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Ah, the key of our life, that passes all words, opens all locks, is not I will, but I must, I must, I must—and I do it.—A. H. Clough.

SPANKED?

FLIPPANT cartoon in a Portland paper would convey the impression that in Tuesday's election the city commissioners were spanked by the voters.

Spanked? For what? Spanked, for refusing to grant crooked franchises?

Spanked, for kicking a crooked lobby out of the council chamber and out of the city hall?

Spanked, for lifting the police court out of its degradation and for making it respectable and respected?

Spanked, for flooding the police department with the searchlight of investigation?

Spanked, for decreeing a six-for-a-quarter streetcar fare?

Spanked, for cutting out the graft and the dead wood and inaugurating systematic business methods in all city departments?

Spanked, for abolishing a haphazard system of purchasing supplies that the bureau of municipal research declared was costing the city \$100,000 a year in waste?

Spanked, for revoking from city government the old atmosphere of distrust, suspicion and fear, and establishing instead an order in which everybody has faith, trust and confidence in the integrity, purity and honor of public authorities?

Spanked, for an earnest, whole-hearted, unselfish, honest and devoted endeavor to purify, uplift and effectualize city administration?

Spanked, for exterminating the tribe of Big Business agents who used to whisper into the ears of councilmen on the floor of the council chamber with the council in session?

Spanked, because these are lean times for the gentlemen who thrive on juicy contracts, fat franchises and secret partnerships with big officials at the city hall?

There is nothing to spank the commissioners for. The minor mistakes of honest men are not the guilty and unpardonable offenses of unworthy men.

RECENT COURT DECISIONS

COURTS are following the general stream of social and moral tendencies. Recently a Portland judge upheld the Oregon law creating the Industrial Welfare Commission.

ATONING FOR CRIME

TWO years ago the Austin dam in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, broke and sent a vast volume of water down the river valley.

PROSPERITY AND ROADS

METHODS of proving the economic value of improved highways are almost countless, for from whatever standpoint the question is approached the conclusion is always the same.

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THE TAX PROBLEM

CHICAGO people are confronted by a twenty per cent increase in their taxes. That city has an antiquated and unfair system for the collection of revenue.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

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else's property. Men who kill in a moment of passion are sent to the penitentiaries or hanged. They must atone for their crimes.

AS MOLE SQUEAKS

FLAMING sword in the attack on the new tariff bill at the Oregon Woolgrowers' meeting was the secretary of the National Woolgrowers' Association.

THE FEE INFAMY

THE net approved earnings of the clerk of the federal court of Oregon for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, totaled \$12,465.18.

CRITICISE GAME LAWS

Portland, Or., Dec. 11.—To the Editor of The Journal—In nearly every paper I pick up I read that someone has been arrested or beaten up by some game watchman who happens to be deputized.

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THE \$1500 EXEMPTION BILL

Oregon City, Or., Dec. 10.—To the Editor of The Journal—In the Journal of November 26 Mr. Cridge makes a reply to my letter on the subject of the home tax exemption.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

A brunette may be fairer than a blonde in some ways. Many a man works overtime because his wife needs the money.

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ment values in several foreign countries, notably Great Britain and Germany. The practice in those countries is to impose the tax at the time land is transferred from one owner to another.

NO NEW MONROE DOCTRINE

Monroe Doctrine was the generation that asked every foreign traveler who strayed our way: "What do you think of our institutions?"

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the poor we always have with us, especially as Christmas comes flying. There continues to be a great number of imbragoes agreeable to a great many people.

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the Coos Bay Harbor is now getting its own type with its own typesetting machine. With the city budget of \$101,536.78 as a basis for the board, the Democrat asserts that the city of Astoria is a business proposition assuming an importance, even more than many people realize.

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As you pass 586 First street in South Portland you will often see an old gentleman on the porch or, if the weather is rough, you may see him sitting by the window. His beard is gray; his hair is white; his shoulders are stooped as though he had done his share of work.

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the following year, 1833, the West Point foundry built a locomotive which was christened the DeWitt Clinton which was placed in service on the Hudson & Mohawk road.

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