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the statement that the opening of Oregon has only just begun and that the increase in population and wealth between 1910 and 1920 will equal, if not surpass, that of any other state.

FIRST IN LOW BUSINESS.

The disreputable distinction of having been first to print the infamous Dick-to-Dick forgery belongs to a Portland paper, the Journal. It was a "scoop" for which no other paper anywhere desires to buy the credit or credit. It was a clumsy, wicked and stupid fabrication, having for its purpose the covering of the President of the United States with dirt and the further humiliation of his late Secretary of the Interior.

THE FARMER'S FREE LIST.

In pursuance of a programme which has evidently been agreed upon between the insurgent Republicans and the Democrats the farmers' free list has been passed. It is supposed to compensate them for the losses which they will possibly suffer through reciprocity with Canada. The reciprocity agreement was allowed to pass with the private understanding between the two parties that the Democrats had this free list should follow it, and now the plan is carried out as far as the combination can accomplish their purpose.

THE OVERLORD OF LA PIPE.

If Governor West shall bring the Deschutes Land Company, or any other Central Oregon irrigation company, to terms, so that it will carry out its contracts with settlers, actual and prospective, he will have performed a monumental service to the people of Oregon. Why should the president of the Deschutes Land Company be permitted to defy the state authorities and tell them in effect that he will do what he pleases about his obligations to the state and to the settlers? He is taking his own private law and the state is helpless. He is the overlord of La Pipe. Are the settlers his subjects, as they are clearly his dependents? Is he doing for them what he has agreed to do? Or is he taking his own private law and the state is helpless. He is the overlord of La Pipe.

DEATH IN THE WATER.

The toll taken by drowning seems to have been heavier thus far this summer than usual. The Sunday toll especially is high on the Columbia island beaches above and below Vancouver. These places seem to be especially attractive to young people who cannot swim and to whom river bathing in the shallows where lurk the unexpected "deep places" is particularly dangerous. It may be that, like the Astoria, the beach is the beach, but these can be filled in by extensions as the country develops.

the few who are tragically bereft by the disaster. The story, though given wide publicity and read with shuddering publicity, does not close the volume wherein it is written. There is always space left for another chapter, and yet another that is as sure to be written as the heat of the summer and the lure of the water invite to beach bathing in the Columbia pleasure-seekers who cannot swim. The toll taken by drowning was unusually heavy in July of this year. It can only be hoped that August will not duplicate it.

RESULTS OF A LANDSLIDE.

A landslide carries a mass of mud, rocks and uprooted trees from a side-hill over the land below. The Democratic landslide in New York carried a mass of political material of the same nature from the side of Mount Tammany, which is New York City. The result is seen in broken pledges, legislation passed in the interest of Tammany, wholesale expulsion of Republicans from office and wholesale substitution of Democrats, creation of offices with nothing to do but draw salary and work for Tammany. A weak and pliant Governor obediently does the will of the boss, who plunders the state as he has plundered the city.

WEST'S MISTAKE INDULGENCE.

Why did the Governor commute Casaday's sentence? One of Governor West's recent moves to keep in the limelight—the commuting of the sentence of Casaday, the murderer of a woman, who had been sentenced to be hanged July 23—is causing considerable comment. Considering that without Casaday's aid the honest convict would not have been committed, and that had he simply performed the duty to which he had been appointed at his own request, the Governor would have been serving life sentences might be at home with their families, it looks as though Casaday was only getting what he deserved.

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THE SENATE LESS AUGUST.

Individual Membership is Below That of Fifty Years Ago. Washington Letter to Providence Journal. It is not altogether surprising that Senator O'Gorman, of New York, should begin to feel that he gave up the substance for the shadow in resigning his long-term, high-salaried judicial office of dignity and power for a seat in the United States Senate.

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