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Joe scale. It brings hardy apples from Siberia and Moagila and Northern Japan, and new melons from Northern India and Turkestan. This department solves the doubts of the rural housewife on butter and cheesemaking in her home.

chusetts, two—Adams and John Quincy Adams; Illinois, two—Lincoln and Grant; Indiana, one—Benjamin Harrison; Pennsylvania, one—Buchanan; Louisiana, one—Taylor, New Hampshire, one—Pierce.

Remembering that only the best books are kept in the library, we have in these figures a glimpse of the great influence radiated by the institution in the way of wholesome food for the minds of dwellers in Portland.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE Denmark women who expect to win snuffage wish to be counted in going the line.

Wilson on Banking Reform

From December Banking Reform. There is a sense in which a democratic country, foreign statesmanship over every man of initiative, every man capable of leading anybody, and this I believe to be the particular period when statesmanship is forced upon bankers and upon all those who have to do with the application and use of the vast accumulated wealth of this country.

SICKLY SENTIMENTALISM

THE Medford Mail-Tribune insists that Mr. McArthur should not present his bill to the legislature for substituting the electric chair for the gallows. It says we have voted to retain capital punishment as a means of searing crime out of the heart of the criminal, and that the "more barbarous and repulsive punishment, the more terror it strikes."

JUDGE MCGINN'S ERROR

THE JOURNAL often finds reason to approve Judge McGinn's course on the bench, but he erred yesterday. He tried a suit in which Robert Henderson sought to recover from a slabwood company \$15,500 for personal injuries, and returned a verdict for \$3000, there being no jury in the case.

NEEDLESS OFFICIALS

THE Bureau of Municipal Research of Chicago has discovered 110 needless officials in that city and recommends their dismissal as unnecessary to the public service.

STATE OR NATIONAL LAW?

THE Tobacco Trust was dissolved into component parts by the Supreme Court of the United States. The Tobacco Products corporation, with fifty million dollars capital, was recently incorporated in the state of Virginia.

IN A WORTHY CAUSE

Portland, Or., Dec. 17.—To the Editor of The Journal.—During my stay in Portland I have been a constant reader of your valuable paper and know it is charitably inclined toward the needy.

SECRETARY WILSON WILL

March 4, close sixteen years of service as Secretary of Agriculture. His valedictory catalogue the progress in every activity of the department.

PRESIDENTIAL STATES

BUT ten states in the Union have had presidents. New York and Ohio have had the presidency 32 out of the 36 years since the inauguration of Hayes in 1877.

USING THE LIBRARY

THE per capita circulation of library books in Portland for 1912 was four per cent. In 1902 it was less than one per cent.

GIVING THEM A CHANCE

SPREADING the Portland letter carrier who was indicted for opening letters of patrons on his route. G. B. Wright says in Monday's Journal.

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