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PORTLAND, MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1905.

IT IS A PUZZLE. The Oregonian never has expressed a doubt that Senator Mitchell, and others under indictment, are innocent of the charges preferred against them.

CLEARING IT UP. A paper at Pendleton, the East Oregonian, makes this statement: The Oregonian has roasted every newspaper that has dared to question the Fair management, or Portland's action.

IT MEANS JAPAN HAS WON. It is not likely that Japan will at this time forego or abandon any military advantage she may possess.

THE WHEAT-CROPS CRISIS. New wheat has already commenced to move toward the markets in Oklahoma, Texas and parts of Kansas.

HOW MUCH SHOULD RUSSIA PAY? Russia wants peace, but does not want to pay for it. That is the secret of her hesitation about conferring on her peace plenipotentiaries full power to negotiate any conditions with her enemy.

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THE INDICTION OF A NUMBER OF PROMINENT SAN FRANCISCO MEN IN CONNECTION WITH A PIRATE SAILING RAID BY CAPTAIN ALEX McLEAN HAS REAWAKENED INTEREST IN THAT SENSATIONAL SEA ROVER.

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is apparent from London's description of the famous poet. London makes him out to be a very handsome, graceful-looking man of great strength, well read and a deep thinker.

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of the territorial concessions that China was willing to make.

The United States appears to sanction the principle of a money indemnity; but its own practice has been singularly in conflict with the rule.

The money indemnity is not yet recognized as a permanent principle of international law.

"Geologist" who writes a long communication regarding the Nehalem beewax legend, explaining the presence of bees in the wax as being due to their being caught by the stuff and held imprisoned while trying to analyze it.

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OREGON OZONE.

The postmaster at Tonopah, Nev., has gone on a strike. He announces that no more mail will be delivered until the government pays him several hundred dollars, which he claims as due.

A Magazine Gone Up. The Wag—Well, I understand that new magazine has gone up.

The Clinic Was Safe. "Come and have something on me," said Deadbroke to his chum; "I'm flush today."

The Pardonable Lie. "There is only one situation wherein it is permissible to tell a lie," said the Rev. Mr. Longface.

Lewis and Clark Journal Up to Date. Portland, June 18.—We very much fear that if Astoria is to be discovered this year the President will have to send out another expedition to do it.

Untaged Puns. Somebody has said that the fountain of laughter and the fountain of tears are very close together.

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THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

An Appreciation of Charles J. Bonaparte, One of the Descendants of the Great Napoleon—A Rugged, Original Character and Master of Irony.

New Orleans Picayune. Charles J. Bonaparte, the man who has been selected by the President to succeed Paul Morton as Secretary of the Navy, might be described as a rugged character. His is a strong personality, and his individuality is pronounced.

Though few men in Baltimore have received more newspaper attention than Mr. Bonaparte, people generally have little knowledge of the personal side of the man. He is reserved in his manner, and is in no sense a clubman, but sticks to his business in the daytime, and for the most part, to his home at night.

He was 17 years of age June 18, 1848, when he was graduated from Harvard in 1871, and from the Harvard Law School three years later. The following year he married Ellen Ellen, daughter of the late Senator Charles Marshall.

Mr. Bonaparte lives the simple life, and it is a pity Pastor Wagner did not meet him during his visit to America last fall, as an affinity would have, perhaps, been established between the two men.

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