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Portland, Friday, April 21, 1905. NOT WORTHY OF FRANCE. France is playing a part unworthy of her.

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counties are to pay state taxes on a scale proportionate to the annual amount of their expenditures, respectively, during five-year periods.

The Oregonian concedes that some increase of the general valuation is necessary, from year to year.

ROOSEVELT AND A THIRD TERM. The charter of the New York World about President Roosevelt and a third term may be intended seriously, but it has the appearance of a stupendous joke.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. Now doth the busy milliner improve the shining hours By covering frames for Easter day, with artificial flowers.

It is to be hoped that when Secretary Loeb started on his 30-mile trip, as mounted messenger, he provided himself with a bottle of witch hazel.

Of Judge Alton B. Parker's latest, the Chicago Tribune says: "He, being dead, yet speaketh."

Our office boy thinks President Roosevelt ought not to try to catch grazies with his bear hands.

Unlike the big league towns early in the season, Portland does not need stoves in the grandstand.

Hired men of the Equitable formally asking the proprietor to resign presents a new phase in the labor problem worth studying by trade economists.

Grafting Murphy, of Tammany, may plead in extenuation that he is no worse than the Red Cross Society of St. Petersburg.

Now that Andrew Carnegie has unthinkingly declared that the only true aristocracy is made up of men who serve their fellow men, perhaps it will be well to dispense with restaurant and hotel tips.

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