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County Court, Hon. G. B. Bourhill, J., A. M. Wright, Wm. Walker Commissioner, 1st Wednesday in January, April and October.

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Avoid personalities. Compliments delicately given are always acceptable, but even they must not be overdone, as the charge of incivility is apt to follow a shower of pretty nothings spread broadcast.

Before coming to the city to trade readers are requested to examine The Observer advertising columns. Its active, wide-awake business man who advertises, consequently he is the most accommodating, sells at the cheapest, and deals the most liberally in every way.

The Oregonian learns that it is the intention of Robert Eakin, now Judge of the 10th Judicial district, to become a candidate for justice of the Supreme court, in the coming election, on the republican ticket.

Judge Eakin is a man of character and a judge of repute. His home is La Grande.

Of all the things said about Alice, Teddy, Nick, the 10 cent dowry fund, etc., this is the worst, for which John H. Cradlebaugh is responsible.

"Nick Longworth is worth \$15,000,000" and he is going to take Alice Roosevelt. The horse editor has \$0.05. Alice will never see the color of that nickel this side of Wonderland, because her own Nick'll take care of her."

What do you think of our misrepresentatives in the United States senate? Should they be permitted to remain in office? Do you not believe that all senators should be elected by the people? If you are thinking of these things, as doubtless you are, you will be intensely interested in the Treasurer of the Senate, by David Graham Phillips, a series of scathing articles in the Cosmopolitan, the king of the ten-cent magazines. Mr Phillips takes up the record of each conspicuously infamous member of the senate, beginning with Dewey, and treats it in a tremendously effective and interesting manner. This series will be as notable as the Lawson articles and more important, as the subject is a bigger one.

Senator Gearin is not the first Oregonian to attract attention by not being conventional in his dress on certain occasions. Some years ago Oregon's chief executive, Gov. Penney, attended a banquet in Washington, at which the late Senator Hoar was also a guest.

Both men boasted all through life their lack of respect for the conventional, and neither was ever known to put on a dress suit. At this banquet both wore the ordinary Prince Albert, by which each had become well known during his years of public life, and were given seats adjoining each other. Gov. Penney is said to have gazed around the table at the expense of white shirt front evident beneath the spike tailed coats of the other guests, and turning to Senator Hoar, remarked: "Do you note, senator, that we are the only two present who can be distinguished from the waiters?"

There is not a human in the United States capable of reasoning but holds to the belief that all the murderous assassins of Ex Gov. Steunenberg of Idaho should be put to death. The criminal who is responsible for the long reign of terror in Idaho and Colorado should be hanged down and driven off the earth. There is no language by which the enormity of this assassination can be adequately designated. It is impossible to conceive of a human being so depraved as to plan or execute such a crime. The perpetrators of it are but the degenerate representatives of European civilization. Their crime was not of their own choosing but the work of their organization,

devising all the cunning, and all the savagery ever developed in the human race, and as one reflects upon it he simply stands appalled at the depths of bloodthirsty depravity exhibited in the tragedy. The sin of Gov. Steunenberg was that several years ago as governor, he enforced the law and preserved order in Idaho. There is one feature of this case which, apparently, has been over looked. In American jurisprudence the procedure followed during the Coeur d'Alene riots is without parallel. It was tested in the Supreme court of the United States and it still stands as a precedent. During the troubles in Colorado the state authorities there followed closely the line blazed by Gov Steunenberg in the Coeur d'Alene. They found it the most effective method of suppressing lawlessness. The lawless element had borne a grudge against Gov. Steunenberg ever since he stamped out the firebrands in Coeur d'Alene, and the people now owe it to a condition of law and order to put to death the last relic of such barbarity wherever the flag of America floats.

Eastern Oregon is bound to become the great turkey raising section of the Pacific Northwest, in the opinion of an observer just returned from Gilliam and Morrow counties. "They herd turkeys on those prairies just as they used to herd sheep, in great droves," said he, and the birds thrive from the time they are hatched until they are ready for market. One farmer on Willow creek had a band of 500 last fall, and the herder used to take them on to the stubble fields in the morning and drive them back to the corral at night. The turkeys fattened on the scattered grain, and as they did not eat the grass, the owners of the fields did not care how many turkeys were herded in the field. Finally, just before Thanksgiving, the band were driven to Coyote station and shipped to Portland. The producer was paid 50 cents a head for the birds and thought he did well, while the same turkeys cost the consumers from \$1.50 to \$3 apiece."

The climate of The Inland Empire is peculiarly adapted to turkeys, being dry and clear for the better part of the year. The birds are allowed to roam over a vast area in search of grain and seeds, but the herder must be on the lookout constantly for coyotes, for the animals have discovered that turkey meat is juicy and tender, and they will often take chances on being shot while in quest of a bird for supper. That region used to be devoted to sheep pasture, when the land belonged to the government, and range was free. It is all cut up into farms now, and farming has taken the place of wool-growing. The turkey does not interfere with the farming.

Any voter wishing to vote at the primary election must be registered and at the time of his registering he must declare his political belief, which will entitle him to vote at that political party's primary ticket, but if he should change his belief after the primary register books are closed he will have to vote as registered or not at all. If a voter registers an independent in politics he by that act bars himself from participating in any primary election, as the law plainly says only those who declare their politics can vote and then only the ticket for which they declare. There is a diversity of opinion as to whether a vote can be sworn in, but at this time The Observer holds that it cannot be done. Section 38 of this law in lines 25 to 32 specifically says only registered voters "can vote at primary elections and for any one who is not registered as required by this law" "it shall be unlawful for him to offer to do so (vote) unless he shall be registered as above required." There is no other provision by which he can vote. This is done to protect the various political parties and prevent a voter from being sworn in twice or more at different party primaries. The law is plain, those who wish to vote at the primaries must abide by it; above all don't register as an independent if you wish to vote, as by that you shut yourself out of all parties.

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Shaniko Republican.

Settlement and cultivation of the entire tract of over 300,000 acres of vacant land in Christmas lake valley is looked for this year. During the past year 100 settlers have taken up land in the region northeast of Silver lake, 18 or 20 miles south of the south line of Crook county. It is believed that the district will receive the largest influx of settlers during the next 12 months of any region in Central Oregon.

Tygh Valley Bee.

Mrs Sanford celebrated her 76th birthday Christmas eve, that day being also the birthday of her son-in-law, J W Gilmore. An elegant dinner was spread at the home of the latter, and members of her family gathered around the board with happy hearts and smiling faces, cheerful in the event of the mother, grandmother and great-grandmother being able to be with them at the advanced age in comparatively good health and vigor. Mrs Sanford is remarkably active for one of her age, and has been a very useful person in the community where she has lived many years, aiding the poor and lending a helping hand to the sick.

She tells us during her 64 years of house-keeping, and she has done her own work all the while unaided, she has never yet broken a piece of crockery or glassware. This is remarkable. Few, if any, keeping house so long, can boast of such good fortune.

Capital Journal.

In territorial days all Eastern Oregon was included in Wasco county. The area was so extensive that a man sentenced to the county jail for six months, from Fort Hall never got there. The constable in charge of him traveled for three months on horseback, and not having reached the Dalles, the county seat, he remarked to the prisoner: "Well, Bill, your time is half out; our horses are getting tired, the sentence will expire before we reach home, so we might as well start back." Another story is told of an arrest made on a warrant issued by Judge Gates, which was served so far east that the sheriff took the prisoner on to N Y City and bro't him home by way of the Isthmus.

Silver Lake Oregonian.

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