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A GRAFT THAT FAILED.

There is interesting confirmation of something said in these columns a few days back in the suddenly changed attitude of the Colombian Government respecting the suggested purchase of the Panama Canal by the United States...

FREE SPEECH IN THE PULPIT.

Frederick Stanley Root writes the New York Sun that the lot of the middle-aged clergy in all denominations is a hard one; that Ian MacLaren's inquiry, "Should the old minister be shot?" is pungently suggestive of deplorable existing conditions...

IMPROVE ALDER STREET.

For a text on necessity of street improvement we take Alder street at this time, because here just now is an effort to secure improvement of Alder street, which ought to be successful, for no street needs it more...

enter the Christian ministry there will not be free speech in the pulpit. The New York Evening Post indorses this view when it says: "The churches have a terrible responsibility in this matter. Who does not remember Presbyterians coquetting with Jay Gould?"

A POINT WELL TAKEN.

President Roosevelt, though an ardent advocate of civil service, objects to an extension of the law that includes all of the clerks now employed in the Census Office...

PARK INTERESTS.

The annual report of the City Park Commission, summarized in yesterday's Oregonian, is worth careful attention. We are doing much in the way of parks and in the condition of our finances it may not be advisable at this time to go into very costly enterprises...

LOCAL ASPECT OF THE SHIP-SUBSIDY BILL.

The local freight situation at the present time throws some light on the workings of the ship-subsidy bill, indicating very clearly what the direct benefits of the proposed subsidy would do. An unsubsidized British vessel has been chartered to carry wheat to Europe at 25 shillings per ton, a rate less than one-half that paid a little over a year ago...

YOUR ANTI AND HIS NOTIONS.

In contrast with the many discouraging reports coming from the Philippines, it is gratifying news that distinct and valuable progress has already been made toward the sanitation and cleansing of Manila and the adjacent islands...

PRELIMINARY CREATIONS.

At the new observatory at Sunningdale, near Windsor, a new tumulus has been discovered. It is a circular mound, about 16 feet high and 75 feet in diameter. The number of pits or urns at present taken out is 10. They vary in size and are extremely fragile...

A Progressive Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Railroad, up to date in all things, is now going to put all its telegraph wires between New York and Philadelphia under ground. Recent storms have rendered the telegraph system along that route worthless for days at a time, and the company is coming to what must be the final settlement of the difficulty.

Mottos for Various People.

Chalmers—"Ban-hom" is that ban-hom's done. Pugilist—"Knocking, knocking, who is there? Pugilism—"Far from the maddening crowd, the madman's home."

NICARAGUA THE BETTER.

The Louisville Courier-Journal. The familiar story of the taking of Troy vindicated the sagacity of the old Trojan who feared the Greeks even when they were bringing gifts...

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Brooklyn Eagle. Some estimate of the remarkable development of this country may be obtained from the official figures for 1901 as compared with those for the past few years. These figures come from the landing office in New York, and may therefore be accepted without the possibility of error...

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