

LETTERS ON A BARET OF TOPICS

State Horticultural Society's Secretary Taken to Task.—Cause of Postal Deficit.—A Water Pipe Parable.—Teaching Ideals.—War Insurance.—Railroad Commission.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Ought to Be Three of Them and Elected by the People.

PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—(To the Editor.)—It seems that a plan is on foot to procure from the Oregon Legislature an act creating a railroad commission. But, railroad commission in Oregon have not always been successful.

It is natural for the ordinary man to want power, and the Legislature is made up of men of about average capacities and character.

I notice by a Portland newspaper that Governor Halsey has introduced a bill for the creation of a railroad commission.

Should we have a commission to regulate the railroads? If a railroad commission is created, it will probably last far beyond the term of the present Governor.

Persons who have read the reports of grafting in such cities as Philadelphia, St. Louis and Chicago, will be able to see the opportunity for an enormous graft in Oregon.

There is a probability that the ensuing session of the Legislature will equal, if it does not surpass, any of its predecessors in creating a new office.

Warring Corvallis Professor Ought Now to Be Good.

EDWARDS, Or., Dec. 2.—(To the Editor.)—As far as the weak brain of an insignificant farmer can appreciate pain, I am distressed to note that the professor of Corvallis is not only a professed agricultural college swindler.

I have never taken a course of instruction in the language of fish-wives and cannot compete with this expert professor in that line.

Many of the fruit-growers of Oregon do not need to be told that among

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"Behold, I have seized these lands under the law of the realm," Abide ye as children on the earth which thy maker has not intended to be shared.

But it came to pass as more people came that these soil-jugglers grew thirsty and they all created a great water pipe, which was to be the life-giving blood.

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VICTOR MANGANESE STEEL BANK SAFE.

The fact that more ducks were in the country than at any other time since the season opened was shown by the bags of the sportsmen who boarded the afternoon Northern Pacific train.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The waterlogged steam schooner Aurelia was beached at high water today on the tide-flats back of the O. R. & N. Company's wharf.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The annual city election will be held today, with only one contest, that for the office of City Recorder.

NEW YORK is the second largest export of the world in 1906 over \$300,000,000 tons of imports and \$200,000,000 tons of exports were cleared from New York harbor.

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DR. W. A. TAYLOR. A Short Statement by DR. W. A. TAYLOR, The Leading Specialist.

VICTOR MANGANESE STEEL BANK SAFE. Illustration of a safe.

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DR. W. NORTON DAVIS. Illustration of a man's face.

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TRAVELERS' GUIDE. EAST via SOUTH. UNION PACIFIC COMPANY.

Table with columns for Leaves, UNION DEPOT, Arrives. Lists train schedules for various destinations like Astoria, Corvallis, and Eugene.

OREGON SHORT LINE AND UNION PACIFIC. 3 TRAINS TO THE EAST DAILY.

TRAVELERS' GUIDE. TIME CARD OF TRAINS. PORTLAND DAILY.

Table showing train schedules for various routes including Portland to Astoria, Portland to Eugene, etc.

ASTORIA AND COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD CO. Leaves Union Depot. Arrives.

GREAT TIME TABLE. THE COMFORTABLE WAY. TWO OVERLAND TRAINS DAILY.

Upper Columbia River Steamer Chas. R. Spencer. Leaves Oak-street dock every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

COLUMBIA RIVER SCENERY. REGULATOR LINE STEAMERS. Fast Steamer Telegraph.

San Francisco & Portland S.S. Co. For Astoria Dock, Portland, at 8 P. M.