

According to Mr. Mosely there are 40,000,000 people in this country who don't go to church.

It is now being said that there will be no lady clerks at Salem during the January term of the legislature, as none will be employed.

The biennial session of the Oregon legislature will sit at Salem January 11, 1907. A senator to succeed Senator Mitchell and piling up the burden on the shoulders of the taxpayers of the state will be the most important work of the session.

There were expended in Oregon for salaries of school teachers in 1902, according to the report of Superintendent Irwin, the sum of \$784,967.62.

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A general order has been made forbidding any export of tobacco from Cuba. This, together with the refusal to permit the sugar harvest is likely to make it hard for the rebels to maintain their strength.

The British authorities in India are taking measures to prevent the extermination of the elephant, which has been going on at a rapid rate of late years.

It has been learned at Newcastle, Del., that the Duke of Tetuan, Spain's minister of foreign affairs, has cabled to Senor de Loma, minister to the United States at Washington, to protest energetically to the American government against the insult to the Spanish flag in that city last week.

The Madrid correspondent of the London Standard says the government has instructed General Weyler that it is to expect no reasons for international and domestic politics that he should not return to Havana until he shall have achieved something decisive against Maceo.

The British government meditates the appointment of a commission to investigate on the spot the critical condition of the sugar industry in the West Indies.

Drs. J. Stoneberger and J. Ulmer, two leading physicians of Berne, Ind., have been arrested charged with administering poison to Mrs. Adeline Brown, who died a few days ago.

General Jose Rodriguez, the envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States from the greater republic of Central America, arrived at New York from Colon by the Panama steamship Adv. on Dec. 1.

President-elect McKinley will be invited to attend the convention of the International Epworth League in Toronto and reply to the address of welcome to be delivered by Lord Aberdeen.

Mrs. Carrie Liebhong, who submitted to an X-ray test of her foot at Hiawatha, Kas., had to have that member amputated at the ankle as a result of the experiment.

A few days after the test, which was conducted by Professor Blau of the State University at Lawrence, abscess after abscess formed, the pains finally becoming unbearable.

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The Utah semi-centennial commission November 23d to take steps for the necessary arrangements for the celebration next July of the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of the pioneers in Utah.

It is now believed that Rev. Mr. Miller of Deatur, Ill., who was found dead in a few days ago, shot himself and was not murdered.

The annual convention of the American Bar Association will meet next August in Cleveland, Ohio.

Captain G. Sanderson has made his annual report as superintendent of the Yellowstone Park.

The body of George W. G. Ferris, the famous inventor, was cremated at Pittsburg.

The miners' officials of Pittsburg have demanded an advance of 6 cents per ton in the price of mining.

Business men of Louisiana want a special rate on corn, there being a famine on that commodity in that state.

A furlough has been granted the West Point Academy Band to make a concert tour of the principal cities of the United States.

Captain W. E. Donnelly of the schooner Katy Brainerd left overboard and landed over to the tender of his vessel until rescued.

H. D. Flood (Dem.) has declined the certificate of election to congress from the tenth Virginia district, which was awarded to him on account of clerical irregularities.

Mr. Cooper, Hawaiian minister of foreign affairs, says that the Hawaiian government has refused to grant further concessions to the Pacific Cable Company.

The jury in the United States Court disagreed in the case of the officials of the defunct National Bank of Denver charged with making false returns to the controller of the currency.

Mrs. U. F. Brunn of Chicago has been appointed to represent the National Women's Christian Temperance Union at the Scandinavian temperance congress at Stockholm next summer.

The Society of the Blue and Gray has been organized at St. Louis and, as the name indicates, is composed of ex-soldiers of the late civil war who wore the respective colors.

A cyclone passed over McLennan county, Tex., on Thursday, doing considerable damage to life and property.

The Findlay, Ohio, wire mill proposes to work day and night to meet orders under the lower price of nails.

At Williamson, West Va., Mrs. Elizabeth Hetcher heard burglar at her door and securing a Winchester rifle she opened fire, wounding one or more, as blood stains marked the line of flight.

A fire occurred in the county jail at Kansas City which threatened serious consequences but for timely work, which stopped its progress.

WHAT A CHANGE! An Agricultural Community as It Was Thirty Years Ago and as It Is Now. A few days ago the writer made a visit to his boyhood home, and the traditions of this political situation came before him more vividly than at any other time.

In those days they stalked their farms with Durham cattle, Morino and imported Leisterhse sheep and Poland-China hogs. Sugar and coffee were too high for everyday use.

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It costs Riverside county \$15 75 for every man brought in from the desert district to serve a term for vagrancy.

The decision sustaining the Wright law was celebrated at San Jacinto with fire and drums, bells and bonfires.

President David S. Jordan of the Stanford University delivered a lecture in Washington a few days ago on the seal islands.

Joe Souza, the 11-year-old boy who shot and killed his step-father in Tehama county, Cal., a few weeks ago to protect his mother from a brutal beating, will be released from custody on the recommendation of the grand jury.

A Welsh diner. A new terror is in store for epicures—namely, the Welsh diner. The South Wales Daily News recently printed the following specimen:

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