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the thought that the vast resources of this state are to remain more possibilities, for further indefinite time.

THE ETHICAL SIDE OF IT.
Long has it been known that the land laws of the United States—certainly of them—open a door to a wide variety of evils.

Senator Borah has a right to excuse and to defend himself. But he does not put his excuse and justification on sufficiently high grounds.

SALACIOUS HARPIES.
Some salacious scallawag, who for excellent reasons is ashamed of his name, writes a letter to the Oregonian, in which he refers to hoodwinking the people in order to clear the skirts of an accused official.

IN NEED OF A SOVEREIGN.
There is an old saying that the Constitution means what the Supreme Court says it means.

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some of the "inseparable evils" which the Astorian admits existed. Realizing their inability to give a satisfactory service, the O. R. & N. Co. agreed not only to withdraw from the towing business, but, as a bonus to any one who would take up the work without increasing the towage rate, offered to pay full pilotage in and out on all grain ships coming to Portland.

It was to take advantage of this offer and secure free pilotage that the Chamber of Commerce, drew up the Port of Columbia bill, and, as soon as the bill became a law, the Chamber of Commerce again dispatched a representative to Europe to demand from the shipowners fulfillment of their promise.

Mr. Josselyn, of the Portland Railway Company, is undoubtedly right in his statement that "fender accidents" have not been put into use that is of any real service. Probably there would be fewer accidents if there were no fenders at all.

The Vanderbilts, nothing daunted by the experience of Consuelo, Duchess of Marlborough, are about to enter into another foreign matrimonial alliance.

THE WRECK OF THE TELUS.
The wreck of the steamship Tellus, together with her cargo of coal, was sold for \$140. The value of vessel and cargo was estimated at \$1,000,000.

How big a fool Senator Tillman is, nobody could have conceived, till the announcement of his indignant refusal to ride in a Pullman car from Spokane to Walla Walla because there was a negro porter in the car.

Wheat advanced nearly 2 cents per bushel yesterday, both in Chicago and Europe. Ocean freights also took a turn upward, indicating that the foreign shipowner is watching the wheat market almost if not fully as closely as it is being watched by the wheat-grower.

Portland physicians demand one telephone only. And there are lawyers and druggists and all sorts of retail dealers, including saloon-keepers, not averse to saving double expense.

Major Lane was after a lot of them here in Portland; now they smirk and snicker and giggle and talk about "instructions which being taught return to plague the inventor."

while it retains much of its old significance, nevertheless has lost part of it and acquired something different. Hence, even if we adopt the extravagant folly of interpreting the Constitution by the dictionary, we shall find that it means something very unlike what it did a century ago.

It is this is what the artistic fraternity might call an impressionistic view of Mr. Roosevelt's speech at St. Louis, but it is as near to the truth as one can come, perhaps.

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RAILROAD CONTROL IN CANADA.
It Would Be Called Anarchistic in This Country.
Letter in Newark (N. J.) Star.

We never hear anybody accusing the Canadians of being Anarchists or Socialists. They are a conservative, deliberate people, slow to accept new-fangled things, and not given to enthusiasm over political cure-alls.

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HIS ADVICE TO ORGANIZED LABOR.
Notable Pronouncement by Cardinal Gibbons on Industrial Problems.
Cardinal Gibbons, in Putnam's Monthly.

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THE HOUSEHOLD.
BY LILLIAN TINGLE.
BOTTOM says "there is not a more fearful wild-fowl than you lion lion."

"Hello!" is this the market? This is Mrs. Newbridge, 76, Honeymoon avenue. Will you please send up a nice fresh Welsh rabbit just as soon as you can.

I suppose she thought it was a second cousin to a Belgian hare. Every properly brought up person under 40 years of age must surely remember Sir John Tenniel's famous drawing of the "Mock-Turtle" in "Alice in Wonderland."

One of my favorite authorities gives in its index: "Cheese Rabbits, Scotch, Welsh, English and O'Doherty's." This seems to suggest in a delicate way that the Emerald Isle is not behind her neighbors in the culinary contest.

Then there is the "Fish-rabbit," which suggests a mermaid's chafing dish supper, or something that ought to be kept in hutchies by sea-urchins; it is, however, only scalloped codfish with grated cheese on top.

"Angels-on-horseback for me, please." "And 'I'll take Pigs-in-blankets" said the rosy one with the nose "tip-tipped like the petal of a flower."

You must look in the fish chapter for Bombay ducks and Cape Cod turkeys; nor is the Westphalian dish known as "Blind Huhn" to be found, as you might perhaps expect, under poultry.

The famous "Intelligent New Zealander," who is one day to stand among the ruins of London—and presumably among those of New York and Portland also—may perhaps arrive at strange conclusions as to the cannibalistic habits of the present generation.

It is difficult for those who do not use tobacco to enjoy a church service while the organ is being charged with hot smoke drifting in through the front door. It might be well to have a private smoking-room attached to our churches for the convenience of those worshippers who cannot content themselves for an hour without a puff or two.