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There are two kinds of pure foods—one advocated by Dr. Wiley and the other by the adulteration grafters.

Diaz is reported as having gained in flesh since reaching Europe and laying aside cares; its Madero who is losing flesh now.

Edison says there will be no more great wars in Europe as the world conscience is against it. Mr. Edison is the master-spirit of the scientific laboratory, but, in talking conscience, there are others.

They have already had several frosts in Canada, which may explain why the dominion is not warming up over a possible threat of annexation in the reciprocity pact; Canada never warms up until after a frost.

Tomorrow the Astoria Centennial closes, and sorry are we that we were unable to attend, notwithstanding many who were there are not overflowing with rapture over what they saw but consider the event as a bonanza for Astorians.

The railway strike in Great Britain is said to have ended on the assurance of the government that it will authorize lines to increase traffic rates in order to offset increased wages. So it seems that, in freetrade hands, it is the poor ultimate customer who must eventually foot the bill.

There is a state law making it a misdemeanor for property owners to permit the thistle to grow, and under the law it is up to the road supervisors to notify all property owners on whose ground the obnoxious weed is growing to remove them, and if they fail, it is then made the duty of the supervisor to remove them, and the expense becomes a lien upon the property.

Have you seen the new star Nova? There is much speculation among higherups as to where Nova comes from. Up to the present time it has been the generally accepted theory that the new star was the result of a collision of two suns or came as the result of heat generated when a sun plunges into a stream of meteors. Speaking of the passing away into dust of these new stars, an interesting case was that of Nova Aurigae, which appeared in 1901.

A scandalous piece of impertinence was that of congress abruptly cutting off the salaries of members of the national monetary commission at once while calling for a report, and dissolving the body by March 31st, 1912. The commission would do the right thing to quit at once and tell congress to go to—Some of the members have had chances to go into business and have put them aside to finish the work of the commission which they are now disposed to continue, relying upon congress to do the just thing later on; but the reliance has no precedence to assure its certain hopeful fulfillment.

Peculiarities of a Peculiar Law.

How to continue to serve drinking water to the public and yet comply with the sanitary code ordinance, which began Sept. 1st, abolishing drinking cups in public places, is a problem which hotel managers of New York are trying to solve. One hotel will have girls stationed at its drinking fountains, clad in suits of white with white aprons and caps to match; they will serve water to thirsty people who wander into the hotel. Following the use of the glass each time, they will be rinsed and dried.

At one of the large railway stations slot machines have been placed near the fountains and for a nickel a paper cup drops out of the slot.

It is thought the rule will be felt most in factories and schools, and in this way the message of the law will be scattered and young people brought to realize the danger of infection that lurks in the public drinking vessel. It will also be a violation of the law to lend another person your cup.

Atwood at His Best.

One of the most convincing arguments in favor of flying shy of flying machines is contained in the declaration of Atwood, who, having broken the world's record, declares he will retire from the air. But he reserves the right to change his mind without notice in case some other fellow flies six inches farther than the Atwood flight.

What Gompers Took.

Spokesman-Review: Sam Gompers scored Taft, denounced the McNamara kidnapers, took a fall out of those who opposed the recall of judges, had a fling at corporations in general, told us what the laboring man was fighting for, took a squint at the new Monroe street bridge, beheld prosperity on every hand in Spokane, said goodbye; then took a train west.

The ancient adage that "many a mickle makes a muckle," never received more emphasis than in the statement credited to an Indiana inspector of weights and measures, who has declared that the shortage in these annually cheat the American public out of \$20,000,000. This sum would pay the state debts of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming and Ohio. It behooves common people to stand by the official inspectors in their praiseworthy endeavors to protect the public from this material loss.

A one-pounder mounted on a gun carriage is said now to solve the problem of firing at aeroplanes. How such a weapon could be effectively sighted remains to be shown. The conviction grows that efforts to prepare for the aerial battleships should be along the line of perfecting the sight, enlarging the caliber and lengthening the range of sharpshooter rifles, and training men for speedy and accurate use.

Salem didn't like to have Mr. Taft at the capitol city on Friday 13th, so Mr. Hawley has been advised from Beverly that the President will arrive in Portland at 5 p. m. Wednesday, October 11, and leave at 1:30 a. m. Thursday October 12. Arrive at Salem at 3:31 a. m. and leave at 10:59 a. m.

Twelve carload of Nebraska hogs were delivered at the Portland union stock yards last week, at 7½ to 8 cents a pound; just think of the large sum of money that went out of the state and which should be in the pockets of Oregon farmers at the same price, or more.

Nine hogs, butchered in Tillamook county, were taken to the crematory on arrival at Portland, by order of the city health officers who had condemned them as unfit for human consumption. Another evidence that the producer should cure the pork at home.

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Dr. Wiley's Enemies.

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"What is a scientific agriculturalist?" he was once asked before an appropriation committee.

His prompt reply was: "One who makes two dollars grow on an appropriation bill where but one grew before."

But then, being a chemist, he ought to be skillful with retort; Mr. Dooley would say, that is a joke and we make it. But if Dr. Wiley keeps on he will be known as "the friend of the masses."

An Astoria Greeting.

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With a G.

"Gentlemen," said the lawyer for the defense in closing his eloquent and impassioned speech, "all I demand for my client at your hands is justice—justice with a large 'G'."

The principal of the district school was on the jury, and the verdict was guilty—with a large G.

All of Illinois is reported to be running to the making of cider this year. Shortage in champagne through French wine riots will be more than equalled. The surplus may bring back the old cider flip made in the days when statesmen were laying the foundations of the "sucker" state.

The position maintained by Mr. Kruttschnitt of the Harriman lines against the usurpatory demands of a federation organized among the shop employees of those lines would seem to indicate that men who have invested their money in an enterprise still insist on retaining control of it; just as may be altogether unreasonable, from some few points of view, but it must be admitted that it is very human and is never likely to be abandoned.

A big "if" stands between Hope and Fact in the Umatilla reclamation project securing about \$4,000,000 of the funds taken from Oregon to complete the Roosevelt dam built for Greasers on the Mexican border. Umatilla may get the \$4,000,000. If the report of the supervising engineer in charge of the project meets with the approval of Secretary Fisher.

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Adam and Eve managed the first apple show, but the attendance was small owing to lack of advertising and reduced railroad rates.

A flying machine was put out of commission at Astoria by colliding with a sea gull; aviators should carry shot guns and be prepared for big game.

Mr Williams, the practical iron worker who expects to locate in this city permanently, left for his valley home Saturday to confer with his sons; he was not feeling robust when he left here but was not alarmed as to his physical condition.



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Mrs Strahl has concluded to remain for the fall season, has hired a trimmer, and is now located at the well known G W Brock Restaurant building Main street, Moro, and has ordered a choice stock of Millinery.

The price of horses has fallen a peg or two; W S Powell sold five head at Wasco last week, in the bunch was the Landry horse, in the family when Jessie was a kid, and the famous hack team so long driven by Mr Powell, for these three the price was below \$500. Chas Bullard sold six head for \$950.

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