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General Henderson, of Iowa, seems to be made of pretty tough fiber. He recently returned to Washington after having had his leg amputated the seventh time and he is ready for business, too.

The appointment of Hon. J. B. Cleveland as judge of the fourth judicial district by Governor Lord, in place of Justice Stearns who resigned on account of failing health, is regarded as an excellent selection.

Figure up as you may all the short comings of the Oregonian, and then compare the newspapers of the Sound cities and those of San Francisco with it and yet it easily stands at the head of the whole list as a clean, family newspaper.

It is reported that ex-Senator John H. Mitchell is about buying the old Amity Popgun plant which is stored at Sheridan, with a view of starting a Mitchell boom at some point in Lane county. Whether the sheet will fly with a new head or the high sounding Popgun head is yet to be seen.

President Dole, of Hawaii, arrived in this country a few days ago, coming for the purpose of using his influence at Washington in behalf of the annexation proceedings now going on at the seat of government. If we don't accept the islands now they are offered, we will reject an offer that is not likely to be made again.

There seems to be considerable impatience manifested by some people with President McKinley's Cuban policy. It will be remembered that President Lincoln was bitterly denounced for not issuing his emancipation proclamation months before it appeared, but the good judgment of Lincoln shown in this instance is now a matter of history.

The demand for the sensational journalism seems to be as strong among young women as it is among young men. A young lady called at the Newberg post office the next day after Duarant was executed and requested that a copy of the Examiner containing an account of the execution be ordered for her. When it was suggested that she could get all the facts in the Oregonian she said, "oh yes, but not like the Examiner will give it."

Since it is learned that Corbett will not be seated by the United States Senate there is said to be a good deal of talk at Salem about the calling of an extra session of the legislature by Governor Lord, but outside of the Capital city it is known that the wish is simply father to the faint hope the Salem boarding house keepers have for the calling of an extra session. Lord has too much sense to call that mob together again, else he has been given credit for having more gumption than he possesses.

The Youth's Companion contains the most carefully selected, instructive and interesting miscellany printed in any American periodical. The New Year's number is rich in this department. The principal feature of the number is Mr. Gladstone's of Arthur Henry Hallam—a paper of extraordinary interest and charm. The article is illustrated with fine portraits of Mr. Gladstone and the subject of his sketch. A number of excellent short stories, editorial articles touching on various current topics, and notes on science and affairs fill out this most attractive number of the great family weekly.

The February number of The Delinquent thoroughly justifies its reputation as woman's authority in Fashions and Literature. The latest winter styles are elaborately illustrated and accurately described. Prominent among the literary features is Emma Churchman Hewitt's article on Household Expenses. "Social Life in English Provincial Cities," by Florence Fenwick Miller, is a pleasing analysis of certain interesting environments. Dr. Grace Peckham Murray contributes a valuable paper on "The Common Ills of Life." In "Children and Their Ways," Mrs. Alice Meynell continues her series of Child-Studies, directing attention to the danger of overtaxing their brains.

Hon. Benj. Butterworth, commissioner of patents, died at Thomasville, Georgia on Jan. 19th where he had gone, hoping the change would benefit his health. Monday's dispatches gave the following sketch of his life:

Benjamin Butterworth was what is known as a "birthright Quaker." Those who knew him best during his busy career are unanimous in saying of him: "His daily life was as exemplary of the tenets of that good old faith as that of any public official could be." He was born in Warren county, O., October 22, 1837. He was a member of the state senate of Ohio from Warren and Butler counties in 1873-1874. Mr. Butterworth was elected a representative from the first Ohio district, including the city of Cincinnati, to the 46th, 47th, 49th, 50th and 51st congresses. From then until appointed to the position he occupied at the time of his death he devoted most of his time to the practice of law and especially patent law, in Washington.

"Ben" Butterworth, as he has always been best known, spent his earlier years roundabout Maineville and Foster's Crossing, O., the latter a little station on the Little Miami railroad. His father was William Butterworth, his mother a Linton, a family known throughout the entire line for keenness of intellect, perception and strength in speech and debate. Both parents were of Quaker ancestry. Major Butterworth's keen intellect and remarkable powers of perception were inherited from his mother. His first acquaintance with the law was made in the office of Durbin Ward, then a successful practitioner in Cincinnati. During the war he attained the rank of major in an Ohio regiment. He was made commissioner of patents first in the administration of Garfield and Arthur, and his record made then and subsequently had great weight with President McKinley in selecting him for the same position. He was secretary of the world's fair project early in the conception of that great enterprise, during the early '90s, and worked in that capacity with honor to himself and profit to the company until its close. A wife and four children survive him. His wife was Mary Schuyler, of Pennsylvania. The children are Mrs. Howe, of Washington, a widow; William, who married Miss Deere, of Moline, Ill.; young Benjamin, who was injured in a college game early in life, and Frank, whose prowess as a football coach and fullback is almost international. Mr. Butterworth visited Oregon during the recent presidential campaign, and spoke in Portland a short time before the election.

The monetary conference held at Indianapolis, of which Hon. George F. Edmunds of Vermont was chairman submitted a plan of currency reform which boiled down is as follows:

1. To remove, at once and forever, all doubt as to what the standard of value in the United States is, and is to be.
2. To establish the credit of the United States at the highest point among the nations of the world.
3. To eliminate from our currency system those features which reason and experience show to be elements of weakness and danger.
4. To provide a paper currency convertible into gold and equal to it in value at all times and places, in which will a volume adequate to the general and usual needs of business, there shall be combined a quality of growth and elasticity, through which it will adjust itself automatically and promptly to all variations of demand, whether sudden or gradual; and which shall distribute itself throughout the country as the wants of the different sections may require.
5. To so utilize the existing silver dollars as to maintain their parity with gold without imposing undue burdens on the Treasury.
6. To avoid any injurious contraction of the currency.
7. To avoid the issue of interest-bearing bonds, except in case of unlooked-for emergency; but to confer the power to issue bonds when necessary for the preservation of the credit of the government.
8. To accomplish these ends by a plan which would lead from our present confused and uncertain situation by gradual and progressive steps, without shock or violent change, to a monetary system which will be thoroughly safe and good, and capable of growth to any extent that the country may require.

CRISP EDITORIALS.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Chinese call their emperor the "Son of Heaven." What they need most at present, however, is a "Son of a Gun."

St. Louis Republic.

France was a little slow getting into the partition ring, but as she grabbed 1,000,000 Chinamen and a 12,000-square mile island at the first swoop there'll probably be no lack of Gaul from now on.

New York Mail and Express.

Colorado, the home of Belford, Teller and other eminent weeping mourners at the tomb of free coinage, closes the year with a net gold production of about \$22,000,000 or perhaps \$2,000,000 more than that of any other state in the union. The complexity of the Centennial state in the crime of 1873 is of the first degree and 18 carats fine.

Globe Democrat.

Probably in a few weeks there will be more ships in Chinese waters than ever were gathered together before in any equal space. It is true now, however, and very likely will be true then, that the vessels belonging to England and her Japanese ally could easily capture or sink the fleets of the other three nations. Even if Austria and Italy should join Russia, Germany and France, the Anglo-Japanese coalition would be master of the situation.

Globe Democrat.

Spain begins to grasp the fact that autonomy has no friends anywhere. The people of Spain think it offers the Cubans too much, while the insurgents, who are the only Cubans whose opinions count in this matter, say it does not offer enough. Thus the home rule plan is liked by nobody. Meanwhile the insurgents are gaining ground, and the Spanish troops are getting demoralized and despondent. Blanco is not so much of a barbarian as Weyler was, but he is just as much of a failure.

Western (Wasilla County) Leader.

Preliminary rumblings of the next political fight in Oregon are already heard. It is too much to be expected that Mr. Mitchell will try to unite the party by giving up what seems to be a useless struggle; in fact, it looks as if he were still going to lend himself as a rock of division to republicanism in this state, when it is manifest to all but placemen-hunters that he has fallen from his once high estate, is no longer worthy to occupy the place he would prostitute everything honorable to obtain. The sooner Mitchellism is eliminated from politics in Oregon, the sooner harmony will prevail.

New York Journal.

"In many respects the year which has just closed was the most remarkable in the history of the financial and commercial interests of the country. It opened with a lamentable lack of confidence in the stability of the currency of the nation and in the whole financial structure. During the first six months by slow progression confidence was restored, and during the closing half by leaps and bounds the domestic and foreign trade of the country has jumped into a position commanding the attention of the whole world.

"Never before in the history of the country has the export trade reached such enormous proportions. The bulk of it occurred during the last six months, making a total for eleven months of the year \$974,400,000, against \$888,700,000 in 1896, \$732,300,000 in 1895, and \$740,200,000 in 1894.

"With this enormous balance of trade in our favor we have held the whip-hand in the money markets of the world. All over the western states mortgages that had been standing for years have been wiped out, and balances left on deposit in local banks."

Oregon Agriculturist.

It is evident that there will be a great deal more spraying done this winter than a year ago. Reports from all quarters indicate this. The opinion is being coming more and more prevalent that there can be no profit made from neglected orchards. Those who have become so much discouraged with the results from their orchards that they are unwilling to give them proper care can not do better than to dig up the trees and use the ground for raising something else than fruit. Well cared for orchards or none at all should be the rule. The neglected orchards are an injury to their owners and to all other persons who are engaged in fruit growing.

Oregon Agriculturist.

The Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. is about to follow the example of a number of railway companies whose lines run through the prairie states by engaging in experimental agricultural work with a view to fostering and developing new agricultural industries along its line, particularly in Eastern Oregon. Mr. H. C. Judson who has had experience in Minnesota in this kind of work is to have charge. Experiments are to be made with cotton and tobacco. Forage plants which will aid in developing the dairy industry in Eastern Oregon will receive special attention. There is a fine field for experimental work in agricultural lines in Eastern Oregon and the O. R. & N. R. Co. will do good work both for itself and the country in this new undertaking.

Oregonian.

The state tax levy of 3 1/2 mills is lower, with the exception of a single year—1895—than it has been for ten years. By scanning the items in the estimate of expenditures upon which it is based, it may readily be seen that it might still be much lower without neglecting any legitimate state interest or paying lower salaries to the grand army of hangers-on about state institutions than is consistent with their earning capacity. The high-water mark in state extravagance was reached in 1893, when the levy was nearly 7 mills on a property valuation of \$100,263,646. Taxpayers of Oregon will long have cause to remember the pinch to which they were reduced during this and a few subsequent years to raise the money to keep official salaries up to the boom notch and minister extravagantly to the alleged needs of state institutions, charitable, penal and reform.

Philadelphia Times.

One of the unexplained anomalies of the world of finance is found in the fact that in the country that leads the world in its gold production a great party should be agitating for the free coinage of silver at a ratio certain to drive its gold to the countries which produce less gold, but they have the good sense to try to keep what they have at home and in circulation.

"Of the \$240,000,000 of gold produced in the year just closed the share of the United States will reach \$61,000,000, or a trifle more than one-fourth of the total. South Africa comes second on the list, with about \$58,000,000; Australia third, with \$51,000,000, and Russia fourth, with \$25,000,000. The total gold product of the world is 20 per cent more than in 1896, and with the Klondike just opened up, the prospects are that the increase in 1898 will be still greater.

Reporter.

We are pleased to note that Hon. Thos. Tongue has introduced in the house his promised bill to make the locks at Oregon City and make them free to public use. This is a measure of unquestioned merit, but if its accomplishment proves as difficult as that of securing improvement of the Yamhill has been, the generation will have turned gray in waiting. A beginning has been made. The Hillsboro Independent says: "The Oregon City locks were built years ago by a private corporation in pursuance to the provisions of a state law. Several attempts have been made looking to the state ownership, but different things either political or financial have always defeated the project. The locks ought to be public property and there is no reason why the general government should not become the owner, notwithstanding the river is wholly within the limits of Oregon."

Reporter.

Hon. T. T. Geer has not been heard from lately, but a number of newspapers in different parts of the state are urging him as a candidate for governor. The Roseburg Plaindealer says: "It is generally understood that Hon. T. T. Geer will be a candidate for the nomination for governor. If so he will have quite a number of friends in this neck of the woods, and will make a good run if nominated." There is no name more popular in Yamhill at this time, and they seem to regard him in about the same light over in Tillamook. We quote the Herald: "The logic of political events in Oregon seems to point to the nomination and election of Hon. T. T. Geer, of Marion county, for governor. Mr. Geer would be an ideal man for the position. A clean man, qualified for the position, unidentifiable with any political faction, and one who has the welfare of the common people of Oregon at heart, being himself a member of the farming community, he would be a true representative of the daring race of men who have built up Oregon."

Living Without a Stomach.

In these days of remarkable achievements in surgery there seems to be almost no limit to success in operative procedure. In the matter of brilliant achievements along this line must be noted the operation performed by Dr. Carl Schlatzer, of the University of Zurich, who has succeeded in extirpating the stomach of a woman. At present the patient is in good physical condition, having survived the operation three months.

Anna Landis was a Swiss silk weaver fifty-six years ago, and, as all surgeons know, a capital operation at this time of life is attended with more than usual risk. From childhood she had abdominal pains, and medical treatment afforded no relief. On examination it was found that she had a large tumor. After a preliminary strengthening of the vital functions, she was operated upon, and the entire stomach was found hopelessly diseased. Dr. Schlatzer conceived the brilliant idea of removing the stomach, which he did, uniting the intestine with the oesophagus. This done, there was then a direct channel from the patient's throat down through the intestines, while, in place of a stomach, was the end of the intestine—a length of about fifteen inches.

The abdominal wound healed rapidly, and three days after the operation nourishment by enema was discontinued and the patient was fed by the mouth. In a few days she could eat eggs, chopped meat and even a half of a chicken. This, however, appeared to have overladen—we cannot say her stomach—her substitute for that organ, and she vomited, thus proving that this act, which is usually associated with the spasmodic contraction of that organ, can be considered special to it no longer.

A New York physician who saw the patient says that he was struck by her ruddy complexion and general alacrity. Her appetite was good; she did not eat much at a time, but ate every two or three hours.—Scientific American.

Blood Will Tell.

The many different skin diseases such as ring worm, tetter, salt rheum, erysipelas, eczema, itching or an eruption of pimples, postules, blotches, chaps or cracking open of the skin, scrofula, are directly the cause of impure blood. Wilbur's Blood Purifier is acknowledged to be the best medicine known for any of these unsightly complaints. Price \$1.00 per bottle. For sale by all Druggists.

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A Lie Nailed.

Consumption and bronchitis are not by any means the same, although it is hard to distinguish one from the other. Bronchitis is an inflammation of the lining of the wind tubes or air vessels of the lungs, causing soreness of the same, cough, sore throat, hoarseness, difficulty of breathing, spitting of matter and sometimes blood. Thousands die annually with this dread disease. Wilbur's Cough Cure will cure. Price 50 cents. For sale by all Druggists.

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The weight of a man's brain has, it is said, nothing to do with his mental power. It is a question of climate, not of intellect. The colder the climate, the greater the size of the brain.

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