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The Weather.
 Tonight and Sunday, occasional rain, brisk to high southwesterly winds, decreasing tonight.

LOVE STILL DOTHS RULE.
 Farewell, old year, farewell!
 Go on thy way, and tell
 To high and low,
 With rhythmic flow,
 That all is well.

Love still doth rule and sceptre wield,
 And far and wide o'er every field,
 Displays his banners, azure blue,
 And whispers low, that God is true
 —Selected.

IS THE GIFT OF A GUESS GAMBLING?

As a stroke of enterprise and an expression of good will the Journal has given its subscribers a free guess on a diamond ring.

After carefully examining the state laws and the postal regulations the Journal publishers concluded they could do this legally.

The Journal does not approve of gambling in any form that is contrary to law and does not concede that there is any element of gambling or improper speculation in giving away a diamond to stimulate and encourage payment of subscriptions.

If there is any perversion or evasion of a state or federal law in giving a gift to our subscribers in the manner we have adopted and publicly advertised we wish to be shown.

If the giving away of a diamond ring in the manner offered in this paper in any way violates any law we would consider it a favor to be shown, as we shall save \$150 by calling off the contest.

Following editorial is taken from a prominent position in the Oregonian of Sunday, January 17:

Colonel Hofer's Plain Duty.

The Salem Capital Journal has inaugurated a scheme by which it proposes to give away to its subscribers a \$150 diamond, absolutely free. The plan requires the payment of a dollar for subscription, which entitles the subscriber to a guess as to an unknown number. The person lucky enough to guess closest to the right number is entitled to the diamond.

In a recent issue the Journal explains the whole scheme in a first-column editorial, and follows this with an editorial on gambling. The editor says: "What to do with gambling? This question comes up in two forms: What is our private duty? What is our public duty?"

Your duty is plain, Colonel Hofer, absolutely clear. There can be no possible doubt about either your public or your private duty in the suppression of gambling. You have undertaken a work of reform that is worthy your rare ability. The desire to get something for nothing is the greatest evil of our times—has ruined thousands of lives of brightest promise, has made desolate the homes of thousands of happy families and has broken the hearts of thousands of proud fathers and affectionate mothers.

Both your private and your public duty are plain. You must strive to teach both young and old that it is not honorable to get something for nothing by the mere stroke of chance. You must tell the young people who read your paper that it is work, and

THERE WAS NO POLITICS IN IT.

Some of the city politicians are finding fault with the mayor, because on a tie vote he cast his ballot in favor of lights for the new wards, on a resolution offered by a Democratic member.

It is not necessary to say that there was no politics in the proposition to erect five lights in each of the new wards. Those lights were promised the people and that promise should be kept.

The resolution by Alderman Hayne was simply in the line of hastening the performance of a plain duty, and the mayor had promised to do all that could be done within the means of the city for the new wards.

The cry of politics cannot be raised because this resolution was introduced by the only Democratic member of the city council.

The same gentleman has prepared and introduced a bicycle ordinance which will be called politics, too?

The people have a right to expect that the council, being as strongly Republican as it is, will mature measures and pass them by the Republican votes of that council.

But if the Republican members neglect to prepare the measures that were promised the people, the people have a right to get them of some one else.

WOULD BE SHELVED.

The suffragists are after the Journal man. Because he has been disposed to treat them nicely and fairly and diplomatically and all that, they seem to assume that he has got to get in and pull off his coat and fight for their suffrage amendment. Ladies, allow us to confess that we have favored submitting your amendments to the constitution, but have never voted for them. We are even doubtful about submitting another amendment, but suppose, under the initiative, there is no way to head you off. Not many editors will tell you frankly that they do not believe in your proposition. They will dodge and honey around and make you believe they are with you, and then vote solidly to suppress your political activity. But we are not a master hand at lying to a woman, even in politics. Honestly, we think you ought to drop the question. The men are tired of it, but suppose as long as Mrs. Duniway lives she will be bamboozling the legislature into submitting the question. What would they not bamboozle the legislature into if they had full swing?

WAR IN THE EAST IS PROBABLE.

The Journal has given unusual space to the Russian-Japan war and is receiving a special daily telegraphic report giving latest war news.

The present crisis in the Far East calls attention to two volumes which were published last year—Mr. Wirt

Women Praise it

There are thousands of women to-day praising the celebrated Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. When they were run down and in need of a health restorer and regulator they were persuaded to try the Bitters, with the result that they now enjoy perfect health. All sickly women should try it at once. Hostetter's Female Complaints is also un-

Hostetter's Stomach Bitters
 Hostetter's Female Complaints

not chance that wins in this world; that business men of the highest standing no longer have use for young men who play at games of chance for reward. Tell them that it is in small and apparently harmless ways that evil habits formed in youth are flaws in personal character.

Your duty is plain, for you have said that "the private citizen's duty is to obey the laws and set a good example in all things to his fellow-men." In setting a good example it is best to follow the bible injunction to "avoid even the appearance of evil." In discussing this gambling question before your readers, do not misce words, but go in to demolish every gambling scheme from playing marbles for keeps to buying options in Wall street. Recount to your readers the reasons upon which the lottery was denied the United States mails. H reprint, at the head of your editorial columns, the recent report of the Postmaster-General, in which he denounced guessing contests as among the most pernicious schemes that are now enabled to exist by use of the mail system. Go after them, Colonel, and you will have the commendation of all decent people.

All that the Oregonian says in the above about gambling has no application to the purely giving of a gift to subscribers in a manner that was virtually placed in their hands and is safeguarded against any possible chance of fraud or speculation.

No amount of speculating or mathematical demonstration can give one person a better opportunity of guessing the right number.

The Journal diamond ring gift to subscribers is exactly what it is advertised to be—a harmless, innocent and amusing guessing contest—no more or less.

The Portland papers frequently give their subscribers a chance to get an encyclopedia or a chance to get a set of dishes. The Journal dislikes to enter the field of competition with the merchant and the bookseller.

The Journal gives what everybody wants and what is of most permanent and well-known value—a fine diamond of the first water and it is publicly advertised and placed on exhibition with the plan of giving it away.

Gerraro's "Greater Russia" and Mr. F. H. Skrine's "The Expansion of Russia."

The second of these is a history of the growth and extension of Russia since 1815, with considerable reference to the colonizing instinct, the nomad instinct, and the blind impulse of a rapidly-growing population to burst from ice-bound coasts and gain access to warmer waters.

Mr. Skrine says that Russia "has studded Manchuria with military posts in order to safeguard the transcontinental railway routes; but she hesitates to annex that province lest Siberia should be overrun by Chinese emigrants."

Mr. Gerraro's book is a good instance of a volume based on solid knowledge, yet written in a popular way and well illustrated.

The danger to the European powers comes not from Russia's naval or military power, but from her dominating powers over all other races she gets control over.

Russian domination over Asia means that all other nations will be practically excluded from participation in the opening of Asia to the world. The clutches of the tenacious muscovite civilization once fastened on a country are never relaxed. Asia should not be Russified.

STRIKING BELOW THE BELT.

The Statesman editor has had some reference to the fondness of The Journal editor for snerkraut.

We submit in all fairness that this is a violation of the rules of the ring. It is striking below the belt.

The man who eats snerkraut as an article of diet is doing so in pursuance of the liberty guaranteed by the constitution.

The enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness was mentioned in the Declaration of Independence.

What is known as the snerkraut habit has brought up some good citizens and it is a harmless and non-intoxicating beverage.

We are willing to differ with the Statesman editor on some minor matters like giving tips to Pullman car waiters.

But he should not attack our national article of diet. We recommend that he buy a barrel of snerkraut and proceed to replenish his long, lean and lanky form.

Snerkraut will build up his cadaverous, beanpole style of anatomy and possibly get some new ideas into circulation.

LET THE KICKER KICK.

One of the perennial anonymous kickers has adorned the "Editorials by the People" column with a kick on free tickets.

He sneers at the possibility of this city ever amounting to anything and objects to anything being free.

This class of howlers and kickers would destroy free schools and free highways if they had their way. They would have toll bridges and toll roads.

They would abolish free city lighting and have everybody go about with an old tin lantern and a bit of tallow dip stuck in it.

This kicker sneers at "boulevards." There are none to boast of in this city. If you can pull through along some streets with an empty wagon you may well be thankful.

The spirit of resisting all important improvements has been a disgrace to Oregon and especially to the Capital City, where it has predominated to long.

Compare the sneers of these kickers and the bows of these howlers to the enterprise of the farmers of Liberty.

They have by their contributions far in excess of their ability in many instances, built a broken rock road. They have gone farther and voluntarily laid an eight-mill tax on their property to build still better roads.

The disgrace rests on this city of having many of its most prominent city streets in worse order than the county roads.

Get in the Game, Gentlemen.

The Eugene fans are anxiously waiting for the call of President Turner for a meeting to reorganize the Valley Baseball League. It is certainly important, if the league is formed at all to get together at once, complete a circuit and adopt a policy. Eugene is ready in every particular to form a strong local association composed of the business men of the city, and only awaits the meeting of the league to take definite action. The apparent apathy of Salem and Albany in this matter is an enigma, considering the rivalry of last season. Get together, gentlemen.—Eugene Register.

Worse Than Lottery.

"Love, after all, is a lottery."
 "It's worse than that, my boy, for when a man draws a prize it frequently costs him all he's got."—Detroit Free Press.

JOURNAL X-RAYS

The East Oregonian says: "The Oregon Journal is the strongest editorial paper in the state." It is the consensus of opinion that the East Oregonian is correct. Some of its editorials are worse than strong—rank.

It is only a coincidence, of course, but there hasn't been a hold-up in Portland since the Lewis and Clark contingent went of Washington.

An isthmus is a narrow neck of land dividing the United States and Colombia, and reducing the latter to the worst straits.

Another definition of isthmus is "a narrow neck of land connecting the French Panama Canal Company with the United States treasury."

Bryan and Hearst ought to make a good Democratic presidential ticket. Especially in view of the fact that Bryan has been "heard" twice already.

Bryan having been beaten twice for the presidency, generously offers the benefit of his services and advice to those fellow Democrats who desire to follow in his footsteps.

The Virginia legislature has promised \$10,000 for the Lewis and Clark exposition. The tawny mane, and prestige of the name, "Jefferson" of our only Jeff, the Democratic sawhorse of the Santiam, was the pole, so to speak, that knocked the persimmon.

"Politics makes strange bedfellows," says the proverb, and if Mitchell doesn't think he's in room 13 before Harvey gets through with him, there will be several more guesses coming.

Our senior senator should remember that the zodiacal sign just now is not Gemini, and that his association with the Oregonian matador can only be consummated when Pisces rules.

The honest claims of United States citizens against France were admitted by Napoleon when he sold Louisiana—and it was part of the trade that the United States should settle with its citizens all these claims. It has never paid a cent.

Roscoe Conkling said the United States was "the meanest creditor and the hardest debtor in creation."

Dallas has had a goat show, and it might be incidentally remarked that the lady goat is more of a success as a butter than a milker.

This great free country has given \$5,000,000 to St. Louis to celebrate the acquisition of Louisiana. Would it not be appropriate while celebrating the event to pay the balance of the purchase price it owes to its own citizens?

Now that the goats have been given "a show" the equal suffrage amendment looms up as being next in line.

The Roseburg Plaiudealer indorses the Cello canal, but objects to the portage road. Recollections of the Umpqua improvement are still "fond."

The livestock convention has adjourned, but it gave Portland a beautiful collection of assorted taffies.

The Ben Davis apple came out of the recent fruit growers' convention with the total loss of its reputation. Benjamin should be more careful of his company.

The cattle men and wool growers in their Portland conventions showed that they can lie together, and so far as heard from they made it a stand-off in that art.

When the cattle men and wool growers got back on the range, in the light of their recent hobnobbing, the least that can be expected of them is that they will say, "After you, my Dear Gaston," before they take a shot at each other.

People who were dissatisfied with Patti's singing, should remember that

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her ads read: "This will be your last chance to 'see' Patti."
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The latest industry, Indian baskets made by Salem Indians.
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The Oregonian is too moral to allow it to lend itself to an "innocent, harmless and amusing guessing contest." It objects to giving the people something for nothing. It has never been guilty. It has always given them nothing for something.
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Ex-Alderman Stoik has our thanks for a second keg of his delicious Oregon-made sauer kraut. This wonderful brand of a genuine article from his factory has become a household word with most of the people who enjoy that harmless stimulant and invigorating brain food. It would be a fine addition to the Statesman editor's bill of fare.
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For the first time in many years the Salemite enjoyed the luxury of shoveling snow.
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The hypercritical moralist would brand a harmless guessing contest or a friendly game of cards or checkers as gambling. Well, some people have of late their moral superiority in some way or other, and are probably entitled to the benefit of the last resort.
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It should hereafter be spelled Patti instead of Patti. She weighs 300.

A Big Kick

A man makes when his laundry is sent home with porcupine quills and spready buttonholes. It would bring his linen to an up-to-date laundry where perfect methods obtain at all times, such as the Salem Steam Laundry, he would receive his shirts, collars and cuffs equal to new every time that we send them home.

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