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Be not penny-wise; riches have wings and sometimes fly away of themselves; sometimes they must be set flying to bring in more.—Bacon.

THE GRAND JURY'S REPORT

THE GRAND JURY has made its report. It has indicted Orlando Sherman Murray for murder; it recommends that Judge Henry E. McGinn be punished for contempt because of his unauthorized intrusion into the grand jury room, and it has refused to indict the editor and proprietor of the Oregonian for its libelous cartoon published against Mr. William M. Ladd November 3.

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The grand jury further says the libelous matter might justify an indictment if presented independent of a newspaper fight and it leaves it to the bar of public opinion which, says the grand jury, has already indicted both the Oregonian and The Journal for an abuse of the liberty of the press.

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REMOVE THE EMBARGO.

PORTLAND commercial bodies have been asked to send representatives to a national convention for the extension of the foreign commerce of the United States, to be held at the New Willard hotel, Washington, D. C., January 14.

The extension of foreign trade of the Pacific coast is a problem that up to this time has hinged almost entirely on the ability of this coast to attract shipping facilities sufficient to meet its needs.

That the existing laws of the United States for the alleged protection of American ship-builders is restricting ocean trade with this country, and that its evil effects are being felt especially on the Pacific side of the continent, there has long been no question.

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At least a persistent and systematic effort should be made to accomplish this result. If the federal government will do nothing, the state should act. If the value of the General Electric's property in the locks cannot be agreed on, it can be determined by condemnation proceedings.

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A Little Out of the Common

THINGS PRINTED TO READ WHILE YOU WAIT.

Pointed Paragraphs.

From the Chicago News. Love never stops to G. K. the bills. It's often difficult to get even with people who owe you money.

November 23 in History.

1804—Franklin Pierce, 14th president of the United States, born. Died 1869. 1871—Father Ignatius (Joseph Leyster) born.

Hold High.

From Ram's Horn. Last you grow downcast, buffeting the storm. Hold high in thought some blessing you have had;

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Letters From the People

Apparel in the Sixrooms. Portland, Or., Nov. 22.—To the Editor of The Journal—Under the head of "Good Clothes for Invalids" I read an article in last Thursday's Journal that came so close home to my own condition that I feel impelled to add my testimony to that of the writers in regard to the effect clothes will have on my feelings when ill or disabled in any way.

Small Change.

Few people dare say just what they think. Some people get a lemon in return for taffy. Some people mistakenly think indolence is rest.

Oregon Sidelights.

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The Latest News From Rabbitville

REPORTED BY A. BENNETT, OF THE DALES OPTIMIST.

A gentleman, or rather a drummer at the Bunco house the other day at dinner was unlucky enough to have Loo-loo the River and good lawyer fallers around the table to the boarders, drop a pitcher onto his back, and he went out to Bunco as mad as a hornet and wanted pay for his cot, saying Loo-loo had ruined it by spilling cream all over his coat.

Wife, 2 a. m.—There's a burglar in the house; get up and drive him out.

Husband—O, let him alone; there's nothing valuable he can carry off. Wife—No, there is; there's nearly a whole dozen eggs in the pantry.

How is that for a skema to bring Rabbitville to the front?

Do you think even Tom Richardson ever thought of playing "Hamlet" his own self in a town that he is booming? But then Tom can't act like I can, but if he had the Jesus he would try to act it once or twice anyway. He says Tom gets 35 thirty 5 a month and his board and washing and his sex darned, and a allowance of 2 bits per diem per day for perscriptions to boom Portland, and he mite at least try to use his salary. If his wood pay my expenses I would be willing to go down to Portland and give him some lessons in acting. I guess I will write to him about it.

Watch Rabbitville get to the front!

With both of your 2-eyes watch her both feet! Dictionary of Misinformation. Wex Jones, Lexicographer. CAT: A furry animal of which the principal occupation is being sat upon in chairs where it has gone to sleep. It is smaller than a woman, but not so much afraid of a mouse.

CODFISH: Sometimes a fish. Usually a bill.

COW: A semi-domesticated animal occasionally used by dairies. See the genus cow. It wears no gown of silk. No Jewels deck its ears, and But it gives us quarts of milk. —R. Kipling.

DUCK: A bird of gracious presence, frequently kept around the house by admirers of its winning ways and merry song.

Duck's Egg: So called, first, because it's not an egg, and second, because it's not a duck's egg. A duck's egg is something, but nothing is a duck's egg. EGG: A thing concealing under a hard exterior a soft heart. FLY: A little brother to the elephant, which it resembles in its fondness for perching on bald heads. ZEBRA: One of the few animals with an excruciatingly loud taste in dress.