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to prevent others from doing it." Of course the line between what is proper and what is not must be strictly drawn, but no mere fanaticism should be permitted to draw it.

TOO DRASTIC. A Eugene correspondent, who with many others is honestly interested in devising some method of correcting abuses, invites the attention of The Oregonian to a proposal that no county be permitted to furnish a greater proportion of names on any petition than the number of voters in the county bears to the total number of voters in the state.

NEED OF KNIFE GROWING LESS. Serums and Antiseptics Are Taking Us Away From Surgery. Dr. John H. Murphy, of Chicago, in an interview in the Milwaukee Journal...

Portland, Dec. 18.—(To the Editor.)—It's a painful duty, an immense responsibility to keep the editors in the straight and narrow way, to see that they continuously walk the chalk line of correct concepts...

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of Dec. 20, 1888. Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator Edmunds introduced a resolution stating that the Government of the United States will look with serious concern and disapproval upon any connection of any European government with the construction or control of any ship canal across the Isthmus of Darien or across Central America.

USING THE SCHOOLS. The public demand for a wider use of the schoolhouses is not likely to diminish. It is a new thing in our day. People are just beginning to discover what an opportunity for entertainment and profit they have been missing by permitting the schoolhouses to remain vacant for the greater part of the time and their common sense will insist upon a more efficient use of their property.

PORTLAND'S FUTURE. Professor Lyman's opinions upon the future greatness of Portland harmonize very well with predictions which The Oregonian has often published. Our situation at the head of navigation on a great inland water system ought to be a great advantage to us.

THE TREATY WITH HOLLAND. Secretary Bryan meets with success in negotiating peace treaties with nations with which the United States is never likely to have war and which are hopelessly outclassed by us.

ROOT AS A PROGRESSIVE. Senator Root, who was denounced less than eighteen months ago as a leader of reactionaries, has placed himself at the head of the progressive Republicans of New York.

SEA RESORTS NEED BEAUTIFYING. Coast Climate Not Antagonistic to Ornamental Shrubbery. PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—(To the Editor.)—While visiting various ocean coast resorts during the late summer and fall, the writer observed with regret that few attempts at beautification by means of shrubbery had been made.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of December 21, 1863. Governor Gibbs has replied to Robert W. Winchup and 37 others, of Canyon City, who complained that they had not had adequate protection against Indians and asked that their section of Wasco County be exempted from enrollment.

MEXICO'S POSSIBLE NEXT RULE. What manner of man is Pancho Villa, who has made the constitution-protecting cause of all Northern Mexico and who himself rules with military rigor a large part of that area?

HOW TO SAVE VEHICLE ACCIDENTS. Route New Oregon City Cuts on Milwaukee Street, Says Writer. PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—(To the Editor.)—Most of the accidents on "dailly wrecks on Milwaukee street" is an exaggeration of facts, calculated to influence the public mind adversely.

THE SMALL COMMUNITY THAT HUNGERS FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE. The small community that hungers for a Christmas tree, on which something is hung for every child, large and small, comes nearest exemplifying the holiday as well as Christmas spirit.

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