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WESTERN BUSINESS OFFICES. Chicago—Charles MacDonell, 23 Washington St. and Auditorium Annex...

MR. LINCOLN AND OREGON. A new history of the life of Abraham Lincoln, in two volumes, by Joseph H. Barrett, of Ohio, published by the Robert Clarke Company, Cincinnati, has appeared...

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER—Maximum temperature, 43 deg.; minimum, 38. Precipitation, 0.25 inch. TODAY'S WEATHER—Occasional rain; brisk westerly winds.

PORTLAND, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 1904.

THE NEW VIEW OF THE BIBLE.

Recourse to the Old Testament as an authoritative guide for secular observance, especially on the Sunday question, is only one expression, though a typical one, of a view of the Bible which no longer finds acceptance or promulgation among intelligent men...

JAPAN AND THE POWERS.

There is much justification of Japan's belligerent attitude as announced by Baron Hayashi at London. The demand is, he says, for a signed treaty from Russia in recognition of Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria...

pure and simple that places the two side by side on the shelf. And while, as it is, it seems, very plain to the common mind...

A FAMILIAR NOTE IN AN OLD SONG.

The director of the State Employment Bureau of Kansas sounds a familiar note of an old song when he reports his findings in regard to farm help and domestic service in that state...

SEATTLE GOES US ONE BETTER.

Mrs. Ellen Allen, charged with the murder of Mrs. Laura Graham at South Seattle, last Fall, has been acquitted by a Seattle jury on the ground that Mrs. Allen was justified in believing that Mrs. Graham had alienated the affections of her husband and was "the despoiler of her home"...

WHAT IS A BLESSED MARTYR?

A week ago yesterday wreaths and other floral tributes bedecked the statue of Charles I in London, in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of his execution. This is understandable in England, where the prayer book of the Established Church still includes reference to "our blessed martyr, King Charles I."

THE IRISH TALENT FOR POLITICS.

Charles F. Murphy, the leader of Tammany Hall, who rules the New York Democrats and who is likely to be chosen as the official Presidential candidate by the National convention...

home will be maintained in its purity and usefulness, and that many more useful and effective ways are being evolved from the conditions which we are perhaps too prone to regard with apprehension...

The average Irishman is of warm blood and sturdy physique, and such men always enjoy outdoor life. They have humor, facility of speech, are shrewd judges of rough human nature. They are unrelenting partisans, have a great deal of executive ability, and a strong sense of duty...

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Russia and Japan have "broken off diplomatic relations." In other words they have quit jawing and are coming down to business.

Now they complain that the stock of a big Hawaiian sugar company is watered. The American taste evidently does not approve of raw sucrose.

Kansas City has spiral fire slides for its schools. How the kids, weary of sliding down banisters, will long for a good bias during school hours!

Possibly the officer who was peppered by the Kaiser's son while shooting rabbits is consoled by the knowledge that he was persecuted by imperial shot.

A boy cost the casino at Monte Carlo £25,000 the other day. The fly alighted on the number 13, and the crowd hastened to take the lunch, which turned out to be a good one.

Such discussion is raising around the shoe of Salem's fair ones, and Colonel Hooper seems to have put his foot in it. What annoys the owners of the tooties is that a Salem man should assail 'em.

Now that Bryan is for Hearst and schools, how Bryan, what appears of mutual adoration may be expected when the Daily Commoner and the Daily Examiner shall explode hourly in St. Louis.

A teacher named Paynter is in great disfavor at Dayton for bringing a girl named Daisy Wick to book. Perhaps it would be more correct to say that he brought a book to Wick, as he hit the girl on the head with one.

The idea that a barrel of sauer kraut is a high explosive is terrifying. Fortunately the rules of the Geneva convention prohibit its use in warfare, so there will be less of a ruction in the Orient than there might have been.

It appears that the sea is undermining the terrace whereon the ghost of Papa Hamlet is accustomed to disport its unearthly form. While this will not affect many persons directly, great numbers will be sorry, on principle, to hear of anything that tends to keep the ghost from walking as frequently as possible.

Doyle had a drawing in Punch that shows a political meeting when Cobden fought protection, and reference to it clearly shows that the conservative Englishman uses exactly the same arguments against free trade today as his father did against protection half a century ago.

Representative Smith, of Kentucky, says that his state makes whiskey for Maine and Kansas. The only reason for this, however, is that modern methods have increased the production of whiskey, while it is so low in the old-fashioned Kentucky colonies...

Wrestling is now the craze in England. It is the only thing that has ousted the fiscal question from public attention, and nothing is heard but discussions of the Graeco-Roman and the catch-as-catch-can styles. The Cumberland style, which has hitherto appealed to those who consider the struggling on the ground makes wrestling resemble a dog fight, does not seem to gain much favor outside its peculiar native haunts...

Great has been the discussion of feeding in bed, and of equalizing the diet of the pulpit, the editor of the Critic, in commenting upon the matter, says that in France it is customary to read in the bath. She says that the French do not use baths so often as Americans, and therefore when they do have a hot tub they stay in the water much longer. Miss Gilder adds that she has seen a Parisian bookseller advertise a list of "Books for the Bath," and she speculates upon the class of reading that would be deemed suitable...

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