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PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24, 1910.

MR. TAFT'S LETTER.

Mr. Taft has chosen a happy moment to write the letter which demonstrates his infatuated belief that he is a mere asset of the "old guard" in New York.

The ground of their preference is not difficult to discover. A victory for the Republican party this fall upon a platform embodying the ideas of Roosevelt and Hughes would mean the end of their machine leadership.

Considering the unpardonable misuse of his name and prestige, Mr. Taft might well join in the prayer of the Presbyterian Deacon who besought the Lord to deliver him from his friends.

No doubt the machine element in the New York Republican committee when it rejected Mr. Roosevelt as temporary chairman of the state convention.

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ter to Mr. Grisco vanishes the last hope of the machine clique that they can make him their private property and use him to fortify their small aims.

Among Portland's immediate needs is an Esperanto school. The town must get busy at it right away.

True, the stereotyped formalities may be observed by prominent reformers with small intellectual effort.

Concrete examples of this conventional literature suggest themselves: "Write your name on the door."

"No, not all the time; it isn't raining."

As soon as classes are started, many other topics, merely to make conversation, may be catalogued and thoroughly practiced.

President Taft has a Vice-President on his hands whom he does not want and never did want.

One would not suffice. They are interdependent. That is to say, railroads without irrigation would be of no use.

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RULE OF THE MINORITY.

Mr. Poindexter, candidate for Senator, at Vancouver Monday said he did not address himself especially to Republicans, but was "out for the votes of the people."

At Olympia, the Supreme Court decided that the "second choice" provision of the primary law does not apply to the Senatorship.

The heroes of this day and year are the sturdy fire-fighters who are abroad in the Pacific Northwest.

One of the most pathetic incidents in connection with the forest fires that have devastated the homes and holdings of many settlers in Western Idaho is that of the drowning of a woman who leaped into a well with her baby in her arms.

IRRIGATION IN MALHEUR COUNTY.

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TEMPERATURE ON PLANET MARS.

Theory That Its Warmth Is as Great as the Earth's. PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—(To the Editor.)—In the editorial on Mars in The Oregonian, yesterday it is stated that Mars being a great deal farther from the sun than the earth is, it can neither be so light nor so warm in Mars as it is on the earth.

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