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CRISP EDITORIALS.

Junction City Times.
The state constitution should be amended to make the penalty for refusal to take the oath of office in the state legislature, a fine of \$500 and imprisonment 90 days in the county jail.

Roseburg Review.
There are no doubt among the middle-of-the-road populists many men of principle who are honest in their views. But men like Young and U'Ren show their dishonesty in every utterance they make. Their public addresses are vague and indirect, and the real meaning has to be read between the lines.

Oregonian.
Cattle-buyers are still scouring the Willamette valley, and good prices are being offered for stock. The danger of selling out too closely under the stimulus of the demand still menaces small stock raisers of the state. A little foresight in this direction will prove profitable to the farmer two years hence. The temptation to realize on products of the farm and range, after the moneyless experience of the past few years, is a strong one, but it should be restrained by prudence in this case.

Indianapolis Journal.
If the report to the effect that European powers have signified to the United States that they will interpose no objection to the intervention of this government to put an end to the war in Cuba is true, it may have the effect to hasten the termination of the war and the independence of Cuba. It is said that Great Britain is so desirous of the interference of this government that its anxiety arouses suspicion of its motives, which may be to hold us responsible for the losses of British subjects on the island.

The Mountain Eagle.
Judge Steven A. Lowell is mentioned as a possible candidate of the republicans for governor in a Salem letter published in the East Oregonian. The republicans could not nominate a better candidate. Judge Lowell is eminently fitted for the position. The East Oregonian believes he would serve the people in any position to which he may be elected.—E. O. It would give many people in Eastern Oregon, regardless of politics, pleasure to support Judge Lowell for the highest office in the gift of the state. In Umatilla county, he is honored and respected by all political parties.

Oregonian.
Mr. Gladstone is, it is said, in a feeble, suffering condition, that betokens the early expiration of his long lease of life. This is a matter of interest, not for what the aged British statesman is, but what he has been to the world. That country or age which cannot spare its old men is not England or the present age. Yet the pulse of Britain, and only in a lesser degree that of the enlightened nations of the earth, is quickened with alarm and sympathy at the report of his failing health. Though in the very nature of things he cannot long survive, the event of his death will produce a profound sensation of regret throughout the civilized world.

State Democrat.
The disappearance of the deficit will be a hard blow to the foolish papers, papocratic and god democratic, principally the former, which have been hounding that the Dingley law is as bad as the Wilson act as a revenue producer, and which have been predicting that a bond sale would soon have to be resorted to. The increase in revenue which has been constantly under way from the time the Dingley law went into effect shows that the deficit's day can not be much longer in the land. Before the spring is half over surpluses are likely to be regular features of the treasury balance sheets as they were in the former republican days. In business as well as politics the country has entered on a republican era.

The Outlook.
The agitation in behalf of the Lord bill to reduce the postal deficit by charging eight cents a pound for large quantities of matter now carried at the newspaper rate of one cent a pound has been renewed this year with great and unexplained energy. Documents are being circulated far and wide showing the absurdity of the government charging but one cent a pound when it pays the railroad seven cents a pound for handling the matter, but—so far as we have observed—saying nothing in reply to the argument that the railroad rates should be reduced rather than the postal rates increased. It will be recalled by the readers of The Outlook that Mr. James L. Cowles, the author of "A General Freight and Passenger Post," published in these columns the statement that the railroads were charging the government more than seven times as much for carrying printed matter as they charge the express companies, and that the government could make money at the cent a pound rate if it required the roads to serve the Nation as cheaply as they serve private corporations. Mr. Cowles' article made a profound impression, yet not only have his startling statements, so far as we have seen, met with no denial, but another investigator—Professor Parsons, of Boston University Law School—has corroborated them. Still later, the Chicago "Times Herald" has published independent investigations which likewise indicate that excessive payments to the railroads have

been the real cause of the large postal deficits. The rate of payment, says the "Times Herald" with accuracy, has not been reduced since 1878. As a result, transportation expenses have increased out of all proportion to other expenses. The figures in a condensed form, are as follows:

	1883.	1887.	per cent of increase.
Transportation expenses.....	\$8,200,000	\$20,000,000	241
All other expenses.....	\$8,500,000	\$6,000,000	133

Had transportation expenses increased no faster than other expenses—for postmasters, free delivery, star routes, etc.—the deficit today, instead of being \$11,000,000, would be but \$3,000,000, or the same that it was in 1880. If the rates fixed in 1878 were reasonable then, they should be reduced now. The railroads claim to have reduced freight rates nearly thirty per cent. during the intervening period. The same reduction in the charges for the mails would reduce the deficit to \$3,000,000. The people do not ask the railroads out of patriotism to charge the government less than individuals, but they do insist that the government shall not be victimized by extortionate charges. This matter should be thoroughly overhauled by the Post Office Department and the appropriate Congressional committees during the present session.

Prof. Lombroso in North American Review.
It is not to be expected that a country so jealous of its liberties as the United States will consent to any restriction of freedom of the press, even for the purpose of circumventing crime; but it would at least seem that societies similar to the temperance society might try to modify public opinion so as to implant in it that same laudable reticence and pudicity in treating of sanguinary crimes as is observed in cases of offenses against good morals, and that the homicide should inspire the same horror and detestation as are aroused by the criminal who gives rein to his carnal and brutal instincts. By this means homicide would diminish, since one of the strongest of modern motives for this crime, namely, imitation of love and notoriety, would be removed. When we think of the enormous interests Holmes succeeded in arousing, the hundreds of letters he received in jail, his autographs scattered far and wide, his portrait and his every act published in thousands of newspapers—when we think of all this, we can understand what must have been its effect on the born criminal, possessed as he is of a profound sense of criminal and personal vanity, and what a powerful incentive was furnished him by this wide notoriety, an incentive which will grow stronger with time and culture as the press proceeds to invade the most remote and isolated spots in the country.

Indianapolis Journal.
A man who does not pay his debts; who repudiates honest obligations; who judges his creditors and makes evasive, lying excuses, repeating them over and over again; who commits trespasses and wrongs against others and refuses to atone for them, promises to do so and then repudiating his promises—such a man, to put it mildly, is no gentleman. What such a man would be among gentlemen Turkey is among powers. There is not a case on record in which she has performed a duty or discharged an obligation except after a long course of evasion and lying, and when finally compelled to act decently by the threat of the other party to enforce its claim at all hazards. That is the policy she has been pursuing toward the United States for two years past. More than two years ago property of Americans in Turkey to the extent of over \$100,000 was destroyed by mobs, assisted and even led by uniformed officers of the Turkish army. The matter has been carefully investigated by our government, and the justice and responsibility of the claim fully verified, yet in spite of repeated demands, not a cent has been paid upon them. It is time for the United States to put the screws upon Turkey.

Albany Herald.
There seems to be a slight difference of opinion in regard to Armenian matters. For instance the Chronicle remarks that "those gentle spirits, the Armenians, now threaten to blow up the Russian Embassy at Constantinople, as they did the Oriental Bank, unless Russia takes a certain course at bomb-throwing, but it is not to be expected that the Car will alter his policy on that account. Instead, he may conclude to let Turkey do its worst. The Car has the advantage over American sentimentalists in knowing these called christians of Asia Minor and can find a justifying excuse for much that he is criticised for in connection with them." However if this expression as to the disposition of the Armenians be taken as correct, it gives no license for the cruelties practiced upon them by those same Turks, ample proof of which exists.

Ashland Times.
The stump of redwood shipped from Humboldt county, California, via Cape Horn to London, England, and consigned to W. W. Astor has arrived at its destination. It is over 40 feet in circumference and weighs upwards of 15 tons. About one year ago, the expatriated William Waldorf Astor got into a discussion with some of his swaggar English friends regarding the size of timber, and he wagered that he could produce a stump from which a table could be made around which 20 people could sit to a dinner. He now wins his bet, and incidentally American timber gets an advertisement, and its glories are made known to the "aristocracy" with whom this degenerated son of the New York Astors hobnobs.

In the mad rush for gold there is but for the suffering of either man or

best. Of the hundreds of horses and mules that served their cruel masters on the Klondike trails last fall nearly all of them are said to have perished from exposure and sheer starvation. The numberless dogs that are being taken from this mild climate to do service on the trails in that arctic region will nearly all go the same way.

The Klondike boom is already on and many figures are being made on the probable number who will flock into that country this season. Estimates don't count for very much but people like to read them. The latest is that in addition to the thousands of our own countrymen who will go, there will come 3,000 from South Africa, 5,000 from Australia, 5,000 from New Zealand and 50,000 from England.

A glance at the long list of passengers that are booked for the steamer on the steamer bound for Alaska will convince one that a large number who go take the practical view that they may as well commence to rough it at the beginning of the long journey. The steamer Oregon left Portland last Sunday on her first trip with 110 cabin and 250 steerage passengers.

Assistant Secretary Davis, of the interior department, recently rendered a decision holding that there is a law providing a pension for widows of soldiers who died of disease contracted in service in time of peace prior to March 4, 1861.

Judge Lewis E. McComas was elected to the United States senate by the Maryland legislature on last Tuesday to succeed A. P. Gorman.

WORKING-GIRLS GREAT CHANCE.

Domestic Service the Most Comfortable and Most Remunerative Occupation.
"The average home holds out a far more comfortable time, a more leisurely life, a healthier existence, and better wages, than does the office, store or factory to an intelligent girl or woman," writes Edward W. Bok of "The Working-Girl's Great Chance," in the February Ladies' Home Journal. "The same time devoted, for example, to the study of shorthand or typewriting, if given to the study of domestic service, would mean twice the income to a bright, steady girl. Unfortunately, girls will not see this, and thousands of them who are today struggling through an existence in the outer world, could have far more comfortable lives and better wages in excellent homes. How the average girl can deliberately shut her eyes to the opportunity which fairly glares upon her as a good maid, nurse, companion or domestic of any sort, passes average comprehension. There has never been a time when mistresses were readier or more willing to pay good wages for good domestic service—wages compared to which the pittance paid in shops or factories sinks into insignificance. And, on the other hand, the salaries of women in business, as recent statistics plainly show, are gradually on the decrease because of the willingness of hundreds of girls to work for a mere pittance. Every business house has to-day waiting lists of scores of hundreds of applicants, while hundreds of homes cry out for intelligent domestic service."

About Skagway.

Dr. H. R. Littlefield of Portland, the father of Dr. H. J. Littlefield of Newberg, who recently returned from Skagway says:
"Skagway is a wonderful city and Alaska is a wonderful country. It is impossible to describe the situation and a man has to see it with his own eyes in order to appreciate it. At present Skagway has a permanent population of about 4,000, and this is being added to daily. Steamers arrive every other day, and bring from 150 to 200 passengers each. The city is already quite metropolitan in appearance, having a number of well-stocked stores, hotels, restaurants and even theaters. You can buy anything you want at Skagway, but of course the prices are high. This is to be expected, as it costs something to get supplies up there. A new theater was to have been opened the night I left. This is a building 100x29 feet, modern in every respect, and handsomely furnished. It is supplied with proscenium boxes, the same as all theaters here, and would be a credit to a much older city. Only two weeks was required to build it, so you may have some idea how rushed the work is. Buildings go up in a night, and work is done by candle-light, the same as by daylight. A new two-story hotel, 30x150 feet, was also completed shortly before I left.
"A great drawback to Skagway and Dyea has been the difficulty in getting building material. There is more lumber coming in now, through the new building boom is in prospect, both for Dyea and Skagway. There were over 2,000,000 feet of lumber on the way when I left.
"There is one impression that I wish to correct, and that is that these towns are a good place for a man without money. There is more labor there now than there is a demand for, and laboring men should be discouraged from going there until there is more demand for labor. The scarcity of building material is one of the causes of the overstocked labor market.
"Dr. Littlefield says that but few of the reports of new discoveries of gold on the Klondike is exaggerated, and he is of the opinion that some of the richest discoveries will yet be made. While at Skagway he says he received from 50 to 60 letters a day from all parts of the United States and some even from South America, asking for information, and while he was disposed to accommodate all, he found it utterly impossible to do so. Moreover, a stamp from which a table could be made around which 20 people could sit to a dinner, was taken out of the office."

Persons are praised for the sacrifices they make for those they love, when in truth because they love there is no sacrifice.—Philadelphia Times.

The Lord isn't near so deaf as some ministers seem to think.—N. Y. Press.

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A Lie Told.

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The dullest man has in him something original. It is his—Rams' Horn.

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