

THE ITEMS

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21, 1903.

A smokeless locomotive is the latest triumph of an American inventor.

A peaceful and satisfactory outcome of the Venezuelan situation is now secured.

The road brand law which passed the house by a good majority, received its death blow in the senate.

President Roosevelt says he is much pleased with the anti-trust legislation accomplished at this session of Congress.

In the Idaho legislature a bill providing for the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution was defeated.

George B. Cortelyou, who was private secretary to President McKinley and later in the same capacity to President Roosevelt, has been named as the head of the new cabinet position recently created—Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

The bill amending the bankruptcy law has been signed by the President. The most important modifications are those relating to preferred creditors, and making the giving of a false mercantile statement, or the making of a fraudulent transfer, or a previous bankruptcy within six years, objections to a discharge.

English reports show that while the United States has nine times the mileage of the railroads of Great Britain, yet the latter carried twice as many passengers in 1902. The most interesting comparison lies in the number of passengers killed and injured during the year named. 249 killed and 4,129 injured is the record of the United States, while in Great Britain only 476 were injured and not a single passenger was killed.

John Wanamaker once said: "There is only one way to advertise and that is to hammer your name, your location, your business, so constantly, so persistently, so thoroughly into the people's heads, that if they walked in their sleep they would constantly turn to your store. The newspaper is your best friend in spite of your criticism. It helps build up the community which support you. When the day comes that the newspapers are dead the people are near the edge of their grave with no one to write their epitaph."

MATERNITY IS MADE PRACTICALLY PAINLESS BY THE USE OF DR. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION. IT CURES NAUSEA.

AN INHERITANCE TAX.

The bill for an inheritance tax in Oregon only requires the Governor's signature to become a law. It provides that when an inheritance, devise, bequest, legacy, gift, or beneficial interest shall pass to any father, mother, husband, wife, child, brother, sister, wife or widow or a son, or the husband of a daughter, or any adopted child, the tax on the estate shall be 1 per cent. of the appraised value thereof. If the estate is valued at less than \$10,000 it is not subject to tax, and in the case of the tax on estates above that value the tax is to be levied only upon the excess of \$5000 received by each person. When the estate passes to an uncle, aunt, niece or nephew the tax is at the rate of 2 per cent on the excess of \$2000 received by each person. In all other cases the tax is at the rate of 3 per cent. upon the appraised value of the inheritance received by each person, body politic or corporate, on all amounts over \$5000 and not exceeding \$10,000; 4 per cent on all amounts from \$10,000 to \$20,000; 5 per cent on amounts from \$20,000 to \$50,000 and 6 per cent on all amounts above \$50,000. Many other states have adopted a similar bill and it has rapidly grown in favor. Property that often escapes will be properly taxed and the revenues of the state considerably increased.

ISSUE IS DODGED.

Twenty-nine of the 45 states have declared through their Legislatures in favor of direct election of United States Senators. Some of these states have gone far enough to ask for a Constitutional convention in that particular. Should 30 states apply under the Constitution—that is, two-thirds of the states Congress would have to provide a Constitutional convention. But the applications would have all to be made at once, according to the present understanding.

Those states which have asked that a Constitutional amendment be submitted for the election of Senators by popular vote are: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

It is almost impossible to say what Senators have failed to carry out the wishes of their states in this regard, because there has never been a vote, direct or indirect, upon the subject. Many efforts have been made to obtain a vote, but all have proved futile. The proposition has been made to discharge the committee on privileges and elections and refer the consideration of the subject, but some way it has been passed over without a vote. The committee on privileges and elections has once or twice reported the resolution adversely, because a majority of the committee was against it, and it has been called up for discussion in the Senate but a direct vote has dodged. According to the present outlook, unless the personnel of the Senate should change very materially, there is no possibility of the passage of the resolution providing for the election of Senators by direct vote.

When Senator Mitchell was a member of the committee on privileges and elections he tried to secure a vote on the question. When he returned after an interval he was refused a place on that committee because of his known advocacy of direct election.—Oregonian.

A Washington dispatch says Attorney-General Knox will lose no time in availing himself of the new law giving anti-trust suits precedence in Federal courts. He will first ask to have the suit against the Northern Securities Company advanced, so that the Supreme Court may pass on constitutional questions involved at the October term.

Business College Locals.

The college is in its usual good health and spirits, 35 students have been enrolled and all are working happily and beginning to realize the value of their labor.

Alfred Johnson, one of the most promising young men of the county and in fact of Eastern Oregon, who has been attending the Business college has purchased a one-third interest with his father in about 800 head of cattle and three of the largest and generally considered the best ranches on Silver Creek. Alfred is a most worthy young man and we are proud of him as a student and will always be glad to welcome him as a friend and associate.

The students of the commercial department are taking examination in book-keeping this week.

New students since last publication are Chester Carter, Walter Calkins, Burns; Corie Smith of Happy Valley.

Last Saturday evening, about 95 guests assembled at the college rooms to celebrate the anniversary of the organization of the college alumni. A splendid supper was prepared and a most enjoyable time had by all. Music was furnished by Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. King Alice Hamilton and others, while speeches and toasts were made by Lester Hamilton, Jas. Simmerville, Rev. Irwin, Mrs. Foley, Dr. Brown, Mr. Sweek. Following is the poem of welcome composed for the occasion and read by M. E. Rigby.

POEM TO STUDENTS. (Reunion.)

A DREAM OF YOUTH.
It is natural for youth to stand
Upon the border of that land,
And gaze into the future, that misty
untried realm,
That will float as did Old Noah's Ark,
And hold themselves the helm.

When softest tints of early morn
Break through the mist'er day is born
And touches all the land
It is natural to dream great dreams
Wherein the sun with golden beams
Obeys each slight command.

To lift the harp or sacred lyre,
Whose tones, though soft, reflect a fire,
The fire within the soul;
The fire that only youth can feel
As each with woe and pride and zeal
Is pressing toward the goal—
We see them, noble youth and maid
Into whose lives have crept the shade
Of the approaching day.

With earnest men and loveliest intent,
With brightest hopes to future lent,
They approach the mystic way.
Each step is made with greatest care,
Each heart beats high, for hope is there
Concealed within each breast.
And as they gaze upon the world
Whose mysteries are yet unfurled
Ambition knows no rest.

The nation, proud of every son
Whose noble deeds a place has won
For him of high degree,
Holds high a prize, Let him who may
Join with the leaders of the day
The race for all is free.

THE CURTAIN RAISED.
But let us pause 'tis time to dwell
And raise the curtain for a spell
And gaze upon the past—
What words, tho', each were pure gold
Has power to paint, power to unfold,
Power to loose or power to hold
Those hours too dear to last.

PICTURE OF THE PAST.
Glimpses we catch of a merry throng,
Scratches, perhaps, of an old time song
And, aided by memory, to ann fro—
We watch each feature come and go.
The room is plain, but the smiles that
play

Their happy part drive the gloom away,
And, lit by the smiles of each happy face
The room, tho' rough, with peculiar grace
Reflects a cheer with the sun of myrth
That has made it the sacred spot on earth
And reflected again by a happy throng
That will linger in memory as lingers
the song—
The essence of every feature caught
As memory takes the place of thought.

THE PRESENT.
A year has passed, again we meet,
Again with joy each other greet,
Again with joy we give the cheer
And awake the harp of the coming year.
Depart sad thoughts from each mind
away

Let each soul be glad, each heart be gay
Awake the joys of the year gone by
With the old time songs that shall float
on high,
And re-echo from the vault above
The old time joy—the old time love.
And, students, 'tis my happy lot
To bid you welcome, and should not
These feeble words express that joy
I feel, the reason is, I'll employ
The agents that so oft have brought
Sweet fragrances from an abler tongue.

ADVICE.
Toll on students, and when Angels shall
have rolled the stone away;
When the rosy tints of morn'ing shall
have blended into day;
When the toils of day are ended and
the shades of eve have come,
You will wear your well earned laurels,
as you near your sunset home.
Laurels tinted with the sunset blended
with the heaven's blue,
Sparkling with the deeds of kindness
as the morning with the dew,
Laurels deep with golden value, as the
sun's departing ray,
Blends the golden tints of sunset with
the shades of evenings gray.
Toll on, students, do not weary, let your
lives be as the day,
And at last when evenings sunset shall
reflect on brows of gray,
May the world feel that sweet beauty;
at your life day's balmy close
As when evenings golden sunset speaks
the language of the rose.

A well known Westerner who has been watching the antics of Senator Beveridge in the statehood debate gives the following accurate definition of his name: "A soft drink, one that frequently blows out its cork, fizzes, foams and slops over prodigiously, but is weak and inebriated to the taste and is seldom swallowed by any but women and children."

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Notice is hereby given that I have duly appointed the following deputy stock inspector for Harney County, Oregon:
A. B. Colenbaugh..... Burns
John Jenkins..... Smith
Dick Smith..... Andrews

Stockholders' Meeting.
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' Business College Association will be at the College, in Burns, Thursday February 26, 1903 for the purpose of electing officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.
All stockholders are requested to be present.
Dalton Biggs, Sec'y.

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