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It's up to Russia to move next.

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"How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless lieutenant."—Meditations of Senator Platt.

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Russell Sage, it is said, has caught the Carnegie spirit and has sent his check for $5 to a New York hospital.

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It is somewhat of a question whether the utter disregard by the Boers of the British propositions for surrender do not constitute a casus belli in themselves.

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The government will spend a million dollars in improving the harbor at Manila. Senator Carter didn't get a chance at this, you know.

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A Mississippi mob lynched some negroes the other day and then threatened to lynch a corrospondent if he said anything about it. Talk about your censorship!

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Nine Americans out of ten will take it for granted that all England wants is a port in Alaska. Give her that and her other objections to the canal would melt away.

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Now the British confess that Lord Kitchener's plan of campaign is a failure and that some other must be adopted. The man of "blood and iron" is not fighting naked savages this time.

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Now that the spring tide of immigration is headed Oregonward, would it not be a good time to prepare folders showing the resources of Polk County?

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It is a good rule in life to study the place just above you and prepare to fill it. Those who wait for the chance before getting ready will find that the chance never comes.

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If asked, Grover might offer a few suggestions as to what the country should do with its ex-president.

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There is a church somewhere out west that is torn up because several recipts in a cook book that it is selling call for wine. Some of the congregation wish the book called in and destroyed.

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Now, if Mark Twain would turn his attention to the missionaries who want $500 apiece for sermons destroyed by the Boxers, he would satisfy a deeply felt demand.

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Unless the United States is careful, it will make itself ridiculous in its demand on Morocco for further redress. A peripatetic capital chased by a warship, is likely to provoke the cartoonist.

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If the explosion in New York politics means anything more than that the Republicans there are considering a change of bosses, the fact is not patent to the rest of the country.

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Suppose the new Maryland election laws were adopted in New York; how many of Tammany's ignorant foreign voters would know enough to mark their ballots properly? Educational qualifications will aid the Democrats at the south and the Republicans at the north.

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Uncle Sam has withdrawn his troops from China and now the other powers are beginning to hint that if he won't help to enforce the result of their determinations, he will not be consulted in regard to them. After all, this does seem rather fair.

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How many people know anything about the new election law in Maryland which they are denouncing? This law sets up no educational qualifications at all, it merely forbids its assistance to a voter in preparing his ballot. Thus illiterates will probably vote contrary to their wishes or spoil their ballots. That is the whole of this "crime against the suffrage."

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Probably affairs in Russia are at a dangerous tension of which the half is not known to the outer world. Possibly, also, a great deal is believed that has never happened. A censorship like that of Russia, while it suppresses the truth, also encourages the fake.

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Mr. Evans is evidently to be frozen out of his job as pension commissioner Whether this is intended as a sop to the pension attorneys of the G. A. R. or is merely a yielding to the overwhelming pressure from everywhere for office, is not yet entirely apparent.

Mr. Carnegie's benefactions will make some of the other millionaires loosen their purse-strings or take a back seat.

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King Edward is so well satisfied with the results of his reign up to this time that he has already applied for an increase of salary.

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The war stamp on bank checks goes out of existence on the 1st of July, having been abolished as a means of raising a war revenue. The last fiscal year shows that 350-000,000 checks passed through the banks, each bearing a two-cent stamp, yielding a revenue of $7,-000,000 to the government.

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There is only one living ex-President now, Grover Cleveland. In the latter part of the term of John Adams there was no ex-President, Washington having died in 1799. In the early part of the term of John Quincy Adams there were four living ex-Presidents—John Adams, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe. The present ex-President is only 63 years of age, and is likely to live many years.

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The Baltimore Sun refers to the payment of pensions as "the pension waste." In the same article it says that the per capita of money in circulation is $33.66 against $18.04 in 1873 and that while the net government debt per citizen in 1868 was $67.10, it is now $14.52. The country seems to have been worth saving, and the men who received "the pension waste" were indispensable in saving it.

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The dispatches bring word of immense steals in the Commissary department at Manila. The commissary officer was probably only trying to follow in "Embalmed Beef" Egan's footsteps and ought not to be punished. An army officer cannot do wrong, and the government did right in sending Editor Rice away from Manilla because he printed stories about some of the army officers there being dishonest.

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The Eugene Guard says a petition is in circulation there requesting Land Commissioner Hermann to allow the forest rangers in the Cascade reserve to devote a portion of their time the coming summer to improving the public highways. It is represented that on the McKenzie wagon road above Lost creek, a great many trees have fallen across the road, and it is almost impossible for covered wagons to get by some places. There is practically no road work available from settlers along the road, as there are no settlers. It is further represented that the rangers have heretofore employed considerable time in cutting trails through the mountain country where there is no travel, and that they could accomplish more by clearing out this wagon road. C. J. Dodd, one of the rangers, is circulating the petition, which meets with general favor.

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The energetic business man of Eugene have taken steps to secure some of the immigration that is now flowing to the Pacific coast. A meeting was held on Tuesday evening and committees were appointed to solicit funds and take other necessary steps with the view of keeping a man in Portland to distribute literature and direct people to Lane county. This action is in line with recent suggestion in these columns and will well reply the effort. It would pay Polk county to do something in the same way. What are the Chambers of Commerce of Dallas and Independence doing? Their existence has not been manifest now for some time. Are the covers to these useful bodies fastened down so that the members cannot see what's going on around them. The West Side would like to hear a few suggestions along this line of new business.

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Dr. George D. Leetch, formerly a medical examiner in the Pension Bureau, who has just returned from South Africa, where he served a year as surgeon in the British army, said of existing conditions over there: "The war in South Africa is by no means ended, and it is liable to continue for a long time yet. Of course it is guerrilla, rather than actual warfare, but it is for this reason that the Boers will be able to keep up the struggle and at least greatly harass the British, probably for some years. In Pretoria, business is at a stand still, save that which is conducted by reason of the presence of the military forces. The railroads are almost completely utilized in carrying stores and provisions for the army, and the large forces of Boer prisoners to whom they are issuing rations. Practically, all the Boer men are either prisoners of war or are under arms, congregated in small bands in the hills and mountains. There are probably 20,000 Boer prisoners in the hands of the British."

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 25, 1901

Chinese crookedness in diplomatic matters has been accentuated by the appeal of China to the other powers to assist it in refusing to put into effect the Manchurin treaty it has negotiated with Russia. This duplicity appears to have surprised our government, which naturally refused the assistance asked, but the diplomatic representatives of the other powers who are now in Washington, merely smile and shrug their shoulders when asked their opinion. They were not surprised. On the contrary, they regard it as the usual thing in Chinese diplomacy. Whether cocky little Japan, which is the country most directly affected by the big Russian grab, will go to war if China ratifies the treaty, as now threatened, is as yet an open question, but it will not be surprising if it does.

Uncle Sam is now sole owner of the whole Philippine Archipelago, the Spanish minister having received a treasury warrant for $100,-000, to pay for "any and all islands" of that archipelago outside of the limits named in the Paris treaty. Before Secretary Hay handed the Spanish minister the warrant for the cash, they exchanged copies of the treaty gorgeously gotten up, that of Spain being bound in red with the royal arms in gold, and that of the U. S. bound in blue with the national coat of arms embossed thereon. This money was appropriated by congress at the recent session.

Congressmen who have been to Cuba since the adjournment, express the opinion that it will be sometime before the Cubans accept our conditions for the withdrawal of American authority, but that they will eventually do so. They also say that the longer it is the better it will please three-fourths of the property holders and business men of Cuba.

Senator Burrows, of Michigan, who will probably be chairman of the senate committee on privileges and elections, when the committees are re-organized at the next session of congress, predicts that the new Maryland ballot law will cause the whole question of representation in Congress on the basis of men who are not legal voters under the state laws, to come before congress. He says the congressional apportionment made by the last congress, on the census of 1900, will not necessarily stand for ten years; that every congress has authority to make a new apportionment, if it sees fit.

The congressional library has recently acquired sixteen old manuscript books, which contain historical date, to be found nowhere else, and which are consequently regarded as priceless. They relate to the public and private life of Robert Morris, the financier of the American revolution, and were all written by him. These volumes contain reports of the U. S. treasury department for the first three years of its existence, which are not included in the government archives. The books were accidentally found in a junk shop, by the late Gen. John Meredith Reed, and during his lifetime, he would never part with them.

A New Idea.

The Electric Light company has just received a new lot of lamps which are just the thing to read by. The lamps are frosted so that one don't have the glare to contend with. The WEST SIDE has used one during the past year and speaks from experience in recommending these lamps for reading purposes. A trial of this lamp will convince the most skeptical of the benefits to be derived from using a frosted lamp.

Messrs. Wilkins & Humphreys, with three loaded teams and a lot of loose horses, passed through Independence on Wednesday headed for Jackson county. They left Wallowa county last September and intend to return as soon as they dispose of all their stock in the Willamette valley.

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The Future of the Valley.

A recent visitor to the Willamette valley wrote to his home paper in Eastern Washington that he saw no reason why the towns and cities of the Willamette valley should ever be any larger than they now are. As they depend upon the farming community and country is all settled up he saw no hope for further growth. This was not written in an unfriendly spirit, but the writer failed to grasp the situation. The value of the agricultural production of the Willammette valley will probably be quadrupled within a generation. Under proper development this valley with its adjacent foothills is capable of producing in the same year more butter, eggs and poultry than are produced in the whole Pacific Northwest; more wool than is now grown in all Oregon; more hops than the total present output of the United States; enough potatoes to feed everybody in the United States west of the Rocky Mountains; more mohair than the present production of the United States, and enough wheat to supply the home demands of Oregon and Washington, besides a vast quantity of fruit, hay, oats, onions, garden vegatables, etc. It will probably be a long time before the agricultural and other resources of the Willamette valley are fully developed, but long before that is accomplished there will be more than one large city in the place of the small cities of the present day. —Oregon Agriculturist.

A Raging, Roaring Flood

Washed down a telegraph line which Chas. C. Ellis, of Lisbon, Ia., had to repair. "Standing waist deep in icy water," he writes, "gave me a terrible cold and cough. It grew worse daily. Finally the best doctors in Oakland, Neb., Sioux City and Omaha said I had Consumption and could not live. Then I began using Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles." Positively guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and all throat and Lung troubles by Kirkland Drug Co. Price 50c and $1.00.

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There is much interest in the goat question, and the United States department of Agriculture has received numerous letters of inquiry concerning Angora goats. For the purpose of answering the many questions contained in these letters, the Bureau of Animal Industry of that department has just issued bulletin No. 27, Bureau of Animal industry entitled "Information Concerning the Angora goat." The bulletin was prepared by Mr. George Fayette Thompson, editorial clerk of the bureau, and contains much information concerning the origin, history and uses of this domestic animal.

The bulletin is illustrated with a frontispiece and seventeen plates, and is for sale to miscellaneous applicants by the Superintendent of Documents, Union building, Washington, D. C., at 15c, the price affixed by him.

City Council.

The council met in regular session Tuesday evening with Mayor Stockton in the chair and all the members present except Sperling.

W. G. Cressy was made a deputy marshal so that the south end of the city would be protected from loose stock, tramps, etc.

The usual monthly claims were paid.

The W. C. T. U. presented a petition asking the city council to see that the state law regarding saloons and other prohibited business houses on Sunday opening was enforced. As the council took no action on the petition it is evident that the councilmen feel that parties who see violations of the state law ought to take steps to report the same to the state officers, and not wait for the city to take action.

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The president, it is said, will now abandon all attempts to promote Sampson and Schley. Both of them will retire before congress meets again and could only be promoted on the retired list at the best It is hard, however, that Schley should suffer, after all his magnanimity, on account of Sampson's snobbishness.

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He Kept His Leg.

Twelve years ago J. W. Sullivan, of Hartford, Conn., scratched his leg with a rusty wire. Inflamation and blood poisoning set in. For two years he suffered intensely. Then the best doctors urged amptation, "but," he writes, "I used one bottle of Electric Bitters and 1 1-2 boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and my leg was sound and well as ever." For Eruptions, Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Sores and all blood disorders Electric Bitters has no rival on earth. Try them, Kirkland Drug Co. will guarantee satisfaction or refund money. Only 50 cents.

Hop growers are more generally making contracts than they have done for several years. This is due to several causes, chiefly among which is the fact that the prices offered are higher than for a long time. Another is the fact that hop dealers now in the business are generally more reliable than the average of those in the past. It is evident that the consumers in England and in the east, for whom most of the contracts are being made, have concluded that it is the safest plan for them to be sure of a supply at living prices, instead of waiting until after harvest, with the hope of beating the growers down to impovishing prices.—Statesman.

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CATARRH COLD IN HEAD

The Belgian hare is already becoming a pest in Missouri, where it has destroyed a number of young orchards. It may soon be necessary to adopt means for exterminating that exotic quadruped.

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