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Portland, Friday, July 14, 1905. THE CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTORY. One peruses the autobiographies in this little volume with feelings like a little boy's running past a graveyard in the night.

AN UNCERTAIN WHEAT MARKET. The energetic bears in the Chicago wheat market have succeeded in reducing prices about 6 cents per bushel in the past three or four days.

High prices for wheat have a tendency to increase production and at the same time restrict consumption. The latter feature of the matter is less noticeable in this country in times of general prosperity like the present than when times are hard and the purchasing powers of the people are much curtailed.

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significant State of Rhode Island, actually representing Standard Oil, in the United States Senate, is sold to out-weight in that body the whole trans-Atlantic region.

Alger boasts of his 187 votes in the Congressional Convention of 1888 as proudly as if he had not bought some negro delegations and fallen in an attempt to buy the rest. He says nothing of the 3500 soldiers who died of preventable disease in the Spanish War, to about 250 killed on the battlefield; and of course his silence is wise.

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into hysterics. It is not at all complimentary to the judgment or intelligence of Secretary Wilson that he feels called on to keep his associates under lock and key, with telephonic communication cut, and the windows watched, for hours before the report is issued.

A week has passed since the celebration of the Fourth of July and the usual harvest of death and suffering as a result of freerackers' injudiciously exploded has been as yet to be gathered. From statistics so far as obtained at least 100 children will die and about 4000 have been injured.

The American flag is not a banner that can be trampled, the flag which imparts purity when the trailing is done for the purpose of dishonoring the flag and the American people.

The Governor of Wyoming, the Governor of Ohio and the Governor of California were entertained at the Exposition grounds Wednesday—not by the Chief Executive of the great State of Oregon, who had more important business to attend to in his own State.

The programme of the Methodist Congress, now being held in this city, at which five states are represented, is a suggestive document. Subjects handled touch nearly every side of personal and social life.

There are a great many poetic gems drifting around the literary world without known sponsors, and accident occasionally reveals the source from which they sprang. One of these "unknowns" reads thusly:

Among other things worth boasting of is Portland's good behavior since the Fair opened. The city has been notably free from disorder and petty crimes.

OREGON OZONE.

Rah! Rah! Rah!—Yaie! Great is the belly of Father Yale! More of a marvel than Jonah's whale!

Walter Scott, the Death Valley Croesus, has started for New York, "to buy out the whole world of whisky."

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LETTERS ON CURRENT TOPICS

General American Discourse Unitarianism—Direct Primary and the People—East Side High School—The Nuisance of Tobacco.

PORTLAND, July 13.—(To the Editor.)—We have recently had in Portland an assembly officially designated "The Pacific Coast Conference of Unitarian and Other Christian Churches."

It is claimed by many that the Prophet of Nazareth did not claim to be God. The statements of the New Testament are too positive to justify this assumption. He states too emphatically that "I and the Father are one."

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FAVORS DIRECT PRIMARY.

LEBANON, Or., July 13.—(To the Editor.)—The trouble with your Salem correspondent's theory of the direct-primary law and the fact that the Senatorship would be entirely vitiated by the object of its promoters—the people. No Multnomah or other representative would make a campaign for his own nomination.

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SITE OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL.

Should the City Make Change in Location? PORTLAND, July 13.—(To the Editor.)—In regard to the proposed agitation concerning the location of the new High School, I desire to say that not only do I feel convinced that a serious mistake has been made in selecting the site at present proposed, but that a rapidly increasing number of taxpayers realize that the action was hasty and ill-considered.

During the coming week the National Conference of Charities and Correction will be in session in our city, and there is a possibility of a further and more complete share of the necessary tax would be too insignificant to deserve consideration, especially when one reflects upon the seriousness of the question involved.

MITCHELL AND FACTION.

Responsibility for the Present Low Estate of the Republican Party in Oregon. Grant's Pass Observer. Mitchell has been the bane of the Republican party in Oregon and he is likely to continue so to the last. If, knowing as he did, the inevitable political annihilation, but it is clear enough that this expedient will not save him. The population of Cape Colony, including the territories, is, in round numbers, 1,300,000, and the white population is 200,000, colored and 600,000 of the native group.

Some newspapers act on the assumption that the Republicans who have been friendly to Senator Mitchell will be added to the list in the United States courts at Portland. It is mildly suggested that most assumption is not apt to bring those Republicans any nearer to bring with the other side, and it is not clear that the sooner will not be the better in uniting the two sides of the Republican party.

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Is There No Way to Keep Him Out of the Streets?

PORTLAND, July 13.—(To the Editor.)—I was much interested in your article on pure food in this morning's issue. We cannot do too much to hasten the hour when all who engage in the sale of food or drugs shall be driven out of business. Surely they have no right to exist.

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