

JULIAN EYRD - - - - - Manager.

The Morning Oregon is of December 11, publishes an interview with A. B. Hammond, the present owner of the O C & E railroad. It will be remembered by some of our citizens that a survey was made by the O P railroad several years ago passing near Malheur lake in this county out through Crane Creek gap and thence to Ontario. It is now thought that the O C & E railroad which was formerly the O P, will be extended from Yaquina bay east, through this county to Ontario. Mr. Hammond has almost completed the road from Portland to Astoria and it is thought that if the road is completed from what is now the eastern terminus of the O C & E through this county to Snake river, that they will also make connection with the Astoria road, which will give Eastern Oregon an outlet at the mouth of the Columbia and not confine us to Yaquina alone. It is hoped the government will improve the Yaquina harbor to such an extent that large ocean vessels can take on cargo there.

We do not know how much dependence can be put in the present report. It has been talked of so much during several years past and nothing came of it that the citizens of this county are becoming skeptical and never put any credence in the reports. This is the first we have heard of an extension since the present management has had control and it may not be idle talk.

The Oregonian concludes by saying: "Within the coming week developments are expected that shall give a more definite form to this new Oregon railroad system. It is among the reasonable probabilities, however that eastern Ore. products will be hauled over the mountains to tide water next fall, instead of having to be driven on hoof or drawn by a freight team 100 miles or more to get to a railroad or a market."

Talk about "gill" in American newspapers! This from the Madrid El Liberal beats us all: "Inasmuch as Spain has accorded her colonies in the Antilles the maximum liberty that old powers accorded to their colonies, therefore the United States ought to be grateful to Spain. But as America's good-will is hampered by offensive or restrictive conditions, we must ignore them, and act in accordance with our interests, honor, and sovereignty."

This probably voices the government feelings and ideas. It shows how hopeless is Spain's decadence; how useless it is to argue with her rulers. She is simply a century behind the times. Spain has "accorded her colonies in the Antilles" slavery, rapine, robbery, terror. Then should it be "her" possession any more? That is the very vital question, which "El Liberal" will not or cannot see. Spain cannot govern her own country. She is simply a dandified, paralytic old beast; decayed, weak, vindictive, moribund, revengeful but toothless; living in the past; only wanting power to burn half the world at the stake and torture most of the other half excruciatingly, because of progress and enlightenment which Spain can no more understand than a snake can appreciate a star. -Ex.

The President's message was a lengthy document. It does not seem to even satisfy his own party in some respects, especially the expressions on the Cuban question. He says that we must wait in favor of annexing the Hawaiian islands. Ignores the need of more revenue, yet it is shown plain enough that there has been \$10,000,000 deficit every month for the past five months. He hopes congress will take some action for the relief of the suffering and starvation that threatens

the Klondike miners. Indorses Secretary Gages views of the currency question.

There are people in Burns who are always trying to tear down and discourage any new enterprise that is talked of or started. It matters not what kind of business may be contemplated, they have a "kick" coming and discourage the movement as much as possible, while in many instances it would be a great benefit to the town and public in general and would in no way interfere with any else. This is a very poor way to build up the town and community.

The Oregonian says: "It is much to be regretted that President McKinley has spoken in his message of the mission of the silver envoys to Europe in the manner has done."

That's right. We all know he doesn't mean what he said, and would have thought more of him had he said nothing about it.

For every one of the 12 bankrupts pardoned by the President this year, there ought, logically, to be at least 12 new bankrupts eager and hopeful and almost certain of pardon next year.

Secretary raises the estimated receipts from the Dingley law to \$200,000,000 for no reason except that he "hopes so." And still he is compelled to show a deficit of more than twenty million dollars.

From the tone of the editorials in the Oregonian for the past week we think Sylvester Permyer is to be a candidate for some office next spring.

A man weighing 115 pounds was arraigned in a New York police court recently for failing to support his wife, weight 345. How could he?

Foreign opposition to the annexation of Hawaii is probably the only thing that would wipe out all the opposition at home.

According to the Spanish official organ at Madrid, Mr. McKinley's attitude towards Spain is gratifying. Yes, to Spaniards, but not to many Americans.

This session of Congress is much more likely to sin by omission than by commission.

Czar Reed's muzzler is still in good working order.

The spending of foreign money in Washington for the purpose of influencing Congress and public opinion is not a new thing by any means, but it is something that age can never make respectable.

If a private corporation ran behind \$40,000,000 in five months everybody would consider its affairs to be in a very bad way, wouldn't they? Well, that is just what the government has done since the first of last July. Yet, the republicans ask us to believe that the Dingley tariff is a good thing.

The town that gets a public building provided for at this session of Congress will have to have a pull with a dynamite attachment.

The combination of street railway and newspaper management, which is being tried in Chicago, is more likely to lessen the dividends of the railways, than to be successful.

In one province of Cuba—Matanzas—ten thousand people have died, the most of them from starvation, in ten months. Still Mr. McKinley tells Congress to keep its hands off.

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The guessers seem to have hit about everything in Mr. McKinley's message to Congress, except its exact wording.

A wire trust is the latest, and J. Pierpont Morgan, who is an old hand at wire pulling, is at the head of it.

That Pacific coast protest against the elevation of Attorney General McKenna to the U. S. Supreme Court is calculated to set Senators to thinking, if it does not cause Mr. McKinley to change his mind.

Senator Daniel's hold on the Virginia legislature was shown by the case with which he was nominated to succeed himself. His term will not expire until 1899, but he will be re-elected by this legislature.

That Oregon protest, signed by judges and leading lawyers, against the elevation of Attorney General McKenna to the bench of the U. S. supreme court, was a scorcher, even if it did no good. Here is a specimen of the wording of the protest: "He is not, either by nature's gifts, acquired learning, or decision of character, qualified for any judicial place of importance, much less the highest place in the land."

The gullible newspaper readers of the country will be saved untold millions of dollars by the decision of the Postoffice Department to deny such newspapers as print ads of lottery schemes, under the head of guessing or missing letter contests, the privilege of going through the mails at pound rates.

The financial portions of Mr. McKinley's message comes very near to being a dodge.

Christmas Tree.

Wednesday evening a number of citizens met at the church to provide for a Christmas tree. M. L. Lewis was elected chairman and J. C. Templeton secretary. A unanimous decision was expressed in favor of proceeding with arrangements for a tree, and the following committees appointed:

On general arrangements: J. C. Templeton, A. M. Byrd, M. L. Lewis and Frank McIntock.

Soliciting funds: M. L. Lewis, he selecting such assistants as he desired.

Purchasing supplies: Mesdames H. A. Dillard, H. C. Lyons, J. C. Templeton and H. E. Thompson.

Program and music: Mrs. J. W. Biggs, Mrs. H. C. Lyons, Miss Eugenia Racine, Mr. C. A. Byrd and Julian Byrd.

Decoration: Mesdames A. M. Byrd, Frank Miller, M. L. Lewis, F. W. McIntock and B. D. McIntyre; Mesdames Chas. Kenyon and Thos. Jones; Misses Jennie McFeters, Cora Beach, Ross Swank, Eva Swain and Eugenia Racine.

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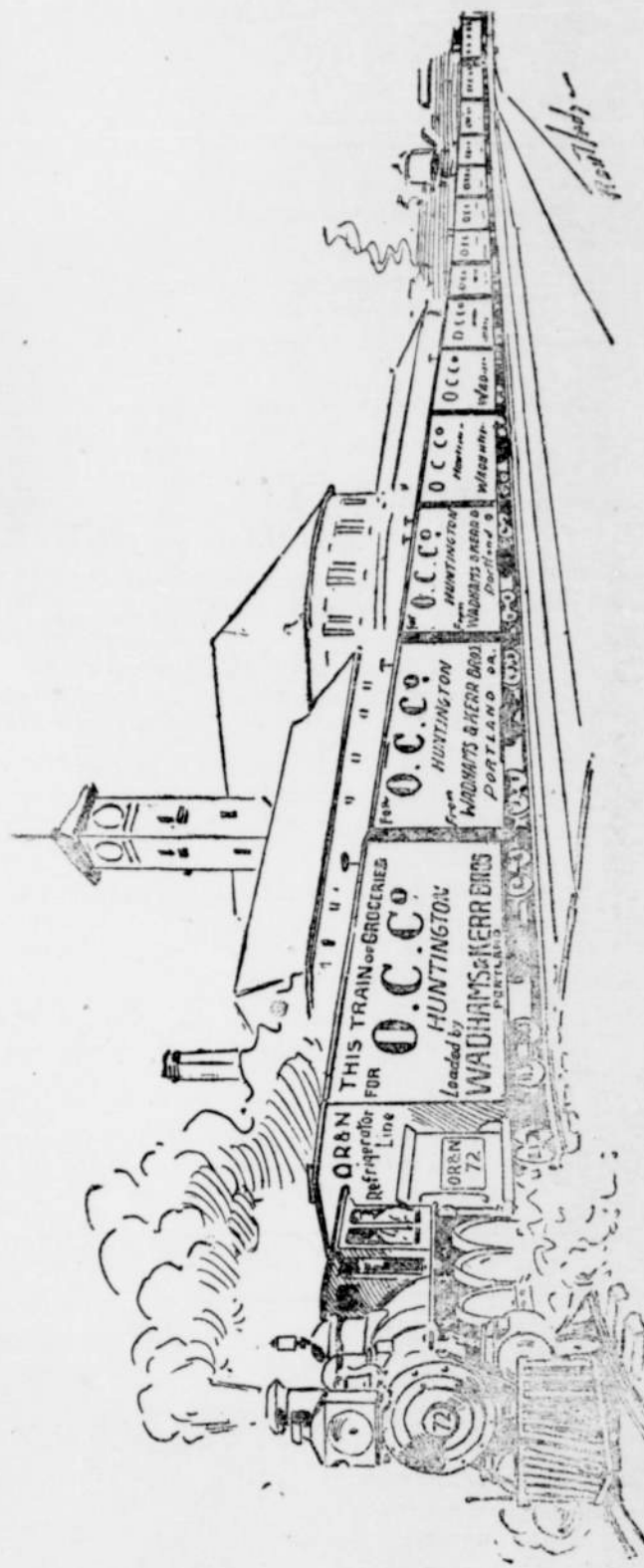
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