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The passing of Victoria leaves the youthful Wilhelmina the only reigning Queen in the world.

The Bohemian Nugget says that Congressman Tongue is the "right man in the right place" and The Examiner "seconds the motion."

The Princess Queen of England is a handsome woman, but the least said about the new King in that respect the better, although he is said to be a great "lady killer."

A splendid bill introduced in the State Legislature provides for an imprisonment of from one to ten years for mistaking a person for an animal and killing him. The bill should pass.

Florida's cattle herds have been depleted to restock Cuba, which was stripped of live stock during the war with Spain, and the ranges of the United States are being scoured for horses to make up the tremendous mortality occasioned by war in South Africa.

The San Francisco Bulletin, after mentioning the visit of a number of California Legislators at San Quentin last week, sarcastically remarks that, so far as reported, not one of the visitors showed any too suggestive familiarity with the interior of the place.

If the learned Professors of Stanford continue to withdraw from that institution there will be none left to do the work, and others will not accept positions in an institution whose policy is to throttle Free Speech. It was a sorry day for Stanford University when Prof. Ross left it.

Representative Burr of Yamhill has evidently butted up against the real thing in his bill to cut off all fees which are now turned into the coffers of the Secretary of State. He claims that the State Secretary is getting rich—that his income reaches \$15,000 annually. There will be "something doing" when this bill comes up for passage.

Judge Kincaid of the Eugene Journal and some others like him, who are emphatically outside of the Republican party in every way, are doing their friends no good by undertaking to dictate action to the Republican legislators on the Senatorial question. And whoever is controlling those agencies would be wise to call them off. Republicans are good natured and long-suffering, but they do not relish, tutoredly, from traitors and avowed enemies.—Oregon Statesman.

Cadet Edward N. Johnston of Oregon will be graduated at the head of the West Point class of 1901. He is one of the brightest men who have been graduated from the Military Academy in years. He was appointed from this state and entered West Point in June, 1897. Cadet Johnston is 24 years of age and the tallest man in his class. He will get first choice, after receiving his commission, in the Engineer Corps. Oregon against the world for bright boys and pretty girls.

The Republicans of the Senate in caucus have decided not to crowd through the Nicaragua canal bill until Great Britain has had a fair opportunity to study the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and decide what to do about them. There is no disposition to abandon canal legislation for the session, but to move forward and in order. A determination was expressed not to let the session close without passing the pending bill, and it was suggested that the Secretary of State might intimate to England that only forty days remain.

Victoria's solicitude for the aged mother of our martyred Garfield was borne in honored remembrance by a multitude of Americans.

The "hour of peace has sounded." President McKinley has been asked by the Directory of the Federal party in the Philippines to establish a civil government.

Linn county wants a portion of the wealth producing section of Lane county. A vigorous fight is on in the Oregon Legislature on this account. Lane waxes wroth and passes strong resolutions in mass meeting. It's a merry war.

Julian Byrd, editor of the Burns Times-Herald has gone into the business of raising chickens by the incubator process in conjunction with the business of conducting a high-class religious weekly newspaper. Doubtless the class of Byrds to be hatched out in the Times-Herald "hennery" will be the thoroughbred.

Mrs. Nation, who startled the Nation the other day by smashing the interior of a gay temple of Bacchus in Kansas, has, in turn, been startled by the wife of the proprietor of the demolished gild palace, who sought her out and horse-whipped her publicly. Mrs. Nation will behave herself for a few days—at least until the whiplash bruises disappear from her saucy face.

President Chas. M. Hays of the Southern Pacific railroad has shown a far-sightedness in his first official movement. He has ordered the rates for colonists from the East to the Pacific Coast slashed down to a maximum of \$25 from all points west of the Missouri river. The colonist rate from Chicago is fixed at \$30; from St. Louis, Memphis and New Orleans \$27.50; from Omaha, Kansas, and Houston \$25.

The women of Kansas seem to be determined to break up the saloons. Spurred on by the daring of Mrs. Nation who was arrested a few weeks ago for demolishing the handsome interior of a saloon in Wichita, four other women who seek notoriety are now in jail at the same place on a similar charge. These foolish women will discover that they cannot break up the saloon as a business. It takes the whole people of a Nation to accomplish that. But, then, some women pant for notoriety.

A bill will be introduced in the Oregon Legislature, if modesty of the originator does not prevent, for the establishment of a horseshoe commission, the principal feature of the proposed law being the payment of \$11 to the commission before a man can pursue the horseshoeing business in Oregon. After having paid this bonus for the privilege he can then proceed to destroy as many horses' hoofs as may be taken to him. No provision is made for expenditure of the money thus received by the commission except by the commission itself, whose members may visit at pleasure the remote regions of the state in the prosecution of their official duties and thus, at so much per diem, expend the thousands of dollars exacted from the horseshoers who desire to do business in Oregon. This is a graft of the first water, and should be smothered at once.

**Like Dawson Winter.**

The Wengler correspondent to the Redding Free Press tells of a hard trip over the snow experienced by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buick. They started for Redding on snowshoes from the big wood camp at Wengler, intending to take their two sons to the Ashland Normal school. Mr. Buick is inexperienced in the art of handling snowshoes and had many thrilling adventures going out. He fell over the grade, the snowshoes would cross each other, and in going down some of the hills would leave him behind sitting flat upon the snow. The next morning when Mr. Buick entered the Montgomery hotel he went along through the hall dragging his feet as if trying to steer his snowshoes, and remarking that he felt rather sore from his previous day's adventure. Mrs. Buick, however, stood the trip finely and did not complain.

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### The Railroads

Building in Oregon Promises to be Unusually Active This Year.

The Oregonian refers editorially to railroad building in Oregon as follows: Railroad building in Oregon promises to be unusually active in the coming months, notwithstanding great railway combinations are the order of the day. Among the localities that are reasonably sure to have rail connection with the outside world before 1903 are Prineville, Canyon City, Lakeview and Klamath Falls, in Eastern Oregon, and Tillamook Bay, on the coast. This means stretching a line entirely across the state north and south, with branches to tap important producing sections, like Lake county and the Upper John Day Valley. The extension of the Elgin branch of the O. R. & N. fifty or sixty miles into the Willowa Valley is already assured. There is likely to be some railroad construction in the Snake River Valley to reach the ores of the Seven Devils mines, in Idaho, and the gold mines of the Eastern part of Union county. The project for building a railroad from Portland to Tillamook county direct is under way, and there is no doubt that it will succeed. Not all the enterprises for building railroads in Oregon are yet formulated, but this is a field on which capital now looks with favor, and it will be a race, in some cases, to see which of two or three projects shall get possession of coveted territory. It is probable that between 400 and 500 miles of new railroad will be built in Oregon in the coming two years.

**"The Grafts."**

The Portland Telegram characterizes the Scalp Bounty law as a "graft." Listen to the editorial man of that bright religious evening Astorian:

The scalp-bounty law will be passed, not because it is a good or a just law, but to "give Eastern Oregon something," so as to gain Eastern Oregon votes for other appropriations or projects, perhaps more or perhaps less worthy.

Here is an instance wherein a writer "editorializes" on a subject he knows nothing about. The old scalp bounty law, in its crude form, and now asked to be repealed for a better one, was the means of saving hundreds of thousands of dollars to stockmen of Eastern Oregon by reason of the killing of predatory animals. This section is not in the "graft" business, and if it was it would have a mighty poor show against Portland.

When you go to Klamath Falls don't fail to see C. D. Wilson the popular caterer at the Gem saloon. He carries the finest stock in town and will treat you right. The Gem is the popular resort. Try the Hermitage whisky there. 25-t

There is a charm by sages often told, Connecting all it touches into gold; Content can soothe wherever by fortune placed, Can rear a garden in the desert waste. The contented people about town are those who enjoy their drinks and smokes at Post & King's. 1-t

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