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Portland, Tuesday, November 29. Official returns for President and Governor at the recent election in the State of Washington are at last available...

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restrained license. And when three out of every four or five fish caught at the Cascades bear marks of the down-river nets, it is evident that few salmon escape.

The long open season should be shortened either by extending the closed season to May 15 or by instituting the closed Sunday. The latter does not seem at all possible, however, without co-operation of the State of Washington...

PHENOMENAL TRANS-PACIFIC TRADE. The Occidental & Oriental liner Gaelic, which sailed from San Francisco for the Orient last month, will proceed from Hong Kong to Europe, where she will be refitted or placed in the freight service...

IMPORTANCE OF COALING STATIONS. Lord Lansdowne's warning to British shipowners that they must not charter steamers to collect coal which had outlived their usefulness on the Atlantic or had become too small for the trade...

THE CANADIANS HAVE NOT THROWN ANY SHELLS AT OUR FISHING FLEET. The Canadians have not thrown any shells at our fishing fleet, but they have gathered in a few peaceful Yankees who were herring fishing way down in Passamaquoddy Bay...

THE ACCURACY OF THE FORECASTS OF THE WEATHER BUREAU ON LAST WEEK'S STORMS was remarkable, and shipmasters who heeded the storm warnings and remained snug in port saved money for the underwriters and much unpleasantness for themselves...

A MODERN TRAVELER. The traveling library rivals in usefulness and perhaps much exceeds in interest the old-fashioned trunk or the costly library of the great city. To have a thirst for knowledge and a love of reading ingratiated on account of isolation from centers of population and inability to purchase books is a real hardship...

TOO MANY SALMON CAUGHT. Salmon were relatively scarce in Columbia waters this year; at least that is the general verdict. Supply of fish was so slack that hatcheries secured only one-fourth the quantity of eggs of the season preceding. Yet canneries and pickling plants made larger packs than in 1903.

to make his money "talk" before election, says in a general sort of a way that Turner lost 7000 votes by the failure of the election judges to interpret properly the marking on the tickets.

The spectacle presented by a drunken boy is, if possible, more appalling than that presented by a drunken woman for the reason that the latter is supposed at least to have reached the age of discretion and personal responsibility.

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HOW JOHNSON WAS ELECTED. One of the results of the 8th of November was the election of a Democratic Governor in Minnesota, where Roosevelt won an enormous majority. The St. Paul Pioneer Press says that many erroneous statements have been made about the cause or causes of it; and it undertakes to clear the matter up, using as its text a statement made by the New York Evening Post. Similar ones have been made by an immense number of newspapers. The article by the Pioneer Press follows, viz: We are indebted to the good New York Evening Post for the interesting and instructive story of how Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, won his election to office. "Some ten days before election a campaign circular was sent broadcast stating that Johnson's father had died in a poor and that his mother was in a hospital. This is something new. No one in Minnesota ever saw or heard of any campaign circular. It is true that the papers published the story which they said was the subject of this campaign circular. But such a campaign circular was never issued, and the only story ever published on the subject was the circular which was given by the pretense of defending him from it. It was a very different story from that which the Post alleged. The alleged charge from which they defended Johnson was that his parents were poor, but that he had neglected to take care of one of them at least, when he was amply able to do so. They published the story as a pretense of defending him from it. Johnson's poor mother and sister, as if boys of that kind were very uncommon. But in thus assuming to defend Johnson, we were presented with a story which it is much to be doubted whether this appeal to public sympathy for a wrong which had not been done him won him the approval of the people."

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SPIRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS. Rival Editor a Dude. Klamath Express. The bald-headed dude that edits (?) the Klamath Express is a Socialist. If we were a Socialist we should feel compelled by the appellation, for some of the brightest intellects in the world today advocate the doctrines of Karl Marx.

Keep Your Eye on Pasco. Pasco Express. We understand that a proposition will soon be made by responsible parties for drilling an artesian well in Pasco, and also for installing a system of electric lights. In case such a proposition comes up, the Express hopes Pasco will pull on its socks and get out to saw wood.

Has Candidates for Penitentiary. Mitchell Sentinel. Some miscreant that no doubt calls himself a man of letters, has turned the faucet on the water main. And if Mr. Misener had not discovered them, we would have let all the water out of the reservoir. We have some candidates for the state penitentiary, but they will not take no for an answer.

Teachers Come Last. McMinnville Telephone-Register. Our Legislatures appropriate money to build drop-hatcheries, and the employees receive good wages; they appropriate money to pay bounties, appropriate money for fairs and to build railroads, and we pay the taxes without complaining. In fact, when the state pays a teacher, the most useful of citizens, it is impossible.

Praise for Judge George. Chetahs Bee-Nugget. A decision has recently been rendered by Judge George in Oregon that will prove a crushing blow to gambling in that state. Washington has a good law on the statute books, but there are a few rotten politicians who are so stupid that they will not let the law be enforced. The Mayor and public officers do not do their duty and gambling is allowed to flourish. This will be remedied in time and the present and future generations will be the better for the law.

Retribution for Wife-Deserters. Tillamook Headlight. We sincerely hope that the state Legislature will make it a penitentiary offense for a man to desert his wife. That is only right, for most of us know of incidents, and right here in Tillamook, where men have deserted their wives and families without as much as providing a penny for the support of their wives and children. The boys are getting in a buggy and expect to return loaded down.

Port Orford's First Twins. Port Orford Tribune. The popular Port Orford record is increasing at a 2-40 gain. The stork bestowed its blessing upon the home of George Forty last Sunday at 2:30 P. M. and produced the arms of the happy parents a daughter for the first time. The girls are as fine twins as he ever saw, and that all parties are doing nicely. They are said to be the first twins born in Port Orford since the war, when the market will soon be glutted with goose flesh. The boys are getting in a buggy and expect to return loaded down.

Colonel Hofer Injests Politicians. Salem Journal. Political factions at Portland are stirred up over alleged discoveries of rotten sewer construction. The Simon faction is trying to make capital out of the Mitchell faction out of a defective piece of sewer work. The matter is being exaggerated on both sides, and to hear some of the out-talk, there is a wholesome era of corruption. It may be plain to all citizens that to resort to reform cries only to do up some other element in politics is not reform. In party politics reform comes about only when honest men are put in control of political organizations. They must be firm enough and honest enough to stand off both the hoodler in politics and the hoodler in citizenship. For let it be said that the hoodler in politics is on the part of the citizen to corrupt politicians as there is on the part of the politician to corrupt the Government.

OUT OF THE GINGER JAR. "They say she spends twice as much money as any other woman for complexion powder." "Of course, she does. She is two-faced." "Judge." Mrs. Grinch—if I should die you would never get another wife, would you? You say as I have done. Mr. Grinch—No; not if I could help it.—Chicago News.

One of Parker's Mistakes. Hartford Courant. In a long, frank, and fairly exhaustive catalogue of Alton B. Parker's campaign mistakes, the Memphis Commercial Appeal (Dem.) includes his extremely foolish attack on Governor Luke Wright of the Philippines. "He was not aware, it remarks, that he was attacking a gentleman who in 1898 was the strongest man in the South—a man whose politics is no bar to preferment because he is bigger than partisanry."