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There is a toll that with all other level stands. Large charity doth never soil, But only whitens soft, white hands. —Lowell.

BEYOND THE RIO GRANDE

BEYOND the Rio Grande, great events hang suspended by a thread. The stroke of a pen, the lightning of a match, a single frenzied impulse by Huerta can precipitate armed conflict with all its bloody consequences.

A drunken group could, in a few minutes, commit outrages that would inevitably take our troops to Mexico City, much as the president and the country are opposed to a plan so deplorable. The rage of the mobs may make Huerta holder, and as the anti-American spirit gathers strength, the rabble may sweep the dictator in spite of himself into a frantic declaration of war.

There will be a wonderful recomposition for the investment Munnah county is making in the Columbia Highway. The highway will be opened to the public in time to be seen by all who visit the Panama exposition. Its popularity will ultimately extend throughout the country, and its wonders become as well known as Yellowstone, Yosemite and the other wonder spots of the country.

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numbers be maintained, there is no reason why the Portland market should not be successful. But to keep it going, Portland women must not permit the market basket to go out of fashion.

A WONDER SPOT

SIX hundred men are at work on the Columbia highway. The work is ahead of schedule, and the cost under the estimates.

In a single stretch of eleven miles along the route, there are great waterfalls with considerable bodies of water leaping a sheer 400 to 700 feet into the stream below. In natural wonders, no spot in the world presents a more beautiful panorama.

Travelers who have explored the world say the scenic beauty along the route is nowhere excelled and rarely equaled. At one vantage point the Columbia river can be seen stretching away a distance of forty miles and disappearing in the gorges of the mountains. Rock formations of extraordinary natural shapes and forms, dizzy precipices, curious gorges and freaks of nature are setting for a foliage that in spring, Summer and Autumn is more beautiful than artist can paint or words describe.

All these wonder spots are within 23 to 35 miles of the Union depot at Portland. The highway leading through the scene will become one of the potential resources of Portland. It will be an asset to draw sightseers that in its returns will rival the wheat output, the salmon catch, or other of the larger industries of Oregon.

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A FEW SMILES The superintendent of a Sunday school was giving the elder boys a talk on business success.

The athlete swam to the assistance of the struggling man, grasping him by the hair, and helped him to hang on until he recovered his breath.

THE big man with the I-know-it-all expression sneeringly watched the little man who was eating from a sack of peanuts.

When Liscomb ended his address I felt as if I had been told something more than guilty. I am sure all who heard the trial concurred. But we had another guess coming. George M. Brown asked the court to discharge the defendant, Hooch, as the evidence given in the court proved Hooch was not guilty and the original complaint also bore out this statement.

George M. Brown's Qualifications. Roseburg, Or., April 23.—To the Editor of The Journal.—As George M. Brown is a candidate for the Republican primary election in May, I deem it only just that I comment upon his qualifications. I know Mr. Brown for a great many years, and during that time have been closely associated with him in legal and private ways.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS Copuille Sentinel: Dry wood wanted at the Sentinel office. We won't refuse to take it on Pacific coast, but are willing to pay cash for it. If it weren't for a few piles of mill wood about the average lumber yard, there would be a wood famine right now, and that is green enough to try the temper of a saint.

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IN EARLIER DAYS By Fred Lockley. By a recent mail I received a letter from F. B. Tichenor, the grandson of Captain William Tichenor, one of the pioneer mariners of the Pacific coast, who was captain of the Sea Gull, plied between San Francisco and Portland in 1832. Mr. Tichenor's letter reads as follows:

I have read in the different coast papers that a salvage company is being formed in Oakland, Cal., to make an attempt at locating the wreck of the side wheel steamer Brother Jonathan, which went down off the southern coast of Oregon in 1855. Newspaper reports say the wreck is based on information given by an Indian witness of the wreck, who kept the secret for nearly half a century. I have in my possession a manuscript handed down to me from my grandfather, Captain William Tichenor, one of the early sea captains who ran between San Francisco and Portland. I have read it with much interest, and the intention of the Brother Jonathan. At the time of the loss of the vessel the government offered \$10,000 for the wreck, and the location of the wreck was the subject of much speculation.

Approximately one-quarter of a mile of concrete walk has been constructed at Weston and it is the preliminary work for the building of a mile of improvement. Plans and specifications are being prepared for a four room school house in the new town of Wheeler.

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