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These frequent tragedies.

On the one hand it is tragic, for it is well, that any man should be "devoted in his attentions" to another man's wife.

Yesterday's tragedy in Portland was a "woman story"—like that of the Homeric story, and so many more; only there is not a war over this incident involving a man.

The story of the woman in the case resembles the story of her who became the cause of the Trojan War, with its ill consequences.

It is little worth while to talk about the dignity of human nature. Of course, it is a quality, it does exist, or there would not be a world to talk about it.

The Oregonian has awaited with a mild degree of curiosity some expression from our Puget Sound friends regarding the coming commercial engines.

These results, if the Tribune is approximately correct in its diagnosis of the case, include "withdrawal (by Seattle) of its function as a shipper of grain and other commodities and as an entrepot of foreign commerce."

We note with interest the Tribune's statement that Mr. Hill was "traveling the line of least resistance, impelled by the nature of demand and supply, and dealing not with provincial, but with momentous national and international concerns of commerce."

Nothing is said by the Tribune as to any interest Portland might have in Portland doing to appear in the entire article devoted to the economy forecast of Seattle's coming decay.

South ask the questions: Why should we haul the freight this extra 40 miles to Seattle when we can load the vessels right where we want them at Tacoma? Will we pay for that extra haul? And these questions nobody answers, that even Seattle.

That should hold Seattle for a while, but how about Tacoma? Supposing, for example, "Messrs. Harriman, Hill and all railroad comers" who can roll 100 loaded cars into Portland with a single engine should ask the question, "Why haul the freight to Tacoma?"

More misguided effort. Yesterday the Baptist Ministerial Conference of Portland was ruffled, apparently, in mind and temper by an editorial in the Oregonian.

The Baptist Ministerial Conference of Portland hereby expresses its emphatic disapproval of the editorial in this morning's issue of the Oregonian.

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the upbuilding of the larger variety of local industries, is one of the remarkable phenomena of our political life. It is difficult to see how any political effort—for a long time to come—parties can be divided on the tariff question, by any distinct lines, since men who are sent to Congress, by the simple majority will vote for "protection" of the interests of the states or districts, undeterred by party platforms.

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POLLINATION OF THE APPLE. Results of Experiments Set Forth in Agricultural College Bulletin. The cross-pollination of apples is nature's rule, and improves not only the productivity of orchards, but also the color and flavor of fruit.

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