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ARE WE A SIDING

Portland to be a mere way station on the great commercial thoroughfare of the Pacific? Is it to be only a siding from which passing steamers will occasionally be flagged, as they do at out-of-the-way spurs along a railroad?

PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITIES

FOR many a year men have passed the schoolhouses after 3 o'clock in the afternoon, or after the lamps were lit in the evenings, and have taken the locked doors and the dark windows as a matter of course.

THE NEW LEADER

ONE of the keen political observers of the country is Mark Sullivan of Collier's. He says: "If the Democratic party should hold a primary election tomorrow, Woodrow Wilson would get fully two thirds of the votes, and carry about three fourths of the states."

KANSAS AGRICULTURE

THE census bureau publishes these facts about Kansas agriculture, now reproduced for comparison with similar facts in Oregon. The area of Kansas is 52,836,360 acres, of Oregon 81,440,000.

farm property is now over two and one third times as great as ten years ago. But increase of value of live stock from 1900 to 1910 was of a lower percentage than in any previous decade.

HANNIBAL'S NEW PROPHECY

HANNIBAL, Missouri, has again been put on the map. Mark Twain first performed that ceremony, but it has remained for Dr. H. L. Cornell to repeat the performance at one fell swoop.

THE CHINESE CRISIS

IT seems clear that the immediate fate of China will be decided at Peking, and by the brutal arbitration of fighting and massacre. The story told in yesterday's dispatches shows us Yuan Shi Kai, with 4000 of his own Chinese soldiers at his orders in the city, faced by 12,000 of the Manchus, headed by Tieh Liang, the fighting Tartar general from Nanking.

Single Tax Proposal

Portland, Jan. 21.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In your issue of Saturday, January 20, the paragraph introducing the tax resolutions of the State Federation of Labor, on page 7, was misleading.

Comments City Attorney

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

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Municipal Dance Hall

Portland, Jan. 21.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I am writing you an article, "I'm Lonely," November 11, Darra More says: "And after we have spent a day of waiting, they say, 'We must have diversion, recreation, our system demands it.' Right now we have in normal and healthful diversion. But we can find no kindred spirits, say they. 'We do not know how, can you help us?'"

Work for Idle on Farms

Portland, Jan. 18.—To the Editor of The Journal.—We are complaining of over supply of labor and high cost of living. Many men are idle, yet at the same time more people are needed on the farms.

Favors Concealed Weapons

Portland, Jan. 21.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I would like to say a few words in regard to the "Duxie" theory. In spite of all laws yet made, the thing has been, is and always will be, armed, except while in custody of officers.

representative Kent of California opposes free tolls through the Panama canal for American shipping in coastwise trade.

SMALL CHANGE

A candidate is prone to over-size himself. In January prepare for June—and later. The more candidates against Lafferty the better he will be suited.

COMMENDS CITY ATTORNEY

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IS CHURCH WORK EFFECTIVE?

Portland, Jan. 18.—To the Editor of The Journal.—There is a problem over which I have pondered as doubtless others have, and that is the church. Why is it that the churches, after they get people to become members, after they keep them? Why is it that at the meetings, at which ministers make such eloquent appeals for sinners to turn to Christ, few persons respond?

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will be a swarm of sick bees out of all kinds of bonnets that will need treatment after the April 19th primaries. His critics are foolish. They merely fan the flame of Governor Wilson's popularity.

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W E arise to apologize to the country for the ridiculous capers cut by New York's four hundred over the Connaughts. They have gone crazy over a title, and are idolaters of royalty.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

Plans for the Carnegie Library Building at Albany are being prepared. Mrs. Esther M. Lockhart of Marshfield, a Coon Bay pioneer of 1853, was 87 years old on January 12.

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THE LARGER GOOD

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The Greatest Shepherd Since Abraham

Mark Sullivan, in Collier's. The Honorable Francis Emory Warren, senior United States senator from Wyoming, is a man of money and power. Since the departure of Aldrich and Hale he is the most potent leader of the Republican old guard in the senate, for that control of a multitude of favors which goes with his chairmanship of the committee on appropriations makes him much more a man to be feared and fawned upon than either Lodge or Spooner.

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