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MR. TAFT ON RECIPROCITY. Mr. Taft's New York speech on the Canadian reciprocity agreement will impress the country by its candid fairness.

An excellent example of his candor is furnished by what he said about the contract between our government of Alaska and that of Canada.

The most convincing argument which Mr. Taft made for the reciprocity agreement is to be found in the following quotation: "But there is one way, and that a conclusive way, of demonstrating the fallacy of their fears, and that is to try it on."

Canada's colonists. The recent colonist movement of the transcontinental railroads broke all previous records.

On the whole, he said, "the conditions are substantially the same. On the price of farm land the differences are no greater between Canada and the United States than between the different states of the United States."

More serious disagreement will arise with Mr. Taft's opinion that lowering the duties on manufactured goods between us and Canada would result in a net benefit to the United States.

Members of the new Spokane machine gun company must be more than five feet six inches tall. The average height of the population is about six feet, additional height multiplies the compactness of the human male in a geometrical ratio.

This is the rule, though there are some exceptions. When a man runs all to altitude beauty does not invariably increase so rapidly.

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mit prices to rise above a certain level and by that the farmers of this country would profit.

THE MOROCCAN TROUBLE. A few years ago one Mulai Hafid could be depended on to start a revolution in Morocco at least once a year and not infrequently he would pull off two or three in a single year.

This present revolution has indeed become so serious that the deposed Sultan is believed to have the secret backing of some European powers.

While not apparent in any outward signs, it is believed that Spain's contention for receiving the secret support of Germany and that the cause of France is being secretly aided by England.

What a store of useless ingenuity Dr. Owen must possess. First he invents a cryptogram. Then with perfectly amazing deftness he makes the wandering words of the play up to the river bed in the full confidence that they will find it.

According to the new light Bacon did not write the plays, Shakespeare wrote them and Bacon stole them.

Each of the insurgent leaders had picked for himself the committee which deals with the subject of which he has made a special study and on which he advocates a definite policy.

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constitution and to be more secure against disease. There is safety in mediocrity in more than one direction.

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postal legislation and steers it through the Senate. President Taft is particularly interested in postal legislation, and Bourne may have a fine chance to "get even" by butchering some of the President's pet measures.

In the demand of La Follette and Bristow for committee places, one can see a question of principle, but Bourne seems to seek chiefly the power of patronage and the gratification of revenge.

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The trade is decidedly profitable even if confined on a small scale. The usual price of potatoes ranges between \$1.40 and \$2 for 200 pounds. The best stuff costs 19 cents for 25 pounds, one kilo, and another 16 cents for 25 pounds.

A license must first be obtained from the authorities by the person who wish to engage in the trade. Permission is then secured from some cafe or restaurant proprietor to allow a table to be used for the purpose.

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Timely Tales of the Day

F. D. Morrison, a Portland newspaper man, has a little daughter, Virginia, who is far beyond her years in wisdom.

"All right, my lady; I think I'd like to buy that big, nice one over yonder. How much will you sell it for, for?"

"Seven dollars," replied Miss Virginia. "Well, well; that is very cheap. Now, what kind of terms can I have on the house?"

"Ten dollars down and \$10 a month," came the reply with a suddenness that took the prospective "purchaser's" breath away.

Judge Will R. King, who served the past four years as a Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, and who retired from the bench the first of this year, is regarded as an authority on the law affecting water rights.

Judge W. S. McFadden of Corvallis, who is a well known pioneer attorney, was in the city of Astoria, when a case in court recently was fitted against a young attorney fresh from an Eastern law school.

It will be 23 years July 1 next since Phil Metchan, proprietor of the Imperial, was shaved, and then he was shaved in the city of Astoria.

On July 1, 1878, Mr. Metchan, who was then residing in Grant County, was in a Canyon City barber shop.

Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

Children are scolded for being pigish about taking the biggest, but their parents are just as bad.

The nicest perfume for the person is the perfume of soap used frequently.

White men say it takes the Indians a long time to become civilized. Some white men are a little slow about it, too.

When game was plentiful, guns were muzzle-loaders and flintlocks. Now there is no game, and beautiful repeating shotguns and rifles have replaced them.

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Advertising Talks

The David Gibson Company, Cleveland, Ohio, issues Gibson's Magazine, which is brimful of nuggets of wisdom.

"We frequently hear the statement that people want to be humbugged. 'For instance,' they say, 'I am humbugged so often that, in the absence of an explanation, they seem to seek the process.'"

"The reason is on the broad general principle that people believe what they want to believe—or possibly, what they prefer to believe."

"They did not want to be humbugged, but they did want to make that piano sale."

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, April 29, 1861. The arrival of the bark Samuel Merritt and industry replenishes the stores of merchandise in this town and affords an opportunity to ship produce at a reasonable rate.

The President has communicated with the Governors of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Idaho and states that an attack on Washington is apprehended. He desires them to call out their militia and hold it in readiness.

Baseball Nine of Ministers. Grand Junction (Col.) Dispatch. A baseball team composed entirely of clergymen is being organized in Grand Junction.

Special Features OF Tomorrow's Oregonian

Articles that are interesting, timely and vital, coupled with fine illustrations and strong fiction numbers, will make up the magazine section of next Sunday's Oregonian.

John F. Stevens, railroad builder and engineer, is a man of achievement. Everyone knows of the big things he has done in Oregon.

Living in a houseboat on the Willamette River is a wholesome experience and you are likely to be seized with a temptation to try it after reading the account of a local houseboat enthusiast.

McDowell's Advance to Bull Run is recounted in the next installment of Civil War articles. Major-General Fry supplies an intensely interesting page, fully illustrated with wartime pictures.

"Wonderful John Dory" is the title of a tense adventure tale by E. Phillips Oppenheim. It is the ninth in his Peter Ruff series.

Philip P. Jacobs, Ph. D., supplies a valuable article dealing with the subject of tuberculosis among children; Harry T. Quinn gives you a graphic glimpse of the wretches who are enslaved by "dope"; there is a half-page on the death-knell of green tea in the United States—and a raft of other timely matter.

ALL THE NEWS, RIGHT UP TO THE MINUTE, OF PORTLAND, OF OREGON AND OF THE WHOLE WORLD