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TAX LEVY RATHER THAN BONDS. Writer Opposes High Finance Bills and Offers Plan.

PORTLAND, Feb. 19.—(To the Editor.)—Since it is fashionable I would like to contribute a short article on the road question.

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NO COUNTY SEAT FIGHT PENDING. Burns Will Remain Capital of Harney County, Says Writer.

BURNS, Or., Feb. 20.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian and an evening paper of the 12th appears an article quoting "Joe Mahan."

The fact is, there is neither probability nor design for the removal of the county seat. Burns is the commercial center of the county.

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The Deadly Dictograph

By Dean Collins. A youth, in Leap Year, sat and blushed. Beside an ancient spinster dame, And heard her tell him all about The warmth of her affection's flame;

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