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SAINT PATRICK AND THE IRISH.

Saint Patrick's Day is the one great Irish holiday. It is significant and gratifying that this anniversary, celebrated by the sons and daughters of Erin...

adequate transportation. Then there is the billions of feet of the finest lumber that ever grew out of doors to be found in the Siuslaw country...

It is aggravating that such regions as this—and there are even larger ones similarly neglected, in Oregon—should be allowed, year after year, decade after decade, to rot and rot...

The Eugene people took up this proposition of a railroad toward it not to the Siuslaw some months ago, but the promoter, as too many do, seems to have dropped out of sight.

They will all come, however; a new era is dawning for Oregon, not only politically, but industrially, and especially in the line of transportation of products.

THE VOYAGE OF THE NAVY.

THE visit of the fleet of battleships is a great advertisement of this part of the country.

The value to this region of this cruise of the American navy is incalculable. Hundreds of thousands of people who never bestowed a thought upon the Pacific coast or who entirely misconceived it, vaguely supposing it a mountain and desert region, where only a few semi-barbarians live...

The Pacific coast in particular, therefore, owes a big debt of gratitude to President Roosevelt for ordering this unprecedented cruise of the greater part of the American navy.

It may be added that there has never been a president before Roosevelt who understood and appreciated the west, and especially the Pacific coast. Seward, the greatest statesman of his generation, if we except Lincoln, though he had never been west, came nearer appreciating this region and perceiving the future of Pacific commerce than any other great public man.

So this voyage is an enlightening educational one. Roosevelt knew it would be so. He has impulses that glint with true genius; one of them suggested to his daring mind this voyage.

In New York harbor stands a great gift of our neighbor and friend, France, a statue, holding aloft continually an electric light, called "Liberty Enlightening the World."

It was a grand thought of a great Frenchman—and no nation has produced a greater variety of great men, men with great ideas, than France. That statue is an inspiration, a teacher, a monitor, an evangel to the world.

the oceans and straits, and into harbors, thy historic course. Everywhere, not only at home but abroad, thou shalt have welcome, and the best of all lands. Thou art a veritable type of the "ship of state" of which one of our dulcet poets sang.

A NEW EPOCH FOR THE FARMERS.

PORTLAND certainly has its packing house advantages, and Armour & Co. are well aware of the facts...

The great Collinwood calamity did some good—revived school fire drills throughout the United States, and caused means of escape to be looked into, and so perhaps prevented similar catastrophes.

The Woodburn Independent cruelly suggests that less basketball and more grammar would be beneficial to school girls.

The message is of inestimable value to the man on the farm in the great northwest. It means demands of an extraordinary character that he will be called upon to supply. It means a market of extraordinary character for the livestock he may have to sell.

The sweeping character of this change is made apparent in the fact that Oregon and Washington have been producing but 15 per cent of the hogs they have consumed.

Justice to Indian War Veterans. St. Helena, Or., March 4.—To the Editor of The Journal:—In a recent Oregonian I noticed an item entitled "Pensions to Oregonians."

IS YET NO ANSWER FROM SENATOR FULTON.

IN HIS Corvallis speech last June Senator Fulton made the declaration that if he did not receive the popular endorsement in June he would not be a candidate before the legislature.

A statistician has figured it out that congress costs \$120 a minute. We know that the members of congress get—If they don't graft. But what do the common people get out of this quite big expenditure?

Senator Bourne is quoted as saying that as against Taft, Bryan will "sweep the country." And perhaps Mr. Bourne will be glad of it.

This Date in History. 1741—Jean Baptist Roseau, French poet, died. Born April 4, 1670.

surprised that anybody in authority in Vancouver, British Columbia, had waked up sufficiently to discover that fact.

The Oregonian repudiates Jack Matthews—ostensibly. If Jack had a newspaper, he might, to the green-horns, repudiate the Oregonian. Then they would be even, and ready to do more business.

A magazine in a cover design characterizes President Dias as "the greatest man on the continent." It may be expected that this publication will be cut out of the White House list henceforth.

The partisan games which the anti-men have apparently robbed the state, and especially the school children of the state, out of millions of dollars, and when public citizens have opened their eyes, been wrong, and wish to substitute popular rule for machine government in political affairs...

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Letters from the People

Baker Favors Appropriation. Baker City, Or., March 10.—To the Editor of The Journal:—In your issue of the 27th ultimo I addressed an open letter to Eugene Palmer, who is leading the movement to defeat the Oregon State university appropriation bill.

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OPINIONS OF STATE PRESS ON STATEMENT NO. 1

The Issue Fairly Stated.

The Statement No. 1 means believe in each party nominating candidates by direct vote in the general primaries, a method which gives every Republican and every Democrat a vote as to who shall be nominated, which is certainly fair and in accordance with the principle of an American citizen-ship.

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