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PORTLAND, ON WILLAMETTE.

There are two difficulties in the way of any proposition for a tunnel under the river at Portland, which may be regarded at this time as insuperable. Time will, however, remove them.

One of these difficulties, which at present creates an impossibility, is the certainty that the people of Portland could not now be brought to agreement on the site for a tunnel.

Then the cost of a tunnel. It certainly would be very great. It would augment the debt of the city to a very great but unknown extent; and prudent residents, owners of property, will always consider the interest charge and its burden.

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The Madison bridge is under construction, and should be ready for use by September next. The Broadway bridge has been ordered by a heavy majority of the people of Portland, and its construction should begin at once.

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figures, the total value of crops and livestock on the irrigated acreage last season was \$276,600, which was a very fair first return.

The great need of Oregon is a population which can make use of millions of acres of idle land in the state.

THE NEW STATE OF SISKIYOU.

A few unappreciated souls in Southern Oregon are trying to interest with themselves a few unappreciated souls of Northern California in the formation of a new state, to be called the State of Siskiyou.

But it will be necessary to obtain the consent of Oregon and the consent of California, and the approval of the Congress of the United States.

We are told that the Jackson County Press Association has "formally" endorsed the movement for a new state.

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the famous block signal which has proved the greatest safeguard a railroad could throw around its employees, passengers and property.

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WITH FEW MOURNERS.

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Leopold's wife, Queen Henrietta Maria of Austria, was a gentle, high-minded, womanly woman.

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NEEDS OF TILLAMOOK HARBOR.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 10.—(To the Editor.)—Referring to a news item in a recent issue of The Oregonian stating that a resolution had been directed to the lighthouse division of the War Department, asking that a station be established on the end of the Government jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River be passed.

It may be that Secretary Giltner regards the Columbia River territory and Coos Bay as the "state in general," if so, I am sure that the Portland Chamber of Commerce ever done for Tillamook harbor.

Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, takes note in his report on the "white traffic," to which the Immigration Commissioner called the attention of Congress last week.

A frail launch, an inexperienced pilot, a swift current and a dark night formed a fatal combination of conditions for the tragedy which took place on an early hour Sunday morning.

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TWO CAUSES OF LONG MESSAGES.

One of them is the combination of shorthand and the typewriter.

We wonder if stenography and typewriting have anything to do with the excessive length of some public messages.

Notwithstanding the persistent demand for condenser action, the author has only to read over the printed copy and make corrections.

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Life's Sunny Side

"The teacher of one of the rooms in a school in the suburbs of Chicago had been trained in the philosophy of a visit from the school commissioner."

"I was one of the stories told at the banquet of the Central Dentists' Association, and the best one. Most of the tooth-pullers had been called on yesterday and he opened his mouth as usual. They told stories of experience with patients that caused reminiscent smiles to hover over the faces of the other diners."

"It may be economical, it is certainly ridiculous," said Senator Tillman of a proposition he had introduced. "It reminds me of Calhoun White."

"Calhoun White stuck his head in through the ticket window of Salters Falls, where he had started a business. 'Boss, give me two round-trip tickets to Society Hill, one for myself and one for a corpse.'"

"I have never heard of anybody buying excursion tickets for corpses," said the agent. "What's the meaning of this?"

"Well, boss, Calhoun White replied, 'My brother was killed yesterday and I want to take the corpse up to Society Hill and let the family review the remains, and then I'll bring him back to Salters Falls and bury him. That'll be a sight to see. I'll be glad to take the corpse up to Society Hill and all the way back again.'"

"At a banquet recently one of the speakers told of a man who was a chronic drunkard. He was invited to a dinner and he got drunk. He was very noisy and caused the good lady's tears to flow."

"How are you getting along, Jake?" asked a friend who called one afternoon. "I am getting along all right for the whole family," said Jake. "And it is all my wife's fault."

"You surprise me," said the caller. "Six weeks ago the most devoted nurse I ever saw."

"You don't know her," returned the rheumatist. "The doctor says that a woman is the only person who can do for me, and that woman comes in here and weeps just to make the air damp."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

"If I will ask you, Mr. Yipsley," said the attorney for the defense, "where this alleged transaction took place?"

VIOLATED BREED AND SALT CODE

Unforgivable Offense of William Watson That Merits Punishment.

Philadelphia Press.

William Watson has been guilty of an offense never forgiven by a gentleman. He had violated the utterances of women, mother and daughter together, made to him by the former. For this there can be no other excuse nor apology.

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