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THE WORST ON RECORD.

As to the contribution made by our "reform" legislation to the Legislature, complete returns are not yet in, though every day adds its new discovery of something hitherto unrevealed...

Great pretensions and promises were made when the Bingham direct primary law was enacted, but on the contrary was unceremoniously repudiated.

Where is the achievement that can be pointed to with credit on the positive side? What reform was inaugurated, extravagance cut off, abuse corrected?

What the Oregonian said in the campaign before the June election has been amply verified, that is, that the object of these professed reformers was not the amelioration of city and county affairs...

A PUBLIC REPROACH.

An awful revelation in youthful depravity is that afforded in the case of the East Side youth who assailed an elderly woman in her house at night...

There is no inconsistency whatever. The trouble is that critics like this one do not see that the Christian church is the greatest moral force in the world.

Worse offenders than these young rowdies, however, are the parents that brought them up. What has become of those ancient and honored teachings under which boys were trained to be respectful and helpful to the old and defenseless?

CLAMOROUS WITH LAND HUNGER.

The eagerness for land, which in Americans under our very generous land laws amounts seemingly to an insatiable greed, is well and again illustrated in the assault that is being made upon the Interior Department for information in regard to the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indian reservations...

It is doubtful if there is another state asylum so wholly free. In some none but state paupers are supported by the state. Counties and towns in which the patients have "settlement" are required to repay the state for their keeping.

in person for six months, a distinction, it would seem, sufficient to satisfy the demand for preference of this most privileged class.

The land to be made available for settlement within the next four months comprises about 14,000 quarter sections, one of which will be the allotment of each settler.

All participants in the controversy which Mr. Mills has started seem to be conscious, even if they are not, that the only enduring basis of Christianity as a religion is a basis which is verifiable.

It is no disparagement to the country or its climate to say this. It is simply to state what is known to all observant people, that men who rush feverishly, and in many instances unpreparedly, to a new locality buoyed up by the promise of land for the taking and the eagerness for change usually find that things present are not the things which they dreamed of at a Pacific Coast home.

BUILDING UP A COMMUNITY.

In many quarters the impression prevails that Portland is a "knocking" town. No matter what enterprise is proposed for the public good, some one gets out a "hammer" and the investor comes here with capital to be well and find people to advise him that Oregon is already flooded with money, and encourage him to go to Seattle, where there are better opportunities for investment.

A statement of the business of the Postoffice Department for the last quarter of the year 1900 indicates that the department is now making a profit on its operations, perhaps for the first time in its history.

Our "anties" tell us that it is none of our business what kind of government may be established in Cuba; that the Cubans have right to make such government as they choose and conduct it in their own way.

Among recent deaths is that of General John P. Hatch, of the retired list of the Army, who expired a week ago, at the age of 70.

The special committee of the House of Commons recommends that the British Nation appropriate for King Edward's personal and household expenses for the coming fiscal year \$2,500,000.

The country of the Upper Ohio River is covered with snow and slush, or submerged with floods of rain. Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky are now the principal sufferers.

will do it if not enjoined. Suppose now some association shall offer to take charge of instruction in French, German, Italian, in music, now taught in the public schools, the claim that it can be better done outside.

With All Its Disadvantages It Makes Great Livelihood. The poor boy standing upon the threshold of life gazes out upon his future with a sinking heart.

Many are the disadvantages of poverty to the ambitious youth. More are the advantages to the poor boy, the frugality of his home, the many essential lessons of life.

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Prosperous Portland.

The visitor to Portland is struck with the air of busy industry which prevails along the river fronts on each side, clear to the foot of the mountains.

Let us Shan Cant. New York World. Let us beware always of cant. And particularly of international and racial cant.

Not the Right Car.

Chicago Letter in Baltimore Sun. Because the name "imperial" stood out in bright gold letters on the front of a magnificent motor car offered by the Pullman Company for the use of President McKinley, to be attached to the splendid special train to be furnished by the Presidential party on its trip to the Pacific Coast, the committee has diplomatically sidetracked it.

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AMUSEMENTS.

After a long season, made up chiefly of melodramas and farce comedy, the bright comedy bill presented by "The Strollers" at Corday's last night proved an agreeable change, and was greatly enjoyed by the usual crowded Sunday night house.

The prettiest number on the programme was the song "The Little Girl," by a Duplicate Husband, in which Miss Forman and J. F. Crosby, Jr., played the leading and only roles.

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LA LOIE FULLER TONIGHT. Great Dancer Will Be Seen at the Marquans. La Loie Fuller, the world's most marvelous dancer, in conjunction with her own company, will open her engagement tonight at the Marquans Grand.

Blanche Walsh. Miss Blanche Walsh, supported by an exceptionally strong company, will present "More Than Queen" at the Marquans, April 25, 26 and 27.

Olney and Cuban Annexation. New York Commercial Advertiser. Ex-Secretary Richard Olney wrote of the Terrell resolution, which his fellow McKinley haters regard so sacred nowadays.

Kings Come High. Boston Globe. The special committee of the House of Commons recommends that the British Nation appropriate for King Edward's personal and household expenses for the coming fiscal year \$2,500,000.

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NOTE AND COMMENT.

The dogs have had their day. One would naturally expect to find a draw in bridge whist.

The matrimonial lottery is the oldest form of society gambling. Agnalds will probably give a housewarming to celebrate Dewey day.

The City of Fulton, Mo., has purchased a cemetery. Most cities are afraid to make such a frank admission that they are dead.

The newly elected Mayor of Lake Forest, Ill., declines to serve. Perhaps the citizens expected him to make speeches at all the church fairs.

Somebody has been sending the Carr copies of the New York yellow journals, probably to show him that there are forms of torture more horrible than the fear of dynamite bombs.

The Government's most monumental publication is practically completed. It is the official record of the Union and Confederate Armies, and consists of 127 thick volumes, an index about to be printed and an atlas of 108 plates, showing maps of battle-fields, routes of marches, plans of forts, etc.

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. A Sure Sign—Laura—I think that Mary is going to be married this Spring. Florence—Why? Laura—She hasn't had any new clothes since Fall—Brooklyn Life.

The Gentle Beggar—"I'm hungry, sir," said the beggar. "Won't you give me enough to get a meal?" "Here, my good man," said Mr. Pomposus, "here is your money."

The Song of Steam. Edwin L. Smith, in Park. When the garments of Nature are wearing thin And the air is chill and gray, Out of the depths there swells a hymn, Chanting his roundelay.

Where the Blame Lies. Philadelphia Ledger. The opponents of the conscriptionists against the commonwealth, and their beling to sins of commission and omission by the Legislatures, National and state.