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We bleed, we tremble, we forget, we smile... The mind turns fool before the cheek is dry.

THE MAYOR DECLINES

MAYOR SIMON decides to officially pass. Informed persons have always accredited him with being a shrewd political strategist.

It is not the kind of a political year for Mr. Simon. The politics of this year is not the kind of politics in which Mr. Simon is past master.

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WHERE'S KELLY?

IS ANYBODY EVER going to call a city assembly? Was it not drummed into us for two years that the only way to save Oregon from perdition was to hold assemblies?

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HURRY THE NEWS TO HOBSON

SHOULD NOT Portland fortify? The news comes that Gold Hill, Oregon, as will be seen elsewhere on this page, is in a state of preparedness.

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ate seated him. He has made the scandal of Illinois the scandal of the nation. He secured his seat by purchase, and there is no way for Illinois, being without the recall, to get deliverance.

The plight of Illinois is the warrant for Arizona's recall provision, and the reason why other states will ultimately accept it.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

THE OLD DAYS of happy-go-lucky training are rapidly passing. Jack of all trades and master of none can hardly find another job.

In Portland, so far, the center of vocational training is the Y. M. C. A. The most recent opportunity in those lines is based on the needs of the new buildings of the city for expert care of the surfaces of things.

Therefore janitorial is fast becoming an expert trade. The responsibilities of janitors are growing, and instructed service is demanded, and must be paid for.

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Letters From the People

The Editor of The Journal—Floyd C. Rapp, like most of our editors, mistakes cause for effect and effect for cause in his comments upon the atrocious crime against a child lately committed in this city.

It is highly important that mankind should recognize that the individual is the unit of the social body and that such as is the individual, so will be the social body; that is, society is a composite of individuals.

There is one thing, however, the people do know, and that is, the road is being built as fast as men and material can do the work.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE: Yes, the more the merrier. Many people live too long. Oregon has room for millions.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS: All the hat exchanges tell of the arrival of new comers. Most of the farmers of Wallawa county, recently so isolated, have telephones.

That the Southern Pacific company owns and controls more than one-tenth of all the property owned in Oregon is the astonishing fact brought out by the tax records reported in the Gazette-Times.

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"Maud" sends a contribution and facetiously observes: "Editor: If there is no room in your waste basket you might put this in 'Tanglefoot.'" There was room, Maud, plenty of room.

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