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A NEW ERA FOR PORTLAND.

THE OUTLOOK FOR Portland, mentally, morally and physically, was never so good as it is today. A movement which reaches all quarters of the city...

lofty conception of his public duties. That is a character which a man must either lose or live up to. It will not do to exercise these qualities in private life...

A PREMATURE SUGGESTION.

IMMEDIATELY after learning of his election on November 8 last President Roosevelt issued a statement in which he said: "On the fourth of next March I shall have served three and one half years, and this three and one half years constitutes my first term."

But since the railroad and Standard Oil and beef trust cases have come to the front and become paramount, and since the senate shows a disposition to delay and hinder any reforms, it is already urged by some newspapers that the four-year term upon which the president will soon enter will be too short for him to finish up the work which he is apparently undertaking...

BALTIMORE'S MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.

BALTIMORE, that a little over a year ago suffered one of the greatest and most destructive fires ever known in this country, has already advanced far in the work of reconstruction and rehabilitation, and in doing so is building up, in several respects, better than before, for although one of the oldest of American cities, residents of the Mount City who are at once conservative and progressive, perceive that they not only should but can have a far better city than they have had hitherto.

GENERAL BEEBE AND COUNCILMAN FLEGL.

THE INTIMATION of Councilman Flegel to Police Commissioner Beebe that it was a waste of time to report police derelictions to the police board, for no attention would be paid to them...

WHERE IS THE WEST?

From the World Today. It would be easier to tell where the west is than it is to tell where the east is. That is why today the Atlantic, Boston is east to Cleveland; Chicago is east to Colorado, and everything this side of the Cascade mountains is east to the Pacific coast...

When I meet some grander of woman on my dressmaker's staircase I know that whole yards of her dress are down on my bill. Her gloves and her boots cost her no more than mine cost me. It is a great injustice. In the day of fixed prices it is well to be big. The necessities of life are pooled and the value averaged per head of the population.

Small Change

Strossel is in no hurry on his homeward journey. Winter nearly gone and no trip to Los Angeles yet. The next legislature also will have a few vetoes to consider.

Some people's idea of charity to the poor is to give them nothing but advice. Shouldn't the federal court charge for admission to the trials next summer? Unless vodka is banished the Zemsky Sobor may turn out to be a Zemsky drunk.

England is burdened with its houses of lords, but the United States has its senate. But how can the president give the people a square deal from a senatorial pack of cards? Some girls seem to think it is leap year yet. But February 29 will be March 1 this year.

Delaware may not be disgraced to convince the country that there was something well, contrary to the people's interests—in that Cleveland bond sale. Lawson need produce no affidavits to convince the country that there was something well, contrary to the people's interests—in that Cleveland bond sale.

Another eastern business has closed with her father's coachman. But her father can console himself by thinking that it might have been worse—she might have sold herself to a foreign court of jugs.

It is reported from Washington that Max Pracht got his last appointment in consequence of a piece of base treachery to his political patron, the treasury. It is the government's intention to place a piece of mighty mean business. But nothing else could be expected of Pracht, hungering for an office.

Striking Facts About Oregon

At the request of the Commercial club a number of talks were made to the school children at the various schools by business and professional men of the city. Among those delivered before the High school pupils by B. A. Worthington, general manager of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company...

Statistics show that in 1904 the school system of Oregon had 48,735 school children, of which 96,000 were going to school in 2,190 school houses, or a school house for every 48 children, and 4,946 teachers, or about one for every 22 children going to school.

Potatoes—The Willamette valley raised 2,600 cars last year, which represents about 25,000,000 sacks. The amount of potatoes would make a continuous train about 15 miles long, or, say, of a length sufficient to reach from Portland to Oregon City.

Apples—The Oregon apple is well known all over the world, and a great many go to London. The principal growing country is the Hood River valley and the Rogue River valley. Last season 150 cars, or 75,000 boxes of 50 pounds each, were shipped out of the Rogue River country, making a total of 2,250,000 pounds.

Hood River shipped 165 cars of apples, equal to \$2,500 boxes, and weighing 4,125,000 pounds. Taking both Hood River together, there was shipped a total of 465 cars of apples from Oregon.

Livestock—The livestock industry of Oregon is one of the most important today. The value per annum running stock is \$18,000,000. A comparison of the growth of this industry between the years 1889 and 1904 is quite interesting.

Typical Child of France

Louis Boeckx in London Mail. "Well, I exclaimed an American lady to me a few weeks ago, 'you English people say and write real horrid things about the objectionable manners of American children. I admit that there are some horrid ones, but the majority of them are very good, and I don't see what you French child...'"

Let me take Felice Boulanger (which isn't her name) as a typical French child of my experience, gained after a nearly three years' residence in France.

An English mother observing her would say that a woman's powers were being prostrated. Felice is one of a very common type of French girl children. Her parents are well-to-do farmers, and she and her brothers and sisters receive a good education (educational, not religious) in France.

An English girl of 11 years of age, like Felice, would be seen to bed at half past ten. Felice and her type, and her younger sisters, sit down to dinner at 6:30 p. m., and stay up until 11, or later, listening to the conversation of their elders.

They are "expanding their intellect" listening to and commenting upon subjects that would never be alluded to in an English family. Felice is one of those children who are brought up to be servants. Felice returns home from school at 4:30, and usually has two or three hours' preparation to do four nights out of six. During these lessons she and her brothers each drink three bottles of portage or coffee and eat half a pound of new bread thickly plastered with confiture of some kind, finishing up with half a pint of cider. This is to give them strength and energy.

THESE ARE QUOTE TO DO. From the Chicago News. "Why don't you answer your friend's letter at once? It will have double value if written promptly and you will take no more time now than by and by."

A History of the Romans

(By Rev. Thomas B. Gregory.) The object of the article is to acquaint the younger readers of this newspaper with one of the most remarkable books in the world—Montesquieu's "Considerations on the Causes of the Grandeur and Decline of the Romans," written away back in the year 1754.

It will be observed the subject of the book is an immense one, the cause which led to the fall of the most stupendous political structure that the world has ever seen.

The story of Rome—besides being instructive, is also a story of the rise and fall of the Roman Republic and the rise of the Empire. The story of the rise of the Roman Republic is the story of the rise of the Roman Empire.

But when they became powerful and their power was broken down and destroyed the ancient republic. Up to the first Punic war Montesquieu's story deals almost exclusively with the Roman grandeur and with the Roman virtues upon which that grandeur rested while after that date the story begins to tell of the decadence, and of the vices to which the decadence was attributable.

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Lewis and Clark Feb. 22—The day is warm and pleasant. Having worked industriously yesterday all this morning we were enabled to disengage one of the prisoners and haul it on shore, and also nearly cut out the second. The father of the boy whose foot had been so badly frozen and whom we now cured, came to-day and said that he had never seen any other like him.