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PORTLAND, THURSDAY, DEC. 20, 1906. At the age of 79 years, Bishop Charles C. McCabe has been called to join the church triumphant.

HOW TO KEEP GOOD ROADS. At a meeting of a Linn County Grange a few days ago a number of suggestions were made, which, if adopted, would go far toward the improvement of the public roads.

WORLD'S COAL SUPPLIES. The Northern Pacific Railroad Company, owning coal mines galore, and presumably with plenty of transportation facilities for handling the product, is buying coal in Pennsylvania and shipping it as far west as Montana.

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kept pace with that of the Nation, in spite of the two schisms which it has suffered. In 1830 there was a secession of the Protestant Methodists, who contended mainly for lay representation in the General Conference.

A more dangerous schism took place in 1844, caused by the slavery controversy. In that year Bishop Andrews, through his marriage, became a slaveowner, which outraged the traditions of the church.

AN OBJECT-LESSON IN PRUDENCE. The strange thing about the case of Sidney Sloane, the youthful partridge of Spokane, is that he was permitted, not only by his parents, but by the civil authorities, to wander about, unattended, through all the streets, in irresponsible boyhood.

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RUEF IS DELAYING TRIAL. His Attorney Declares Schmitz Has Agreed on Joint Defense.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—When the case of Mayor Schmitz and Abraham Ruef was called today, Attorney J. C. Campbell, on behalf of Mayor Schmitz, asked Judge Dunne to rule on the motion made yesterday to dismiss the indictment, so that a demurrer might be filed and the Mayor proceed to trial.

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PUBLICITY SPOILS ITS GAME. Standard Abandons Republic Oil Co. as Useless Disfigure.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Testifying today in the suit brought by the State of Missouri against the Standard Oil Company, the Waters-Pierce Oil Company and the Republic Oil Company to stop them from doing business in Missouri, C. L. Nichols, president of the Republic Oil Company, declared that as a result of the disclosure in the proceedings of the usefulness of the Republic Oil Company as a supposed competitor of the Standard Oil had ended.

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SQUEEZED BY STEEL TRUST. Implement Makers Squeal for Reduction in Tariff.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The Tribune says: A bitter war, which ultimately may have far-reaching effects on the manufacturing interests of the country, was precipitated yesterday, when a number of farming machinery companies openly declared their intention to fight against the "trust" prices and methods of the iron and steel combine of the United States.

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