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THE McNAMARAS.

There has been a fair play for the McNamara. They are guilty of murder and they confess. They would undoubtedly have continued their career of violence, intimidation and bloodshed by dynamite if they had not been pursued by the bulldogs of the law, arrested, jailed and tried.

ETHICS.

The Medford Mail-Tribune is addressed in so far as the Portland newspapers, which long ago exposed the unfitness of Congressman Lafferty for office, continue to "carry paid reading matter singing Lafferty's praises."

TAYLOR AND HIS WINONA SPEECH.

President Taft's adherence to the opinions expressed in his Winona speech is the subject of criticism in the newspaper ethics is involved. But there would be a most serious violation of newspaper ethics if The Oregonian, or any Portland paper, should refuse to admit to its columns on any terms the statement of a public man.

PORTLAND'S HEALTHY GROWTH.

Portland leads the West in expansion of legitimate business, and Oregon leads all Western states in the same respect. By opening to settlement backward sections of the state, the new railroad has created a market for Eastern investors to buy large tracts of land and prepare them for cultivation.

conditions cannot improve until the tributary country has caught up. Portland develops step by step with its tributary country, as is evidenced by the steady, even pace with which it proceeds.

MADAME CURIE'S WEAKNESS.

If new illustrations were needed of the old truth that great intellectual power is compatible with feeble morality, Madame Curie and her affinity, Professor Langvign, have supplied one.

All this need not surprise us, nor need we infer that Madame Curie is not a great scientific investigator because her morals are lax.

AS TO RESPONSIBILITY.

Beyond all question, Chaplain Bauer, of the State Penitentiary, spoke his sincere sentiments about crime and criminals at Temple on Monday.

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success or personal ambition. Just because President Taft has displayed that spirit and because he proposes measures which are in the line of progress, he should be given the second term which he refuses to seek by ignoble sacrifice of duty.

PANAMA HAS A COMPETITOR.

That only a moderate rate of toll can safely be charged on the Panama Canal is not to be diverted to the Tehuantepec railroad is clear from comparative figures of United States traffic done by the Panama and Tehuantepec railroads in the last six years.

We heard something at the time of President Taft's late visit to the Pacific Northwest of a very dangerous automobile ride which was given him by the citizens of Tacoma to Rainier National Park.

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creature of "economic determinism" without control over his conduct. But why not be consistent about it? Why is he more a creature of economic determinism than the rest of us?

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW IS ISSUE.

Degree Less Important Than Certainty of Punishment Says Marshall Scott. PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(To the Editor.)—More than 8500 persons are victims annually of homicide in the United States and only about 100 slayers are executed each year.

Statistics fall to show that capital punishment lessens homicide, although it undoubtedly does check murderous practices of professional criminals.

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service the landlord renders. Mr. Wilson Disputes Theory of Single Taxers on the Subject. CORVALLIS, Or., Nov. 30.—(To the Editor.)—Referring to the single tax again, I notice that Mr. W. A. Warren, of Hermiston, Or., explains that the individual ownership of land is not just because, under our complex system every one who renders a service receives a service in return, trades one commodity for another, etc., but that the land is owned by no one for the rent he takes, I believe I have stated this idea.

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From The Oregonian, Dec. 2, 1861. Port Monroe, Nov. 15.—The steam tug San Jacinto was just arrived from the Coast of Africa, via the West Indies, where she had been cruising. The port was electrified by the tidings that the San Jacinto had on board Mr. Sillid and Mr. Mason, who were going as Ministers of the Southern Confederacy. Commander Wilkes said he would report to the Secretary of the Navy and forward his dispatches tonight. All the documents and papers of Mason and Sillid were seized. Their families were allowed to proceed. The Captain of the British vessel delivered up Mason and Sillid under protest.

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A special dispatch to the New York Tribune, dated Port Monroe, November 15, says Mason and Sillid were aboard the British mail vessel, Wilkes was aboard and demanded their surrender. The reply was that there was not force enough to take them. Wilkes sent an additional force and put the San Jacinto into a convenient position. Sillid and Mason were taken aboard. The English steamer took them on board not knowing who they were. Their friends were allowed to proceed to their destination.

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