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PUBLIC INTERESTS.

In 1885 Oregon had barely one hundred and ninety thousand people. There is a reason for this slow increase. In the same length of time the hard, stern climate of Nebraska received some five hundred thousand additional souls during which Oregon had received barely twenty thousand.

How strange that all the comfort and interest of the great masses of people, the women and children, are forgotten or despised while the schemes and prejudices of a few in certain occupations are favored. Strange to say, little or no provision has been made to further the increase of fish in our streams.

PRO AND CON.

Heavy appropriations are made by the legislature and everything is done to increase the burdens on the tax payers, and at the same time the very men who are the most active in all these schemes are most opposed to a homestead exemption and laborers' lien.

The restrictive influence of a tax on a product of labor is shown in the statistics of the tobacco crop of the United States. This crop had been doubling every ten years up to the year 1862 when the heavy tax was imposed.

The total foreign trade of Great Britain for last year was almost three and a half billion dollars worth, her imports exceeding her exports by nearly five hundred million dollars, as they have been doing ever since 1850.

A SINECURACY.

The senate in its exceeding liberality has chosen to increase the number of railroad commissioners by one. We will now have three commissioners, if it become the law, at a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars each, and a clerk at two thousand dollars, to do nothing.

Mr. Veatch thought there was nothing in the bill but salary. The Board will cost the state some ten thousand per year.

THE National W. C. T. U. passed a resolve that "Christ and His gospel shall be king and code sovereign in our government and our political affairs." In this kind of effort some Roman Catholics are aiding the W. C. T. U.

THE Senate passed Layman's high license bill. Inasmuch as all the towns and villages of Oregon are incorporated and regulate these matters for themselves a license or any other bill on this subject can have very little effect.

MERCHANTS tell us that the people are above using smaller change than nickels, and would scorn to use cents. However we find a large number of persons who begrudge two cents a week for a weekly paper, no matter how liberal they may be in throwing away their copper change.

MARRIED.

HEARNE-REID. - At the residence of Mrs. R. S. Savage, the bride's grandmother, in Jefferson, Oregon, Feb. 11, 1889, Edward J. Hearne and Effie L. Reid, both of this county, W. T. Van Seoy officiating.

The bride and groom were tastefully attired, the dinner was bounteous, and the guests full of mirth. Mrs. Savage deserves much credit for her good taste in arranging the table, which was loaded with the best things.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Breezy Correspondence From the Towns Around Us.

MOXNOUTH NOTES.

Several new students this week. The fellow who would growl at this weather would quarrel with his mother-in-law.

The farmers are taking advantage of this fine weather and have their work well along.

The Normal band was out on Cupid's Knoll Sunday and favored us with some fine music.

We have four literary and debating societies in connection with our school all in good working order.

The Athletes are to give an entertainment at Independence soon. They made a success here and will no doubt be appreciated there.

Prof. Thompson Haley of California gave a lecture in chapel Monday morning. He is an eminently practical man and gave us many new points.

Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson, who died in Salem Saturday, was buried Sunday in the grave yard south of town. Funeral services in the Christian church by Rev. Mr. Walker of this place.

GERVAIS NEWS.

Gervais is to have a bank in the near future.

Gervais will soon have two telegraph offices.

Farmers are talking of sowing wheat this week.

Knock-downs and knock-outs are getting to be an every-day occurrence in this section.

Wheat has again taken a tumble, 67 cents being the top price.

Our saloon men say they will raise whisky to 25 cents a drink if the high license bill passes.

Woodburn will soon be a city. She has some men of intelligence, brain and ability who are capable of running her affairs, but they don't edit newspapers.

Colt's Teeth.

There is one curious fact in connection with a colt's teeth which I have never seen printed. It is this: Unless he has his front upper teeth he cannot use his tongue nor obtain his natural nourishment.

A New York murderer has been sentenced to death on the 12th of March, and the first opportunity for a trial of the electrical method of execution will be presented.

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