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SOUTHERN SUBSIDY SOPHISTRY.

Congressman Humphrey, of Seattle, has been down in New Orleans expounding his peculiar views on the ship subsidy. Despite the fact that Mr. Humphrey's attention has frequently been called to some of the most glaring of his errors, he continues to "repeat them" as facts.

A gifted predecessor of Mr. Humphrey, who expressed the same views in a somewhat more spectacular manner, was noted for his penchant for uttering glibly any kind of figures which entered his mind.

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At Portland the bend of the Willamette River, taking effect at the foot of Ankeny street, started a series of diagonal streets that, at a little distance from the river, branched the parallelogram regularly. This is a notable break in Portland.

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as well as the Coast jobbers. The Government has within the past thirty days chartered a large fleet of foreign steamers to carry coal from ports on the Atlantic seaboard to San Francisco.

It is impossible for any railroad entering Spokane to make terminal rates in competition with the present class of ocean carriers. The situation will be intensified when we can secure tonnage as it is now secured by the Government. The plain duty of Spokane, to herself and to the consumers of the inland Empire, is to join with Portland in a demand for lower distributive rates that will enable her to make the most of this water competition.

VULGARITY AND THE SALOON.

In defense of the rant and vulgarity of sensational pulpites like Sam Jones and Billy Sunday, Brother Brougher recently declared that "the best interest of society will be served by the use of the language of the gutter." This statement would indeed be surprising were it voiced by a less sensational preacher than Dr. Brougher. Even coming from him it is inconsistent, since he began his career as a preacher in the language of the gutter.

Does Dr. Brougher really believe that the amenities of life, the virtue of self-control, and the teachings of the golden rule can be promoted by a torrent of vulgar abuse, whatever its purpose may be, launched headlong from the pulpit upon the startled ear of public decency?

San Francisco could not reconstruct the city as it is, even after the main portion of it had been destroyed, and the site was merely a chaos of rubbish, which obliterated even the outline of the streets. Then was the time, if ever, for San Francisco to change her plan. But she rather than accept such a radical practical necessity another.

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cannot be made to rotate in another State without consuming energy or power. The more swiftly it spins the more power you must apply to deflect it.

Recently the Walla Walla Bulletin, which is not much of a newspaper, and does logical service as the organ of a political faction, printed a long article in criticism of The Oregonian's account of a football game at Walla Walla between the teams of Whitman College and the Washington State College.

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The discomfiture of the assailants of Secretary Ballinger is made complete by the elaborate and detailed general opinion in which Attorney-General Wickersham upholds Ballinger's course in every particular. This opinion, which has been submitted to the President, is a much stronger indictment of Secretary Ballinger than the very strong letter issued by the President, and should have the effect of silencing the traducers of Mr. Ballinger, whose most grievous offense seems to have been that he was and is a Western man.

PUGILISM.

While there are many things which may be said wisely and wittily against prizefighters, there are some that might be said in their favor. It is admitted that prizefighting is wicked and bad, but not unmitigably so.

The argument of twenty-two members of the Oregon bar in the case of the Pinchot matter is a masterpiece of logic and reasoning. It is a masterpiece of logic and reasoning.

The \$100,000 which has been raised to relieve the distress of the children of the Cherry mine victims will be well spent. It is degraded because our people are so miserly.

The Civil War veteran in Roseburg who risked his life rather than surrender his last dime to a footpad had plenty of obstinacy. The wisdom of his course is more questionable.

No demonstration is needed for Nicaragua. A few "maneuvers" will do the work. There will be no war with Nicaragua. Zelaya gets into the discard, that is all.

"USURPATION" OF OFFICES. Perturbation of a Man Over a Woman School Superintendent. WESTPORT, Or., Dec. 2.—(To the Editor.)—I should be pleased to see an editorial on the usurpation of offices in Oregon.

Here are the facts in the case: Miss Emma C. Warren is school superintendent of Clatsop County and has been for some time. She was appointed several years ago by the County Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late H. S. Lyman.

There is no unfairness to teachers. In the face of these facts, teachers are quite as able to teach good citizenship as if the man had been installed. There is no unfairness to teachers.

MAYOR SIMON FOR GOVERNOR.

Here is an Admirer Who Wants Him for the Place. PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—(To the Editor.)—Having been a constant reader of The Oregonian for nearly 40 years (ever since I was a small boy), I claim to know something of the political history of the State.

I have a man to propose for Governor who is not hunting the job. He is a man who has done more for the State than any other man in Oregon.

There are no more of I. W. W. for him. Mr. Keller Withdraws After Hearing Colonel Wood on Anarchy. LENTS, Or., Dec. 2.—(To the Editor.)—Until last Sunday I thought that the I. W. W. was a union of workmen trying to get their rights.

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A Father's Relationship. A New York Times. A New York business man has a small daughter who is extremely fond of her mother. She likes her father well enough, but she does not go into raptures over him.

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MR. WHEELWRIGHT REJOINS. Makes Defense of Port of Portland. PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—(To the Editor.)—I desire to protest against the reproduction in this morning's Oregonian of the scurrilous article printed by the "Socialist organ" (as you call it), referring to C. E. S. Wood and the Port of Portland Commission in such manner as to give the impression of a slur upon my approval, while affording it the wide publicity that the importance of your newspaper and its large circulation insure.

The statement of Chairman Wheelwright is in the spirit of the charter for the Commission to give up control of the port to a private corporation which is, in effect, a member of a "Coast dock trust."

It should be fully understood by the public that, while the committee have favored the proposed lease, it is not a lease of the dock, provided such lease can be made on terms that are advantageous to the taxpayers and to the public.

It is proper to call public attention to the fact that while the hearing on the subject of the proposed lease was fully advertised and very largely attended, the only protests against said lease came from the ranks of the I. W. W.

While The Oregonian most cheerfully gives space to the publication of Mr. Wheelwright's letter, it must say that it deems him quite too sensitive on the subject to discuss. The article complained of was reproduced by The Oregonian chiefly, indeed wholly, for its banter about Mr. Wood.

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Life's Sunny Side. Judge Smart told this story to some Kansas lawyers recently. An attorney was questioning an Irish juror in a murder case.

During one of his residential trips, Mr. Cleveland accompanied by Secretary Olney, arrived at a town in a heavy storm, and they were driven from the station with halibones rattling on the roof of their carriage.

A pretty young schoolmarm who teaches a first-grade class in a school of the northeastern section of the city is telling a funny story on herself that happened just before the close of the term.

Blankson's medical man had told him that it was necessary to get a specialist, but Blankson's soul was filled with gloom at the prospect of parting with the fee.

Mrs. Mackay's Gorgeous Gown. Mrs. Clarence Mackay appeared in one of those novel creations at a private reception earlier in the week. The overdress was of copper beech satin, bordered with a lacy of white tulle and adorned with jewels.

England's Wind-Swift Navy. Much the swiftest vessels in the world built for naval fighting are England's "battleship cruisers."

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