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NO SECRETARY FROM THE WEST.

President-elect Wilson is reported to have said that he will not appoint a Secretary of the Interior from any of the "public-land" states...

What true son of the West could say or do schemes in the Cabinet, but oppose the schemes that have turned over the forests to their primitive, solitary...

Let the people of the West have a right of support. The President-elect is understood that the public domain is for present use and development...

Clearly the platform intended thus to rebuke the bureaucrats who have tied up the public domain in a maze of red tape and made the preserving settler all but an outcast and a wanderer...

Patience and Prudence. That President Taft has been altogether too patient with Mexico is a criticism heard now and again among his detractors...

Experiments in Reformation. Cincinnati has a judge who will try a new experiment in the reformation of women following the oldest profession...

Meaning, said the judge, "make an honest effort to reeducate your affairs." Probably the judge believed that the presence of these women in church would do more than any other possible modification...

REWARDING OUR CANAL BUILDERS.

Now that the Panama Canal is about completed, Colonel Goethals is receiving widespread commendation for his excellent services. Bills are before Congress providing handsome rewards for the guiding genius of this greatest engineering feat...

DR. JORDAN AND THE GENERALISTS. Most men make dances of themselves occasionally, eminent men of science as well as others. Eugenics seems to have presented the learned and able Dr. David Starr Jordan with an opportunity to show that he is not exempt from human frailty...

THE BLUE BIRD. Materlinck's "Blue Bird" is surprisingly interesting on the stage. All our common, prosaic, everyday life is set against it. As a rule we do not like plays or novels based on abstract principles...

Stimulated, perhaps, by the Panama Canal there has been a great revival of work on internal improvements in Ecuador. The Government shows its contempt for the House of Lords in two ways...

THE BAKERS. Baker Moore, of the Baker Stock Company, has severed his connection with the organization and will leave for New York City next Sunday morning...

STARS AND STARMAKERS. The New York Morning Telegraph has a tale to tell of Catharine Countess, who is back in New York following her special stock engagement in Salt Lake City...

plow they must stop for nothing that lies before the way-side. Perhaps Materlinck's symbolism does grow a little difficult in the graveyard. The ghosts are to come out at midnight at Tityl's summons...

PLOWING AS AN EXERCISE.

Plowing is suggested as an substitute for football at our colleges. Why not? Football is upheld as developing the physique, but so does plowing. What more calculated to harden the muscles of back, arms and legs...

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Activity in Highways Improvement. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. In 1912 over \$150,000,000 were spent to improve highways in the United States.

THE BREWERY BENCH. From the Blue Mountain Eagle. He sat on the bench at noontime, And he scattered pearls of wisdom Down by the Brewery saloon.

THE BREWERY BENCH (Cont'd). He told of things that never were, Of events that happened too soon, As he whittled away on the old pine bench.

THE BREWERY BENCH (Cont'd). He told of what fools others had been, How they mined and drew no pay; How old miner Dan once held the full shawl.

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Plowing has the further recommendation that it is useful, productive exercise. One husky member of an athletic club probably plow, harrow and plant with potatoes a whole acre with half the expenditure of energy that goes into a practice game...

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THE BLUE BIRD (Cont'd). The open-air singing on New Year's eve made but feeble headway against the howling of the winds...

THE BLUE BIRD (Cont'd). The Aquatic government shows its contempt for the House of Lords in two ways. One is the creation of so few peages on New Year's day...

THE BLUE BIRD (Cont'd). Part of its charm no doubt comes from our pleased surprise to see little children do so much and do it so well. Tityl has a part as long as Hamlet...

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THE BLUE BIRD (Cont'd). There are respects in which Lady Isabel de Vermadois was a super-woman, but they are not such as should cause her descendants to boast of their pedigree...

THE BLUE BIRD (Cont'd). The output of \$25,000,000 the past year at Louisville and Cripple Creek shows something doing in that section of the bowels of the earth...

THE BLUE BIRD (Cont'd). An exhibit by Holland involving expense of \$300,000 will cause some of the larger nations to hunt up San Francisco on the map...

THE BLUE BIRD (Cont'd). Card men will look askance at purchase by Cyrus K. Curtis of George W. Childs' Public Ledger.

BOSTONIAN'S STORY IS SCOUTED

Harvey County Water Minimizer Editor's Hard Experience. BURNS, Or., Dec. 27.—(To the Editor.)—I notice with regret and considerable chagrin the delight with which the Oregonian copies the slanders of one A. E. Winship...

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THE BREWERY BENCH (Cont'd). He was here when there was no Canyon Creek, And bunch grass grew on trees; When an egg was a common thing in a bowl.

THE BREWERY BENCH (Cont'd). The old man sits on the brewery bench And he never bats an eye; For he loves to talk, and talk, and talk, And lie, and lie, and lie.

THE BREWERY BENCH (Cont'd). The bench is old and whittled and cut, And the men are wrinkled and gray; It has been their home, the talkers' throne, For many and many a day.

THE BREWERY BENCH (Cont'd). When the census is taken for angel men, They respond to the final call, And they are not to be left behind; That's big enough for 'em all, W. R. S.

PORTLAND'S OPPORTUNITY GREAT

City by Proper Steps Can Be Made Second Greatest Port. DAYTON, Or., Dec. 31.—(To the Editor.)—In your issue of December 22 was published a letter from Mr. C. Chapman, secretary of the Oregon Development League...

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LET WOMEN SOLVE SOCIAL PROBLEM

Let Women Solve Social Problem. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 30.—(To the Editor.)—I notice that you say today in the Oregonian on the subject of the social evil...

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