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CAUSES OF HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Repeatedly, in speaking of the causes of high prices, the Oregonian has mentioned the almost universal use of the telephone for sending in orders, and of the expensive equipment for delivery that the modern system requires.

RECORD BUILDING YEAR.

Portland building permits for the first three weeks of January were greater than for the entire month of January, 1909, and for the full month it probably will be twice as large as for the same month last year.

FOR SCHOOL BETTERMENT.

Superintendent Cooper, of the Seattle public schools, prior to a city teachers' institute held recently, sent out blanks to the teachers in the high schools asking that they be filled out.

THE CANALS ON MARS.

The controversy among astronomers over the so-called canals on the planet Mars dates back to 1877. In that year the distinguished Italian observer, Schiaparelli, discerned certain streaks on Mars which seemed to him to be canals.

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keep up with the demand, and every structure is tenanted before the paint is dry. In the business district all of the new buildings have from 50 to 75 per cent of their space engaged before they are completed, and speedily fill up as soon as they are ready for tenants.

PREPARING FOR THE CENSUS.

Seattle is making an effort to drag the City of Georgetown into the Seattle fold before the census-taker appears. Georgetown seems to be hanging back, and the Seattle Times, in an effort to show the recalcitrant neighbor the error of its ways, presents a long list of things that Georgetown is missing a golden opportunity.

CHILDREN AND DIVORCES.

The children of divorced parents furnish more than 26 per cent of the cases which come before the Juvenile Court at Seattle. Judge Frater, who presides over the court, gives out these figures. He thinks they indicate a deplorable state of domestic morality, and we agree with him.

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most teachers that an institute that deals persistently and broadly with matters looking specifically to the betterment of our local schools would be much more helpful to the teaching body than is an institute with a programme rendered by leading educators from other sections of the country.

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but with the feeble instruments he used he could not detect a mass of details which is perfectly obvious to the observers at Lick and Lake Geneva.

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CANNON, NECESSARY SCAPEGOAT This Country is Always Looking for Some One to Punish.

New York Evening Post. If democrats must have their popular heroes and idols, they find it necessary also to have their National villain and scapegoat.

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STEALING NEW YORK'S THUNDER Loud Wall Against Particulating a Great Political Spectacle.

New York World. We are unalterably opposed to this Wild West scheme for a Roosevelt triumphal march across the continent from San Francisco.

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LIFE'S SUNNY SIDE

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