

Advertising is a good thing, but it is very doubtful if it is the correct way to secure a wife.

The flat salary law is the correct thing in theory. It should, though, be rigidly enforced with no loop-holes.

The new hunter's license has met with favor with a good many, and seems to have been favored quite generally. As farmers are exempt there is a likelihood of the number of farmers increasing at a terrific rate on paper.

When a man gets goldbricked on a big scale it causes everybody to smile, but the little, everyday goldbricks that are thrown around and bitten at, are passed by without comment. There are very few men who have not been taken in on a small scale.

It is a peculiar situation in financial affairs when one or two men through divers schemes can manipulate the markets so stock will go up or down with meteoric swiftness. It hardly speaks well for the intelligence of the average speculator in stocks for him to be shaken with every wind that blows from the mouth of a Gates or Lawson.

Theoretically it is right that the judiciary should be kept non-partizan, but if this is right on one side it is also right on the other. The republicans make their judiciary entirely republican whenever they have an opportunity. It is only human nature to suggest that the democrats do the same whenever they get an opportunity. That's modern politics whatever the theory is.

After about ninety days Oregon will have a whipping post. Now let the wife beaters look out. Imagine Chief of Police McClain with whip in hand flogging some Albany wife beater sentenced by the recorder to receive twenty lashes. Perhaps the man will get what he deserves, but it will hurt the feelings of the man who does the flogging in this civilized age when we have more up-to-date methods for punishing wrong-doing of all kinds.

During the recent session of the legislature the newspapers, displaying their human nature, organized to get several bills through purely in their interest regardless of the justice of the bills. Among others was one providing for the publication of the entire tax list before the collection of taxes annually, something that would cost every county probably as much as a thousand dollars, with nothing in sight to recompense it, for the field is covered in a much better way by sending postal cards to every individual taxpayer at a cost of less than a tenth of the amount. It was a graft measure pure and simple, and the legislature did well to kill it. The DEMOCRAT is glad to see any legislation that will benefit the profession in a legitimate way whether it is helped personally or not, but it is entirely opposed to grafts of this character.

Lewis and Clark Notes.

A miniature mint in full working operation will be a part of the Government exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

More than thirty national conventions are scheduled to convene in Portland during the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

Electricity in its every conceivable application, representing the most marvelous achievements in modern science may be seen at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

A native Filipino theatre, in which amusements peculiar to the inhabitants of our island territory, will be presented, it is to be one of the many excellent attractions of the "Trail."

The Government Fisheries exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition will show the evolution of a Royal Chinook Salmon, from the embryo to a well matured fish.

Some idea of the privations endured by Lewis and Clark in their expedition to the great Northwest, may be gleaned by a careful examination of the exhibits characteristic of the earlier history of Oregon territory.

The model dairy farm at the Lewis and Clark Exposition in which everything pertaining to scientific dairying methods, the result of recent agricultural research, is to be shown, will prove of particular interest to those interested in dairying.

The caressing melody of the chimes in the towers of the main Government building will recall mental pictures of the missions founded by Junipero Serra and his intrepid followers in the seventeenth century.

But seldom are some of us afforded an opportunity to hear the World's famous bands. Many of them have been engaged to play at the fair, among them being Innes', De Caprios, Ellery's and the Hawaiian Imperial band.

Road Laws

"Tendencies in Recent American Road Legislation" is the title of the new bulletin prepared by the Departments of Economics and Sociology of the State University. The author shows that satisfactory progress in the building and maintenance of good roads requires first of all an appreciation of what good roads mean for the welfare of the people and then the development of such an organization of their resources as will furnish road improvement money and brains. People must realize what they have at stake in the difference between good roads and bad roads and then get such a system of laws as will induce the largest measure of effective effort in building good roads.

The bulletin is made up of two parts. In the first Professor Young points out the conditions that led to the most remarkable awakening of the people of this country during the last fifteen years to the interests they have at stake in their public roads. A great national movement has been organized. The support of the general government in its office of Public Road Inquiries has been enlisted. This agency under Hon. Martin Dodge is rapidly extending its work. It is disseminating most helpful literature on road construction and road laws, it is testing free of charge road material, and has built sample object lesson roads in nearly every state. The very efficient National Good Roads Association is supported by about half a dozen kindred national organizations. Every state probably and many sections and counties are organized to promote the cause of good roads.

It is clear that laws that emanate from a movement of such spirit and earnestness have significance and are valuable as models.

Having shown that the basis of our good roads movement lies in the far-reaching importance to a people of their roads and pointed out the fact that in the long run good roads are not a whit harder on the pocketbook of the farmer than are bad roads, Prof. Young goes carefully into the laws that have been the outcome of this movement. He gives tabular digests showing the provisions in the laws of the different states and territories bearing upon characteristics features as they were in 1889; secondly, the changes made in 1895; thirdly those made between that date and the end of 1904. The tendencies clearly revealed in this new road legislation are summarized.

Since the meeting of the first cost of permanent roads is the crucial part of the road problem that system of road laws is the best which secures the most equitable distribution of the burden of the road improvement. State aid with state supervision has been adopted by nearly one-third of the states as the solution of the problem of cost. Through this state aid very satisfactory results have been attained. New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York have given this policy thorough tests and are rapidly increasing their state appropriations. Among the other new features in road laws that the bulletin notes are more visible classifications of roads; provision for skilled superintendence in the location, construction and continuous repair of roads; substitution of the money tax for the labor tax and the rapid increase of the rates of taxation for road purposes; work done under contracts publicly let; recourse to bond issues; utilization of convict labor in constructing roads and preparing road material; protection of roads through favoring use of wide tires; conversion of toll roads into public roads.

The phenomenally rapid development of the sentiment in favor of national aid for road improvement is noted, and the "toning up" effect on state systems that such national aid would undoubtedly have.

A Washington Quilt.

Secretary Henry Reed of the Lewis and Clark Fair is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. O. W. Saunders of Kalama, Wash., in which she states that she is desirous of exhibiting at the World's Fair a quilt used by the immortal George Washington during the revolution.

The quilt, claims Mrs. Saunders, is the handiwork of a woman who resided in Cortland County, New York, in the Revolutionary period. This woman danced with George Washington at many social functions, and during the strife between King George's and Washington's forces, distinguished herself by melting her valuable pewter for use as bullets.

Washington, it is said, wore the quilt through the war, and its folds are said to have protected him from the intense cold at Valley Forge.

A bill giving women the right to vote in Kansas for Presidential electors, which passed the lower house of the Kansas legislature by a vote of 65 yeas to 49 nays, was defeated in the Senate by 29 yeas to 6 yeas.

The Outsider—Be there much work about a plitical job, Mike?
The Insider—Not after yez get it, Pat.—Pack.

Frenzied Thoughts.

Several European countries have ordered \$10,000 of armor plate in the U. S., but it is not stated whether it was to be used for battleships or new coats for grand dukes.

New Jersey has presented the country with a butter trust. This will undoubtedly become the cream of the trusts.

It is thought that the "Robafeller" Sunday School will send out missionaries to work for conversions in "darkest Kansas and Texas."

Miss Susan B. Anthony has offered an amendment to President Roosevelt's declaration of "giving every man a square deal", by adding the word "woman." The amendment has been accepted.

In order to be sure of affording lively entertainment for the President, Texas will have a lot of Jack-rabbits ready, in case there is a shortage of bears.

Johann Hoch has already made a big mark in the world. Chicago has opened a matrimonial bureau bearing his name, with branch offices in Cincinnati, New York and San Francisco.

The parties in that Florida Court who shot at each other must have formed an opinion in advance as to the verdict.

Southerners to Affiliate.

Organization of the Dixie Society of Oregon was effected at a meeting this week. Governor Chamberlain was elected president. Vice-presidents will be selected from all states south of the Mason and Dixon line.

Three hundred enthusiastic southerners were present at the meeting and expressed common interest in the Lewis and Clark Exposition, the exploitation of which will be the chief object of the society.

It is the intention of the officers to institute an exploitation bureau, through which residents of the Virginias and Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky and others of the southern states may learn of Oregon's diversified and inexhaustible resources, and obtain literature pertaining to the Lewis and Clark World's Fair.

By correspondence and the judicious circulation of printed matter, it is thought that thousands from that section of the country will be induced to come here during the fair.

Portland Doings.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]
PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 25.—Senator Mitchell's charge that Harvey Scott, editor of the Portland Oregonian is back of the effort to be made to have him indicted in Washington, D. C., caused a local sensation as it proves more conclusively than the recent change in the Oregonian's policy that the truce effected a year ago between Mitchell and Scott is evidently ended and a state of war for the control of the republican party in Oregon again exists.

For more than quarter of a century the feud was carried on between Scott and Mitchell resulting usually in the defeat of the editor's aspirations. It is probable that in the indictments hanging over the Oregon delegation Mr. Scott sees the dream of political preferment and long sought opportunity at hand.

Unless new evidence has been discovered against Senator Mitchell the only known ground upon which he could be indicted at Washington is the transaction with S. A. D. Pater when the latter is alleged to have paid the senator \$2000 in order to secure his help in expediting fraudulent homestead claims.

Amid the wreck of his saloon, with blood smearing the floor, windows and bed with imprint of dripping hands on door facings and furniture Edward Byrne was found yesterday with a ragged cut on his temple and the marks of finger nails on his throat. He refuses to discuss the cause of his condition.

Byrne conducts a saloon in the back room of which he sleeps. The attack occurred at an early hour. As he lay asleep in bed his window was pried up and a stone weighing 20 pounds was hurled at his head. That his skull was not crushed is due to the stone striking a glancing blow. The police are satisfied that robbery was not the motive in despite of the fact that the cash register was demolished, the barroom windows shattered and the furniture in saloon smashed. The secrecy maintained by Byrne leads to the belief that he could explain the attack should he should so desire.

Try not the pass; there was a time when passes were not tags of crime; But now a higher moral sense Condemns them as a gross offense, Since vision is biased by the mote Which pains the man who casts the vote. —Ex.

The government weather prediction is: tonight and Saturday showers. The river is 5.2 feet.

Wade Blevins, of the Blain Clothing Co., has a fine window, with an oil painting of his own work as a back ground, that is exciting considerable attention.

Saturday Night Thoughts

There has been a good deal of talk about peace between Russia and Japan, and it has been declared that negotiations were pending with this in view, but those most interested seem to know nothing about it. As a matter of fact it is very doubtful if there is anything being done to stop the miserable affair, a disgrace to the present civilization. On the contrary everything is progressing as heretofore with a view of fighting it out if it takes a century. But for the bad weather around Mukden the two armies would now be dodging bullets and shells.

In the meantime affairs in Russia are in a turbulent condition, with a mine under every city ready to explode. The common people of the country are weary of their bondage, and would like a little freedom, just a smell of it, if nothing more, and many things indicate that there will be trouble of a serious character. It is to be hoped there will be. There are good reasons for something doing among the people of Russia, down-trodden since the beginning, without many rays of light to cheer them, and there will by an excuse if they do rise in some kind of a revolution against a despotic government.

The man who caused considerable of their trouble in recent years has been assassinated. There is no excuse for assassination, and one cannot justify it, and yet it is a fact that the people of the United States, in this case do not feel very much like extending sympathy to Russia for the loss of a man who had spent his life oppressing the people.

The DEMOCRAT man this week read a book written by an Oregonian, Mr. Geo. A. Waggoner, telling stories of the early life of the people of this state among the mines and in fighting Indians. The book is well written and is as interesting as a novel. [Mr. Waggoner left home when about nineteen years of age, going up into Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho, where he had experience after experience, and came in contact with men who had had more exciting times even than he had passed through, and he tells about them in a style that is candid, flowery and fascinating, so that one is loth to leave the book until it is completed. One is lead to think of the marvellous transformations there have been since the early days of '60's, where one's life was at stake in travelling and among the mines of the Northwest. Now we have a civilization that compares with any in the world, and a man's life is as safe anywhere in the state as in New York or Chicago, and probably safer. The DEMOCRAT hopes that its readers will show their appreciation of home talent by reading the book. Those who do will get the worth of their money.

In Oregon a good many people have been pleased to see the Governor wield his little veto hatchet on some of the bills of the recent lamented state legislature, in which some grafts have been cut off. It is to be regretted that the law is not in such a shape that he could also veto parts of the general appropriation bill without vetoing the whole bill. If this power existed several other grafts would fall before the ax.

This week Albany people have been interested in a big gathering of the members of a prominent fraternal society, and many have come here to enjoy the festivities of the occasion. Albany has put on some neat garments for the occasion, and those attending will no doubt leave with good impressions of the railroad center of the valley. Those gatherings mix people up in a pleasant way and bring the different parts of the state together in a manner impossible in any other way. Let the bands play.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

E. F. Sox has been in Portland today on business.

Mr. J. W. Swank is out after several weeks illness.

Judge Geo. D. Barton came up from Portland last night.

J. A. Howard returned this noon from a trip to Amity.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thompson, of Dallas, are in the city.

Captain Merrill Phillips headed the Oregon City team here.

Miss Mary Nolan, of Corvallis is the guest of Miss Emma Sox.

Mr. Bert Hale, of Independence, has been in the city on a visit.

R. M. Cramer was a Eugene visitor yesterday in the interest of his backs.

State Printer J. R. Whitney and wife came up this noon to attend the Woodmen roundup.

Miss Bessie Butler, of Independence, is the guest of Miss Bessie Burkhart, of this city.

Mr. Chester Stevenson, of the S. P. office, went to Portland this afternoon on a visit with his best girl.

Lloyd Bellman and LeRoy Kerns, Eugene young men, have been in the city on a visit with Mike Gross.

W. O. Nisley returned to Portland this afternoon after two or three days musical business in Albany.

Mr. Jay McCormick, of base ball fame, is among the Woodmen in the city. Eugene is now his home.

MISFITS,

Springlike and bland.

The beef trust is now to be stuck.

There is more money in bricks than gold bricks.

Most of this peace talk is merely newspaper wind.

Octopuses are now in danger of having their feelings hurt.

The Governor struck Linn county twice with his veto pen.

Great is Salem. Mrs. Ballington Booth spoke there last night.

When Sheriff Word of Portland makes a deft something is going to happen.

The Oregon hen needs to attend to business better. Easter is approaching.

The white dove is again flopping her wings over the heads of Russians and Japs.

The Governor has been using his veto ax quite sharply, at least a dozen bills dropping from its slash.

Albany needs a hundred new residences and some more business rooms. We must build if we would grow.

Suppose Frank C. Baker should fail to reach Washington by March 4 what would become of the inaugural services.

The boast is made that Portland has a number of good men. Come now, who are they. Name them or cease boasting.

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Saturday.

Six burglaries one night recently would indicate that the Kingsley crowd were not at the bottom of all Portland's thievery.

For thrilling Indian stories, the genuine articles, read Geo. A. Waggoner's Story of Old Oregon. They are splendidly told.

Senator Mitchell had better keep cool about the date of commencement of his trial. He will have to take things as they come just like common men.

Thirty-five murders in Oregon in a year and not a single hanging is a bad showing, the kind that makes Judge Lynch popular in less civilized states.

Eastern colleges are slinging their degrees around pretty promiscuously. What has Emperor William ever done to entitle him to a degree from an American College.

With Binger Hermann and Lawrence T. Harris out of the field for congressman who will be the next republican to get the nomination. Perhaps Albany has a man capable of securing the plum.

Instead of the regular fair there will be the regular races at Salem during the fair week. As the races have always been the principal thing there will not be enough of a change to cause any excitement.

It is said that a Corvallis lady who attended the recent chicken show held there, had been given a fresh laid egg from one of the prize hens and accidentally let it fall from her hand to the floor. "Oh, I dropped an egg," she exclaimed, "What shall I do?" "Cackle," retorted a small boy behind her.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Weatherford and children of Harrisburg are visiting at the home of Hon. J. K. Weatherford.

Prof. W. C. Hawley, of the supreme grand lodge, arrived this noon from Salem and will be prominent in the work this evening.

Mrs. Dr. P. A. Davis, of Silverton, mother of Dr. W. H. and Chas. Davis, of this city, is here on a visit, accompanied by Ernest Brooks.

Mr. Marvin Brandeberry, who has charge of the branch office of the Curtis Lumber Co. at Woodburn, returned to Albany last evening.

Rev. G. F. Tufts, of Portland, went to Lebanon today to speak tomorrow on temperance, and Monday evening a big rally will be held in that city.

Mr. C. H. Burggraf returned last evening from Ashland, where he had been to look after business. He has concluded to allow several Albany men to live awhile longer.

Miss Mary Weatherbee, a popular teacher at the Central school, went to Albany on Friday to visit friends.—Eugene Register.

Prof. Chas. Cundiff, a former Albany young man, is a member of the Vaudeville Cympany at the opera house today. He has been absent from Albany about four years, teaching for awhile in Eastern Oregon, then going into vaudeville. Among other places he was in Butte, Mon., for five or six months.

Selling Out.

The entire line of merchandise of the late Julius Gradwohl must be sold, consisting of Crockery, Glassware, Dolls, Toys and Hardware.

Corner 2nd and Ferry Street, near the DEMOCRAT office.

A NEW SCHEME.

Atter Mitchell, Hermann and Williamson in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. (Special).—Attorney Heney and secret service agent Burns in conference with Attorney General Moody today reported the intention of having indictments found in the District of Columbia against Senator Mitchell and Congressmen Herman and Williamson. While this course is possible in the case of Mitchell and Williamson, there is a stronger probability in the case of Hermann for alleged destruction of Government official letters. Mitchell asserts that this last move is inspired by Editor Scott who is now in Washington.

PORTLAND, Or. Feb. 24.—J. B. Bridges has filed with District Attorney Manning an affidavit charging George B. Thomas, a member of the Port of Portland commission with asking and receiving a \$500 bribe from the firm of Wakefield and Bridges who were building the city dry dock.

The affidavit relates in minute details the alleged facts of the transaction and is supported by another affidavit filed by Malcolm McCauley, an expert who went over the books of Wakefield and Bridges and in doing so was informed by Wakefield and his book-keeper A. C. U. Berry that \$500 had been paid to Thomas.

PORTLAND, Or. Feb. 24.—In a wealthy city, with an abundance of the necessities of life on every hand, W. S. Back, a Russian Finn, was found starving to death on ground beneath some brush in the western part of the town yesterday and taken to the hospital. He has endeavored for two weeks to find work and though penniless was too proud to beg and endured the pangs of hunger for ten days rather than humiliate himself.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. (Special).—The Postoffice department on recommendation of a Senator Fulton has decided to appoint P. B. Cornelius, postmaster at Roseburg, succeeding Postmaster Wagner, the present incumbent.

TOPEKA, Feb. 23. (Special).—Standard Oil is accused of a campaign for buying out all the independent producers in the state.

MOSCOW, Feb. 23.—(Special)—Duke Sergius' funeral was held today. The wife fainted on the bier.

SALEM, Feb. 23.—(Special)—The Governor today vetoed house bill No. 95 known as the Fertilizer bill.

Enormous Indemnity Wanted.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—According to a Paris dispatch, the indemnity asked by Japan, which was reported to be the principal obstacle in the way of peace in the Far East, is \$70,000,000 Japan, in fixing the indemnity at this figure, intends to retard the rehabilitation of Russia.

Against Standard Oil.

DENVER, Feb. 23.—Representative C. H. Wilder's bill appropriating \$125,000 for the establishment of a state oil refinery was favorably reported to the House by the finance committee today. The bill also contains provisions to regulate the price of oil. Independent oil producers who are supporting the measure have offered to lease and operate the refinery when constructed.

In Favor of Russia.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—A strong chord of indignation is sounded by the London daily newspapers this morning over the semi-official statement relative to the decision of the North Sea Commission, giving to Russia the victory.

Dr. Harper Operated Upon.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—While at the University of Chicago hundreds of students were assembled to participate in prayers for his recovery Dr. William R. Harper president of the institution, this afternoon underwent a serious surgical operation in the Presbyterian Hospital, for cancer of the stomach.

Weber Guilty.

AUBURN, Cal., Feb. 22.—Adolph Weber was today convicted of murder in the first degree, for the killing of his mother. The jury was 15 hours.

A Reign of Terror.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 24.—That there is a reign of terror in the Caucasus is no longer denied by the officials here; in fact it is openly admitted at the War Office that communication with the district is absolutely cut off and that the troops there are simply unable to communicate with St. Petersburg. In many places the soldiers are besieged in their barracks and are only holding their positions by force of numbers.

No Peace Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Where inquiries were made regarding the rumors of peace between Russia and Japan, the most positive statements were made that, if either of the belligerents was thinking of proposing peace, it was a secret securely locked in the Foreign Office at St. Petersburg or at Tokio.

Passes the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Without a dollar being added or subtracted the river and harbor appropriation bill passed the House today after the session had run well into the evening. The total amount carried by the bill is \$17,234,657.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor and executrix of the estate of Elijah H. Coats, deceased, have filed their final account in said estate, and that the county court of Linn county, Or., has set the 3rd day of April, 1905, at the hour of 1 o'clock, p. m., for the hearing of objections thereto if any and for the settlement of said estate. Dated this 17th day of February, 1905. EUGENE VICTOR COATS, Executor. HELEN M. COATS, Executrix. J. J. WATSON, Attorney.