

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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FULL OF GRATITUDE.

A Book-Agent Who was Thankful for Being Kicked Down-Stairs.

"Good morning, sir." I glanced from my desk at a tall, cadaverous-looking individual, clad in a faded brown ulster. "I hope I don't disturb you?" "You haven't yet," I observed. "Thank you, very much. If it isn't troubling you, would you be kind enough to permit me to show you the advance sheets of our new work on "Art in the Middle Ages?" "I don't want it."

FROM WASHINGTON.

CANADA'S PARLIAMENT TO BE A GUEST OF UNCLE SAM.

An Agreement Reached on the Direct Tax Bill—A System of Farmers' Institutes to Be Established—Army Appropriations.

The President has signed the Nicaragua bill. The bill to establish a port of entry at Port Angeles has passed the Senate. The Secretary of State says that a treaty of amity and commerce will soon be made with Japan.

COAST NEWS NOTES.

A NOVEL ESCAPE FROM THE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES.

A Convict's Confession—In Favor of the Election of U. S. Senators by the People—Tacoma Merchants Again Victimized.

It is now high license in Oregon. The Sacramento gambling houses have been closed. Spokane Falls is to have a paid fire department.

NEWS MISCELLANY.

A RUSSIAN PRINCE INCARCERATED FOR GRAND LARCENY.

Naptha the Latest Female Vice—Illicit Distilleries Discovered in Chicago—Insanity of Convicts in the New York Prisons.

King Otto, of Bavaria, has been adjudged insane. De Freycinet has undertaken to form the new French cabinet. The Germans in Samoa are furious over the escape of Klein from Samoa.

FOR THE FARMERS.

PREPARATION OF THE SOIL FOR THE RECEPTION OF SEED.

A Varied Bill of Fare for Chickens—Disposition of Swine to Pile Up in Cold Weather—Whole Corn or Meal the Best for Pigs.

Three-fifths of the cotton crop is now produced by white labor. Add a little boiling water to the hogswill so as to take the chill off. The weather throughout the North has been extremely trying to stock.

PORTLAND MARKET.

THE WHEAT MARKET AGAIN DULL AND INACTIVE.

The Market, However, is Dull, Holders Preferring to Wait for Still Better Figures—An Advance in Fresh Meats.

Country orders are coming in earlier this season than usual. The wheat market remains dull and inactive, and latest European advices are not encouraging for an early improvement in prices. On the whole, however, the business outlook is good for the season.