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It is an incontrovertible truth that no man ever made an ill figure who understood his own talents, nor a good one who mistook them.

CLEAN UP THE GROUNDS.

WE CANNOT or rather do not choose to resist the impulse to harp some more on that old and homely but really important subject, Portland's vast wealth (?) of ugliness and noxiousness in the form of weeds, principally burdocks and thistles, and refuse, litter, on otherwise vacant or unused grounds.

These weeds are now full grown and in bloom, and will soon cast their myriads of seeds for future crops. If cut down to the ground now, during the dry and hot weather the roots would send up but comparatively slight and feeble growths again this season.

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dict. If the man is guilty, he deserved hanging as much as any murderer ever did; if he is not guilty it is an injustice to confine him in the penitentiary for a term of years. Yet such a verdict is excusable, for it saves a very expensive new trial, with the probability that no better result would be obtained.

SHOULD LEARN A LESSON.

THE SHORTAGE in the wheat crop of eastern Oregon on account of the hot winds will not be as great as was reported last month—which is usually the case when crop failures are anticipated in Oregon.

A bumper crop of wheat that brings a high price may not be the best thing for farmers in portions of the upper country, for it encourages heavy expenditure and neglect of diversified farming.

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What Is Portland's Greatest Need? MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL TELL JOURNAL READERS WHAT WOULD IMPROVE ROSE CITY.

Garbage Department: John Annand.

"We need a new garbage crematory and a department for the collection of garbage by the city," says Councilman John Annand.

"At the crematory there is not a drop of hot water to clean the steel wagon boxes. A new steel crematory of about 70 tons daily capacity ought to be installed. It would cost about \$30,000.

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SMALL CHANGE.

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A Little Out of the Common

THINGS PRINTED TO READ WHILE YOU WAIT.

A Patented Plant.

"One plant at least has been patented," said an inventor.

The weather plant is still believed by many persons to foretell the weather. John Nowack was sure it did so, and he put it on the market, along with an indicating apparatus, guaranteeing it to foretell for 48 hours in advance.

The barber applied the rich brown dye with a fine-tooth comb, combing it evenly into the grizzled locks of the old man.

The horse was genuinely amused, or seemed to be, throughout the extraordinary game. The watch was quite useless and the young man fear the animal must be an "old hand."

From the Pall Mall Gazette. It is really remarkable to find the French chamber adopting an obligatory Sunday rest for the working classes by a majority of 815 to 1.

These prisoners, in order to conceal their gray hair, dyed it, using a poor sort of dye, one of those sorts that have to be applied every day or two.

From the Atchison Globe. There are a half dozen bells, at least. You never know when a woman will begin crying or an automobile stop running.

After a woman passes 60 she seems to think that any dress is good enough for any occasion, providing it is black.

Don't worry if you are not good looking.

ing. You look all right to your friends; the best looks on earth could not make you look good to your enemies, and those who are not interested in you don't know how to make a purpose in one of the long narrow buckets with bottom valve.

"Did you ever see a monument to a pig?" said an invalid.

"Well, there is such a monument in existence. The town of Lunenburg, in Hanover, owns it. It stands in the town hall—a glass case containing an embalmed ham from the pig, together with a great slab of black marble engraved with letters of gold.

"Stranger, contemplate here the moral of the pig. The pig, when it is cured for itself imperishable glory by the discovery of the salt springs of Lunenburg."

Habitual criminals never blush. Unvaccinated persons cannot vote in Norway.

A pair of shoes can be made by machinery in 18 minutes. The Calcutta police are required to catch sharks in the Hoogly in their spare time.

The egg-eating champion belongs to Ohio. The champion, a Daytonian, ate 21 eggs in nine minutes. Life insurance was invented by Pascal, whose "theory of probabilities" and "law of averages" still govern the business.

The highest recorded temperature, one of 3,000 degrees, is obtained electrically. This heat is required to melt oxide of uranium.

A beskeper of New Hampshire was showing a city man his apiary. The hives were ranged in line on the side of a mountain, and the air was sweet with the smell of clover, pine trees, carnations.