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Simple and plainness are the soul of elegance—Dickens.

MR. HILL

JAMES J. HILL makes many visits to Portland, and no man is more welcome. Since the day of the great banquet at which he was the guest of honor during the Lewis and Clark fair in Portland, he has been claimed as one of the factors for a greater Oregon.

WELL DONE

FOR ONCE THE thanks of Portlanders are due a city council. The indefinite postponement yesterday of the street vacation ordinance was a most commendable action.

A BIG GIFT FOR PEACE

ANDREW CARNEGIE, however the system under which he amassed his hundreds of millions may be deprecated, has done a splendid service to humanity in donating \$10,000,000 of five per cent bonds to the recently established Peace Foundation.

THE SAFE PLAN

WHY ARBITRATE questions pending between the city and the O. R. & N. Y. What are the courts for but to arbitrate exactly such issues as those involved in the recent negotiations? The law provides a plan. It gives to the city and to the railroad the right of eminent domain.

WE REAP AS WE SOW

ONE OF THE orientations of the new agriculture is seed selection. It has been repeatedly demonstrated that the character of the seed has much to do with the resultant crop.

CHEAP WATER TRAFFIC

ALTHOUGH THE volume of traffic on the great lakes for October was 10,000,000 tons less than for October, 1909, the amount carried for the first ten months of the year was \$7,000,000 tons. Even a larger amount might have been expected when the low cost of carrying large masses of freight by this great waterway is considered.

ages of the country. One installed a year ago at the Oregon Agricultural college tests needs and gives reliable information to farmers and others as to the germinating value of grains. In Kansas the investigations at the agricultural college have been so successful that there has been avoided a new variety of wheat which adds measurably to the yield in that state.

MANDARINS OF AMBUSH

THE SUPREME court of Oregon has held the Broadway bridge bonds to be legal. Four circuit court decisions in Oregon are of the same effect. An attorney in Chicago holds that there are flaws in the issue because congress and the state legislature did not authorize the bonds.

A JUICY MELON

MELON JUST cut by the Oregon Short Line gladdens the cheeks of railroad managers for increase of rates. As shown by the report to the Oregon railroad commission, a dividend of \$13,876,530 has just been distributed among stockholders.

THE CASE OF SMITH VS. WILSON AND WILSON VS. SMITH

In 1893 Smith was on the trail of Wilson. Wilson was a high-minded Democrat, was chairman of the ways and means committee in a Democratic congress. By virtue of the chairmanship and through his scholarly attainments, and with Democratic aid, he put through the house a tariff bill that has since become law.

THE NEW JERSEY CONTEST

From the New York Evening Post. In his clear-cut announcement of his position, Dr. Wilson makes it plain that he is against the tariff. He is not speaking as a governor. He is speaking as a citizen.

THE WRESTLERS

The beefy sports of Europe are coming to these shores, and soon their long 'kiddies' will fill all our doors. All through the long winter they will bind us with a spell, and make the sporting writers roll up their sleeves too strongly fortified.

out the railroads would have received; hence it is easy to understand why the railroads are not, as a rule, favorable to the opening of interior waterways—though Mr. J. J. Hill is broad enough to welcome them. It is to the interest of all producers of surplus agricultural, forest and mineral products, all shippers, and finally all consumers, too, to have open waterways wherever practicable, for the saving on freight rates would be a large percentage of those charged by the railroads.

Maxims and Anecdotes of Mark Twain

To a question on one occasion as to his method of work, Mark Twain replied: 'I work very regularly when I work at all. I work every day and all day from breakfast until late into the night until the work is finished. I never begin to work before 12 in the morning, and I sit at it until they roll me away from the table to dress for dinner at 7 at night. They make me stop then for a while, as they think I might overwork myself, but I don't think there is any sense in that. The most practical work would not hurt me or any one else, you can sleep that off. The mental part of it is nothing but amusement; it's not work.'

Canada and the Pacific

From the New York Evening Post. J. J. Hill's strong words on the question of reciprocal trade between the United States and Canada will attract exceptional attention in existing circumstances.

Phenocratic Fidgets

From the Oregonian. The Portland Oregonian has fidgets over the adoption by the Oregon people of county option in taxation.

Effective Advertising

From the Weston Leader. The Fine Creek irrigation project is 'coming right along.' One after another the farmers whose land will be irrigated by the main canals are signing up for the right to buy, and this important project will soon be in the hands of the state.

other millionaires has sought to do so for three quarters of a century. It is an un-American practice, and there should be legislation and adjudication against it. The late H. H. Rogers, his most intimate friend, once took Twain to see a very beautiful and valuable piece of sculpture. It represented a young woman, a coming up her hair, and the workmanship was such that the owner's other companions stood open mouthed in admiration.

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shop until it was necessary. Mr. Smith was given every opportunity to take himself out of the senatorial contest, but since he has refused to do so, Mr. Wilson calls upon the party to compel him to that course. There can be no doubt of the result. James Smith cannot stand an agonized Woodrow Wilson. Whether knowingly or unwittingly, the Democratic party of New Jersey has chosen a man whose mind and body would follow where he leads, a man with Smith does not matter, even an angry quarrel within the party is of no consequence, compared with the prospect of the duty of keeping faith with the people.

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Seattle had a little earthquake shock, perhaps in protest because its population did not show to be 100,000. Four cooks have simultaneously quit Yastar college, and the 100 girls there are likely to become history, of course, not one of them can cook. A story is told of lemons growing on a Washington D. C. man's thumb. It will be handy for him to hand lemons to people he doesn't like.

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The Lormer investigation turned out as expected; senators are inclined to stand by one another, but public opinion is not changed by the coat of whitewash. Couldn't come out invent a means of adding staples to Oregon winter clothes, and turning it into a job there? If that could be done, immigration would flow out at a rate. Architect Bennett predicts that Portland will have a million inhabitants by a general census, perhaps about 35 years. This is a conservative estimate; many would predict a million within 15 years.

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The celebrated Dr. Wiley is to be married. He is an immanent and very wise man, but many people will be inclined to pity his wife. How can she be expected to administer all malmicrobes from the family food and drink? An up-country Democrat is quoted as saying that the members of the state central committee are not Democrats. And he'll be ceased if I know what we are. There are lots of supposed malmicrobes in Oregon, and Republicans, too, who are in the same quantity, brother.

Small Change

John D. Rockefeller, a dispatch says, will be Santa Claus and dispensing his presents to the children of his church at Yarrtown on Christmas. Any child that wants a nickel's worth of candy should go to the First Baptist church of that town. Los Angeles Times: The Egyptians will be grateful to be relieved of their cigarettes. It is stated that the price of these vile concoctions is likely to rise and the paper is to be higher. It is a great pity it cannot be made prohibitive.

Oregon Sidelights

Population of La Grange school district is 1853, an increase of about 13 per cent in a year. Myrtle Point district has 373 school children, 196 male and 157 female, an increase of 33 in a year. That Randon is assured of a good coming during the coming year is beyond question. The Randon family is sprouting up in the Randon. The latest is a basket and handle factory.

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TANGLEFOOT

By Miles Overholt WHAT ONE SEES WHEN ONE HAS NO GUN.



Follow who goes out in ahead of us and lets the dogs-damn us in our face. Women who superciliously flounce in a seat we have vacated for her, without thinking us; waiters who spilla huckleberry on our shirt front, and then expects a liberal tip; snore-walkers who brings us back the same cup of coffee, minus the fly, that we ordered exchanged for a fresh cup.

HE CALLS IT VERSE. Editor Tanglefoot:—I hate to give you this verse outright. It is really worth a dollar, but you are entitled to a Christmas present, I suppose, though I don't know why. I don't know why I don't once a year have to write a tender little verse. A sort of ad, sweet melody that really is worse. Than any other style of stuff that I ever want to say. But I have got to write it or there'll be the devil to pay. I have to write about my pipe—my meerschaum, briar, oak—No perfume ever smelled so sweet, but I don't want to say it. For pocket, clothing, house and barn, and all the spots between 'em. Give forth a noisome odor of God. Nick—Old Nicotine! And people passing by the house hang on each other's coats. And wonder what the price of glass, or why we keep a goat. And when the toll of day is done I seek the fire-side. And light old cob and lose my carter, whereas you're beside. I also lose two-thirds my mind and attention of my health; At present cost of cabbage, I guess I'll lose my wealth. But still I smoke and get my pipe—No pipe I smoke because of some one's Old friends of mine, come we or we they're ever on the job. GUS T.

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