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Portland, Saturday, Jan. 25, 1908. The testimony developed thus far in the prosecution of Hall and Mays by Honey has this meaning, viz.:

Hall, Fulton and Brownell were playing for advantage in politics, and Stelwer, Mays and others were playing for protection of themselves from the consequences of their unlawful transactions in public lands.

Stelwer's testimony is very direct, as far as it goes. He had voted in the Legislature to be angled for; and over him was the shadow of prosecution, which might be either civil or criminal.

WASTEFUL ECONOMY. Chairman Tawney of the appropriation committee is predicting a great deficit in the next fiscal year unless rigid economy is practiced in making appropriations.

EDWARD ALEXANDER MACDOWELL. The last hope that Edward Alexander MacDowell might recover the use of his fine faculties and contribute to the noble list of his artistic achievements is finally extinguished by his death.

ROSES IN THE PARK BLOCKS. Of course, to plant the park blocks to roses, in a burst of enthusiasm, to care for them one year and then neglect them forever afterward, would be regrettable.

DECLINE IN MILITIA STRENGTH. A German military specialist thinks that barring the high professional training of our Regular Army officers the United States has not much to boast in the way of military organization.

THRIFT OF ITALIAN LABORERS. Statistics just published by the Bureau of Labor at Washington, D. C., furnish a striking illustration of the thrift of Italian laborers in this country.

PUSHING THE CANDIDATE. The Administration's Work for Taft and Arthur Hughes. We are now getting daily lessons in civil-service reform from the White House, which ought to attract National attention.

Sheriff Ends Co-operative Scheme. Another socialistic dream of the maintenance of the practical equality of man in material things has been shattered—this time at Coquille.

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A certain rich citizen in St. Louis, Mo., who has made his money by purchasing weak railroads, judiciously "watering" the stock and selling it at a profit of at least 100 per cent, likes to be referred to as a collector of rare books and portraits.

One evening this plutocrat gave a dinner to several of his newly-rich male friends, and after coffee and cigars the company adjourned to the library, where the host passed around several of his literary treasures for inspection.

Not very far from New York City is a sanitarium famous as a rest cure, and the "lucky" people make it a local Mecca. One evening a "copy" from the writer—at least they said they were—arrived in a body and it was said that they all seemed to belong to the followers of Booth Tarkington.

Apologies of discount in buying books. A. S. Swanson, representative of one of the big publishing houses, told this experience to friends in Washington, D. C.

When writing, Sir Gilbert Parker, the novelist lives in an old stone cottage once used by John O'Gaunt as a hunting-lodge. It has low ceilings and latticed windows, and the arms of O'Gaunt still decorate the hearth in the day-room.

Joseph Vance's new novel, "Somehow Good," will be published next month. The author is now in London in the '90s, but has an up-to-date setting for his story.

Paul Elmore More will publish a new volume of "Shuttle Essays," in the nature of a sequel to his "Shuttle Essays." The author is now in London in the '90s, but has an up-to-date setting for his story.

Percey Mackaye is lecturing this month on "The Drama of a Democracy," at Cornell, Harvard, Yale and Chicago Universities.

Jack London is nothing if not sensational and keenly alive to the possibilities of free advertising. The publishers of the "Shuttle Essays" "copy" from him, have just issued a statement in which they fear that London and his party are lost somewhere on the Pacific ocean.

Lord Cromer has chosen for his book, "Modern Egypt," three mottoes. The first is Napoleon's well-known dictum, "Egypt is the most important country in the world." The second is a quotation from Aulus Gellius concerning the nature of action as his own historian, Thucydides supplies the third and longest. It is the majestic description of his own historical method: "I determined to write the history of what was actually done in the war not by casual information or my own imagination, but on the evidence of what I saw myself, and in other matters after the most accurate inquiry into each detail."

Recent necrology includes James Rydal Randall, whose title to fame is that he wrote the song, "Maryland, My Maryland," and William Livingston Alden, one of the distinguished American journalists of his generation. Mr. Randall also was a journalist, his chief connection having been with the Augusta Chronicle. He was a distinguished American writer, Mrs. Mary E. Wilkins-Freeman, and another novel by a distinguished American writer, Max Pemberton. Readers are asked to record their decisions as to which novel is the better of the two, and of course the necessary coupons are provided for votes. The prize money, it is said, will be equally divided between the two authors named.