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THE CRIME OF RAISING THE STANDARD.

MAYOR LANE and the civil service commissioners stand convicted of the heinous crime of trying to improve the police department. They were guilty of a desire to "get the best men possible for the force," to quote from the confession of Commissioner Brewster.

THE NEW KINGDOM OF NORWAY.

THOUGH THERE HAS BEEN a large and steady emigration from Norway, principally to this best country on earth, that new little independent kingdom is not without considerable resources and attractions.

Norway has very extensive forests of fir, pine, hemlock, oak and other trees, furnishing timber and wood for other European countries, especially England.

SANTA FE CASE STILL UNEXPLAINED.

IN the recently published correspondence between himself and Attorney-General Moody with reference to the Santa Fe case and Paul Morton, the president did not strengthen his case in the least, nor furnish any ground for retracting criticisms of his conclusions and actions.

MORMON EXODUS FROM UTAH.

THE RECENTLY REPORTED EMIGRATION of 1,000 Mormon colonists from Utah to Mexico, coupled with the statement that other large parties would follow in the same direction from time to time, has led to considerable comment.

proceeded himself to hold a 'bed of justice' and have a trial by letter. He announced what was a cross between a judgment of not guilty and a pardon, in which the attorney-general concurred.

THE WALL STREET PANIC.

IF THE COUNTRY had been confronted a few years ago, with the conditions now prevailing in Wall street, with money at 110, its financial teeth would have been set chattering.

SMALL CHANGE

Be careful or Senator John M. Gearin may succeed himself.—Woodburn Independent. It might be no great calamity if he should.

LABRADOR IS RICH IN PEARLS

The deep-sea fishermen and whale or seal hunters are about the only people who know much of the northern Labrador coast, where it runs up into Hudson bay territory.

PERSONAL FANCIES

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

The Lostine Ledger and Democrat says a farmer near that town has recently erected a dwelling on his farm that is equal to, if not superior, to the castles of ancient Europe.

LEWIS AND CLARK

At Fort Clatsop. December 23—Again it rained during the greater part of the night and continued all day.

BANK CLERK WEDS—COSTS HIS JOB.

From the New York American. "I can get many jobs in banks, but I cannot get another Nollie May Straub, and if you say I must either give up my position or this girl, then I tell you my position is ready for my successor."

HATED TO MISS SHOW.

From the Philadelphia Press. Falling on the snowy sidewalk as he was about to enter a Williamson, Delaware, theatre this afternoon, Edward Piner broke his right arm.

WISER COUNSEL.

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HOW CLIMATE INFLUENCES CHARACTER

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox. (Copyright, 1908, by American Journal-Examiner) Statistics have been made proving that men are kinder to their wives and children in the summer than in the winter season.

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