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ON TRIAL

IT IS NOT public docks that are on trial in Portland. It is the members of the Portland city council that are on trial and it is the people of Portland that sit as their judge.

In spite of explicit instructions from the people to pass it, the docks ordinance has been sleeping in committee since the 10th day of November, 1909, a period of five months and 16 days.

Opposition has taken the form of professed friendship for the docks matter, declaring the authorized bond issue insufficient for the purpose, claiming that the people did not know what they were doing, and advocating another vote for a larger issue of bonds.

There is no way to misunderstand the issue. The members of the Portland city council are on trial. They were instructed as to their duty by a plurality vote at the ballot box, and were, by the same process, elected to their positions.

EDUCATIONAL SUICIDE. THERE ought to be no private dictation of the educational affairs of these United States.

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entrance requirements. Confessing as all must the importance of a reasonable number of extremely advanced universities, it remains a fact that it would be suicidal to raise all colleges to this standard.

READING MEN OUT OF PARTIES. CHICAGO Republican newspaper thinks that "reading men out of parties," such as was attempted recently by Attorney General Wickersham in that city, is not conducive to the party's strength or success.

THE STATE'S PAULI. IN WHAT other ways is federal authority to effectively intervene in the regulation of the domestic affairs of a state?

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NO QUARTER OR COMPROMISE

IN THE political campaign upon which Oregon is soon to enter, the acid test that will be applied to every man is whether he is for the direct primary or for the assembly. He cannot be for both; he cannot straddle the issue; he cannot fool the public; he must declare himself.

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canal, that great steamers will enter into competition with the transcontinental railroads and deliver freight between that city and Atlantic ports at one half, one third or one fourth the present terminal rates, that consumers and shippers will immensely profit therefrom, that the volume of traffic will be enormously increased and that the importance of the city as a world's port will be tremendously enhanced.

TANGLEFOOT. By Miles Overholt. THE TIMID CENSUS TAKER. Census Taker—"Good morning, ma'am. Husband at home?" Old Maid—"Not yet."

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THE REALM FEMINE

Home Improvements. THE following article, sets forth the views of another country woman on the question of improving home surroundings.

When this is done see that all rubbish is removed. Everything that will burn should go up in smoke. Other things, such as bottles, tin cans, etc., must be disposed of, even if they must be buried.

THE color of the house and trimmings should harmonize. It is a matter of personal taste as to what color one chooses. I think for a country home nothing is more becoming than the green trimmings, with the window shades dark green.

THE yard should be fenced chicken proof. The posts should be uniform in size and shape, and painted. When wire fence cannot be had, and if not then whitewash will have to do. Whitewash prepared by the government rule will last and look very well.

THE name of the farm made with small flowers such as daisies in the lawn gives a distinction to the place. Each letter should be outlined in green. Better none than a crowded mass run to weeds.

TOUGHE WITH HALSIN SAUCE. SUMMER a fresh tongue four hours. Skin it and leave it in the juice until cold. Bake it in this sauce, gassing often until the sauce thickens.

THE Depot Loafer. The railway station in our town is seedy, commonplace and plain; yet scores of people rustle down and gather there to meet each train. The waiting room is bleak and bare, a place of never-ending dirt; yet fifty loafers gather there to wait for the train to come in.

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