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At present some of the best educated youth in the country never saw the inside of a schoolroom. DEALING WITH RAILROADS. There's a reason for the noise about "grabbing" of streets in Portland, and the reason is to be found in the fact that the railroads are not content with their franchise and other individuals find it no longer easy to obtain franchises or permits or relinquishment of streets for the cheap asking.

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BIRTHDAYS OF FLEETING TIME.

On April 3, 1895, the first white man saw the site of future Portland. That was just 14 years ago. It was Captain William Clark, who, while Captain Meriwether Lewis waited near

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There are a number of pioneers belonging to this early period, who have not yet passed, yet will go soon, and also have birthdays. These men and women are sometimes honored as Ben Simpson and F. K. Mackintosh were recently, and as their life runs out probably more of them will be remembered.

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AN OVER-EXAMINED GIRL.

A Pittsburg girl, Mildred Stewart, who committed suicide for fear she would fail in her examinations, carried to its logical conclusion a tendency which is manifest in almost every high school in the country. Examination day is a time of terror. Its shadow is projected forward over the entire school.

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CONCERNING WEZLER.

Whether Wezler is a murderer or not, he is the kind of a man who easily falls into crime of almost any sort. His matrimonial relations have been of that vague, irregular variety which means little more than the pairing of the birds in Spring.

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JUDGE WILLIAMS AND THE "LANDAULET."

Several Eastern newspapers have been speaking of the landaulet incident in the life of Attorney-General Williams. Heads of departments, only then had carriages, provided by the United States. The Attorney-General had his carriage, long before Judge Williams came to the office, and has had his carriage ever since.

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THE INDIAN CAPITAL.

Indiana exhibits in its progress to the great and thoroughgoing the meaning and spirit of the insurgent movement. Its state convention is the first of its kind since the inauguration came in. Party loyalty on both sides is nowhere more intense than in Indiana, for a generation one of the criss-crossing states, where the campaign has been fierce.

MAN'S OUT-AND-OUT ENEMY.

So, after all, it isn't the decadent gastric juice, it isn't the "gobble and gut" counter, it isn't worn-out stomachs, it isn't the midnight lunch, it's the enemy of his youth and his old age, the appendix. One may guess that this is the appendix, but it is the appendix for appendixes. The knights of the scalpel will hunt them early and late, for when a man grows too old to contend with the appendix, he will always develop a case of "appendicitis gastrica."

HOW DID BRYAN DO IT?

Mr. Bryan must have visited Rome when he encircled the earth in 1906. How in blazes did he manage the Vatican and the Methodist? Perhaps Mr. Bryan would in the majority of cases forget

GOODBYE TO LITERATURE.

The pen is mightier than the sword, it is said. Can Teddy R. wield the big pen after the fashion he once wielded the big stick?

HEROIC TREATMENT.

Little Willie wore his stockings inside out during the shooting. To correct his naughty whim, Mother turned the hose on him. —Woman's Home Companion.

THOUGHTS ON SPRING.

The east wind hints of middle May. The landscape lines are black and harsh. The clouds are sullen, low and gray. The wild geese honk across the marsh. At least, that's what wild geese should do. I never heard a throistle trill. I never saw a blackbird swing.

FREEDOM OF ACTION.

"I'm strong for Teddy," said pa last night. "His views on things are exactly right. But of all that he's ever done or said, at least that I've heard of or read, The thing that gives me most satisfaction is his latest talk on freedom of action."