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We originate—others imitate.

PEN, PASTE AND SCISSORS.

The Russians are patronizing the lead trust very liberally.

It is wisdom to think and folly to sit without thinking.

Policy is serving God in such a manner as not to offend the devil.

Always treat an insult like mud from a passing vehicle. Never brush it off until its dry.

Kuropatkin's boasts have been laid away alongside the g. o. p. promises to reform the tariff.

There is not a bank in Columbia county and Portland profits at our misfortune. Who is to blame?

You can many times determine the value of a man's character from the character of his enemies.

Has the president the moral courage necessary to sustain him in a fight to the finish against organized greed?

Guess that shortage in our rain fall has about been made good. You can most always depend on Oregon.

"On to St. Petersburg" is the cry of the Japs. They are after that \$325,000,000 in the Russian reserve.

The "work of congress" consists largely of spending money, which by most people is not accounted toil.

The assertion that Mr. Garfield's report is unsatisfactory is not quite correct. It is entirely satisfactory to the beef trust.

The man who minds his own business is never out of work, never out of money, never out on a strike and never out of his head.

It has been demonstrated that Columbia is a good dairy and fruit county. Profit thereby and get to producing something.

Watch Houlton develop. All it needs is for some one with a little capital to come and utilize some of the raw material. The rest is easy.

The Nehalem Valley people are made of sturdy stock and are all busy attending to putting in a bumper crop and doubling up on their herd of cattle.

"We demand justice," asserts the head legal advisor of the beef trust. But the trusts frantic efforts to avoid it do not dovetail with the lawyer's assertion.

Booker Washington advises negro young men not to take \$5 buggy rides on a \$6 a week salary. But there is really no color line to be drawn on advice of that sort.

Raise more sheep. Nothing pays as well or furnishes more incentive than a good flock of Merino sheep out among the hills in burnt-over sections where pasture is plenty.

Remember that this is Fair year and every effort should be put forth by individuals or communities that will attract and bring us a settler. There is no better county in the state than Columbia.

The words of Canon Wilberforce: "The only thing Christianity needs just now is Christians," are still the ringing sentiments of the Evangelist, and are just as true now as then.

According to the logic of the republicans of Colorado, a party has the right to substitute a new candidate after the election, if the returns show that an unpopular man was nominated.

"The president wants a canal commission that will do things," exclaims an esteemed contemporary. It would be a welcome relief from the commissions that have been "doing the people."

The Colorado Republicans, by seating the lieutenant governor, have virtually declared that Adams was elected but that the Republicans wanted the office in spite of that fact. If Peabody was elected, he was entitled to the office; if, as even Republicans concede, he did not defeat Adams, then Adams was entitled to the seat.

Is It Possible?

Ten weary foot sore travelers,
All in a woeful plight—
Sought shelter in a wayside inn
One dark and stormy night.

"Nine rooms—no more," the landlord said,
"Have I to offer you;
To each of eight a single room,
But the ninth must serve for two."

A dire woe. The troubled host could
Only scratch his head;
For of these tired men no two
Would occupy one bed.

The puzzled host was soon at ease—
He was a clever man—
And to please all his guests devised
This most excellent plan:

In room marked A two men he placed;
The third he lodged in B,
The fourth to C was then assigned,
The fifth retired to D.

In E the sixth he tucked away,
In F the seventh man;
The eighth and ninth in G and H,
And then to A he ran.

Wherein the host as I have said
Had laid two travelers, by
Their taking one, the tenth and last—
He lodged him safe in I.

Nine single rooms—a room for each
Were made to serve for ten
And this it is that puzzles me
And many wiser men.

The moral wave that has taken hold of the City of Portland is doing good, for the time at least, and it goes to show that earnest work can accomplish much good. Portland, like other cities and communities, is made up of a mass of humanity that needs but a leader—be it in the interest of a labor movement, Chinese riot, street car or any other strike. To get a horde of men interested needs agitation, the expounding or making plain and lucid the object to be attained. But will this moral wave have accomplished its object after these Evangelists have shaken the soil of Portland North End streets from their shoes—will the good last and bear fruit. Yes, we believe it will. Thousands of human beings have had occasion to hear the word of God and the glad news that the vilest sinner is welcome to the fold. There are those who claim that the church is too aristocratic and a poor man is not welcomed there. If this is so, the fault lies with the pew-holder and not with the church. To the pastor of the church lies the charge of his ability to build up a congregation—so that an interest will be aroused among his flock to listen to his teachings. A good preacher is like a good editor. A good editor will wade through fire and water to catch a good item—to keep his columns full of pure, good information on wholesome topics. It is so with a good preacher. He must be the needle—pointing to the north around whom his congregation will flock. Our idea of reforming and to do good is this: Give the outcast a welcome hand on a full stomach. Don't preach to him on an empty one—he who has a soul like you. It is true it has been hardened, but really an organization such as the Y. M. C. A. can pull off its kid gloves and interest itself in affairs of this kind. Miss Helen Gould has aroused the admiration of two hemispheres by her heroic work now being done along this line. Her mode of procedure is to go direct to the outcast and exact a promise that he will reform. She then goes to the one whom this sinner has offended and exacts a like promise that he will not prosecute and that he will again take back this criminal on good behavior. To our mind more of this kind might be practiced. It may not work all the time. Those poor fallen women in Portland are hardened. Why? Perhaps because of the perfidy of man. Once they were pure. What hope have they now? What avenue can they take to lead to better lives? They must exist. Therefore if no lasting benefits follow for good from this present moral wave, these unfortunate ones have at least had an opportunity to hear that Christ says while "the lamp holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return;" "enter into the Kingdom of God," "come and I will give you rest."

In all the walks of life the men who look for the crooked will see the crooked and the men who look for the straight will see the straight.

Many a small man is never done talking about the sacrifices he makes, but it is a great man indeed who can sacrifice everything and say nothing.

On human beings, as nature leaves them, education can do a transforming work. But on human beings, as intemperance leaves them, education falls as water upon flint.

Archeologists have discovered Chaldean love letters 2200 years old. They will create a stir, however, only when they discover the letters of some Chaldean senator with the familiar postscript, "burn this letter."

If the ship building trust—or its successor, another trust—gets the job of building the two new battleships, there will be something doing. A pavy is made to float in water, and that trust is trying to supply water to float a navy.

County Commissioners Court.

The board of county commissioners met in adjourned session last Saturday and transacted the following business.

Oscar Elliott having resigned as supervisor of Road District No. 10, James Van was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Bids for the special road work in District No. 13 were opened and upon comparison it was found that the bids were all too high. That is for a greater amount than that raised by special levy. The bids were as follows: Wm. Rose, \$2750; Kemp and Graham, \$3250, and W. C. Cooper, of Warren, put in a bid for \$3700. But as there was less than \$1400 of the special tax, the court decided to allow the road supervisor to work out the amount of the special tax in addition to a part of the general fund upon the new Clatskanie road. The estimate of the court on this work was \$3000. It would appear from that that the county will be the loser by not letting the contract to Wm. Rose for \$2750.

The supervisor in District No. 4 was instructed to work out the special tax upon the proposed work without advertising for further bids. In fact there was no bid made on this piece of road. The time for opening bids and awarding contracts for the work in Districts Nos. 14 and 15 was deferred until the May term of court.

The following claims against the several road districts were allowed:

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2.

W C Cooper.....416 00
J M Cooper.....19 00
W C Cooper.....15 00
F A Hoyt.....10 50
Gust Isaacson.....19 00
R O Hazen.....13 00
Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co.....16 50
California Powder Works.....42 25
Diamond Brick Co.....47 10

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3.

J Dupont.....14 50
A McIntyre.....10 00
C Crouse.....11 00
P McIntyre.....15 00
P Crouse.....22 50
J W Nowels.....27 00
E Potter.....27 00
Brinn & Stangwood.....27 00
Perry & Graham.....1 00
Beals & Co.....12 00
James Spence.....5 15

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4.

James Spence.....4 00
O E Olson.....55 00
O E Olson.....487 00

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5.

Max Terlezky.....13 00
Chas Kratzke.....18 00

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 7.

F Nienstedt.....10 12
L Abney.....17 00

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 10.

West Oregon Lumber Co.....4 56
Hughes & Markwell.....34 19
N Merrill.....30 06

The following claims against the county were now allowed:

E C Blackford, stationery.....\$ 5 50
W C Cooper, sup R D No 2.....11 50
Zimmerman Brown Wells Co., supplies for rock crusher.....23 33
Ole Bowman, viewing roads.....36 30
Honeyman Hardware Co., freight and cartage on sluice works.....50
Beale & Oo, rubber springs for rock crusher.....6 75
R S Hattan, it on scrapers.....75
Shaver Trans Co, same.....3 00
E Vivian, sup for co charge.....4 00
Oregon Mist, stationery.....43 70
A J Deming, same.....3 25
Irwin Hodson Co, same.....67 65
Honeyman Hardware Co., haulage for sheaf.....10 70
M O Gray, supplies for chis, etc.....8 15
Martin White, premium on bond as tax collector.....9 25
O E Elliott, sup R D No 10.....23 76
J W Nowels, same.....10 00
Edwin Ross, exam of insane.....10 00
H R Cliff, same, and med at.....17 50
Edwin Ross, ex of insane.....5 00
A J Deming, medicine for same.....1 75
J S Bacon, use of hall.....4 00
Albert Christ, watchman at instg.....2 50
D W Freeman, reg voters.....5 20
O C Mover, refund of tax paid on double assessment.....5 63
J M Arthur & Co, s-p for rock crusher.....4 65

The following claims against special road tax funds were allowed:

Oregon Mist, adv for R D No. 4.....\$ 7 50
E C Blackford, same, for No 13.....10 00

Adjourned without day.

The lodge of Odd Fellows will be instituted at Houlton tomorrow, Saturday evening. G. W. Welch, of Marshland, the District Deputy Grand Master, will be assisted by the Rainier team in putting on the work and in the institution ceremonies. There will be about 30 initiates, and the boys expect a jolly good time.

The city election at Clatskanie was polled off Monday with the following result: President of the council, mayor W F Myers; Councilmen, Wm. Fraser, George Chandler, W F Markwell; Recorder, D W Freeman; Treasurer, M E Page, Marshal, H W McDonald. Page and McDonald were the only officers re-elected.

The city election of St. Helens took place last Monday. A large vote was polled and considerable interest manifested. The machine ticket, so we are informed, got in. That is, two new councilmen were elected. The following are the newly elected officials: Mayor—Edwin Ross; Councilmen—S. A. Miles, J. W. Day, Martin White and Richard Cox; Treasurer, E. E. Quick; Recorder—J. B. Godfrey; Marshal, L. L. Decker.

THE SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT.

Apportionment of County School Funds Made April 3, 1905, by I. H. Copeland, County Superintendent.

Dist.	Clerk.	Children.	Bonus.	Amount.	Total.
1	M J Engliert	106	\$32 25	\$901 02	\$ 933 27
2	H P Watkins	102	32 25	578 34	610 59
3	J A Holaday	45	32 25	255 15	287 40
4	R P Burns	46	32 25	260 82	293 07
5	S C Tichenor	287	32 25	1027 29	1059 54
6	C B Harris	24	32 25	136 08	168 33
7	William Holt	94	32 25	132 98	165 23
8	A E Harvey	21	32 25	119 07	151 32
9	A D Holaday	66	24 55	374 22	398 77
10	G A Graham	52	32 25	294 84	327 09
11	F H Meeker	15	32 25	85 05	117 30
12	C W Mellinger	15	32 25	85 05	117 30
13	Dean Blanchard	302	32 25	1712 34	1744 59
14	Louis Siegert	31	32 25	175 77	208 02
15	Martina J Barr	69	32 25	291 25	323 48
16	L E Gulkert	50	32 25	283 50	315 75
17	W S Mellinger	12	32 25	68 04	100 29
18	G H Sitts	10	32 25	56 70	88 95
19	J R Headlee	18	32 25	90 72	122 97
20	T C Watts	96	32 25	544 32	576 57
21	W D Case	11	32 25	62 37	94 62
22	N D Peterson	32	32 25	181 44	213 69
23	Fred Fluhrer	44	32 25	249 48	281 73
24	Nettie B Peterson	14	32 25	79 38	111 68
25	G W Barnes	189	32 25	1071 63	1103 88
26	Oliver Nelson	25	32 25	141 75	174 00
27	C O Keasey	13	32 25	73 71	105 96
28	T W Grant	45	32 25	255 15	287 40
29	John McAdam	55	32 25	311 85	344 10
30	Fred Briggs	36	32 25	317 52	349 77
31	W F Hlatt	19	32 25	107 73	139 98
32	H E Meserve	25	32 25	141 75	174 00
33	Ella M Kysar	12	32 25	68 04	100 29
34	Herman Schmitt	10	32 25	85 05	117 30
35	Oscar Waisencu	10	32 25	56 70	88 95
36	F W Makinster	68	32 25	385 56	417 81
37	F A Bucher	54	32 25	306 18	338 43
38	W L Brown	12	32 25	68 04	100 29
39	H O Oliver	107	32 25	606 69	638 94
40	Oliver Anderson	31	32 25	175 77	208 02
41	N J Dupont	6	32 25	34 02	68 27
42	Peter Wanstrom	30	25 11	170 10	195 21
43	C C Moyer	3	00 00	00 00	00 00
44	N P Young	24	32 25	136 08	168 33
45		00	00 00	00 00	00 00
46		14	32 25	79 38	111 68
47	E R Throop	25	32 25	141 75	174 00
48	C G Thayer	33	32 25	187 11	210 36
49	G M Holt	4	00 00	22 68	22 68
50	Julia Birkenfeld	14	32 25	79 38	111 68
51	A M Parker	12	32 25	68 04	100 29
52	A R Meile	42	32 25	238 14	270 39
53	Katie McDonald	12	32 25	68 04	100 29
54	D H Pose	15	32 25	153 09	185 34
55	J R Dallas	15	12 25	85 05	97 30
56	N B Olsen	42	32 25	238 14	270 39
57	J A McIntosh	3	00 00	17 01	17 01

*Joint districts. In these districts the number of children in Columbia county only is given.

Bonus is the balance of the \$50 that is apportioned each district annually, regardless of the number of children in the district. This \$50 should be distributed in October of each year, but cannot be taken from the state fund. There were county funds last October sufficient to give each district only \$17.76 of the \$50 due, hence the balance, \$32.25, is made up in this spring's apportionment.

K. of P. HALL

SATURDAY EVENING
APRIL 29th, at 8:30

Mrs. Walter Reed
Contralto

Miss Kathryn Lawler
Soprano

Prof. J. W. Belcher
Tenor

Prof. A. T. Baldwin
Accompanist

Mr. R. Melvin Dodson
Humorist

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Mark Twain.

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