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Before coming to the city to trade readers are requested to examine The Observer advertising columns.

We will not be responsible for the neglect of subscribers to notify us of changes in their address.

Send for advertising rates.

Send The Observer to your absent friends. It is better than a letter, and gives all the home news.

The smile that won't come off has now become a positive grin of prosperity on the face of the American people.

Gompers was wise when he announced that he did not care for a position in President Bryan's cabinet.

The art of oratory may not be declining, but it will never be called in, for example, to build a Panama canal.

Missouri ought to hold a jubilee now that it feels assured that its elections can no longer be stolen by Ward Indians.

The Erie Ry. has the largest and most powerful locomotive in the world. It draws a train of 250 cars two miles in length.

Col. Watterson will find it hard to say anything new of Mr. Bryan in the way of fervent approval, or intense disapprobation.

There's a good deal to that suggestion that after Roosevelt gets to be associate editor of the Outlook it may be changed to the Lookout.

A New York theosophist says Kate Elkins was of royal blood 'in the former existence.'

In Indiana an automobile has been used successfully as the basket of a balloon.

The playwright who has decided to limit his output to a play a year for ten years, shows a consideration which is recommended for imitation to authors of 'best sellers.'

Oregon gave Roosevelt 42,934 plurality in 1904. This month Oregon gave Taft 25,000 plurality, a decrease of 17,934.

During the last few days that the colonist rates were effective more than 1,200 people came to Oregon on one way tickets to make this state their permanent home.

Teddy Jr. has been promoted, has got his wages raised and will change his boarding place. This is going some on a month of hard labor and a week-end vacation for the Cup race.

The published lists of campaign contributions is supposed to include all those who 'blew' themselves. But what about the trombone performers in the 'cornet' bands at the spellbinder's picnic?

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HISTORICAL SKETCH.

(Contributed.) Mrs. Harriet Jane Erskine, wife of Abiel Erskine, formerly of this county, died at midnight, October 24th, 1908, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. E. Williams, at Seattle, Wash., after 24 weeks of patient suffering from paralysis, caused by a disease of long standing. She was called Home to her loved ones who have gone before. She was laid to rest in the beautiful Lake View Cemetery, on a bed of evergreens, covered with many floral offerings from her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Erskine came overland from Nelson Station, Butte county, California, leaving there late in the summer of 1880, arriving at the present location of Erskineville, Oregon, October 19th, of the same year, where they lived and farmed for 26 years. In the spring of 1881 Mr. Erskine plowed, with his 8 horse gangplow, brought from California, a small piece of land that yielded 800 bushels of 1st grade club wheat when threshed. While the crop was growing Mr. Erskine was away hauling the large timbers for the John Day river bridge, leaving Mrs. Erskine to protect the unfenced field of growing grain. Many a night she would get up and go out waving a large piece of white cloth in the wind to frighten large bands of range horses away. She never tired of showing samples of the wheat and extolling the resources of the bunch grass land. From flour made from this wheat she baked many a pan of biscuits and gave to the weary travelers that camped near with their families hunting for homes in a new country. She would go miles to help those that needed assistance. One cold night she was called away from home in a blizzard. Her family tried to persuade her not to leave in the storm, but the answer was: "The mother needs me, and I must go to her." Mrs. Erskine was the mother of six children, all Californians by birth. Two boys and four girls. Three children are buried in Northern California, and two in the state of Maine. In 1781 people in the surrounding country as far south as Grass Valley, the Colony as it was then called; contributed 25 cents each per month, to a boy, George Larson Jr., the first mail carrier, to carry the mail from Wasco to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Erskine. In 1882 they petitioned Washington city to establish a regular postoffice. Mrs. Erskine having kindly spent her time caring for the mails the neighbors had Mr. Erskine appointed postmaster and a regular office was established, with a mail route from Wasco to Erskineville, under the administration of President Chester A. Arthur.

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The rules of the library are liberal, and the community may have access to it.

NEWS AND NOTES. Senator Fulton will return to Washington city next week. The vote for Taft in the electoral college will be 321; for Bryan 162. W H Ragsdale and family have returned from Wallowa county. Mrs Elizabeth Cushman started on her California trip this week. It is believed that work on the Harriman Ry up DesChutes will soon be commenced.

Mr and Mrs Roy Hulse spent a part of this week with relatives and friends in the Rose city. Robert Brash has purchased a 20 acre fruit farm near Olympia, at the head of Puget sound. Get in quick if you want one of those houses J O Elrod advertises today. They will sell quick. Miss Margaret Pinkham has accepted a position in the ladies' department of the Moro Commercial Company's elegant new store. At the last meeting of the council George Mowry was elected to fill the office of Auditor, vice Ray Ragsdale, resigned to go to Wallowa. Hon W F Jackson and wife left for California Monday. Mr Jackson expects to return about Christmas, but Mrs J will remain until spring. Fifteen pupils are enrolled in Oregon Agricultural College classes from Sherman county. Moro furnished 6; Grass Valley 6; Wasco 2; Early 1. Dave McCalvery was bound over on examination before Justice Dunahoo yesterday on charge of killing sheep belonging to County Commissioner Duncan Chisholm. The Daily Journal points to men who have taken \$5,000,000 gained in Umatilla county and invested it elsewhere, which does n't help to better things where the money came from.

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