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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.

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.

In 1880, 16.3 per cent of Kansas farms were operated by tenants. Now about 37 out of every 100 are so operated. In 1910 111,108 farms were owned by those who operated them.

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.

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.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

(Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be addressed to the editor and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender.)

SEVEN FAMOUS DWARFS

The most striking of all the Dutch dwarfs was Wybrand Lolkes, whose fame extended far beyond his own country.

Municipal Dinner Hall

Portland, Jan. 21.—To the Editor of The Journal—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.'"

Work for Idle on Farms

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Favors Concealed Weapons

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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.

AS TO JOBS

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