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The Statesman has been established for nearly fifty-two years, and it has some subscribers who have received it nearly that long, and many who have read it for a generation.

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THE DECLINE OF THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

The fall of the American magazine from the high eminence once occupied by it is a fact greatly to be regretted. There was a time when no man could be considered well informed unless he was a careful reader of the magazine.

There are people still living who can remember when Blackwood's Magazine and the four reviews—all British publications—were deemed indispensable in every enlightened and cultured family.

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But what are they today? A worthless mass of rubbish, cheapened in price but not worth even half what is asked for them. The lover of the "almighty dollar" with an eagle eye after everything that would fill his pocket, no matter what else must be sacrificed, saw an opportunity to turn this disseminator of knowledge into an engine for coinage, and he seized it.

lished at Portland, contains every week far abler, more readable, more profound and more polished editorial articles than appear in half the magazines of the dollar type published in the United States.

Take up one of the modern money-making magazines, and look it over. Turn it from page 1 toward the middle to the end of the advertisements. Then stick a pin there. Now, begin at the last of the book and turn over. The leaves backward to where the ads. begin. Then hold up the part containing the reading matter between your fingers, and what have you got? A few pages, and that mere drivel, while on each side of it are several quires of paper, filled with advertisements.

But we do not wish to do any publication an injustice. There are yet a few magazine proprietors who have not yet prostituted their publications to the god of gold. There are still a few, and but a few, who present their patrons with a magazine filled with choice things—with intellectual pabulum that is a source of delight, instruction and inspiration.

SEQUELS TO THE WAR.

President Roosevelt said in his Hartford speech that it would be hard to find in modern times better examples of successful constructive statesmanship than are afforded in the sequels to our war with Spain.

On the 1st day of January, 1898, a devastating war was raging in Cuba, involving Porto Rico. In both islands government was impotent and trade paralyzed.

Cuba is today at peace, with government recognized, with the people's rights better protected and the people themselves better contented than ever before, and with the island in better sanitary and political condition than ever before.

Porto Rico was almost as low in the scale of government and prosperity as Cuba. It is now an Americanized territory, as well governed and as prosperous as New Mexico or Arizona.

The Philippines came to us in a state of war and practically without organized government. They are now at peace and have for the first time in their history a representative government, with ordinary conditions prevailing in every civilized province.

MRS. WAGGONER'S CLAIM. Secretary of State Dunbar did the right thing in deciding to disallow the

claim for \$1,500 of Mrs. Waggoner, who found the dead body of Merrill, the escaped convict. Mrs. Waggoner has no valid claim to any compensation from the state of Oregon, excepting her expenses in preparing the body and bringing it to the Penitentiary.

Now, the woman suffragists' association, of Portland, has seen fit to champion the cause of Mrs. Waggoner, by recommending an appropriation by the Legislature at its next session for the payment of the \$1,500 claim, though it is not clear what this has to do with equal suffrage.

The report of the Board of Pilot Commissioners, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, last, shows an enormous commerce. During the twelve months covered by the report the commerce entering the Columbia river aggregated 563,229 tons, and that clearing reached the stupendous amount of 556,309 tons, a total commerce for the twelve months of 1,119,538 tons.

DOUGHT TO BE GOOD.

It has never been the policy of this paper to advise anybody to hold back his crop for high prices when the proper season has come to sell, but the Oregon prune grower should not allow himself to be convinced that there is an over-supply of prunes this year.

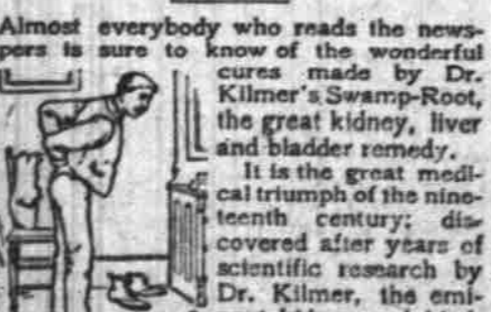
RIGHT YOU ARE.

This is a democratic year.—The Hon. Jefferson M. Levy. No; only the lean years and the lean times are Democratic. When the paths drop fatness, when the pot is boiling and folks are healthy and happy, then it's no use to bring around your Democratic tickets.

The British conquest of the Boer republics will leave behind it one legacy similar to that which the Civil war left us in the Southern states, though in a much more serious form.

DO YOU GET UP WITH A LAME BACK?

Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable. Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.



It is the great medicinal triumph of the nineteenth century, discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

standpoints. To the Boer, the negro is a wild animal, with few human and no civic rights; to the Briton he is a man, entitled to the equal protection of the laws.

Western Washington is going into goat raising. Prof. Brodie, in charge of the experiment station for Western Washington, at Puyallup, has been over here in the Willamette valley investigating the matter of goat raising, in order to get material for a bulletin to be issued soon.

As he was boarding the steamer to start for Europe Schwab said: "I don't know where I am going. I haven't had time to map out a course ahead. I'm not sick. I'm not going to resign. I'm not going away on business."

Mr. Lembecke, assessor of Marion county, is attempting to get all the property that ought to be taxed onto the assessment rolls. That is perfectly right and just to all the people who own property in this county that is and always has been on the rolls.

The carpenters say there will be plenty of new houses put up in Salem and suburbs next year. It will be crowded somewhat in the Capital City this winter. Plenty of houses for all the new people next year will mean the erection of a good many. There will be a lot of new people this fall and winter, and still more new ones next spring and summer.

If any class of people more than any other class appreciate the value of the immigration movement it is the hop growers. All the new and old people who can go, men, women and children, are needed in the hop yards.

The English papers say the Monroe doctrine can not rest on air; it must have a navy to support it. Just so. And the United States is building up the most effective navy in the world, if it has not already the most effective. It must be understood that the "man behind the gun" goes a long way towards making a navy effective.

The hop growers are warned to not pick their hops until they are ripe. This is very good advice. But individual growers will govern themselves according to their conditions. Picking in many yards will commence tomorrow, and it will be general towards the last of this week.

President Baer of the Philadelphia and Reading Company says God put the mines into the hands of the present operators. Mr. Baer doesn't go so far, however, as to claim divine inspiration for the advance in hard coal prices.—San Jose Mercury.

Tomorrow is Labor Day, and business will be suspended part or all of the day in Salem. In order to do honor to the workers, the holiday will have a more respectful and general observance than ever before in the Capital City.

A dispatch from New York says the heat of buildings is to be reduced owing to the coal strike. If the rule was designed to apply during August and September only it will cause but little regret.

Two thousand Smiths recently held a reception in New Jersey. The relief of the hostess from giving introductions must have been something immense.

The hop pickers are some of our most useful citizens. Without their help a very valuable crop could not be gathered.

There are few men found to envy President Palma his job of presiding over the destinies of the Cuban Republic.

Salem's first Labor Day parade was a creditable one and the exercises in every way successful.

Another free rural delivery mail route starts out of Salem tomorrow. This makes nine.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The hop dealers who have contracts are all here ready to put up the picking money. There will be no failure of the performance of this part of the contracts.

Bryan says the republic is doomed unless there is a change soon, and he thinks he knows just what kind of a change is needed.

When last heard from the Crown Prince of Germany was beginning to eat solids and cast shy glances at other girls again.

The greatest liar on earth tells the truth to his doctor. The most truth-



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A. P. ARMSTRONG, LL. B., PRINCIPAL.

ful man alive is tempted to lie to the assessor.

Congressman Woods of California is given to vigorous modes of expression, and one of his favorite reminiscences relates to a sermon he once heard in a church in a border camp in the early days. The subject was eternity, and the preacher was attempting in his feeble way to impress upon the sinning hearers what they might expect in the duration of the punishment that was coming to them.

The theory or philosophy, immortality or perpetual life on earth is becoming quite a rage on the lecture platform. A genius named Henry Gaze is holding the people of Los Angeles spell-bound with his claim that old age is an avoidable disease and that by adjusting mind and body in harmony with the incessant law of change and renewal, life and youth may be preserved.

The latest society novelty in England is for the great dames who attended the coronation to wear their state robes at public receptions, to which admission is charged, the money to go for some charitable purpose. It is said the dames like it, the public likes it, the grand robes are made to serve some useful purpose, and whatever vanity, ephemeracy or other sin there may be in the performance is covered by the charity.

The State Fair season being very near, the fakirs will be numerous.

FROM OREGON EXCHANGES.

Woodburn Independent.—The large, new barn of Mrs. M. A. Field, near Mt. Angel, was destroyed by fire last Monday. The building had just been filled with new hay and the fire is supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion. Her residence had a narrow escape from the flames.

Corvallis Times.—Hop picking begins in the Whitaker yard September 5th. The crop is excellent, and the yard comprises 30 acres. A feature is that grasshoppers have stripped the vines almost bare of leaves, and picking will be easy and clean. About 80 pickers will be required, and it will take about 12 days to complete the work.

Jefferson Review.—Among the Jeffersonites having urgent business at Salem Thursday were Dr. Smith and daughters, Georgia and Hazel, Mrs. T. B. Cornell, G. B. Hoyt, P. A. Racey, N. Fletcher, Dr. Hawk and wife, W. L. Jones and wife, Eddie Jones, Clyde Thomas, T. W. Hale and W. A. Kotthoff. Buffalo Bill's circus showed at Salem Thursday.

Eugene Guard.—Floyd King, aged 18 years, a son of W. S. King, residing four miles below Eugene, met with a bad accident last night about 12:30 o'clock. He had ridden to town on his bicycle, and when returning home the wheel broke square in the forks of the wheel King with great force to the ground, striking on his ace. The portion of the road where he hit was gravelled and the sharp edges of the gravel cut a big gash clear through his tongue and lacerated his lip and other portions of his face in a terrible manner. He managed to reach home and Dr. L. W. Brown was sent for to attend the lad's injuries. The doctor sewed up the cuts and this morning the boy was brought to the Eugene hospital where Dr. D. A. Faine further administered to him.

Corvallis Times.—"Is this where Thomas Jones used to work" asked a strange youth as he entered the Graham & Wells drug store Wednesday afternoon. When told that it was, he threw a big package on the counter with the remark Jones instructed him to leave it there. The wrappings were found to contain the hide of a big cougar killed by the new county surveyor who is now rustating for the benefit of his health in the mountains near Hazelwood, Douglas county.

HORSE FELL ON HIM.—J. W. Baker, a printer in the State Printing office, met with a serious accident yesterday. He was one of the parade's aides in the Labor Day parade and while riding down the street, his horse reared, and a sharp tug on the Mexican spade bit, by the rider, caused the animal to fall over backward, the hapless rider being unable to throw himself out of the saddle quick enough, and was hurled on the ground, the horse partially falling on him. Mr. Baker was picked up in an unconscious condition and carried into Dr. Stone's drug store, where Dr. A. E. Tamsle made an examination, and restored the man to consciousness. He was badly shaken, but no bones were broken, and beyond a few serious bruises he suffered but little. Mr. Baker was up and about last night, as usual.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

The Claim of Mrs. Waggoner for the Merrill Reward

SMITH THINKS THAT IF MRS. TRACY JOINED HER IN MAKING THE CLAIM, THE AMOUNT WOULD BE PAID—SMITH'S REASONS.

(The Statesman is pleased to print communications upon topics of general interest, at any time. There is scarcely any limit to the topics of general interest. It is asked only that correspondents refrain from personalities and use care that nothing be written of a libelous or unworthy or untruthful nature.)

Editor Statesman: As stated in yesterday's Statesman, the claim of Mrs. Waggoner, for the Merrill reward, has been rejected by the state's secretary. The reward of \$1500 was offered for the capture and return of Merrill, either dead or alive. This has been accomplished and some person or persons are entitled to the reward. If the return is a compliance of a portion of the terms under which the reward was offered, would not the killing of Merrill be the compliance of the balance? In that event, as it is generally conceded that Merrill was shot by Tracy according to Tracy's own statement, and which is accepted as true, by the circumstances surrounding the body when found, would not Tracy or his heirs be entitled to the reward? If so would not Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Waggoner be entitled to the reward? SMITH.

Salem, Aug. 29, 1902. IF YOU WEAR—Shoes, read the New York Racket ad on first page.

THE PICKING OF HOPS

WORK HAS COMMENCED IN SOME OF THE YARDS—AN ABUNDANCE OF PICKERS.

Hop picking began in a number of yards yesterday, and in all of them there were more pickers than were needed. At Levi's yard, near this city, 140 pickers began work, the price paid being 40 cents a box. There were a few who demanded 50 cents and went out, but the pickers generally decided to accept 40 cents a box.

From other yards similar reports are coming in. There appears to be good depth of pickers. As nearly all growers have ample pickers registered to care for their crops. At the Gilbert & Patterson yards in Polk county picking will not commence until toward the end of the week. This firm always has its choice of pickers on account of excellent treatment given the employes and they have this year many of the people who picked in the same yards during several years. They have more pickers than required, as have most of the larger growers.

The hops everywhere are coming down nicely, and are of excellent quality. If the price of picking should be advanced to 50 cents, there will be such a rush into the hop yards, that growers will have to limit the pickers to five or six hours a day; and the result will be a loss to the pickers who are now enabled to put in a full day's work each day.

THE ELKS' CARNIVAL

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 1.—The Elks' Carnival opened today with large crowds in attendance. The Carnival will continue for two weeks.

DIED.

SHREVE.—At the family home, at Dallas, Polk county, Oregon, Monday, September 1, 1902, Asa Shreve, aged 77 years, and 3 days.

Deceased was born in Lancaster, Ohio, August 25, 1825, and came across the plains in 1851, settling in Polk county as one of the earliest pioneers. On June 10, 1852, he was married to Harriet Shreve, and this union was blessed with three sons and three daughters now living, and with their aged mother, mourning the death of their father. They are: L. L. Shreve, of Antelope; J. W. Shreve, of Portland; A. L. Shreve, of Stayton, now engineer at the Reform School; Mrs. S. B. Muir, and Miss Kate Shreve, of Dallas and Mrs. Charles Jacobson, of Portland. On June 16th of this year, the aged couple celebrated their golden wedding, which occasion was a most happy one and was enjoyed by a large circle of warm and devoted friends, and the members of the family. Deceased was prominent in the upbuilding of Dallas and Polk county, and an honored figure in pioneer circles. The funeral will be held from the family home at Dallas, tomorrow (Wednesday) at 2 p. m.

GRAND OPENING BALL

At Kress Bros. Brooks, Oregon, Saturday, September 6th, and dances every night thereafter during hopping.

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