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PORTLAND, FRIDAY, DEC. 13, 1912.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR DEMOCRACY.

Next in importance to the tariff the Democrats place the money question.

We see the consequences in a rate of 20 per cent for call money in New York...

Meanwhile, Congress continues its hunt for the money trust, though Moody and Turner, two recognized authorities...

The National reserve scheme of the National Monetary Commission has been so effectually damned by bearing the name of Aldrich...

THE COST OF LIVING AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

This month the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education has been holding its sixth annual convention in Philadelphia...

It came out at the convention that many believe there is a close connection between the rising cost of living and the prevalent neglect of vocational education...

Spain, which thought it settled the Moroccan controversy, but did not. Before that the most noteworthy European congress was that at Berlin in 1878...

THE LAW.

Handing is a solemn business; but murder is an atrocious crime. The four men who are to be executed at Salem today have upon their respective brows the indelible brand of Cain.

LET ARIZONA HELP OREGON.

There is much merit in the movement of the Arizona people to secure an extension from ten years, the present limit, to twenty-five years, of the time within which settlers on Government irrigation projects must complete payment for construction.

NATIONAL DIRECT LEGISLATION.

Senator Bristow proposes to apply the initiative to Federal laws, but not as we have it in Oregon and other states. Here a certain percentage of the voters initiate bills by petition.

MAYOR GAYNOR ON VICE.

Mayor Gaynor delivered himself down to the last atom of his opinions on the subjects of gambling, Sabbath breaking, saloons and the social evil at the Forum of New York University...

LIEN LAWS DECLARED ABSURD.

Writer Believes They Work to Advantage of Irresponsible Contractors. PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—Supposing you had ordered a suit from your tailor, and after it had been received and paid for, it was attached...

PROTEST FROM PROPERTY OWNER.

East Stark-Street Sewer Declared Unnecessary and Extravagant.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—(To the Editor.)—As a property owner in Belle Court I hereby make a strong appeal to other property owners in Rose City Park districts and additions to protest vigorously against being assessed for the East Stark-street sewer...

GET DOWN TO THE ROOT OF EVIL.

Prevention of Crime as Possible as Prevention of Disease, Says Writer. PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—The communication on the editorial page of The Morning Oregonian, signed "A. M.," has struck me as a keynote when, under the head "Liquor Freely Sold to Minors" he said: "Is there not some way to check these people up before another murder is perpetrated by drunken boys?"

When we go to the root of these evils, only then can we hope for fewer murders. Seeing examples by capital punishment will never do it. Capital punishment, or putting it harshly as it is, killing the offender, will never lessen depravity caused by impure moral conditions. Men put to death by law are but an object lesson of the bitter end of crime and the people...

PROFIT TAKERS AND LIVING COST.

Concrete Examples Shows of Injury to Producer and Consumer. SALEM, Or., Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—So much has been said and written about the cause of high prices, most of it far from the point, that I would like to state a few facts that would not only cause but also the cure. The cause is the middleman, and the cure his elimination. Here are the following are conditions we might be educated upon—things which are seeds, as it were, and will grow and thrive if carefully cared for by the public and explained to all daily in different columns by the newspapers of the people:

CREAT POTENTIAL POWER AT CELLO.

CELLO, Or., Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian I notice mention of the Cello Falls water power. The Deschutes River can produce, which is doubtless the case, but no mention is made of the Cello Falls, which all trained states engineers, who are now, pronounced to be the third greatest water power in the United States.

THREE BIG SPECIAL FEATURES.

Theodore Roosevelt—He will present in The Sunday Oregonian the first of a series of big game stories relating to the outdoor pastimes of an American hunter.

Maxim Gorky—The famous Russian writer presents a characteristic story, "On Christmas Eve." Complete, with illustrations, Sunday.

Winning Oregon—The first installment of a brief history of Oregon. The important events in the state's past are summed up in attractive form. There will be two installments of a page each, illustrated profusely with photographs and drawings.

American Trade Spies—A keen analysis of foreign trade fields and the work of American agents who are developing new markets for our products and wares. An article of rare value.

Madonna and Child—An illustrated page on masterpieces of art that have been painted on that best-beloved of topics.

Santa's Toy Factory—An illustrated page on the making and marketing of toys for Christmas.

Society's Sidewalk Gallery—A striking poster page in full colors. Four pages of colored engravings.

Many Other Features.

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