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The distribution of premiums will take place in this city on the Fourth of July, giving plenty of time for the lucky subscriber to use his binder during harvest. The machines can be seen at the Implement house of J. G. Ballinger & Co.

The exchange editor of the Oregonian must have a great imagination, by the way he distorted an item which appeared in this paper last week.

Recently a lady of Silverton broke preparing a meal for the family, broke a hen's egg, and among the contents was a small egg about the size of a dove's, much the shape and appearance of its mother egg. It has a shell and appears to be perfect in itself.

Eastern dispatches announce the event of a hard winter in the east. Oregon has suffered but remember the thermometer has registered warmer weather here than in the east. Oregon's spring, here, winter is just beginning in the east. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the inhabitants of the Eastern frigid zone.

The cuts for the big issue are now all here and work on paper has commenced. It will contain forty-two pictures of business men, streets and public buildings and will be the first of its kind ever issued by a newspaper in Oregon. Advertising space can yet be obtained in it. A limited number will be printed, so all who wish a copy should order it before it goes upon the press.

"Colonel John C. New, our consultant," writes Eugene Field from London, "has just purchased a magnificent far-lined overcoat, which is a duplicate of those worn by the Prince of Wales and the Russian ambassador. This garment cost 60 guineas, yet Colonel New has the effrontery to declare that he doesn't feel as much at home in it as he did in the conical coat he used to wear in the Wash country before he engaged in the service of his native land."

A Tillamook correspondent who is also an observer says in the Salem Statesman that "if the Salem and Astoria railroad passes through Nestucca Pass, it will touch or afford an easy communication with the Little Nestucca, Slab creek, Salmon river, Big Nestucca, Sand Lake, Cape Lookout, Beaver creek, Burnt Prairie, South Prairie, and other settlements. Hundreds upon hundreds of acres of fine land yet open for settlement will be taken, and the ring of the woodman's ax will resound through the immense forests of Tillamook county."

A tariff organ congratulates Mr. Wanamaker upon his recovery of \$500,000 as his share of the \$600,000 which the decision of the supreme court will compel the treasury to repay to importers of ribbons. It says "the half-million of dollars belonging to him, and we are glad he is going to get the money." This is conspicuously untrue. The money belongs—or ought to belong—to the customers of Mr. Wanamaker and of the other merchants who added the duty to the cost of the ribbon in making their prices. But under our republican tariff laws it is always the consumer who is taxed and robbed.—Times.

Last week the committee of the Roseburg and Coos bay railroad issued an open letter to the citizens of Douglas, Coos and Curry counties, requesting that meetings be held in all their principal towns, and that committees be appointed immediately to co-operate in organizing a company to build or secure the building of said road. The citizens of that section are alive to the necessity of getting coast connection direct at the earliest practicable moment, and thus get relief from the single corporation tyranny from which the whole coast suffers to a greater or less extent, and at the same time to open up a region rich in timber, mineral and agricultural resources.—Times.

The libel suit of Parnell and his secretary against the London Times has been compromised. The Times pays Parnell \$25,000 and the secretary an amount not stated. This is a public admission by the accuser of the leader that his charges against him were false. The amount paid, while less than that sued for, is a substantial sum. Very few juries have ever awarded heavier damages in similar cases. It is exceedingly doubtful whether a jury in London would have given as much, whatever the evidence might have been.

The enormous losses of the Times in this Parnell business, running now far up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, serve to mark distinctly the line between legitimate and illegitimate journalism. An honest newspaper aims to publish the truth, and nothing else. It is sometimes misled, but when it is it is always ready to acknowledge its mistake if convinced of it. It does nothing in malice, but everything with a view to serving the public interests. When such a journal makes a mistake, courts and juries take its motives into consideration. There are always speculators ready to make every slip the basis of a libel suit in the hope of getting at least a fraction of what they sue for, but they seldom meet encouragement.

The case of the London Times is different. The Times malignantly attacked Parnell, without taking any pains to verify its charges. It repeated its accusations, day after day, and went so far as to republish them in a pamphlet, which it sold over its counter. It refused to modify or retract them when given the opportunity. It procured and published forgeries which it could easily have discovered to be such if it had cared to know. Its course throughout was reckless and unscrupulous. Such journalism deserves to be rebuked. It was bringing discredit on the great mass of newspapers that observe the commandments as well as they know how. The Times is now considerably poorer than it was two or three years ago, considerably wiser, and we trust considerably better. It has learned that dishonesty does not pay.

Dr. Talmage has created a tremendous stir in the circle of the self-elected "elect"—by declaring that the old creed embodied in the Westminster confession has been outgrown. He roundly asserts that "the man who believes in the damnation of infants himself deserves to lose heaven," and sighs that Calvin, though a great and good man according to his light, died 326 years ago. He would have preferred to let the old creed rest amid the accumulation of the cobwebs of time, undisturbed since it no longer gave trouble to any enlightened Christian, but since the electric light of the age has been turned on it he is in favor of a new creed throughout, one that a humane man can preach to the comfort of believers while holding out the hope of pardon to sinners.

The town of Blakeman, in Rawlins county, Kansas, is ambitious to become the county seat and the people have adopted the original plan of buying all the houses in their chief rival town and moving them into Blakeman. Resolutions of Condolence. The following resolutions were adopted March 4, 1890 by Friendship Lodge No. 12 of the degree of the Daughters of Rebekah, I. O. O. F. WHEREAS, our dearly beloved sister N. L. Scott has been removed from life by the hand of violence, therefore, Resolved, that we look with abhorrence upon the dastardly deed and pledge our united effort to bring the cowardly assassin to well deserved punishment. Resolved, that in her death the church has lost a zealous christian worker, the community a noble woman, society an ornament, her sons a kind, loving and affectionate mother, the poor and needy a friend and that lodge has been robbed of one of its brightest and most highly esteemed members. Resolved, that as expressive of our sorrow, the lodge room and regalia for the next 30 days bear the usual emblems of mourning. Resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the records of the lodge and a copy of the same furnished to our city papers for publication. Resolved, that the secretary be instructed to forward to each of the sons of our lost sister, these resolutions as an assurance of our sympathy with them in their great bereavement.

A TUNNEL AT PORT HURON. The Cleveland Iron Trade Review says that "six hundred men are now digging the railroad tunnel under the St. Clair river, at Port Huron, at the rate of fifteen feet each day," and that before the year is out "one of the most important pieces of civil engineering in the country will be completed. More than 1,200 feet of the tunnel proper is now ready for trains on the Michigan land side and 900 feet on the Canadian. The remaining 4,000 feet will be finished at a rapid rate, considering the nature of the work, if no accident intervenes. It has taken six months to do the work so far." The tunnel itself is to be over 6,000 feet long. "The approaches are equally long, so that the entire length will be more than two miles. Of this distance 2,310 feet are under the river, 2,390 feet on the Michigan side, and 2,100 feet on the Canadian. The grade is one foot in every fifty, except under the river bottom, where it is substantially level. It is an iron cylinder tunnel, and there is neither brick nor stone used in its construction; neither are there any stays or supports—simply a mammoth iron tube built in sections underground, designed for a single track. Electric lights make it as light as day. Its interior keeps the atmosphere as healthy inside as above, and steam pipes hold the temperature at the proper point. It is as a street in summer. Work is pushed from both ends."

The tax levy for state purpose this year is the highest ever before imposed upon the people of this state, and this is in the face of the fact that our public buildings are nearly completed and little of the money goes for that purpose. Under democratic rule in this state, the public buildings were erected with a tax of three mills, or a valuation of less than \$70,000,000, and now we have a five-mill tax on a valuation of over \$100,000,000. This is the work of the last legislature, which was two-thirds republican, and was more reckless and extravagant than any of its predecessors. The creation of new offices with high salaries and pet schemes for cinching the people seemed the aim and purpose of the leaders. He did not for a democratic governor, the people would have been robbed even worse; and, should Oregon unfortunately fall into their hands next June, there will be no end to burdens upon our taxpayers. Governor Penney was almost powerless to stay the ravages of the last legislature, and, should the republican bosses succeed in securing the election of one of their own kind, the state will be the prey of an corrupt set of political parasites as ever gnawed upon public bonanzas.—Portland World.

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All men are created equal; although some of them rise when others fall. Late returns announce the event of a rise after a fall. How many times this accident occurs in a lifetime we leave the subject of this article to decide. Ups and downs are a part of the politician's destiny, and it seems that one of McMinnville's citizens has suffered his fullest extent; only to be rewarded at the end. Some time ago one of our citizens concluded to go to Washington on a sight-seeing tour; at least he announced his purpose as such. Some of his political friends say that he went there for the purpose of seeing the Oregon delegation, and to influence them, if possible, to nominate him as Oregon's United States Marshal. Everything did not go in the way our citizen wanted it; the slate had been prepared and he had been left out. You can imagine his feelings when he saw the name of Barin in the press as the coming marshal; even this did not deter him from working, and it is said by people who know him that the gentleman has letters in his pockets which will make him deputy United States marshal; at any rate he now sports a cane and a smile. If our readers desire to know the name of the person upon whom this honor will fall, they should consult the above article, for his name is contained in it, although concealed. Take the first letter in each sentence and put them down in the order of the sentences, and you will be surprised at the result. Speaking of the probable nomination of Mr. Hermann for a fourth term in congress, the Sunday Helicon says: "His record is not distinguished by a single act in behalf of the interests of the state which he represents, worthy of note. During his visits home he spends his time perigrinating the state, confining himself chiefly to the border counties where he plays the rural doctor by inquiring how the crops have yielded, the percentage of lambs that have been saved from the ravages of the coyotes, the price of wool under the present system of tariff, etc., not forgetting to kiss the babies of hospitable mothers who entertain him."



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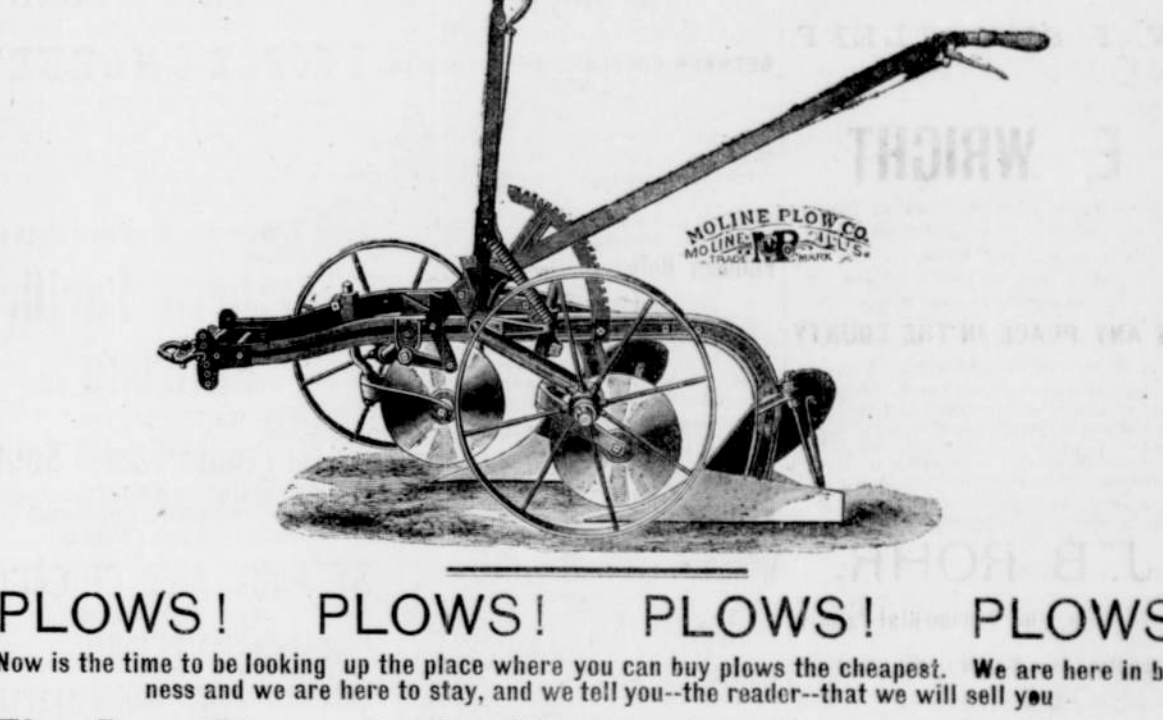
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