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THE ANTI-THIRD TERM TRADITION.

The tradition that no President of the United States ought to have a third term runs back to Washington. Toward the close of his second term he announced in the most positive manner that he would not again be a candidate and published his decision widely in his farwinded address, leaving the matter open to no possible question or doubt.

PORT MEASURES.

Dr. Wilson ascertained, on that famous visit to Oregon, at the invitation of Lawrence U'Ren, that the initiative was a perfect marvel of practicable legislative mechanism. The plastic mind of the scholarly visitor was easily molded to the U'Ren view.

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dancy is in the opposite direction. The voters prefer to shorten the terms of their officials instead of extending them.

THE MULTNOMAH GOAT.

Multnomah is the wealthiest and most populous county in Oregon, as everyone knows. Naturally Multnomah will bear the heaviest portion of the proposed tax for the \$20,000,000 goat roads bonds.

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large amount of the business of the United States will be handled by the railroads which now or may hereafter center at Vancouver.

Not only have we seen the effects of foreign trade to such a degree that we cannot prevent foreign nations from being the chief beneficiaries of our huge investment, but we have also handicapped our coastwise trade by excluding foreign-built ships. Since freight on American-built ships is two or three times as high as on those of foreign build, we are imposing on water transportation a tax to this extent for the benefit of the transcontinental railroads with which coastwise vessels compete.

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Marie Flynn, who was here a few days ago with "Madame Sherry," was in a San Francisco interview—she's playing there now—that to her positive knowledge she is the youngest prima donna on the stage. Which remark, in print, will no doubt cause many another who lays claim to the distinction to go on a still hunt for little Miss Flynn's family Bible.

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Just as soon as its highly successful engagement at the Republic Theater, in New York, is over, "Rebecca of Sunny Brook Farm," which is not, as many surmise, an anti-prohibition play, will be sent on tour by Kluge & Lang, and in the late Spring will get to Portland.

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Joseph Hart's symbolic playlet, "Everywhere," which must not be confounded with Walter Browne's "Everywhere," is a most to-be-remembered book for the Orpheum circuit. The company required to produce it numbers 21 players.

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This week the Burbank Stock Company is putting on "The Dollar Brand," which George L. Baker's stock company introduced to Portland last season with J. Frank Burke in the big role. Last season the Burbank folk had a tremendous run with this piece, and are now, by request of patrons, having a revival of the same.

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Madame Selmann-Helak, whose marital woes have lately been freely aired for public discussion, sang at a concert in Los Angeles on the 6th and 7th, and gives another appearance on Saturday afternoon.

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Ferris Hartman, who came up to Portland last Fall to give us his original version of "The Toy Maker," is rounding out his fourth week at the Grand Opera-House in Los Angeles. He still has his "original" company, including Walter De Leon and Mrs. Walter, who professionally is known as "Miss Muggins."

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James O'Neil has started out again in "Monte Cristo," which he has been playing almost continuously for 25 years, and in which he is remembered by folk in Portland, who saw him when he first began touring in it.

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When Anna Held was at Pasadena, on her way up here in "Miss Innocence," she did the usual and expected thing and visited the ostrich farm. Also Madame Anna had her photograph taken riding on an animated willow plume. The press agent account of it says that "it is no easy thing to attain a correct poise upon an ostrich, and the average tourist upon the back of a live ostrich resembles nothing so much as a tree-fern growing on a mountain side."

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Booked for early engagements at the Hellog are William Favreham, in Edward Knoblauch's comedy, "The Fawn"; the merry Pullman farce, "Excuse Me," written by Rupert Hughes, another of whose plays, "Two Women," will soon be brought here by Mrs. Leslie Carter. A return visit of "Madame X" is scheduled also.

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The list of stars that will shine here before the season ends augurs well for our entertainment. For instance, there are Maude Adams, John Drew, and later his niece, Ethel Barrymore, Elsie Janis, who regrettably lays claim to being the youngest prima donna in the world; Blanche Bates, who will have to voice her sentiments about her "home town" when she arrives in Portland; Billie Burke, Lulu Glaser, William Gillette, who did not invent safety razors, and last, but not for stretch of imagination least, Mizzi Hajos.

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In Sacramento the lease of the Empress Theater, which was formerly the Grand, just as our Empress was at one time the Grand, has been bought by "Jim" Post, the millionaire comedian, who will take charge September 1. He will play a season of his own musical comedies, afterward alternating with other actor-managers who have their own houses on the Pacific Coast. The Sullivan & Conclina people, present tenants at the Empress, will erect a new theater.

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Henry W. Savage's opera production of "The Girl of the Golden West," played in Denver, Col., last night.

GET IN AND DIG, SAYS LABORER

Knocks and Street-Corner Talk Don't Make Prosperity. PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—(To the Editor.)—I noticed in The Morning Oregonian, February 5, a letter from the Central Labor Council of Portland concerning the welfare of this city and state. I would like to know if north, south, east and west are not conditions the same? The poor are always with us. The trouble with the majority is too much pleasure and too much city.

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I cannot understand why labor leaders do have an emergency fund and the working class so when times are bad they need it all on the city. How quickly unions all over the country collected thousands of dollars when the more labor leaders when in trouble? Just think, Mr. Darrow's allowance was \$50,000. What a wonderful relief there could have been given here to their leaders who have to live on the street. The money collected could be well invested in a colony for only the working class. What a monument to the cause of labor!

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