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And Washington county, as rich as she is, and the pride of all, is without a map. Where have we all been? Where are we all going, and where are we all "at" anyway?

The bill introduced by Senator Booth of Lane county, for the creation of an office of state examiner, and the bill by another representative to create county boards of health, are steps towards better government. When these and similar things are made permanent, we will wonder how we ever got along without them.

To be a good lawmaker it is not necessary for a representative to introduce a bill, as seems to be the case at Salem. Almost every member of both houses introduced a bill the first dash out of the box. Some are a necessity, some we could get along without, and some merely for the name of having introduced a bill. It is to be hoped the more conservative will save the governor the trouble of his veto.

Governor Chamberlain's message was read to both branches of the legislature last Thursday. It is replete with good, sound suggestions, as it has been his Excellency's habit of delivering during his incumbency. One of the more prominent features is that of a public whipping post for wife-beaters and deserters. While this would be reverting to the ancient customs, it certainly would have its effect. But it's effect we want.

The old adage that "It never rains but it pours" did not hold good last week, for it snowed. Some eight or ten inches fell on Thursday and Friday, the first heavy fall since 1892. Everybody who had a sleigh was out enjoying a good ride, for they knew it is a long time between snows. School was dismissed Thursday so that the scholars could go skating, for on some of the lakes there was three inches of ice, or more. Everybody enjoyed it, even ye editor, who has lived six years in Minnesota, was tickled.

The sentiment expressed by the vote of the people of the city on January 9, is of a most convincing nature. That the public is disgusted with the manner in which the liquor traffic was controlled, or rather not controlled, goes without saying. Every newspaper that has come to our exchange table and has said anything at all about Forest Grove's election, commends the idea of having an open saloon in preference to the Iron House or Commercial Club. While it is quite true that Forest Grove has never had a licensed saloon, liquor has always been sold at all times and in any quantity, and we might say, to anyone. It has been beyond the reach of the law and in later years has been driven even further from control. Those who have had the reins of the city from time to time, and who have spent time and money to eliminate or control, are not entirely to be blamed but are to be commended for their untiring efforts, and they deserve a whole lot more credit perhaps than they received, even for a lost cause. But the verdict of the people is for a licensed saloon, wherein the sale of liquor can both be controlled and legalized, and we believe that the public will be as eager to reverse its action in another year, if it is not controlled, as it was to grant a license this time. At least we hope so.

Rural Delivery Extension

Extension of the rural free delivery service has resulted in an increase of 1,125 in the number of postoffices discontinued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1904, according to the annual report of J. L. Bristow, fourth assistant postmaster general.

Opening of rural mail delivery and the extension of private interests of rural telephone service has created a demand for patrons of rural routes for the delivery of small packages of merchandise on an order to local merchants by postal card, telephone and otherwise. The value of such packages is small and the present rate of 1 cent per ounce, the report says, is practically prohibitive. Mr. Bristow recommends that congress fix a rate of 3 cents a pound or any fractional part thereof, on packages not exceeding five pounds, mailed at the distributing postoffice of any free rural delivery route. If this special rate were established, Mr. Bristow says, it would be a great convenience to patrons and become a source of revenue to the department.

It is estimated that \$500,000 will be needed by the department to continue the establishment of rural routes as fast as they are favorably reported and approved for the remainder of the current fiscal year. It is likely that 1,200 routes will be reported within the next two months and at this rate the appropriation available will be exhausted about January 15, 1905. An appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the establishment of new routes will be asked by the department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906. Of the needs for the service Mr. Bristow says: "There are now in operation 28,075 routes. It is estimated that approximately 2,000 additional routes can be established out of the appropriation now available, making 30,073 which will be operated or ordered established by January 15, 1905. To maintain service on these routes during the fiscal year from July 1, 1905, to June 30, 1906, will require \$21,360,000. If the congress should make a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 for the current fiscal year, as suggested, additional routes can be established, bringing those in operation June 30, 1905, up to approximately 32,500. In that event about \$23,120,000 will be required to maintain the service during the fiscal year, making a total appropriation of \$26,120,000 for the maintenance and installation of the service for the next fiscal year."

Mr. Bristow recommends to congress that the interstate commerce law be amended so as to prohibit common carriers, to-wit, telegraph and express companies, or any of the employees, from aiding and abetting in green goods or lottery swindles, or any other scheme carried on partly by mail and partly by common carrier, and which is in violation of the postal laws.

CENTENNIAL NOTES

Nebraska will have a big display at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

A Cairo street, and Asiatic Village, and an exhibit showing the life and customs of the Japanese and Chinese will be features of the "Trail" at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

Two freight cars, bearing the cream of Wisconsin's educational exhibit at St. Louis, are on their way to Portland, where the exhibits will be shown at the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

A most interesting feature of the Lewis and Clark Fair will be a miniature reproduction of a complete mine in operation, with its tunnel, shaft, hoist, cars and track, drills, stamp mills, and camp.

The Alaskan exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Centennial will show a complete display of fisheries, mines, and oils, together with various curios from the time of the Russian occupation.

On account of the large acreage of water at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, special attention will be given to water sports. Mimic naval battles, on a scale impossible to previous Expositions, will be held during the Fair.

The National Editorial Association, which will meet at Guthrie, O. T., will, after its convention, take a twenty-five day trip visiting many points of interest in California and other western states, and spending several days at

the Lewis and Clark Fair. Two special trains will be necessary to convey the party, which will number at least 1,500. The National Lumber Dealers Association, which will meet at Omaha, will visit the Exposition afterwards, coming west on a special train. The National Association of Railroad Commissioners will likewise have a special train to convey its members to Portland after meeting in convention at Deadwood, N. D.

The Oregon Territory, which Lewis and Clark opened up to settlers a hundred years ago, when they made their expedition, which will be commemorated at the Lewis and Clark Fair, had a population in 1900 of 1,093,441. In 1890 the population was only 747,524.

The exhibit which Missouri will send to the Lewis and Clark Exposition will be one that could not be duplicated for \$300,000. It will consist of the cream of Missouri's display at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, supplemented by an elaborate display collected for the Western World's Fair.

The order of the United States Government removing duty charges from all imports for the Lewis and Clark Exposition has now gone into effect. While exhibitors from foreign countries will be permitted to import their wares duty free, the strictest regulations are enforced to see that the order is not taken advantage of by smugglers.

The Oregon Agricultural College cadet corps is planning to march in a

body to Portland, and camp near the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds during the Exposition. The cadet corps numbers 400 members, and has besides a band of thirty pieces. The Washington Agricultural College also plans to send a cadet corps, numbering 300, with a band of thirty pieces, to the Fair.

The Semi-Weekly Portland Journal and The News for one year, \$1.50 in advance.

Fraternal Address

Opening remarks at the annual banquet of the K. P. lodge of Cornelius, Dec. 31, 1904. By Dr. Everest.

The organization that has brought us together to-night represents one of the grandest principles that it is possible for an organization of men to represent that of true friendship, and among the affections that find a place in the human heart that of friendship or fraternal feeling is the purest and most noble. It is an affection that springs from the God-given elements of the soul and is a part of our very being and he who among his fellows finds no one in whom he delights is without one of the grandest traits and is living in the deep night and winter of the soul, is living in a gloom unbroken, no kindly fellow feelings, no sunshine to cheer the broken heart, a sandy desert unbroken by a living blade. And such must ever be the picture of a man without fraternal feelings and affections.

Those who radiate this most noble of human traits grow generous, more noble and kind, they are as a flower complete with a beauty of foliage and fragrance of blossom for every sad heart, while those who oppose fraternalism cast a gloom and shadow for earth's

unfortunate ones. They oppose they not what, and we are glad to say that our enemies are few and are confined to a few hide-bound preachers, so called, and their ignorant followers who are living in the dark ages of the centuries long gone by.

Fraternalism regenerates and develops the principles that make us our brother's keeper, and this sweet influence of friendship and beneficence will penetrate the great hearts of the children of all nations until every unfortunate and suffering one will find a kindly and sympathetic hand to share in his bitter lot. Like the sun that radiates to the ends of the earth, the fraternal soul will grow into the Christ-like flower that will bloom into a beauty that shall gladden every eye, and a fragrance that will refresh every drooping heart and then will the teachings of him who stilled the troubled waters of Galilee find a lodgment in the hearts of the children of all nations and it will go on and become the richest heritage of the ages to come.

"While we stand here looking out over these rough hills and our storm swept valleys with their sometimes unwilling soil and still look beyond the rugged mountains with their everlasting snows we see fraternalism sweeping on beyond the mountains and beyond our vision warming the cold, feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, providing for the unfortunate, with tender and loving hands laying to rest those of whom the master has said it is enough, and when it is ours to mingle with the silent dust we know that this same spirit of friendship will care for our loved and dependent ones and that the mound beneath which we take our everlasting sleep will not be forgotten and I say to you friends, that when we see and know all that these orders teach and do, then will we rejoice in the spirit of fraternalism that is so rapidly growing among the children of men; then should we resolve anew that the world shall be made better for our having lived and thus living we can drop the silent tear of sympathy and charity for our enemies and leave the reckoning of our souls to the God who gave them and although the fraternal worker may be forgotten the results of his labor will go down through the annals of time. The singer will be forgotten but the song will cheer the sad hearts through all the ages to come and then we can sing

"And so beside the silent sea
We wait the muffled oar,
No harm can come to me
From ocean or on shore.
I know not where his islands lift
Their fringed palms in air,
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond his love and care."

Notice.
There will be an important meeting of the Board of Trade of this city at the Council Chambers, Saturday evening, January 21, 1905 at 8 o'clock P. M. Everybody interested in the prosperity and upbuilding of our city should be present. The object of the meeting is to elect a Board of Directors to manage its business for the coming year.

W. H. Hollis,
Secretary.

—Weekly Oregonian and The News one year; \$2.00 in advance.

Walker's orchestra gave another of its delightful dances at Vert's hall Saturday evening. A good attendance and jolly time was the result.

THERE'S True Economy

In attending and taking advantage of the clearing sale which we are now conducting. While you may not need some of the goods offered at this particular time at a great reduction, still the values brought out during the sale are so strong that it would seem practically a waste of money to pass them by. One thing that we want you to remember while reading this ad. is that values are bona fide. We do not indulge in the practice of making fictitious comparison. When we say that an article is worth a dollar, we mean that the usual selling price is one dollar.

Cloaks and Suits at Extraordinary Reductions.

When we say "extraordinary" we mean it—the little "puny" cut of five or ten per cent. Every garment in the house is offered at a price that you simply can't afford to pass by.

Good Shoes---You Need Them

And we need the money they represent—need it more than we need the shoes, so we make it an object for you to feel the necessity strongly enough to come in and buy them now. It isn't every day that you can buy such good shoes at such low prices—in fact—it is an exception when such values are offered, so you better take the hint.

It is An Easy Matter.

For you to save a nice little sum of money this month if you attend our January Clearance Sale. There are hundreds of articles in our store that you need, and that we want to sell—we want to sell them so badly that we are willing to make it an object for you to satisfy that need at this particular time. Come in and examine them, we know that you will buy some of them, and wish that you could buy them all.

Buy Men's and Boys' Clothing Now:

It means money in your pocket on every suit you buy—the more you buy, the more you save. Another thing, its our regular stock that we're selling and not a lot of riff-raff that was bought for the occasion. Every suit, overcoat or pair of pants is guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction in every respect, wear, style, color, quality of material. The prices quoted hold good only so long as items last. We will not promise the quantities will stay very long at such figures, so come early.

Winter Underwear at Low Prices

Not just low priced underwear. Anybody can show that kind—but good underwear—dependable—well fitting and comfortable—at prices that you will almost think impossible when you see the goods. The prices we make are just an indication of some of the saving opportunities of the sale.

Our Grocery Stock
We haven't said much about, as it talks for itself and we pride ourselves on keeping the BEST IN TOWN and allow no one to undersell us.

Watrous & Allen Co

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