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A CONDITION, NOT A THEORY.

Along a little later in the season when the edict is issued by Sheriff Henderson that the tax payers must pungle up for the running expenses for the year 1896, residents of Newberg, such as pay taxes, are going to be confronted by conditions that will make the cold chills play hide and seek along the spinal column. Until within the past year or two efforts have been made to keep our running expenses within conservative limits, but of late a demand has been made for public improvements that are expected to attract (?) men of capital to Newberg, and consequently we are preparing to sing a new song. Portland and other slow going cities are kicking themselves "all over town" for extravagant expenditures made when times were good, and are cutting off on every hand possible in order to reduce taxes, while our city council is forging ahead for 1896 at a galloping pace in order to attract (?) capital to our city and make it grow all the same as in boom times. Let's make some figures. Last year a ten mill tax was levied for city purposes but the excuse given for this was that the previous year no levy was made.

Now a new levy was made at the council meeting on Tuesday night of ten mills for this year, so that we will be confronted by figures like these; for state and county 16 mills, town 10 mills, and if a school bond which is due is paid off this year, 5 mills for school purposes, making a total of 31 mills.

A 31 mill tax! Now all we will have to do during the year 1896 in order to interest men of money who are looking for a good place to make investments, is to point to the fact that we go down into our well filled (?) pockets and pay a 31 mill tax, and these fellows will become so interested that they will get out of town so fast that landlords Stratton and Hiatt will never get to put up a fifteen cent meal for them.

Portland is groaning under the burden of a prospective seven mill tax and the demand is going up for retrenchment in all lines, while the tax payers of Newberg are to be cinched to the tune of 10 mills for city purposes. There are property owners in Newberg today who are about to be closed out because they can't meet their obligations, and there are other property owners who are keeping their children from Sunday school and church because they are unable to dress them in a way to make a commendable appearance, and yet a ten mill tax for city purposes is to be demanded of them, and they must pay it or have their homes sold over their families heads.

Let attention be called to a couple of items in the estimate made for the running expenses for the year, viz: A round $300 each for the recorder and marshal. Now the Graphic has no grievance against either of these officials, but it does want to ask if the tax payers of Newberg feel that in justice to themselves and their families they can afford to pay them $25 a month each for their services during the coming year.

The fact is we have capable men who will be glad to take these places at half the salary. Where is there a man who has not been compelled to cut on his personal expenses. Then why not do a little cutting when expending the peoples hard earned dollars.

The Graphic is aware that it is not considered fast enough for some property owners and a whole lot of fellows who own no property, but it feels pretty sure that the time is not far off when this wide open method of doing business will be generally condemned.

The city's business can be conducted on a safe business basis to correspond with the ability of her citizens to meet their obligations, or it can be by wholesale extravagance, saddled with an indebtedness that the people will groan under for years. Which road shall we take?

A man of science who has made a study of the cigarette question says he would rather have his boy smoke opium than to become a cigarette fiend. Numerous statements as strong as the above are often made respecting the baneful effects of the cigarette and yet the daily output of cigarette factories in America reaches in round numbers 15,000,000. Some one who has been looking up the subject says:

If the cigarettes made in a year in this country were placed side by side they would form a path 2½ inches wide that would reach around the world with enough to spare to stretch from New York to Berlin.

If these cigarettes were formed in a road 5½ feet in width, they would reach from St. Louis to New York.

If they were put in a pile of three feet square at the base, they would reach an altitude higher than that reached by the most successful balloonists.

The cigarettes made in the United States each day would, if placed end to end, reach from Kansas City to Denver.

If the cigarettes of a day were put together side by side, they would make a path 23½ inches wide from New York to Philadelphia.

Last week the Graphic published a very readable article containing much information respecting the much talked of country, Venezuela. In this week's issue will be found an article on the island of Cuba. All eyes are just now turned to Cuba where the insurgents are fighting for freedom and anything respecting that country is full of interest to the general reader.

The Transcript is laboring hard to set the political pot in Yamhill to simmering and thus break over the rule of the staid Yamhillers, of making a short campaign void of noise and bluster. Go slow Al, those cold, chilly March winds are said to be mighty depressing on the buzzing bee in the young political aspirants bonnet.

Among those who have been mentioned as being willing to take Hermann's place in congress are H. B. Miller and W. T. Vawter of Southern Oregon, Judge R. S. Bean of the supreme court, Thomas H. Tongue of Hillsboro, Chas. B. Moores and T. T. Geer of Marion county, and George C. Brownell of Oregon City. And still there's likely to be more to follow.

If the Posson Seed Co. of Portland wants to advertise through the columns of the Graphic at the regular rates all well and good, but as for free advertising for the company by giving its advertising sheet the Webfoot Planter a boost—well deliver the Graphic. This seed company must take the valley publishers for a lot of chumps.

Hoefer of the Capital Journal is getting his crowers ready for the celebration of the June election. He recently imported from the east five Buff Cochins at a cost of $75. There is nothing like getting in on the ground floor.

The money we would spend in a war with England would be sufficient to make turnpikes out of all the principal roads in the United States.

Less talk about hard times and more good roads talk would be beneficial.

A mild winter causeth the wood dealer to turn away in sadness.

SOMETHING ABOUT CUBA.

A few facts in regard to Cuba may not be uninteresting reading, just now. The island was discovered by Columbus on his first voyage and it has been under Spanish rule ever since. It is about 760 miles long and its greatest width is ninety miles, while in area it is about the size of the state of Pennsylvania.

Owing to the narrow dimensions of the country it has no long rivers, about seventy miles being the length of the Cauta which is the largest stream on the island, but a peculiar characteristic of the Cuban rivers is found in the fact that they are navigable for a greater distance proportionate to their length than those of any other country.

Several attempts have been made by the United States to purchase Cuba and in 1848 an offer of $1,000,000 was made for it but was refused by the Spanish government. In 1854 the American ministers to Great Britain, France and Spain met at Ostend in Belguim and issued the famous "manifesto" declaring the right of the United States to annex Cuba to this country regardless of the wishes of Spain. Of course this action was not sanctioned by the authorities at Washington and nothing came of it. Again in 1858 a proposal was made in the United States senate to offer Spain $30,000,000 for her American possession, but was withdrawn.

The island is rich in mineral products, chief among which are iron ore, an excellent quality of coal, beautifully colored marbles, rock salt, quicksilver and petroleum. Gold is also found in considerable quantities along the streams.

Only about one-tenth of the area of Cuba is under cultivation but the cultivated lands are inexhaustibly fertile and produce immense crops of corn, cotton, rice, sugar, coffee and all kinds of fruits that grow beneath the tropical sun. There are more than 8,000 tobacco plantations on the island and the tobacco raised upon these is considered to be the finest in the world, and its market value annually amounts to millions.

The population of Cuba is somewhat less than 2,000,000 and of this number about three-fourths are of Spanish descent. Havana, the seat of government is a city of about 200,000 inhabitants and is located on a magnificent harbor. Six other cities on the island range in population from 30,000 to 80,000.

The chief executive is officially known as the Captain-General and notwithstanding the fact that the country over which he rules is smaller in area than the state of Iowa his salary is $50,000 per year, or exactly equal to that of the president of the United States. The Captain-General is appointed to office by the crown of Spain but his salary is paid, of course, by the down-trodden and over-taxed people—a tax that doubtless figured among the incipient causes of the present revolution.

For more than three hundred years the Cubans have been under the galling yoke of Spanish rule and have certainly been a long suffering people. Let us hope that the days of their bondage are numbered and that the rotten fabric of foreign rule may at once fall into irretrievable ruin.

The Weather Story for 1895.

The year 1895 presents no unusual departure from the normal meteorological condition, except the marked deficiency in rainfall from June to November. The month of October had no rainfall over the greater portion of the state. This is a most phenomenal occurrence. A study of the precipitation which occurred during the year shows an excess for the year over one-fifth of the state, embraced within the territory of a line drawn from the northern line of Tillamook county, thence eastward to near Oregon City; thence south on the west side of the Willamette river to Independence; thence northeastward, taking in the country drained by the Santiam river and extending over the Cascade mountains just south of Mount Hood to Hood river; thence southward along the eastern slope of the Cascade mountains gradually trending to the summit of the Cascades and crossing about the headwaters of the McKenzie river; thence sharply to the southwest, striking the ocean about the Oregon-California line. Over the other portion of the state the total for the year is below the normal amount, the greatest deficiency being from the Cascade Locks westward along the Columbia river to the ocean, including all of Multnomah county, and extending northward, embracing the Sound basin. The greatest amount of precipitation that occurred in the state is reported from Nehalem and Glenora, Tillamook county, where from 105 to 110 inches of rain fell, or about nine feet. Over the western neck of Douglas county, bordering upon the ocean and over Coos and Curry counties, from 100 to 102 inches fell; at Astoria seventy inches and at Cascade Locks seventy-one inches fell. The precipitation at the latter place is entirely local, not covering a redius of over five miles. The place is located in the gorge of the Columbia river, where the river passes through the Cascade mountains.

In the Willamette valley the heaviest precipitation is reported from Detroit, seventy inches, which is on the western slope of the Cascade mountains, in Marion county, and so located that it, too, has a local precipitation in excess of the amount that occurs in the country surrounding. McMinnville reports 49.62 inches for the year, and this is in excess of the normal amount. It represents an extension of the heavy rainfall in Tillamook county over the Coast range of mountains.

A study of the topography of the state in connection with the distribution of rainfall will explain many of the pecularities which are noticed in various sections. The general rainfall in the Willamette valley for the year varies from thirty to forty-five inches; to the south, in the Umpqua valley, thirty inches fell, and further south, in the Rogue river valley, from fourteen to twenty-nine inches fell. In the Columbia river valley and east of the local influence of heavy rainfall at Cascade Locks, the total for the year ranges from eight to fifteen inches, a deficiency of from fifteen to thirty per centum. To the South and east of the Blue mountains, and the Inland Empire of Oregon, the total for the year averages twelve inches, which is 15 per cent below the average.

The snowfall for the year was heavier than usual in some sections of the state. Hood river reports 14.75 inches of snow for the year. Sparta, in the Blue mountains, reports 126 inches, and Detroit, in the Ca-cade mountains, reports 107.8 inches. Along the coast less than five inches fell, and, in the greater portion of the coast section, there was no snowfall. In the Willamette valley, Portland had twenty-three inches, which from twenty miles south thence southward, there was less than four inches. East of the Cascade mountains there was from eight to seventy-two inches, and as much as eighty inches in the foothills.

The highest temperature in the state, 107 degrees, occurred at Pendleton. The lowest, 10° below zero, occurred at Diamond, Harney county. As usual the highest temperature occurred in the Columbia river valley, in the Rogue river valley and in the central portion of the Willamette valley, and the lowest occurred over the plateau region of the southeastern quarter of the state.

The year's agricultural operations were successful and free from injurious climatic conditions. There were no snow storms, no floods, no destructive drouths, nor were there any excessive rainfalls.

The following statement shows the general weather conditions for the year, at places selected to represent every section of the state:

District and Place.	Total Precipitation.	Departure from Normal.	Departure Snowfall.	Total unmelted Snowfall.	Tem. High.	Tem. Low.
Coast—						
Astoria	69 75	-6 34	4 8	91	98	28
Bandon	100 68	6 07	0 0	78	78	28
Langlois	101 30	1 22	0 0	90	96	26
Nehalem	105 07		7 5			
Willamette val.						
Albany	47 43	2 38	2 0	101	104	24
Corvallis	52 91	4 23	3 5	100	102	22
Detroit (x)	69 97		107	8 10	100	12
Eugene	57 03	6 37	0 1	96	102	22
Hubbard	44 72	-2 28	1 0	98	102	22
McMinnville	49 62	6 42	5 3	101	104	21
Mt. Angel	47 43	1 23	1 0	102	102	22
Aurora	44 04	-7 76	4 0	97	97	21
Portland	39 76	-10 03	23 0	97	95	25
Salem	47 10	1 57	0 0	98	102	22
Umpqua valley.						
Roseburg	29 12	-5 36	4 2	98	99	29
Rogue R. valley.						
Ashland	13 90	-6 32	21 9	104	104	7
Grants Pass	27 43	-7 98	2 8	101	105	15
Williams	28 09	-8 17	20 5	100	107	17
Jacksonville	20 78	-4 22	12 4	102	102	19
Columbia River val						
Cascade Locks (*)	71 03	-10 57	?	100	100	20
Hood River	41 28	3 71	147 5	91	97	7
The Dalles	15 88	-1.69	72 6	101	101	8
Arlington	7 78	-2 03	28 8	101	107	7
Pendleton	10 47	-4 36	22 9	107	107	5
Walla Walla	14 89	-3 05	8 2	104	104	11
Inland Empire.						
Diamond	9 75	-4 54	24 3	99	100	-10
Baker City	12 03	-2 63	29 6	94	96	-3
Joseph	16 08	-4 73	80 3	91	94	-4
Sparta	20 30	-2 86	126 0	94	94	1

x On Cascade mountains, eastern end of Marion county.

* In the gorge of the Columbia, where the river passes through the Cascade mountains.

Figure preceded by the minus (-) sign, under "lowest temperature," indicate below zero.

The February Delineator.

The February number of The Delineator is called the Midwinter Number and covers the whole field of Seasonable Fashions with its accustomed thoroughness. A very pretty ballad, far above the ordinary magazine contribution, begins the number. Mrs. Roger A. Pryor concludes her admirable series on The Social Code with a discussion of the various ways of getting into society. A well-known New York Dentist has an article at once scientific and popular on the Care of the Teeth. Dr. Aimee Raymond Schroeder brings personal experience to bear in telling of the Facilities and Obstacles before women who set out to Study and Practice Medicine. Sara Miller Kirby explains the possibilities of Kindergarten Work at Home. A handsomely illustrated article by M. C. Frederick is devoted to Mexican Stamped Leather. A beautiful Silk-Embroidered Fan with a romantic History dating back to the French Revolution is pictured and described. Emma Haywood begins instruction for Ecclesiastical Embroidery, and also explains how to make the new and pretty Embroidery Frames for Photographs. How a House may be Artistically Furnished for the Least Money is told by Edna Witherspoon. Mrs. A. B. Longstreet devotes critical attention ty Adulterated and Deteriorated Foods, and the article on Seasonable Cookery supplements her conclusions with timely illustrations as to the use of Canned Goods. How a brother and sister organized and carried out a Valentine Party is told by Henry C. Wood, and there are the usual pages devoted to the New Books, Tea-Table Chat, Knitting, Tatting, Crocheting, etc.

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FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Yamhill County Reporter.

Postmaster John Thompson of La-Fayette gave us a friendly call while in town last Saturday. He has about lost faith in the securing of an appropriation in congress for the construction of locks on the Yamhill, and believes that when spring opens the citizens should take concerted action, raise funds by subscription, and proceed to blast out the obstacles existing below Lafayette, would make the river navigable the year round to that town. He estimates that this can be done for about $4,000, and with this accomplished he believes that it would have greater weight with congress in securing locks at the falls. An effort of this kind may be made soon, unless an appropriation is secured. Whatever is done, Uncle John is red hot for the improvement.

We very much fear that California will take another of McMinnville's good citizens. John R. Derby took Wednesday afternoon's train for Fresno county in that state, in response to an invitation from his brother-in-law to come down and accept a good position. Mr. Derby will look the field over and decide later whether it suits him. His family will remain here for the present.

County Commissioner Henderson says considerable dissatisfaction is expressed in relation to the present system of road districts, many being anxious to go back to the old system of small districts. They want the work more widely distributed so that all communities may share alike. There is seeming justice in the demand, but on the other hand the advocates of large districts point to the record of the past in proof of the claim that no permanent progress in road building can be accomplished unless the work and funds can be concentrated.

Valley Transcript.

County Clerk McKern has finished the figures on the assessable property within the corporate limits of five cities of the county, and finds as follows: McMinnville, $598,020; Newberg, $162,535; Lafayette, $69,292; Dayton, $63,190; Sheridan, $92,030.

David Beck, who was cut by one of the Doney boys, last fall, was arrested Monday by Sheriff Henderson on a charge of carrying concealed weapons at the time of the fracas, went before Justice Rhodes, plead guilty and was fined $10 and $12 costs, which he paid and was turned loose.

Things have come to a pretty pass when a young lady cannot go out on our street after dark without a guardian to protect her from the insults of hoodlums in the garb of gentlemen. The toe of the No. 10 boot of a big brother or the cane of a father should be brought into use a few times to put a stop to some foolishness.

Telephone-Register.

Capt. Harris states that 15.43 inches of rain fell here, during December. At Portland, the rainfall was barely 11 inches. The decrepancy is usually the other way.

Mr. P. Withecombe showed us a sample of dried prunes yesterday that for richness of appearance and flavor excelled anything we have ever seen in the prune line. If the prune crop of this country could be cured as well, the markets of the east would open wide to them and nothing but Yamhill county prunes would be in demand. Prune raising is yet in its infancy in this county and every effort should be made to have a uniform system of curing, packing and marketing. Organize and get rich.

Saturday, a diver came up from Portland and examined the bottom of the river beneath the suction-pipe of the city water plant. No accumulation of dirt was found, the bottom being gravel, and the assumption that the muddy water was caused by the breaking away of the bank and covering up the feed-pipe was proved to be wrong. The cause of the muddy water is that it is taken directly into the mains without filtering from near the bottom of the river. No improvement is possible until the rains abate and the water in the river becomes clear.

J. C. Cooper has his new soap machinery in running order, and can now make 300 boxes of A1 soap every week. The operation of soap-making is interesting, and we advise people interested in the development of the city as a manufacturing point, to inspect the plant.

McMinnville people are in need of more McMinnville pride. They should stand together and push everything of merit in McMinnville. Instead they seem to be divided into at least twenty coteries; each coterie denouncing the efforts of every other coterie. Let there be a change. Whoop up McMinnville business men and McMinnville Tell the truth, but tell it. Instead of being pessimists let us be optimists.

The building of good roads into McMinnville will attract and give to the city more trade than any other improvement possible at this time Other towns in the county compete with McMinnville during the winter because of the condition of the roads leading into them. McMinnville can not afford the loss of this trade and an immediate effort should be made to regain it. The organization of a Good Roads club in this city is not only in order but a necessity.

W. C. T. U.

At the meeting of the Newberg Union held January 8th, the devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Wood inspired us to believe that with an earnest consecration to God we shall be able to do even more this year than has been done in the past. Fourteen quarterly reports were read, showing earnest work on the part of officers and members. There have been distributed the past quarter 2000 pages of literature, one woman alone having distributed 1594 pages, which leaves only a small showing for the rest of us.

Extracts of letters received from Lydia Smith and Lucy Haworth, were read, showing that they still have an interest in our Union. A letter written for the "White Ribbon" by the state president Mrs. Kinney, was also read, urging local unions to renewed effort in the work between now and state convention.

The committee appointed to prepare a box for the Refuge Home, Portland, reported liberal donations and box sent. Mr. Geo. Christenson kindly hauled the box to the steamer, paying freight and donating same to the Union for which he will accept the thanks of the Union.

Mrs. Mattie Weesner is received into membership. The following resolutions in honor of Dr. Elias Jessup were read:

Whereas; In his infinite wisdom it has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from works to reward our beloved brother, Dr. Elias Jessup Therefore,

Resolved; That we cherish his memory as a staunch christian and temperance man, true to every line of God's work, and especially interested in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union whose cause he most earnestly espoused, assisting to complete organizations in the early history of the work in Oregon.

Resolved; That as a friend and neighbor he was kind and sympathetic and as such was esteemed by all who knew him, and while we shall greatly miss his counsel and assistance we realize that upon his stricken family the blow falls most heavily, and the pangs of separation are most keenly felt. Therefore,

Resolved; That we tender to them our heartfelt sympathy in their affliction, pointing them to Him who has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." REPORTER.

Real Estate Transfers.

Furnished every week by Rhodes & Rhodes, Abstractors of titles, McMinnville, Oregon.

Sylvester and Ailey Potter to Normandy Leonard, warranty deed; recorded Jan 10 1896 a tract containing 1680 ft in South Sheridan, Or	$ 50 00
Adelia and J L Pope to John Maulding, warranty deed; recorded Jan 10 1896; 6 acres pt of B Branson d l c, also 40 acres adjoining the I N Branson d l c all in t 5 s r 6 w	1800 00
Sylvester and Ailey Potter to E J Buster, warranty deed; recorded Jan 10 1896; 1920 sq ft in South Sheridan, Or	100 00
Oregon & California R R Co. to W O Sunderland, corporation deed; recorded Jan 8 1896; 43 acres part sec 7 t 5 s r 6 w	64 50
Isaac Meyer to D A Covert, warranty deed; recorded Jan 9 1896; 44 acres, pt of A G Phillips homestead t 3 s r 2 w	2800 00
J T Fouts and wife to F S Cottle, warranty deed; recorded Jan 9 1896; ¼ acre pt of Peter Smith d l c in t 3 s r 4 w	346 00
Clyde H Rowland by W G Henderson Sheriff to F W Spencer, sheriff tax deed; recorded Jan 9 1896; 100 acres pt of the A T Hembree d l c in t 4 s r 4 w	47 85
Thomas Mulcahey by W G Henderson sheriff to J J Atkins, tax deed; recorded Jan 10 1896; 30 acres in sec 10 t 2 s r 4 w	5 60
Wm Mackie to Thomas and Margaret Herd, warranty deed; recorded Jan 9 1896; 14.25 acres pt of David Layfield d l c t 3 s r 2 w	320 00
Shell Hawley and wife to Emma Millsap, bargain and sale deed; recorded Jan 11 1896; 19 acres pt of C B Hawley d l c in t 5 s r 4 w	220 00
S L Parrot and wife to J W Armstrong, warranty deed; recorded Jan 14 1896; lot 8 in blk 7 Deskins' add to Newberg	150 00
Wm Parrott et al to J W Armstrong, warranty deed; recorded Jan 14 1896; pt of lot 4 blk 7 Hurley & Large's add to Newberg, Or	500 00
Henry Simms and wife to Richard W. Aylard, quit-claim deed; recorded Jan 14 1896; w ½ of s w ¼ of sec 26 and e ½ of s e ¼ of sec 27 and e of n e ¼ of sec 34 and w ½ of n w ¼ of sec 35 all in t 4 s r 6 w	250 00
State of Oregon to E G Falky, state deed, recorded Jan 14 1896 n w ¼ of sec 35 t 3 s r 6 w 160 acres	200 00
Investment Co to R A Frame and A W Stowell, corporation deed; recorded Jan 14 1896; 40 lots in Oak Park add to McMinnville	1 00

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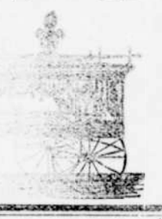

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