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opened a district in Washington and connected it commercially with Portland. It has been absorbed by one of the great railroad interests. If Portland capitalists had waited for the Northern Pacific or the O. R. & N. to build the road, would the wishes of locomotives not be heard in Golden-Ida? Perhaps not; probably not.

WHO CAN PROTECT THE BORROWER?

Mr. John Proudfitt no doubt accurately describes, in a communication made public yesterday, the pestiferous individual who designates as the "loan shark" without doubt also the pestiferous methods of doing business as applied to young men "about the docks" and elsewhere in this city who are working for wages. These he induces to hypothecate their wages before they are earned, paying for the privilege a notorious interest and a bonus that makes the wage-earner a slave to debt without hope of deliverance.

ROMANCE OF TRADE.

Few persons would think of turning to the daily reports of the Department of Commerce and Labor for articles of varied interest and flashes of romance, varied with the spread of American commerce no corner of the earth is too obscure to be mentioned in the Government's daily papers. The great romance near the mouth of the Nile is the Nile, Ur of the Chaldees and the Zoo, frankincense and myrrh crops are described in the same number with the plans for a new electric road in London or the damming of an ancient river for irrigation.

THE POWER OF THE CARTOON.

The French poet said, "Let me make the songs of the people, and I care not for the sword, for the death blow to the Tweed ring in New York is given by the bitter cartoons of Nast in Harper's Weekly."

THE MAN BEHIND THE RATE.

Except in the Senate of the United States, there is an overwhelming sentiment all over the country in favor of enlarging the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission so as to include the regulation of railroad rates. With reference to this big question an Eastern expert furnishes an article published in another part of this issue, well worth reading. He asks: "What is an equitable rate?" and then points out that the traffic manager, familiar with every consideration that enters into transporting a commodity is and must be the man behind the rate.

ORGON HELPS ITSELF.

For a railroad into Tillamook, citizens of the county have all but subscribed a \$35,000 subsidy and a promised and much-desired project seems in fair way of achievement. If the Killingsworth car-exchange bill has helped the project along, well and good. Harriman interests profess desire to build the Tillamook road as soon as convinced it will pay.

the misery that is ever before us in a city, but there is happiness in communion with Nature, and it is while the earth is flooded with Spring sunshine that life seems brighter for all and we return from these brief pilgrimages to the mountain, river and forest scenery as if our hearts had a thankfulness in our bosoms that our lines have been "cast in pleasant places."

INSIDE OF THE BEEF TRUST.

Less than two weeks since the relations of the great packers and public were before the courts and were being held up in full light of public opinion. Their methods of forcing down the price of cattle and of holding up the price of beef were exposed. The alliance of the six great companies for these purposes was denounced as constituting the largest trust in the matter of public interest to know the net results of these transactions.

THE ATROPHY OF CONSCIENCE.

Just as one, by disuse, neglect or violence loses powers of muscle or brain, loses gradually the powers themselves, so it is in the spiritual life. A process of this nature, more or less complete, is the only explanation possible of the anomalies which disfigure so many lives admirable on various sides.

DISEASE IN PAPER MONEY.

Congress has recently considered a bill to remove from circulation all "soiled and dirty paper money." The bill no doubt will be revived at the next session. The bill is based on sanitary considerations that an intelligent legislative body can hardly ignore.

SPRING CLEANING ON THE FARM.

Within the next week or two the first heralds of the migration will be coming to Oregon, in the shape of farmers from nearly every state in the Union. Invitations have been spread broadcast, and every inducement that Oregon can offer has been published far and wide.

GENERAL OYAMA HAS PROVED HIMSELF A GOOD FIGHTER.

General Oyama has proved himself a good fighter, but thus far he has failed to follow up his victories after the manner of the world's great military commanders. For this reason his victory over the rebels has not secured for him the respect that he deserves. It may perhaps be expected that he will push the victory now gained or promised at Mukden until he forces his adversary to unconditional surrender.

ORGON STATEMEN ARE HARRIED WHEN THEY BURN THEIR TETHERS.

Oregon statemen are harried when they burn their tethers; when they don't. Has it come to pass that they near availed not? Whence inherited the sphynx its wisdom? Could it be elected to office? WEXFORD JONES.

rying on ragged wings, to find place and home beside their comrades who have taken time by the forelock, fed to the full, and are now trying to digest. He who runs may yet. Is it not the most bitter jest? Yes, who shall deny its application? If it help to stir the people at large to the sense that the unholly powers imagined in this guise are essentially powerless as they are exposed, it will have effected more than a dozen articles on "Frenzied Finance" could do.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Now that the physicians have had a discussion on professional advertisement, how about the preachers, who do more advertising in a week than the doctors can hope to do in a year.

What is a Fair without a Strike.

"To Encourage Others."

The editor of the Kurjer Codzienny has been placed in jail for the sake of the moral effect of his arrest upon others.

Arrest me!

"Arrest me!" cried a senator, "An outrage that, indeed, I serve my country solely, and I am convinced that my need, I would sir, a reputation, with virtue's laurel deck'd."

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The chair's "script" used up quite a lot of nice words, and may mean something good for the people.

A Polish editor has been arrested for "moral effect."

Next the Government will try to get the right dose on the drug trust.

Maybe Kuropatkin hopes to score a draw at the Paas.

In a Chicago court a witness testified that his brother was crazy and had tried to kill himself by swallowing coal buttons.

Here is a poem that appears in the current number of the Century.

MARCH THE EIGHTH. (To G. C.) The silent figure in the wide sea, The troubles of his people pondering, Heeding not scorn, nor hate, nor calumny, If he might only do the honest thing, Now, as he journeys home his slow-frow way.

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In the Bloomington (Ill.) Panopticon the following letter appears:

Elkhart, Ill. (To the Editor.)—Your issue of Thursday contains in Elkhart correspondence the statement that Mrs. Trinkhaus and I are the parents of tripletts. Such is not the case; our family has not attained as increase. DR. J. T. TRINKHAUS.

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St. Patrick's day sham was recently taken in an Irish stream, according to a British paper. Spots on the fish were all in the shape of shamrocks, and the curious specimen attracted so much attention that it has been placed on exhibition in Manchester.

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