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Wisconsin is by no means alone in supporting "a league of cities," formed for the purpose of municipal improvement. Iowa has a similar league, as also has California.

There is a rebuke in this of the high and mighty and consequently impracticable methods by which sentimentalists approach the subject of municipal reform.

HOW TO AVOID A DANGER. Ex-Premier Meline, of France, denounces the American peril. He says it is in the direction of the Far East that America is evidently turning.

It is needless to multiply words in praise of the Thompson monument, unveiled yesterday in the City Park, or in recognition of the public spirit which has prompted its donation to public use.

What a multitude of thoughts crowd upon the mind in the presence of such a scene as that unveiling! There is the artist's theme—striking home upon consciousness the glory and the tragedy of civilization's onward march.

Portland is ornamented, from the Skidmore fountain to the City Park and the Library to the Plaza blocks, with the artistic flowering of the early struggles of her pioneers.

TURNE'S RAILROAD RECORD. On September 26 The Oregonian printed some extracts from the official record of the Washington Constitutional Convention showing the attitude of Judge Turner on matters pertaining to railroads.

There is no beauty like that of duty well done. There is no art so supreme as the art of living true and facing the difficult task with many resolution.

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While the average man and woman is not inconsiderate, there is a tendency toward "roasting" the impersonal telephone agent. When ten telephones align themselves in a line, they must wait. We take our place patiently in line at the theater box-office, at the paying table, at the glove counter on bargain days, and in the barber shop, but we can't see "central's" switchboard, therefore we chafe because we must wait our turn and become "central."

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NOTE AND COMMENT. It's a case of "O Central." A lucky Friday to the Nebraska! A merchant in Vancouver, B. C., is advertising "roofproof nightshirts."

We hope the statue of Chief Multnomah comes within the W. C. T. U. drapery regulations. Cows have now been barred from the streets in Chabalia. Probably in too much danger from automobiles.

For the sake of the composing-rooms of the United States, we hope the Japs will push on from Bentonspate. After a man loses \$2000 on a sure-thing footrace, it must be hard for even him to sympathize fully with himself.

The most melancholy thing about this season of the year is that the jokes about cold drafts from the radiator are due. California Chinese have now a society of Native Sons of the Golden West—and golden complexion, they might have added.

It gives one a distinct shock to read that Max Heinrich is to marry Anna Held. "The German philanthropist, student and musician." However, it is another Anna Held. The tourist who wrote to the Newport (R. I.) Journal about the view from Portland, with Rainier, Hood, St. Helena and the sublime Shasta in sight, is the kind we want out here.

A Texas paper says: As sovereign remedy for bull weevil a Corpus Christi man is seeking some liquid in which cigarettes suckers may be dissolved. He hopes by this means to create a demand for otherwise useless persons. One strange result of the war in Manchuria is that it has made the London skeleton market soar. A trade paper notes that the Buer war sent first-class skeletons down to \$100, and a further decrease in price is now regarded as inevitable. We hope the Peace Congress will pause to consider the feelings of skeleton bears should war be abolished or even the present war ended prematurely.

La Grande points with Rooseveltian pride to a year-old kitten which has added 300 kittens to the Nation. Supposing a fair percentage of the kittens have emulated their mother in birthing four litters of five kittens each a year, the La Grande cat's descendants must be up in the millions, more cats, indeed, than there are in the country, and as for the mice and rats destroyed by them, they are as the sands of the seashore. Commenting upon the advice given to Radcliffe College girls by the dean, the Baltimore Herald offers an explanation of the point which puzzled us yesterday. The dean's advice, it may be recalled, was to "stand up straight, don't look at the boys, and keep your shoes tied." The Herald sees in the part relating to shoes an ingenious hint not to have any strings out. Take care of the shoestrings, in other words, and the others will take care of themselves.

One of Simeon Ford's latest stories is about a Pennsylvania school, says the Boston Record. A young lady with philanthropic motives was teaching a dozen or two little ones in the mining district. "Now, where did I tell you the Savior was born, was it not one morning." "Bethlehem," shrieked a grimy 12-year-old. "Why, what do you mean, Johnnie? I told you he was born in Bethlehem." "Well," replied Johnnie, "I knowed 'twas some place on de Lehigh Valley Railroad."

The "ice-cream social" in the "church parlors" may not be abolished, the best form of entertainment devised by an inventive people, but it has its good points, and they are brought into unusual relief by comparison with the amusement described in the following paragraph from the New York Press: The "gossamer garter" means a midnight supper, served by a high-priced caterer, who will arrange a table with the most comfortable 60 chairs may be seated comfortably. The inner part of the ellipse will be a shallow pool of water, in which the guests will be bathed about two weeks—will swim. Each bird will have a silken necklace in a combination of colors, which will correspond with the color worn by the caterer of the women at the table. The fun will be for each woman to catch the gossamer wearing her colors, and to see his flutter back in line of a snail. She must make a dash for the gossamer from her cherry lips, or flick off the dew of the champagne from her chin, and then set the little gossamer free. As the gossamer is a bird, laden even with the most infinitesimal burden, will be to dive, flap the webbed feet, and plunge the fat bill into the young feathers, and so restore them to their original freshness. Nothing more shockingly funny could be imagined. There is quite a serious difference of opinion as to whether the "gossamer garter" is quite as appropriate as the "swimming garter." At all events, the grabbing of the little gossamer was to have been kept as a profound secret, but when the Ladies let the public in on their dimpled, Mighty Atom, and other dogs of high degree, the story of the gossamer was bound to leak out.

Oh, the poor goose—we mean gossamer. WEX. J. OUT OF THE GINGER JAR. "Is day any mention of 'jossam in de Bible?'" "Go, 'long, man! You don't s'pose day had all de good things in dem days, do you?"—Atlanta Constitution. Small Margie had a glacial period. Uncle Bob: "Uncle Bob—It's the kind Bessie girls use in punctuating their love-letters."—Chicago Daily News. Mrs. Nodd: "The cook refused to get up earlier than 7. Told her to get up for a couple of days, until I can rearrange my business."—Brooklyn Life. "Buxley-Wu" arraigned till she is a woman of 3000 yards. Trimble—Great Caesar! It must be with my wife—Town and Country. Madge—in what way is she such a clever girl? "Marjorie told me she always knows how many times she can safely refuse a fellow's proposal without losing him altogether."—Judge. He is it true that you are engaged to the daughter of the millionaire? "Yes, if it were not for my father's money I wouldn't allow him to waste his money on this old maid."—Puck. "Bobby-I did think of going in for politics, but I was afraid I wouldn't know how to treat my infernals, don't you know. Peppery—Your infernals? Oh, you wouldn't be likely to meet any of them."—Philadelphia Tribune. "I've had dealings with a good many show people," said the mistress of the theatrical boarding-house, "but I never met a more infernal man than the one that was here yesterday." "Yes," said the comedian, "some actors are fresh and somewhat."—Philadelphia Ledger.