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### STATE NEWS.

#### Summary of Current Events Throughout Oregon.

Silver lake, in Lake county, is reported alive with ducks, geese and swan—more than for many years past.

The O. R. & N. Co. has a company of surveyors camped near Barnhart station, surveying new roadbeds between Pendleton and some point below Umatilla.

The Second Oregon Reveille is the title of a bimonthly issued by two ex-volunteers of Albina, in the interest and for the special benefit of the Second Oregon ex-volunteers.

The bones of 10 dead Chinamen were shipped on the Arcata, from Marshfield, a few days ago. They are bound for the Flowery Kingdom. The lot weighed 125 pounds.

Last week orders amounting to \$10,000 had to be turned away from the Bandon woolen mills, which was so rushed with work and had so many orders ahead that it was impossible to do the work.

Sheriff Withers, of Lane county, has straightened up the shortage of Deputy Sheriff Day, and is today the only man suffering for the crime and ingratitude of his favorite deputy, says the Cottage Grove Nugget.

Captain Scheepers, of the German bark Adolf, died at Astoria last week. He was taken to the hospital in Astoria as soon as the vessel arrived in the river, and was suffering from an attack of dysentery, which had taken him down before he left Kiao Chow.

To build a railroad from Klamath falls, down Klamath river, 60 miles to a junction with the Southern Pacific at or near Klamath, a few miles south of the Oregon and California boundary, is the object of the Oregon Midland Company, which has just been organized at Ashland.

John Graunt, a little, old man, who has been herding sheep near Mitchell, is being sobered up at the city prison, says the Oregonian. He arrived in Portland some time ago, in company with a woman, and now he has sworn out a warrant for her, charging her with entering his room at night and stealing \$295.

Governor Geer has written to General Shafer to ascertain if Miss Mans Bowman, a nurse, who went to the Philippines, soon after the war began, and who recently returned to San Francisco, could be granted a furlough to enable her to visit her friends in Oregon. Miss Bowman was at one time head nurse at the Salem hospital.

Two hunters, Bert Barnes and A. Lyman, suffered serious injuries last week in Union county, by explosion of their guns, which they had loaded with smokeless powder of too great strength for the weapons. The left hand of each was badly mangled, and Lyman was also knocked senseless by being struck on the forehead by a fragment of his gun.

A strong flow of natural gas has been struck on the farm of Ed Ashley, situated in Malheur county and four miles from Weiser, Idaho. A crew has been boring an artesian well for some two months past and struck the gas at a depth of 1024, and it drove the men away. Subsequently they went back and tried it with a match. It took fire and then the men had to use their utmost endeavors to extinguish the flames and prevent the destruction of the derrick and other apparatus used in boring the well.

L. B. Geer, state land agent, says inquiries for farm lands are very numerous at present, from parties in the East, who have all the way from \$1,000 to \$20,000 to invest. The state now owns about 200 farms, which have reverted to it as a result of foreclosure suits, and these lands are for sale at about the same terms as they could be bought from private parties, the prices varying

from \$5 to \$75 an acre, according to soil, location, value of improvements and state of cultivation. They have become state property through their former owners having gotten in arrears in the payment of interest, as the loans had been made too large in the first place, according to the value of the lands.

### Mailheur Items.

Manager E. H. Test of the O. F. Co. has been quite sick the past few days.

Ex-Commissioner Altnow of Harney county, returned from a trip east with cattle Monday.

W. R. Crawford, one of the Harney blacksmiths, was in Ontario yesterday.

Frank Gibler returned Thursday from a business trip to Burns, having been absent a couple of weeks.

The Burns circuit court has ground out ten divorce cases, and litigants are being unhitched as rapidly as the legal harness can be stripped from their tired backs.

A little miss,  
A little kiss,  
A little bliss,  
A wedding—that is splendid;  
A little jaw,  
A little law,  
Back home to ma,  
And, lol! the trouble's ended.

### Value of Immigrants.

Valuing immigrants to the United States in proportion to the amounts of money they bring with them, the average German is worth to us, in round numbers, \$52; the average Englishman, \$51, and the average Frenchman, \$47. The Belgian comes fourth in the list with \$45; the Turk brings \$35; the Irishman \$15; the Russian \$12, and the Italian, who is the poorest of the lot, less than \$10. Admitting that other factors enter into the problem that any man is worth to the community very much more, or less, than the contents of his purse, it still remains true that the most desirable immigrant, as a rule, is the man whose pocketbook proves that he has already learned to earn money and save it.—Household.

Col. J. L. Torrey, the author of the bankruptcy law, and later the commander of a regiment of rough riders, found among his troopers two young men in whom he has taken a great interest. One of them, Charles Blake of Sand creek, Wyoming, he has sent to the Kansas state university for a full collegiate course. To the other, Truman Fox of Sundance, Wyoming, he has given \$5,000 for a course in art, to be begun in St. Louis and finished in London.

The following story of a laconic rhymster is told on the authority of the New York Observer: A traveler met a settler near a house in the back woods, and the following colloquy occurred: "Whose house?" "Nogg's." "What's it built of?" "Logs." "Any neighbors?" "Fogs." "What's the soil?" "Bogs." "The climate?" "Fogs." "What do you eat?" "Hogs." "How do you catch them?" "Dogs."

It has been said that a pun is the lowest and most primitive form of wit, but now and then one recalls a pun that has stood the test of time. Such a one is that made by Mr. Evans some years ago at a famous banquet. He said on rising, "My friends, you have just been having turkey stuffed with sage. I will now present you with a sage stuffed with turkey."

### DEWEY MARRIED.

#### A Quiet Wedding and Hasty Departure for New York.

A Washington dispatch under date of November 9, says:

Admiral George Dewey and Mrs. Mildred Hazen were married quietly at the rectory of St. Paul's Catholic church in this city shortly before 10 o'clock this morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James F. Mackin, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. Joseph H. Foley, assistant pastor, and the Rev. Sidney Horibut.

As Admiral Dewey is not a Catholic, a special dispensation was required for the performance of the ceremony, and this was procured by Father Mackin from Bishop Curtis, vicar general of the diocese of Baltimore.

The ceremony was of the simplest character according to the rites of the Catholic church and the only witnesses besides the officiating clergymen were Mrs. Washington McLean and Mrs. Ludlow, mother and sister respectively of the bride, and Lieutenant Caldwell, Admiral Dewey's secretary.

Congratulations and felicitations followed the ceremony and the wedding party drove directly to the residence of Mrs. McLean, where a wedding breakfast was served.

About 12:20 o'clock the Admiral and Mrs. Dewey left the McLean residence for the Pennsylvania depot where they took the train for New York. Less than a dozen people had congregated at the depot and there was no demonstration as they passed hurriedly through the station.

### Peculiar and Pertinent.

Judge—Prisoner, it is your right to challenge the jurymen you object to.

Pugilist—All right, my lord; I reserve the right until after they make their decision.—Tit-Bits.

Reindeer meat as an ordinary and inexpensive feature of the menu in Europe is about to become an accomplished fact. Some enterprising Norwegians have undertaken, under very favorable circumstances, to raise the animals in large numbers for slaughtering purposes.

An odd monument was desired by an elderly maiden lady who died a few years ago in Athlone, Ireland. She left a fortune of \$135,000 to be spent in the erection of a church, provided that her body should be converted into ashes and used in making the mortar for the building.

Bingle—Well, old boy, how are you getting along? Business improving any?

Jingle (struggling merchant)—A little. I've succeeded in reducing expenses about \$15 a week.

"That's encouraging. How did you do it?"

"Married my typewriter."—New York Weekly.

A bog of 40,000 acres of peat 20 feet thick has been discovered in Canada, which, when compressed, makes a hotter fire than coal. The peat is cut and dried and pulverized and put into a hopper, and then forced through a two-inch tube and formed into three-inch cubes, and is then as heavy as anthracite. It is free from sulphur, makes no soot, dust, smoke or clinkers, needs but little draft and burns well in locomotives.

Somebody gives the following antithetical advice: Drink less, breathe more; eat less, chew more; ride less, walk more; clothe less, bathe more; worry less, work more; waste less, give more; write less, read more; preach less, practice more.

Athletic Greece achieved her greatest culture on two meals a

day, consisting of maize and vegetables steeped in oil. The decline of a nation commences when gourmandizing begins. Rome's collapse was well under way when slaves were thrown into the cellars to increase the gamy flavor of the eels when they came upon the table.—Household.

### May a Woman Tell Her Love?

It is true it is unconventional for a woman to tell a man that she loves him unless the man has persuaded her to make such confession. But is there any good reason why a woman should not take the initiative? Is she any less a woman for so doing? A shy and timid man may not know how to tell a woman that he loves her. Should the woman, who is of firmer faith and stronger mind, stand halting and waiting for a confession that may never come? Why should she suffer in silence? By so doing may she not lose the man who loves her and also the happiness of a lifetime as well?—New York World.

From the time that the mother binds the child's head till the moment when some kind assistant wipes the damp from the brow of the dying we cannot exist without mutual aid. All, therefore, that need aid have a right to ask it from their fellow mortals. None who hold the power of granting aid can refuse it without guilt.

The fusion victory in Nebraska, won in the face of a strong republican current throughout the country, is a fine tribute to the personal worth of Mr. Bryan. Mr. Bryan's home people believe in his sincerity, ability and patriotism.—Spokane Non-Review.

Ross Hanna cannot keep the corners of his mouth from drooping every time he glances at the total of the amount he spent in Ohio.

### Literary Note.

The Thanksgiving number of The Saturday Evening Post, in its stories, poems, pictures and general articles, will be the most attractive number of the magazine yet issued. In this number Robert W. Chambers has a seasonable out-of-door story, entitled "The Hunter," the romance of a poacher's pretty daughter. Other features are: Edwin Markham's latest poem, "The Lyric Ser"; "An Electric Transaction," a tale of the Transvaal war by Robert Barr; "At Dawn," by Octave Thanet, and "The Minister's Henhouse," a droll story by C. B. Loomis. Two notable articles in this number are "Lincoln as Candidate and President," by his old friend and political ally, Col. A. K. McClure, and "Our New Prospects," by Frank A. Vanderlip, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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