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EDITORIAL.

If the claim that Mitchell was wanted in the United States senate to help Hanna's Ship Subsidy scheme become a law, proves true there will be a lot of Oregon Democrats who will want to invent a self-working machine that will do justice to the occasion.

The automobile is not likely to drive out the use of horses so long as nations persist in warring with each other. Bids opened at Omaha, a few days ago for 1000 horses to supply the Fourteenth Cavalry at Fort Leavenworth, ranged from $100 to $150 a horse. The automobile cannot take place the war horse.

A number of years ago a decision was rendered that it was unconstitutional for the legislature (City) to appropriate the state's funds for the construction of public roads. Now it is unconstitutional to appropriate the people's money to aid a county in constructing highways, which makes it constitutional to appropriate a portion of it in same money to help some city in some richer state get up a big show!

Nicaragua and Panama give money to aid in opening a canal over being built, but that which puzzles Americans is to know why the United States government must have Panama or nothing. If our government is willing to construct this great waterway, let the government, through whose territory it passes agree with the United States as to its construction, what right has Europe to interfere?

Ex-Senator Corbett of Multnomah must have been quite warm after his 15 hour speech against the Rivers and Harbor bill last session. In the way we have heard a number of Republicans express themselves (quite safe to say that he made his friends in Oregon by his prodigious expenditure of wind, and if some of them came Republicans had had him on one of the unoccupied piers at the end of his harangue, he would probably have been cooled down while on the side of a pickled herd.

The Russian bear and the English lion are growling at each other and not have a scrimmage in the near future. Both England and Russia want to civilize the heathen Chinese but each has his own peculiar idea as to how it should be done. Russia thinks the best way to accomplish this civilization is to annex a good slice of Manchuria, while England thinks that commercial gold is the greatest civilizer so Russia does not want Russian interference with Chinese trade ports, the coming year and the year and the year.

Count Boni de Castellane is married again. Gould's fortune took an option to his attitude. M. de B. has published and made it the text of a sermon the latest who challenged him to fight a duel. The duel came off last Saturday afternoon with the result that Boni was wounded in the fleshy part of the right thigh. The duel was fought with pistols and the duelists had fired three shots apiece. Had Americans been engaged in the affair he would have an option or take breakfast.

Telegram: An Eastern professor thinks he has discovered Hell. Hell is located in Smith. This will please a good many of our American politicians North. Lots good letter and beautiful rings.

MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT.

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JOHN FOTHERGILL,
Voluntary Observer.

Ex-President Harrison's Last Article.

From the Portland Telegram:

Now that ex-President Harrison is dead his recent utterances will be read with greater interest, and possibly they may have more influence. Hence a few extracts are reprinted from a very readable and thoughtworthy article in the March North American Review, in which Mr. Harrison discusses friendly and unsympathetically England's conquest of the South African republics, and kindred current events. He says:

But is there an international law? The nations have never subscribed any codification. There are conventions, but no statute book. There are conventions between more or less, which, in a few specified particulars, regulate rights and conduct. There are the moral law, the Divine Legislator, the law of Nature, but does the existence of these relieve us from the duty of a code? There are proposed codes but no tribunal has ever made them binding. If we have the Admiral of the navigation we write the law of Nations, not only for ourselves, but for all mankind. In these a sound and of personal rights and a humane application that it has grown into the right of civilized governments. Has a strong power the right to step into the affairs of a weaker for humanity, and in doing this assume to take over the land of an independent state against the will of its people? I am not discussing the question of Cuba's right to be free and independent. I am only asking if the United States has the right to do what England has done in the Transvaal, and what Russia is doing in Manchuria, and what Germany may do in Venezuela, if she chooses to do so. Has the United States