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THE GIRL TRAFFIC.

The ministerial association of the city of Portland has undertaken to put a stop to the "girl traffic," and during the week will formulate plans for carrying out the object which is sought to be attained.

"The girl traffic" is said by the ministers to mean the business of procuring young women for immoral purposes. The ministers have eventually learned that alleged men are regularly engaged in this business, and that there are also procuresses.

Pretty nearly everyone will wish the ministers good luck in their latest crusade, for there is no sadder side of life than that reflected in the wayward careers of the girls who cast themselves loose from home ties and take a chance with an earthly hell.

The ministers will waste their efforts if they undertake to "rough it up" with the procurers. Their mission is at the homes of mothers of girls. Those who have given the question any study know that most female wickedness is the direct result of unpleasant or unbearable home relations.

The ministers, if they would conduct a successful campaign, should spend most of their time at the homes of parents of growing girls. If girls are properly reared, there will be no business for procurers.

A MARKSMEN'S RESERVE.

The war department's enlightened efforts to repair the long standing blunders of our military policy are not to end with the reforms achieved during the memorable administration of Secretary Root, says the New York Tribune.

Bills have been introduced in the senate by Mr. Proctor, of Vermont, and in the house of representatives by Mr. Dick, of Ohio, giving official sanction to the organization of these clubs.

magazine rifles not needed for the equipment of the army and the organized militia. Those rifles are to be issued to state and territorial associations formed for rifle practice under the regulations approved by the war department.

The importance of marksmanship in the military operations of the future can not be over estimated. The modern infantryman, to reach his highest efficiency, must be virtually a sharp-shooter.

OPERATIONS ON LAND.

It is said that 100,000 Russian soldiers have been sent to the far east since the war began. That is quite credible. But we are not informed how many have arrived there.

Tolstoi has written a book that is not to be published while he lives. However, the Russian government may get even by sending the publishers to Siberia.

It looks as if Senator Gorman would demand a civil service examination for the Chinamen and Jamaican negroes who are to dig the canal.

For a check of \$300,000 the state university of Nebraska is willing to become one of the John D. Oily-feller institutions.

Bryan will doubtless give his O. K. to the democratic candidate for an I. O. U. on a cabinet position.

To Missouri belongs the honor of raising a horse strong enough to carry our new secretary of war.

It is a matter of geography in the United States whether a bigamist is a polygamist or a criminal.

In most of the southern states it seems far easier to break into the jails than to break out of them.

In the state museum at Raleigh, N. C., is a flag that was carried in the first battle of the civil war.

Judge Parker would be foolish to leave the bench to mount the Kansas City platform.

Russia hopes to make it impossible for the Japs to stand pat in Korea.

Boxers About Equal. San Francisco, April 6.—Billy Woods of Los Angeles and Mike Schreck of Chicago fought 25 rounds to draw at Colma last night.

Baseball Scores. San Francisco—Oakland, 2: Portland, 1. Fresno—Tacoma, 5: San Francisco, 1. Los Angeles—Los Angeles, 0: Seattle, 6.

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