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Now that Athena has a water system and ample fire apparatus, it devolves upon the business men of the city to further the efficiency of the fire department in every way possible. This can only be done by letting those in their employ go and participate in the practice tests that occur on Wednesday night of each week. To have a proficient fire department it is essential that all members be thoroughly drilled in handling to advantage the implements of defense in case of fire. Whether we have a department that can be depended upon in case of emergency or not, wholly depends on the business men of Main street, who have more interest at stake than most of the citizens of the town have. They can manifest their interest in this matter by being at their place of business for half an hour on Wednesday evening of each week and letting members of the department who are in their employ off, to go to practice. Unless this is done the fire department will soon be a thing of the past, for a half dozen men can do nothing with the apparatus. Each business house on Main street should furnish at least one man to the department. The hook and ladder truck has not been out of the stall for a year, whereas the company should have a full membership and weekly practice. Gentlemen, it is highly important that you give this matter your undivided attention.

The price of wheat and cotton has followed the price of silver from the time that silver was demonetized, says the Commercial Review. As silver declined the English markets were supplied more freely with wheat and cotton from India, at the same reduction of prices. As the silver money of India buys as much goods in that country as heretofore without regard for the depreciation of silver in Europe any one can see that cheap silver in England brings cheap wheat and cotton to England in exchange for silver at the high price paid for it in India. The quotations in London for silver has been established by the auction sale of India silver bills and not so much by the sale of silver itself. A few bankers in London regulate the price of these India bills and through them that of silver. We are poor financiers.

REPUBLICAN clubs throughout the state are sending full representations to the meeting in Portland later in the month. The managers, who are in sympathy with the Dolph single standard gold idea, depreciate any expression of political views by the delegates, asserting that clubs only exist to elect the ticket nominated, then the party can enunciate party policy. In other words delegates can meet in Portland, says the Eugene Guard, sit around like numskuls, elect a few delegates, express no opinion on the financial and other national questions, then go home feeling like idiots. If such a program is carried out, a revolt similar to that experienced at the last legislature may be expected. Times have come when leaders, who do not represent the views of the people, can gain no support through cajolery and party prejudice.

It will doubtless surprise some to hear that a large part of the gold which is being mined in this country will not reach the mint at all, says the Northwest Mining Review. That there are strong indications at this time pointing to the purchase of the smelters of the country by

agents of the Rothschilds and others of all the gold obtainable. There is no question but gold is now being exported from this country in large sums, which the United States government has no interest in. The annual output of gold, while in excess of recent former years, will not benefit this country in the least, and either is promise of a marked advance in the price of gold bullion. When this occurs it will show more clearly than anything else the danger of the gold basis.

The recent improvement in the quotation of silver has been ascribed entirely to the prospect of demand from China and the Orient. There is no doubt but that the opening up of China will cause a great increase in the demand for silver, but without any extraordinary demand from that quarter there is bound to be a natural improvement in the quotation due to the fact that the supply is not equal to the demand nor is the production likely to be materially increased until the quotation ranges up in the neighborhood of a dollar an ounce.

PORTLAND horse meat is evidently an assured commodity. The Western Packing and Fertilizing company has been incorporated there with a capital of \$20,000, to buy and slaughter horses on an extensive scale. Several thousand head have been purchased, and if the great American taste can be cultivated to accept horse meat, the range of Eastern Oregon, now overrun in many parts with these animals, that can be bought from \$1 to \$5, will make that product so cheap that the packers' combine will have to go out of business.

IT SEEMS that the Oakland minister who waltzed in the pulpit, and cut various other capers, to draw a crowd has put his foot in it. He was proud to be called the "American Oscar Wilde;" but now, since the fall of the original Oscar, he is seeking to rid himself of the title. But it is inclined to hang to him. Had he sought religion instead of widespread notoriety he might not have been so much talked about, but he would have been happier.

IS IT not true that the demand for any article produced governs its value to a large extent? Does not this law of supply, demand and value control the price of wheat, oats, corn, live stock and whatever else is raised? If this is true, then is it not a logical conclusion and does not the fact remain that if we have silver occupying the same purchasing and paying power as that of gold, that the scarcer metal gold, would be lowered in value, since the demand for it would not be so great?

"Get off the fence, in a political sense," says the editor of the Sheridan Sun, and a member of the "Thirty." There is another fence some people are sitting upon, and the uneasiness of their sitting indicates that the rail is filled with thorns. It is the financial fence. Come off the fence, too, and say you want both gold and silver coined and used as money, or you want gold the only medium of exchange.

DURING the late gold stampede the country banks and people caught up all the gold they could get and hoarded it away from the current of trade and production at the very time when it was most greatly wanted. Now that the great scare has somewhat subsided, but not wholly removed, these limited financiers are returning their gold as a useless money in their management of their business affairs.

The country is to blame for nothing. It is the people. The country has been abused by an extravagant and a careless population. This lesson of disaster will teach us how to live and how to conduct our enterprise in the future.

HERE is a typical return by a rich New Yorker of his income for the purpose of the federal tax: Income from real estate, \$73,000; from government bonds, \$22,500;

Chicago city bonds, \$12,000; from other sources, \$5,600; total income, \$112,100, taxable income under the supreme court decision, \$1,600. On this the amount of taxes would be \$32.

THERE are two young men in Portland who probably won't be so funny any more. They got tipsy and turned in a fire alarm. The court couldn't see where the fun came in and assessed them \$100 each. Served them right.

THE commissioners appointed to look into the late Nicaragua canal business are now on the ground. They propose taking plenty of time, and it is very probable that their report will be favorable to immediate action.

GREATER New York, a topographical statistician points out, will cover the area of 317 square miles; three times the size of London and twelve times that of Paris. Rome, Babylon and Memphis are not to be mentioned in the comparison.

A New England scientist says there's going to be the dickens to pay if the rest of the United States continues to cart away granite and marble from the land of the Pilgrims and the Puritans.

FRUIT and vegetables in the Eastern states have been destroyed by a "freezing" spell. Oregon's fruit farmers may expect a good price for their product.

WINTER WEATHER IN MAY. A Cold Wave Sweeps Over the Northwestern States.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Sunday night's frost was severe in Minnesota and South Dakota. Snow fell at Ely, Towner and Iron Range points. Garden truck and fruit suffered badly and grain in a lesser degree. Wheat is reported damaged slightly and oats badly in some quarters. Cranberries and other fruits in Western Wisconsin are frozen solid.

PITTSBURG, Pa.—Eastern Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and Western Virginia were visited Sunday night by a heavy frost. The mercury dropped to 32 degrees and in exposed places ice formed a quarter of an inch thick. Garden truck and grapes were nipped.

MENOMEE, Mich.—A heavy blizzard passed over this city Sunday night and snow is three to four inches deep. All gardens and many fruit and shade trees are ruined.

OSHKOSH, Wis.—An inch of snow fell here Monday and the thermometer is at freezing. Great damage has been done to early fruit and gardens.

GREEN BAY, Wis.—A severe blizzard prevailed from midnight to 9 a. m. Three inches of snow fell accompanied by a wind blowing 40 miles an hour. Great damage resulted to fruit, market gardens and growing grain.

CINCINNATI, Ohio—Dispatches from Northeastern Ohio report heavy damage by frost. The Mercury fell four degrees below the freezing point.

CHICAGO—Chicago shivered in a temperature of 40 degrees Monday with a heavy gale blowing off the lake and promises of colder weather.

DUNKIRK, N. Y.—Sunday night's frost desolated the Chautauqua grape belt.

Equal Distribution of Fruit
E. J. Davis shipped from Milton the first strawberries of the year to the Oregon fruitmen's branch at Denver on May 10. This opens the green fruit shipments of the year for Oregon, says the Portland Sun. The strawberry crop of Milton is estimated at 15,000 crates, which will be marketed in the next 30 days. There are only three other points that ship in such quantities—Hood River, Walla Walla, and Payette, Idaho. Inasmuch as the bulk of the fruit will be marketed through co-operative effort, the shippers are looking for a more equal distribution of their fruit, which heretofore has often glutted some markets while others had none. If the Oregon Fruit Union makes a success of fruit marketing, it will greatly stimulate the better care and more planting of orchards.

Hicks predicts a storm for today.

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The Facts.
First boy (to buy up a telegraph pole)—Come down 'ere and I'll fight.
Second boy (up the pole)—Shan't.
First boy—Yer a coward and afraid to come down.
Second boy—Yes, and yer know it, or you wouldn't have wanted me to fight.

Continuous.
May—I wonder why Reggie never married.
Jack—He had a love affair when quite young and has never gotten over it.

May—Who was the object of his affections?
Jack—Himself.

A Forger Captured.
Sheriff Houser went to Umatilla and arrested Henry Terry and brought him to Pendleton, where he was taken before Justice Parkes to answer the charge of forgery. He was bound over to the grand jury, with bail fixed at \$250. The prisoner forged the name of Sam Ash to a check for \$23.20, which A. R. Jacks cashed. Terry lives in Wallula, and he has recently been connected with a shooting scrape, from which he had just made his escape at the time of uttering this check.

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A Large Increase.
Al Routh, of Umatilla county, claims the record for his band of sheep in ratio of increase of lambs. He has a 320 per cent increase and has the lambs now at his camp to prove it. Five ewes furnished this remarkable record, four gave birth to three lambs each, and one bearing four. All the lambs are alive and healthy, and each one of the ewes owns her lambs and is taking good care of them.

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