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AS TO FOOTBALL. One of the old sports which America has received from England is football. There is record of it in the reign of Henry II.

There is a lot of discussion in our day as to football, and how to soften or refine it. The problem is really impossible. One group of young fellows, all of them spirited, athletic, vigorous and highly trained, goes up against another group; and in the collision some will be hurt.

Public Opinion, in an article on "The Annual Slaughter on the Gridiron," says, truly, that one of the worst things in the frenzied football competition is the hiring of graduate coaches, who are thus practically professionals, at ever-increasing salaries.

Such policy ought to bring the game into disrepute; but it may not. It is a game that stirs all the ferocity of ambition; and thus the colleges and clubs have felt that they couldn't do without it.

and effeminate game it never could exist. It may, however, yet fall into disfavor, and desuetude, as jousting has done, or the sword play of Artagnan and "The Three Musketeers."

MR. WELCH'S FRANCHISE APPLICATION. Mr. A. Welch, of Salem, talks as if he means business. Mr. Welch wants a electric railway franchise in Portland. He wants it for a corporation called the Willamette Valley Traction Company, which, he says, is backed by abundant capital.

AN ADVANCE BREATH OF THE HOLIDAY season—a breezy, bracing breath, inhaled by many with thanksgiving, exhaled with a sense of relief—has passed over the Nation. Thanksgiving day has come and gone, and as a people we have entered upon the annual winding up of twelve months of effort in the business, educational, industrial, and social spheres.

Simple words, nearly a century old, and yet they come to all who have reached the reflective stage of life, and the force of their meaning is significant. We are wont to tell ourselves and each other that the "world moves"; to prate of what we call "progress"; and to point with pride of detail to the great volume wherein is written the achievements of a century of wonderful development.

THE BOYCOTT AND CHINESE TRADE. Howard James, vice-president of the Great Northern Steamship Company, has just returned from the Orient with the welcome news that the boycott against American goods is dying out. According to Mr. James, the financial part of the boycott has been carried on with funds collected in this country for the alleged purpose of assisting charitable projects in the Orient.

DUSTLESS HIGHWAYS. Devices for creating dustless highways are not new, nor lacking in ingenuity. Water, at once the most convenient and the most natural agent for this purpose, and the ordinary sprinkling cart, are still in evidence everywhere, practically speaking, where the comfort of man rises up in protest against the clouds of dust that follow traffic.

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heretofore found effective for this purpose, such as the application of crude petroleum, of a mixture of petroleum and ammonia, of tar and furnace slag, etc., are of limited value, owing to cost.

Free trade and free ships is the recommendation of Colonel Clarence N. Edwards, Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, in his report on the needs of the Philippines. The recommendation coincides so strongly with that of Secretary Taft and many other keen observers of conditions as they exist in the islands that neither the tariff standards nor the ship-subsidy standards will fall to take notice.

For trade purposes, Portland exporters can truthfully say with the Count of Monte Cristo, "The world is mine." It has been stated that the sun never sets on the flour sacks which the Portland Flouring Mills Company has strung around the world in the distribution of its flour.

THE ROOSEVELTS call their country place in Virginia, Plain Dealing. It seems to me that Satisfactory Cooking would be a much more romantic and homelike designation for their manor.

THE MUTINEERS at Sevastopol have been forced, after terrible slaughter, to surrender to the naval power of the Czar. The wretched survivors have at last found comfort. Their last condition cannot be more comfortable than that which they took such desperate chances to escape.

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SILHOUETTES

The greatest hero is he who speaks the truth and lives it. They who live without laughter live the futile life. Call vice by the name of folly, and the world smirks good-humoredly.

When sorrow reaches that stage where it is able to sit up and take notice, we call it melancholy. Queen Alexandra was 61 yesterday, and in commemoration of the event the papers ran pictures of a Florida sestet girl and pained them off as likenesses of the Queen.

I'd like to see the bills put up. About that good old show, Where the pesky squire drives the gal Out in the paper snow, Where the folks all dance in the settin' room, And that constable feller sings a tune 'Bout a great big hat with a great big brim.

I don't take no stock in these common shows. They don't rouse me up a bit. My money's too good to throw away. And I ain't got time to sit in the box Through two or three hours of social reform.

The ghost that is said to haunt an up-town boarding-house is probably trying to get revenge on the stewed prunes. The announcement that trains from the East reached Portland on schedule time yesterday should be listed under the head, "Startling If True."

At the 200 in Humberg are a large number of young giant turtles—a species that is dying out, so ruthlessly have they been hunted down. These creatures are often used by children to ride, and sometimes a race is got up. The boys and girls who ride the turtles hold in front of them a bunch of green food at the end of a stick, in order to make the creatures, which are naturally sluggish, move.

REFORM IN IMMIGRATION

Chicago Tribune. The national conference on immigration, to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York, on December 8, 7 and 8 next, is the result of a call issued by the National Civic Federation of New York, of which August Belmont is president, last August.

An interesting feature of the first day's programme will be a visit to the United States immigration station at Ellis Island. The arrival of immigrants will undergo the same character of examination as arriving immigrants, and thus enjoy an opportunity of experiencing the process of an alien's entrance into this country.

What practical method can be devised of distributing immigration, especially for agriculture, to points where it may be needed? What will be the effect of the distribution of a large number of immigrants in the South upon the problem of industrial education and social betterment of the negro?

William Mackabee, a native of Baltimore, and the oldest survivor of the United States Navy, recently celebrated the 102d anniversary of his birth. Through two or three hours of social reform, Mackabee's day was spent in receiving the congratulations of his mates, as well as of the commandant and his staff.

The old Mitchell machine is broken and there is a new era in view for Oregon. Honest men with honest purposes will have a chance to suggest the management of Oregon. If man is caught cheating at cards in his club, he considers it a gentleman's duty to resign, and his name is stricken from the rolls.

THE BIBLE ON FOOTBALL. ARGONAUT. "THEY RUSH with one accord"—Acts, xii:29. "My shall RUN to and fro"—Daniel, xii:7. "I will SCATTER them"—Jeremiah, xlii:21. "I will TACKLE them"—Isaiah, xxxiii:22. "I will TRAMPLE them"—Isaiah, lxxiii:13.

IN THE OREGONIAN TOMORROW

Additional to the greatest news service of any Pacific Coast newspaper and the customary department of the following features: AN INVINCIBLE FOOTBALL TEAM. No, not in Portland; but made up from heroes and villains in literature.

CARDINAL GIBBONS ON THE FAULTS OF WOMEN. A bright woman correspondent contributed a chat with the head of the Roman Catholic Church in America. He declares race suicide the menace of the country, and believes women's clubs are the bane of the home.

NORWAYS ROLL DANE, THE NEW KING. Prince Carl will ascend the throne as Haakon VII, and with him a new dynasty is born. He is a man of the sea, democratic and popular, but, as strict disciplinarian.

RECOLLECTIONS OF JUDGE GEORGE H. WILLIAMS. This distinguished man whose authorship of the bill through whose workings order was restored in the South after the close of the war. His third paper deals with the start on reconstruction.

FOUR INTERESTING NEW MEMBERS. At the coming together of Congress on Monday, there will be four newly-elected members to attract more than ordinary attention. These are: General J. Warren Keller, former Speaker, now an old man; J. Stuart Flannery, the brilliant New Yorker, who narrowly escaped the Government; Rockwood Hoar, son of the late Senator Hoar; and "Bob" La Follette, of Wisconsin, whose personal side is pictured by Paul Danby.

THE OREGON CAMERA CLUB'S BEST EXHIBIT. Madame von Rydberg, who described the art department at the late Fair in the Sunday Oregonian, writes the New York letter, which pictures the dramatic, musical and artistic life of the great metropolis.

SHALL FOOTBALL BE ABOLISHED? The Sunday Oregonian will contain a symposium on football, to which the leading sports correspondents cover the Pacific Coast, and local writers the Portland happenings. Football, baseball, pugilism, the turf, are all represented in this department. There will be more than two pages of live news and often three.

PORTLANDERS BUILD HANDSOME HOMES

Portland is a city of handsome homes. Many have been erected this year on the East Side, and a number of them will be pictured in tomorrow's Oregonian. The weekly real estate review covers not only the trend of the business building movement, but the home-building activity as well.

In the Hide and Skin Game. Shoe Retailer. This country is the greatest consumer of hides and skins in the world. It uses in a year 48,000,000 goatskins, 24,000,000 sheepskins, 16,000,000 hides of all kinds, 3,000,000 calfskins and 2,000,000 other skins.

The Vagabond. I can not bide the sober town, With decent villa, church and square, Nor master with his glossy hair. I cannot stand the ruler's mill, Nor nodman with his stylish gown.

TOUCH him not.—Psalm, cv:22. "TRAMPLE them"—Isaiah, lxxiii:13. ARGONAUT. "THEY RUSH with one accord"—Acts, xii:29. "My shall RUN to and fro"—Daniel, xii:7. "I will SCATTER them"—Jeremiah, xlii:21. "I will TACKLE them"—Isaiah, xxxiii:22. "I will TRAMPLE them"—Isaiah, lxxiii:13.

INFLUENCE. American Illustrated. One splendid rose makes fragrant all the room; the small dice how many worlds doth light! So may a word through centuries of gloom Be as a torch by night!

JOHN BULL LEARNING TO SHOOT. Exchange. Great plans are being laid in England to make the young men of that island good rifle shots. Many shooting clubs are being organized. In this connection the Mayor of Westminster has presented to the Westminster employs one of the best-equipped miniature rifle ranges in London.

RACE BY GIANT TURTLES. Exchange. At the 200 in Humberg are a large number of young giant turtles—a species that is dying out, so ruthlessly have they been hunted down.