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THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

As the time for Mr. Taft's inauguration draws near, naturally there is a good deal of speculation about the kind of administration we may expect from him.

Still water runs deep. Mr. Taft has not said a great deal about his plans for the next four or eight years, but one may infer certain things from his character and his known habits.

THE LARGER COST. The report of the engineers on which the Government based its estimates of the cost of construction of the Panama Canal gave as specific figures a total of \$142,342,579.

THE LIMIT OF ROMANCE. It is a somewhat curious story that is told in the new romance about Oregon entitled "Fifty-Four-Forty or Fight."

AN UNPROFITABLE BOYCOTT. Spokane shippers are said to be preparing a boycott against the Hill and the Harriman roads in retaliation for the expected failure of the Interstate Commerce Commission to grant them terminal rates.

CONGRESSMEN DODGE THE LITTLE "X". Cor. in Washington (D. C.) Post. Will you permit me to call the attention of members of Congress to the fact that in the second session of the present Congress there should not be a silent letter in several weeks of frequent attendance in the galleries of both House and Senate.

JUST A PLAIN WORD.

A newspaper published at Ontario, in Eastern Oregon, offers these remarks, to wit: The main trouble with Oregon is not in spending too much money, but in not spending too little.

THE OREGONIAN BEGAN IN PORTLAND when Portland was as small a town as Ontario now is. It was not until 1852 that it worked in the most strenuous way, for most meager results.

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION. The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Christ Nelson puts an end to all reasonable contention about the meaning of the phrase "concurrent jurisdiction," so far as the Columbia River is concerned.

CONFIDENCE IN AMERICAN CANNED MEAT PRODUCTS has at last been restored, and Great Britain has just placed an enormous order with Armour & Co.

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lower rate to Portland or Puget Sound than they would make for the additional 400-mile haul to the interior.

THE HEROINE, Baroness Helena Von Hiltz, was the special agent of England, and as such contended for England's ascendancy in the Oregon country.

CONFIDENTIAL. The tale is written in the first person, as told by Trist. The heroine, the Hungarian lady, was in love with him, but her love was unrequited.

THE OPERATION OF THE TELEWRITER is a very simple matter. The sender starts with a pen on the telephone person to whom he wants to write and then writes his communication in pencil on a roll of paper attached to the transmitter.

THE "HARVARD HUMP" is the comparison of the "Harvard hump" in the masculine gender. The name suggests that it comes from the New England LL D. factory, but the explanation of the hump is that young men at Harvard look under the broad brimmed millinery when addressing the opposite sex.

COOKING 200 EGGS AT ONCE. New York Press. The automatic egg cookers, like those used on some of the big Atlantic liners are able to cook 200 eggs at once.

RAIN DRIVES TRAMPS TO JAIL. Philadelphia Record. To get out of a winter of two tramps broke into an empty prison at Marysville, Pa., and were asked by the Sheriff found them.

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Life's Sunny Side

One of two sisters who lived together was suddenly taken with a lung attack which she feared was serious. She called her own physician to meet him. Talking over his coming with her sister, she said: "Moan, I wish I could know Sir Henry B.'s real opinion. Neither he nor Dr. M. will tell us if there is anything really wrong, but I would much rather know."

"My dear M.," he said, slowly, as he looked across at his colleague, "of all the ugly women, that's the very ugliest woman I have ever seen in my life." "Is she?" replied the local physician. "You wait until you've seen her sister." -London Telegraph.

Senator Bailey says that not long ago a general merchant in a town in Northeast Texas was waiting upon an aged farmer in his store when the cream pitcher at a quartet of ice cream freezers. "What are they?" he asked. "Ice cream freezers," exclaimed the merchant. "Want one? They're only \$2." "Ice cream freezers?" mused the old man. "They freeze milk, don't they? Will they freeze my milk?" "Sure," said the storekeeper. "Freeze water?" asked the old man. "Freeze anything liquid," said the storekeeper, laughing. The old man paid for one of the freezers and drove away.

"COMPLEAT ANGLER" BRINGS \$3000. Opening Bid for Gem by Fisherman. Isak Walton Is \$2900. New York Times. The first edition of old Isak Walton's "Compleat Angler" (London, 1653) brought \$3000 at the sale of the Isak Walton Club in London. The second edition of the "Compleat Angler," which was published in London in 1658, and is said to be rarer than the first edition, was sold to Mr. Thorpe for \$750. He also obtained for \$200 the third edition published in London in 1664, the fourth edition published in London in 1668, and the fifth edition published in London in 1674, which he paid \$500. The sixth edition, published in London in 1678, went to A. H. Clark, of Cleveland, O., for \$150. Among the items sold were John Smith's "Fruit and Pleasure United; or, the Husbandman's Magazine," which is said to be the Art of Angling, etc., printed for Andrew Thorncrope at the Golden Leg on London Bridge, 1684, \$80; "The Compleat Angler's Observations on Angling in the River Trent," written in 1693, on laid paper, watermarked, \$85, bought on order; and "The Experienced Angler," in quarto, printed in London, 1704, by Robert Venables, London, 1692, \$12, Thorpe.

Wagon Railroad Projects. Tacoma Ledger. Though the Oregon Legislature has voted to submit an amendment to the constitution in order to build railroads, no lines of state railroads are likely to be built. Harri-man would not object a bit to having the state bear the burden of building feeders into undeveloped territory, but he would not be state aid to the large systems that eventually get hold of state-built roads.

What Did the Policeman Whelpert? New York Herald. She was petite, pretty, and 17, and the shopping crowd in Herald square had time to turn and look at her and the St. Bernard. The dog also was no featherweight. A slender silver chain was held by his mistress, who became distressed when the dog stopped and refused to move on.