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COAL PLENTY; FUEL SCARCE. WILL THE PORTLAND men who recently visited the coal field near Heppner demand that a railroad be built to it?

Mr. Devlin proceeds nevertheless to censure the press severely for unwarranted and indiscriminate criticism of officials...

From all of which good and wise sentiments we conclude that Mayor Lane has made an exceptionally good official...

PORTLAND WILL progress and prosper whoever is elected to office. It is important to elect the best men possible to office...

It is indeed a strange thing that the people have said and done so little in the direction of asserting public ownership of these subterranean sources of fuel...

We suppose there is no means by which a railroad corporation can be compelled to build a line to these or other coal fields...

THEORY VS. PRACTICE. UNDER the title, "Officers—Their Powers and Duties," Mr. Devlin, in his book on "Municipal Reform," makes some remarks that are worthy of repetition...

Disagreeing with another writer, who argued that certain districts in a great city were properly represented by "thieves and ruffians," Mr. Devlin says: "The sections of a community where vice reigns should have no representation. Such sections are to be governed and not to govern."

AS TO DOLLAR WHEAT. OREGON will probably contribute to the general deficit that promises to make dollar wheat. The yield per acre may reach the usual average, but the wheat areas in the state for the season are below the normal.

Throughout the state the labor problem on the farm has been a serious handicap. Many farmers could not get labor at all, while others could not afford it because of its cost.

In consequence, many a farmer has put in his crop himself, leaving unhusked such acres as there was not time to reach. A comparatively limited acreage, and a strong probability that the Oregon wheat aggregate will be below the average will be the outcome.

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CONDITIONS INVITE ELECTRIC ROADS. IT IS A RIPE moment for investment of capital in electric roads in western Oregon. The utter inability of the present steam system to handle the traffic becomes more markedly manifest every day.

To ease the congestion as much of the traffic as possible is done on the west side tracks, until they, too, are overcrowded with a business that, like all railroad business in Oregon, moves only when it can, or "when the sign is right."

The solution is electric roads, not one by many. Nature destined western Oregon for them when it thickly seamed the adjacent mountainsides with torrent streams as a basis of electric power.

The manufacturers' association favors a revision of the tariff at a special session of congress to be held in the spring of 1909, immediately after the inauguration of the next president.

The Harney County News is now owned and published by Mr. Frank Davey, speaker of the last assembly, and in his proprietorship it will undoubtedly become one of the leading and most valuable and interesting papers of Eastern Oregon.

All Pull Together. From the Irrigator. The Irrigator believes that we must all push and pull together, and that we must not try to build up one portion of the state at the expense of another.

Don't Kill the Swallows. From the Minneapolis Journal. Farmers who have been doing their best to exterminate the barn swallow will feel pretty cheap when they learn that the swift-winged little fellow is one of their best friends.

The president effected peace between Russia and Japan, but to do so in Ohio is not such an easy matter.

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Small Change. Now it begins to justify its name of the Rose City. The green bug is one species of immigrant that Oregon does not want.

If wheat goes up to a dollar, less bread will go down the throats of the poor. The person most easily interested in your trouble is a lawyer—if you have the price.

Curiously nothing, so far as we have heard, not even a cigar or baby, has been named after Hensley. Aurora Borealis: Every windy day we marvel at how thin it is possible for some women to be and live.

A visitor to the president is spoken of as a "house guest." Does he lodge some of his visitors in the barn? A Michigan man was drowned in a vat of whiskey, but many a man has been killed by getting outside of instead of into whiskey.

"Cut it out entirely," says the Harnes Valley News, referring to the scheme to raise money for Peary through the school children. The royal baby of Spain should start out in life friendly to the United States that relieved his government of Cuba and the Philippines.

It is to the credit of the press that all the pictures of Maybelle Gilman-Corey are entirely respectable in appearance. There seems to be reason to believe that Ohio will or ought to go Democratic next year whenever one thinks of little Dick.

The minister that married Corey is named John Lewis Clark, but that doesn't prove that he is descended from our Lewis and Clark. Some people will spend money to buy flowers and pay funeral expenses for a man, but neglect to keep him from the poorhouse, while alive.

The monorail railroad scheme is nothing new. An Oregon man worked on it for years, got patents, and had an engine built, but his funds ran short. A Canadian conductor "got" three years for allowing his train to be wrecked. The officers of the road are at liberty, though the same as in this country.

"The way to get thin," says Secretary Taft, "is to eat only four ounces at each meal, work hard and keep in good humor." We don't believe in the "good humor" part of the recipe. And Taft is not a very good example of thinness—perhaps, like other doctors, he doesn't believe in his own medicine.

Burns is to have a second national bank. Magpies kill young chickens in Crook county. Frairie City is now sure of a cheese factory.

"Bumper crops sure," declares the Salem Statesman. A Condon man received 2,500 head of cattle Sunday. Bend home talent will produce The Merchant of Venice.

Many timber claims are being taken yet around Gold Hill. Sage rats are doing great damage to crops in Crook county. The sound of the cannery whistle will soon be heard again.

Representative Hawley is visiting Klamath and Lake counties. A Lakeview butcher pays as high as \$7.50 a head for mutton sheep. Fishing good now in Rogus river and Bear creek; many steelheads caught.

Aurora Borealis: How proud a town man is when he has radishes in his own garden! A Hood river young man was fined \$50 for misbehavior and a few days later was fined another \$50 for the same offense.

A Polk county man has invented a string tying machine for tying strings on the trellis for hop vines by the use of which he can tie the strings much faster than can be done by hand. Dayton Optimist: Oregon is not to blame for the few poverty-stricken mortals who live here. You will find men who have made a failure of life wherever you go. Brains and elbow grease bring better returns here than anywhere else on earth.

Almost within the corporate limits of Glendale there is "something doing," says the News, that undoubtedly will in a very short time surprise mining men. High grade ore containing copper and gold exists in large true fissure veins, enclosed in walls of porphyry, granite and slate.

Prairie City Miner: Last week there was a general complaint about the frost killing the fruit, some declaring that it was all gone and that there would not be fruit enough to wad a shot gun. The warm sun of the past few days has allayed all such fears and some are kicking because the trees are so heavily laden with blossoms that they cannot stand the strain.

That Rogus river for the 100 miles from Grants passes to its mouth at Gold Beach, where it empties into the Pacific ocean, could be made navigable for boats up to 20 or 25 tons capacity in the opinion of many experienced rivermen, who have examined it. Fishermen and prospectors have been navigating Rogus river with small boats since white men settled here 50 years ago, says the Grants Pass Courier.

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