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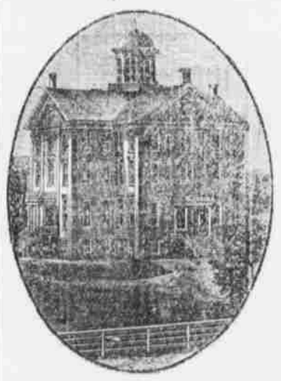

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"OWES THE SOLDIER NOTHING, ETC."

Legally the government owes the soldier nothing; morally it owes him nothing that it does not owe the rest of its citizens, to whom greenback legal tenders were a hardship and a pecuniary loss. The proposition of Gov. Hovey is without a legal or moral leg to stand upon, yet it is likely to receive a formidable support in these days when three millions of American farmers seriously think the government ought to lend them the people's money on their farms or farm products at small interest or at no interest.—Oregonian Aug. 20.

The Oregonian is a great paper and a brave paper. Brave indeed to tell an intelligent people that legally and morally the government owes the soldier nothing that it does not owe the rest of its citizens. Suppose the soldier had said in 1861-65, "I owe the government nothing, legally or morally. I will stay at home as my neighbors do." Who would have filled the armies with volunteers to put down the rebellion?

To test the soundness and patriotism of the Oregonian's logic suppose it had said to its readers in the north in 1861-65, "Why enlist? Why be subject to draft? You owe the government nothing legally or morally, that the southern citizen does not owe." It would have been called copperheadism at the loyal north in those days. Enlisting veterans have ransacked more than one newspaper office and spilled its type and machinery into the river for expressing sentiments akin to these. In these days of peace and a country saved from slavery, secession, rebellion, ruin, the sentiment is not the less reprehensible.

The Oregonian's objection to the farmer asking the government to make him a loan on his farm or products, "at small or no interest," would have a leg to stand upon, had not the very class which the Oregonian most faithfully represents been since many years the recipients of this same favor. Under the national banking law the government has allowed the banker to deposit government bonds as collateral security and loaned him 85 to 95 per cent of the value of those bonds in circulating medium. Was not that lending them "the people's money at small or no interest?" A man holding $1,000,000 interest bearing government bonds could for a small expense secure $950,000 to do business with and loan it to the farmers at from ten to thirty per cent. Give the farmer the same privileges at the hands of the government as the banker enjoys and he will become rich as Crœsus.

Under the last democratic administration about fifty millions of the people's money was loaned out to the banks at no rate of interest whatever. This was Mr. Cleveland's invention for relieving financial stringency. It did not work very well. The people repudiated it. The Oregonian should employ sounder argument and get upon solider ground with its talk about pensions and loaning money to farmers. It is sadly at sea and does not seem to be aware of it.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

As far as naming a hotel it is something or nothing. It may mean a source of profit, pleasure and advantage to a hotel or community, or it may be a source of annoyance, and ridicule. A proper naming of Salem's great hotel is a matter of public importance. It can be properly discussed and an improper naming may even be criticised. It should not be named after an individual unless the individual conducts the hotel personally. And it is not a safe proceeding then. The faults, as well as the virtues of the hotel will attach to the individual or vice versa.

If Chemeketa is to be abandoned, let it be called the

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The fame of the great Willamette valley as a fruit-growing region should be attached to the hotel. A great point could be made of supplying its table at all seasons of the year with the finest fruits grown and canned in this valley. There is no more desirable or popular feature of the modern hotel table than fresh fruit at each meal. It is not made enough of in this section. It could be made a great feature of Salem's hotel.

Unless our great city hotel is to be conducted in a manner to advertise our city, as the hotel Portland does Portland, very few people will feel any interest or pride in how it is run. Hence the appropriateness of the "Hotel Willamette." It is synonymous of this wonderful fruit country. Its tables could be made celebrated far and wide for the most perfect big red apples, luscious peaches and strawberries in season, golden Bartlett pears, nectarines and the almost endless variety of fruits here grown. "This hotel makes a specialty of supplying its tables with the choicest fruits grown in the Willamette valley," should be the legend upon its stationary and advertisements. This reputation well-sustained would soon become a matter of local pride. This reputation would be of value far and near. It would be a constant stimulus and advertisement of our fruit-growing interests. Next to the character of the manager of a great hotel, some specialty of the kind referred to is the greatest secret of successful hotel keeping. When a specialty can be so easily obtained, and would be directly in line with the proposed name, it is worthy considering. There can be no serious objection to naming it the "Hotel Willamette" if a change is desired.

DIVORCES IN CANADA.

An Ottawa lawyer who makes a specialty of divorces is reported as saying that he already had an unusual number of these conjugal unpleasantnesses under his eye in preparation for the next session of parliament. If, however, the number this year exceeds any since the confederation it will hardly be considered alarming. During the twenty-three years of confederation the Canadian parliament has granted divorces in but twenty-eight cases. There have been more divorces granted in the dominion than this, however, as several of the smaller provinces have divorce courts, but the whole number is not more in those twenty-three years than 150. In the same period, according to statistics, the number of matrimonial dissolutions of partnership in the United States has reached the enormous total of nearly 400,000. While the population of the two communities are as twelve to one the divorces are as 2,700 to 1. Divorces in Canada can be obtained for one cause only, but on account of the expense in connection with obtaining it, it is altogether out of the reach of the poor even for this cause.

The problem still remains, however, whether a greater degree of purity in the family relation exists in Canada than in the United States. It is a matter of doubt.

A Samble Dakota Letter.

The following in a private letter to the JOURNAL is of interest to our happy and blessed Oregonians: "You speak of Oregon as a good enough summer resort for you. I am glad you are satisfied with your location. Here in Dakota people have felt satisfied until the last two years they have been getting their eyes somewhat opened; that is, they are beginning to look at it in a more sensible way. As long as crops were good they did very well and made a good living easily, but when two (nearly complete) failures followed a rather slim crop it put them in a situation they never dreamed of two years before; they can see the difference now, between this country, where raising wheat is the only thing to depend on, and a country like your own, where the dairy, wool growing, fruit, hops and even wheat raising is a success. I tell you it is rather a hard out look, after such a flattering prospect as we had here in June. Vegetation was so forced and soft, a very dark green, and one could almost see it grow with the naked eye;—when after a week of dry, very warm weather, then came three days that will never be forgotten; it was simply dreadful; it was 110° in the shade the first day nearly all day, and the wind blowing sixty miles an hour; it was 90° after sundown, cooled off some by morning; the next day it was nearly as warm, without a breath of air stirring, and that night it nearly frosted, followed by a heat of 100° in the shade the next day, with a slight shower that evening. You can easily imagine how things looked, considering the rank condition they were in before. It has been hot and dry ever since, the wheat is all shrunk up and will be very poor grade. Probably most of it will grade rejected. Such is the flattering prospect for the Dakota farmers."

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It is said that Walter Q. Greshem, of Indiana, began the fight which has ended in congressional action against the Lousiana and other lotteries.

Miss Ida E. Bowers is the first colored graduate from the department of music of the university of Pennsylvania. She is the author of some good sonatas, and is an accomplished violinist.

Among instructions on the N. Y. Tribune rules to reporters stands this: You will not use the term "city dads" in speaking of the city council; members of that body are sometimes unworthy to be called dad, tho' oftener it fits them in more senses than one.

It looks as if that young and lusty trade union, the Farmers' Alliance, is going to play sad havoc with the Democratic party. In the southern states, especially, the Alliance is taking a hand in politics that is knocking the calculations of the democratic tradesmen all out.—Tacoma Globe.

The last member of the United States Senate elected by the democrats is referred to by the press as "a wealthy Wall street millionaire, who recently went into the United States senate by way of Ohio, in which state he was born, although he has lived and done business in this city some years." There are a number of Republican senators whose title is not a whit more honorable.

Farmers in the northwest should not be in too big a hurry to sell their crops or their live stock. The indications are that prices will go much higher than they now are. Indeed, the strong probability is that the reports so far made public are far below the truth of the crop shortage, and are if anything colored so as to encourage selling by the farmers. Certainly the farmers would have made enormous profits by holding the last year's crops.—Sioux City Journal.

Here are some figures: The census returns show that there are 1,101,263 persons in Chicago. If this population could be marshaled into one great procession in files of four persons, with a five-foot interval between the ranks, the line would be 260 miles long, and would occupy seventy-four hours in passing a given point. Were the folks laid end to end they would reach 1,043 miles, or farther than from here to New York.

Morning Astorian: Astoria has been honored by the Oregon Press association as their choice for the meeting in 1890, and there is every reason to believe that when the quill drivers assemble here next year, they will receive such a cordial welcome as shall be pleasing to them and an honor to this city. Our hearts and homes shall be open to the editors, and the occasion will be one they will ever remember with pleasure.

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