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Anger is the most impotent passion that accompanies the mind of man; it affects nothing it goes about; and hurts the man who is possessed by it more than any other against whom it is directed.—Clarendon.

REPUBLICANISM IN OREGON.

THE Benton County Republican, the new paper of Corvallis, whose publishers have recently arrived in the state, remarks in its first number that "Oregon has never been more prosperous than right now under the Republican rule."

The puzzle is to find what "Republicanism," or "Democratism," or "socialism," or any other political "ism" has to do with the "great demand for honest laborers in all parts of the state."

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DRY LAND FARMING.

WHILE IRRIGATION is to be more extensively employed in eastern Oregon, southern Oregon and even the Willamette valley, there are extensive stretches of country, particularly in the eastern part of the state, that cannot be irrigated because water for that purpose is not available, the land in some cases lying higher than any sufficiently near sources of water supply.

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treatment of the soil, which is indeed becoming a necessity, and if in addition to this large areas of land heretofore supposed utterly worthless for agriculture can be made productive the gain will certainly be very great.

A writer in the Century magazine, after criticizing the non-progressive spirit of farmers who have been long in the west, saying they are "full of bigotry and prejudice," and "set their faces like flint" against improved methods, says they can seldom be persuaded to give dry land farming a trial, but that "newcomers are nearly always willing to learn and profit by the experience of others and the younger element among the farmers hail dry farming as the dawn of a new era."

A significant news item states that a farmer on the dry uplands along the upper Deschutes river harvested 40 bushels of barley an acre from 40 acres by the dry farming method, which consists principally in packing the ground underneath a loose surface. On this 40 acres he followed the plow with a subsurface packer, while on 80 acres adjoining he did not use the packer, and this land, though of the same quality, yielded less than half as much as the sub-packed 40 acres.

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Our good friends who work on the waterfront and our other good friends who employ men on the waterfront are apparently laboring under the delusion that they alone are interested in the contest that is driving business from this port to other cities that will make every effort to keep it whatever may be the outcome of the strike.

It may interest the historian who writes of the "Whys and Wherefores of Discontent in 1906" to know that the Ohio judge who ruled that Standard Oil had not been guilty of rebating was named Banker.

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A Little Out of the Common

THINGS PRINTED TO READ WHILE YOU WAIT.

Records. In the number of his titles the Duke of Atholl, with 33, holds the record.

Nikola Tesla's Birthday. Nikola Tesla, the famous electrician and inventor, was born at Smiljan, Servia, October 18, 1857.

Hear the Belles. Hear the chatter of the belles! Hear the chatter of the belles!

October 18 in History. 1216—King John of England died. 1648—Eugene of Savoy born. Died April 21, 1763.

A Year of Bibles. The total issues of the American Bible society from May, 1905, to May, 1906, at home and abroad, amounted to 2,257,785.

The Rarest Autograph. Shakespeare's autograph is the rarest. There are only seven in existence, and three of these are doubtful.

Brains of Great Men. Brains of great men very much. It is found that men of encyclopedic memory have heavy brains.

Colds Are Contagious. "The common cold is, no doubt, a so-called bacterial disease," said Dr. Frederick Travers in an address printed in the Grand Magazine.

Largest Prison in America. MISSOURI'S STATE PENITENTIARY. "This city of crime," Mr. Thomas Speed Mosby, pardon attorney to Governor Fink, calls the Missouri state prison, in an article in the North American Review, which will confirm many theories of the criminologists.

Humors of the "Terror." Amid the grisly horrors of the Russian "terror" humorous incidents have not been wanting, and criminals have not scrupled to play upon the nervous fears of the populace in a way that affords amusement at a distance, however real the danger seemed to the victims.

Who Was Tall West? Clem, O., Oct. 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—I noticed a short time in "Weeds That Are Worth Money," and those among me who had been in the west abound in eastern Oregon.

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