

EDITORIAL.
Mrs. Wm. P. Lord, who is an energetically pushing the fax industry in Oregon, reports that the impression is prevalent that the fire on the steamer which recently burned at sea was the result of cotton baling made of the late, filled with grease waste, which was ignited by spontaneous combustion, and thus causing great loss of life. If fax-fibre baling were used instead, these dire calamities would be prevented. There should be some law to prevent vessels from carrying freight that is subject to spontaneous combustion.

The senate amendments to the Dingley bill will increase the tax on brewers 50 per cent. The internal revenue tax on beer is now \$1 per barrel of 31 gallons. That tax has been unchanged since 1863.

The quantity of beer annually taxed has regularly increased from 62,000 gallons to a time when this great and glorious country drank 100,000 gallons of beer daily in 1896.

At \$1 a barrel the revenue from beer increased from \$1,550,000 in 1863 to \$23,784,255 in 1896.

The existing tax (20 per cent ad valorem) on beer is lower than upon almost any other industrial product entering largely into domestic consumption. The business of brewing malt liquors is acknowledged to be one of the most successful of domestic industries, and financial participation in it has in recent years been so attractive to English capitalists that it is generally believed that the ownership of a large proportion of the brewing business of the United States, has passed into their hands.

An increase of the present rate of tax—i. e., from \$1 to \$1.50 per barrel of 31 gallons, is expected to at once yield at least \$15,000,000 additional revenue, bringing up the present annual revenue from this source to \$49,000,000, with a prospective annual increase of \$500,000.

Under the gold standard the laboring man has very little money to spend for beer and this increased tax is an unjust burden to heap upon the brewer, who will in turn be compelled to place the tax upon the retailer. The retailer cannot raise the price per glass, so that this is virtually a tax on the saloonkeepers, who will have to dig up the additional 50 cents a barrel on beer. But the saloonkeeper and brewer will not complain if the McKinley administration restores the flush times "we used to have."

The most important ordinance before the city council is the one to license plumbers. Our city is no doubt miserably sewered and plumbed. The fault is not with the plumbers but because there has been no law to compel sanitary plumbing, or if there has been one it has not been enforced. Old surface wells are in use all over the city, many of them dangerously near to privy vaults and cesspools, and they have caused much sickness.

A county official has been ill this winter because he had lived in a house without a trap and an old well under the floor of the house. Faulty and dangerous water closet connections and vault pits that drain into wells are common all over the city. All this should be prohibited and prohibition enforced. All open drains and cess pools should be abolished. The people need the educative influence of a good health ordinance.

If we are to escape epidemics we must compel sewer connections and vault sanitation. The laws must be earnestly judiciously and fearlessly enforced or contagious diseases will become epidemic.

The plumbing ordinance should be carefully examined to see that it is not nearly a scheme to create new offices and more public expense without public protection. There should be a health officer, with full police power to enforce the law and abate nuisances, and Salem should be made the cleanest and healthiest city in Oregon.

At present there is still a great deal

of sickness. The city has not cleaned up this spring as it should have been. We believe the city council is determined to deal intelligently with this important matter and it is most too soon to save the reputation of the capital city.

STATE NEWS

The Columbia county grand jury found one true bill this session. The Douglas county Sunday school convention commences at Roseburg, June 11th, and runs two days.

The dog law goes into effect in The Dalles today. All dogs not supplied with license must be drowned.

Tom Scott of Oregon City, who was on trial for killing deer out of season was acquitted by the jury.

It is expected that Bob Hinman, will not live and the Douglas county, sheriff returned without him.

Only \$8000 has been collected on the '96 tax roll out of a total levy of \$112,000, in Douglas county, verily times are hard.

The four Chinese who were arrested in Baker City, to test the gambling ordinance, pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 each.

Mr. H. Sweet, of Union Oregon, committed suicide Thursday morning at 5:30, by placing a rifle at his right temple and blew out his brains.

Gilliam county's stock inspector says that there is a little scab in the county but that the diseased sheep are being carefully treated, and will soon be all right.

The jury in Josephine county that convicted L. Nelson of murder in the first degree stood 10 to 2 on the first ballot, two being in favor of a verdict of murder in the second degree.

The team of F. L. Holmes, a farmer, living near Albany, ran away Thursday, and threw him out of the wagon. His leg was broken and several ribs were crushed. It is thought the injuries will not prove fatal.

On Monday last, while engaged in driving cattle, Enos Hodson of Roseburg, met with a severe and painful accident near Shady point. The horse he was riding fell upon his leg, breaking it in two places below the knee.

Following is the ticket elected at the Grants Pass city election last week. Mayor, J. W. Howard; councilmen, T. B. Cornell, Geo. S. Calhoun, and W. H. Flanagan, police judge, Thomas Smith; marshal, Dave Keenan; treasurer, Col. W. Johnson; city attorney, C. E. Harmon; street commissioner, T. B. Elliott.

A company has been formed in Maine to make silk from spruce trees. Iowa never had a better May for corn planting and her soil was never in much better tilth.

It is officially stated that the decrease in the cereal exports of Argentina last year amounted to \$25,000,000.

The salt companies of Ohio propose to organize a trust and advance the price of their product 55 cents a barrel.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton expects to bring out the second and concluding part of "The Woman's Bible" in June.

Some of the prominent New York Hebrews have started a movement for making Holy Land an asylum for indigent and aged Hebrews.

Over 76,000,000 bushels of Indian corn have been exported from the United States since the beginning of the year, which breaks the record.

John D. Rockefeller is said to have added \$5,000,000 to his property and cash money, within the past six months, making him worth a total of \$244,000,000.

If we could trace Dyspepsia to its source, it would lead back to our kitchens. In fact, the secret of good health is good cooking. If well cooked, foods are partially digested; if poorly cooked, they are less digestible than in their raw state. If you are a victim of faulty cooking; that is, if you suffer from Dyspepsia, the rational cure must be looked for in an artificially digested food, and a food which at the same time aids the digestion of other foods. Such a preparation virtually rests the digestive organs, thereby restoring them to their natural strength.

The Digestive Cordial, as prepared by the Shakers of Mount Lebanon, is just such a preparation, and a single 10 cent bottle will convince you of its value. If your druggist doesn't keep it, he will be glad to get it through his wholesale house. Laxol is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

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NEW YORK LETTER.

Discussing the Department Store Evil.

New York, May 18.—Henry George, who believes that high rents and over-crowded cities are a bad thing for the common people, must be delighted to note the progressive havoc that is being made in real estate values by the department stores of Chicago and New York. A department store is as much of an improvement on the common store as a freight train is over an ox-team, but Chicago is up in arms against it. When I left there one hundred thousand business men decided to close their stores for a whole day and unite in a monster protest against the expected defeat of the anti-department store bill, then pending before the Illinois legislature. In fact, the election of Harrison as mayor was largely due to his hostility to the department stores, which it is claimed, portend universal ruin to all single line establishments.

A Chicago business man told me that he is opposed to department stores for the reason that they are driving to the wall all of the retail and wholesale houses, vacating store buildings, depreciating all real estate values and placing the business of the city in the hands of a few firms. But, said he, I patronize the department stores instead of dealing with the smaller merchants.

The department stores are all conducted on the same principle. There is one board, a general manager, who supervises the entire business and under him are the heads of the different departments, each line of goods being handled as a separate business. I presume that Seigel & Cooper's store in this city employs nearly 1,000 clerks and fully 300 cash girls. It occupies a full half block and is seven stories in height. This does not include the basement where hardware is kept, nor a sub-basement in which goods are packed. It is possible here to purchase any and all things known to modern life, from a box of matches for 1 cent to one of Dore's masterpieces for \$100,000. If you want stationery and books, diamonds and cut glass ware, bedroom sets, steam engines, groceries, musical instruments, guns and ammunition, your picture taken, your teeth pulled or filled, Seigel & Cooper's is the place to go.

If you are in doubt as to the kind of tea, or the flavor of certain blended coffees, a young lady provides you with an easy chair, a table, and the latest paper and in a few minutes with a cup of that tea or coffee. You may want but ten cents worth, the treatment is the same as though you wanted a year's supply. Do you hesitate about the flavor of soups? A plate of soup with that flavor is given you. If you want to try the jelly, the finest bread and the best of butter is provided.

On one floor you can purchase oil paintings, cut flowers and potted plants; on the next groceries, provisions of all kinds, fresh fish and the finest of steaks, and so on ad infinitum. The individual trader can't compete with such a store as this. It purchases such immense quantities of goods that it can purchase cheapest and sell nothing on credit. You can get better bargains here than at other stores and who is going to put in a day shopping among many stores for many things? When here you can buy all things of any goods in one building. There are 18 elevators to carry you to any part of the building; there are great fountains, fine music, lovely flowers and a swarm of canary birds to make your visit pleasant. It is a fairy tale, but it pays.

A logical result of the department stores is the closing up of smaller stores, the vacating of store buildings and residences and throwing out of employment of many people. When demand for store buildings ceases, rents will come down, and when rents come down real estate values fall. The people may fight this new mercantile octopus, but he will live. Here is an evolution in business that does more good than harm. But wait until the department stores wipe out all competition, (which they soon will do) until department store will stand in business array against department store and then will come the department store trust in the city of New York. And it is illogical to suppose that the trust of this city will not finally embrace the department stores in all cities? And if the department store trust sells all the goods, why not manufacture the goods they sell? and by embracing in their scope the factories and the railroads finally place the business of the nation under one hat. Vast aggregations of capital can almost do anything in an undeveloped country where the voice of one mill lionaire is more potent in legislative halls than the petition of a million of idle laborers.

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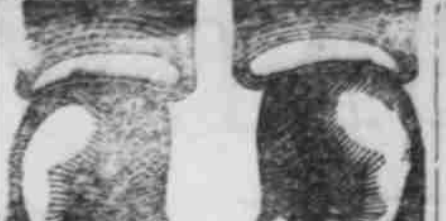
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