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Portland, Thursday, Dec. 17, 1908.

THE ANGRY PRESIDENT.

There is a note of the stolid about the President. Seldom does he smile and smile which bids defiance to his poisoned darts.

IK MARVEL, SENTIMENTAL PHILLOSOPHER.

Delightful old Ik Marvel, known in private life as Donald G. Mitchell, is nearly sixty years old and has passed since he touched the hearts of home-loving people of the world with his masterpiece, "Reveries of a Bachelor."

WHY MURDERERS INCREASE.

In musing the death sentence on Walter Johnson, the Hillsboro murderer, Judge McBride took occasion to say that of the seven or eight murderers on whom he had been obliged to pronounce the death sentence, all had been "ruined by drink, idleness and trying to get a living without honest work."

LOCAL NEW STATE INSTITUTIONS.

For a number of years there has been agitation in favor of establishing a branch asylum for the insane in Eastern Oregon, and at one time an appropriation was made for such an institution in that part of the state.

Boys Sentenced to Go to Church.

For excessive jubilation over a victory at football a company of boys at Monteville, Pa., has been sentenced to Sundays at church.

Albany to Have New Block.

A new business block for Albany is assured by a real estate deal which was recently made by William B. Baker, who has recently from the East, purchased 44 feet front on First street, adjoining Elsworth street.

Logging Road Tunnels Mountain.

The Olson Logging Company is continuing its tunneling work on its logging road at Deep River which will not only shorten the line considerably but will also avoid heavy grades and make the operation of the road much more safe.

Lumber Cargo Goes South.

The steamer Schuyler Marston cleared at the Custom-house today for San Francisco with a cargo of 100,000 feet of lumber, loaded at the Hammond Lumber Company's mill.

murders, this sentiment of pity goes out to the mother, the widow and the children who have been robbed of their protectors by the brutal acts of "idleness, drink, and dishonesty."

AN ABSURD LAW.

It would be edifying to know why the law should permit a man to shoot fifty ducks in a day and then punish him if he kills them.

STATE FAIR FINANCES.

The financial report of the State Fair Board makes a very gratifying showing for the exposition held at Salem last September.

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Controller of the Currency Murray in his annual report says the banking power of the United States in 1908, as represented by capital, and other profits, deposits, and circulation of National and other reporting banks, together with estimated amount of funds of this character in the non-reporting banks, is \$17,642,705,274, an amount exceeding the world's banking power in 1890.

Since that year the banking power of the United States has increased to the extent of \$15,497,000,000, or 200 per cent, and the combined banking power \$27,765,000,000, or 185 per cent.

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Noting the cause of failure of banks in charge of receivers during the present year, it appears that the cause of failure of the banks was not due to a general depression of the country, but to a general depression of the country, but to a general depression of the country.

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MORE POWER FOR HOOD RIVER.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—It has been announced that the Hood River power site situated on Hood River, five miles from this city, has been acquired by capitalists, who will develop its full capacity.

Tucker's Mill on Hood River to Be Utilized by Capitalists.

The site at present is occupied by a sawmill that has not been operated in several years, with a power plant which can be developed into 100 horsepower. Work on the improvement and complete development of this will be commenced almost immediately.

PORTLANDER GETS CONTRACT.

H. S. HUNSON WILL BUILD UNDERPAID TUNNEL AT TACOMA.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—H. S. Hunson, of Portland, Ore., has secured a contract to build the Union Pacific tunnel at Tacoma. The contract was signed last night.

Outlaw Firmly Entrenched.

LYLE, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—"Bob" Miles, who escaped from Klickitat County jail about a month ago, remains a fugitive from justice and a terror to the settlers of Cedar Valley.

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