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Portland, Saturday, July 26, 1913.

SYSTEM NEEDS IMPROVEMENT.

A valuable contribution to existing information on the practical use of the initiative and referendum in Oregon, prepared by Judge Charles H. Carey, of Portland, was read before the Colorado Bar Association, at Colorado Springs, July 10.

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WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

The Progressive party registration in the State of New York is less than 10 per cent of the 3,900,021 voters cast there for Theodore Roosevelt.

DEMOCRACY IN THE NAVY.

So imbued with the delightful spirit of Democracy is our officer corps, that the Navy Department has recently reorganized the Navy Department that it has set out to instill the beautiful quality of brotherhood and equality into the country's men of war.

That fact has been amply demonstrated in submission to vote of rival candidates and bond enabling acts in Oregon and in the defeat on its first submission of the present Portland commission charter when it was presented together with a rival charter.

appropriations, that lose their force if delayed in operation. Blocking of others for two years may have strongly deleterious effect on the public welfare.

MILK-AND-WATER POLICIES.

Ambassador Harry Lane Wilson, who has come all the way from Mexico to tell President Wilson and Secretary Bryan what is going on in Mexico, will find the American Government floundering around with its spineless foreign policy and in deep consternation that there is a Mexican problem to be met.

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HOW TO READ.

Dr. Claxton, the United States Commissioner of Education, holds decided opinions upon the value of good reading. He said at Salt Lake City, addressing the National Education Association, that literature was the most important of all school subjects.

There is nothing surprising in the discovery of bankruptcy and usury laws in the records in the ruins of Babylon. That city was a commercial capital with a world-wide trade.

OPEN OR HOODED STIRRUP?

In a recent issue of your paper I read comments on the open and hooded stirrups for the use of the cavalry.

DO AWAY WITH THE CATS, ALSO.

PORTLAND, July 23.—(To the Editor.)—Please tell me how many of animals and believe their place is outside the city.

AGED WOMAN'S WALK OF 300 MILES.

In 1881 an old Cornish fishwife of 84, named Mary Callinack, walked from Penzance to London to see the great exhibition in Hyde Park.

THESE ARE A FEW OF THE MANY FEATURES.

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much good for mere fighting purposes, but it will be far more delightful as a retreat for the care-free young men in the ranks.

A PLEASANT FICTION.

W. D. Howells' short story in the August Harpers' touches one of the sore spots of the world. Its theme is the difficulty we all have in finding out whether a book is worth reading or not before we buy it.

Howells solves the perplexing problem of the unread and suspected book by establishing an extraordinary individual behind the counter of a bookstore.

It is hard to find justifiable comment on the case of a clerk in the postoffice who receives \$100 a month and confesses to embezzlement of several hundred dollars.

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THIS MAN SAW MT. HOOD "LIGHT."

His Wife Couldn't See It, But He Has Better Eyesight. PORTLAND, July 24.—(To the Editor.)—Your editorial about "Seeing Things" has interested me.

Recently the office of the Mitchell Sentinel was robbed, so the report says, of "several valuable papers and money to the amount of \$50."

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The Hermiston project is especially favorable to grapes, and there will be an immense yield this year.

ONLY THOSE WHO ARE SOUND IN MIND MAY BE ABLE TO VISIT A CAVALRY STABLE.

Only those who are sound in mind may be able to visit a cavalry stable. The officer in charge of the stable in mind do not want to marry.

THE REPORT OF THE KILLING OF TWO CANDIDATES BY ELECTRICITY DURING INFLATION.

The report of the killing of two candidates by electricity during inflation into a secret order will scare many a prospective bill.

A MOST WONDERFUL THING FOR THE POOR KIDDLERS WILL BE THAT TRIP TO THE COUNTRY.

A most wonderful thing for the poor kiddlers will be that trip to the country. Are you doing anything to help it along?

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Democrats in Congress fight bitterly among themselves. Still the plebiscite bond will prevent a serious breach.

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HUMAN LIFE IS CHEAP IN CHINA.

that is worth while. The searcher is guided by catch words, capital letters, figures, anything that bears the remotest relation to the object of his quest and when his eye lights upon a landmark he stops and reads.

The art of digging information out of books is one of the advantages which a college graduate possesses over the self-taught man.

But not all reading is for information. Now and then one takes up a book, not to improve his mind or to excite himself over a plot, but to enjoy the literary quality.

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VALUE OF HOGS IN THE ORCHARD.

They Give Fruitgrowers Big Profit, Says Mr. Armstrong. CORVALLIS, Or., July 23.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian asked Saturday "Why Not More Hogs," and the apple-growers of Oregon and Washington might well give attention to the Oregonian's question.

I cannot give exact figures, but I know that good apples can be grown, sprayed and cultivated in the Willamette Valley. Every farmer in the Willamette Valley knows that the old, neglected orchards have helped to fatten many hogs.

But to get back to the value of apples, the profit at \$10 per ton I am well satisfied they contain more value of succulent nourishment than any hay on the same price.

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Half a Century Ago

(From The Oregonian July 26, 1863.) We and our readers have become so accustomed to the daily mail—constantly it now a fixed and permanent institution—that it may be well briefly to notice somewhat the heavy burdens borne by the stage company for the benefit of Oregon and the Northern territories.

The money due is paid in currency, there being no gold or silver in circulation in the seven days, and during the remainder of the year is 12 days.

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, July 25, 1888. Olympia, W. T., July 25.—The famous case of Nevada M. Bloomer, appellant, v. John Todd, J. E. Gaudy and H. A. Clarke, commonly known as the "womans' rights" case, came before the Supreme Court this morning.

Safe at the Home Plate.

The McTavish family was dining and each member eagerly watched Mr. McTavish carving the fowl, none so eagerly, however, as the dog, for that intelligent animal never took his eyes off the gentle bird.

Summer Girl Confessions—Rita

Reese talks with the typical "Summer Girl" and dolves into the gentle topic of seashore flirtations. A refreshing page feature, elaborately illustrated.

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Some Famous Stars—Just how they looked to an old stage hand is set forth in an entertaining way by that picturesque and reminiscent individual.

Whipping the Mississippi—An illustrated story of real adventure and achievement in which a party of engineers mastered the belligerent old river.

These Are a Few of the Many Features.

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More Humidity

By E. A. Beals, Weather Man, and Dean Collins, Hot Weather Foot.

Oh public, take a plant and note what the great Weather Man hath wrote.

To get the coat of a humble "pote," "Humidity" by BEALS. Thou pent up scribe, who tolls within four walls confined.

It is that blessed vapor That makes for life green; The dew drop on the blade of grass That rivals diamond's sheen;

Whose beauty is not dreamed of, By those too blind to know; It purifies the atmosphere, Scatters burning rays of sun, And if you'll read its history 'Find it in cycles run.

Amphibious, it rises from the bosom of the sea, And floats on the breeze, giving life to the land; and with verdure it makes Nature smile.

From thence to the rivers it carries a load of life, and then again back it flows to the "bounding main."

Whereas from a chrysalis—emerges a butterfly, and whines which is ingratitude.

To go on its beneficent rounds to mankind. Knowest not thou, thoughtless scribe, of "peevish" mind.

Humidity's effort is spent ceaselessly in your own behalf, and such ingratitude No wonder the elements rise in their might.

Complaining humanity to buffet, and smite. So do not condemn what is not understood.

By growing, and whines which is ingratitude. You just imagine you are "hot," And let your "temper go to pot."

My sign for the "freedom" of lemonade's acidity. My brain's profound torpidity. That makes me feel that it was hot.

When you averred that it was not, In spite of the humidity. (Coming right back at him.)

Oh Mr. Beals, my spirit squeals "Give me a sign of acidity." My soul proclaims the thrust it feels I hasten with rapidity—

Now to admit you may be right In the education you indite. Defending that "Humidity." It may be my stupidity.

My brain's profound torpidity. That makes me feel that it was hot. When you averred that it was not, In spite of the humidity.

Return to your placidity. Forgive my words' turpidity; My plaint at the torridity. The color and acidity;

My sign for the "freedom" of lemonade's acidity. My poem's fair lucidity. Speaks well for the humidity. Now the "I" is cool, I were a fool To argue long.

Or mingled words' turbidity. But though this thing "Humidity" Overchance my soul's acidity, Makos grasses grow And roses blow In garden, rose and thorn.

And ripens cherries for the can, Still I am game thus to proclaim It wits my collar just the same— Ha-ha! I gotcha, Weather Man.

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