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A wise man has well reminded us that in any controversy the instant we feel anger we have already ceased striving for truth and have begun striving for ourselves.

TRY, TRY AGAIN.

JUDGE CLELAND'S decision against the validity of the vote for bonds for various municipal purposes is not much of a surprise, and seems to be based on sufficient reasons.

The fault in this case seems to rest primarily with the last council, which undertook to do something which it was not authorized to do and could not legally do.

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turned nearly \$1,400 in fees to the state, fees that a partisan legislature of his own label created for him over and against the plain, unmistakable mandate of the flat salary law.

There is no rest for mankind. In escaping these we dodge into line with the deadly aim of the small boy with the target rifle.

A WISE COURSE.

THE BREWERS of the country, or many of them, probably a controlling portion, are acting wisely in using their great influence to induce saloon men to keep orderly places and strictly obey the laws.

GIRL BEHIND THE COUNTER.

ADIES, consider the girl behind the counter these days. Be as considerate of her as you can. She has no easy time of it.

SOUTHERN DELEGATES.

THE SOUTHERN delegates to a Republican national convention have ever since the war been regarded by aspiring candidates as a purchasable commodity.

FOOLS AND FIREARMS.

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When all the facts are known it will probably transpire that William C. Bristol's chief offense was that he assumed that the department of justice was in earnest in its professed intention to prosecute the remaining land fraud cases with vigor.

The instructions of the department of justice to United States District Attorney Bristol find a parallel in the Biblical story of the captive Jews who were ordered to make bricks without straw.

Representative Hawley is a member of the committee on agriculture, and though he is not a farmer he has not lived all his life in the Willamette valley without learning much about farming.

A contemporary confesses to being "crushed and crestfallen." To be crushed might not be so bad, but to be crestfallen besides is terrible.

The wireless system of telegraphy is a fine invention, no doubt, but it would not do for secret messages except in some well-guarded cipher.

Navy Yards Out of Work.

From the Boston Globe. One of the results of the great naval excursion around the Horn into the Pacific will be the stoppage of work in the navy yards of the Atlantic coast.

There are now some 15,000 mechanics employed in getting the battleships into condition for their long cruise. The estimate of the department is that at least half of these 15,000 men must be discharged when the fleet moves out.

Holiday Shopping.

'Tis the time of the year when attention it turns. 'Tis the time when the holiday shopping. When money in pockets a big hole burns.

Talking of Christmas.

They're talking of Christmas—'How long it is, an' when Will Santa Claus be comin' down the chimney to hear more reindeer? A bigger load of toys?

This Date in History.

1117—Thomas a Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, born. Died December 29, 1170. 1705—Catherine of Braganza, queen of Charles II of England, died at Lisbon.

Sir Charles Santley's Birthday.

Sir Charles Santley, the veteran baritone singer, recently honored by King Edward with a knighthood, was born December 21, 1834, in Liverpool and spent his early years in that city.

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