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amounted to less than \$5,000,000, and upon such a quantity of goods the duties, even at Dingley rates, cut no figure.

With infinite gronnings the trusts present their proposals in the Senate to agree to a reduction of Dingley rates by one-quarter upon goods coming to our ports from the Philippines.

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to qualify his statements whenever his attention was called to errors of a few million or billion in his "figures," and, unless Jim Hill is really endeavoring to crowd Jim Ham out of a field in which the latter has always been long and strong, we may expect a correction, either of the figures on the wheat-producing capacity of North Dakota or the size of the biscuits in common use among the inhabitants of China.

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the same number of carpenters worked a year with as many tools as there were planks in the library? Would blacksmiths, farmers, or real estate agents be picked under similar circumstances? The fact of the matter is that in the world at large the plain and practical precepts of the ten commandments have been nearly lost in the maze of modern laws and the homely "thou shalt not steal" means less than "don't get caught at it."

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OREGON OZONE.

The Willamette Meteorite. (Found near Willamette, Or., and recently placed on exhibition at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, under the supervision of Dr. Day, Honorary Commissioner of Mines and Metallurgy, in its custody.)

That ever has meteorized Out of the infinite leagues of light Onto the earth beighted.

Then was I loaded upon a van— From the vast of vapor Dragg'd about by the midg'd, Man, Captive in curious capt'!

Now that strenuous Ted Has gone over to the red Of the sea in a submarine, He should come to the Fair And go up in the air

Dr. Uhlennutz, a Prussian military surgeon, has discovered a method whereby the presence of horsehair in sausage may be detected.

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LETTERS ON CURRENT TOPICS

Attorney Bennett Explains His Participation in That Poker Game—Chairman Boothe on Graft and Irrigation—The Ashland High School—A Few Remarks on Adam and Eve.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 31.—(To the Editor.)—A good deal of notoriety has been given to the fact of myself and others participating in a poker game at a private room in one of the Portland hotels, some days ago.

ALFRED S. BENNETT. In this particular case it goes without saying that there were no such considerable sums won or lost by any one, as has been reported, and I think it may be safely assumed from the persons engaged that no one had any other object in view except a passing hour.

GRAFT AND IRRIGATION. PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—(To the Editor.)—The editorial in The Oregonian August 29, regarding the "Graft and Irrigation" is such a splendid summing up of the objects to which the Thirteenth National Irrigation Congress might have confined its attention.

PUT UP MONUMENT TO EVE. CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 25.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian of August 23 the following: "Since Mark Twain has failed in his efforts to induce Elmiria, N. Y., to build a monument to Adam, the Portland following records on this subject and build a monument to Eve. It would please the ladies and make Joaquin Miller happy."

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SOUTHERN PENSIONS. Correction of a Widespread Misapprehension on the Subject. Nashville American. The Memphis Commercial-Appeal having made the remarkable statement that "there is hardly a dollar of Civil War pensions spent in the South," the Knoxville Journal, edited by an expansion agent at Knoxville, an office through which several millions of pension money is paid every year, gives figures showing that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, the sum of \$25,025,377 was paid to pensioners in Southern States, including over \$7,900,000 for Missouri, Kentucky pensions are paid from Louisville, and those in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland from Washington.

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used to stop, waiting to take another car. I hold that cars are under obligation to stop for passengers, and the passenger has a right to determine where he wishes to go, and not the conductor.

W. G. ROBERTS. HIGH SCHOOL AT ASHLAND. City Spends Nearly \$40,000 for New Building. ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 31.—(To the Editor.)—An editorial in The Oregonian of August 29 again does great injustice to the Southern Oregon State Normal School at Ashland in saying that this school, with Weston, Drain and Monmouth normals, are in fact local high schools supported by the local people.

FAILURES IN INSURANCE. Record of Old Line Companies. What They Have Done. PORTLAND, Aug. 30.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian of August 29, in an article on "Fraternal Insurance Orders," it is stated that "there are now in the United States but 34 remain." Challenge the correctness of the statement, none can give it. They should be ready to show a list of old-line companies organized, of these 75 have disappeared.

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