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PURITY IN POLITICS.

There is much being said and written these days of purity in politics. If it has been an absent quantity, and there is no question but it has in many sections, public sentiment demands a new deal.

It is up to the electors themselves now. If a public official has proven unworthy, oust him and substitute a man who stands for definite policies.

EDUCATION IN UNITED STATES.

Secretary Hitchcock directs attention in his report to the gratifying progress which education is making in the country. Twenty per cent of the entire population are enrolled in the common schools.

As has often been said, the American people have a passion for education. No taxes are more cheerfully paid than those going toward the support and development of the school system.

A recent belated census bulletin giving the statistics of illiteracy in the country for 1900 and 1890 shows that the goal has by no means been reached.

TRADE WITH THE PHILIPPINES.

It is estimated that our total trade with the Philippines for the calendar year 1905 will amount to \$20,000,000, as against a little more than \$4,000,000 in 1897.

As statistics are likely to be discussed in connection with the question of the tariff, it will be interesting to go into the subject in greater detail.

remain there. As regards sugar, the ways and means committee of the House has been told recently that if it were put on the free list, or if the tariff on it were greatly reduced, the acreage of the cane would greatly increase.

1904 was 100,000 tons. In the year 1903 the consumption of the United States was reckoned at 2,549,642 tons, or 71.1 pounds per capita.

AN OPINION OF ROOSEVELT.

Mr. Roosevelt has done much to establish unconventional thinking in America. In theory a rather extreme party man himself, his example has helped men to extricate themselves from slavery to party.

IDEAS OF STUDENTS.

Reports of cruelty inflicted by college students on selected victims of their number appear in the press with disgusting frequency. One would think a youth who was interested in the endurance of physical hardship might go off and exhibit it himself.

The school teachers of Oregon City are making an effort to have their salaries raised. Here's hoping they succeed in their worthy and just demands.

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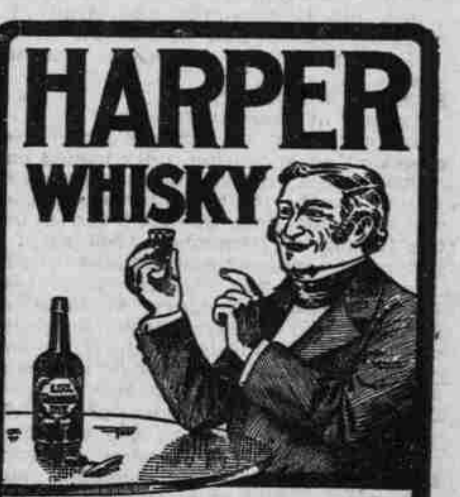
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