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CRIMES OF THE CATTLEMEN. Along with the breath of Springtime, along with the swelling brooks...

THE UNFORTUNATE OREGONIAN. The Irrigator Irrigator, who has become a high and lofty tumbling, having turned a complete flip...

THE MUSIC OF THE THING. Albany Democrat. Senator Mitchell et al., have injured their cause...

MEDICAL ADVICE. Butcher, baker, merchant, weaver! Is your lack of custom chronic?

are absolute necessities for bodies worn and nerves run down from the strain of city work. No single interest among the many that make up our common life can stand back to say good words are no concern of ours.

MARRIED MEN TO THE RESCUE. Miss Nan Patterson, howgirl, with all that the name implies in fondness for dress and display...

THE CASE OF TOM BROWN. A revolting story is being told from day to day before the court in Chehalis in which the State of Washington is prosecutor and Tom Brown, an untutored, unkempt and all of his life an abused and uncared-for 17-year-old boy is defendant.

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to these lands is still vested in the Government, and in the eyes of the Government, the rights of the sheepman are as sacred as those of his wealthier opponent, the cattlemen. Unfortunately, no determination has ever been made to curb this lawlessness, which breaks out as regularly as the buds of Springtime, and this fact has a most detrimental effect on that section of the state where the outrages take place.

No homeseeker who comes to the state with the intention of remaining here will care to settle in a district where murder goes unpunished simply because local public sentiment is in favor of the murderer. The picket lines of law and order are, of course, each year being extended a little farther into "Darkest Oregon," but the stigma of crime will not be removed from some portions of Southeastern Oregon until there is more of a tendency among all settlers in that region to aid in hunting down and bringing to justice the ruffianed murderer.

It is hoped, as seems more than probable, it will be, according to her own wishes, a married man's victory, influenced by a fellow feeling for me in the strait in which Caesar Young found himself, and from which she escaped by the fate of suicide or murder.

There is another reason given for the great desire of this defendant—a woman lost to all sense of virtue and even of common decency—to secure a jury of married men before whom her delinquencies were to be exposed, and as a last resort, a plea for mercy was to be entered, namely, that married men regard with more leniency than do unmarried men the emotional nature of women which leads them, or may lead them, to commit social sins.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Bank clerks that cannot settle here settle in Honduras.

Honesty is the best policy, better even than an Equitable.

If we were about to commit suicide we should not choose the gas method. There is always a doubt in the minds of the people as to whether or not the suicide was intentional.

The Baltimore Herald presents a picture of the President "in full suiting regalia."

We used to think the advertisements of "Dr. Queer's Quick Cures" in the Irrigator were "joshes," but have now come to the conclusion that they are genuine patent medicine boasts.

The Irrigator's grave condemnation of ironical paragraphs leads us to believe that it is more matter-of-fact than we had suspected, and it is certainly to be deplored that a reputable country paper should advertise the ridiculous "Q. Q. Q." as a panacea for mortal ills, from biliousness to baldness.

"Nan" an endearing twist of Ann or Nancy? There would be far less interest in Nan Patterson's trial if she were known as Ann Patterson, and although Nancy Patterson would be better than Ann, it lacks the jolly brevity of Nan.

Carnegie has given \$10,000,000 to found a home for supernatant college professors. Far better to chloroform the brutes.

In a county with a name such as Ashtabula anything is possible. A farmer there—Ashtabula County is in Ohio—has discovered that the heat generated in a hive of bees is just the thing for hatching eggs, far better than a hen's or an incubator's heat and two days quicker.

Guerrero, the Spanish dancer who is at present charming Londoners, is in the habit of wearing all her jewels by day as well as by night. She says in explanation that the precious possessions are less likely to be stolen from her own care than from a bank or safe.

Pacific University, at Forest Grove, has won ten out of fourteen debates in which it has participated. This is a record of which the school may be proud even though it should lose every football contest in which it may engage.

The debating societies of the colleges are admirable training schools for future public men and their institution which develops good debaters may feel assured that it is accomplishing practical results. To be a good debater requires quick and accurate reasoning, good command of language, breadth of reading, aptness in illustration, eloquence of speech, gracefulness of manner and an understanding of human nature.

If Charles M. Schwab returns from Russia with orders for a big fleet of warships, some of his indiscretions in connection with a shipbuilding combine which built no ships may be forgotten. The United States is now reaping some of the benefits accruing from the splendid work of our battleships during the war with Spain, and it is a matter of indifference who brings home the orders so long as they are brought to American yards.

Kesloff, terror of the nihilists, at the age of 63 years, has been called from retirement to fill the position of Governor-General of Moscow. The Russian public in consequence fears a revival of harsh measures and more bloodshed. Attempts have been made on Kesloff's life at numerous times in the past, and with most of the imperial family frightened into very close cover, he may now meet the fate he has thus far escaped.

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ARE OUR RAILROAD RATES TOO HIGH?

Interesting Figures by an Expert, Compiled in Behalf of the Railroad Companies—Relation of Revenue to Wages—Foreign Statistics.

Washington, D. C.—(Special to the Chicago Inter-Ocean.) The interest in the Senate committee hearings on railway rate regulation is growing. Railroad men and attorneys have been heard, and ministers are to follow. A number of shippers have requested to be heard. The committee itself has called on several experts. One of these is the well-known Chicago journalist, Sisson Thompson, who has become recognized as the leading statistician in the country, especially in railroad matters.

As to American Freight Rates. That freight rates on American railways are the lowest in the world, and had steadily tended downward until the recent advance in wages and material, is proved by the following statements compiled by Mr. Thompson:

Average revenue per ton per mile, trucking. 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