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An exchange says Mr. Bryan has eighty-six engagements to lecture next summer at \$500 each. It pays to advertise.

Now keep your eyes on the legislators who are riding on power. It will be interesting to know how many of them collect mileage from the state.

Trespass notices printed at this office, 12 for 75 cents, or 6 for 50 cents, printed on cloth and sent postage for any address upon receipt of the price.

Representative Nowell, who offered a resolution that no woman be employed about the legislature was too late. As usual the women had the start of him.—Salem Journal.

Let our representatives at Salem be conscious of the fact that the eyes of the people are full upon them and they should act in such manner as to please the watchful observers. The lobby is not the whole thing.—Woodburn Independent.

The Condon Times says that there is a dearth of teachers in Gilliam county and that the superintendent of schools is in receipt of numerous letters asking for teachers for a number of places. The lowest salary offered in any of the districts is \$50 per month for three, four and six month schools.

Here are the number and occupations of the representatives in the senate and house at Salem: There are in the senate 7 lawyers, 4 doctors, 3 bankers, 3 printers, 3 merchants, 2 lumbermen, 2 manufacturers. In the house, merchants 14, farmers 13, lawyers 9, lumbermen 4, physicians 3, druggists 3, editors 2, butchers 2, bakers 2.

The Illinois supreme court has decided that it is illegal to deal in futures. Will this interfere with the preacher's business?—Milton Eagle.

In many instances it will not. The future punishment idea has been set aside to give place to the scheme of jangling the rich man over the rocks of road to paradise with a little friction to his conscience as possible.

Some of our people thought it was cold here last week when the thermometers registered 5 to 16 above zero. A letter from St. Paul, Minn., says the mercury has been down to 55 below zero, and the snow in some places is lying twenty feet deep. The coldest place in the world is Wershojansk, in Siberia. The average temperature there the year round is 27 degrees below zero. Whew!

Mrs. Edith Tozier Wethered, who is well known in Roseburg, says the review of that city, is soon to tour Europe with two young lady singers, Miss Mary Adele Case, contralto, of Portland, and Miss Helen Mesow, soprano, of Berkeley, Calif. Miss Mesow has been blind from childhood. The trio will sail from San Francisco on the steamship Sierra February 7. The first stop will be at Honolulu, whence the party will proceed to Australia. From Australia they will spend a year. Mrs. Wethered is well known to many readers of The Independent.

The Tillamook Herald tells of a new drink which Watson is going to have introduced in his section as soon as the green corn season comes round again. Mr. Watson says: "They have invented a new drink down in Oklahoma that lays over them all. It is called 'Pusky' and was discovered by the Creek Indians. Corn that is just hard enough to shell is put into a pot and stirred constantly until it is brown. Then it is put into a mortar and beaten into a fine powder which is sifted well. Mixed with sweet milk or carbonated water and syrup, 'pusky' is a drink that makes a man carry his wife around in his arms just for the exercise."

A discovery in Robbers tracked to near the Southern Pacific carshops, and the trail abandoned, are the very men the authorities want for robbery and murder. The Sunday Telegram says: "J. Carlson, a tailor, found a registered letter containing a draft for \$25, drawn by the Bank of Cornelius, Or., on the United States National Bank, of Portland, in favor of George V. Fletcher, near the Southern Pacific carshops. The draft was turned over to the police. This proves that the robbers went to the carshops on Twenty-sixth and Powell streets, where the sleuths lost the trail, and that they only known it they would have had a clear trail from here."

D. M. C. Gault in his paper, the Western Oregon: "All honor to those four democrats—Mullis of Clackamas, Smith of Umatilla, Hedges of Giesseman and Caldwell of Yamhill—who balked the game of Senator Hodson and his associates who had determined to cause a deadlock in organizing the state senate. When the legislature was deadlocked several years ago, the writer took the position that it is the duty of members of the legislature to organize and legislate for the state. It is necessary to forget party, then do so. What was then held is yet believed to be in order. Hodson had seven votes and Haines

thirteen from their own party. Hodson and his associates had no right to dictate to the majority, and the rebuke administered by those four democrats was timely and deserved."

Statistics shows that the wealth of nations is a hard thing to reduce to dollars and cents, but many people are devoting a great deal of time in the attempt. Estimates of the value of the possessions of Great Britain places the total at about \$57,000,000,000; of Germany at \$39,000,000,000; of France at \$47,000,000,000, and Russia at about \$31,000,000,000. While these figures may not be correct, still they are probably approximate when compared with each other. In 1904 the value of the United States, not including insular possessions, was placed at \$107,000,000,000. For 1906 it has been conservatively estimated at \$125,000,000,000, including all insular possessions.—Oregon Tradesman.

Looks Different. Last week The Independent published an article, clipped from the Portland Telegram, which reflected on President E. W. Haines, and commented on his alleged method of securing the presidency. After reading the Telegram's article, which was written by John W. Kelly, who is staff reporter at Salem, many republicans here were very bitter against Mr. Haines, supposing, of course, that the report was true. On Saturday last we had a conversation with Mr. Haines which gives the presidency matter an altogether different look, and we publish his explanation in his own words, as near as possible, which is as follows:

"Sometime before the legislature convened I met a democratic senator with whom I was well acquainted, who had seen by the papers that those opposing me would probably refuse to take a republican caucus. He told me that if such was the case I could count on his vote as he hoped to see me elected president of the senate and that he would do what he could along that line if the matter was decided upon the floor of the senate."

"About two weeks before the senate convened I was called to the telephone one evening, and committee and without any promise of committee places or any promise whatever another democratic senator proffered his support. This senator lived in a community where I was well acquainted, some of his constituents having known me from childhood. He came from a country where I had once lived; he told me he would be glad to assist in my election."

"Before coming to Salem we had 14 republican votes pledged to our support—agreeing to assist in our election. This was two more than a majority of all republicans. Upon reaching Salem we went into caucus and sent a committee to invite the eight republican senators who were outside (two being away) to join the caucus. They refused to do so and in order to get them to join us it would be necessary for our 14 members to allow them to select five of our number who should, under no circumstances be elected to the presidency. Under these conditions they would join our caucus. Upon being told that this would leave the senator and perhaps the only holdover senator and would perhaps eliminate all aspirants from our 14, we could not accept it. At this time they stated that our 14 might select from their eight one more who might be set aside and under no circumstances become president of the senate but it would be necessary to allow them to select another from the 14 to be banished. Our people considered this a proposition out of all reason and proceeded to turn it down, and nominate in caucus officers of the senate. With the 14 republicans we were only one vote short of election and we had the promise of two democratic votes which left us safe."

"Contrary to the statement in the Telegram our caucus sent no committee to interview ANYONE save the one sent to the eight republicans. In our caucus nothing was said in any way, shape or form about securing democratic votes. It had told some of my friends earlier what these two democratic senators had agreed. After I reached Salem I did not see the governor, neither was I in his office until after the organization. I did not ask a democratic senator for his vote after I reached Salem. I made no promise or pledge to the governor or any democratic senator at any time as to any committee places or clerkships or the support of any measure or the sustaining of any vote. So I am absolutely free to vote and act in every particular as I deem best for the people of the state of Oregon. And no member of the caucus, unless he has done so personally and of his own accord, has agreed to any proposition or to the vote on any measure, for nothing was done in the caucus along that line."

"Now, you can see, that we required but one democratic vote and we had the promise of two votes without any question and it was not necessary for us to make such a deal as the one copied in your paper from the Evening Telegram. "Just before the organization, two or three of our friends, so we learned afterwards, told the four democratic members that they would stand by us they would use their influence in procuring for them good committee places. They decided to do this being rather inclined to give us their support rather than the other people, on account of the friendship between part of them and ourselves. When we were told after the election that this probably had something to do with our securing the four democratic votes we felt it to be our duty to come as near as possible to following out the recommendations of our friends along this line. Consequently we have given these members fair treatment on committees and feel that by so doing we are doing right and justice to our constituents and

the people of the state of Oregon. "It was the position of those opposing us on the night before our election that the senate would not organize for a week and we feel that the people of this state will appreciate the fact that we organized promptly, and are to the best of our ability, discharging our duties in endeavoring to expedite business and cut off useless appropriations and expend the people's money only where it is necessary for the benefit and upbuilding of the state."

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Coming Attractions. The following attractions are billed at the Crescent theatre with their dates. All of these are said to be first class shows: "New York Minstrel" date cancelled, February 1—"The Midnight Flyer," February 2—"The Missouri Girl," March 1—"Nattie, the News Girl," March 19—"King of Tramps."

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County Correspondence. We want a reporter in every town.

Regular Correspondent. Mrs. Hase and family, after about one year's absence in the east have returned here and purchased the farm formerly belonging to Fitz Meier, and adjoining Herman Smith's place.

Mr. Shauberg has opened out business in the basket manufacturing line in town, and has quite a quantity of his goods on display at his residence on Second street.

Francis Saltus, freight clerk on the steamer Larline has been at home here during the ice blockade on the Columbia river, and while the boat is out of commission.

Wm. Pulley and family have decided to make Klamath Falls their future home and have been making preparations for their removal for the past week.

Mrs. W. H. Oil, of Bluetown, west of this place has recently recovered from a severe and dangerous attack of erysipelas.

Several cases of pneumonia, and la grippe galore are prevalent in this vicinity since the recent cold spell—ideal weather indeed.

The chief quill-driver of the Independent was not a resident of Oregon along in the 80's when it is inches in thickness was taken from the sloughs of the Willamette river and stored away for summer consumption, else that "cold weather" article in last issue would have been "toned down" somewhat.

Noah Swope, a bridge carpenter in the employ of the Portland Electric Railway Company is in town from Willouville and reports work going on there, but to a limited extent, and when the bridge and approaches are completed it will be the longest and probably the highest in the state being 125 feet above the low water mark.

An abundance of potatoes all over this vicinity will never reach market this year, in fact they have been placed horse-de-combat by the late cold weather. Numerous fields of them have never been dug out of the ground—farmers missing it badly thinking they could be harvested at most any old time of the year.

Sherwood town is entirely out of coal oil, the Standard monopoly in Portland claiming to be short on the article and refusing to fill orders. Well, the devil-fish trout outfit has no corner on wood, at least in this section of the country, so we can wait very placidly for the clouds to roll by and in the meantime resort to "tallow dip" for light if necessary.

Beaverton. Regular Correspondent. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Anderson are both quite ill.

Mrs. A. W. Pike has been suffering for some time past with an acute attack of neuralgia, but is much improved at the present writing.

Rev. and Mrs. Hamlin were quite pleasantly surprised last Wednesday evening by a pond party. The occasion was Mrs. Hamlin's birthday. From reports they were severely "pounded."

Mr. Pichel had the misfortune to lose a very fine horse last Saturday night. During the night the horse got its head fast and in the morning was dead.

The Portland canyon has been a glare of ice during the cold spell and a number of questionable accidents have happened as a result, although no one from our immediate vicinity got into any trouble, because the majority stayed close at home during the cold weather.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Fordney and daughter, Zella, visited with Jas. Anderson last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodge were somewhat surprised last Saturday evening when a crowd of twenty-five young people knocked at their door and cried "surprise." The evening was spent in music and games after which refreshments were served. All voted it one of the most enjoyable occasions of the season.

The Longfellow Club met at the home of Prof. G. A. W. Russell last Saturday evening. The evening was spent in the reading of Biawatha. The next meeting will be the form of a musical evening at the home of F. W. Cady.

As soon as the new stoves arrive the railroad company will occupy the new quarters. Let us hope for a speedy delivery of the stoves.

Moses Dillaboy, of Cooper Mountain, is in very poor health.

Skating still continues good at Fanno's.

J. W. Barnes is experimenting with a split-log drag on the road in front of his farm.

Jack Town. Regular Correspondent. Oh, yes, that old question about the weather has come up again. Well its true, the wind did get in some of his fancy upper cuts and dashes the first of last week but then it can't be expected to rain all the time even in Oregon.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sol. Jack died Sunday night about 12 o'clock after being sick for some time. Interment will be in Farmington cemetery on Tuesday at 11 o'clock.

Miss Cassie McLinton entertained about forty of her young friends at her home here last Thursday evening in honor of her 29th birthday. The evening was spent in games, refreshments being served at 12 o'clock.

Sam Sorensen and family visited with Mr. Nordemus Sunday. Mr. Sorensen has been confined to the house for some time on account of having both legs broken last fall.

Rev. James Campbell failed to make his appearance here last Sunday on account of the illness of his young son, who at last report, was not expected to live.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Olsen spent Sunday with John Boge and family.

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Firdale. Regular Correspondent.

There was a pleasant surprise party given at Henry Haase's on last Saturday evening. There was a very enjoyable time for all. Refreshments were served.

Messrs. Landess and Ennes were in Hillsboro last Saturday getting a supply of mill stuffs.

The literary society has changed its night of meeting from Saturday to Wednesday evening. There were so many things going on all around the country on Saturday evenings that it was thought best to make the change.

The skating here is at a stand. We don't know whether to be glad or sorry.

There are several about here who want to send milk as soon as they can get a wagon to start to a condenser.

We are getting some badly needed road work done here.

Mr. Thompson, son of J. R. Thompson of this place, has returned from Southern Oregon.

Itzy Watt.

The Ice King's Reign.

ALBERT O. YATES. The Ice King's crown, and o'er the earth With rigid arm his sceptre holds. And Nature's ceased to shed her tears And to her breast, her little ones enfold. And lies beneath his pall of snow Her frozen tears as diamonds do glow: On every shrub, and tree and stream, Do glisten in the sunny gleam; And birds have hushed their little throats, And hold 'till spring their joyous notes, And 'mong the frozes scarce a note. 'Till "the King's" dreary reign is o'er. And to his spirit, his wondrous art explains Of frosts "dora" on the window pane; And forms of trees and plants appear That vie with man, to imitate so clear: What skill in pictures, with their breath attain And with frozes fingers trace again. To come and go, just by the Ice King grown. The furs and palms and beauteous trees Appear and disappear with nightly freeze, And where the trees and plants do grow Is it the Ice King's home, where balmy zephyrs blow.

Is there "dora" afar in those regions here Where no foot hath trod in the icy glare? Is there "dora" as fair as of tropic clime Afar in a world, where knows no time, No night, no day; where sets no sun; Is it there he goes; when his work is done? In marking the season of winter time And knows naught else but that of his art; And skilled in the beautiful frosts art, Doth he with his spirit to us impart, And add to the joys of our winter pleasure, The picture of some of his far off treasure To gladden the eyes mid scenes so drear As winter time, he doth add to the year: But only a while, and his reign is o'er. Then spring will gladden again once more, And Nature will rise from her dreary pall And smile again at her children's call; And joy once more on the earth will be, With the song of the bird and the hum of the bee; And "dora" and "fains" arise from their bed Where they have lain asleep—not dead. So sing we the song of the Ice King's reign And laugh with glee, when he comes again.

The Club Woman's Prayer.

The following was read by Mrs. J. B. Smith before the Woman's club of Marshall, Minn.: O Lord, I come to Thee in prayer once more, But pardon if I do not kneel before Thy gracious presence, for my knees are sore With so much walking. In my chair instead I'll sit in ease and humbly bow my head. I've labored in Thy vineyard, Thou dost know I've sold me thick and to the minutest show, I've called on fifteen strangers in our town, Thy contributions to our church put down; I've baked a pot of beans for Wednesday's spree An old-time supper it is going to be. I've dressed three dolls, too, for our annual fair, And made a cake which we must rustle there. Now with the boundless wisdom so sublime, Thou knowest that these duties all take time, I have no time to fight my spirit's foe; I have no time to mend my husband's clothes My children roam the streets from morn till night.

I have no time to teach them to do right, But Thou, O Lord, considering all my cares, Wilt count them righteous, and heed my prayers. Bless the bean supper and the minstrel show, And put it in the hearts of all to go. Induce the visitors to patronize: The men who in our program advertise: Because I chased these merchants till they hid Whene'er they saw me coming, yes they did Increase the contributions to our fair And bless the people who assemble there. Bless thou the grab bag and the gypsy tent, The flower table and the cake that's sent; May our White Club be to our service blest, The dancing party ever than the rest; And when Thou hast bestowed these blessings then We pray that Thou wilt bless our souls. Amen.

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