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An examination of this plea discloses this situation: The O. R. & N. company asks the court to accept as final, immutable and beyond question or attack, not only its schedule of rates, or its tariffs, from Portland to eastern Oregon points, and whatever tariffs it may at any time establish, but also its own system or method of arriving at and fixing those schedules.

Observe that the order of the state commission applies, necessarily, only to shipments wholly within the state, from Portland to points east of The Dalles. These rates, the commission finds, are too high. It has nothing to do with shipments coming into the state and reshipped from Portland.

The order of the commission deals with state commerce only, and to comply with it all the O. R. & N. has to do is to adjust slightly its interstate schedules, after its system of fixing rates a little. The interference with interstate commerce can at most be but indirect and remote.

This, indeed the petition for an injunction separately asserts—that the commission law is unconstitutional and void, because it invests the commission with legislative, administrative and judicial powers. This, however, is put in as a make-weight, for as a general proposition the constitutionality of such a law has been pretty well established, notwithstanding a few recent extreme assumptions of power by federal courts.

It is manifest from the nature of this resistance that the object of the railroad corporation is to break down

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The sweeping victory won for the state and people over the corporation that owns the Oregon City locks is as gratifying as it is unusual. It restores to the state very important and very valuable rights that it had been supposed for years had been irrevocably lost.

The condition is the handwork of Governor Chamberlain. In 1905, in a letter to the attorney-general, he expressed the belief that the state had not lost its rights in the matter of the locks, and directed that officer to bring suit to recover them.

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Letters From the People

Oregon's Valuable Clays. Portland, May 11.—To the Editor of The Journal:—The state of Oregon is rich in her clay resources. This seems like a bold statement, in view of some things that have recently been said in communications, resolutions, etc., as printed in the columns of The Journal.

A vitrified brick in its structure is an entirely different animal from any other kind of brick. It is made of a mixture of sand, shale and iron pyrites, and is fired in a kiln at a temperature of 1800 degrees Fahrenheit.

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COSMOPOLITAN HONOLULU

Honolulu, T. H., April 30.—Beautiful Honolulu, the metropolis of the mid-Pacific, disputes with ancient Sabel for the Polygot championship of the world. Within a stone's throw of the capitol of Hawaii, formerly the palace of the queen, is a vacant lot in which is displayed a warning placard which screams defiance in seven languages.

Truly cosmopolitan as it is, it is also very metropolitan in many of its aspects. Despite its great oriental population, the English and American elements predominate. The Japanese, Chinese, and other nationalities are represented, but they are often seen in the streets of the city.

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The REAL FEMINE

The New Education. THAT Portland is to have a trade school where the elements of the trades and crafts are to be taught, is cause for congratulation. We are gradually getting down to a working system in our education, a system which takes some account of what the individual is to become.

The school books of even a few years ago were full of errors. The school books of today are full of errors. The school books of today are full of errors. The school books of today are full of errors.

After many years and many mistakes it has at last been borne in upon us that a man who is master of a craft has far more to offer to the world than a man who is master of a book. The school books of today are full of errors.

The German's Complaint. The German is pessimistic and disgruntled and is still hopping mad because the United States has not imported Chinese laborers under contract. Until a few years ago the Chinese were the only laborers who were imported under contract.

What She Wears. LACE jackets in heavy meshes and meshes of various colors are fashionable for year with gowns of white linen, lingerie, taffeta, pongee or embroidered net.

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