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Of the twelve largest cities in the world three are in Japan.

The average cost of a palace sleeping-car is \$15,000, or if "vestibuled" \$17,000.

The more money a man has the more his glaring faults become odd little peculiarities.—Ex.

The Imperial Library of Paris, which is the largest in the world, contains 2,000,000 volumes.

It is to be regretted that no school is to be taught in the Santiam Academy this year. The beautiful grounds seems to be only used for pasturing stock. What a pity.

Tale-bearing emits a three-fold poison, for it injures the teller, the hearer and the person concerning whom the tale is told.—Spurgeon.

There are 630,394 pensioners on the government pension rolls, of which number 599,956 are on account of the war between the states.

You will do well to read the ordinances that appear in the Express from time to time. If you don't you might wish you had when it is too late. The proper thing to do would be to read them and then cut them out for future reference.

A dollar dancing through the country is a constant blessing, making all things move, and keeping up life and health. It is better than a million dollars tied up in a vault, to lead to congestion and stagnation.

It is said that the drying up of the deluge left in fetid pools hideous monsters—pythons—flounder in the slimy waters, in vain hoping for the returning flood. So the receding passions of civil war have stranded mad and ugly surians, whose contortions and hissings attract attention only to excite loathing.

Though the average citizen may not appreciate the fact, yet it is true that the Council of this city has had quite a large task before it in the passing of the late City ordinances, meeting two or three nights in a week. The members of that body have worked hard, and they deserve credit for it.

The Swiss people last month celebrated the 60th anniversary of their Confederation. On the first day of August, 1291, representatives from the three Cantons of Schwytz, Uri and Entschwalden met and entered into a solemn compact to maintain their liberties against the increasing encroachments of the Austrian Crown. Late Canton after Canton joined the movement. There are now 22 of them representing different names, religions and languages, yet welded into a marvellous solidarity, and possessing a government which is a model of efficiency, of democratic liberty, and at the same time of economy. In many respects our system is a strong resemblance to the constitution of the United States of America. There are however some striking differences. One is the remarkable economy with which the state is administered. The president of the Confederation, for instance, receives only \$200 per annum salary. Cabinet members and judges of the higher courts get \$100 less. It is remarkable that the nation should be able to obtain the legislative and executive ability which it actually possesses at such figures.

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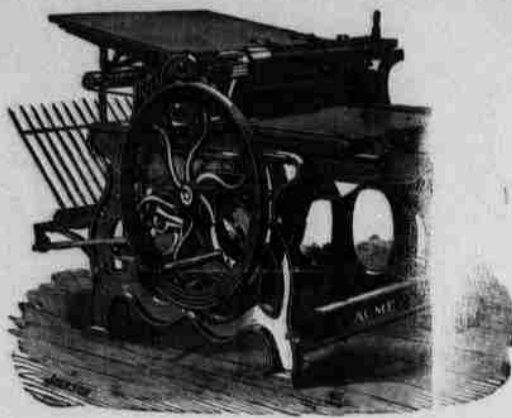
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