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NO HANGINGS IN OREGON. Governor West frankly announces his purpose to abolish capital punishment in Oregon during his term of office because in his opinion it is a relic of a barbaric and medieval age and not in accordance with the enlightened spirit of the twentieth century.

GOVERNOR WEST'S POLICY. The pardoning power was not lodged with the executive for the purpose of fixing the policy of a state toward criminals or to defeat the verdict of courts or the judgment of juries. Yet the Governor says he understands the punishment of first-degree murder. The pardoning power was not lodged with the executive for the purpose of fixing the policy of a state toward criminals or to defeat the verdict of courts or the judgment of juries.

LAWMAKING BY TITLES. In confirmation of the statement often reiterated, that a court may be instituted by legislative action in this state and hopeless tasks placed before the voters for performance, The Oregonian a few days ago commented on the remarkable admission by a leader of the People's Power party that he would be satisfied to have any bill which would be put to a referendum.

THE OREGONIAN'S POLICY. Here is the situation: An important part of the constitution of this state has been amended, and the amendments have been adopted by the voters. The amendments have been adopted by the voters. The amendments have been adopted by the voters.

AGAINST IMPERIALISM. The spoils of aggressive warfare that will, in this event, fall into their hands. As a live of industry, the products of which are the implements and accessories of modern warfare, the capture of the ancient capital of China will be a staggering blow to a dynasty that now seems tottering to its fall.

ROOSEVELT AND THE TRUSTS. No recent discussion of the trusts has caused such a stir in the East as Theodore Roosevelt's article in the Outlook on "The Trusts, the People and the Square Deal."

A SACK OF POTATOES, ETC. The terms a sack of potatoes, a dozen eggs, a bushel of apples, a box of tomatoes, a basket of grapes, etc., etc., have little or no significance in the matter of weight to the purchaser. They are about as definite as the amateur's word to a professional in the matter of weight.

THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON. The University of Oregon is unfortunate in having lost by a tragical death one of its freshmen. Virgil Noland was a young man of pleasing disposition and promising future. He was an only child, and had been carefully reared.

COMMENTS OF INTEREST OF STATES AND TERRITORIES. CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—(To the Editor)—The real community of interests between transportation lines and the development of the states through which they run, was never more strikingly manifested than in the land show now in progress in this city.

THE QUESTION JUDGE TARVEL IS ASKED TO DECIDE: "What is the weight of a sack of potatoes?" is no easier to answer than the old question, "How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?" The only way out is to buy potatoes by the pound and weigh the sack.

BEATTIE'S CONFESION. Beattie's confession has the merit of silencing those who would otherwise have maintained to their dying day that they knew of the guilty party. The jury which heard all the evidence and convicted him.

WHERE TO BUY UMBRELLAS. CORVALLIS, Or., Nov. 25.—(To the Editor)—Will you please tell me the address of one of the umbrella stores, for I can't find their advertisements in the paper?

Gleanings of the Day. War on tipping has been opened by Frank Kimball, manager of the Continental Hotel at Philadelphia, and three other hotels in that city have followed his example.

MUSICAL STARS CAN NO LONGER COUNT ON IMMUNITY FROM ADVERSE CRITICISM WHEN THEY GO ON WHAT IS CALLED "THE KEROSENE CIRCUIT." They have been accustomed to assume that the inhabitants of small towns would be so overjoyed to hear them that they need not do their best or look their best.

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WHITE COAT FOR 200-MILE ROAD. Manchester Guardian. About 200 miles of railroads are being constructed in Oregon, and the railroads are to be operated by electricity, which will be furnished from water power stations in the mountains.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN. "Hands Up!"—The remarkable story of a convict who turned evangelist at 48, after a life of crime.

"THE THANKSGIVING TURKEY." How often I think of the dinners I relished. When I was a youngster, far back on the farm; How often, by time and by distance embelished.

OUR DAY OF THANKS—Something about its history and present-day proclamation. Cradle Bethrotals—Where couples are betrothed while still in their infancy. Illustrated.

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EFFORT ALL EXPENDED IN TALK. Mr. Ward Thinks Lawyers Should Act in Reforming Court Procedure. PORTLAND, Nov. 25.—(To the Editor)—For a good many years, at each meeting of the State Bar Association, they have passed resolutions and made long-winded speeches relative to our present method of court procedure.

THE OPEN SEASON. He gaily threw his paper by; "Quoth he, 'Hand me my gun, For I am going down the street To buy a bit of fun.' He slipped the chamber till it spun. Slipped in each cartridge, one by one. And trimmed the weapon with a will; 'Now I'll go down the street and kill.'"

COUNTRY TOWN SAYINGS BY ED HOWE. Mean old Rockefeller has been able to do more good with his left hand than some of us good men have been able to do with our right, and that isn't fair, either.

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