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Portland, Saturday, Dec. 1, 1906. It has been reported, and it comes from so many sources that probably it is true, that the President of the United States will urge the passage of an inheritance tax.

OUR COAL LANDS. It is estimated that the United States Government still owns between fifty and sixty millions of acres of coal lands. Considering how much has been stolen or turned over to wealthy corporations, for two or three dollars an acre, this fact is surprising.

IS MARS INHABITED? Among the interesting celestial events of the year 1907 will be an opposition of the earth and Mars. The two planets will pass each other on the same side of the sun and will be separated by the comparatively tiny distance of 40,000 miles.

MR. COREY'S LUCK. Recent advices from the scandal factories of Europe say that one Mabel Gilman, who has been generally credited with the skillful performance of transforming William E. Corey, president of the Steel Trust, from a respectable married man into a disreputable glided fool, is now about to desert him for a host of Mr. Corey's other ardent admirers.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Preservation of the memorials of their history is a distinguishing mark of people who feel themselves worthy to live, and who, therefore, wish to hand on to posterity a record of their lives. Israel, in antiquity, did a work of this kind that has been a treasure to all succeeding ages.

NEW PROPOSALS FOR CONGRESS. It has been reported, and it comes from so many sources that probably it is true, that the President of the United States will urge the passage of an inheritance tax.

the indignity of the proceeding. There is every reason to believe that if Mabel Gilman picks up any royal jobs on Burke's bargain-counter, chastisement in the family will not fall on her shoulders, and the money will be spent by her.

VALUE OF FRANCHISES. No other city of importance on the American continent has been troubled with such a serious drainage and sewerage problem as for generations has bothered New Orleans. Lying ten feet below the level of the gulf of Mexico and the Mississippi river, by ten feet and the Mississippi river, by ten feet and the Mississippi river, by ten feet.

But New Orleans after many years has succeeded in installing a system of drainage canals and pumping stations which will keep the city clean and healthy and will always remain so. The improvement also includes a water system by which the citizens are supplied with pure water at reasonable rates.

The magnitude of a fund which has been raised from such sources is shown in the case of the Portland street railway franchise. In the sale of the Portland Consolidated properties in this city, the actual value of the road and equipment, deducted from the sum paid to the franchise promoters by the actual purchasers, shows the value of the franchise to be \$1,000,000.

Some time ago H. G. Wells wrote a book called "The War in the Air" which he assumed that Mars was inhabited and described an invasion of the earth by its inhabitants.

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THE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP has not departed from Oregon; it's still in the Oregon family, and Multnomah can draw on Eugene for recruits.

THE LAND-FRAUD NET is dragging eastward. When it reaches the National Capitol even bigger thieves may be brought up.

less frequent than under the old. From the opening of the season of 1905 to November 10 there were 15 deaths and eighty-two injuries, as a result of the game; the record for the entire season was 22 deaths and 96 serious injuries.

Secretary Root, in appearing before the House committee on appropriations, urged the necessity of liberal appropriations for tariff experts.

You see, all the incidents and all the accidents of high civilization must keep up their pace. Now here are the stylish wife clerks in Alaska. The Norse Gold Digger says: "It will perhaps be noticed by those who visit the most popular resorts that all of the modern hotels are being built in a new and fashionable style."

The Government Reclamation Service, in keeping with all other employers of labor, is seeking help in the form of a shortage of help on its various projects. On one of the big ditches in Arizona four different contractors have thrown up their contracts for the same piece of work in less than six months.

Norway and Sweden have applied to the Russians for recognition of their claims to Spitzbergen. They have also applied to other European powers for recognition of their claims.

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NEW SHAKESPEARE REJECTED. Doubt That the Earl of Rutland was the Immortal Ploverwright. London Cable Dispatch in New York Sun.

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BETHROTHALS IN DOCTORS' HANDS. Surgeons of Medicine and Theology Urged for Affianced Couples. Philadelphia Dispatch.

Betrothal under the sanction of the family physician, not trial marriage, is the idea advanced by Mrs. Lucy B. Thwing, a scholarly Philadelphia, to counter the remarkable views set forth by Mrs. Elster Clow, a Harvard, New York in her recent book, "The Family."

The foregoing are among the most striking of the coincidences which have convinced Dr. Bleibtreu, whose literary critic writes that Dr. Bleibtreu's discovery as being as important in the realm of literature as Columbus' discovery of America was geographically and politically.

Now two things with regard to the conduct of the soldiers need attention. First, they were not merely private citizens sheltering under military discipline, sheltering men who had disgraced the uniform. Secondly, they themselves made a race issue of the matter.

There is an abundance of coal in this country, said one of the survey scientists. "In fact, there is coal to burn for many centuries to come. While it is impossible to make any accurate prophecy, I think it is safe to say that the supply in the United States will last for 4000 or 5000 years."

Paris Correspondence in N. Y. Sun. A contributor to the Echo de Paris, after dining with Mme. Calve, quotes her as giving the following description of her fiancé:

"A PATRIOT'S PRAYER." Latest Poem of Alfred Austin, Poet-Laurate of England. "In mangle, 'le jours que je clos la helle vie, qui ne fait pas sur le champ de bataille, sur l'echafaud, ou en prison—"

THE FOREST SPIRIT. Chicago Tribune. The editorials were critical of the poem just brought in by the literary contributor.

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IN THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN TOMORROW

First and foremost, all the world's famous news, special correspondents and members of the Oregonian staff, making the fullest and most complete record of any local newspaper.

NOVEMBER DAY SCENES IN PORTLAND HARBOR. Two pages of illustrations in color and black showing better than text can, the City of Portland as a seaport.

COLOSSAL BLUNDERS OF SOME BIG MEN. Doctor Mary Peary admitting everything except a bare mention of the fact, the biggest blunderer of all, told of bad breaks made by world-famous men and women.

HOSPITAL DEVOTED TO ANIMALS ONLY. W. B. Northrup writes from London about a new institution which devotes itself to treating dumb creatures belonging to poor folk.

OLD STORIES REVISED BY GEORGE ADE. The late for tomorrow is "Maud and the Hay," in which Mr. Ade sets forth what might happen to the Maud if he went trifling with a wise Judge of the Bench.

EDITORIALS BY THE LAITY. A page of opinion on current topics, including Lieutenant-General H. Corbin's views on the Army canteen and a Portland kitchen maid's solution of the "Servant Girl" problem.

HAM AND GARDMA'S PARTY. Read how Edward Townsend tells and W. H. Galloway illustrates what happened.

BOOK REVIEWS AND NEWS OF LITERARY FIELD. The cream of bookland is given on the book page, together with news of men and women busy in literary life.

NEW YORK'S DISPLAY OF WEALTH AND FASHION. An interesting description of the New York horse show is given in the usual letter from Miss Frances Bauer.

SOCIETY, MUSIC AND THE DRAMA. Complete reviews of local social musical and dramatic happenings are given in The Sunday Oregonian.

NOTES, NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE SPORTING WORLD. A special feature of the sporting world is the column of notes, news and gossip of the sporting world.

REVIEW OF THE WEEK IN BUILDING AND REALTY. The present year is breaking all records in volume of activity in Portland property.

NEWSPAPER WAIFS. "Poor Miss Sereel she spent fifty cents yesterday for my old, tattered book called 'Best Methods of Filtration.'"

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