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localities interested in internal improvements to provide the funds by subscription or otherwise would be a task almost if not quite impossible. This is a consideration admirably adapted to appeal successfully to the common sense of the masses...

PAID TO THE COUNTRY PERMANENTLY. If such a work can be obtained and its introduction into the schools accomplished the Northwest would be greatly benefited.

A PLEA THAT SHOULD BE GRANTED. The plea that has been made in behalf of Portland's old fire horses does credit to humanity. It is not likely that it will be granted...

TO SAVE THE YOUNG. It would be strange if the spectacle of wayward boys and girls, full of mischief in every city of its size, and familiar, alas, in smaller cities and even in rural settlements, should not appeal with great force to such earnest bodies of men and women as gathered in separate congregations to discuss the subject in various Presbyterian churches of the city on Thursday evening.

While country life affords its peculiar opportunities and temptations for those who incline to badness, and while crimes of young persons are frequently reported from the country, in astonishing ratio to the sparseness of population, yet the outer snares for young feet and the opportunity for indulgence in grosser misconduct without detection are obviously greater in town. Boys can stray into haunts of vice when abroad on the street, and girls can resort to secret rendezvous with more greater security from parental knowledge.

Let "Colonel" and "Jerry" and "Jake"—faithful creatures, with a glint of human intelligence in their eyes, be spared the ignominy and the suffering of a cart-horse existence for their few remaining years. The city, from the standpoint of common sense, cannot afford to sell the faithful old horses...

The uncle of President Roosevelt in his address before "The Thirteen Club" of New York City first set afoot by an English tourist concerning President Jefferson's "hitching his horse to a post and snuffing into the courtroom to take the oath of office" story in a letter without foundation of fact.

The "graveyard of the Pacific," located on the west coast of Vancouver's Island, has many additions to its gruesome store within the past few months. The tale of the shipwrecked sailors and the dreading of the sea upon the rocks which sank to the depths of the cruel sea, unknelt and unconfined. Bits of wreckage twisted and torn have told mutely of the terrible tale of disaster.

Flocks and herds in Eastern Oregon were appreciative of the warm weather of several days ago, and recuperated visibly from the sharp pinch induced by the winter and the dry season.

Japan finds cause for satisfaction in the belief that it was a mine planted by Admiral Togo which the Petropavlovsk struck; Russia finds equal satisfaction in the declaration that it was one of her own mines that, becoming loosened from its moorings, drifted into the path of the battleship and caused her destruction.

promoters were Albert Gallatin, Jefferson's Secretary of the Treasury, and Henry Clay. This great public road was authorized in the act of Congress of 1802, which enabled the State of Ohio to enter the Union.

COURAGEOUS COMMON SENSE. As to Mr. Cleveland's equipment, there is a mystery which we do not intend to solve with the American spirit as regards the tariff. He advocates a somewhat vague, and therefore alarming, return, as to the practical results of which—could they be indeed, defined—the individual is left to mere conjecture.

Explaining It. The public mind is largely explicable by the corporations that set themselves above the law. They are aghast at his ravings. But they should not be. He is their creature. Whatever of unthoughtful intelligence he has comes from the confused belief of many ignorant people that he is somehow their champion against wealthy tricksters and cheats who are devouring widows' houses.

Calculation. The movement in Brooklyn states that New York for Judge Parker's nomination for President is all the better because it is founded on calculation than it would be if it were merely a sentiment.

Isn't There One Other? There is no evidence that Hearst has any spontaneous support for his pretensions. No important newspaper, possessed of dignified influence, speaks in his favor; no leader of the Democratic party of National standing openly approves his candidacy.

His Idea of the Proprieties. It is alleged that Willie Hearst has been trying to buy all the hotel space in St. Louis for the Democratic National Convention. If he can get all the delegates to become his guests of course they can't refuse him the courtesy of a presidential nomination in return for his hospitality.

Turning From Bryanism. The Democrats of the West find in Judge Parker a candidate who offers them an opportunity to turn from Bryanism to sound principles and a safe, strong candidate with which they may confidently appeal to the people without violating the strictest code of party ethics.

Oklahoma's Opening. There are still new ways of opening a convention. At the Democratic Convention in Oklahoma, yesterday instead of dealing with the program, the speaker called the roll, it was started by an editor shooting a sergeant-at-arms.

Orders From Georgia. Atlanta Constitution. New York must do one of two things—either for Parker or not. If it adopts the former course, it must for the nomination in at an end—if the latter, it has just begun.

Good Taste in Wall Paper. Harper's Bazar. The rules of good taste never change, though they sometimes seem to do so. The wall should be treated from the baseboard up. If there is a dado, it should represent the darkest tone of all those employed for the wall; the division above it should be several shades lighter, the border, if any, still lighter, and the ceiling lightest of all.

FAIR DEALING AS A POLICY. Kansas City Star. A recent address by C. S. Melien, president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, before the Hartford Board of Trade, deserves attention because of its frank recognition of the evils of existing trusts and their management. The "accomplishments of results by indirection," the endeavor to "thwart the intention, if not the expressed letter, of the law," the "desire to withhold what is due" and "to force by main strength a result not justified"—these, he thinks, are the chief causes of the prevailing sentiment against the great corporations.

Fearful Possibilities. Portland, April 15.—(To Note and Comment.)—The Oregonian's dispatches state that when the news of the disaster to the battleship "Oregon" reached the New York Navy-Yard "a great number of the old salts shook their heads and declared the unlucky 13 was at work again."

Irish Population Changing. St. Paul Pioneer-Press. "Ireland for the Irish" has been and is a sympathy-compelling cry. But what if the Irish move out of their own accord, because they can do better in America, and the Scotch, English, Scandinavians and others who have been in Ireland can do better in Ireland than in their native countries?

Abuse of Privilege. Detroit Free Press. The recent action of the House in expunging from the Congressional Record an attack made upon one of its members by the speaker of the Democratic National Convention, is a gross misuse of privilege.

Ag'in Him on General Principles. Fine Beit (Ala.) News. The alleged Hearst boomlet may frighten some Democrats, but not us. The people—the common people, if you please—"one of whom we are which"—have long been weary of the "boomlet" and the teachings of Bryan Democracy and are looking forward to the time when the party will return to the true Democratic faith of Jefferson and Jackson.

Just an Idea. Providence Journal. What the favor-seeking American legislator expects to make out of the executive right which they are asking of Congress to carry Government supplies over sea is not known. But some idea of their rapacity may be gained from the fact that they have secured a proposition to give them, as an alternative to monopoly, a 25 per cent advantage over foreigners in that carrying trade.

Consequences of Nomination. Lexington (Ky.) Daily Herald. Of course every intelligent man in America knows that under no possible combination of circumstances could Mr. Hearst be elected President; if it is possible to buy a nomination, he cannot buy his election. His nomination will forever smother every prominent politician who helps to bring it about, and disgrace those who combined to produce it.

Judge Parker's Silence. Savannah (Ga.) News. All of those who are making the point against Parker, and who do not know where he stands on public questions, are not friendly to him. They are simply seeking opportunities to attack him. He is therefore right in remaining silent.

NOTE AND COMMENT. The Old Fire Horse. When change the sudden gons. He must be hit at length. But the youngsters sweep along With too impetuous pace. For one and twenty years He's bounded at the cry, And heard the sidewalk's cheers Salute him, thundering by.

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