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THE WINNING OF OREGON.

Robert H. Blossom's sketches of the early history of Oregon in The Oregonian, December 15 and December 22, conduct the reader pleasantly through the series of events which transformed the "continuous woods" where Bryant's "Oregon" rolled and heard "no sound save its own dashings" into a civilized and populated territory.

The first intelligent attention which Oregon received in Congress was excited by William A. Slacum's report to the Government. This gentleman was dispatched from California by President Jackson to investigate the affairs of the missionaries and colonists in 1825.

Slacum was an intelligent and highly efficient agent. He started the Columbia River, mapped the exploring Indian villages of the Willamette country, paid Dr. McLoughlin a visit, spent time enough with Jason Lee's missionaries to know them well and, as we have seen, added the cattle company with a subscription. He sailed for the East on February 18, 1827.

Lipton takes American view. That cosmopolitan sportsman, Sir Thomas Lipton, does not agree with the most vociferous of his fellow-countrymen about the Panama Canal.

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WEBFOOT. The Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railroad—the Hartman electric lines for the Willamette Valley—has been advised to take the "Webfoot route" for its system.

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The Lay of the Last Night

Twos the night before Christmas, and all through the store The late shoppers surged with a rush and a roar; An idea caught me, I sudden bethought me, Of all of the presents my good friends had bought me; I stood for a moment dismayed, like a "Gee whiz! I forgot! I must go and get something!"

At last, about midnight, exhausted by my hurry, I sat on the curbstone and gasped, "This is a spree very pleasing to me."

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of December 24, 1912. Headquarters of the Army of the Potomac, December 16. During late night the Army of the Potomac evacuated its positions on the opposite side of the river.

The Begam of Bhopal Has Governed for Eleven Years. There has been a few opportunities to know something of that interesting and unusual woman, the Begam of Bhopal, who has for the last 11 years been ruling the province of Bhopal, in the middle of Central India.

FALSE TEACHINGS FROM GUTTER. Socialist Declares Orators Who Denounce Christianity Are Impostors. PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—(To the Editor.)—Being first a believer in Christianity and secondly in Socialism as the farmer's executive instrument in our political Government, I beg to offer your many readers the following suggestions:

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