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Oregon is the leading wool producing state of the union, having produced the past year about 22,000,000 pounds. Montana follows close in line.

Tuesday was election day in 42 states of the Union and from the latest dispatches it appears that the republicans have again swept the country.

Emperor William of Germany and the Sultan of Turkey are in close friendship since William's visit to the latter. As we have said before, the sultan is one of the shrewdest rulers of Europe and he knows how to manage things to save his own scalp.

Hon. Henry Failing, president of the First National Bank Portland, died Tuesday morning of this week. Mr. Failing was one of the pioneers of Oregon and the leading financier of the Great Northwest. His death will be mourned by many.

It was reported that the Maria Teresa, after thousands had been expended to lift it from the bottom of the sea, had again gone to the bottom, in transit during a storm, but later dispatches contradict the first statement and say that the vessel is still intact.

The Omaha Exposition closed with a surplus of funds in the treasury. It was therefore a successful financial if not otherwise. The highest number of people present at any one time was approximately 100,000. About \$400,000 remains to be divided among the stockholders. But the Exposition was a success in other particulars than the financial, the exhibits were pronounced good by the visitors generally.

The Browning-Hannum vs. Brown mining case that attracted so much attention in court last week came to a close. The attorneys were required to submit their arguments in brief and the decision will not likely be rendered before spring. So persistently did both sides dispute every inch of ground that it is not probable the case will end with the circuit court but will be appealed to the supreme court where that august body may tussle with it.

If one were to form his opinion of the political situation in California from reading the Call, he must conclude that the disreputable men in that state are found on the Maguire side of the house, which is fusionalist, but let him imbibe the doctrine of the Examiner, and then he must believe that Gage and the whole republican ticket are rascals. These two papers appear to have lived with each other in saying bad things about the other and its party in order to influence the people. The American people ought to be above absorbing such stuff. All such vituperation to win a point and to beat the other side, breeds no good for the political arena, even in the great state of California.

True politeness is as much a requisite in the office as it is in the parlor, but this rule has not yet been learned by many, else it has been forgotten or very poorly applied in instances that might be named without leaving the par excellence state of Oregon. It has been said that the Southern Pacific Railroad company was unfortunate in obtaining and retaining so many crusty, cranky, unaccommodating, office employees in its service. That an honest, inquiring public could never obtain information from employees without being met with a frown or a growl and what is more the information given could not be relied upon as true. Whatever may be said against the S. P. company's employees in other towns in Southern Oregon nothing of that character can be truthfully laid at the door of the company's employees in Grants Pass. They are gentlemen who are very accommodating in every particular and who are, so far as has been ascertained, perfectly acceptable to the people.

Portland was the scene of a cruel murder last week when some one took the life of a boot black perhaps for no other reason than that he was his sister's protector. The crime points to one of two would-be suitors whose attentions did not meet with the approval of the young woman. In the eyes of the world it is a stain on the character to take the life of a foe though it be in self defense. It is a crime to take the life of one equal and the crime appears to increase and becomes most heinous as the feud seems to seek its victims from among the most helpless. At Crescent City this week there was an infanticide too dark to talk about. It is not Portland nor Crescent City more than elsewhere, but everywhere the Satanic demon is roaming about seeking whom it may devour of life. A slow process of law whereby the offender is slow in being made to atone for his crime, has a tendency to make murderers or permit them rather than prevent them. The swifter the justice, the slower the crime, appears a maxim.

The depression in business has never at any time been so seriously felt in and about Grants Pass as in other sections of the country. There will be, and need be no occasion for hard times such as many other years. We have sufficient agricultural land to supply all the demands from the farm and mines from which to obtain the wherewithal to pay for it. We as a people are abundantly able to live largely within our sphere, so to speak,

and besides have plenty and to spare for the outside world. Whenever the time comes that any place ships in more than it ships out, hard times must of consequence follow. But that has never been the case with Josephine county. The amount required from within and from without to sustain all the people during a year will not equal the amount produced by the people in various channels for the same length of time from the farm, from the orchard, from the mine, the factory and various other sources. In a word Southern Oregon has been prosperous when some other places were not and when prosperity prevails elsewhere, this section is more prosperous. During the years from '92 to '97, no place in the United States could boast of less suffering for want of the necessities of life, and now prosperity really prevails among our people.

THE SEWER QUESTION.

It is not a question as to whether we need a sewer; that is settled. The lessons of New Orleans, of Santiago and Havana during the war, where the yellow fever has wrought such havoc only because of improper sanitary measures, all show the importance of proper drainage in a growing city. The question of the healthfulness of a town hinges upon that town's cleanliness. A clean town will always be healthful. The earlier therefore measures are taken to carry away the malaria and fever breeding germs the easier it will be to maintain the healthfulness of the town. Already Grants Pass has delayed too long. Any one going through the business part of the city after midnight during the summer season is made painfully aware of the presence of health deadly enemy by the foul odors that greet his olfactorys. The soil is being saturated with the germs that enrich only the doctor and undertaker. The leading citizens have voiced their sentiments and are almost unanimous in favor of a sewer. The only question seems to be, who shall pay for it? A number here said, "Tax those benefited by it." To this proposition we will agree. But here arises another question, "Who are the beneficiaries. We tax all property in the district for the support of the public school because all are directly benefitted by the diffusion of knowledge and the intellectual elevation of the community. Some protest against this universal taxation on the ground that the children should not be taxed to educate another's children. But on the ground of the benefits accruing to the commonwealth from the educational system all are taxed to maintain it. Apply the same principle to safeguarding the physical health of a community. Whether it can personally make use of a sewer or not I am interested in the health of all. The best class of citizens come and bring their wealth and intelligence to a clean, healthful city, and thus the value of all property advances. We need a sewer in the more thickly settled portions and need it immediately. There should be no unnecessary delay in commencing the work, and in our opinion those benefitted i. e. the whole city, should pay for it.

THE OCCUPATION TAX.
In another column we publish the several annotations proposed as an occupation tax for those wishing to do business in the city of Grants Pass. In the first place, it seems to us that a tax of this character is contrary to the spirit and intent of the Federal constitution, and is therefore objectionable to a majority of the people. But, if the city is in such a condition financially that it must resort to this method of raising its revenue, then let there be passed an ordinance as equitable as it is possible to frame out touching these points and we will not think of offering any objection.

The one proposed, however, is so ridiculous that it just merits the condemnation of every business man in the city, and for that matter, the committee which prepared it when they take a second glance at the gross inconsistencies contained therein.

There is nothing in the ordinance by which one can tell upon which the committee based the rating or schedule. At a glance it would appear that the whole business is a haphazard affair, hit or miss, from beginning to end, without regard to equity.

To show its inconsistency, it is necessary to mention but one or two items on the list. For instance, a lumber company which may do tens of thousands of dollars worth of business during the year is required to pay but \$5 per year while a dressmaker who ekes out an existence with the needle must pay, if she wants to do business, twice as much or \$10 per year. There are a number of dressmakers in the town who do well if they make one dollar per day, even when work is plentiful, and there are times when nothing is doing. To bear down upon these women to the extent of taking two weeks of their labor to pay a yearly occupation tax is ridiculous, preposterous and absurd and no intelligent community that thinks anything of itself would long allow any thing of the kind to exist. The women who are attempting to make their own living in this manner and not to depend upon some worthless man would better have a bounty than be compelled to pay a tax.

Again, a physician is required under this ordinance to pay a license of \$5 while a barber must pay \$10. It cannot be that a barber makes double the amount in a year that a physician makes. It is told of a certain doctor in this town that he did not consider himself doing anything unless he could make \$8 per day. A barber in Grants Pass would consider himself in clover if he could rake in half that amount, no doubt.

We believe that the council will kill this proposition when it comes up for final passage, but if not we shall trust to the mayor to exercise the authority vested in him, and that is, stamp it with his veto.

Hawaiian Pictures.
Reproductions of photographs of Kala-kua I, Liliuokalani, Sanford B. Dole, the royal palace, the government buildings, royal palace, the Harbor of Honolulu, street scenes, and other interesting pictures for sale at the Courten office, 16 for 25 cents. These pictures are printed on heavy plate paper 10 by 14 inches in size, and are works of art. Send 15 cents below it. We also have pictures of scenes in Cuba.

That Occupation Tax.

The city council has before it for consideration a proposed ordinance whereby the different occupations are to be taxed a given sum of money annually in order to do business. The object of the tax is to raise a revenue for the city. In order that our readers may see the amount of consistency in its arrangement we give it.

Per year.	
Agricultural implements, machinery	\$10.00
Attorneys and counselors, each	5.00
Bakers	5.00
Bicycle dealers	2.50
Banks	25.00
Barber shops	10.00
Boarding houses	5.00
Blacksmith shops	5.00
Boats and shoes	2.50
Brokers	10.00
Brokers	5.00
Bricklayers	5.00
Bricklayer contractors	2.50
Butcher shops	10.00
Cabinet shops	2.50
Contractors, hiring help	2.50
Confectioners	2.50
Dentist	5.00
Dry goods	10.00
Dye goods	5.00
Dry cleaning	10.00
Express Cos.	10.00
Foundries and machine shops	10.00
Furniture stores	10.00
Fish and game market	5.00
Grocery stores	2.50
Grocery stores, inc, tobacco, cigars and candies	5.00
Hay, flour and feed	5.00
Harness and saddlery	2.50
Hardware	5.00
Hotels	15.00
Fire insurance, per Co. rep.	1.00
Life insurance agency	2.50
Gent's furnishing goods, Etc.	5.00
Jewelry and watchmaking	5.00
Laundry (except workmen)	5.00
Laundry agents	2.50
Laundry, steam	10.00
Livery stables	10.00
Lumber yards	5.00
Marble cutting	2.50
Military dealers	2.50
News dealers	2.50
Opticians, per day	2.50
Oil dealers	10.00
Novelty stores	5.00
Pianos and organs	25.00
Painters	2.50
Photographers	5.00
Physicians	5.00
Printing offices	5.00
Plumbing	5.00
Railroads	20.00
Restaurants	5.00
Real Estate	2.50
Shoe repairing	2.50
Second hand goods	5.00
Soda works	2.50
Traveling physicians, per day	10.00
Traveling dentist, per day	10.00
Tailor shops	2.50
Tinsmiths	2.50
Telephone Cos.	10.00

The Fortune of Opportunity.

We did not start into the war with Spain with a design of taking the Philippine islands. But these islands were among the possessions of Spain, and the nearest of her possessions to our feet, then in the Asiatic waters. It was the duty of that fleet to strike the enemy, and it did its work. The thought of territorial aggrandizement not only was not uppermost with us, but did not even suggest itself to our government or people.

We aight, however, retire from the Philippine islands, were not our obligations to the people of the Philippines, who were in rebellion against Spain and whom we made our allies, too great to be put off, and were not our obligations to humanity and the world for redemption of the islands from misrule and oppression, of equal gravity. Desire of national aggrandizement is not the motive of our thrusting on. It is true, indeed, that such motive is not absent, but it could be controlled and might be renounced but for the responsibilities which the situation in the Philippine islands have laid upon us.

Spain cannot hold the islands even if we withdraw. The troubles in the islands would bring other nations upon the scene, and Spain, in her needy condition, for a money consideration would surrender the shadow of sovereignty that remains to her. Our commercial opportunity in the far East would then be gone, and a great prize, won by our enterprise, would be turned to the enrichment of others. Established in the Philippines, we shall have a potent voice in the far East, and a firm position in the development of trans-Pacific commerce. It is an opportunity that never again will be offered us, and an opportunity we must not throw away.

There are sentimentalists to whom "conquest" is an odious word. But the right of conquest lies at the basis of universal human history, and is coincident with it throughout its whole course. It is the great means of the regeneration of this world. Justification of conquest consists in the uses made of victory. It will hardly be asserted that the condition of the people of the Philippine islands is not likely to be bettered, that the cause of humanity and civilization will not be the gainer by the transfer of sovereignty to the Philippine islands from Spain to the United States.

As for the difficulties, we shall meet them as they arise; and, if we are not unfit for any large and permanent mission in the world, we shall be equal to them. We think not so poorly of our capabilities as those who predict disaster, failure and downfall for us, as a result of this larger participation in the affairs of the world. Moreover, we believe it is just what we need for the development of civic strength at home.

Assumption of responsibility is necessary to formation and support of character. The reflex action upon our own national character of this participation in the affairs of the larger world will give us steadiness and breadth, great as this republic is, it needs deliverance from its own provincialism.

Parents of the course now open to us is comfortable, therefore, to national policy, to the principles of justice, to the claims of humanity and civilization. What we propose is no abuse of power. It is fulfillment of duty. We think the flag of the United States will never be retired from the Philippine islands. The fortune of opportunity is coincident with the requirements of justice and civilization.—Oregonian.

Pure Tea in packages at grocers' Schilling's Best

Changed Hands.

The Layton hotel in this city which has been conducted by the Johnson Bros. for the past year has changed hands, they having sold out to N. De Lamatter who lately returned from California after an absence of a year. Mr. De Lamatter formerly conducted a hotel in Kerby and proved his ability in this line. His family will assist him in the hotel and will be welcomed to the Pass. We wish this gentleman success in this departure.

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with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrah is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrah Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrah Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrah. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHASE & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, Etc.
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First Returns.

Below we give the first dispatches concerning the election as they came red hot from the wire:

New York, Nov. 8.—1154 districts in Greater New York, Roosevelt 158,011, Van Wyck 213,257. Herald says Roosevelt losing in upper counties, Van Wyck gaining in Greater New York.

New York, Nov. 8.—Manhattan 730 district, Roosevelt 91,551, Van Wyck 139,068.

New York, Nov. 8.—1304 districts, Greater New York, Roosevelt 178,728, Van Wyck 245,400.

New York, Nov. 8.—1490 out of 1513 in Greater New York give Roosevelt 292,354. Van Wyck 281,091.

New York, Nov. 8.—916 districts out of 922 outside of Greater New York give Roosevelt 122,932, Van Wyck 101,890, same districts in 1895 gave Black 155,515, Porter 99,164, Griffin 37,277.

New York, Nov. 8.—Times estimates Roosevelt's majority at thirty thousand.

New York, Nov. 8.—Brooklyn complete returns give Van Wyck a plurality of 18,896.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 8.—Van Wyck plurality in Erie county is probably 3300.

New York, Nov. 8.—All New York city papers concede election Roosevelt. He carries state although Van Wyck has over 50,000 plurality in Greater New York. Legislature he retained by republicans by small majority on joint ballot. Tammany elects its justices by large majority. Democrats have made gains in congress in Manhattan, King and Queen counties, 2750 districts out of 3222 outside, Greater New York give Roosevelt 281,811, Van Wyck 297,127.

New York, Nov. 8.—Roosevelt has about 20,000 plurality for governor, Lieutenant governor uncertain. Likely republican legislature in both branches by decreased majorities, democrats made several congressional gains and it is probable Capt. Wm. Astor Chandler has wrested strong rep. districts from Chairman Quigg, Platts right hand man.

New York, Nov. 8.—2610 districts out of 3222 outside of the city give Roosevelt 368,430, Van Wyck 285,097.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 8.—Democrats have approximately elected their candidates for governor. Legislature and congressional delegation republican.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 8.—Count will probably not be finished before day light, gains over 1896 insure election.

Topeka, Kansas, Nov. 8.—Republican state committee claim election Stanley, governor by 5000.

San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 8.—Republican state convention gives vote in this city up to 10115 p. m. Gage 9546, Maguire 7992. Secretary of the republican central committee, state that indications point Maguire will be beaten by, at least 3000 votes in San Francisco alone.

Los Angeles, Nov. 8.—Reports received from this city and state show Gage is running ahead of his ticket. City and county will give republicans large majority.

Oakland, Calif., Nov. 8.—Gage's majority in this city, 2800 so far.

Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 8.—Gage's majority in this city 3000.

Placerville, Calif., Nov. 8.—Gage's majority for county 300.

San Jose, Nov. 8.—Gage has a republican majority for governor of 1000 in this county.

San Jose, Calif., Nov. 8.—Incomplete returns show a victory for the Republican ticket.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Estimates made at republican headquarters from few scattering and incomplete returns give Gage state by majority 15,000. Maguire will probably have majority five thousand in San Francisco, which country vote will show under Phelan probably elected mayor.

Seattle, Nov. 8.—Partial returns from Seattle and King county show large republican gains.

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 8.—Five precincts for congress, Cashman, rep. 236, Jones, rep. 208, Lewis, fusion 104. James, fusion 95.

Correspondence.

Althouse Items.

Beautiful fall weather in and around this section.

Dr. A. H. Morey went to the Pass last week to attend to some business.

W. A. Leonard and Will Babcock attended court in the Pass last week.

Charles Hansen of this place made a business trip to Grants Pass last Tuesday.

Mr. Walt Strange and wife of Waldo were trading at the Althouse store last week.

Ed McCann went to Grants Pass with his freight team to get a load for the Althouse store.

Mrs. J. G. Sowell of Sucker creek, is the guest of Grandfather J. H. Sowell of Althouse.

W. A. Leonard and J. E. Hodgson went to Kerby Saturday to attend the Masonic lodge.

P. P. Payne has just returned from Jackson county where he was working during the harvesting season.

Regular preaching service at the Althouse M. E. every second Sunday by Rev. Joseph Sams of Wilderville.

The mining men who bought the rich mine of Frank Houston of Althouse are on the ground to prepare for the winter's run.

The school in Dist. No. 18 will close in two weeks. Miss Bertha Fetterly has taught a good term and is liked by the pupils.

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George Benson and J. Thomas have sold their mine on Sucker creek and the parties have taken charge and begun operations.

Jack Smock, our newly married man is laying in supplies of the best kind for his store. Jack is determined to give his customers the best.

H. H. Gibbs is now erecting a new barn on his farm adjoining Ed McCann's place, and as Mr. Gibbs is a first class mechanic, he is doing his own work.

The company that bought the Hansen Bros. mine or claim came the 5th of the month to commence operations. The Hansen mine is known to be one of the richest on Althouse.

Chas. Trefaher of this place has purchased the match team of horses from G. S. Duncan for a logging team. Mr. Trefaher has the contract for putting in a large quantity of logs for Babcock Bros. mill.

Bill Kaffer, one of our old bachelors, has bought him a fine pump and backboard and is going to settle down to business. If there is any old maid in the country looking for a chance, surely here is one.

Winona Items.

WINONA, Oct. 8, 1898.

F. E. Norton spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

L. V. Voris made Grants Pass a visit last Monday.

Mr. Ferguson and family have moved into the house formerly owned by Joseph Pollock.

Misses Lela and Ethel Dyser, Mr. McCall and Bert Dyser drove over for Grace creek Sunday.

Meers, Hyde and Chausse came over from their Applegate farm last Sunday and returned the next day.

Rev. Brown of Murphy, spoke to attentive congregations last Saturday evening and Sunday morning. He departed for Leland in the afternoon.

William Pollock has quite recently sold his farm to the Sorrick-Ferguson mining company. Mr. Pollock's farm will probably make their future home in Washington but will remain here this winter.

Post Master Ghorm and Mr. Phillips returned last week from their fishing trip. They report the fish in Butte creek scarce this year but however, they succeeded in capturing two barrels of the big salmon.

The school in this district is progressing nicely with an attendance of about 17. The school will be out about the last of this month at the close of which they will give an evening entertainment.

The Ferguson-Sorrick ditch is now nearly completed, they expecting to finish it this week. There were, at one time, nearly 90 men at work on the ditch but at present there are not so many, as quite a number have left.

The company will carry on mining on quite an extensive scale this winter.

"There is so much trouble coming into the world, and so much more to be done, that it is hardly worth while to be here at all."

If a man and a philosopher agree, it is a conclusion, what must be the case with a natural conclusion of the thousands of suffering women who undergo untold torture in bringing their babes into the world?

Philosophy of this kind is based upon gross ignorance. The fact is, that there is no necessity for the severe pains undergone by the average woman. If a woman is strong and healthy in a womanly way, motherhood means to her but little suffering. The trouble lies in the fact that the majority of women suffer from weakness and disease of the distinctly feminine organism and are thus rendered incapable of this. This can always be remedied. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a safe, speedy and permanent cure for all diseases of this kind. It acts directly on the delicate and important organs concerned, making them healthy, strong, vigorous, virile and elastic. It banishes the indispositions of the period of expectancy and makes baby's advent easy and almost painless. It quickens and vitalizes the feminine organs, and insures a healthy and robust baby. Thousands of women have testified to its marvelous merits. Honest druggists do not offer substitutes and urge them upon you as "just as good."

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School News.

(From special correspondent.)

It was snowed at school Friday morning.

The Alpha Omega club postponed its meeting until next week.