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Thought once awakened does not again slumber; unfolds itself into a system of thought; grows, in man after man, generation after generation.—Carlyle.

JUMPING UP AND DOWN ON THE PEOPLE.

FIRST Hill has the St. Paul railroad captured, then Harriman; next Hill, Morgan et al. have it; shortly afterward Harriman and the Rockefeller gang of land pirates get possession...

It is stated that Hill supposed he had the St. Paul sure a few days ago, having bought up a majority of all its stock, but it seems he was green; by the simple trick of issuing \$100,000,000 new stock...

How much longer can Mr. Harriman go on making something out of nothing, buying railroads on Wall street wim? He has an unlimited amount of money, the Rockefellers, at command...

The people are getting about as tired of these railroad gamblers' vendettas as of railroad combinations and mergers. The public interest is not considered in the least.

It is no wonder the people are planning to do something and studying what to do. They can't submit to present conditions much longer.

PENSIONS DECREASING.

AT LAST the pension budget has begun to decrease, and probably will never rise again to the figures of the last few years...

The latest annual report shows that since the end of the war 41 years ago the United States has paid about \$2,500,000,000 in pensions...

Unless there be new and more liberal legislation the decrease will go on gradually now. The average age of the civil war veterans is approaching 70 years...

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A SURPRISING VERDICT.

THAT the acquittal of the young Spokane paricide, Sidney Sloane, is a gross miscarriage of justice...

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

IT IS A DAY of feasting, and of worship, and of many forms of amusement, but what we think of just now is that it is particularly a day of music...

The organ's deep tones thrill awesomely though not fearfully; that marvelous repertory of every phase of sound melody, the violin, can evoke smiles or tears...

The Christmas edition of the North Pacific Rural Spirit, the leading stock paper of the Pacific northwest, is a magnificent number of 74 pages...

Secret of Picking a Safe Lock.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. "Miller James was the most artistic safe breaker in the business...

Proper Time for Inspection.

From the Philadelphia Record. One of the officials of a town not many miles from Philadelphia has been the butt of much good-natured raillery...

A Little Out of the Common

THINGS PRINTED TO READ WHILE YOU WAIT.

Too Small to Be Seen.

Not long after his introduction into national life as a member of the house, "Tim" Sullivan of Tammany hall conceived a violent dislike for the man then at the head of one of the executive departments...

An Ancient Custom.

No doubt from the ancient custom of burning the effigy across the idea of placing the wax figures of eminent men in Westminster Abbey...

A Costly Pun.

The costliest pun that was ever perpetrated was probably that of Sir William Collingbourne, for which he paid with his head in 1484.

The Shortest Sermon.

One of the shortest sermons on record is the one which Dean Swift preached before a charitable society...

Elbridge T. Gerry's Birthday.

Elbridge T. Gerry of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, was born in New York December 17, 1794...

From Mining and Scientific Press.

The craze for mining stocks has become a speculative delusion; some one will soon wake up with a headache, possibly a headache, too...

Be merry, but be good.

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Bet He Would Be Arrested.

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Mr. Bourne's Collar.

From the St. Paul Pioneer Press. Jonathan Bourne, of Oregon is the first United States senator to be chosen by a direct vote of the people...

A School Boy's Wish

By H. T. Ide.

One of the greater magazines calls upon the people of the United States to join in an effort to reform the Christmas season for 1907.

December 25 in History.

174—David Garrick scored triumph at Goodman's Field theatre in the "Fop's Fortune." 1776—Battle of Trenton, New Jersey.

True Charity.

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox. I gave a beggar from my little store Of well-earned gold. He spent the shining coin...

Napoleon's Name.

The name Napoleon written in Greek characters will form seven different words by dropping the "final letter of each in succession."

Long Lived Statesmen.

Many British statesmen have lived to great age. Gladstone and Lord Palmerston were the only English premiers who became octogenarians while in office...

Old Families.

The oldest family in the British Isles is the Mar family, in Scotland, which traces its pedigree back to 1100.

Gambling in Mining Shares

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BIRDSEYE VIEWS OF TIMELY TOPICS

SMALL CHANGE.

Nobody cares for expenses but father. The congressional cock is chock-full of messages...

OREGON SIDELIGHTS.

A large band of swans were seen near Elmira. One Minnesota man bought 130,000 lambs around Hepper...

Letters From the People

The Grange and No Work. McMinnville, Or., Dec. 24.—To the Editor of The Journal—An editorial in your paper of the 22nd date is headed "Let's Hear From the Grange..."

Something of the Early Christians

By Pliny the Younger. Letter written to the Emperor Trajan while his author was governor of Bithynia. It is the first connected account of Christianity that has come to us from a pagan source...

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