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Instead of saying that man is the creature of circumstances, it would be nearer the mark to say that man is the architect of circumstances.—Carlyle.

ELECTION OF SENATORS.

THE CONFERENCE at Des Moines this week having for its object the adoption of a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people...

Meanwhile an increasing number of states are practically doing what it is desired the constitution shall permit them to do, and choosing senators at popular elections...

WHAT IT MEANS.

EVENTS of great value to Oregon are to result from the car shortage convention at Eugene. Seventy-three million feet of lumber and logs lying unremoved in the yards and ponds of a single company...

It must be admitted that when the farmers, millmen and shippers of Oregon see their products rotting on side tracks they are getting some valuable data on the subject of government ownership of railroads.

In the latest effort to pacify a body of Filipinos 10 American soldiers were killed or wounded. The natives who escaped immediate pacification will be starved into an acceptance of the blessings of peace.

For every dollar spent on the army and navy, at least one dollar should be spent in developing our waterways and harbors.

structive results is the consequence and for it the railroads are held doubly amenable. These men know that a car shortage bill was defeated by railroad lobbyists in the legislature of 1903...

All this, with a determined purpose to be fair, to be just, to be reasonable with the railroads is the outcome of the Eugene convention, and it is well.

TAWNEY'S EXCUSE.

REPRESENTATIVE Tawney of Minnesota, a Republican leader in congress, has during several campaigns for reelection declared for tariff revision...

This is a rather strange statement and excuse, even if the president be a very masterful sort of man in his office.

Alexander J. Cassatt's Birthday. Alexander Johnston Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, was born in Pittsburgh, December 8, 1852.

But what California really thinks of President Roosevelt continues to be quite unfit for publication. Mr. Harriman continues to be the great combination in restraint of trade in Oregon.

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It is reported that the Wells-Fargo company is to raise wages. This is very well, but a reduction of its charges is also considered in order by its frequent patrons.

A large moving picture of the American workingman going to Japan to compete with native labor at Japanese wages should accompany that proposed treaty between Mr. Roosevelt and the mikado.

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A Little Out of the Common

THINGS PRINTED TO READ WHILE YOU WAIT.

Pointed Paragraphs.

From the Chicago News. A crafty man isn't necessarily a sallow. Hostility is a virtue that hobbles about on crutches. Life is not worth living unless you live for the good you can do.

December 8 in History. 1792—Henry Laurens, South Carolina statesman, died. Born 1724. 1823—Bjornstjerne Bjornson, Norwegian poet and dramatist, born.

No Thieves in Finland.

Finland is a realm whose inhabitants are remarkable for their inviolate integrity. There are no banks and no safe deposits, for no such security is essential where the medium of exchange is a piece of paper.

Love and the Rose.

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Right and Left Hand.

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Old King Coal. Was a merry old soul, And a merry old soul was he; And why he was merry Is a simple thing, very true.

How Long Ostrichs Live. From the National Geographic Magazine. Nothing is positively known as to how long an ostrich will live. Some writers claim that it will live 100 years.

Letters From the People

Immortality and Humanity.

Portland, Dec. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal:—Absolute knowledge of the state of the soul after death cannot be gained, and the two facts P. J. Green states in the leading Journal prove nothing. It is true that this subjective mind, or soul, seems to wax stronger as the ordinary or objective senses are dulled, and in deep hypnosis, when the body practically dead to all pain and sensation, if judicious suggestion be used it can be made to see clairvoyantly and do other things, the mention of which would be uncalled for in this article.

Dogs to Suit. For a teacher—Pointer. For a jeweler—Weaver. For a detective—Hound. For a Wall street lamb—Shepherd.

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BIRDSEYE VIEWS OF TIMELY TOPICS

SMALL CHANGE.

Do your ears burn, Mr. Harriman? It seems the loss did not fall on Mr. Losa. The Christmas giving problem is again on hand. The railroads are hearing other rumbling than their own.

Oregon was distinctively at the bat at the Rivers and Harbors congress Thursday. The mashers should be sent after the slot machines and both kept out of sight.

It is feared that "Uncle Chances" has not so great a stock of state jokes as formerly. Teddy succeeded in issuing a message that was partly read, at least, by a good many people.

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If most people would note and remember a kindness or favor as well as they do an injury or affront this would be a far better world. Judging from the frequency with which light and heat are felt in Portland, perhaps that plant isn't so valuable as it has been credited up to be.

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Newspaper Called to Account

From the Public. Lee Meriwether of St. Louis has done excellent public service not only as an agitator against the willful misperformance of the interests in St. Louis politics, but also in holding their malignant newspapers to account. In 1901 and 1902 he ably led the municipal ownership and equal taxation movement in St. Louis. This brought him plump against the financial and political corruptionists of that city. Although elected mayor by a narrow margin, he was brazenly counted out. And because he did not surrender to the interests, their organ, the St. Louis Republic, began a campaign of virulent abuse. It called him "crank," "socialist," "anarchist," etc., and when it found that these epithets didn't hurt, it accused him of trafficking in nominations and playing his followers false. Then Mr. Meriwether sued the St. Louis Republic for libel. In two cases he has been forced to two trials each and he has obtained four verdicts. One of these verdicts, for \$10,000, is now pending in the supreme court of the state; another, for \$4,500, and costs the libelous St. Louis Republic has paid with its check for \$1,914.75, dated the 19th of October last.

Mr. Meriwether is to be congratulated on his pluck and on his success. And it is more commendable for his giving publicity to the matter which the St. Louis Republic withholds. In advising the public of his legal battle and triumph Mr. Meriwether pertinently writes: "Of the 100,000 persons who read the libels none will ever know from anything in the columns of the St. Louis Republic that it was contended and four times in open court of publishing false slanders. The Republic seeks to keep the public ignorant of the outcome of these suits; not even in its news reports did it contain the slightest announcement of the court's ruling. The press must not be misused; it must have the fullest freedom of criticism, even of condemnation. But no newspaper has a right because it dislikes a man's political or economical opinions, to vilify that man and falsely accuse him of doing dishonorable things. I know it is bad taste to obtrude one's private affairs upon the public, but to a sense these libel suits are not private. They affect the public, and the public knows that no matter how rich, how powerful a newspaper is, it may still be punished if it steals away a man's good name. And so believing it seems not unbecomingly to make known by this letter the result of my legal battle for justice and vindication."

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Natural history presents vegetables and animals as preserving their original species—like producing like. A mineral is not produced by a vegetable, nor the man by the brute. In reproduction, throughout the entire round of nature, the order of genus and species is preserved. This points to the spiritual truth and science of being. Error lies upon a reversal of this order, asserts that spirit produces matter, and consequently all the ills of flesh, and therefore that good is the author of evil. These suppositions contradict even the order of nature science.

Beth Low paid \$27,000 back taxes that he discovered he owed, though he might have evaded payment. Low stands no chance of being elected to any high office.

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