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The public doesn't care about "somebody going to see his girl," "new fence," "bad colds," "building of hen-coops," etc. Write about something interesting or not at all. Write as plainly as possible. If you can't spell correctly, or use good grammar, never mind that. Don't let a good news item spoil on that account. We furnish a printed instruction that will be of help to those who wish to write for papers. The space in this paper is yours. Make use of it if you like.

The fish-trap men captured the legislature.

No useless and injurious laws were repealed.

The committee clerks were anxious for an extra session.

The clerkship evil was the most disgusting thing about the legislature.

Dolph has been kept out of nearly all of this session of congress.

Congress should quit quarrelling over bond schemes and pass the Nicaragua bill.

The present legislature was a complete fizzle. It didn't do one bit of useful legislation.

A monster petition, with the name of every voter west of the Rockies, should be sent to Washington, asking for the Nicaragua canal.

There would be no idle men on this coast if the Nicaragua canal were opened. Store bills and long standing accounts would be paid. Everybody could prosper.

Put a dollar's worth of silver in a dollar, if we can't have free coinage. Paper money is as good as metal dollars worth only 50 cents. The financial system is rotten.

Repealing the act of 1873 would stop the cry for free coinage. Silver would rise to its legitimate value and it would be coined free as it was before '73. In 1870 it was worth \$1.03.

The successful operation of the Nicaragua canal would make it imperative that about \$500,000 be spent improving Tillamook harbor. Good roads, railways and everything else needed would follow shortly.

Germany and England are endeavoring to get international agreement on the silver question now. We want men in the U. S. congress who will help it along. Those in sympathy with Wall Street will not do it.

Soon the multitude of supernumerary legislative clerks who draw a salary for doing nothing will return to their homes and relate the "important work and influence" they used in constructing and passing "great measures."

We call the attention of those who wish to read a sensible, conservative view of financial matters to a long article on the first page of this paper. It treats of the subject in its various phases, and is so plain that any may understand.

Conservative silver men are in favor of securing international agreement. If this can't be done they propose for this country to do something on its own hook. If free coinage is adopted, the time

for the law to go into effect will be set far enough ahead to allow all present obligations to be settled on the present basis.

Wall Street bankers sent word over the country to all banks urging them to hoard gold and pay out silver, in order to further depreciate that metal. As a result every bank in the United States, even the smallest ones, are cashing drafts with silver dollars.

Dr. Parkhurst's first article to women in The Ladies' Home Journal has proved so popular that the entire huge edition of the February issue of the magazine was exhausted within ten days, and a second edition of 45,000 copies has been printed.

It is very important that a cable be laid from San Francisco to Honolulu. It would greatly facilitate commerce on this coast. This and the Nicaragua canal should receive the support of the government at once. The eastern coast has been helped much more liberally than this.

EMPLOYING TEACHERS.

As the time for employing teachers for the coming school year is drawing near, a few words to school boards may be beneficial to the patrons of schools.

No doubt every school board in the county has received letters from teachers in various parts of the state, making application for a summer school in Tillamook county. Or, it is some one who has never taught and will teach for very low wages, the main consideration being the experience that teacher will have practicing on Tillamook children. Tillamook county has been a training school for outside teachers long enough. It is time now that we employ teachers of experience. The price per month of a teacher should not be the first consideration. While it isn't advisable to pay exorbitant wages; it is advisable to pay reasonable wages and secure a teacher that will do some good in your schools. It is best to employ teachers of your own county, other things being equal. It is better to employ teachers who have taught and given satisfaction and pay him a living price than to hire some one that wants experience or is coming for their health. Those people that come for a summer on the coast and expect to teach a school to pay expenses, generally have the summer on the coast at the expense of the school. Do not think that all teachers who are strangers in this county are of the above style but some of them are. If a teacher intends to locate here permanently it is somewhat different. If he or she appears to be able to teach try them; they have a reputation at stake and expect continual employment which they know they will not get if they do not do their work well.

Again, nearly every time you hire one of those cheap strangers, you displace some one you know who is a good teacher but cannot afford to teach for fun. That teacher will have to seek some other employment in order to pay his expenses and when he is called to a school he is rusty in his studies and practice of teaching, and is not much more able to conduct a school than a new beginner.

This county pays from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year for teachers. You can keep that money at home where it can be taxed and circulated for your benefit or you can send to other places out of your reach by hiring transient teachers.

The more constantly teachers are employed in teaching, the better teachers they become. They can earn a living in that way and will give their whole attention to that work. When a teacher's attention is divided among several different occupations some of them or all of them are more or less neglected and his scholars are just as apt to suffer neglect as anything else.

In conclusion, do not make the teacher's salary the first consideration. Do not hire a teacher from

away off some where, when you can get one at home for nearly the same wages. Do not hire a teacher just because she will board with you. If you must hire a teacher who never has taught, let it be a Tillamook boy or girl, if you can find one that will take your school.

L. P. SMITH.

ONE OF THE LETTERS.

The Advocate published a letter from Salem which severely censured somebody for writing letters to Guild, and Mr. H. McDermott, thinking the insinuations were cast on himself, hands us the following letter for publication:

Hon. H. G. Guild,
Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—I beg to offer congratulations upon your wise judgement in the firm and vigorous stand you have taken and maintained against Dolph, in the current senatorial contest in your honorable body; and thus speaking, I voice the honest political sentiment of all good republican voters in this section, with many of whom I have recently talked.

Mr. Josiah Biggs, a neighbor, who is sick and unable to write, concurs heartily in what I have said and wishes me to admonish you to stand firm and uphold republican principles and the cause of right.

A paper is being circulated here for signatures petitioning you to vote for Dolph. I held the office of County Treasurer here for a period of six years, and understand well the political situation of the county and the wish of its people.

Those of us who know you, believe in your honesty, glory in your strong and fearless action in our behalf and feel that you will be little influenced by petitions emanating from the "Ring element" here or elsewhere.

Again offering you hearty congratulations, I am,
Yours Truly,
H. McDERMOTT.

DOESN'T AGREE WITH US.

ED. HEADLIGHT.—Noticing your "correspondence wanted" in the HEADLIGHT, although a constant reader of your or "our paper," I cannot agree or subscribe to much that I find therein expressed.

I do not believe that the free coinage of silver without an international agreement would be a benefit to the financial condition of our country, but rather the greatest injury. I do not believe that the defeat of Dolph would be a benefit but rather an injury to our state.

I do not believe that there can be a free coinage silver bill passed by congress. But, I am confident that President Cleveland will veto it if it does.

I realize that since 1892 this country has been attending a very expensive school, but we do well to remember that there are many among us who need education on tariff, finance and political economy and we must needs pay the school bill. E. B. CHAMBERLAIN.

P. S. With kind regards to you I wish you to know these facts but am not solicitous of their publication.

We are pleased to give Mr. Chamberlain's letter publication, and it is the first of that side of the question we have received. The facts and arguments offered by Mr. Chamberlain have been familiar to us for a long time, in fact we read Harvey Scott's able editorials every day, and have read much other of the best arguments against a silver basis. Really, we have given more time recently to studying the gold arguments than to any other side of the question. We trust Mr. Chamberlain will take the trouble to read extracts from the Inter Ocean in this issue, and also procure a copy of Coin's Financial School or some other good free silver literature and compare it with the arguments offered in the Oregonian, which are the strongest and most able from a gold stand point. We do not seek to convert Mr. Chamberlain, but ask him to investigate.



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