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FREE TOLLS IS ONLY OUR RIGHT President is Breaching Faith by His Stand, Says Correspondent. (TACOMA, Wash., March 4.)—(To the Editor:—I desire to state that there is a disposition in our country to give too much consideration to protests and demands emanating from English government.

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Why Not Church Every Sunday? "Begin to Go to Church" Movement Urged as More Desirable. (PORTLAND, March 5.)—(To the Editor:—The "Go to Church" movement evidently is coming to Portland. Will the movement mean going to church by the almanac? Will it be considered a mere special day like Easter?

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Twenty-five Years Ago From The Oregonian of March 6, 1889. Washington, March 5.—President Harrison today sent to the Senate his nominations for the Cabinet, and they were confirmed.

Washington, March 5.—The United States Supreme Court declared invalid the lease of the Oregonian Railway to the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company.

Washington, March 5.—President Cleveland today signed the bill ordering suit for forfeiture of wagon road land grants in Oregon.

Port Townsend, March 5.—The British bark Port Gordon, from Liverpool for Puget Sound, was wrecked last Wednesday 40 miles south of Cape Flattery and four seamen were lost.

The water committee yesterday considered the building of a large reservoir in City Park, as proposed by W. S. Sedgwick.

A meeting of citizens of East Portland, at which Dr. S. E. Joseph presided, was held last night to protest against the advance in rates on the Morrison-street bridge and the Stark-street ferry.

Mayor De Lashmutt returned yesterday from Spokane.

H. F. Williams, railroad secretary of Y. M. C. A., is expected in Portland about March 10 to look over the lines with a view to establishing railroad benches.

Stockholders of the A. O. U. W. Temple Association elected the following officers: John Klemm, H. D. Ramsey, E. S. Mitchell, E. H. Stolte, James E. J. Abrahamson, J. E. Bennett, Ed and M. J. A. Stroubridge, W. R. C. C. Phillips, William Koehn, A. W. Withers, B. P. Cardwell, E. Nicoll, D. Sells Cohen, U. S. G. Marman.

J. M. Letter, a capitalist of Wapahuta, O. T. W. Brotherton, an attorney of Dayton, O., have been in the city during the night with Counsel J. W. They may locate here permanently.

M. Hanneford, traffic manager of Northern Pacific Railroad, is in the city on business.

The monthly meeting of the State Board of Immigration was held yesterday. There were present C. H. Dodd, J. Arnold, Ellis G. Hughes, E. D. Shant, C. A. Wood and Secretary Isaac R. Struble.

Employees of the O. R. & N. Company's steamers have struck and eight hundred men are now on strike at the Ash-street wharf.

Law of Descent. BENDLETON, Or., March 4.—(To the Editor:—A man while a widower left a will, willing all he had to his wife, but in a short time after his wife's death he married again. If he should die before his wife would be making another will, what would his law get if anything, or would the wife see she got her part? What is the law in this state? If any children by last marriage, would they get anything? Who does personal property (if any) go to—the widow, or is it classed in with real estate? A SUBSCRIBER.

Housewife Dreads Meters. (PORTLAND, March 5.)—(To the Editor:—Propose to the water meter discussion, especially to that feature of it which is the meter itself. I am a widow, and my mother resides in Plainfield, N. J., and pays semi-annually a flat water rate of \$5.65 (\$11.30 per year).

Contract to Buy Books. ASTORIA, Or., March 4.—(To the Editor:—An agent comes to B's house and talks her into buying books. B must sign contract and does so without first asking husband. B pays \$2 down. Then B gets sick and husband does not take books out of express office, for he is unable to make any payments. He is a poor man and B must have a doctor.

Breaking Over Party Lines. CLARNO, Or., March 4.—(To the Editor:—I am a registered Republican. There is a friend of mine running on the Democratic ticket. I would like to see nominated and elected. If I write his name in or use a sticker with his name on it, how should it be counted if I don't vote for any of the candidates for that same office on my ticket? A SUBSCRIBER.

Choosing. What sort of girl does the modern man choose, and why? Rita Reese goes into this intricate question in an illuminating half-page article.

Famous Gowns. A full page in colors on gowns that have been worn by wives of American Presidents, from Mrs. Washington to Mrs. Taft. A century of change in dress on review.

Character Analyses. Another page by Edith Macomber in Hall in response to handwriting specimens submitted by readers of The Oregonian. Some 3000 of these letters have been received and are necessarily being taken up in rotation.

Nobby Hands. American girls are ruining their once beautiful hands, laments a celebrated artist. He blames outdoor sports.

The Black Flag. A little tragedy in real life, an absorbing story by Mabel Jaques.

Roosevelt's Own Story. Chapter 51, in which Colonel Roosevelt discusses social and industrial justice as regarded and treated during his tenure as President.

Grandmother Goose. and a host of other interesting illustrated features of the sort children delight in. A full page for the little ones.

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