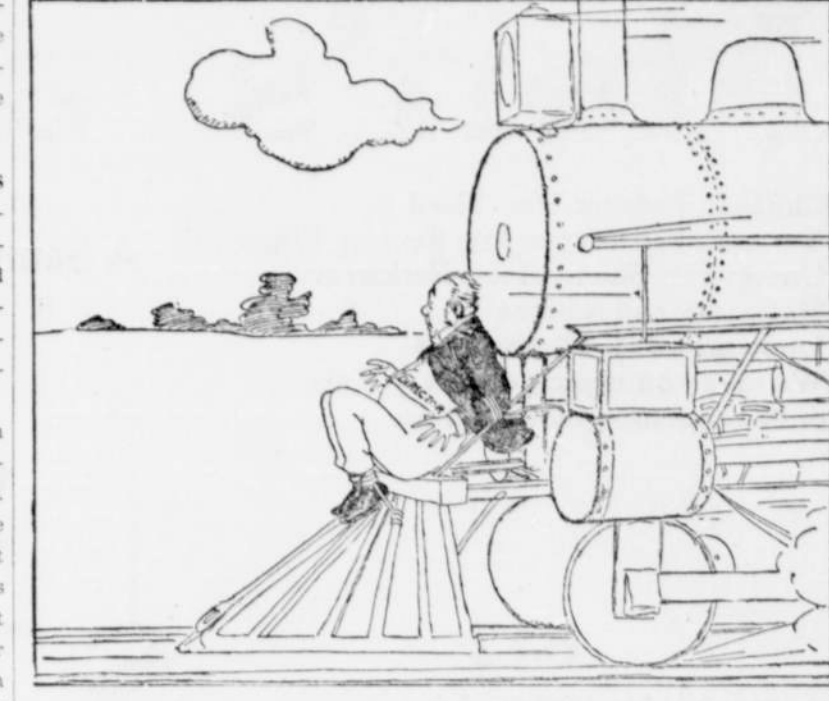
Mrs. Thaw is rightly labeled. Her
evidence is hot stuff, even in cold
type.

MESSENGER CHARLES
WAS HERO OF HOLDUP

Killed in Train Wreck Near Dunnig-
an, Cal., Sunday Morning.

Charles F. Charles, the express
messenger, who was killed in the
wreck of overland train No. 12, near
Dunnigan, Cal., Sunday morning,
is remembered as the hero of a bat-
tle with highwaymen above Eugene
about five years ago, when he stood
the bandits at bay and saved the
Wells-Fargo express treasure chest.

TO AVOID WRECKS.



—Cory in New York World.

CATHOLICS
CLEARED OVER
ELEVEN HUNDRED

(From Saturday's Guard.)
The Catholic ladies' fair came to
an end last night and when the re-
ceipts were counted up it was found
that the surprising sum of over
\$1100 was on hand, of which perhaps
\$1000 is clear profit. This will all
go to the building fund. Father
O'Farrell and the other members of
the committee in charge of the affair
wish to thank the people of Eugene,
through the Guard, for their gener-
ous patronage. The prize-winners
were announced last night. They are:
B. S. Hyland, doll dressed in red,
by guessing her name, which was
"Eve." The doll bride was won by
Cecelia Aya, and the doll in blue by
Helen Bristol. The steel range,
which was the gift of F. J. Berger,
was won by Joe Ceroosky. The cow
was won by Max Hanthe; the rock-
ing chair by Harry Shea, of Albany;
the quilt by J. M. Flaherty, of Plam-
view; the table by E. C. Hiles, of
Springfield; the Mexican drawn work
piece by Mamie Sullivan; pair of lin-
en towels by Mary DeVos; sofa pil-
low, Mrs. E. Clark; bathroom piece,
Father Datin, of Brooks; baby's silk
hood, W. Williams. Other small ar-
ticles were won by others whose
names could not be learned.

(From Friday's Guard.)
James McGee was down from the
Mohawk country today. He informed
a reporter that the high water did
lots of damage along the Mohawk
in the way of scattering the sawlogs
over the country and washing away a
good deal of valuable farming land.
The logs are lodged in stubble fields,
sloughs and public roads, and it is
going to take lots of work to get
them back into the stream.

Breakwater went out.
Wm. Neils, of this city, who owns
a big hayrack a mile or two above
Springfield, lost some 200 feet of
breakwater which had been built
along the Willamette to protect his
land from the high water. Seventy
feet of the breakwater was built
after the January freshet at a cost
of \$300, and the entire loss will amount
to about \$1000.

PROBABLY DROWNED.

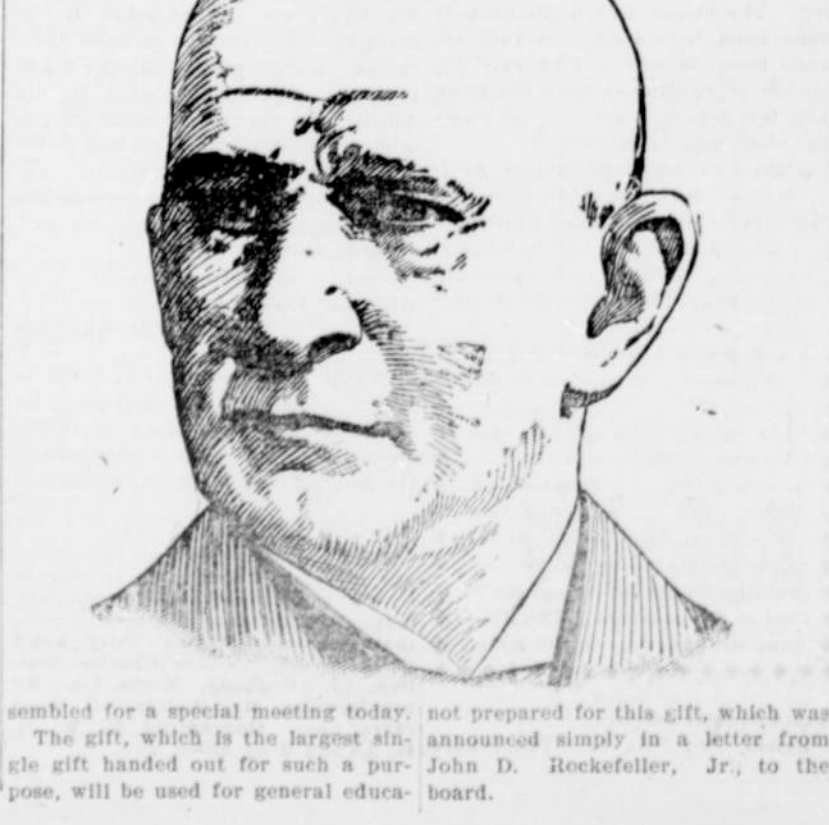
Peter Traulson, a young man re-
siding on the upper Willamette, is
thought to have been drowned dur-
ing the high water in Lost creek.
He went out with a team and has
not been seen since, although the horses
came home the same day. It is
thought that in crossing the stream
the young man was swept off his
horse and down the stream. It is
more than likely that his body will
never be found.

OIL KING MAKES RECORD
GIFT TO EDUCATION

New York, Feb. 7.—Thirty-two
million dollars' worth of income bear-
ing securities is the gift which John
D. Rockefeller, through his son, John
D. Rockefeller, Jr., announced to the
general education board when it as-

sembled for a special meeting today.

The gift, which is the largest sin-
gle gift handed out for such a pur-
pose, will be used for general educa-



tion purposes throughout the coun-
try. Mr. Rockefeller had previously
given the board \$11,000,000 for the
same work, his contributions now
amounting to \$43,000,000.
The general education board was

BIG DAMAGE
DONE UP THE
MCKENZIE

(Special Correspondence.)
Lenburg, Feb. 7.—James Meyer
has just returned from Eugene, where
he has been to see his brother, Geo.
A., a patient at the hospital. He tells
us that George is getting along nice-
ly, and it is expected he will be able
to come home in three weeks.

The gentle rain last week caused
the river to rise to the mark that it
reached in 1902 and much damage
was done to farmers and loggers.
Among those who suffer the loss
of logs is W. L. Price. He says that
in the three decks of logs that the
water swept away from him there
were 250,000 feet.

Elliott Potter is the loser of three
acres of valuable bottom land, and at
this writing Morris' field is under
water and what condition it will leave
the ground in is not known.

One day last week Altie Post, on
his way home from a party, tied to
a wagon with his two-wheeled cart.
The cart wheel was put out of rolling
commission and gave its services the
remainder of the trip as a slider,
making it a bum rig for his lady
friend to ride in.

Fay Brownson has a contract to
build two miles of fence for Joe Gil-
lespie. He will stay at O'Brien's
while he is doing the work.

Albert Jennings has been visiting
friends in Walthamville for two weeks.
We hear that Bill Goddard has
enlisted in the U. S. army and gone
to Vancouver, Wash.

Papa Rossman has disposed of the
shepherd and bulldog. The front
gate and woodshed are all clear.
Now, boys.

Mr. Reams has returned from
Roseburg, where he has been on
business the past week.

WISCONSIN
WARRIOR
ON JAPAN

Fon du Lac, Wis., Feb. 6.—Gen-
eral Edward S. Bragg, known as
"Ironside" in the Civil War, and
formerly consul at Hong Kong, today
declare that all this talk about war
with Japan was all "poppycock." He
said the Japanese were the most in-
sinuating, well-headed class of peo-
ple in the world, due largely to their
recent victory over Russia. A
break between America and Japan
was possible, but not probable. The
recent boycott of American goods in
China was caused largely by the
Japanese, who discovered they could
not compete with America, and
stamped American goods with Japan-
ese trademarks, but forgot to erase
the American firm names on the other
side of the packages. The California
school question should be set-
tled by California. One Chinaman
was worth two Japs, as far as char-
acter and manhood are concerned,
said General Bragg.

CANNOT STAND THE
MONSTER ENGINES

Pine Ties and Light Ballast Said to
Cause Overturned Rails in South-
ern Oregon.

Grants Pass, Or., Feb. 7.—Experi-
enced railroad men affirm that the
numerous wrecks on the Southern
Pacific recently are caused by over-
turned rails, the last three wrecks
that have occurred in Cow Creek can-
yon having apparently been from
that cause. The company has only
lately installed heavy power loco-
motives, which appear more powerful
than the tracks will stand. The ties
are pine, soft and spongy, and the
ballast of light weight, with the re-
sult that a heavy train will often turn
a rail over and ditch itself. An-
other trouble is the lack of section
men. Their wages have been cut to
\$1.35 a day, and it is hard to get
men to work for that rate. Some
of the section gangs have only the
boss left, and this at a time when
there is more need of men than in
summer, when the track is in good
shape.

Two \$500 school bonds of the is-
sue of May 9, 1903, were redeemed
by Clerk Reiser today. The bonds
were held by M. O. Warren and Roy
R. Knox, of this city.

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