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These duties are prohibitive of imports, and give the shoddy manufacturers the utmost opportunity to make millions by cheating the American people through practice of a palpable fraud.

EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN ATTRACTIONS FOR TOURISTS

SECRETARY BALLINGER expresses surprise, as many others have done, that the natural wonders and scenic beauties of the United States are not frequented more and appreciated better by Americans who travel long distances yearly for recreation.

OUR YEAR'S END

PUBLICITY is one of the most potential factors in civilization. The invention of movable types and the printing press lifted men out of superstition and started the world toward human liberty.

Of course, not all who go to Europe do so because it is the popular fad. Not all who tour the historic spots of what was once the only known world do so with eyes closed to the traditions, tragedies and triumphs that such spots as Rome and her ancient monuments recall.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF PORTLAND

FIRST IMPRESSIONS from reading the annual report of the president of the Library Association of Portland, and the Librarian, induces amazement at the ground covered by the work of the library.

WORTH WHILE

THE STATE board of health will ask the legislature for an increased appropriation. To what extent its allowance of public money should be increased, The Journal is unable to say.

MURDOCK MAKING TROUBLE

REPRESENTATIVE VICTOR MURDOCK of Kansas, insurgent, promises to make more trouble in congress. But it is trouble of the right kind. Some trouble-makers are to be applauded; Murdock is one.

He could make trouble for the tariff makers by attacking any of their schedules, but he proposes, as a starter, to show up shoddy. This will do as well as anything. He has declared war against the great shoddy industry, the fraudulent business of palming off upon buyers of clothing fabrics represented to be made of wool, but which in fact contain little wool or none at all.

722; attendance at library, 767,815; number of members, 30,284. Some people complain that the library fosters the taste for fiction at the expense of what are called standard books.

TOO GREAT A HAZARD

THERE IS AN open issue in Oregon over tuberculosis in dairy cows. A number of people insist on believing that the disease is not transmissible to human beings.

LET US FORGIVE

THE TRUE SPIRIT of Christmas involves more than gift giving, more even than the most liberal charity in its ordinary sense. To measure up to the standard of the one whose birth Christmas was invented to celebrate, one must be charitable beyond his pocket book, must be charitable, tolerant, forgiving in mind and heart.

AN UNUSUAL CORPORATION MAGNATE

M. R. GEORGE W. PERKINS, for years associated with J. P. Morgan in the great financial house of J. P. Morgan & Co., has severed his connection with the firm and may be elected to the trusteeship of the Equitable Life Insurance company made vacant by the death of Grover Cleveland.

MURDOCK AND SHODDY MANUFACTURERS

It is a shameful business. These manufacturers have made their millions by cheating and swindling the American people by practicing upon them under the protection of the law a contemptible fraud. There are in all the land no more immovable standpatters than the man against whom Mr. Murdock's bill is directed.

THE BOY OF THE HOUR

While the football stars, the orators, the essayists and all other heroes of the school world are receiving their chapters for one achievement or another, we rise to call attention to Master Joseph Stone of Jackson county, who may or may not be an athlete or a scholar, but who has done something that makes him truly the boy of the hour.

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the school they will all be able to earn a living as bakers or in some other useful employment. This is the ideal system of reformation for boys; make them work at something useful, at things that will pay their cost, and that will render them capable of earning their living when they are discharged.

THE STORES OPEN AT 8 O'CLOCK

The first business hour is the best one of the day in which to make purchases.

WAR IS VERY PROFITABLE TO CERTAIN CLASSES OF PEOPLE

War is very profitable to certain classes of people, many of whom have strong pulls, but they comprise in the aggregate only a small minority of the people of any country. To the common people as a whole war is an unmitigated calamity.

A NEW VIEWPOINT

A prominent railroad president is about to retire to realize an old ambition to be a farmer. It will be interesting to have his professional opinion on the advisability of raising crops on farm produce to meet the higher railroad cost of living.

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PUT MEATS ON THE FREE LIST

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ough detachment resulting from his retirement, it may be hoped that Mr. Perkins will do some good in his new field, even though he may not reach an ultimate solution of problems as old as the world, and perhaps destined to last as long as the world, or let us say, as human nature in the world.

CHAMP CLARK, PROSPECTIVE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE IN THE NEXT CONGRESS

Champ Clark, prospective speaker of the house in the next congress, has satisfied public curiosity and eased the public mind to the extent of declaring himself in favor of the appointment of the house committee by a committee and not by the speaker, and of revision of the tariff by one schedule at a time instead of general revision. In these expressions Mr. Clark will have the approval of a large majority of Democrats, and of a very large proportion of Republicans also.

AFTER A GREAT WAR, GENERAL GRANT SAID: "LET US HAVE PEACE"

After a great war, General Grant said: "Let us have peace." But now, though no great war has lately desolated a portion of the earth and caused wholesale destruction and slaughter, the voices of the world's best and wisest men join in saying: "Let us have peace." And nearly all the people say, amen.

ONLY TWO WEEKS MORE OF 1910

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DECEMBER 18 IN HISTORY—THE FIRST REAL OPERA

The idea of the opera may in part have arisen from the Greek drama, which possessed to a considerable extent the operatic character; the choral parts were sung, and the dialogue delivered, in a sustained key, probably resembling operatic recitative more than ordinary speech.

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News Forecast of Coming Week

Washington, Dec. 17.—The same week which sees the Christmas season approach has also contained the shortest days of the year, so it is not to be wondered at if the people generally find a little time to devote to public affairs, politics, freight rates disputes, the high cost of living and the many other things that occupy attention during the other 51 weeks of the year.

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