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By taking John Pierpont Morgan, death has removed the Colossus of American finance. He was the man whose ability and sagacity were the main factors in the building of the American industrial empire...

NO PROSCRIPTION.

"The Record," says our interesting contemporary at Pilot Rock, "is extremely pleased to learn that it is not the intention of The Oregonian to proscribe those good old Republicans who, for reasons of their own, saw fit to support for President the man who received a plurality vote of over 6000 in the state..."

USELESS INFORMATION.

The voters who will be able to decide the question of the proposed charter amendments are those who are registered as voters in the city of Portland. It is not the intention of the commission to publish the names of those who are registered as voters in the city of Portland...

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out five generations of them. Though each retired with a large fortune. He was a ravenous worker and the energy of his whole body was used by his brain, so he took no physical exercise. At the age of 50 he began to feel the strain and took light exercise, but, before long, he consulted a great physician, who, after a thorough examination, warned him to stop exercise in every form, saying: "You have formed the habit of living without exercise, giving your energy to your brain. It is too late to change."

He followed this advice, outlived many partners and afterwards scored his greatest achievements. It is the time he turned against him long before he died. The dissolution of the Northern Securities merger had proved that the anti-trust law had teeth and President Roosevelt's assaults on monopoly had created a national demand that the anti-trust law be strengthened.

It is a volume burdened with chapters that have lost their force in the lapse of time and with other sections that would be repealed by implication if the commission amendments carry. It is unfortunate that the careful, calculating and intelligent work of the commission charter should be presented in such a form. If the commission charter be successful the pamphlet may be of use here and there among lawyers and others who require a work of reference as to city law, past and present, but as an official campaign document or conveyor of information to voters it is practically valueless.

A SEASON OF GOOD MUSIC.

The beautiful concert which the Portland Symphony Orchestra gave last Sunday formed a fitting climax to its season of sincere and thoroughly artistic work. Unlike most symphony orchestras this one does not enjoy a large endowment fund. The members give their services without salary and it is only by unremitting devotion to the public interest that the organization has been sustained.

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both in our esteem for the artistic side of life and in the methods we shall take to cultivate it. The Greeks, whom we frequently regard as our models in democratic government, looked upon the drama as an indispensable element in civic life. They were not content to have the drama enough to accommodate all who might wish to attend and the admission price was not beyond the means of the humble. At Athens the poorer citizen could obtain the price of a seat from the public treasury if they desired. Whether we shall ever appreciate art and the drama to this degree will tell, but it would be regrettable if the appeal of those momentous factors in education should always be as restricted as it is now.

The problems that arise from polygamy in Utah, which is a thing of the past, are a tangible asset. Dr. G. G. Giddes, a member of the \$10,000,000 estate of David Eccles, who died three months ago, for her 13-year-old son, although both denied the lad's parentage to the Smoot committee a few years ago. Mr. Giddes has been dead two or three years, and it is admitted Eccles contributed to her support since. Eccles left a wife and a polygamous consort, with twenty-one children by both. He died well, and it is evident from the looks of things he did even better than well.

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The Nebraska Legislature refuses to make an appropriation for participation in the Panama Fair. If the exhibit were to be along the lines of the display at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, refuse just as well. In the matter of seeking a home, nobody will care to go from this favored section to the land of tornado and cyclone, and Nebraska could at San Francisco attract an attention to its resources in the line of corn and hog products that would be a benefit to the state. There are yet two years for eleventh-hour consideration.

A group of Chinese students at Harvard has called Dr. Charles W. Elliot to account for his severe strictures upon their national religion. They demand the facts which he bases his judgment upon and it is not his conscience to refuse to supply them. There is enough good in any of the great national religions to build a progressive life upon. The undesirable element will gradually be eliminated and the pure nugget of truth remaining may be found to be about the same in China as in Boston.

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If J. P. Morgan's fatal illness was caused by the money trust investment in the Panama Canal, it is a proof that conscience retains its power even in the breast of a billionaire. When he was brought face to face with the reality of death, he was a Shakespeare would make a tragedy out of the story, as his great predecessor did out of Lady Macbeth's remorse.

Senator Lane waiting for the last entry before making his selections for Federal offices reminds one of the countryman who stood on the main street of a great city waiting for the crowd to pass. Once upon a time a man took a chance and kicked up a purse that was being kicked along the walk by people who would not bite on an April fool joke. It was full of money.

The new King of Greece will visit Saloniki, the purpose of the visit not being announced. It is certain, at least, that he isn't going for his health. Syrians seem to be displacing local bidders on sewer contracts—just a premonition of what may happen when the Canal is open.

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PRESIDENT CHAIRS PROGRESSIVES.

Mr. Ware Thinks Wilson May Possibly Lead New Party Against Standpatters. MEDFORD, Or., March 30.—(To the Editor.)—I cannot recall ever reading in any newspaper eight editorials written for one issue that were as apropos and able as the eight editorials in The Oregonian Saturday, March 23. Every article should have been read by every man who takes interest in his country's welfare and desires to read things that set him to thinking along lines of thought that may help him better to decide what his course of action shall be when the proper time comes for him to decide the things that go to make mankind better or worse.

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Kind, generous and noble young man, how your presence has been the cause of many a happy and lofty ideal. May your sleep be peaceful and serene. In the vigor of youth, with fond hope and bright prospects, you passed beyond the realm of the living. We miss you very much at the time it occurred, so the years have fled away my boyish feeling and good will for you have increased. The memory of your presence is a blessing and the old days are with me still. The chimes of memory keep in mind the days of long ago.

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Woman Writer Blames Immorality of Men for Downfall of Girls. PORTLAND, Mar. 30.—(To the Editor.)—I have read "Why Do Girls Go Wrong?" and I am sure that it is a most timely and valuable contribution to the problem of the girl. It is not the fault of the girl, but the fault of the man. The man is the one who leads the girl astray, and it is his duty to be a better man, and to lead the girl to a better life. The girl is the one who is the victim, and it is her duty to be a better girl, and to lead the man to a better life. The man and the girl are both responsible for the downfall of the girl, and it is their duty to be better men and girls, and to lead each other to a better life.

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To find the contents of a timber 40 feet high, 12 by 12 inches at the bottom and six by six inches at the top, square both ends separately, then multiply the top and bottom sides, add the sum by the height, and in all cases divide by 36. Operation: 12 times 12 equals 144. 6 times 6 equals 36. 144 plus 36 equals 180. 180 times 40 equals 7200. 7200 divided by 36 gives 200. The number of board feet is 200.

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TRIBUTE TO FRIEND OF BOYHOOD.

Grave of Samuel McRoberts Leads Mr. D'Arcy Into Reminiscence. SALEM, March 30.—(To the Editor.)—A few days ago while walking through the Oddfellows' Cemetery south of Salem, I noticed for the first time the following inscription: "Samuel McRoberts—Born in Danville, Ill., December 11, 1854. Died in Salem, Or., March 23, 1913." When I read this my mind reverted to incidents which occurred many years ago when, as a small lad, I attended the old Institute located where the gymnasium of the Willamette University now stands. I read and reread the inscription with much interest. I did not remember his resting place until I saw this monument. How glad I was to find the grave of my friend Samuel McRoberts.

"Sam" McRoberts, as he was familiarly called by the students, was a fellow student of mine at the Oddfellows' Institute. I remember him as a young man of high character and noble soul, and his memory will be a source of inspiration to all who know him. He was a man of high character and noble soul, and his memory will be a source of inspiration to all who know him. He was a man of high character and noble soul, and his memory will be a source of inspiration to all who know him.

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