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The Shaniko Republican has evidently been through the mill, and has met the man who "takes" the local paper, but roars like a cyclone when he is asked to pay for it. The Republican puts it this way, and it is honest truth, every word of it, except that occasionally a subscriber is found who "stops it" without paying:

"The fateful time is now at hand when the country editor must once more remind his delinquent friends how badly, how sadly, how madly he needs the dollar. He fixes up a polite note, the best he can think of, puts a two cent stamp on and sends it on its mission. A subscriber comes in at the door with a 'don't-you-open-your-mouth-to-me' expression on his face, and with a voice like a giant, he wants to know how much he owes on his paper. Trembling as an autumn leaf, the meek and lowly prince of the sanctum looks through the list and haltingly informs the lordly delinquent that the books show that he owes \$2. With the air of an eastern potentate, the much aggrieved reader of the country's family paper hands over the two plunks, then he squares his shoulders, sticks out his chest and halts at the door. 'You may stop it,' he says, and then walks out with the air of a man who has just received such a grievous wrong that he fears to speak, lest he lose control of himself. The editor sits meekly down at his desk and writes for the personal columns: 'Mr. So-and-So, one of the leading citizens of such a place, made this office a pleasant call last week.'

Two samples of good roads will be built in Oregon this summer under the direction of government experts. Through the efforts of Senator Fulton and Senator Hill, the good roads enthusiasts, the agricultural department has agreed to send experts and machinery to Oregon to build two specimen roads, each one a mile in length. It is the understanding that the roads shall be built near Salem and Pendleton, the respective counties to bear the expense of materials and labor, and the government to pay its experts and furnish machinery. Similar work is to be done in other northwestern states, and it is planned to hereafter build two sample roads until each county has had at least one such highway. The object is to demonstrate to farmers how good roads can be built and maintained.

There is great need of a revision of the laws of Oregon relative to publication of legal notices. Oregon is 50

years behind the times. The idea of posting election notices, for instance, when there are newspapers in the state to do such work, is a case in point. Fifty years ago, when there were no newspapers, or very few, in Oregon, The methods of the today might have been excusable; today there is also lately no excuse for such methods. There are countless other notices of a public character that the laws of the state should require the publication of. If Oregon is ever to emerge from the frontier it is high time a beginning were made. The posting costs absolutely more than the publishing.

William Jennings Bryan says of the Japanese: "I have never seen a more quiet, orderly or self-restrained people than the Japanese. I have visited all of the larger cities and several of the smaller ones, in all parts of the islands; have mingled in the crowds that assembled at Tokio and Yokohama at the time of the reception to Togo, and during the naval review; have ridden through the streets in the daytime and at night, and have walked when the entire street was a mass of humanity. I have not seen one drunken native or witnessed a fight or altercation of any kind. This is the more remarkable when it is remembered that these have been gala days, when the entire population turned out to display its patriotism and to enjoy a vacation."

CONCERNING THE NORMAL.

Weston Leader.
The Oregonian says that the Leader is "rabid," in commenting on a recent editorial in this paper concerning the Weston Normal. We suspect that the Oregonian itself would sooner be an engaging example of meekness and humility had it seen an institution whose growth it had fondly watched for twenty years struck down by a mob of political fanatics. The Oregonian attempts to disclaim responsibility for the referendum movement, but it was the Oregonian's falsehoods against the normal schools that led to this mistaken action. Now the Oregonian wants the referendum sustained at the polls, on the theory that it has already done all the damage possible and the "rebuke should be ratified." It has not, however. To sustain the referendum will be to tie up the general appropriation bill until the legislature meets, thus adding to the state's embarrassment and costing a further large sum in interest. If the referendum was right to begin with it should be ratified, and not otherwise. It was wrong, however—a deadly, cruel wrong—an educational crime with scarce the shadow of justification. If the judgment of the people has not been entirely warped by the Oregonian's narrow and unjust policy of misrepresentation, the appropriation will be sustained and Yamhill county very properly squelched. The Oregonian could not complete its article, of course, without referring to the normals again as "local high schools," and as a source of political corruption. Will it never tire of these miserable lies? Will it never attempt to bolster up its gaunt and empty assertions with some semblance of proof? As to a state board of trustees, the Leader favors the plan and endorses James Withycombe's views on the subject.

IN WICKED CHICAGO.

Spokesman-Review.
Is the world growing worse? Looking at the first page of the Chicago Tribune of Monday one might be inclined to answer in the affirmative. Of the six columns of news matter on the page three tell directly of crimes, one relates to a merger contrary to

the law, and two give some measure of encouragement to the optimist.

One column is devoted to accounts of ruffianly assaults upon women reported to the police but never fully investigated and in regard to which the police sought to keep information from the public. Another column tells of "theatre agents" deceiving and robbing girls who sought employment. In another there is a detailed account of one of the most nauseating divorce scandals in millionaire circles. The cartoon on the same page aptly illustrates conditions as they are in Chicago, and doubtless in other cities, with an alderman holding the center of the stage, while on one side of him are women beseeching protection and on the other the saloon men also asking protection. The alderman's eye is riveted on the sign held aloft by the saloonkeepers, "Remember, we are all voters."

What little of brightness the page presents is contained in a column report from Washington telling of congress being aroused to the necessity of improving the naturalization laws, and a local column wherein it is shown that four aldermen have had the courage to resist the appeals and threats of the liquor element and join the ranks of the high license supporters. There is no definite assurance, however, of successful accomplishment of the end sought either as to naturalization or high license.

There is no pleasure in having attention called to the evil conditions of society, yet it is sometimes necessary in order that good may result. Chicago gains nothing by the prominence given to its criminal side, but the hope is indulged that this notoriety may arouse popular and official sentiment to such a degree that an effective remedy will be applied. Fortunately the country is not to be judged by Chicago, but there are other places in which conditions are nearly if not quite as bad.

TO EUROPE IN A DAY.

New York Sun.
Three-day excursions to London and return are the dream of an inventor who is now perfecting a motor which, he believes, will drive steamships at the rate of 100 and 150 miles an hour. This new motor is a simple affair. It consists of a pipe which runs through the hold of the vessel below the water line. This pipe is open at both ends. Attached to this pipe, about one third from the after end, is a cylinder which is just the diameter of the pipe and in length about three times its diameter. At the bottom of this cylinder the pipe that attaches it to the main pipe curves aft. The rest of the motor is simply an application of the gas engine. The cylinder when working is charged with gas, which has been vaporized from kerosene oil. An electric spark explodes this gas and forces it out through the pipe at the stern of the boat. This gives the boat a kick which drives it ahead, and at the same time the gas driving through the pipe at the stern creates a vacuum at the forward end into which the water rushes so that, as the inventor says, it is drawing the boat ahead at the same time that it is driving it forward from the kick in the stern.

Herbert E. Rider, who devised the system of underground trolleys that is in use in this city, and who has invented other things, has lately been devoting his time to the study of dynamics and hydraulics. He had a small model of a boat built last summer and applied the motor, with the result that the small six-foot boat fairly flew through the water.

He figured that he had got a continuous cable which would pull his boat across the north river, or, if the boat were large enough, across the Atlantic ocean. Mr. Rider at once had his invention patented.

IRVING'S SELF DENIAL.

Success Magazine.
There was one special act in Irving's young life on the stage that has a lesson for all young artists. When, in 1859, having then had three full years of experience as a player, he got a three years' engagement in London and made his appearance at the Princess, he came to the conclusion that his work was not yet good enough for metropolitan favor. So he resolutely bent himself to the task before him, and, with the reluctant consent of his manager, canceled his engagement. He went back to the weary routine and labor and hardship of the provinces, till the time should come for a more worthy effort. When we remember that a London engagement was, and is, the goal of an ambitious actor's hopes, and that it means regular work and regular pay and an ever-increasing opportunity for distinguishing oneself, we can understand that his self-denying resolution was little less than heroic. When, however, he did come again, even years later, he had his reward. He came to stay. He knew his work then, and knew that he knew it. His record from that on was an unbroken one of success and honor. His fight was won.

Public Notice.
Notice is hereby given that I will apply to the Mayor and common council of the city of Athena, Oregon, at a meeting thereof to be held on the 27th day of Feb. 1906, for a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one quart, said liquors to be sold only in a building situated on the west one-half of lot No. 8, in block 5, of said city.
Herbert Curtaine,
Applicant.
Dated Jan. 23, 1906.

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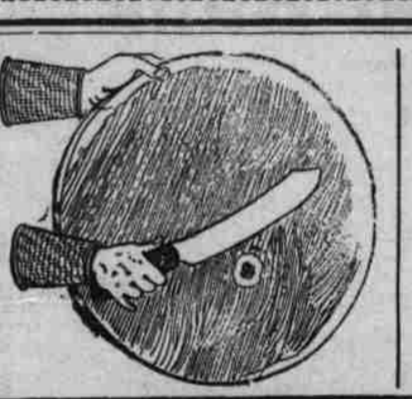
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