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High Treason

The Attorney-General of the United States, holding his high office through favor of the President, is beyond the reach either of the summary recall or of the historic process of impeachment.

Or perhaps it is inaccurate to say they have found a solution. They may find a solution in any number of ways.

Attorney-General Gregory makes the flat suggestion that an effort be made to purchase the land grant company.

The project for a Naval base at Astoria is not only timely, but it is patriotic. The almost utter helplessness of the states of the West, in case any threatened invasion from a foreign power should materialize, is not the mere expression of an alarmed or uninformed agitation.

It has not been repeated, either way, since the great Roosevelt fleet of battleships came steaming around the continent.

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As within the defense plea of works of necessity exist as a matter of common knowledge. Street railway transportation is one. An officer of the law who has taken the broad view of what is a large scale, but the custom seems to have fallen into desuetude of late years.

As a matter of fact, custom has pretty well regulated the weekly rest day problem in Oregon. There are very few persons who are compelled to work continuously on pain of losing their jobs. No law is needed.

Every newsdealer is well stocked with the type of magazine that bristles with risqué tales. Nor must it be assumed that low-grade publications are the whole offenders.

Parents have been warned for years past of their duties as censors. But here is revealed a condition that is getting out of the reach of parents.

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position so they will produce creditable scores. The same rule applies to painting, sculpture and other fields of art. But the fire of genius, that indefinable power which belongs to the masters, cannot be imparted except by the processes of nature.

Mr. Strokowski calls attention to one great oversight in the foreign world of music. That is the failure to recognize the talents of women.

Our own Miss De Graff is due home from her junket—paid for by Henry Ford—with the consoling assurance that Mr. Ford succeeded in what he set out to do.

The naughty reporters must have misquoted Miss De Graff, who is credited with the following astonishing adventure: I assisted in caring for one woman of our past who had been taken to the hospital from taking any fresh air.

It is surprising and unbelievable, indeed; but not more surprising and unbelievable that Miss De Graff, a teacher of young girls, should boast of cheating a doctor by secretly—no openly—aiding in disobedience of his orders.

That there are more deaths of pioneers of 1852 is due to the large immigration of that year. Notable among them is Maria Sweek, whose remains were interred in Riverview yesterday.

Friends of the Colonel's say he is willing to set aside personal ambition in the interest of party harmony. If he had shown that loyal spirit four years ago the country would be far better off at this moment.

The Zeppelin raid on Paris is likely to have its reaction in the shape of a furious French onslaught on the German trenches. Killing of women and children is short-sighted military policy.

No wonder the little town of Gatewood is disturbed. To be on the list of "habitual drunkards" is distressing, although if a man is such in a small town everybody knows it, anyway.

Two important events are scheduled for this week in Portland—emergence of the groundhog tomorrow and eclipse of the sun next day. A little clear weather would be a welcome third.

How much closer it comes to us when 100 of our fellow Americans are drowned in California than when 10,000 men are killed in battle on another continent.

Again it may be said that Zeppelin raiders who kill women and children are not waging war. These affairs will figure in the final reckoning.

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BROWNVILLE, Or., Jan. 30.—(To the Editor.)—Observing Bird Lovers' comments on the robin in The Oregonian, I wish to add my opinion of the said robin, namely, that he is a hog in the form of a bird, the meanest and most ravenous I have ever seen or heard tell of.

This year the problem literally devoured all our berries and fruit. From the cherry trees we seldom get a ripe cherry. This year they not only ate up all the cherries, but devoured the raspberries, loganberries and the Hinnays berries.

When I thought the grapes were about ripe, I concluded to give a few one-day for the table, but, on inspection, there wasn't a grape there, not a few stems. The frost had not touched our grapes and I thought we had have had them all.

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Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of February 1, 1901. M. Elffel, whose tower has made his name widely known, is running for legislative office in the Department of the Coast for a working man's candidate.

Mrs. Clara Badley, who has for several years past been the official court reporter of Terra Haute, Ind., has formed a partnership with Miss Holmes, of the Holmes Business College for the purpose of conducting a first-class stenographic office.

A general court-martial with Colonel Woodhill, M. D., as president, and Lieutenant Martin, Fourth Infantry, as judge advocate, will begin its sessions at Vancouver next Tuesday.

The next attraction in the star class at the Tabernacle will be Miss Olaf Kruger, the Little Eskimo. She will give a graphic account of life in the frozen North.

Governor Penney is enjoying quite a Presidential boom at present. So far as ability is concerned, the Governor is all right, but the great state of New York will see that the nomination will never get this far West—Yamhill Ledger.

Rev. H. V. Rominger, pastor of the First Congregational Church, has secured the services of a mummy from a gentleman in New York. The mummy was sent from that city out here by express, the charges being \$50.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of February 1, 1868. The regular weekly meeting of the Common Council was held last evening, Mayor Failing presiding. The following members were present: Gilmore, Lowndes, McCracken, Bohrer, Strawn, and Thompson and Watkins.

New York, Jan. 27.—William Earhart has been elected to the trial of Jefferson Davis, having been retained as Government counsel with a fee of \$100,000. He is overhauling the records of treason trials since the days of the Stuarts.

Denver, Jan. 27.—The Colorado Territorial Legislature has granted liberal charters to Ben Holladay. One is for a road through Middle Park, shortening the distance to San Francisco 20 miles, and the other is for Holladay's mail and express company.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—The crew of the clipper ship White Swallow, which arrived from New York on Monday, are under arrest on the charge of mutiny committed on the high seas.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The Commissioner of the General Land Office has two patents, embracing nearly 25,000 acres of land, settled by parties in virtue of state warrants.

A letter dated Clear Creek, Colo., Dec. 1, says: "There are vigilantes here, and they are hanging the others since they hung a few nights since."

BIRTH CONTROL FIGURES GIVEN. Writer Sets Forth Moral and Physical Aspects. PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—(To the Editor.)—Admitting the general validity of your editorial remarks on birth control, may I add that the issues involved do not appear to me quite as simple as one might be led to infer from reading your comments.

Entrance to Military Academy. EUGENE, Jan. 30.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform me as to where I can get information regarding examinations for entrance to the Army or Navy academies that might be held in the near future. S. W.

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