

The Daily Astorian.

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"Expert" Testimony.

The history of modern criminal trials show a growing though undeserved regard for the testimony of alleged "experts." Noted trials throughout the country may be cited where the conviction or release of the prisoner depended upon the testimony of some one setting up for an "expert" in chemistry, book-keeping, navigation, medicine, etc.

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Portland Correspondence. PORTLAND, Nov. 18.—The cupid and dog-in-the-manger-like attitude of a few property holders who made purchases in that portion of the city lying north of Weidler's saw mill, seriously threatens to deprive this city of at least one railway terminus.

matters within their knowledge. They are of course "insane," and yet at the same time they may be good witnesses, and would be responsible for perjury should they commit it. In the same way a perfectly valid will may be made in an asylum, for the capacity of the testator, like the responsibility of the criminal, is dependent solely upon the amount of intelligence he possesses with regard to the particular transaction involved.

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