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slaughter. It accentuates the wisdom of the Portland Automobile club in its warfare against reckless driving. The best friends of the automobile are those who are trying to rescue it from speed-mad drivers.

AN ATROCIOUS ABUSE

JUDGE GALLOWAY decides that the workmen's compensation bill must go to the referendum. There never has been a more wicked abuse of the referendum than in the petitions by which the compensation bill was held up.

Even more infamy attaches to the compensation holdup. There is general knowledge that \$600 was paid for circulating the referendum petitions, but nobody can find out who supplied the money.

BLUE AND GRAY

THE forty-seventh annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the city of Chattanooga September 15 to September 20. Incidental to the assembling of a fast disappearing organization in a state once in rebellion there will be celebrated the semi-centennial anniversary of the stubbornly waged battle of Chickamauga.

WHY EXCEEDED SAFETY?

SIXTEEN deaths were caused in Chicago during August by automobiles and motorcycles. The fatalities exceeded those of any August since motoring became general, and the list does not include Chicagoans killed outside that city.

IDLE IRRIGATED LANDS

ENGINEERING RECORD says that hundreds of thousands of acres of irrigated lands are not used. This land has been reclaimed by private and public capital, but it is lying unused because the small owner, homestead man and others, as well as the large owners, either have not the capital or desire to work the land.

land. Because of the speculation, large and small, some of the highest priced land in the United States produces on an average crop values less in proportion to possibilities than much of the cheaper land.

STRANGE WEDDINGS

OF FOURTEEN marriage licenses issued in Vancouver last Saturday, eight of the couples were from Portland and four from other parts of Oregon.

An Oregon rain lasts just about long enough to fuddle a proper sense of appreciation of the cheerful burst of sunshine which is certain to follow.

Letters From the People

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YUAN AND CHINA

A NEWS dispatch from St. Petersburg says that President Yuan of the Chinese republic will resign as soon as peace is restored. The statement should be taken for what it is really worth in view of Russia's desire to get rid of a man who is attempting to build up a strong nation on the foundation of industry and tolerance.

Foreign greed is attempting to take advantage of China's difficulties. A nation cannot be made over in a day or in one generation. China cannot escape the sufferings of every nation that toils upward.

CHANGE THE NUMBERS

PETITIONS are to be presented, asking the city commission not to change the name of the original Broadway street in Portland, but instead to change the numbers and leave the name of the thoroughfare as it stood in the beginning.

More Testimony About Canada.

Portland, September 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—It is evident that R. P. Killaly obtained his knowledge of western Canada from other people. Why don't he go there when there is so much wealth to be made there? They have about three or four months of school in a year, and how will the children get an education at that rate? If the prices are good, but he knows that this spring seed oats sold for 25 cents a bushel and barley for 18 cents a bushel.

treme eastern point be known as Broadway. That would give the thoroughfare the distinction of great length that was intended when Seventh was changed to Broadway and made a part of the original Broadway on the East Side.

SMALL CHANGE

You probably seem as cranky to others as they seem to you, country boys. A prominent and persistent attendant at all automobile races is Death.

Then and Now--A Deadly Parallel

From the Oregonian, September 4, 1912. DRIVING MORSON TO THE WALL. The Oregonian wonders if Governor West will succeed in his threat to force the Deschutes Land company (J. E. Morson, president and persona non grata at the executive office) into bankruptcy.

Factory Sites and High Prices.

Portland, Or., Sept. 4.—To the Editor of The Journal—Your recent article relating the attempt of several manufacturers to secure a site for a plant for factories in our city and the exorbitant prices asked for waterfront acreage has been very timely.

Conditions Unsatisfactory.

Portland, September 4.—To the Editor of The Journal—Advice to people to stay away from the hot yards, as they are all over-crowded. I left Portland Monday morning on the Oregon Electric for Chemeketa, but our baggage failed to arrive that day.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

No less an authority than the Coquille Valley Sentinel says that "Coquille Valley is the most summer resort section in the United States," as well as "the best agricultural district for certain products for five years more and more residents of the city are coming this way for recreation and rest."

THE OPEN RIVER

From the Spokesman-Review. When other stirring sources of acrimonious controversy failed them, the newspapers of Portland and Astoria 30 years or more ago fell back on vitriolic debate of the long standing question: "Where will rise the future great city of the Pacific northwest—near the mouth of the Columbia or the mouth of the Willamette?"

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YOUR MONEY

By John M. Oakison. In the year 1910 the stock of the Adams Express company sold as high as \$270 a share. In the same year the stock of the American Express company sold up to \$220 a share.

Pointed Paragraphs

These are times when a man feels that he has either no friends or too many. Even if a man does have fairly good sense he can easily write a few love letters. Orchestras in some hotel dining rooms are used when the guests eat soup. Mexico's Historic Stone Lizard. A lizard-looking creature is that known to scientists as the mysterious stone lizard of Cuernavaca, Mexico.