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This is probably true, though there are some grounds for misgiving. Material prosperity depends largely on coal, iron and lumber, and on these three resources we have not been economical. There has been wicked waste of them all.

More hopeful even than the great material development of the country is the equally amazing moral growth which we have experienced in the last few years. After a long period of financial anarchy we have at last become rich enough as a nation to look ahead.

OUR PRUDENTIAL CONGRESS. It cannot be denied that the Fifty-ninth Congress was rather given to extravagance. It disbursed the public funds with a generous hand.

AMAZING GROWTH. The Oregonian has received from the Manufacturers Association of America a small pamphlet entitled "America's Amazing Advance."

FOREST RESERVING OVERDOSE. The most enthusiastic supporter of the President's forest reserve policy will hardly approve of the wholesale withdrawal from settlement at this time of more than 8,000,000 acres of land in Oregon and Washington.

A NOTABLE DEBATE. In the current number of The Reader's Magazine Mr. Bryan and Mr. Beveridge bring a debate on state rights which everybody will find lively and some may find amusing and some, perhaps, edifying.

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BALLINGER TAKES OFFICE. Succeeds Richards in Land Department—Pollock to Be Retained.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Judge Richard A. Ballinger, of Washington, today succeeded the Governor William A. Richards, of Wyoming, as Commissioner of the General Land Office.

TAFT WILL VISIT CARIBBEAN. Congressmen Accompany Him to Panama, Cuba and Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Secretary Taft has invited Senator Kittredge of South Dakota, and Representatives Burdick and DeArmond of Missouri to accompany him on his approaching trip to Cuba, the isthmus of Panama and Porto Rico.

REFORM IN POSTAL SERVICE. Commission to Suggest Improvements for Meyer to Execute.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—President Roosevelt today had a conference with Postmaster-General Meyer and members of the Postal Commission.

STEVENS MAKING GOOD RECORD. Excavation in February Beats Any Month—March Still Better.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Chief Engineer Stevens is trying to make good before he turns the Panama work over to his successor, Colonel Goethals.

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BRITAIN STILL RULES WAVES. Minister Says She Can Whip Any Two Navies Afloat.

LONDON, March 5.—In introducing the navy estimates in the House of Commons today, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty, Mr. Robertson, went over much of the ground covered in the memorandum on the subject referred to in these dispatches February 28.

HE PREFERS TO KEEP WARM. German Aeronaut Declines to Accompany Wellman to Pole.

BERLIN, March 5.—Walter Wellman, head of the Chicago Record-Herald Polar expedition, recently wrote a letter to Captain Von Krogh, one of the best-known German aeronauts.

Forms New Party in Venezuela. NEW YORK, March 5.—Nicoar Bolet, a son of the late General Bolet, Parisian, is one of the promoters here of a new political party for Venezuela.

Denies Intrigue Against France. PARIS, March 5.—The Madrid correspondent of the Eclair, in a dispatch dated today, quoted Garcia Aliz, who was Minister of Finance in the Villaverde Cabinet.

Push Reformers, Leave Church Alone. MADRID, March 5.—Premier Maura, in an interview today was quoted as saying he will try to realize many of the reforms upon the liberal programme.

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CURZON AGAINST ROSEBERRY. Warm Contest for Chancellorship of Oxford University.

LONDON, March 5.—An interesting contest is imminent between Lord Curzon and Lord Roseberry for the vacant Chancellorship of Oxford University.

Asks Czar to Build Ships in America. ST. PETERSBURG, March 5.—General Batjanoff, formerly an officer in the navy, is trying to persuade the Emperor that Russia should have a squadron in Far Eastern waters at the earliest possible moment.

People Flee From Moving Mountain. NAPLES, March 5.—The mountain in the Province of Polenz, above Montemurlo, which has been slipping down into the valley, seems to be moving much more slowly.

Medals for Dutch Lifesavers. HOOK OF HOLLAND, March 5.—Prince Henry of the Netherlands, in behalf of Queen Wilhelmina, has decorated Captains Sperring, Jansen and Berkhout with the gold medal of the Order of Orange-Nassau.

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