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THE ROAD BLIGHT

A POWERFUL appeal by one who knows the blight of bad roads was made at the meeting of the fruitgrowers Wednesday.

The statement is true. Spending money at the rate of \$138,500,000 a year for a navy and but a miserable pittance for roads is national insanity.

In every field of life the effort is to secure efficiency of effort, except in country roads.

But we have not applied this maxim to our country roads. Compared to other activities in life we have done nothing for our highways.

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THE NEW CANADIAN RAILROAD CANADA is forging ahead in material development in a way little realized by most people in the United States.

THE OUTLAW PROGRAM

THERE were good reasons why the late legislature refused to make assembly conventions lawful.

Naturally, the legislature shrank from providing another method of nominations, when the primary law itself explicitly stated that nominations should not be made "in any other manner."

We spoke the other day of the opening and improvement of Canadian canals, and mention now only one great enterprise, the new ocean to ocean railroad that the Dominion government is building.

As told in the Philadelphia North American by Samuel H. Barker, Canada's new transcontinental line is this fall for the first time participating largely in bringing out the great grain crop of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

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Perhaps the majority of people do not know how entirely different in location are the geographic North Pole and the magnetic north pole.

tion, for the argument is that the people have not sense enough to select "fit" candidates.

In any event the foregoing provisions of the primary law reveal the unlawful character of the assembly program.

ago the site of Prince Rupert was primeval forest; now it is a town of 2000, with a magnificent harbor, and will become a great seaport.

A FIERCE newsboy was at large on the thoroughfare. He was one of the much dreaded man eating newsboys.

Then, fierce as ten furies, came the attack. The fell newsboy's arm swished through the air and the murderous snowball sped on its mission.

Illinois, though with no mountains, is now the second coal producing state in the union, ranking ahead of West Virginia.

of West Virginia, cannot be turned into coke, and so is less valuable, but the population of the middle west is increasing so fast that there is a good market for all the coal produced in its natural state.



A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS. J. Santa Claus, devoted Sir—A few Not just for old times sake, you know, but just to set you right.

Letters From the People

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

Statement No. 1 and C. B. Moores. Salem, Or., Dec. 9.—To the Editor of The Journal—I have no desire to enter into a political controversy with Honorable C. B. Moores.

Like many other men who are wise to the game, he went to the legislature and later got a federal office.

SAVED, SAVED FIERCE newsboy was at large on the thoroughfare. He was one of the much dreaded man eating newsboys.

Statement one simply means: It is impossible for you, Mr. Moneybags, to place your coin in a legislature composed of Statement One men.

Wasco County's Potato Crop. The Dalles, Or.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In the semi-weekly Journal appeared an extravagant account of the potato crop of Wasco county's dry farms.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. With salmon at \$1 a pound, we'll take turkey, please.

OREGON HIGHLIGHTS. Silver Lake man killed two others one morning.

Capacity of Wood River valley sawmill will be doubled.

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The REALM FEMININE

Pads and Fashions. NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—It is a rather fortunate thing for women of limited means that black is so fashionable for evening frocks.

It is true, a good black gown may be quite expensive at first, but it is serviceable, lasting and may be changed and remodeled at a comparatively small cost.

Twenty-two hobos were released from the Albany jail one morning.

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