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A CHARMING PARCE.

Charity means one to hope that Thomas Mott Osborne may derive all the pleasure and profit he expects from his sojourn in Auburn Prison, but he ought to be warned that his experiment is by no means novel.

HE EXCUSE FOR REGULARITY.

Senator Chamberlain is most ingenious in his reasons for voting as he should, but he is hardly ingenious. He says that there is scarcely ever more than two cents difference between the English and American markets, while the duty is equivalent to from 5 to 7 cents a pound.

A MEMORY OF COXEY'S ARMY.

Carl Browne, grand marshal of Coxeys' army of 1894, threatens to go to Washington and finish the speech from the Capitol steps which was interrupted by the arrest of himself and "General" Coxeys for inadvertently stepping on the grass.

NO REACTION HEREABOUTS.

It is thought by the Boston Transcript that the proposal to establish a commission form of state government in Oregon indicates "a sharp reaction from the policies that have been on trial."

For his own sake that he will be a little cautious. Tammany has a way of making things pretty warm for public officials who incur its displeasure and who do not like to see the career of an enthusiastic and promising prison expert nipped in the bud.

DON'T CHANGE ENGINEERS.

The announcement that Major McIndoe, of the Corps of Engineers, is to be transferred from the Lower Columbia River district to the Philippines will be received with regret by several persons interested in development of the Northwest's great waterway.

A new man, no matter how able and earnest, could not begin merely where Major McIndoe left off. He would need to study the work from the beginning and thus to do what has already been done.

TRUE CHARITY.

Victor Hugo's priest who ran after Jean Valjean with the other candlestick will not shine quite so radiantly hereafter. His luminosity pales in comparison with the glorious rays emitted by a certain department store in Cleveland, Ohio.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN THE RURAL DISTRICTS.

Agricultural education in the rural districts is threatened with a danger which hangs over all education. It tends to fall of its own weight.

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A fracas with some Deputy Marshals at Seattle caused Judge Hanford to summon troops from Vancouver and hastened the departure of the Seattle, Portland and Tacoma armies. They had no fancy for marching and tried to capture freight trains at Yakima.

The same fantastic notions which were entertained by Coxeys and Browne simmer today in many more or less added or inflated brains. What was good at the bottom has been taken up in practical fashion.

A professor named Dickson is credited by the New York Mail with the discovery that the earth's supply of wheat will soon be exhausted. He suggests that we then eat corn, which can be produced to infinity.

Attentive study of the Fall styles in the store windows discloses nothing immodest in them. The gowns are trim and comfortable. The silk skirt appeals to an unprejudiced eye as a triumph of common sense.

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Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of October 1, 1888. London, Sept. 30.—This morning the whole city was again startled by the news that two murders had been added to the list of mysterious crimes which have recently been committed in Whitechapel.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of October 1, 1863. Washington, Sept. 22.—Meade's army is undoubtedly moving upon Gordonsville and is within a few miles of it. It is believed that a battle will be fought between him and Lee before Sunday.

MOVIES SHOW EXTREME CRUELTY.

Carnegie Point Stunts Are Held As a Warning. PORTLAND, Sept. 29.—(To the Editor.)—The exhibition of motion pictures of boxing matches, or their interstate transportation, is generally prohibited on the grounds that such exhibitions are demoralizing and that it is inadvisable to display to the public the brutality of the fighting game.

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