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Police who are impeding the dignitaries of their church for instruction in modern science will be in control. They will be the church. There is no denational restriction of the truth that...

IRELAND'S PROGRESS UNDER VICTORIA. When Victoria with the Prince Consort visited Ireland in 1850, she was received with a degree of enthusiasm that drew from her statesmanlike husband...

COLOSSAL FRAUDS. Shall we tell the secret of the subsidy bill? Then let us hurry up and pass the subsidy bill; then we shall say to the people, Behold what the Republican party has done for our merchant marine, with its subsidies!

MIVART AN OBJECT-LESSON. Mivart died in good time. His passing completes the hurried but immortal drama of his last few months. In his protest against ecclesiastical interference...

IN SOUTH AFRICA. The present military policy of the Boers is to delay Lord Roberts' advance and make it difficult by cutting off his advanced posts and breaking up his communications...

INSUFFICIENCY OF LAW. The wisdom of attempting to enforce morality by special statutory enactment has become a subject for fresh discussion before the New York Legislature through the introduction of a bill making adultery a misdemeanor...

THE WESTMINSTER CONFESION. These Are the Words About Which Controversy is Now Raging. "By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some men and angels are predestinated to everlasting life...

A MILITARY PROPHECY. The Changes Produced by Modern Conditions Foretold. A writer for the Westminster Gazette collects from M. Bloch's book on future war—a book published a year or two ago, and several times referred to by the Oregonian—the following predictions about strategy and tactics...

THE SAME OLD BYRANISM. Bryanism in 1890 means just what it means in 1900. It is the same old Bryanism. Bryanism is the salient fact of the Nebraska Democratic platform, which has been put forth with Mr. Bryan's full approval...

THE CUT NAIL REVIVES. According to the Wheeling Register, there is a renewed demand for the iron wire that has for years been displacing it. "It appears," says the Register, "that experience has proven that the wire nail is sadly lacking for certain purposes at least, does not supply the place of the cut nail, and the building trade is generally recognizing the fact...

THE DISGUISED CITIZEN. PORTLAND, April 2.—(To the Editor.)—Disguised with the President, Senate and politicians, the undersigned would like to say for the privilege of voting for Roosevelt an O. G. C. or C. O. G. I will pay \$5 toward a campaign fund for the honor. I have spoken to six men today and five of them said they would do the same...

IT IS A CORKER. One difficulty the Democrats are going to have in trying to make a campaign issue of the Court's failure to impeach is that Governor Steunenberg, who assumes the responsibility for calling in the troops, is a Democrat. This fact is something of a corker.

SUPERSTITIONS COLLIDE. Indianapolis Journal. "A horseshoe, you see, got wedged in the switch." "Did it derail your car?" "Not much, My car was No. 12."

THE PERVERSE. Post Wheeler in New York Press. Silently I walk, Sorely I sigh, In loneliness of it, Banished from her talk!

SPRING FEVER. Josiah Wink in Baltimore American. Laxy, laxy, laxy! His'd de springtime comin' sho'.

THE WHOLE DISASTER could have been avoided. Lord Roberts will be joined soon by the Eighth Division, which, as soon as it arrives at Cape Town, will be met by orders to proceed at once to the front. With this reinforcement of 10,000 men, Lord Roberts ought to be able to make his railway communications secure. When that is done, the quickest way to recall the Boer forces from raiding would be to push forward with the main body. Lord Roberts has not mounted men enough to beat the Boers in their own peculiar tactics...

THE ENACTMENT of the gold-standard bill, says the New York Independent, "had been so long foreseen that the final vote and approval of the act by the President excited but little public interest. And yet this signal vindication of American honesty and intelligence is being appropriately celebrated on the 14th of March by the ringing of bells and the roaring of cannon throughout the land..."

THE TRANSPORT Sheridan reached San Francisco from Manila Sunday, a veritable hospital-ship. A total of eighty-six sick soldiers, fourteen sick sailors and three hundred and thirty convalescents of wretchedness sufficient to cause the most valiant to long for the close of the war in the Philippines. The disease aboard was fortunately nothing more contagious than typhoid fever. Though there are few maladies that subject patients in confined quarters to more pitiful sufferings than this one, it is yet possible to be on the same ship with typhoid and not contract the disease...

It is said that the British Ministry believes the amount of the debt reduction in England in the past twenty-one years will be offset by the cost of the war in South Africa. The expenditure at the present time is about \$50,000,000 a month, which is not far below the highest outlay of the United States in the War of the Republic. Wars are the ruin of empires and the tendency is constantly upward. The increasing cost of war will doubtless ultimately be one of the strongest influences that make for peace, the pocket nerve of the nation, like that of the individual, being an exceedingly sensitive one.

THE COURSE of Lentz and Sulzer in the Coeur d'Alene investigation is directed and pursued in conformity with one of the cardinal principles of the Chicago platform, that there must be no interference with mobs engaged in destruction of property. But Governor Steunenberg didn't see it in that light.

AGAIN the preponderant valor and strategy of the Boers have achieved a military triumph. That is to say, the Boers have fallen into another trap.

THE REST of mankind God was pleased, according to the unsearchable counsel of His own will, whereby He extendeth or withholdeth mercy as He pleaseth, for the glory of His sovereign power over His creatures, to predestinate some to dishonor and wrath to bring them to the praise of His glorious justice.

PLAIN DUTY OR PLAIN PERIDY. Chicago Inter Ocean, Rep. Regulators in Washington still propose to "compromise" with President Roosevelt. They would give up the tariff and put forward various schemes to allude the profits of the people on the one side without offending the sugar and tobacco interests on the other. None of these schemes is more than a political expedient. Not one of them pretends to be more. Yet as political expedients they are all bound to prove absolutely futile.

THE ADVANCEMENT of a woman to the position of a member of the United States and Puerto Rico and give her access to our markets, said the President on December 5. Those words have been imprinted indelibly on the national conscience. They cannot be wiped out by any trick or subterfuge or expedient. They mean that Puerto Rico must receive absolutely "free access to our markets," or "plain duty" must be floated.

TOMMY ATKINS. A British army chaplain, the Rev. E. J. Hardy, has published a book on "Tommy Atkins." In it, the origin of the name is given. Tommy Atkins was the name of a country boy who, when the Europeans in Lucknow were being refused by the mutineers, refused to leave his post, and so perished. After the battle of the Court d'Alene, a conspicuously heroic soldier in the fight with the rebels was a regular Tommy Atkins. The British soldier has every reason for pride in his nickname. This confirms an assertion made by Bloch from theory. The British army has been scolded by arm-chair critics for neglecting reconnaissance and falling into surprises. "Grey Scout" points out that successful scouting is no longer possible. Even elaborate intrenchments are invisible at short rifle range, and smokeless powder prevents their discovery even by a moderately heavy dropping fire. Scouts are

NOTED AND COMMENT. April weather came in on schedule time. The Marquis of Queensberry rules do not apply to the Chinese Boxers. It is now up to the powers to hold a peace conference to determine the manner of partitioning China. Hanna advises the party to stand by the Administration, but he fails to include directions how to find it. A case 103 years old has just been settled in the Court of Claims in Washington. The leading lawyers on both sides must have been on a vacation. It is reported upon good authority that a Salem business man, upon having presented to him a bill for \$5.25, spent 15 minutes getting a nickel changed so that he could pay the exact amount. When he at last found the pennies, he remembered that his creditor once got the best of him by 1 cent in making change and refused to pay more than \$5.2. The creditor did not spend any time disputing over the matter. The summer resort business is a leading industry of New Hampshire, and the State Labor Commissioner fittingly treats it as of any other large financial and commercial enterprise. He finds that \$10,443,000 has been invested in Summer-board property, and that the number of visitors to the state during last season was 174,328. Each one of this number only had to leave behind him an average of \$18 above cost of keeping to net 10 per cent on the property said to be invested in the business. That is way ahead of farming or cotton manufacturing or almost any other New Hampshire industry which could be named.

Streaks of sunshine. Spots of rain. Flowers bloom. Green the meadows. Birds a-sing. Here are there. Bismonts fall. Swallows in the branches. Speaks of green. Where the leaves can just. Drops a gleam. On the grass. Shines like diamonds. When other things are done. Fragrance floats. On the breeze. Hummings sound. In the air. Sings of peace. All around. The birds are here. Out of town.

The saucy, pug-nosed British sparrow has few friends here, is generally speaking, pretty well able to take care of himself. Once in a while he gets a well-deserved drubbing, to the delight of all beholders. An incident of this kind occurred on Nineteenth street recently. A number of blackbirds nest in the trees on some of the double blocks in that section, and are made pets of by all the residents, and feel very much at home there. Several of these beautiful birds, with their glossy plumage glistening like a black jug in the sunshine, were strutting along the street and enjoying themselves in a dignified way, when a sparrow alighted near them and began jawing at and abusing them. The blackbirds paid no attention for a time, but as the noisy nuisance kept following them up and becoming more abusive, one of them finally turned suddenly and gave the sparrow a prod with his bill which knocked him off his feet. As soon as he got up the blackbird went for him again, and despite all his screeching, knocked him over into a puddle and continued to peck at him. The noise attracted a number more blackbirds from the adjacent grounds, and they heartily applauded their champion, and some of them lent a beak to pumpkin the poor sparrow, who, after he had finally and put up with the continued screeching and pecking of the puddle, his plumage was so bedraggled that he could not go so roughly handled that he could not fly, and was very glad to escape under a gate into an adjoining lawn and seek refuge in a prickly shrub where the blackbirds could not get at him. They walked around the bush for a while and finally flew away. The sparrow, who came out and sunned himself in the sun, and then, with a "d—d—d—" expression, went off to engage in another row with some one of his own size.

Game Warden Quimby calls attention to the fact that most of the farmers do not need education to know that the insectivorous birds are their best friends, but the expansion of agricultural education is impressing this fact to the degree of importance it is entitled to. Recently two quail were sent to the Agricultural College of Michigan by a farmer who wrote that he killed them because they were eating his grain. He wished an examination made of the crops of the birds, which was done and the result made public. In neither crop was found any grain, and finally a note was received from the farmer, who said that the quail were eating his grain. He wished an examination made of the crops of the birds, which was done and the result made public. In neither crop was found any grain, and finally a note was received from the farmer, who said that the quail were eating his grain.

Sometimes the fruit farmer is inclined to shoot the birds in his fruit trees, but those who have made a study of the subject contend successfully that the farmer can well afford to raise fruit for the birds in order to compensate them for the service they render to him. This department is endeavoring to give all the assistance it possibly can for the protection and preservation of insectivorous birds, by having them birds, song birds or others, there have been but a few convictions in the past year for the killing of these insectivorous and song birds, and still greater pains are to be taken in the future for the enforcement of a wise and just law, looking to the safe-guarding of our birds.

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