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the countries of Europe died at the Oregon asylum, who had when he went there a quite considerable sum of money...

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?

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" for it.

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...

ABUSE OF THE FREE SYSTEM.

It would be some satisfaction if in cases like that of James G. Clarke, of Douglas County, the "guardian" who devoured him were compelled to pay for the support of the victim in the asylum.

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...

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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 may be only a coincidence that several preachers and laymen who are active in the work of the Y. M. C. A. did not hear him speak.

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.

Kings Come High.

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 \$2,350,000.

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

He realizes that what he accomplishes in life must rest on his own efforts. He has no influential friends to ferry him across the streams of life.

Amid the toll and privations of the farm, in the busy shop, or over the smoking forge, some of the greatest battles of life have been fought.

It is a student in his school, a young man who has earned his all by hard toil, accumulating his means of getting an education or his start in life.

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THE WEALTH OF POVERTY.

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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 Cordray's last night proved an agreeable change.

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

The "Widow Bedott" compassed around with a number of specialties which make her all the more fascinating.

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The powers are demanding of China almost as much money as J. P. Morgan gets for organizing a new trust.

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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.

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