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cal transformation—follows their voluntary attendance for a few months upon the speech and action class, candidates for which must be at least 18 years old. There are also junior classes in the settlements, for which children are drawn when it is imperative to have them in the play.

This, briefly outlined, is the work of the "theater beautiful" for which Miss Herts is devoting her life. Its lessons are those of every day, carefully staged and presented in language and action, everywhere. The New Theology teaches it with vital insistence. If he is everywhere he is necessarily everywhere. "So where I go he goes," Whittier makes Tauler the mystic exclaim, "I cannot lose the presence of my Lord."

The immance of God implies the unity of men with him and with one another. The dogma gives new meaning to the scriptural phrase that all the nations of the earth are of one blood. They have a common history and their substance is identical with the Creator. "Unity," says Dr. Campbell, "is the great word of the New Theology."

FLATTERING THE SOUTH. The disinterested spectator, wrapped in the philosophic contemplation with amazement the contentions of the anti-Bryan Democrats. Their once luminous countenances are "dimmed with ire, envy and despair."

JUST A FEW WORDS TO ASTORIA. We do not say that the Astorian (newspaper) speaks for Astoria, for we don't know that it does. Doubtless much of the population of Astoria would say nay.

A FRACTICAL PHILANTHROPY. Not all sermons that find voices are preached from pulpits, nor are all lessons learned in early life given from text books approved by educational boards.

A SUGGESTION. The struggle between Governor Hughes, of New York, and the Senate of that state over the retention of the incompetent Kelsey and the public service bill has worthily held the attention of the whole country.

THE STEAMER J. N. TEAL IS BUSY and lets us know about it even before going on the route.

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to the Governor and acknowledged itself beaten in every quarter. It is interesting now only as an illustration of the ethical standards of some of our leading religious periodicals.

LET THEM TRY THE INITIATIVE. Termination of the university referendum proceedings by a technically preventing filing of the petition is to be regretted, because it will be unsatisfactory to those who have favored the movement and will quite likely result in litigation which cannot aid in reaching a conclusion upon the real question involved.

THE WORLD'S RICE CROP IN 1906 aggregated almost 1,000,000,000 bushels, but of this enormous yield was produced and consumed by the people of Asia, the Chinese taking the lead both in production and consumption.

THE SILENCE, UNBROKEN FOR A third of a century, that has for charity's sake brooded over the name of Theodore Tilton, has at length been broken by announcement of his death.

BONDS FOR A FIREBOAT. The Portland waterfront and contiguous territory are entitled to adequate fire protection. The present inefficient fireboat and other Fire Department equipment do not give the desired protection.

THE ANTI-SMOKE LEAGUE OF NEW YORK City, acting in concert with the Department of Health, has succeeded in abating to an appreciable degree the smoke nuisance that has hitherto been a pall over the city.

UNCLE SAM PUT LANDS INTO THE hands of railroad and wagon road promoters nearly 40 years ago, on condition that they should sell them to settlers for not more than \$2.50 an acre and take the money for their own.

THE WEEKLY TABLE OF BANK clearances is the best sort of evidence to outsiders that Portland is the most substantial city on the Pacific Coast.

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SYMPOSIUM OF CURRENT STATE TOPICS

How One Young Man "Made Good" in Public Life—Why the Grange Is Holding Up the Armer Appropriation—Timber and Its Value to the Land—Actual Settlers and the Southern Pacific's Land—Cows' Troubles in Linn County—Story of the Ashland School Clapper—Peter West's Many Divorces—Automobile on Country Roads.

OSWALD WEST, formerly State Land Agent and now a member of the Railroad Commission by virtue of appointment by the Governor, is recognized all over the State as a young man who has "made good" in public service.

West, in an aggressive member of the Railroad Commission. He does not worry himself over the question whether the commission has the power to take proposed action for the benefit of patrons of a railroad. If it is something that ought to be done, he believes in doing it, and letting the other fellow do the worrying.

G. E. Spence, the Clackamas County farmer, who was one of members of the Grange having charge of the armer's cause, is holding a meeting in Astoria. He says he believes in trying it on the merits first, leaving the railroad to raise the question of law if it be found that a cause for complaint existed.

IT IS DIFFICULT for the people of this state to get over the pioneer idea that timber detracts from the value of land. A few years ago the owners of timbered land in the agricultural regions looked about the furnace stumps of getting rid of the trees and stumps and they slayed the trees and burned them on the ground.

THE TAXES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY in Portland would be much less than they are if the franchisees covering the public utilities were not as they have been loaded, yes, indeed. And we all know who loaded them.

THE PASSING THROUGH Broadway is always ready for a bit excitement, and when an ambulance goes down the street with strident clangings and the other day drew up suddenly in front of a popular gathering, the ambulance driver, who was surging hopped out and, with the series of one who meant business, hurried across the premises, there was a great ambulance scene. Five or six minutes a good-sized crowd had collected.

self an actual settler to the satisfaction of an antagonistic railroad corporation is likely to be a vastly different matter from establishing an easy-going Government land official under old practices. If an applicant be not in fact and intention an actual settler, the railroad people will be pretty apt to find it out.

CALLING to their books two generations of school children has worn out the clapper in the bell on the new High School at Ashland, and a new one has been substituted. The bell was first swung in the belfry of Ashland Academy in 1895, and since that time it has sounded the call to school for Ashland College and Ashland Normal. When the new High School was established it was in the same structure but a few days ago the clapper broke from its hinge.

SEVERAL ATTEMPTS have been made in Oregon to substitute automobiles for stages drawn by horses, but in most instances the experiment has been found unprofitable, chiefly because of the roughness of the roads and either prevent rapid traveling or rack the machines to pieces and in either event the auto has proven in many cases an unsuccessful rival of the old hack stage.

ALL THROUGH Western Oregon the small towns are urging the establishment of creameries in the place of shipping cream to other towns where creameries are already in operation. The argument is that if the community produces enough cream to supply a small plant, it will be better for the farmer to get his butter out with the local brand on it and save the profits of the manufacture of butter stay in the community.

JURORS in the Circuit Court will hereafter draw \$2 per day instead of \$2 in the past. The new fee will just about let a farmer out even when called for jury duty. It will be fairly profitable to the average town man if he may be called to serve on the jury. To the retired "capitalist" the \$2 will be clear gain, for he can live at home, but the farmer will be out about \$1 a day for board and will have to pay for the lawyer's fees and take his place on the farm.

PETER WEST, of Pendleton, probably has the world's record in the divorce business. He is an attorney and has tried 307 divorce cases in Umatilla County. More than that, he has himself been divorced eight times, and is now living with his tenth wife. He is rather an interesting character in the Eastern Oregon town, and not at all averse to discussing his speciality in legal practice.