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live with careless drivers and unnecessary with those who are prudent. Pedestrians should have the right of way on the streets. This is a reasonable rule and the public will insist upon it.

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"of a running comment on the books in the classroom library." Their effect is most encouraging. Miss Isom laments that the taste of the older people has in many cases been vitiated by superficial stories, trashy novels and magazines. She believes that "to develop a discriminating taste is and always should be the most important phase of library instruction" and that by persistent work with the children, their parents and the teachers in the public schools, much may be accomplished.

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fancy that they are regardless of form. The fact is that the newer American drama is more submissive to artistic restraint than Shakespeare was. The old unity of place is apparent in our current plays and the action clings closely to a central theme, as Aristotle taught that it should. These plays gain in substance and grip the spectator more powerfully, because of their fidelity to artistic principles, but they neglect entirely the professional laws about subject matter, construction of plot and climax of action. The interest is held all through the play by the thought that pervades it, while the plot grows naturally out of the characters and their opposing desires.

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DAIRYMEN AND EXPRESS RATES

Eastern Oregon Producer Points to Effect of Proposed Advance. PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(To the Editor.)—We are informed that a petition of 10 feet long has been presented to the State Railroad Commission asking that the express rate on cream be raised, or the rate on butter be reduced. It is a selfish attempt on the part of small creameries scattered over the country to prevent the shipment of cream to such centers as Portland by patronizing the local farmers who have signed this petition, they certainly have been fooled by the promoters of the scheme: the idea of being to the advantage of the farmer to have the express rate on his cream raised so high that he cannot afford to ship to Portland or Seattle.

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NO HOPE FOR CERTAIN ELEMENT

Governor West Will See That Their Rights Are Not Protected. REEDVILLE, Or., Jan. 26.—(To the Editor.)—Having read so much concerning the action of Governor West in the famous Copperfield case, I am at a loss to understand exactly why the Governor is the object of so much adverse criticism. I can see in the Governor's act only one object—the enforcement of the law. Why, then, all this hue and cry about West seeking cheap advertising and playing to the galleries? Why is a Governor a Governor? Is he to be a straw man, of whom we should hear nothing? If it lies within his power to enforce laws which some epileptic officers have failed to do, should he be ridiculed and condemned for so doing?

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Twenty-five Years Ago

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Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of Jan. 28, 1864. There is an extra amount of sickness throughout the country at the present time. At The Dalles, at Jacksonville and other points we hear of a great many deaths. At McMinnville slight deaths have suddenly and singularly occurred recently, four children in one family and four adults in another. In these cases were violent headaches, followed by griping in the bowels. Death ensued in three or four hours.

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A JOB FOR GOETHALS.

Satisfaction will be felt that an appropriate job has been provided for Colonel Goethals, the canal builder. Having proved his capacity as an executive and a man of action he has been in demand since his immense task neared completion. A leading contractor in New York where he was wanted for service as Police Commissioner. No doubt many corporations held out tempting offers and perhaps he received a few Chautauqua and vaudeville offers.

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RAT SHOOTING AS A FINE ART.

Subject Interests Writer Who Reports on Rats Still at Large. PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(To the Editor.)—I have been reading excerpts of The Oregonian from many sources reporting on how rats are being exterminated by the Police Commissioner. By all means get the express companies to put down the express rate on butter. If it is fair that the express companies should be allowed to raise their rates on anything they ship in the way of produce, is suicidal. That sort of policy means increasing the cost of living—not reducing it.

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SUMMARY OF POLITICS IN JAPAN

Parties Differ on Leadership Rather Than on Principles of Faith. The Japanese Magazine. The Seiyukai (literally, the Political Friends Association) was organized and led by the late Prince Ito, and is the largest party in Japan. It has a workable majority in the House of Representatives and is a party now in power.

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The New Aviation

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