

Let us pray for the Cubans. Last year we all had to pray for McKinley.

Andy Gilbert promises not to take Corneal into the gubernatorial chair with him.

It is asserted that only Andy Gilbert is the candidate for governor. It is not Gilbert & Patterson.

Adlet growing more popular every day—Nebraska Populist corn meal, sapsacks and last, Oregon salmon bellies.

There are people who don't enjoy the X Rays, but there don't seem to be any other way to enable the public to see through some things.

Lord and Kincaid will find that men can't be honest, independent and economical with impunity in the Republican party.

T. T. Geer has been thrown down so many times by the Republican managers that he's thinking of doing some managing himself.

Tom Upperhall has been in congress twelve years, and last year put a bill through to abolish fees of federal court officials that saves Uncle Sam two millions a year. Such a man earns his salary.

The managers of the Reform parties in Oregon don't want to be so reluctant about permitting the people to unite in one opposition party that the managers finally get ready to let them the people won't do it.

The X Ray man thinks the way to unite is to unite. A whole lot of politicians seem to be afraid the people may come to think they are not crafters, but just plain disinterested patriots.

Holy smoke, think of T. T. Geer as the candidate of the Mitchell-McBride push! But they have got to catch on to some one with some ability to go before the people.

If Tom Tongue is re-elected he will probably be willing to allow all the young men of this district a chance to compete openly for the cadships at West Point and Annapolis. Of course, for the present in the interest of the Republican party, the places must be awarded secretly to favorites. But that isn't Republicanism or Democracy. It's just plain office boodling.

ADDRESS ON OLD BILLY. J. G. Pierce, editor of the Klamath Falls Express, is Oregon's humorous poet, and following to "Old Billy," is about as unique as Burn's poem on the daisy, or James Whiteburn Riley's "Old John Henry":

Hey! Ole feeble where ye goin'? 'Pear 'ol shake a limber leg 'Fer a hoss so ancient growin' 'Yes y' course yer got ter beg 'Er more out an' 'im' 'th' hay, 'S'pose I've got ter climb them steps 'N' give old Bill a spear or two, 'Else he'd never cut, 'p'ribs 'But ald' keep up such a stew— 'Confound'd loss I ever saw! 'Maks me chafe round fer dark 'N' bed him 'ith a foot 'o' straw, 'Then he's 'ol, 'blate decent—'hark! 'What! 'O, 't' that you a groanin' 'S'pose 'ts a thistle jaggin'!

Should be your motto when you need a medicine. Do not be induced to take any substitute when you call for Hood's Sarsaparilla. Experience has proved it to be the best. It is an honest medicine, possessing actual and unequalled merit. Be wide awake and profit by the experience of other people. Hood's Pills are the favorite family cathartic, easy to take, easy to operate.

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Rev. J. J. Evans Preached His Initial Sermon—Y. M. C. A. Open Meeting. The members of the First Christian church extended a cordial welcome to their new pastor. Rev. J. J. Evans, Sunday morning when that gentleman preached his initial sermon in this city.

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GERMAN LUNCH COUNTER. Hot meals served from 8 a. m. to midnight. German cooking. 225 Commercial St. H. NEUGEBAUER, Prop.

LIVERY AND FEED STABLES. W. J. HUFFMAN, WILLAMETTE. LIVERY STABLE! Corner Ferry and Liberty streets. Telephone 172.

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The Home Bakery. Headquarters for Christmas candies and holiday supplies. Best Boston Brown Bread, pies, cakes, cookies, etc., in the city.

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Salem Water Co. Office in City Hall. Irrigation hours 8 to 5 a. m. and 9 to 9 in the evening. All irrigation bills for the summer will be due and payable the 1st of July.

Modern Woodmen of America. The Original Order of Woodcraft. An organization of the members of the order is confined to the north west states out of which all excluded. Highest numbers of assessments to \$5000.

O. H. MACK Dentist. See never to Dr. J. M. Keene, old White Corner, Salem, Or. Parties desiring expert operators at moderate fees in any branch are in especial request.

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Salem Steam Laundry. Please notice the cut in prices on the following: Stays, plain, 10 cents; Under drawers, 5 to 10 cents; Handkerchiefs, 5 cents; Silk handkerchiefs, 3 cents; Sheets and pillow slips 25 cents per dozen and other work in proportion.

J. A. ROTAN 256 Commercial street. Has just added a full and complete line of Coffins, Caskets, Hobses and everything pertaining to the undertaking business.

Music. I have just fitted out a studio proper, and am prepared to teach the piano or organ to children or adults. My method for children is the newest and best.

GREAT HEATERS! Oregon Airtight Stoves. \$3.50 to \$6.50. Only full line of this home manufacture, Stoves set up and repaired promptly.

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The board of trustees of the Oregon State University... 200 yds. Paquet A. Sizing, 45 in. brown, 30c.

100 yds. Calico, American black and white, 25 in., as per sample. 100 yds. Cotton, American black and white, 25 in., as per sample.

100 lbs. Macaroni, in 8 lb. boxes "White", 5c. 100 lbs. Macaroni, in 4 lb. boxes, 5c.

100 lbs. Java Coffee, as per sample. 100 lbs. Mocha Coffee, as per sample. 100 lbs. Ceylon Coffee, as per sample.

100 lbs. Sugar, as per sample. 100 lbs. Tea, as per sample. 100 lbs. Rice, as per sample.

100 lbs. Flour, as per sample. 100 lbs. Corn Meal, as per sample. 100 lbs. Oats, as per sample.

100 lbs. Butter, as per sample. 100 lbs. Lard, as per sample. 100 lbs. Tallow, as per sample.

100 lbs. Beans, as per sample. 100 lbs. Peas, as per sample. 100 lbs. Lentils, as per sample.

100 lbs. Apples, as per sample. 100 lbs. Oranges, as per sample. 100 lbs. Lemons, as per sample.

100 yds. Broadcloth, 48 in., 40c. 100 yds. Fine Cotton, 48 in., 45c.

100 yds. Calico, 48 in., 35c. 100 yds. Cotton, 48 in., 30c.

100 lbs. Soap, as per sample. 100 lbs. Candles, as per sample. 100 lbs. Wax, as per sample.

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