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Mayor Richardson's kind of prosperity seems to be insolvency.

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For twenty-odd years the courthouse was well enough arranged for safe transaction of public business. But there was danger of a surplus, it seems.

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Last year the editor of the Statesman advocated the intensified hen as the surest road to prosperity. This spring he started off on peppermint hay for horses. His latest enthusiasm is silk from spruce trees. He says: "Oregon has plenty of spruce timber in her coast counties to clothe the world in silk if the scheme proves a success." He should plant a patch of potatoes and in the mean time soak his head:

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Will the new street commissioner be able to collect Mayor "Pap" Richardson's back road tax?

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Pap Richardson probably figures it that a man who pays no taxes doesn't care how high they are on other people.

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Forty mills taxes, 10 per cent interest and licenses besides are more than business men in any city can pay and live.

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The Baker Democrat, comes enclosed in there wrappers occasionally. It is so readable we should open it if they were three hundred.

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An Exchange suggests that the Marion county commissioner's court should get in upon the stock market where all operations are in futures.

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Times Mountaineer: The colored missionary, Rev. W. T. B Harwood, who recently preached in this city, gave Heppner a call last Sunday, and the Gazette proceeds to give him a roast because he left without settling the advertising and other bills he contracted in that city. Heppner people must be lacking in appreciation that they can't devote a few day's board and a little advertising to a missionary who comes into their midst to show them the error of their ways and point out the straight and narrow path that leads to everlasting light." Poor benighted, unappreciative Heppner!

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Pendleton E. O. The railroad commission is a body that presses its labor upon the state butthe state is not just now pressing money upon the body for its services. A friendly legislature, however, is expected to do the liberal thing by the body.

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Senator McBride will become chairman of the committee on coast defences, formerly held by Squires of Washington, under the proposed rearrangement of the senate committees. The post is an important one.

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Portland Commoner: Senator Dufur, of Wasco, can be a politician, and he can be honest, but he 'aint got time to spare if he tries to be both at the same time.

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South Commercial street has been improved for this year. Two furrows were plowed on the east side. A road machine drawn by six horses went over it once, and didn't do anything at all to it. And that't no josh either.

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The editor of the Oakland Gazette can write poetry round or flat. Here is a sample verse:

Spain and Cuba continue to fight,
And the Greeks are at war with the Turks:
Our rates of insurance are out of sight—
How about those water-works?

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Gov. Lord did not willingly purchase the Stratton property on State street. He loaned Stratton $2000 on the place some years ago and there was $100 interest due.

The Sultan Insolent.

LONDON, May, 17.—(Copyright, 1897, by the Associated Press.)—The Sultan's reply to the note of the ambassadors at Constantinople. offering meditation, saying he would be ready to discuss the matter after the greater Bairam festival, which ends on Sunday night, justifies the fear that the powers have lost ground that will not be easy to get back. Abdul Hamid, is cool to the point of insolence. His attitude is that of a soverign with a powerful army behind him, and he is disposed to treat the powers cavallerly.

From Benton County.

Rice Hastings writes from Kings Valley, under date May 13, as follows:

We have been reading with much interest the letters of free silver advocates in the columns of THE JOURNAL, and as the political ball has been set rolling we think it the duty of all friends of financial reformation to give it a push, consequently we ask a short space in the columns of THE JOURNAL:

To win there must be unity in some form among our forces. To establish unity we must necessarily concede some of our old party issues.

It is as good a thing as our enemies want, to keep us divided and this they will seek to do by appealing to our party affiliation and prejudices and the man who does that no matter what he calls himself is our enemy intentionally or unintentionally.

If financial reformation is the great living burning issue, then union logically follows. If free silver advocates are genuine patriots, then there is but one party favoring the issue for issues make parties not parties issues.

If on victory of this party depends the prosperity and welfare of the producers and laborers of all classes, then as patriots, as a duty to our families and fellowmen we have no moral right to allow old party lines and minor issues or inferior cause of defeat and make our efforts the laughing stock of our enemy.

Do we love our country, the comfort of our homes and the education of our children, then can't we, at least for a time, unite our forces for the success of our great cause?

Some of the writers in the JOURNAL are very ardent advocates of free coinage if they could get it through the victory of their party.

We even must doubt the real right down earnestness in such a spirit.

Oh, ye men who love the name of your party more than you do our cause, beware: you are injuring our cause and hastening the overthrow of your party.

If the free silver forces are to be thoroughly and irresistibly united under a new name or under the name of one of the old parties there must be liberality and no sparring for party advantage.

We are full fledged Bryan Democrats, but are willing for the success of our cause to surrender a part of our minor issues.

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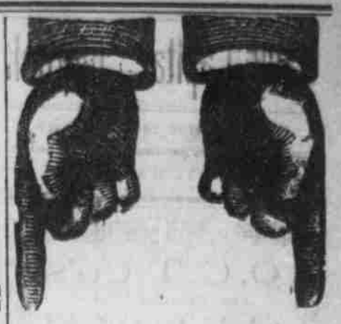

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