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Portland, Monday, Aug. 28, 1905. SMALL PROBABILITY OF PEACE.

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OREGON OZONE.

A Kansas State Senator who was flayed by William Allen White in an editorial "a hoodler" or "chump" writes Mr. White, denying that he is a hoodler, but admitting that he is a chump.

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MITCHELL, VICTIM OF REFORM FLURRY

Like Many Offenders, He Is Said to Be "No Worse Than Others" and No More Deserving of Penalty.

New York, Evening Post. "Senator Mitchell may have been a victim of one of the waves of reform which is now sweeping over the country." This explanation of the conviction of Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, transferred by his court to the United States, is given by the Oregonian. Mr. Thurston also asserts that but for the statute of limitations "many leading men in Montana and other Western states might have been convicted for Senator Mitchell in his trial."

SQUARE DEAL TO REPORTERS. Boston Herald. We are inclined to the opinion, after a reasonably long experience, that those who resent the supposed intrusion of the reporters are usually men of mere momentary importance, and nearly always they are quite mistaken as to the functions and the value of the reporter.

SMOKED GLASSES. If ever I shall rise and dwell Amid the blast, where sorrow ceases, I fear me much an imp of hell May haunt me to disturb my peace— May cry this most accurst of cries: "Smoked glasses to protect the eyes!"

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dermen, and electorate is not too heavy a price even for the precious boon as the largest insurance society on earth, the most extensive railway system, unlimited franchises for trolley lines, the most powerful lumber company, or the richest gold mine. The revolution of society in Missouri, the unworking of trains in the postal service and in the Department of Agriculture, the scandal in regard to Justice Warren B. Hooper, the colonial navy-ery in the management of the Equitable, and the wide discussion of "baited money" have set men to thinking that the Ten Commandments, though antiquated, may, after all, be a fairly safe guide in both politics and business; that in the long run dishonesty is not always the best policy. As Mr. Thurston naively puts it: "There is at present an epidemic of reform among the people of the United States, and their efforts appear directed toward men in the Government service."

THINGS DOING IN THE CITY. Days Growing Shorter. Yoderville cor. Aurora Boulevard. You will have to look quick if you want to see Albert and his Eva when they are out buggy-riding Sunday evenings.

Curry County Marvel. Drain Nonpartial. Fort Orderville evidently is very windy place. A general wind from these reports that last week the wind blew a sheep up against a barn, about 25 feet from the ground, and held it there four days, until it was blown to death.

Mr. Moore's Self-Constraint. Brownsville Times. R. A. Moore came down from Upper Soda Springs Tuesday, and will return in a day or two. He says the deer almost ran over him, but as he had no gun, he was obliged to get out of harm's way.

Wedding-Bells All Ready. Philomath Review. They are expecting a wedding in the Independent neighborhood before long. Neighbors are making a list of names of companies, horse-fiddlers and fag-bornees ready for a grand charivari when the event takes place. We will give the names of the lovers later.

A True Fish Story. Eugene Guard. Lester Hudson has had an unusual experience fishing near the Belknap bridge during his recent outing. He hooked a ten-inch trout and a 25-inch Dolly Varden followed and ate on the trout till it hooked. He was in the water for some time, but finally got out on the Upper McKenzie.

Guest of City Bastille. Philomath Review. After an absence of about three months Press Taylor returned to Philomath Friday, coming with nothing but a threat and threatening to burn down the town. In the clash with the civic authorities that ensued Press was given a night's confinement in the jail, and 25 days in which to reflect upon the error of his ways.

Kaiser as Slang-User. There are other people, too, who like it at long range. From the point of view of the Boston schoolman's am considers it most interesting, but as a vehicle in which to express his lofty thoughts it would hardly do. "You've got a right to be a little snang, and an effort on her part to sting a little snang would bring pain to her listeners and cause blishes to mantle her cheeks."

Metropolitan Journalism. Congregationalist. Whatever the reason for the refusal of New York's daily newspapers to give adequate reports of the recent Catholic Educational Conference in that city, Protestants as well as Roman Catholics have reason for objection and opinion which they suffered. From the Protestant standpoint, it is unfortunate that a gathering as representative as this was should not have been treated fairly.