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Editorial Jottings.

What is Portland's gain may be a detriment to other towns if the municipal authorities fail to take the same stand against gambling and dens of vice as the mayor of that city is taking.

We know that a number of people disagree with us, especially business men who are looking more after their business interests than they are after the moral condition of the community.

Dr. Wise only states one side of the gambling question, that of business and self interests. Has he ever stopped to consider the pernicious effect of gambling?

No man, not even Dr. Wise, can honestly say, after weighing carefully the gambling question from every standpoint, that it is a good thing for business and for a city.

It seems to us that it would be a good idea for each county in Oregon to select a committee of its most influential and progressive citizens to assist in making the Lewis and Clark Centennial a success.

Count Matsunaga predicts another financial crash in the United States. Probably he is not the only person predicting another panic, both financial and industrial.

Renovating Old Butter. Under the operation of the new law relating to the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine and renovated butter, it has developed, although the law has been in effect but a few weeks, that an enormous quantity of renovated butter is being sold throughout the country.

The pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at McMinnville got into a reaction with his congregation and was persuaded to resign, and the next Sunday he was to preach his farewell sermon, but some of the congregation being so exasperated barred the church and would not allow him to preach.

The question has been raised whether President Roosevelt is really in favor of equal suffrage for woman. His public record on the subject makes his position unmistakable.

The Astoria News says: "The citizens of Tillamook county are considering a plan to purchase grounds and build a fair ground. Tillamook has not held a county fair for nine years, and the proposition is meeting much encouragement, especially among stockmen."

The Astorian news papers are trying to create an interest in dairying in Clatsop county, and is doing so claims that county is better adapted to that industry than Tillamook because it is nearer market.

Sad to relate, it is to be noticed that on the least provocation people are ready to pull a gun. We hope the infection did not originate in Tillamook, but we see that over in Washington two delegates to the republican convention got into a squabble and a shooting scrape followed.

J. Pierpont Morgan's great and good friend, William H. is said to be coaxing Morgan to help out Turkey in her financial embarrassments. The American magnate can do this if he wishes, but he will have to get security which will not compel a naval demonstration in the vicinity of Stamboul when the interest or principal becomes due.

We are told the peddlers and solicitors have troubles of their own without the Headlight causing the general public in Tillamook county to become prejudiced against them. Probably that is true, but since they are like an army of grasshoppers, annoying people in trying to work a "graft," the Headlight man thinks he is justified in advising the people of this county to give these peddlers and solicitors the cold shoulder.

The body of the escaped convict Merrill was taken to Salem for burial, and if Salem could manage to kill off some of the hoodle politicians who infest the state capitol during the state legislature and bury them with the notorious outlaw, that city would be entitled to the thanks of the whole state.

We may be a little hard-hearted sometimes, but there is one time more than another when we think a good editorial "roasting" would be more appropriate than an eulogy by a minister of the gospel. And that is when they take the dead body of a hardened sinner or scoundrel into a church and give him a Christian burial.

King Edward is to be crowned in August. Let us hope that he will be more successful next time, for it would be a sad disappointment to all the titled nobility in Europe to have the coronation hoodooed again.

The Oregon National Guard has been in camp, but it is noticed that the regiment was not much on the fight, otherwise it would have been anxious for a scrap with Tracy.

From all indications this is the time of year when Old Sol is much in evidence on the outside of Tillamook.

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In addition to imposing an internal revenue tax of 10 cents a pound for artificially colored oleo, the new law provides that renovated butter shall pay a tax of 1/4 of a cent per pound. When the lawmakers inserted this provision it was thought that the proportion of renovated or reworked butter was insignificant and, in fact, this tax was put on in the shape of an eleventh hour amendment.

Dr. C. A. Crampton, the chemist of the internal revenue bureau, has just returned from a tour of the different butter-making districts, and he says he was surprised to learn of the extent of the trade in renovated butter. In describing the process by which old and rancid butter is reworked and put on the market again, Dr. Crampton said:

"The stock, as the material is called, is eagerly bought up in every part of the country. The competition is now so keen that the price of rancid butter has gone way up. It formerly could be bought for 4 and 5 cents a pound, being almost as cheap as common soap fat grease, but it now commands as much as 15 and 16 cents a pound. It is collected and shipped in hogheads and barrels to the factory. A lot of this butter looks far from attractive being of all colors and degrees of antiquity, and not over clean. The stock is dumped into a vat and is boiled down. When it has been reduced to a liquid the oil is drawn off and the water, salt, coloring matter, curd and other materials are thrown away. The remainder is elaborately treated to a condition resembling freshly made butter. It is purified by having air blown through it, and is sometimes washed. After this it is run into cold water, where it granulates and becomes crisp. It is then churned with fresh cream, salted and colored to the proper shade, and is worked up as newly made butter. It is astonishing what a fine product can be made from a lot of tough looking, rancid butter. The people who ate this material have no idea of the process to which it has been submitted. The tax is paid by the manufacturer and there is nothing on the butter that goes to the wholesaler and retailer to show that it has been taxed by the government because it infringes on the legitimate butter trade."

Dr. Campton says that in his opinion the oleomargarine manufacturers will not be taxed out of business by the levy of 10 cents a pound on artificially colored oleomargarine imposed by the new law. He said that most of the manufacturers intend to go ahead with their business and will try to educate the public to eat the natural oleomargarine. This is of a pale, lardlike color, but is the same as the rich looking product that has been produced heretofore, with the exception that it has no artificial coloring matter in it. The tax of 10 cents a pound was imposed to prevent the use of aniline dyes to give oleomargarine the pure butter appearance.

When the late J. Sterling Morton was secretary of agriculture Mr. Robinson, the statistician of the department, was a free silver man. As usual he took his thirty day vacation during the summer of 1895 and on his return applied to the disbursing officers for his pay. He was told that the secretary desired to see him before he received his money. Robinson went to the secretary's office anticipating a promotion or something equally agreeable. He was greeted pleasantly by the secretary, who remarked that he had a surprise in store for him. Then he told the free silver statistician that his Robinson's financial views deserved more consideration than they had hitherto received from the secretary, and, as Robinson had frequently said he would be delighted to see every one in the United States compelled by law to transact all his business in silver coin, he should have that privilege, if the general public did not, so Mr. Morton had ordered the disbursing officer to pay him his salary in standard silver dollars. Robinson had nothing to do but take the money. The bag weighed twelve pounds and the secretary solicitously cautioned him not to let it drop on his toes.

At a little dinner the other evening former Governor D. R. Francis of Missouri, a democrat, was given credit for having originated one of the expressions which was often applied to President McKinley, says the Boston Journal. A correspondent, one of the guests, was called upon, and in the course of his after dinner speech, to illustrate a point about some good coming from democrats told this story: "I accompanied William McKinley to St. Louis on one of his first visits there, when he was just coming into particular prominence. Dave Francis was governor of Missouri, and went to McKinley's hotel with another of the state officers to welcome McKinley to the state. He went as governor and not as a politician. After the formal call I overheard his associate ask the governor as to what he thought of McKinley's future. Francis said, 'He will get along all right. He has a regular affidavit face.' I used that expression in my dispatch that night, and thus you see from a democrat one of the descriptive expressions of the loved and lamented McKinley sprang."

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