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TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING.

Enlightened opinion in the United States has begun to turn decidedly against the unrestricted admission of foreign immigrants.

While they are occupied in making what seems to them to be a competence they are willing to assist in the most degraded manner...

Other immigrants come here in complete ignorance of the details of our conditions in which they are obliged to live.

Our most highly protected trusts are the worst sinners of this sort. The steel trust, which is sheltered by an outrageous tariff...

But the common point of contention is fantastic and ill-considered. It is a proposal to tear down the house in the hope that a better one may be built in its place.

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than to put him back inside. These foreigners who refuse to be assimilated and who do not understand American methods of adjusting difficulties...

No nation ever had a more formidable task. It is high time that we applied our minds to it.

REASONS.

The Oregonian assumes that Mr. Hall, who writes a letter today from Westport, is for representative government.

Colonel Roosevelt brought to the Nation's attention the eminent abilities and the exalted character of Mr. Taft.

We assure Mr. Hall that he is quite mistaken in his assertion that "Roosevelt" has been ignored by the Oregonian.

TEARING DOWN THE HOUSE.

We suppose that Astoria is under no illusions as to the basis of the recent newspaper outbreak in Portland for common terminal rates at Astoria.

The argument behind the little local effort to surrender Portland's advantages and give them to Astoria runs something like the following:

By paying a freight rate high enough to cover the tolls, the consumers will certainly enable the railroads to charge rates proportionately higher.

The committee shows that Professor Emory H. Johnson estimates the tonnage of ships using the canal in its opening year at 10,500,000.

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which formerly flowed to the United States has been turned toward our northern neighbor.

Ninety per cent of these settlers came from England, and they were the same kind of people who settled New England and Virginia in our colonial days.

How does it happen that Canada gets the desirable immigrants while we get the dregs?

As against the changing matrimonial plan as introduced and actively worked by the modern divorce system, the record now and then of a couple, who have passed fifty or sixty years together, pulling evenly in the matrimonial harness...

Lovers of the good old Constitution will recall with a shudder that the bill for a child labor bureau only needs the President's signature to become law.

Rooseburg no doubt shed some natural tears over the wreck of her brazen Hebe, but there is consolation in the thought that the supply of goddesses is large and that they all look a good deal alike when embodied in imperishable metal.

"False in theory, intolerable in practice." This is what the Grangers of Douglas County think of the single tax proposition.

The minority of the joint committee on interstate and foreign commerce has made a report in favor of exempting American vessels in coastwise trade from Panama Canal tolls.

The twenty drinking fountains which S. Benson has given Portland will promote temperance more effectively than a thousand prohibition orators.

If all the income on the Gould fund were as well spent as Helen Gould's share, the public would be well content to see the principal repaid in full.

The ease with which the Grays Harbor cities disposed of the I. W. W. agitators when they once became aroused to action shows how much of the agitation is mere bluff.

By passing their wool bill without regard to the tariff board's report the Democrats have made one of the issues of the campaign Taft's scientific method of tariff reduction.

The locomotive engineers will consider long time before ordering a strike, simply because they form a powerful organization and never misuse their strength.

There is some consolation in knowing no other country in the world can send a transcontinental train of seventeen cars of mail.

MYTHOLOGY IN SCHOOL READERS

Write Condemns Use of Impossibilities in Teaching the Young.

WAMIC, Or., April 3.—(To the Editor.)—If there is one thing above another of which the people of Oregon should be justly proud, it is our school system, containing as it does all the true elements of the commonwealth.

As an illustration, I was on Washington last summer and saw through their school law set a precedent through the introduction of divine worship in their schools by the consent of the district patrons.

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Writer Pleads for Squarer Politics and Less Buncome.

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Verily we are on trial—of our patience. We have tested forbearance to the limit. We were on trial for tolerance when Jonathan Bourne commanded the forces which held up the Oregon Legislature for 40 days in 1897.

We were on trial last year when the Honorable Jonathan Bourne, a large majority at the popular primary a candidate for Governor other than Jonathan's.

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Our Day in Court

By Dean Collins. "People of Oregon, hear me!" You are the ones on trial; not I. You are the great commonwealth of Oregon depends upon the outcome of this indictment.

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