

BY THE WOMAN EDITOR.

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POLITICAL AND DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

The people of Oregon have long been clamoring for a reduction in public expenses, and our late legislature has put itself on record in this line.

They determined to do something to save public money, and at once the question arose, "Where shall we begin?" Dispense with "lady clerks?" Oh, no, that would never do.

Out down fees and salaries? Hardly! They are too good politicians for that. They know if they do not keep the good will of petty office holders they will not be elected again.

At last they hit upon a plan; just the thing! We'll cut off the appropriations for orphan's homes and refuge homes, etc.

A plan, indeed! But one that has brought shame on the state.

Not another state in this glorious Union but what takes care of her orphans and helps to rescue the girls who would leave a life of shame.

You can keep the babies from the hands of women, but you cannot keep our tongues still, and some of us have at least a little influence with husbands and lovers.

Show us economy that does not take the food and clothing from orphans and distressed ones, and no one will be louder in praising your work than the women of Oregon.

The economy of the last legislature reminds one of the woman who decides to reduce her expenses. She began by arguing prices with her fruit and vegetable men, until she got what she wanted for two-thirds of what it would have cost her down town.

Then she told the widow who washed for her that if she could not do the washing for one-half of what she had been paying her, she need not come for it again.

The widow had three small children dependent upon her, so she had to submit.

Next she hired a young lady who sewed beautifully, but was a new-comer in the place, to sew for her for one-half of what an established dressmaker would have charged.

Thus in the course of the year she saved a great deal without any self sacrifice, nor any more labor than usual. It was ground out of those who were needy.

Human nature is the same whether it be a legislator or a woman who thinks that she is a wonderful financial manager, and while women might do no better in the halls of the legislature than the present incumbents are doing, still there is room for improvement.

May it never again be said that Oregon neglects her duty to the helpless orphans.

A STREET CAR LINE TO BROOKS

For years the papers have been discussing car lines in various directions, to Silverton, to Dallas, Polk county, to Liberty and Roseburg, to Prineville, and even to Silver Creek Falls, but never in print have we heard of a car line to Brooks—and why not?

Let us consider some facts in its favor: To begin with, two miles of it are already built, that is as far as the Fair Grounds, that would leave only six miles to build and no grades to contend with.

The country between Salem and Brooks is thickly settled. The Hayesville settlement and the school at Chemawa are not to be despised. Chemawa itself is a village of several hundred, constantly patronizing Salem business houses. People from Salem

would visit the school there often if an hourly car was running.

There are fine picnic grounds at Brooks and between here and there. The people at and near Brooks would welcome the car line and the wealthiest men there say it would just suit them.

Portland would not be what she is but for the car lines that bring so much trade from near by towns. Oregon City people do almost all their "trading" in Portland.

Salem will never be what she ought to be until made the center of trade for this section of the Willamette valley and that can only be accomplished by establishing easy transportation between Salem and neighboring towns.

Many people who live near here send Portland for their supplies because they have not gotten into the habit of trading at Salem for lack of easy transportation.

TACOMA AND THE DALLES RAILROAD.

A new railroad, that has already passed "the iron castle" stage, is to be built in the near future from Tacoma to the Dalles and out up the north side of the Columbia river to Waula Junction.

This line will open up a fine section of country to homeseekers. It will pass through the Puallup country and cross the Nisqually River near Eatonville.

Near there it will tap immense coal fields. Thence it will pass Mt. Adams near Glenwood. This place is a supply station for the many sheep and cattle herders who frequent that section in summer.

A store at Glenwood does \$4000 to \$10,000 business a year. It is also at the head of La Canas prairie which is a fine grain and cattle section.

There is also a saw mill at this place. The road then goes down the Klickitat River and through the rich Klickitat valley to Goldendale, then up the Columbia to Waula Junction. A branch road runs from Klickitat to Lyle across the river from The Dalles.

Near the line of this road are large quantities of fine timber, and men connected with the Bridal Veil Lumber Co., have applied to the land office to buy a quantity of this timber land.

This will be a valuable addition to the railroads of Washington as it will give a chance to utilize the heretofore almost inaccessible resources of that part of the state.

Little has been in print concerning this road and we have our information from parties personally interested in the road.

AT THE ASYLUM.

It is a peculiar fact that only a very small per cent of the patients in our "hospital for the insane" are American born. Many of them belong to the hard working class who come from the old countries, and the toll and worry of gaining a foot hold in a new land and often want of proper nourishment combine to weaken the brain. But an important factor is the habit of drinking which they almost universally have indulged in.

The eight principal causes of insanity have been tabulated, and the results presented to the London scientific society. One-third more is due to domestic troubles and mental anxiety.

Love affairs are responsible for only a little more than one in a hundred cases.

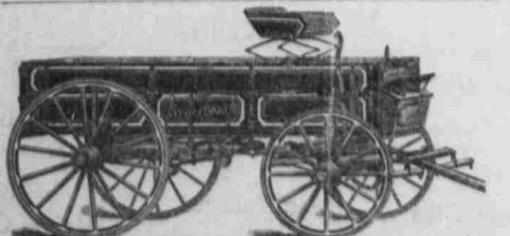
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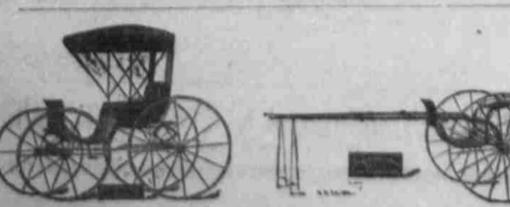
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thirteen in a hundred are set down to old age, financial embarrassment, and poverty.

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It might well be added here, that if the consolations and habits of religion were suddenly withdrawn, countless thousands would become insane under the stress of adverse circumstances, mental anxiety, bereavement, and other deranging influences.

BETTER MANAGEMENT AT THE PENITENTIARY.

It has been the custom of good people in Salem for some years to carry religious papers to the penitentiary for the convicts to read, but some time ago this was stopped by the late superintendent.

Now the new superintendent, Hon. J. D. Lee, courteously receives those who make this small effort to help fallen men. Of course the papers will be all closely looked over before being handed to the prisoners, and must all be printed outside of this state, and not be of recent date.

There are many men in the prison who might be, not only punished, but reformed during their stay there. A kind word, a little good reading, may do more for one under such circumstances than any amount of preaching and literature would under ordinary conditions.

THAT BICYCLE TAX.

It is rumored around that twenty-five cents of each dollar and a quarter collected as bicycle tax goes to the officer who collects it. Now the question comes up if three or four other men appointed to construct the bicycle path should take out twenty-five cents each as commission, would be left to build the path with?

It looks as if the path would be built up "Salt Creek."

Now the Jefferson people "smell a cat" and object to paying bicycle tax. We wonder if the hundreds of dollars already paid it will be of interest to you or so before being used. Why can't we do as well as Benton county and at once begin the work on the path before the money all goes in fees and commissions?

NATIONAL NOTES.

The regular army is rapidly being filled up to the number of 62,000 as permitted by the act of congress. Many of them have served as volunteers and become enamored of army life. Most of those whose enlistment is anxious for foreign service.

Philippine war claims amounting to millions of dollars have been filed, particularly as a result of the Hukie fire. A board has been appointed by General Otis to deal with them.

A million pounds of smokeless powder is being made for Uncle Sam and sent all our soldiers and sailors will be equipped with it. The quality is said to be superior to that used by the Spaniards in the late war.

The war kite, being constructed by Captain B. Baden, Powell, of the Scots Guards, bids fair to become a useful invention. By means of five kites, each twelve feet square and fastened together raise a basket with a man in it. He has been working upon it years and now has quite good control of it.

A large eagle settled upon a Kentucky distillery, outside of which was a barrel containing whisky. The bird inhaled some and became drunk. It was captured by a farmer and made but a tipsy show of fighting.

The election of senators by legislative bodies instead of by the people, was supposed by the fathers to insure against the selection of incompetent or corrupt men, and to protect against possible defects of general suffrage.

Pennsylvania, Oregon, California and several other states either by deadlocks, hold-ups or by the corrupt character of the men elected, are striking a blow at that method.

The people are beginning to say it could not be worse and might be better, if senators were elected by the people. Especially if the women could help vote.

Again it seems that necessity is the mother of invention. The war department is about to order the soldiers in the field to assume a wrist cartridge belt as a part of their equipment in active service.

The idea of the wrist-belt originated from the practice of American soldiers of carrying four or five cartridges in the left hand, or held between the teeth. Three wrist-belts per soldier will be issued. Each belt has a capacity of twenty cartridges. One of them will be slipped over the left hand at the order to commence firing.

Soldiers were transported from Columbus, O. to Ogden, a distance of 2,128 miles for \$4.50 per capita. There were six hundred of the troops.

Surely, the railroad companies made no profit on this. It may be they wanted to exhibit a little practical patriotism.

FOREIGN NOTES.

Another group of islands has been added to the vast domain of England. This time the British flag has been raised over the Tonga Islands in the South Pacific, a group upon which Germany has had a covetous eye for some time.

Some idea can be formed of the awful ravages of the bubonic plague in India from the statement, on the authority of reliable statistics, that two hundred and fifty thousand deaths have so far resulted from it in that country.

The awful plague has by no means run its course, the death rate in Bombay Presidency being about one thousand weekly. With the return of the hot weather, the plague is rapidly disappearing.

The mortality, which was two hundred and fifty daily in the city of Bombay five weeks ago, is now one hundred a day.

In France a law was passed that employers should pay pensions to the families of men injured or killed in their employ. But the law is not working the benefit hoped for.

A considerable number of employers have decided not to employ married workmen, and some have even gone so far as to dismiss the fathers of families in their employ, as a few accidents to them would make a great hole in their profits.

On May 15, the new wrecking steamer *Rose* will start from Santiago with the *Reina Mercedes* in tow, for Norfolk. Every precaution will be taken to protect her from the disaster that overtook the *María Teresa*, whose loss was so lamentable. The *Mercedes* will receive a royal welcome on her arrival at Norfolk.

The new administration in Spain is trying to rehabilitate the nation's finances, and also to get money to build a new navy. It proposes a heavy income tax and to reduce the salaries of the archbishops and bishops ten per cent. The nobles and prelates are still

wealthy, while the people are poverty stricken. It is said that the pope does not sympathize with the opposition of the prelates, for they would remain among the church's wealthiest prelates even if they suffered twenty per cent reduction, many of them having large fortunes.

The British consul at Managua has secured an option on the purchase of all railroad and steamboat lines in Nicaragua.

On April 19 a fire occurred in Gaudeloupe, West Indies, which consumed 400 houses, thirty-one lives were lost, and 2000 people rendered homeless.

Thirty handbills have been captured and eight killed during the past week in Eastern Cuba.

The Austrian war department has been experimenting in the use of liquid air as an explosive. The results are wonderful, and it has been reported to the engineering committee of the German war department, foreshadowing a complete revolution in the application of explosives.

"Want of principal is the principal want of a great many people."

Full-blown Rose: "What a pity that you are engaged so young. You will never have the fun of refusing a man." Bud: "No, but I have had the fun of accepting one."—(Metropolitan.)



A man has to have pluck to make a success of any calling. A man must have the backbone to take knock-down blows and get up again and again and fight on.

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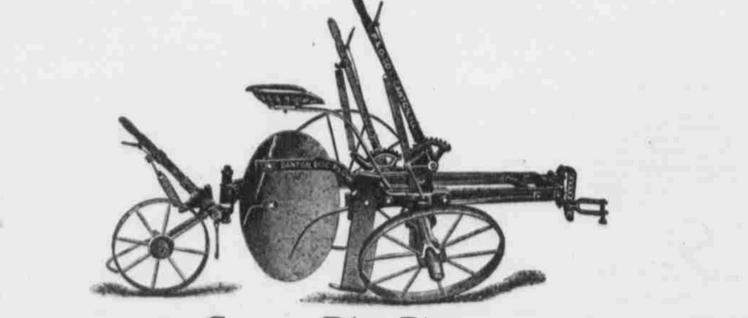
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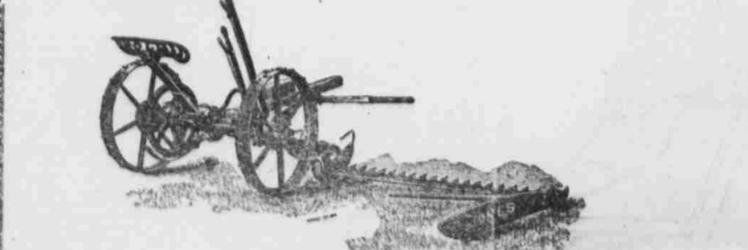
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