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Portland, Saturday, Dec. 16, 1905. MONOPOLY THROUGH HIGH TARIFF.

In the past, says the President in his message, "most dreful among the influences which have brought about the downfall of republics has ever been the growth of the class spirit, the growth of the spirit which tends to make a man subordinate the welfare of the public as a whole to the welfare of the particular class to which he belongs."

DEMOCRACY AND THE ARMY. Lieutenant-Colonel James S. Pettit, military instructor in the District of Columbia, has expressed some interesting opinions upon the efficiency of armies under democratic institutions.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PORTLAND. The Quartermasters' Department of the United States Army, with fully as great a display of commercial shrewdness as has characterized most of its dealings in connection with contracts for hay and oats, is again attempting discrimination against Portland.

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of a private concern would continue, at a loss to his superiors, to show favoritism in the awarding of contracts after he had once been exposed, he would be promptly dismissed, and his demerit most of it, where everything depends upon the likes and dislikes of a single individual.

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Oregon land would have been fully as valuable to the state and the railroads had it been as barren as the desert of Sahara. Now all this is to be changed and the rich soil is to have an opportunity in keeping with its merits.

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SILHOUETTES. Senator Allison of Iowa, is just beginning his 46 year in Congress, 23 in the Senate and 19 in the House.

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HOW THE INVESTIGATION BEGAN. Two Reporters Are Said to Have Started Great Insurance Uproar.

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SOME THINGS IN THE OREGONIAN OF TOMORROW. First and foremost, the most comprehensive telegraphic news service by the Associated Press and special correspondents, of any Pacific Coast newspaper, are the customary departments, and:

INCIDENTS IN JESUS' LIFE REPRODUCED TODAY. Drangeline Ben-Oel, a missionary who spent several years in Palestine, writes an intensely human story of the daily life of natives of Bethlehem and Nazareth, who today give vivid illustrations of incidents that occurred during the life of the Master. It is illustrated with scenes from the Holy Land.

ONE MYTH THAT WILL NOT DOWN. It is Santa Claus, ever maintained by the faith of children, a special contributor to the Oregonian. The patron saint takes in the various nations of Christendom, showing with pen and picture slight variations according to environment, but in spirit the same the world over.

CHRISTMAS OUT-OF-DOOR SPORTS. All more or less dangerous, as tobogganing in the Alps, yachting on ice, jumping on skis, racing on snowshoes—these well illustrated, together with articles showing that association football—a rational form of the game—is obtaining a foothold in America and may supplant the more dangerous "Christmasing" game. It is suitable for Christmas.

A CHRISTMAS CALICO CAT. Louise Lexington contributes a very pretty little story, appropriate to the season, that girls will enjoy, and maybe mothers, also.

FRANKLIN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN LIFE. Next month, this Nation will celebrate the bicentenary of her most successful citizen. In anticipation, Claude H. Van Tyne, professor of American history, University of Michigan, has written a popular article detailing the many reforms this philanthropist and philosopher set in motion whereby life in city and country became less burdensome.

ODD LITTLE HAPPENINGS DURING THE YEAR. A bright newspaper man, who keeps a record of all the world's big events, sets down also the strange and curious things reported from the past year. The lights and shadows of life thus shown furnish entertainment.

WHY NEGRO SUFFRAGE WAS FORCED ON THE COUNTRY. In his recollections tomorrow, Judge George H. Williams tells how the states which had been in rebellion, by their practical refusal to re-establish slavery, drove Congress to submit the Fifteenth Amendment. He gives an estimate of the character and public services of Charles Sumner, the champion of the negro cause.

THE MESSAGE OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, for his Sunday sermon, takes a text that appeals to the patriotic spirit of the country from Massachusetts Bay to the Pacific Ocean.

PORTLAND PESSIMIST IN EUROPE. M. R. Wells does Holland on the subject of the "pessimist" in the journey; then he gets hard-ly sentimental over certain places in Scotland.

CROSSING THE AMERICAN DESERT IN AN AUTO. Percy F. McFarland, the adventurous auto driver who is well known in Portland for his transcontinental automobile trips, contributes an illustrated article to the sporting section, on his experiences crossing the Great American Desert. Facing a sandstorm and ferrying the automobile across the Colorado River in a rowboat, are described in a way that will be of interest to automobile enthusiasts.

EMILIE FRANCES BAUER WRITES OF MUSIC AND DRAMA. Emilie Frances Bauer, the talented writer on musical and dramatic topics, contributes a weekly New York letter. Her descriptions of new operas, personal accounts of members of the profession, reviews of concerts and operatic performances, will keep her readers well informed as to the musical and dramatic world.

"APPLIED CHRISTIANITY" WEAPON IN WAR ON VICE. "Applied Christianity" is the weapon that the New York Woman's Club is using in its warfare on vice. This is a downtown institution, and it competes with schools, churches and clubs for its share of public attendance.

DO WOMEN'S CLUBS FOSTER RACE SUICIDE? That Women's Clubs tend to undermine the home is an accusation frequently made by clergymen. It is a question that has been asked to find a solution to the race suicide question. This subject is now being investigated by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

GROWTH OF ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN OREGON. The work of the Roman Catholic Church in Oregon along religious, educational and charitable lines will be described in an article which will be illustrated with pictures of many churches and parishes throughout the state. Especial emphasis will be laid on the progress of Catholicism in Portland, where plans are now being made to erect one of the most handsome and costly cathedrals in the West.

TALL BUILDINGS RISE ON UPPER WASHINGTON STREET. A number of pictures will be printed on the real estate page showing the great activity in building upon upper Washington street. The illustrations will show the construction of an article telling of the buildings which are to be erected in this part of the city in which a large amount of capital will be invested during the next year.