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PORTLAND, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1904.

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SOUND ADVICE. Mr. Herman Wittengen has demonstrated again his ability, as member of the Public School Board of this city, in an advisory capacity. His position upon material questions has not always been anticipated by his colleagues of the board, nor yet by the taxpayers of the district, since it has seemed, at times, that his enthusiasm in educational matters has caused him to overlook, or go in advance of, the economy in resources that is necessary, in justice to all concerned, in providing for and maintaining the schools.

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Spirit of the Northwest Press

One Reading of McBride.

Haitian of Revue. The "moral issue" McBride alludes is contained in his candidacy in the issue as to whether or not the nomination for Governor can be won by boasting.

Names That Are Irresistible.

Astoria Arizonian. Isn't it just a trifle remarkable that H. J. Frye should be president of the Astoria Commercial Club and H. C. Calk president of the Portland Commercial Club?

Demanding the Impossible.

Woodburn Independent. One of Oregon has cause, if not reason, to think that, with his wonderful influence at Washington, Mr. Bingger Hermann could secure a Congressional appropriation for the rivers and harbors.

Take a Tumble, Brethren.

Hood River Glacier. Notices of a meeting of the Republican State Central Committee, which went to the county press and labeled "news items." The very same notice appears in The Oregonian among the paid advertisements.

Rebuke for the Smart Set.

Aberdeen Bulletin. Judging from the crowd at the library last night the so-called "69" of Aberdeen has no interest in its success. Those who gave of their means and showed their good will by attending realize that there is something in life besides dancing and cards.

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Dictionary of Naval Terms.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

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Blockade.—Blockade is the closing of a port to commerce. Formerly a declaration of blockade was considered sufficient, but now a blockade must be "effective." That is to say, the blockading fleet must have sufficient force on the scene to actually prevent access from entering the port.

Torpedo-boat.—The torpedo is the deadliest weapon in naval warfare. It is fired from a tube, usually below the water line, to prevent a shot from exploding the torpedo in the tube—by powder impulse or by compressed air. The torpedo is fitted with compressed air, and a propeller driven by compressed air. It travels below the surface at a speed of 25-30 knots and has a good effective range of 600-800 yards.

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Price cuts job.

Captain Spencer makes a spo'tin' offer. Fire has taken the starch out of Oswego. Scratch a Russian and you won't find a sailor.

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