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AS TO CONVICT LABOR: It would be impossible to employ the labor of convicts in any way in which it would not come in competition with free and honorable wage labor...

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE: Mr. J. G. Elliott, of Coifax, Washington, addresses The Oregonian thus: "You would not like to have the question on the number of inhabitants as at present?"

GOOD ROADS AND THE MOSKOBAC: At the Good Roads Convention which closed at Salem last Friday there was an apparent unanimity of opinion in favor of placing public road construction under the supervision of trained men...

THE JURY SYSTEM: Attorney-General Crawford has rendered an opinion holding that under the Oregon constitution the Legislature has no power to enact a law providing for verdicts by less than a full jury...

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE: Sir A. Conan Doyle recently made this statement in London. We have it through cable to the New York World: Americans are our own stock; they can have no more and no less tendency to lawlessness than any other people...

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Cheerful English Breakfast: Ladies Field. Breakfast is perhaps the only unpleasant item of a London Winter. You come down every morning to the same yellow eggs on the table and the same yellow fog outside...

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of temptation, and have strong laws stringently administered without fear or favor. NOW TO COME TO A HEAD. It is news here that comes by the way of Washington, that Puter, the Watson woman and others have made a confession implicating Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann in the land frauds...

THE FIGHT THAT FAILED: We have not yet recovered from the shock occasioned by the recent newspaper revelation of the sanguinary possibilities of the famous meeting between Colonel Greene, promoter, who was hard hit in the stock market, and Thomas W. Lawson, who hit the Colonel. It will be recalled that the wires were last week crowded with thrilling accounts of the approaching encounter...

When Representative Humphrey, of Washington, was in Portland as a member of the Merchants' Marine Commission, he bewailed the fact that the American merchant marine had shrunk to such small proportions that a subsidy was urgently needed in order to make it possible to build more ships...

Chicago has long been noted for the bustle and push of her citizens. There is something in the atmosphere of the Windy City that seems to have a tendency to accelerate the pace of all who become incited with the Chicago fever...

The sunshine which came glinting through the fluffy clouds yesterday was warm enough to cause any one but an Oregonian to wonder if this really was December. The pleasing effects of an ideal Oregon Winter day were heightened by a perusal of the Eastern news dispatches...

There are some people in our country—not many—who are awfully afraid of the word "strut." They are a few and a few warships, and have fortifications on the coast at exposed places, we shall therefore be not wholly unprepared for resistance, if war should be forced on us...

The new novel which Miss Hallie Ermie Rives says she will write will probably be full of color. Telegraphic advices continue to drift in from the various one-night stands where Hallie is visiting, informing us that she has just been called for her new novel...

The member of the Scandinavian royal family who is said to be desirous of marrying Miss Alice Roosevelt is Prince Gustavus Adolphus, aged 22. He is the eldest son of Gustavus, the Prince Royal, and is therefore heir presumptive to the throne of Sweden and Norway...

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NOTE AND COMMENT. Tokio reports that the battleship Sevastopol has been successfully torpedoed ten times. The torpedoes must be burn specimens if there is enough of the Sevastopol left to make a paper-weight.

Another Definition. "Pa, what's the difference between a drama and a melodrama?" "About six feet."

Alphonse and Gaston have none the better of Nogt and Stoessel. President Eliot's story, says the Springfield Republican, about the latest Harvard student he ever knew is good enough to become an American classic.

The most profane profanity on earth is probably the old-man colloquial haunting the paint lot in the Meibourne Princess Theatre. Recently an imported actress ventured to caress this remarkable bird...

A recent "East Lynne" company, playing in Macdonald, broke the crowd up. Just before the play while being "Little Willie" coughs himself into eternity, it was found that the scene was not ready...

Mrs. Ennis, a leading light in Adelaide Society for Hindrance of Ferocity to Beasts, has applied to be made a member of the committee. She is a very boy who checks his power on the streets expect to be arrested and marched off to the lockup in a novel and romantic manner...

Another example of the atrocious sweating methods introduced to the Victorian railways by Manager Tait turned up in the Argus' other day. A correspondent from Euros writes: "Many women in charge of stations actually receive no pay, while others receive only the nominal pay of 1s (25 cents) per day..."

WEX J. PROPORTION OF THE SEXES. From a bulletin recently issued by the Census Bureau we get information as to the proportion of the sexes in the various countries, which affords matter for curious and interesting study. It appears that in the year 1900 there were 1,638,000 more males than females, of about two in each 100 persons...

The worst-tempered set of men in and around Sydney, taken as a class, are members of fowl-laying clubs. During competitions—and they are whales for egg-laying competitions—they cheat, cheat, and backbite worse than pony-racers. The things they say about fellow hen-owners are blood-curdling...

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