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Railroad that its business makes a very interesting study. The big transcontinental railroads which sprawl over half the states and territories of the Union. Transcontinental business will seem insignificant by comparison with that handled in local territory west of the Rocky Mountains, when the railroads have developed this region to its limits.

AGAIN THE PISTOL HABIT.

The chances are that if Operator Fuller had not a revolver in his pocket he would not have murdered Conductor Stewart. If it had been necessary for the irritated young man to go to his room before he could produce the weapon, his anger would probably have cooled on the way, and he would not have shot.

A COURTHOUSE MACHINE.

The county of Multnomah has a bunch of courthouse officeholders, who are very sure that the people need their services—and more to the point, that they need the taxpayers' money. They do not want to hear the voice of the people calling them to account.

PLURALITY PRIMARY RIOT.

Minority nominations in plurality primaries cannot command support of a body of voters. It is a truth demonstrated again and again in Oregon. To expect majority to accept candidates of minority in this manner is absurd.

THE FIREPROOF SCHOOLHOUSE.

Citizens of Mount Tabor, within the limits of School District No. 1, are asking that the new schoolhouse that must be built to accommodate their increasing population be constructed of brick or stone or steel, or the three in combination.

THE PERPLEXING RATE DECISION.

Details regarding the Interstate Commerce Commission decision on the Spokane rate case do not add much in the way of explaining the probable result of the sweeping changes the order provides for. The Commission has set in motion a mighty force, but seems unable to determine what the consequences may be to the localities where this influence will be felt.

TOO MANY WORLD'S FAIRS?

George Westinghouse, of the committee appointed by Mayor Denney, New York, to consider the advisability of celebrating by a big exposition in 1913 the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Manhattan, announces that he is opposed to the project, giving as reason therefor that there are, in his opinion, too many world's fairs.

MAINTAINING SEAPORT PRESTIGE.

Liverpool, despite the handicap which nature has placed upon her, does not purpose to relinquish her hold on the shipping that has made her great. The remarkable increase in the size of the trans-Atlantic liners and the competition of Southampton and other ports have caused some anxious moments for the men who guard the commercial destiny of the large English port.

soon as the new docks are ready for her. The new record-breakers which are now building will be 340 feet long, and it is expected that the 1000-foot steamers will be racing across the Atlantic within the next ten years.

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SOME GENUINE DEEP SEA YARNS.

Extraordinary Occurrences Vouched for by Eyewitnesses. Willapa Harbor Pilot. Thursday afternoon a number of the masters of the vessels now in port met at the office of Deputy Collector Egbert, as is frequently the case when they are out for a good time.

EX-PRESIDENTS AS MENTORS.

Jefferson Down, They Have Influenced Their Successors. Boston Transcript. The influence of ex-presidents on the policies of their successors is no new thing in our politics.

COMMANDMENTS FOR HUSBANDS.

These Are No Joke, but to Be Taken Seriously. Berlin Correspondence New York Sun. Germany has taken over wholesale the brilliant idea initiated by the official Italian marriage gazette.

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LIFE'S SUNNY SIDE. A friend writes this department to state that he has heard that the colored churches are offering up prayer for the success of Jack Johnson when he meets Jeff. He suggests that, if the colored brethren have any fear on account of Jack's past life that Providence will find it impossible to help him in the fight, they might frame their petitions something like the old negro preacher did when he was freed by the South. The preacher said: 'Oh, Lord, please help me, an' yo' 'kaint' help me, oh, Lord, yo' goodness sakes don't help dat beast.'—Denver Post.