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nation has as much right to the Pacific ocean, or any other ocean, as any other nation, and any nation has a right to build whatever warships and fortify whatever of its own ports it chooses.

denked by the fact that while our bank clearings increased more than \$2,300,000, Seattle's decreased \$1,300,000, in comparison with the same week the preceding year.

Whether the locomotive engineers are reasonable in their demand for increased pay or not, everybody will agree that they are engaged in exceedingly responsible and hazardous work, and deserve pay accordingly.

Stockmen having secured a bounty on coyotes and other beasts that feed largely on rabbits, farmers now want a bounty on rabbits, that are multiplying in portions of eastern Oregon.

Though the British elections turned out about the same as before, the Irish members of parliament seem much surer now of home rule, and Ireland will probably get it, as she should.

TANGLEFOOT By Miles Overholt. GETTING ACQUAINTED. HELLO, ED. HELLO, ED. HELLO, ED.

THE GOOD ROADS CONVENTION. LITTLE else than failure has resulted from past good roads conventions in Oregon.

JUDGE KENESAW M. LANDIS has come into favorable notice again in the position he took in a recent case tried before him.

AGAIN THE PORT COMMISSION. IN the return to its attack on the Broadway bridge, the Port of Portland commission makes another mistake.

Letters From the People. But the Journal Did Not Excuse Them. Portland, Dec. 9.—To the Editor of The Journal—Your editorial, "An Appalling Situation," in which you call the attention of your readers to certain awful occurrences in Chicago, covers the subject only in part.

THE CORRIDOR AT THE WHITE HOUSE. Executive offices just screened off for use as an additional writing room for calls.

December 12 in History—Death of Bolingbroke. Whatever else may be thought or said about the Viscount Bolingbroke, he succeeded Robert Harley, Earl of Oxford, as Prime Minister of England.

Encourage Small Home Seekers. From the Salem Journal. To get large numbers of home-seekers to Oregon, there must be homes for the great multitude—who have small fortunes.

OUR STEADY GROWTH. THE bank clearings of Portland for the past week showed an increase over the same week for last year of more than \$2,300,000.

THE WHIRLIGIG OF POLITICS has made a notable change within the past two years. Only that long ago there were only two Democratic governors in northern states east of the Mississippi river.

ROBBING A BOY. THE limit of human perversity was reached Saturday night when two footpads held up a 17-year-old messenger boy on the east side and robbed him of \$7.30.

DR. FOULKES. THE coming departure of Dr. W. M. Foulkes from Portland and his relinquishment of his pastorate of the First Presbyterian church, will be widely regretted.

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A JAPANESE VIEW OF WAR. NIPPON, a Tokyo newspaper, urges the Japanese government to prepare for war with the United States.

THE average messenger boy is the partial support of a family. There may be a widowed mother and younger brothers and sisters.

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