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that it has become highly probable, not a day should be lost in atoning for this delay.

possession. For a long time the stand was maintained that the parks of the West were the preserves of frontier civilization and wild beauty...

tailor, who was pleased to "give" her to him. Now the man first mentioned has put on the brakes and the tailor-man has secured a divorce and everything is altogether too easy to be lovely and all is off.

Gleams Through the Mist. By Dean Collins.

BALLADE OF THE MOVIES. Ofttimes I wander, for a lark, Into some little movie show, Where I can curl up in the dark...

GRANT "FORFEITURE" DISCUSSED. Correspondent Denies State Ever Had Right to Tax Lands.

NEWBERG, Or., Feb. 19.—(To the Editor)—It is inconceivable why representative men in Oregon at this late hour are attempting to establish the right of the state of Oregon to levy and collect taxes on property over which state authority to do so is a moot question.

In Other Days. Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregonian of February 20, 1867. The new building of the Willamette University at Salem has been far progressed toward completion that the design is to occupy the two lower stories within the next three months.

PORTLAND, OREGON. TOO LATE.

Rising to a question of personal information, The Oregonian would like to know what has become of the heroic effort to recall the attack on Georgia to discover and punish the murderers of Leo Frank, lynched in prison by unknown assassins?

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AWAITING AN OVERT ACT.

For more than two weeks the United States has been awaiting that overt act of Germany which, President Wilson said, would cause him to ask Congress for authority to protect American lives and property at sea against submarine attack.

Jim Keith was tried and sent to prison; but now new light has been shed on the crime. Jim Keith has been retried and acquitted by a white jury composed of the brutal and terrible "Frank execution, we have overlooked it.

DOING FAIRLY WELL.

Aside from the radical change proposed in the Portland fire-prevention organization by installation of the two-plant system, it would seem that the most interesting provision in the initiative bill is the opening sentence:

Every member of the fire department is subject to duty call at all hours of the day and night. He shall be subject to the usual danger of which he has knowledge of by actual personal notice.

The higher fire officers are a unit in opposing the two-plant plan. They say it will cost \$200,000 or \$300,000 more per year than at present.

A NEW MARKET TO OPEN.

Discussion of the new business which is to keep our factories busy when the man-made trade goes out, return that opportunity has given to the little attention to the increased purchasing power which will be given to farmers when the rural credit law is in full operation.

SCOUT CHARACTER TRAINING.

The real importance of the Boy Scout movement is revealed in a recent explanation by Lieutenant-General Sir Baden-Powell, their chief scoutmaster, of the desire of his leadership that boys shall develop self-discipline as a preparation for the collective discipline that may be required of them later.

THE PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION OF THE MODJEKIS IS MARRYING, BEING DIVORCED AND REMARRYING.

Though he may have several, a man never forgets the wife of his youth, and that may be the reason he expresses desire to be buried beside her.

IN THE INTEREST OF OREGON.

The points raised concerning taxation of the railroads by J. H. Moore in another column are covered by the decision of the Supreme Court, by other court decisions and by the act of Congress.

The court further held that there was an "absolute grant" subject only to the agreement that when the railroad did sell it would sell in certain quantities at a certain price.

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ANTICIPATING THE MILLENNIUM.

Facilitates Employ Theories of What Ought to Be and Evade Facts. ALBANY, Or., Feb. 18.—(To the Editor)—Every pacifist from David Starr Jordan down seems to have a mental equipment for the exact opposite of any normal human being.

NEWSPAPER'S THIRST FOR POWER.

Delinquent Tax List Duncombe Raised for Five Purposes. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—(To the Editor)—I wish to compliment you for your manifestly fair treatment of the delinquent tax list fight in which the Oregon Journal attempted to buy its way out of the law.

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