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The Middle West is in a chaotic and confused political situation with definite indications of a working understanding between the insurgents and the Democrats.

The Republican party has recovered its breath from the heavy blow of 1910. The period of extreme radicalism has passed and there is a tendency on the part of the people toward moderation and conservatism.

Lincoln's greatness is not dependent on anything his parents were or did. It is a unique phenomenon to be born with the power which moves the world...

Lincoln was eminently a fair-minded man. Mr. Taft does not make too much of this trait when he said that Lincoln "considered the arguments of both sides with all the fairness of John Stuart Mill..."

It ought to be a valuable daily exercise for school children to prepare summaries of the news as it appears in the papers. The experiment is being tried in Washington City...

Comparatively few people know how to remember. The common idea is that a good memory is one which recalls the facts of the past as they are. A good memory is really one that knows how to drop what is useless.

Men who have a great deal of accurate work to do are not apt to depend on their memories. They are in the habit of passing lightly over the ephemeral and laying up sketches of weighty occurrences as a lasting possession of the memory.

The efficiency of Government ownership and operation of great industries will be put to the test on the largest scale, if the recommendations of Colonel Goethals in regard to the Panama Canal should be adopted.

Lincoln was an excellent advocate. He always took sides in the courtroom. In the White House he did the same. The fact that he was fair to the South did not hinder him from applying the most judicious measures to defeat its armies.

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Seven million dollars' worth of street improvements this year is a great record for Portland.

LANE WINS APPLE HONORS Benton is Second in Contest at Albany Exhibition.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—Achieving its third successive victory, Lane County today won the grand prize for the best county exhibit at the fifth annual Albany Apple Fair.

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MORGAN LOSES LIFE FIGHT First-Degree Murder Case at Grants Pass Settled in 45 Minutes.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—After 45 minutes' deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree in the case of Mike Morgan, on trial for murdering John E. York, here last July and afterward throwing the body in the Rogue river, after weighting it down with logs.

Upon this confession the state strongly relied. This part of the testimony was: "I, Mike Morgan, being first duly sworn, do hereby make the following statement of facts without any promise of reward or leniency from anyone whatsoever, known or unknown, used against me upon my trial; I was up town and got to drinking and went down to camp and me and the old man, known as the 'old man' and a little too hard and I killed him, I guess. I did not know what to do with him, so I put him in the river and carried him about half way across the river and put the rope around his neck about half way to the river. I got him to the river and went back to the wagon at camp, got in the wagon and the old man pulled the river bank, threw him into the water. I was about half drunk when I hit York. I hit him on the head with a club and he fell into the water. This happened between nine and ten o'clock Thursday night. We were camped just above the park."

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 9.—The violent storm which has prevailed for several days off the North Pacific Coast along the coast and in the straits of the Columbia has abated today. The wind at Cape Flattery had gone down to 19 miles an hour. No serious damage to shipping has been reported. The storm had reached port from Southeastern Alaska today with a foot of snow on her deck and icicles hanging from her rigging.

Highway 1000, with Provision, Offered by Washington Board.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—If the Great Northern Railroad will build a ten-foot highway up the Columbia River from Wenatchee to the terminus of state road No. 18, will reduce to a minimum the expense of producing grades as much as possible, provide board screens and guard rails where necessary to separate road and river, to widen its road at a later date and will agree to have its railroad in operation within two years, it will be authorized to take over a part of state road No. 18, and the Columbia country running north from Wenatchee. Today the report of W. J. Roberts, State Highway Commissioner, recommending the same, was passed by the State Highway Board.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—Circular letters are being sent out by the State Railroad Commission to all of the commercial bodies and people interested, calling their attention to the distance rate tariff hearing, which will be held at the State Capitol next Wednesday. The roads included are the G. W. R., the Southern Pacific and the Corvallis & Eastern.

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Water Rights are Limited New Filing System Adopted to Keep Records Down to Date.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—A new system has been inaugurated in the State Engineer's office to keep water-right records more nearly down to date. Instead of each claimant, as heretofore, applying for the entire stream flow, or all the water he can use, and having an indefinite time within which to put it to beneficial use, the new law provides for the limitation of each application as to the amount of water and time for beginning and completing work, and putting the water to use. The new law also provides that construction work shall be commenced within one year and prosecuted diligently to completion within not to exceed five years.

ADVERTISING SCHEME IS HIT Police Committee Refuses to Allow Publication of Annual.

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ASTORIA TO PLAY HILL The Astoria High School football team will come to Portland today and play the Hill Military Academy on the Astoria campus. The team recently defeated a team from Clatskanie by the score of 16 to 0, but was defeated 11 to 0 by Vancouver.

Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

In a country town, when a defecatory is sent in for a sick person, enough is sent for the sick person's family.

Being exceedingly human myself, I don't like the men who claim to do all sorts of great things they don't do.

A woman was scolding her little boy because he wanted a shotgun. "Why," the mother said, with a great show of virtue, "I never wanted a shotgun in my life."

It makes no difference how little a boy is when his mother scolds him she says: "You ought to be ashamed of yourself! A big boy like you."

Every man says occasionally: "I love my children as much as their mother loves them, for all the fuss she makes about it."

A young man was being twitted about a broken engagement. "O," he said, "there is plenty of affection left in me yet."

Frequently a high-minded man comes along and wants a whole lot of things done that can't be done.

A man buys an automobile and spends half his time thereafter in advertising it. Why not let the newspapers advertise it?