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A FAMILIAR CHARACTERIZATION.

Edward D. Shurtliff, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois, delivered, a few days ago, to the investigators from New York, his opinions about the present primary.

Value may be supposed to attach to his opinion or judgment from the fact that he is an independent politician, who led the fight against the re-election of Senator Hopkins.

It is a law for the man with the loud voice, or the man with the fat purse, or the officeholder who lavishly distributes patronage for political ends.

The candidate who is elected by newspaper cajolery, by use of money, by use of patronage, can control a plurality of the party vote because the party.

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CURBING CANNONISM.

The country has no reason to deplore the fight which Representative Charles N. Fowler, of New Jersey, and his Republican allies are making against Mr. Cannon.

Various influences are responsible for the Chinese attitude in Oregon. It is the Chinese who are the more progressive Chinese can see, in the Japanese invasion, possibilities of a future alliance.

AWAKENING THE GIANT.

The Chinese and the Japanese seem to be in a much closer together on the Manchurian question, and recent advices indicate a willingness on the part of the Chinese to permit the Japanese to proceed with their railroad construction without further objection.

SCIENCE AND FRATERNAL INSURANCE.

One of the hopeful signs of the times is the dawn of common sense over the realm of fraternal insurance. The beneficiary societies seem to have more than 8,000,000 certificates in force, which carry obligations amounting to billions of dollars.

When China, with the help of Japan, finds herself in the entire world will be confronted with an economic problem that will not be easy of solution. The construction of a tariff barrier

of sufficient height to shut out seven-cent-per-day labor, engaged in the manufacturing, from unlimited supply of cheap raw material, will be no easy task.

THE SISTERS' AND THEIR BOOK.

The history of a state should include an account of all the efforts that have contributed to its foundation and growth.

A beautiful and effective part of this work has been done by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, who now have published a book which gives a modest account of the work of the Sisterhood in Oregon.

The account of the work of the Sisters is most modestly and touchingly written. It is not confined to the work in Portland, but extends to other centers.

The religious principle sets up its creeds and formulas, and endeavors to enforce them. It fails, and ever will fail, for no explicit or implicit religious principle or sentiment in man can have continuance or permanence.

Much of the value of the book lies in the history it preserves of the history of the Catholic Church in Oregon. Here it meets a want hitherto unfulfilled.

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COURAGE IN THE OHIO WRECK.

The detailed account of the wreck of the steamer Ohio in North Pacific waters last Thursday night is a story of heroism that will strike a noble chord in the hearts of all.

UNDERSTOOD AT LAST.

Freeman Tilden, in Smart Set, has written a story which is understood at last, because she felt that no one understood her.

DON'T FORGET HOW TO WALK.

The trolley car, the automobile and the train have made transportation so easy that people seldom walk any more.

NEW FACE AND SCALP IN THREE YEARS.

Stephen Calabro, 25 years old, of Quincy, Mass., who was seriously scalded, has just been discharged from the Massachusetts General Hospital.

THE ILLINOIS PRIMARY LAW.

The legislative committee of New York will find in Illinois the direct primary instead of increasing the interest in public affairs, lessens one and cripples the other.

UNCLE TOM, AUNT SAM, AT BOY'S PARTY.

Philadelphia North American. An uncle of 19 years, Percy Stickle, and an aunt of 8, Mildred Stickle, journeyed all the way from Harrisburg, Pa., to attend the fifth birthday celebration of their nephew, Clyde Everett Morris Stickle, of 485 North Sixty-second street.

WASHINGTON'S PRIMARY LAW.

The primary law of this state deprives the citizen in placing candidates before the people—and it does this by compelling that citizens vote twice instead of once—and by doing his second vote nullifies the first.

Those which have not done it must either impose cruel burdens upon their old and faithful members or else go into bankruptcy. There is no other choice.

EXCURSIVE AND DISCURSIVE.

Spain held the primacy among nations four centuries ago, and down nearly to three centuries ago. She had the empire of the world, and her influence and power were impressed on most lands in both hemispheres.

The Government is in the market for several thousand tons of hay and oats for shipment to Panama.

The threatened extinction of Portland as a wheat port, which was freely predicted by the Tacoma Tribune a few weeks ago, last Saturday's Tacoma Ledger, in an article which assured us that "daily receipts are growing rapidly," gave the number of carloads received at Tacoma for the first five days last week as eighty-eight.

The struggle of the world to clear itself of the forms of religion, worshiped by many for religion itself, is not yet nearly ended.

Announcement of better service on the short railroad between Medford and Jacksonville recalls how the county seat of Jackson missed the opportunity to retain its title as chief city of the great Oregon.

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EDITORIAL SQUABBLES OUTDATED.

Great Writers Once Engaged in Literary Brawls, but Successors Do Not. The early history of New York journalism is filled with stories of feuds and animosities.

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LAND TAX IN BRITAIN KEEN ISSUE.

New Toll on Increments and Undeveloped Land Sets Kingdom by Ears. The latest issue in British politics today is the proposed tax upon land values by the imperial government.

The elimination of the land tax provisions of the bill by the House of Lords would intensify the feeling of hostility against the Conservative minority.

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Life's Sunny Side

One of the wives of a Mormon coming downstairs one morning met the physician who was attending her husband.

"He is very ill?" she asked anxiously. "He is," replied the physician. "I fear the end is not far off."

"Which do you like best?" said Meandering Mike. "de city or de country?" "Well," answered Plodding Pete, "de closeness together of de houses in town makes it convenient. But I likes de country because de air's just above de walk."

"My husband has been out late every evening this week attending important club meetings."

"Yes, you mine—they belong to the same club, you know."

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