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allowance will pay for the transportation. Those citizens whom public spirit will not induce to go to the Legislature would better be left at home.

MODERN LAWLESSNESS. The following quotation is from a speech by Congressman William C. Levering, of Massachusetts:

The world has moved on since the days of Hamilton, and it is doubtful whether if he were with us today he could devise a law to deal with the modern way of doing business.

Perhaps one reason why there is more lawbreaking today than formerly is the fact that there is more contempt for the law. In Hamilton's time law was a solemn affair sanctioned not only by legislative act, but also by respect and the reverence of the courts.

Another cause of our modern laxity in obeying the law is the elimination of the personal conscience from business. Corporations have displaced the individual. When wrong is done the stockholder or officer complacently lays the blame on the corporation and thinks that his own skirts are clear.

Those who would reform our modern attitude toward the law must begin by reforming the courts.

EARLY SCHOOLS IN OREGON. The statement that the first school ever organized in Polk County was at Rickreall, May 16, 1863, is clearly a mistake.

HOMAGE FOR THE FLEET. The enthusiastic reception given the battleship fleet at San Francisco shows quite clearly that the war spirit in the land is running fully as high as it was in the months ago, when the fleet steamed out of Hampton Roads.

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The fleet is at San Francisco, and so is Richmond Pearson Hobson, fire-eater. Now bring on your war.

use the straight and narrow path between the anarchy of predatory greed and the rule of socialism. This exceedingly difficult task is made all the more hazardous by misunderstanding which is often unfeeling and sometimes willful.

There is a large element of justice in the suggestion of Superintendent Ackerman that, since the Government has permitted the Oregon & California Railroad Company to retard the development of the state by withholding its grant lands from sale.

Judge Thomas O'Day, candidate for re-election, has rendered excellent service on the bench. He is a sound lawyer and deserves re-election.

The Senate has passed the child labor bill, prohibiting employment within the District of Columbia of any child under 14 years of age.

In the Louisville Courier-Journal of April 27 Mr. Henry Watterson, the editor, publishes a letter written from New York on "The Political Outlook."

Both parties seem to be in a state of confusion. The Republican State have dropped into the lowest depths of depravity, and "the New York newspapers cannot escape their responsibility for this."

The single-taxers are now making the argument for the purpose of quieting the apprehensions of the land and lot-owner, that their scheme wouldn't materially increase the taxes on land.

The differences which have always existed between the Republican cattlemen of Central Oregon seem to have been productive of a feud which makes the hill country in Kentucky such a favorite generating spot for tragedies.

"Shall the creatures of God, or the creatures of the Legislature, rule this country?" You might suppose that energetic question to have been put by a Statesman No. 1 orator of Oregon.

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CONDEMNNS CITY COUNCIL. OBJECTION MADE TO RESOLUTIONS TRAINING OFFICERS IN WAR. PORTLAND, May 7.—(To the Editor)

It is a pleasure to see that The Oregonian does not join in the hysterical outcry for the life of the poor victim of the law.

It is no more the province of the writer to decide the guilt or innocence of this man than it is that of the City Council.

Let the accused have a fair, impartial trial, exempt him from torture to extract a confession, and let us see the result.

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Hunters who become impatient for the open season on four-footed game might fill in some of the intervals by taking the trail of the Rogus River coyote for whose scalp a bounty of \$100 is offered.

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NO MONEY WAS USED CORRUPTLY. Vicious Answer to a False Charge. PORTLAND, University Alumni.

The inflammatory attack made upon the State University by Mr. J. H. Fletcher, of St. John, in your issue of May 2, is a lamentable example of the kind of conduct which cannot permit to go unchallenged.

Mr. Fletcher calls attention to the alleged "log rolling" in the Legislature, and alludes to the University bill as a "graft."

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Initiative and Referendum Measures. For the information of voters there will be published on this page from day to day summaries of the initiative and referendum measures to be submitted to the people at the June election, together with a short statement of the arguments for and against each.

The Equal Suffrage amendment, upon which the people of Oregon must vote at the June election, is a measure which has been before the voters of Oregon before, and which is probably the most generally understood of all the bills and amendments now awaiting popular approval or disapproval.

The proposed amendment was circulated by the Equal Suffrage Association, and thus the amendment presented before the people of the State under the Initiative. The Equal Suffrage Association also filed an argument in behalf of the measure, showing, among other things the growth of public sentiment in favor of Equal Suffrage, as indicated by the fact that in 1884 the amendment received 11,232 votes, in 1900 it received 26,265 votes, and in 1906, 36,902 votes.

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NEW YORK'S SOCIAL THOUSAND. That Number Now "In Society." With "Monkey-Dinner Spits Out."

Frederick Townsend Martin says that there are 1100 persons in New York society today. It does none of us any harm to know this, and the rise of a social aristocracy from an arbitrary four hundred to a number almost three times as great must be a matter of no ordinary moment.

Mr. Martin is a modest "captain of eleven hundred. He shuns alike the interloper and the blarney entertainer. To get into society, according to his standard, one must be tactful and have one's self perfectly in hand all the time.

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