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MAN AND NATURE. A new book on the geography, geology, orography and topography of North America...

depth varies greatly; but where Snake River has excavated its channel in these outpourings of basalt, a thickness of 4000 feet is revealed—although the stream has not yet cut through the foundation...

Yet the process is but begun. It will go on through the ages, but faster; for it will be accelerated more and more by the energy of man. To future history new instances and proofs will be shown here of the modification of physical conditions by human agency...

THE CHRISTMAS LEGEND. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down And glory shone around...

Thus, indeed, the sweet Christmas legend abiding in the hearts of the ages, its listeners all unmindful for the time being of the disapproved miracle that is the essence of the story...

The Oregonian's main object in writing of this book is to call attention to two leading topics in it, of especial interest to our people of Western North America. One of them is the treatment of the Great Basin...

Two new items that appeared in the daily papers last week were of more than ordinary interest to the elder generation of Portlanders. One announced the death at Oregon City of Dan O'Neil...

Teachers' salaries again. The demand for an increase in the wages of teachers, though more persistent in the city than in the counties...

THE HONEST WATCHDOG. A few years ago a reformer came out of Lane County to preach to a surprised and disconcerted Legislature the time-worn doctrine of retrenchment...

On carfare, and in so doing, perhaps live in quarters "the chief virtue of which—beyond the mere fact of shelter—is that they are near the school building...

Meeting a tired schoolteacher on a Saturday, the writer remarked: "You must be suffering from brain fog."

FALSE VIEW OF SANTA CLAUS. Jacob A. Rills, distinguished private citizen, rational reformer, lover of his fellow-man, good fellow and intimate friend of the President...

Mr. Rills insists that there is a real Santa Claus—a very real Santa Claus—and that in the course of a personal inquiry into the matter he found something like Santa Claus in the White House...

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After all, the steel girders in the steel bridge cost only about twice what they were worth. From some recent revelations as to municipal jobs, we should say that is doing very well for Portland...

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expense and inhumanity of the present intolerable system of conveying insane to the asylum? What honest watchdog thinks the Fish War...?

Admiral Walker, who knows as much about isthmian canal problems as any other man, if not as much as any other put together, does not encourage the idea of a sea-level canal at Panama...

Carnegie refuses to give anything more to Spokane for its library; but he shows indignation in one of his recent gifts, since thereby he is able to associate his name with that of Benjamin Franklin...

Portland bank clearings last week were well in excess of \$4,000,000, an increase of something more than 20 per cent over the corresponding week last year...

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Merry Christmas!

NOTE AND COMMENT. The Christmas Toast. Now that Christmas day is here And the trees are so green and cheer...

What do we on Christmas day Care if skies be blue or gray? Wherever every eye is bright, Wherever every heart is light...

Unmentioned in Dispatches. I try to recall the General's name And the name of his command...

Croscut Saws. Once bitten, twice shy. Once kissed, twice fly.

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THE WORK OF WOMAN. A Great Deal of Sense in This Answer to President Roosevelt. President Roosevelt grasps with all sorts of questions...

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