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JOHN MANNING, REFORMER.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHN MANNING has rarely if ever been accused of being overly zealous in enforcing the laws, and his belated decision, more than four years after taking office, that the saloon-keepers really must observe the Sunday closing law has naturally aroused more or less skepticism as to his motives and his sincerity of purpose.

PROTECT THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT LAW.

IT IS refreshing to read the ringing resolution of the state grange declaring unalterable opposition to any change in the Australian ballot law. Whether so intended or not, it is a very proper rebuke to the effort in the late legislature, proposing such changes.

WHEN COMMENCEMENTS COME.

IT IS THE graduating season. At all the colleges, pretty girls, bright young men, white gowns, music, flowers and commencement exercises are in evidence. Classic halls are to be quitted, and kindly instructors abandoned.

PORTLAND'S NEW CLOTHES.

THE MAJORITY of people who voted in the late election decided in favor of the various proposed bond issues, and so, although a decision of the supreme court or possibly another election may be necessary before the bonds are advertised and sold, it may be considered as settled that they are decided upon.

done the city a service in his advocacy of it. Another fireboat will be an expensive thing not only to create, but to maintain, but if the best sort of one is built it will be a good investment. A new bridge to supercede the Madison street bridge is a manifest necessity.

Portland has reached a stage in its growth where it needs these new clothes, and though they are expensive she can afford them, providing she gets her money's worth in material and fit.

JAPAN'S EGOTISM.

TO RETAIN the respect for the Japanese government which Americans hope and under ordinary circumstances would presume was due it, as that of an enlightened modern power, one must suppose that most of the complaints and veiled threats against Americans and the American government come from sensational "yellow" Japanese newspapers and irresponsible yapping mischief-makers among the little brown people.

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retired farmers who are living comfortably upon their incomes; there are several hundred thousand dollars in the local banks; so why want anything more? Why not dose life away in slothful, semi-comfort? Why wear lives out in rustling to grow or improve? So a good many of the people think, or act as if they think, and therefore the town has never had any occasion to change its name from Wantville to Hasburg or Gotherburg.

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had dominated the Republican party in Nebraska. Allied with the Union Pacific, Burlington and other railroads was the Standard Oil, and it was the overthrow of this powerful combination that has given Mr. Sheldon his niche in the hearts of the people of his state.

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