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UNDESERVED CRITICISM. OCCASIONAL hints by writers in the Journal's "letters-from-the-people" column do the Portland Commercial club in justice.

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AN AFFAIR OF HONOR. IT is well that the state senate and the department of justice did not come to actual blows in Judge Gatens' court room Saturday.

THE MAN WITHOUT A HOME. BEING an old fogey, a man has wondered at the increasing number of persons, with home addresses in the telephone book, who elect to dine abroad on Thanksgiving, New Year's and Christmas.

He reflects upon the New Year's day. Before his mind's eye is unrolled a panorama of women and men of his acquaintance celebrating the New Year's advent.

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The Young Year. I wish you a happy year, but it will not help; I fear, if you don't get out and hustle in the good old-fashioned way; all the wishes in the land will not help you if you stand moaning like a looped gander, while the others put up a looped gander, while the others put up a looped gander.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Yet farmers never close up on January 1. Old Granddaddy Time takes no holiday vacation.

It can't be a happy New Year for everybody. Spite of too much politics, 1912 may be quite a good year.

Apparently the favorite way of Colonel Roosevelt to procure peace is to fight for it. In the mind of some detectives a few slightly suspicious circumstances are enough to justify hanging a man.

Now Big Tim Sullivan of New York is not quite a model man; he's a ward politician and owns saloons, and his boss is Tammany Hall; but when the final round-up comes, one needn't feel surprised if he shows more treachery than any other politician.

The interfaith committee commission can't understand the United States supreme court's decision in the Pettit valley lumber case; nor, probably, can anybody else.

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OREGON HIGHLIGHTS. Dallas' school population in 1911 increased from 748 to 890.

A revival is in progress at the Methodist church at The Dalles. At the same time, a revival series will be opened January 4.

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SEVEN SACRED BOOKS

Three Vedas of the Hindus.

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