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Distinction, peculiarly its own, belongs to Oregon City. It has a history and traditions that the other cities of Oregon may well contemplate with envy.

It is a title worn by right of the episodes and tragedies of the earliest pioneer days. Oregon City was the first and principal scene of the original Oregon.

This nursing of the future state is the distinction that Oregon City can point to as a noblest period in her history, and it is one her people have every reason to accentuate.

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ANOTHER GRANGE PROTEST

Another Grange organization protests. Linn County Council, P. of H., denounces the proposed assembly convention. It refuses to fall in the trap by which the politicians, while professing friendship for those measures, hope to settle the primary law.

What else than such an attitude could be expected? The hollowest pretense ever uttered is the profession of any man who favors the assembly convention that he is loyal to the primary law.

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daulous enough to put the devil to shame. It is the same sort of friendship that was in the kiss with which Judas betrayed Christ.

Actions speak louder than words. The selection must be made either by the convention or by the open primary. The selection is the only function to be performed.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Only 15 more shopping days till Christmas. O, the snow, the drizzled snow, none too quickly can it go.

It seems quite natural that a gunboat named Quatre should want to get on the land.

The State Horticultural society, and especially its zealous and efficient secretary, Mr. Williamson, has done an excellent work for Oregon, and are entitled to cordial and warm commendation and support.

Dear snow, please go. You're beautiful, we know, as you flurry down, but you are making us miserable.

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BY TILES OVERHOLT ORIGIN OF MINCE PIE.

In ancient days a noted cook possessed no knowledge from a book. That which he learned he learned by hand.

Letters From the People

Letters to the Journal should be written on one side of the paper only and should be accompanied by a return address.

Tillamook Road Not Blocked.

Yamhill, Or., Dec. 6.—To the Editor of the Journal: I enclose an article which appeared in your paper a few days ago stating that the road leading from North Yamhill to Tillamook was blocked with snow.

What the King Claim Is.

The King claim of this country against Chile that King Edward had consented to arbitrate, is stated as follows in a South American paper.

This Date in History.

1776—The siege of Quebec began. 1816—Edmund Burke, originator of the international peace movement, born in New Britain, Conn. Died March 9, 1817.

The Reforestation of Denuded Lands

By J. S. Young in the Timberman

People who are dealing with statistics and theories tell us that our forests will be practically exhausted in 50 years, at the present rate of cutting.

Wanted McGinn for Senator.

From the Woodburn Independent.

Henry McGinn will probably be the successor of Senator Bourne.

Wasted Compliments

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kansas poet.)

When first mine eyes beheld the sea, its majesty appealed to me; I stood alone upon the shore, and listened to the breakers roar, and cried aloud: