

Lebanon Express.

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The Sham Battle.

The Oregonian, ever ready to fling at a Democrat has been using the powerful influence of its columns to lay the blame of young Nelson's death on the head of Gen. Compson. Sham battles probably cost more than they are worth, and should be discouraged. But Gen. Compson is no more to blame than Gov. Pennoyer, the Commander in Chief, who could have countermanded the order. From Gen. Compson's explanation, it appears that Nelson met his death in the act (innocently probably) of violating the orders of his superior. Some one had to be found on whom to fasten blame. A Democrat happened to be head of the army, and this fact was enough to warrant the Oregonian in laying at his door any crime. Hence Gen. Compson was made the victim. Petty meanness mars the character of great newspapers as well as great men.

No Silver.

Silver is dead. The house passed the Wilson bill. The silver men were fewer than was supposed. There were nearly two to one against silver. Of course the silver partisans are predicting untold miseries while the gold men are much encouraged. An analysis of the vote shows that the great majority of those favoring silver were Democrats. An attempt to have American silver carried was not encouraged by the silver champion Bland, who wanted absolute free silver. What effect on the hard times this action will have, if any, yet remains to be seen.

County Roads.

Again we call the attention of the proper parties to the condition of the county roads in general, and in particular to the road from Lebanon west of the Academy and also the one to Sodaville. These roads are a disgrace to the county. Heavily laden teams can hardly move without severe strain on beast and wagon. While buggies would be smashed if the horses went out of a walk. This thing is a nuisance and should be abated.

Wheat is worth only 44 cents, and oats 20 cents, at the Lebanon warehouse, and the outlook for prices getting better soon is poor. There is but little sold at these prices.

Those senators appointed by the Governors, when the legislatures failed to elect, have received a black eye. This will have a good effect in future senatorial contest and will encourage the repetition of such disgraceful scenes as were presented by the Washington and other legislatures.

The Oregon legislature at its last session changed the holiday known as labor day from the first Saturday in June to the first Monday in September. So next Monday, the 4th day of September, will be the legal holiday, labor day.

We now have an authoritative statement from the governor that an extra session of the legislature will not be called to pass a stay law. A majority of the members are opposed to the proposition, and the governor himself is of the opinion that it would operate more harm than good.

Gov. Pennoyer keeps Oregon well advertised. No sooner does the press of the East get through with him, on one subject before he sets up the entire nest again from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean. It may not be the most desirable character of advertising, but then it keeps the governor, as well as the State, before the public, and what is best, it costs nothing to the tax-payers of our State. It is free advertising in the editorial columns. Nothing like having a Governor who is always ready to say something worthy of so much note. When anyone thinks that Oregon's Governor is a nonentity he should read the papers.—Dispatch.

There is plenty of room and there are great opportunities in this country for all the enterprising, intelligent and thrifty people of Europe—but no paupers should be admitted. We hope the immigration will in future be as rigid as possible. It has been already much improved of late.—Statesman.

The girl who bangs her hair has proven an expensive luxury this time. Thursday afternoon at Chicago she lighted a lamp for the purpose of heating the curling iron with which to frizzle her hair. Of course she upset the lamp and before the fire department could gain control of the flames five blocks had been laid waste, 300 buildings had been destroyed, and five thousand people rendered homeless.

The Eugene Guard thinks that if Governor Pennoyer would call a special session and club the members into passing a law to curb extortionate freight rates he would deserve the gratitude of the people. Some members would be in favor of an extra session if it could be known in advance that the legislature would repeal the laws authorizing the jute mill and soldiers' home appropriations. Others would want the mortgage tax law re-enacted, so there is small hope that the session would be a short one.

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