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The time that passes there scarcely counts toward growing old and what is learned counts not at all among humdrum realities.

standing that exists regarding the exact status of the ocean carrying trade. Our people have been led to believe that our foreign commerce is suffering because there is an insufficient number of American ships with which to handle it.

title role, has been put upon the boards in New York. Actresses and waiters are to testify to circumstances in support of the statement that Howard Gould is a man "impossible for any woman to live with and maintain her self-respect."

The Albany Democrat is greatly offended because The Oregonian printed a cartoon showing the threatened rivalry for party favor between Governor Chamberlain and Mayor Lane.

COMMENT ON CURRENT STATE TOPICS

Laborers of the State Text-book Commission at Salem—Why the Exchange of Old for New Books Will Cost Little—Small Publishing Houses and Their Growing Importance—Troubles of the Railroad Commission—A Modern Pooh-Bah Over the State Line—Jonathan Bourne's Nauseum.

SELECTION of public school textbooks for use of the public schools of Oregon for the next six years was the most important event in this state during the past week.

BOOKKEEPING and business practice will probably be taught with much more satisfactory results in the future than in the past, for the Text-book commission adopted what A. K. Bourne has made a checking system.

OREGON'S new Railroad Commission is evidently expected to cure all the ills of the transportation business. During the past week an Eastern Oregon woman complained to the commission that she had lost a trunk that had come West from an Atlantic state, and she wanted aid in finding it.

ONE of the interesting developments of the recent meeting of the State Textbook Commission was the growing importance of the small publishing houses in the textbook business.

While feeling sorry for ourselves that strawberries are so high-priced, let us remember the growers and take comfort in the thought of what we should do in their boots.

THE success of the small publishers is of interest to the people, because it gives a measure of assurance that no combination exists or will exist for the purpose of preventing competition.

JACKSON COUNTY real estate business is evidently about as active as nearly anywhere in Oregon. During the month of May there were 513 transfers—a pretty good number for a county the size of Jackson, and as far distant from the commercial center of the state.

COMMENCEMENT. Washington (D. C.) Herald: New Mabel's mind is much awry. Yet very much inclined to cry.

COMMENCEMENT. Washington (D. C.) Herald: What means this far-away, gauzy, Mabel walking in her sleep? With vacant gaze, Oh, boy! 'tis just the usual deep commencement days.

FRENCH RESTAURANTS.

Mr. Ruef seems to have played the part of a guardian angel to the French restaurants in San Francisco. Probably most guardian angels, of the decent sort at least, would prefer to exercise their watchful care over something less nauseous than these resorts, but from all accounts Mr. Ruef was not particular so long as he received his "fee."

A PLEA FOR LAWYERS.

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THE LAND OF TOMORROW.

Any statement that appears in connection with the name of John Barrett, director of the International Bureau of the American Republics, commands attention in this community.

THE LIQUOR TRADE ON SUNDAYS.

Prohibition of the sale of liquors on Sundays is now enforced in nearly all our cities. It is not done on the ground that Sunday is a holy or sacred day, nor that any other day would be as good a day for regulation.

A THEORETICAL LOSS.

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