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NEEDLESS DISINTERMENT.

Long had the statute slept, under which a great many persons were arrested on Sunday last for selling small packages of fruits or peanuts to passersby, or for shining the shoes or brushing the dust from the clothes of those who had need of the service.

In 1864, when this statute was enacted, the most simple and primitive pioneer conditions prevailed. The population was not above the rank of a rural village.

The country was just beginning to move a little. Some dirt out of the ground may be noticed, and when it appeared on Sundays it attracted unusual attention.

We know from highest authority that the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath; and we infer the name of Sunday.

It is a curious and convenient; and it contributes much to decent appearance to be able to get the service of the brush at the stand of the boot-black. At the time when this statute was framed people didn't care much about shoe polish.

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Throughout his controversy with the President over the Haskell scandal Mr. Bryan has kept up an air of injured innocence which must have exasperated his opponent.

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Before the final result is determined in the Presidential contest, Mr. Samuel Gompers will have a painful knowledge of the fact that it is beyond his power to lead the better element in organized labor around like a lot of dumb beasts.

mocracy is in full control, is very much to the point, showing as it does that Democracy is not the friend of organized labor.

"THOU RASCAL READER!" Amusement sits on the face of every one who hears that there is serious thought of deportation of the fallen women of the city to some place outside the limits and of trying to herd them there.

These women are made what they are by the men who visit them. If a radical remedy, a complete remedy, is sought, every man of this description should be seized and dealt with that he would have no further inclinations in that direction.

These women, all are more sinned against than sinning. They are of a class that never will disappear, because the men who make them what they are are codded by society and protected by law.

From Seattle we learn that Judge Orange Jacobs is for Bryan; and the announcement is paraded as matter of importance.

Judge Jacobs is one of those who have lived till their flame lacks oil. He was a supporter of Bryan in 1896, and again in 1900.

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fine vessels and the largest battleship yet launched on the Pacific Coast was built at a Seattle yard. In coastwise sailing vessels and steam schooners the yards of Grays Harbor, Puget Sound and Coos Bay have put afloat a large number of fine craft, many of which were engaged and equipped at Portland.

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HOME FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Members Will Ask for State Aid to Reconstruct Fire-Proof Building. The matter of securing a permanent home for the Oregon Historical Society is one that the officers and members of that important organization must meet in the near future.

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MR. ROCKEFELLER'S LIFE STORY. Standard Oil King Tells "What Sort of a Beggar" He Is. (Another extract from John D. Rockefeller's "Some Random Reminiscences of Men and Events," were published in last Friday's Oregonian.) Probably in the life of every one there comes a time when he is inclined to go over again the events, great and small, which have made up the incidents of his work and pleasure.

The 60,000 men who are at work constantly in the service of the company are kept busy in the work of great construction, but the Standard has gone on with its plans unchecked, and the new works and buildings have not been delayed on account of lack of capital or fear of bad times.

To what extent the objects above set forth have been carried out may be seen in the eight rooms now occupied by the society at the corner of the City Hall, and kindly placed at the disposal of its board of directors nine years ago by the city authorities.

The time has now arrived when a beginning should be made to bind the thousands of volumes of newspapers and pamphlets, properly indexed, sorted, classified, arranged and indexed the documentary material and put everything in the custody of the society in proper order for its use.

Recognizing the gravity of the situation, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the society was held the first of last July to plan for such action as the necessities of the case demanded. After long discussion the whole matter was referred to a committee of five as follows: William D. Fenton, Dr. J. R. Wilson, Theodore E. Wilcox, H. C. Campbell and George H. Himes.

On the approach of the vacation season it was impossible to get a quorum of the committee together for several weeks. At length three of the committee, Theodore E. Wilcox, Dr. J. R. Wilson and George H. Himes met on September 11, and after due consideration it was agreed that properly to house the Historical Society's collection of books and papers, it was necessary to provide room for the City Museum, which is also in a fair way to be crowded out of the City Hall.

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THE PRIMARY AND THE BOSS. He's Slightly Damaged, Perhaps, but Still in Ring. Yakima Republic. The Aberdeen World thinks that there is considerable unfinished business on hand for the proper and honorable performance of which the primary law is needed.

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