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CHURCH AND STATE IN FRANCE. Separation of church and state in France, a connection which has existed from the time of Clovis—that is, for 1400 years—seems now to be decaying.

MISS BARTON HAS BEEN RETIRED. The National Red Cross Society is at last to be reorganized with Miss Clara Barton left out.

THE HAPPY AND HONORED OLD PERSON IS HE OR SHE WHO WITHOUT REPLYING OR COMMENT ON ANY KIND GLIDES SERENELY INTO THE PLACE ORDERED BY NATURE, PAST THE INDETERMINATE BOUNDARY THAT DIVIDES MIDDLE LIFE FROM OLD AGE, FINDING EASILY, AND KEEPING WITHOUT STRIFE OF WILL, THE PLACE ASSIGNED TO ALL WHO SURVIVE THE HEAT OF MIDDLE LIFE OF THE DAY.

POLICY IS WRONG. The Legislature should consider well its action before it passes a bill granting to purchasers of state land interest upon the money paid by them to the state.

POINT OF VIEW. Senator Penrose says that a friend of his residing in Wilkesbarre recently came to him as a Scotch girl just come to this country.

EXPOSITIONS AND TOOTHPIECES. Philadelphia Record. The success or failure of the forthcoming Lewis and Clark and Jamestown Expositions will hinge upon the activity or negligence of their respective publicity departments.

ODD BITS OF NORTHWEST LIFE. Why Not Ask the Goat? Paisley Corr. Lakeview Herald.

SOMETHIN' DOIN'. This morning the sweet slumber of our peaceful and quiet town was aroused by a loud bang.

OASES IN A PROHIBITION DESERT. Tillamook Independent. If our prohibition friends could have examined all the packages that came in on the Elmore Thursday, their contents would have been a revelation to them.

MAYOR KINGSLEY'S TIRED FEELING. Lakeview Herald. The Herald's devil and fighting editor, Mayor Kingsley, grew tired of work after holding down a case for three weeks.

LET US 'VINDICATE'. Oregon State Journal (Eugene). In order to be consistent—but that is no longer considered a virtue among politicians—the Legislature should endorse Herrmann, Mayne, Besswell, Mellem and a number of others who have been indicted.

WHY JAPS FIGHT TO THE DEATH. In accounting for the determination of the Japanese as a nation of fighters, it is interesting to note that in the legends of their history is a story of Buddha's death.

BAGPIPES AGAIN IN FAVOR. London World. That terrific instrument, the bagpipe, is winning favor in certain circles. It is even whispered that there is a fair royal pipe, and that the daughter of Scotland's monarch are applying themselves to the art of skirling the pipes in the hapless experience of many visitors to the north.

church is restive under the frequent checks it receives from the political state. On its side, the church could not avoid the inclination to become a political propaganda; on the other, the state was restive under ecclesiastical intrigue and interference.

SMITH'S RAILROAD BILL. The Oregonian never has favored state railway commissions. One reason is that the men who compose them cannot be expected to have the necessary knowledge.

WATER TRANSPORTATION CHEAPEST. From the earliest days of maritime commerce, deep-water shipping in search of cargoes has always endeavored to reach the nearest point where such cargoes originate.

Much light is thrown upon conditions in Santo Domingo by Judge Abbott, the American financial agent who has been stationed at Puerto Plata.

With the possible exception of Joseph Jefferson, no actor on the American stage is so universally loved and revered as J. H. Stoddard.

The United States Steel Corporation will divide a cash bonus of \$1,000,000 among 5000 of its employees. The money will be distributed on a pro rata basis according to the salaries.

There are men who have resources in indurated sensibility, and there are men who find resources in stubborn audacity of denial.

Russian experts estimate the numbers of Kuropatkin's army to exceed by 50,000 Oyama's forces, giving the Russian commander 410,000 men and the Japanese 360,000.

Descriptions of the prison in which the Russian actor, Maxim Gorky, is confined sound like the advertisement of a modern hotel, with the exception that "cell" is substituted for "room."

The woman who comes whimpering into court for a divorce from a second husband on the ground that she married him too soon after the divorce from the first, is regarded as somewhat pathetic.

I do plainly and ingeniously confess that I am guilty of corruption, and do renounce all defense. I beseech Your Lordships to be merciful to a broken reed.

It will now be everywhere agreed that United States District Attorney Heney and Secret Service Agent Burns know their business, and attend to it.

It is not to be wondered then, that the army of Nogi fought his grim and costly battle of Meiji, that he attacked upon Port Arthur, and that the Japanese in their campaigning are very generally said to fight with desperation.

nature of a quiltman. The state does not undertake to warrant title to lands it sells. In this respect it pursues the same policy as the Federal Government, leaving the applicant for land to investigate the title and purchase upon his own judgment.

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Three evenings ago, the one we all remember as the coldest of the season, the sergeant with one or two officers, went in search of vagrants.

It was the plan of the officers to find which of the saloons and street lounges were without means and great numbers in order that they might be removed from the temptation to commit robbery.

Shortly before midnight the officers saw a disconsolate person standing at the corner of Second and Burnside streets. He had no overcoat on and the wintry blasts had doubled him into a knot.

The policeman put on his most stovely air and stouchee up. He was sure he had a victim.

"I say, pard," began the disguised officer, "you couldn't give a fellow something if he was hungry, could you?"

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"Say, mister, are you really very hungry?" he asked between his chattering teeth.

"Yes, I could eat pretty near anything," said the officer, who was ready to place the fellow under arrest as a vagrant, as soon as he said he had nothing.

"And you haven't got a single cent to buy nothin' with?" went on the suspect.

"Not a cent, pard," answered the disguised officer.

The vagrant, with a pitiful effort of his benumbed hands began feeling around in the pockets of a pair of thin trousers three sizes too large for him.

SHORT STORIES OF REAL LIFE. ONE particular topic a great and lasting silence has come over W. A. Mears. The subject in question is his bull terrier.

There was a time, not so very long ago, when Mr. Mears thought his particular terrier was the most perfect specimen of canine in existence. He may think so yet, you can never tell what one is thinking when he is silent.

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GREAT ACTORS AND ACTRESSES. MOLIERE

THE CAREERS of Shakespeare and Moliere, the two greatest playwrights that ever lived, present certain features of resemblance.

Moliere has a further claim to fame than Shakespeare has not. Shakespeare was an indifferent actor. Moliere was, perhaps, the greatest comedian that ever graced the French stage.

Moliere's father, whose name, by the way, was not Moliere, but Poquelin, was a small office at the French court.

A dozen strolling companies of players were the touring theatre districts of France. Scarron and Perrault have given amusing pictures of their adventures and misadventures, successes and failures.

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ODD BITS OF NORTHWEST LIFE. JOHN PAUL JONES

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