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

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OUR MUD-TAX.

From Wednesday's Daily. This month a great part of the United States is swathed in mud. The wheels of many of the industries of the greatest nation on earth are literally blocked and clogged to a standstill by despised mud, disgusting muck, abhorrent mire.

Who has not—that is, of those who have lived beyond the end of aspartic-raved at mud! mud! mud! And yet, besides the wear and tear of mud caused by this perennial evil, the mud-tax is the greatest burden that the American farmer has to bear.

Bad roads work a double injury. When the natural dirt highways are in good condition, the teams are usually wanted in the fields. When the rain comes, so that farm work is stopped, the roads are, in many cases, absolutely impassable.

From a sociological standpoint—and after all, that is the true one, the study of society and what will benefit it is probably true that good roads will do more for the moral and material advancement of this country in the next fifty years, than any other single agency, not excepting the public schools.

THE MOVEMENT GAINS GROUND.

From Wednesday's Daily. Figures that are interesting have recently been made up in presenting the status of the proposition to change the Federal Constitution so as to provide for the direct election of United States Senators.



Are you suffering from Loss of Appetite, Sour Stomach, Indigestion, Constipation, Jaundice or Malaria, Fever and Ague and want to be cured? Then come to Hostettler's Bitters. It positively cures these ailments. A trial will convince you.

rection seems gradually to be gaining strength. Thirty-six state Legislatures have had the question before them. Twenty-one state have gone on record in favor of the proposed amendment of the Constitution; fourteen have failed to endorse it; one Legislature is still in session.

In instances the proposition was permitted to be buried in committee. In one state favorable action in both houses of the Legislature was followed with a Governor's veto.

It is not probable that a convention will be called. The matter of amending the Federal code can be reached through simpler processes. The Senate at Washington resists the movement.

THE PEOPLE'S PRESIDENT.

From Thursday's Daily. Salem will be visited today by one of the most remarkable men in the history of the United States; one of the most remarkable men the world has produced.

President Roosevelt is not yet 45 years of age. He was born in New York City on the 27th of October, 1858, and yet he has crowded a wonderful career into the short period of his working life. It has indeed been a strenuous career.

He was graduated at Harvard in 1880, and the very next year was elected to the New York Legislature as a Republican. He led the minority during the session of 1882, was active in reform measures, and on his re-election in 1883 was largely instrumental in carrying out the state civil service reform law.

man people. If occasion demanded, he would as cheerfully lay down the dignities and duties of his high office as he did that of Assistant Secretary of War and take his place in the ranks for the good and glory of his country.

SHE LIKES OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM.

From Thursday's Daily. The school system of Argentine is founded on the American plan, and after years of successful operation, Argentine wants more of it. At present a special commissioner from the South American republic is looking for the right sort of North American school teachers.

Judging by the value she places upon education, Argentine is the most progressive republic in South America. Not only has she learned educational methods from Uncle Sam, but she has outstripped him in some directions.

ONE OF THE PRECEDENTS.

From Thursday's Daily. Newspaper writers who are out and out for Grover Cleveland as "the man for 1904," blazon the fact that when he appeared in St. Louis as a participant in the dedication ceremonies, he was greeted in an enthusiastic way.

That is well enough; history is in pointed proof of the fact, however, that too great store is not to be laid by reason of Mr. Cleveland's cordial reception. A writer in the Anaconda Standard cites the case of General Grant.

ARE YOU SATISFIED

IF NOT, WHAT BETTER PROOF CAN SALLEM RESIDENTS ASK FOR? This is the statement of a Salem citizen. The testimony of a neighbor. You can readily investigate it.

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crossed Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, in order to bring his world tour to its formal finish, the popular outbreaks were something quite without a parallel. That was late in 1879. In June, 1880, the Republicans met in National Convention in Chicago.

LACK OF HARMONY.

From Thursday's Daily. All is not harmony in the Democratic ranks. The Democracy of his own county is not in entire accord with young Mr. Reames, the candidate of that party for Congress from the First District.

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tain much by presenting her case to President Roosevelt. While the Boston anti-imperialists are eating luncheon and entertaining the representatives of Filipinos who want the privilege of misgoverning themselves to their hearts' content, President Roosevelt on the Pacific Coast is impressing upon our people the wisdom and duty of carrying the white man's burden sturdily and heroically.

The Boston anti's may have their little lunches and dinners and make as such as they like of any little Filipino lions or lionesses that they can get hold of as sensations, but their antics merely amuse the people at large, and especially those of the Pacific coast, who are closer in touch with expansion than any others.

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Among the acts sought to be referred to a vote of the people was the one making an appropriation of \$500,000 for the 1905 Fair, in Portland. Yesterday was the last day for the filing of petitions, and every one of the efforts failed.

In the first place, the \$500,000 appropriation for the 1905 Fair will return to the state of Oregon many times the outlay. It will enable the Exposition managers to so enlarge their plans and so carry on their work as to guarantee such a Fair as will attract the attention of the whole world, opening up a new era for Oregon and the whole Pacific Northwest.

The new tariff for electric lights is very much different from the old one. The company says it is a reduction of fifteen per cent. In many cases, the reduction is more than this. In some cases it is fifty per cent and more.

Joseph J. Henry, the purchaser of the electric lighting and power system and the street railway lines, has also bought the Salem gas system. So now all the money paid for lighting in the Capital City will go into one pocket.

An active canvass is to be made among the people of Salem to complete the fund for the payment of Willamette University's debt. It ought to succeed. It will if all the people who time is short, especially when it is a business proposition for Salem.

Reames said that if his party had 7000 majority in this district he would remain at home and not go about soliciting votes as Ms. Hermann does. He is right in that, for if his party was that strong he never would have been thought of in connection with the nomination.

An advertiser said recently: "There is only one way to advertise and that is to hammer your name, your location and your business so constantly, so persistently, so thoroughly into the people's heads that if they walk in their sleep they would constantly turn their faces toward your store." Hammer, but don't knock.—Printer's Ink.

Many new people are buying property in Salem. It is a good buy, at present prices. These people should be impressed with the fact that the completion of the fund for the payment of the debts of Willamette University will add to the value of every piece of real estate in this city and the surrounding country.

Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, seems to have made a spectacle of himself to which it is beyond the power of any cartoonist to impart any additional touches of ridicule, remarks the Anaconda Standard.

The season has again arrived when his eye in fine frenzy rolling, the college commencement orator takes his pen in hand and solves the destinies of mankind.

Ex-Mayor Ames has been sentenced to six years' imprisonment. Minneapolis begs to inform St. Louis that it's her move.

The good roads movement moves right along in Marion county, promising much for the future of this rich section.

Well, are you going to help to complete the fund for the payment of the debts of Willamette University?

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

Weak? "I suffered terribly for 12 years. The doctors said my blood was all turning to water. At last I tried Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and was soon feeling all right again."—Mrs. J. W. Fiala, Hadlyme, Ct. No matter how long you have been ill, nor how poorly you may be today, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine you can take for purifying and enriching the blood. Don't doubt it; put your whole trust in it.