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If the tales told by the press of the country are true there must be a lack of intelligent management on the part of the Nebraska Relief Commission. With numerous carloads of supplies standing on the side tracks of the principal railroad centers of the state, their perishable contents spoiling for want of attention, and at the same time numerous appeals coming in from people who are starving to death, indicates that there is something radically wrong. It is estimated that there have been enough provisions and money donated to provide for the residents of the drouth stricken sections of that state for 12 months; and if this is the case it doesn't speak very highly for those who have charge of its distribution that there are now people in the state who are in danger of losing their lives on account of a lack of food and fuel. The legislature of the state has taken hold of the matter and it is to hoped that the defects will be speedily remedied.—Elgin Recorder.

The city well is to receive another test. The one made yesterday by E. W. Cummings was not satisfactory to some of our citizens and they propose to further test the well at their own expense. We are glad to see that another test is to be made, but are of the opinion that it will result in proving that Mr. Cummings' test was thorough and correct. It does not seem reasonable that the amount of water required for the present system that is being put in—350 to 400 gallons per minute—can be furnished from a six inch hole with the surface water shut out. It is our opinion that the only supply would be obtained from the amount of water standing in the well surrounding the hole, in case of fire, where high pressure is expected, the supply of water would be only that which the natural flow of the six inch hole would afford, which is our opinion would be insufficient. We may be mistaken in regard to the capacity of the well, and are glad that another test is to be made.

The Spokane Daily Times says the most ardent advocates of the restoration of silver to the position given to the founders of our government scarcely hope for favorable congressional enactment during the present session. Yet it is gratifying to note the rapid change of sentiment in favor of the white metal all over the world. England has been the leader in the movement in favor of the single gold standard, but even there the money of the common people is no longer without able and persistent advocates. Wall street in our own country, and the Eastern money centers, have persistently fought against anything looking toward a re-enactment of the financial legislation which stood unquestioned on our statute books for eighty years, but they are now willing to listen to arguments in favor of a return to the conditions established by the framers of our Constitution and able advocates of free coinage may now be found among the leading bankers and most prominent financiers.

Where credit is due, there give it. The Portland Oregonian justly remarks: "The secretary of state of Oregon gets $15,000 to $18,000 a year. It is an outrage on the people that this tax upon them should be allowed to continue. The constitutional salary of the secretary of state is $1500 a year. It is enough, for the clerical work of his office is fully provided for, and it is more than the secretary has ability to earn in any private employment. Moreover, the state republican platform gave a pledge that the compensation of officials should not exceed the constitutional allowance. What is the legislature doing that it obeys neither party platforms nor the constitution of the state?"

"A wholesale merchant in the city who became rich in business says his rule is that whenever he sells a bill of goods on credit he immediately subscribes for the local newspaper of his debtor. So long as he advertised vigorously, he rested but as soon as he began to contract his advertising space he took it as evidence that there was trouble ahead and he invariably went for the debtor. He said the man who is too poor to make his business known is too poor to do business. The withdrawal of ad. is evidence of weakness which wholesale men are not slow to act upon.

In speaking of the proposed capitol building at Olympia, the Walla Walla Statesman says:

"The legislature will probably cap the sheaf of their uselessness by encouraging the million dollar state capitol swindle. Yet Pennsylvania, a state that has dollars where we have not cents, or sense, has just completed a state capitol at a cost of $800,000. There is over a quarter million steal in our scheme else it would not be so popular with the legislators."

If Walla Walla were in Olympia's place she would have no kick coming as to the cost of the building. Selfishness will crop out in all sections.

As a prophet in a political sense, the Portland Oregonian is a gigantic failure. It prophesied Dolph would be elected on the first ballot, after the memorable caucus it would have him elected on the third. Then it suddenly changed its prognosticating tactics for that of bulldozing the "opposition." It then came to the sad conclusion that such methods were useless and resorted to banquets and taffy, and now in alarm exclaims: "Is there to be no United States Senator?"

Many farmers of Umatilla county are raising hogs and many more would embark in that industry were there a packing house established at some point where the freight on the product would not consume the bulk of the proceeds. With a little exertion on the part of her citizens Athena could secure that boon to farmers, a packing house.

Thomas S. Lang said some time ago, through the columns of the Oregonian, "Mr. Dolph should be elected" to the United States Senate "because he is needed." Strange to say, but the Nicaragua Canal bill passed the Senate without Dolph's vote. Most people believe, as Dolph does, that he is needed more just now in the lobby at Salem than in the national seat of law at Washington.

Says the Florence West: "We have been flooded with country correspondence this week. A portion of it sought the waste basket for final repose." We earnestly wish a flood of that kind would turn our way. We will guarantee our journalistic brother that none of them would find the waste basket. "Country correspondence" is what makes a country newspaper.

Stephen A. Lowell, the popular young attorney of Pendleton, received the highest vote given to any candidate for state senator, except Dolph, Tuesday, when he received 29 votes. Lowell would make a good senator. He would represent Eastern Oregon creditably—something that has not been done heretofore.

Clark Wood, the well krown newspaper man, is to assume management of the Weston paper. Clark is a journalist in every sense of the term, and we predict will meet with merited success in giving to the people of Weston a newspaper.

Saturday last the German reichstag passed a resolution advising the federal council to issue invitations for an international monetary conference. The call coming from the source it does, gives hope for silver.

And now it is asserted that there is to be a "deadlock" on the silver question in the United States senate. Let 'er lock. The people of Oregon are becoming accustomed to deadlocks.

As we have all along predicted, the bill to divide Umatilla county met its fate in the Senate. This is in accord with the wishes of the vast majority of Umatilla county's citizens.

Every established local newspaper receives subscriptions from large cities which puzzle the publisher, but the New York Times explains as follows:

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER.

Senator Price Introdcues This Bill In the Senate.

The following bill was presented by Senator Price in the Senate last Tuesday, passed and referred to the House. The amendment surely provides for the appointment of the City Marshal, by and with the approval of the common council, instead of his being elected by the vote of the citizens, as at present. Following is the full text of the Bill as it was passed by the Senate:

A Bill.—For an act entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act to Incorporate the City of Athena, in Umatilla county, State of Oregon, to define the powers thereof, and to repeal an act entitled, an act to Incorporate the city of Athena, in Umatilla county, Oregon, and to defend the Powers thereof, filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 20, 1889, filed in the office of the Secretary of State, February 18, 1891, as amended by an act, filed in the office of the secretary of the State on the 8th day of February 1893, entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act to Incorporate the City of Athena, in Umatilla county, State of Oregon, and to define the powers thereof, and to repeal an act entitled an act to Incorporate the City of Athena, in Umatilla county, Oregon, and to define the powers thereof, filed in the office of the Secretary of State, February 20, 1889.

Be it enacted by the Legislative assembly of the State of Oregon:

Section 1. That section 1 of article II of the act entitled "An act to Incorporate the City of Athena, in Umatilla county, State of Oregon, and to define the powers thereof, and to repeal an act, entitled, 'An act to Incorporate the City of Athena, in Umatilla county, state of Oregon, and to define the powers thereof,' filed in the office of the Secretary of State, February 18, 1891, as amended by an act, filed in the office of the Secretary of State on the 8th day of February, 1893, entitled 'an act to amend an act entitled an act to Incorporate the City of Athena, in Umatilla county, State of Oregon, and to define the powers thereof, and to repeal an act entitled an act to Incorporate the City of Athena, in Umatilla county, Oregon, and to define the powers thereof, filed in the office of the Secretary of State, February 20, 1889," be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The officers of said corporation shall be a mayor, five councilmen, recorder, marshal, and treasurer, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified, except as to the marshal who shall hold his office during and at the pleasure of the common Council.

Section 2. That section 2 of article II of said act be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. The said mayor, five councilmen, recorder and treasurer shall be elected annually by the qualified electors of such corporation on the first Tuesday of March of each year. The qualifications of an elector shall be 30 days, residence within the limits of the corporation, and he shall pay taxes other than street and poll taxes; and no person shall be eligible to office who has not been a resident of said city for six months immediately proceeding such election; nor shall any person be allowed to vote at any municipal election who is not a legal voter of the State, or who has refused to pay any city fine or tax legally assessed against him. The marshal shall be appointed by the mayor, by and with the consent and approval of the common Council.

Section 3. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed; and inasmuch as the city of Athena is in great need of the foregoing legislation, this act shall go into effect from and after its approval by the Governor.

Work has commenced on the big tank which will hold the supply of water for the Athena water works. Mr. E. W. Cummings who is superintendent of construction, proposes pushing the system to completion as rapidly as possible.

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New Terror for French Convicts.

Life in the French penal colony at New Caledonia has been pictured as so agreeable, both by reason of the climate as well as the leniency with which convicts have been treated, that transportation seems to have lost most of its terrors. Criminals do not conceal their preference for a long sentence in the beautiful Pacific island to a much shorter term with hard labor in one of the penitentiaries at home, and when perpetrating a misdeed have sought as a rule to render their offense as serious as possible, so as to entail transportation if captured. It is with a view of putting an end to this sentiment that the French government has now decided to stop sending convicts to New Caledonia, and is making arrangements to deport them instead to Gaboon, the fever-stricken and most pestilential of all districts of French Congoland in Africa.

Things Learned in the Morgue.

The old keeper of the morgue in this city, who has seen hundreds of unknown bodies exhibited for identification, has arrived at some interesting conclusions, says the Philadelphia Record. If the face of the dead person is perfectly composed and natural, of course, intimate friends or relatives recognize them immediately. But, he says, if the face is distorted through pain or disfigured by injuries, a casual acquaintance can identify the body much easier than the closest relation. He explains this by saying that people who have known a person well for a long time lose sight of the features and see rather the personality reflected in the lines of the face. A casual acquaintance notes the features, and can recognize them when seen again, even if considerably distorted.

Here is an anecdote about a young woman who was making her first essay at housekeeping. A friend had sent her by mail a recipe for some new kind of bread, giving her directions to take a certain portion of the dough at a time and make it into the requisite form for baking. This seemed explicit enough, but what was the surprise of the friend to receive a telegram from the young housekeeper to this effect: "What shall I do with the rest of the dough? Please answer."

The pope is fond of sitting in his garden with his secretary on clear, warm days. He is a most attractive figure, seated thus, in his pure white robes of exquisite texture and immaculate cleanliness. He is a precise and fastidious man, and on those robes is never seen a trace of the snuff to which Pio Nono was so devoted. The face of Leo XIII. is a benevolent one, and his fine skin and white hair combine with his gentle expression to create the atmosphere of purity and sweetness about him.

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Dated Feb. 20, 1895. Lew Shaw, Applicant.

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