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SPRINKLING THE STREETS.

There was some discussion of this subject at the city council meeting last night, and pretty strongly expressed opinious were heard that the citizens ought not to expect sprinkling of any of the streets at the expense of the city. This seems to be a sound doctrine. Sprinkled streets are a private luxury to be borne easiest by private expendi-

That is the way nearly all the street sprinkling is done at present, and it seems an unobjectionable way of doing. Certainly those who pre fer living in the dust should be permitted to do so. The additional burden of sprinkling the streets should not be placed upon the city cash box.

A GOOD STEP,

The selection of Mr. Wm. Brown as member of the Salem City council to fill the vacancy caused by resignation of Councilman Edes is decidedly a good step. Undoubtedly Mr. Brewn is a capable young man and will appreciate the honor by giving our growing city the benefit

Mr. Brown has proyen himself competent to manage a large business and the recognition of such men argues well for the future of our city government. Men who are prudeut and faithful in attending to not be apt to prove recreant in dis- ation is not so serious, charge of public duties.

The more municipal government can be brought upon a purely business basis, the better will be the results so far as the taxpayer is concerned. The addition of Mr. Brown to the city council is matter for con-

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES.

Oregonian, Sept. 4: In 1880 the ratio or proportion of inhabitants to voters in Oregon, as ascertained by the United States census of that game." Very well; just wait 'till year, and put in comparison with the vote of the state cast in general election, held just at the time the thing else. census was taken, was 4.63 to 1. The Crescent City Record tells of ing, but the boy seemed good. The That is, we had 174,768 inhabitants a bone shark forty feet long that next morning the old woman enand 37,759 voters. In June, 1890, we followed a boat all day long to the gaged a clerk for her small establishcast 73,400 votes, and on the same infinite peril of its inmates. The ment. The terms were simple proportion the census this year joke about it is, a bone shark shark "his liying and a bed under the should have given the state 330,842. is a kind of sucker, absolutely tooth-But, in fact, the proportion of total less. inhabitants to voters has been steadily rising in Oregon during thirty years. In a long-settled agricultural state like ours, families multiply, and by the people we mean those and the proportion of unmarried men continually becomes smaller. productive labor, and not through We therefore undoubtedly have monopoly or manipulation. now, as in such states as Kansas and Minnesota, over five inhabitants to the voter. An accurate census of Oregon would, therefore, give Clatsop county to have his salary us not less than 367,000 inhabitants. But the returns are 20 per cent, missioners laid the matter over. He short of this. We have all along had perfect confidence that a recount county is as large as the state of in Multnomah, if we could get it, would show that fully 20 per cent. of the inhabitants had been missed on the first enumeration. We shall know the result in a few days, and if it turns out as we have predicted, it will go far to prove that a like proportion was missed all over the state. In Eastern Oregon the work was especially bad. Every fact points to the conclusion that from 25 to 30 per cent. of the inhabitants in that section of the state were missed by the enumerators. An accurate census of Eastern Oregon would show nearly 100,000, George Lansel, No. 180, Sandhurst, whereas we get but a little over Oregon is as old a commonwealth

Oregon unquestionably has as many, which is 3300 feet in depth. and the census that does not show as many is imperfectly taken. We 80,000 short of the actual numbers. Every analogy here and in other states where conditions are similar to our own, support this conclusion.

Our state census of 1885 was too imperfectly taken to be of much actual use, but the vote is a sure guide. In Oregon the proportion of nonvoters is high—almost as high as in the oldest state of the Union. No

sota than in Oregon. The result of hers 1 the completed in one or two numbers 1 is the completed in one or two numbers 1 such states as Washington, Califor-

all is the conclusion that 20 per cent of our population has been missed by the census takers. There has been no close organization of the census work of the state, no systematic efling boy, with a little jacket, the

one imagines that it is higher in

done over again in every county.

CAPITAL JOURNAL JOTS. Wind and water alone wou't make

Natural gas-that comes out of the ground—is said to be giving out.

The Astoria papers should try and make up and be friends by the time | the boy obeyed. the Press Ass'n. meets there.

The rainfall for August at Pendleton was seven one-hundredths of an inch. It all fell in one night tho'.

The East Oregonian is pretty severe on Supt. McElroy, and itseems to us with very little just cause. A husband's fatal jealousy should

always prove fatal to the husband. There are too many wife murderers my shutter last night," said the old in the world.

Hyp-not-ism is not the 'ism it is craked up to be. Its most valuable influence is exerted as an anti-fat remedy.

according to party dictation is playof intelligent and disinterested ser- ed out with intelligent party news- eating that dry crust out of the gut-

> That hopeless division of the redoes not materialize.

There was a good deal of music, what is entrusted to them in the drinking and daucing on Labor day management of private affairs, will in some of the cities where the situ-

> The Spokane Spokesman is deleaning toward fairness-just as tho' that were something uncommon!

By their displays of vulgarity and pugilism, congressmen have opened the door to John L. Sullivan as a future member of the house-and un efficient one, too.

The Tacoma press speaks of "the Oregon boys' weak and listless they get to be men. The Portland baseballists will grow like every- and his father, whom he had never

One exchange says: The farmers' alliance is the people's safety-valve, who earn their living by their own

County School Superintendent Shively has had the gall to ask raised to \$500 a year. The com is getting \$250 at present, and his

In the French army man-uvers smokeless powder was used in the firing. The smoke was nearly in visible. The detonation was as loud as that made by the old kind of powder, and was sharper and harsher. But what the French stand most in need of and have not found yet is a powder that will knock Germany out of the water, whether it smokes or not.

The deepest mining shaft in the Australian hemisphere is the which has reached 3640 feet or exactly half a mile from the surface. The last reef passed through was as California and Minnesota; it is 2600 feet, and from indications it is older than Kansas or Nebraska; and believed that it will prove both a its inhabitants, living where subsist- large and valuable lode. Sinking ence is easily obtained, are certainly has for the present been disconsa prolific. Each of the states of tinued. The deepest perpendicular California, Minnesota, Kansas, Iowa shaft in this country—in fact in the and Neoraska has by census returns world—is the Combination shaft on over five inhabitants to the voter. the Comstock, at Virginia, Nevada,

Astoria Pioneer: The newspaper predict that the census of Washing- that does its duty in protecting the ton this year. compared with the vote in the state election soon to be held, will show that the state has of that? Enemies rather help a over five inhabitants to the yoter, newspaper than do otherwise, es-The census office has told us that we pecially when their hostility is genhave only 304,000 inhabitants in Or. erally known to arise from an indeegon. Since we cast 73,400 votes in peudent and public-spirited course our last election, we have but a little over four to the vote--if we are to their displeasure. The paper that believe the ceusus; but we do not stands by public interests is on solid believe it. Beyond all doubt or ground, and the people will heartily question, the return is from 50,000 to support it in its advocacy of their rights.

OUR STORY.

MRS. BRIGGS' CLEED!

He was a tall, thin, starved-lookfort; the work has been done in a sleeves of which crept half way up careless, feeble and merely perfunc- his arms, and a hat that was nothtory manner, and it ought to be ing but a brim, and when she saw him he was eating a crust out of the persons are entirely free from it. gutter. She was only a poor old woman who kept a little shop for candy and trimmings, and poor enough itself, heaven knew; but, she said, he looked a little like what her Tom might if he had grown up has proven itself to be a potent and pecul-

on anything. I didn't do it. I

ain't so mean." "Didn't do what?" said the oleasant old woman.

"Break your winder," said the boy, nodding his head toward a shattered pane.

"Why, I broke that myself, with woman. "I ain't strong enough to lift them, that's the fact. I'm get-

ting old." "If I'm around here when you shut up, I'll do it for you," said the To call everything black or white that you wanted me for?"

SALEM - - - (Capital Paid up, - -)

"I want to know what you was ter for ?" was the reply.

"Hungry," he said. "I've tried to get a job all day. I'm going to law. M. Martin, R. S. Wallace, Dr. W. A.Cusick, J. H. Albert, Sleep in an area over there, after it's publican party on the tariff question, sleep in an area over there, after it's prayed for in democratic papers, too dark for a policeman to see, and you can't have a good night's sleep without some supper, if it is a little dirty."

"I'll give you some that's clean,' said the old woman.

"That will be begging," he said. "No," she said, "you can sweep scribed as a republican paper with a the store and pavement, and put up the shutters for it." "Very well," he said. "Thankee,

then. If I sweep up first, I'll feel Accordingly she brought him a broom, and he did The work well. Afterward he ate his supper with a relish. That night be slept, not in the area, but under the old woman's

counter. He had told her his story. His name was Dick; he was 12 years old, seen sober, was in prison for life.

The antecedents were not elevatcounter."

When the neighbors heard of it they were shocked. A street boy, whom no one knew. Did Mrs. Briggs really want to be murdered in her bed? But Mrs. Briggs felt quite safe. She had so much time now that she was going to take in sewing. Dick attended to the shop altogether. He kept it in fine order, and increased the business by introducing candies and chewing gum. Pennies came in as they never came in before, since he had painted signs in red and blue ink to the effect that the real old molasses caudy was to be got there, and that this was the

place for peanuts. And in the evening after the shop was shut up she began to take him into her confidence.

Her great dream was to buy herself into a home for the aged. It would cost her \$100. She had been CAPITAL STOCK, all Subscribed, \$200,000 saving for three years, and had \$15 of it. But it cost so much to live, with tea 25 cents per quarter and ioaves so small; and she had been sick, and there was the doctor and Mrs. Jones' Maria Jane to be paid for minding her and the shop.

After this Dick took the greatest interest in the savings, and the winter months increased them, as though he had brought a blessing. one night in the spring she took the bag from under the pillow, and counted what it had. It was \$30.

"And I'll begin to make kites tomorrow, Mrs. Briggs," said the boy, "and you'll see the custom it will bring. If a little shaver sees the kites be'll spend all he has for 'em then he'll coax his mother for more to buy stick darts and chewing gum. I know boys."

"You're a clever boy yourself," said the old woman, and patted his

It was a plumper hand than it had been when it picked the crust out of the gutter, and he wore clean, whole clothes, though they were made of very coarse cloth.

"How wrong all the neighbors were!" she said. "That boy is the comfort of my life."

So she went to bed with the treasure under her pillow, and slept. Far on in the night she woke. The room was utterly dark; there was not a ray of light; but she heard a step upon the floor.

"Who is that?" she cried. There was no answer, but she feit that there was some one lean-ing over the bed; then a hand clasped her throat and held her down, and dragged out the bag, and (Concluded on fourth page.)

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