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BE SANE. PORTLANDERS WILL soon tire of the wrangling over the Port of Portland commission.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle tree. And they shall build houses and inhabit them, and they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them.

There is no purpose in these remarks to pass opinion as to legal questions involved in the controversy. It is acknowledged that perfect legality should attend all proceedings in which the work of the port is involved.

A friendly understanding between the men in the two bodies should be reached. This is not a question of the dignity of gentlemen, but of the welfare of Portland.

The legislature attempted to provide a new commission. There was strong demand for a change in the method of selecting commissioners.

RECLAMATION INVESTMENTS. THE UNITED STATES reclamation service announces that it is proposed to expend \$48,000,000 on reclamation of arid lands within the next four years.

DEATH IN DUTY. YESTERDAY IT WAS reported from Los Angeles that Dr. H. C. Cates, a noted surgeon, lay at the point of death in the Crocker Street hospital.

A COSTLY NUISANCE. IT IS FORTUNATE for Portland that it is within easy reach of the water powers of the Cascades.

EXPRESS RATES. IT IS NO WONDER that the express companies hold on to their gold mine like grim death.

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especially liable to diseases of the respiratory system. We are told that in Portland electric power is to become so cheap that no manufacturing establishment can longer afford to use the more costly steam power.

JOHN HAYS HAMMOND. INASMUCH AS President Taft had an entirely free hand in choosing the special envoy to represent the United States at the coronation of King George in June the selection of John Hays Hammond for that honor will occasion much remark.

DIAZ AND THE PEASANTS. EVEN IN MEXICO land hunger needs to be satisfied before land dwellers will support a government. As in Russia at this very hour, so in Mexico the powers that be seek to draw the peasants to them by securing them in ownership of the land.

Two Bonapartes. From the New York World. Former Attorney General Bonaparte of Baltimore is penis stricken at the thought of a foreign invasion.

Dairy Industry Growing. From the Pacific Homestead. The dairy industry was being passing through a crisis for the past year or more.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Well, Grandmother, it breaks our hearts, but we've got to lose you.

ROSEBURG'S REAL ESTATE MEN at a meeting at which the organization of a realty board was considered, took no action, but according to the Roseburg News, the meeting was very enthusiastic.

PAUCITY OF MILITARY ARDOR on the part of the young men of Salem provokes the Salem Statesman to the point of open rebuke.

SEVEN FAMOUS BEAUX. "Chesterfield," said George II to Lord Hervey, "is a little tale scoundrel that tells little womanish lies to make quarrels in families and tries to make out of his day."

Another Bonaparte, who is generally credited with having possessed a little military talent, conceived the idea as long ago as 1797 of landing an army in England.

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The Big City Movement

In at least seven large cities of the country movements for municipal enlargement are either being discussed or are actively under way.

The senate of California has just defeated a measure which would permit San Francisco to annex Oakland and suburban towns across the bay.

Pittsburg is considering the annexation of surrounding territory having a population of 216,000.

By Montana J. Moses, in the Forum. The theatre in America is passing through its newspaper phase.

The history of the theatrical trust is hardly different from the growth of any other trust.

Another Wilson Victory. Governor Woodrow Wilson continues to administer his office as if there was to be no Democratic national convention in 1912.

THE COMING OF SPRING. Here in the town the gipsy spring comes slowly, creeping along with pavement tired feet.

THE KNOCKER. (Continued from the Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kansas poet, who has written a regular feature of this column in the Daily Journal.)

If you take a gloomy view, as your journey you pursue, you will have a weary jaunt, getting nothing that you want, for the man who always knocks finds his pathway strewn with rocks.

In our village there's a man who has followed up this plan, saying, as he jogged along that all things on earth are wrong, and the gods have weary grown of his dismal monotone.

And he says, "I'm a hunderd times in loose, lightning hits his cheap canoe; if a flood is raging round, he's the only one that's drowned; if the five tent villa town, it will hit his hay stacks down; and his pigs all roam astray, and his hens have ceased to lay, and his daughters all elope, and his heart is void of hope.

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George Matthew Adams.