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be doing the work of Christ... And all this is a fair sample of the thoughts...

USELESS WASTE

WHAT is the use of continuing the wasteful process by which workmen now obtain compensation for damages in industrial accidents in Oregon?

What is the use of continuing to burden the courts with damage suits? Why have injured workmen continue to pay to lawyers huge percentages of damages awarded?

There is a far better way. A commission of nine labored with the problem in Portland yesterday. It consists of three members from the grange, three from union labor and three from the employers.

The bald facts of the present useless waste should further an agreement. The employers, for instance, are face to face with the fact that they must pay for industrial accidents.

They pay the casualty companies for defending suits. They have to pay them a profit for engaging in the casualty business, and it is known to be a heavy profit.

He ought to get every cent of it. It is profligate waste of human endeavor for him not to get every cent of it. It is cruelly wrong and an inhuman principle.

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

IN a most interesting article in the Atlantic Monthly for June the question is raised and repeated "Should Smith Go to Church?"

A TAXATION ABUSE

IN eighteen months in Portland the public has paid \$1,221,208 for property for public uses.

A CONVERTED PARISH

TRINITY PARISH, New York, was for many years a byword for formalism, for an unearned increment on inherited properties in the great city of unheard value.

There are now 8610 communicants in the parish, the nine churches seat 7000 people, thirty clergy compose the staff and there are 4000 children in the Sunday schools.

taxes were paid last year on property valued at \$14,794,100. For maintenance of ten churches and fourteen schools the parish spent \$26,444.

PERHAPS

WHAT of musical Portland? What of its poor response to the months of effort by those who have produced the Festival chorals?

The account is that less than six hundred were present at the opening evening in the Gipsy Smith tabernacle. It is a six hundred audience the sum total of musical Portland's appreciation of a noble production that has cost months of drill and thousands in money?

Hundreds were turned away from the circus because the seating capacity was overtaxed. Thousands flocked to see grown men and women playing rolls as roosters, hens, dogs, owls, bullfrogs and peacocks at a local theatre, during the week.

Were these more attractive to us than are the triumphant notes of "Cryolonia"?

THE TESTING OF A NATION

THE proud boast of Britain that her flag and nationality protected her citizens wherever they found themselves on this wide world is being, or is shortly to be, put to the severest test.

Miss Kate Malecka is a British subject, born of an English mother by a Polish father who had been naturalized, and she carried a British passport when visiting temporarily friends of her family in Warsaw.

It is well known also that no interference by violence on the part of strikers with the distribution of the food of the great city will be permitted by the government, and any outbreak in that direction will be severely repressed.

The only chance of success for the strikers would be to enlist other labor unions in an extended and sympathetic strike.

Even the provocative agents alleged no definite acts of conspiracy against her, nor proved any association or even acquaintance with members of the Socialist party, except two admitted by her to be old friends of her father, both being men of repute and well known character.

It is hard on Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister, to have to take up the cudgels with his friends, the Russians, for a good understanding with Russia he abandoned Persia to the lions, and deliberately reversed the British policy in the border lands between the two empires.

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No time has been lost and there has not been undue hurry in advancing these structures since the cornerstone was laid.

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After an intelligent examination of our present banking system, which exposed its main defects and inefficiency and to which is attributed the majority of our economic troubles.

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It will no doubt interest your readers to know that such initiative endeavor has already been inaugurated.

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Political Split of 1860

The Republicans are facing such a fight as the Democrats faced in 1860. Their national convention met in Charleston April 23. Immediately a stormy debate occurred over the disputed seats, which is exactly where the fighting will begin in Chicago.

The national convention reconvened in Baltimore on the 8th and received three reports from the committee on credentials, and then Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and California withdrew, with parts of the delegations from Maryland and Kentucky, followed by Cabel Cushing, chairman of the convention.

What was left of the convention then nominated Stephen A. Douglas. The seceders from the Baltimore convention met and nominated John C. Breckinridge. The seceders from Charleston met in Richmond and adjourned from time to time until the Breckinridge nomination had been made.

Fifty-seven ballots were taken without result and on May 3 the convention adjourned to meet in Baltimore June 18. The withdrawing delegates met, but without trying for a name, a ticket adjourned to Richmond June 11.

In Chicago, because there are but two prominent candidates who will be evenly matched, and the faction that would name its constants or contestants will name the ticket. The beaten faction will almost certainly protest that it was not counted out, and will hold a convention and name another ticket, and the result at the polls will be a party name reversed.

News Forecast of the Coming Week

Washington, D. C., June 8.—Committee meetings, political conferences and other activities preliminary to the assembling of the Republican national convention will get into full swing during the next few days.

The week will mark the beginning of the college commencement season. At several of the well known institutions of learning special celebrations are to be held.

The athletes who will represent the United States in the Olympic games at Stockholm will sail from New York on the steamship Finland on Friday.

The annual celebration of Flag Day throughout the United States, the meeting of the National Conference of Charities and Correction in Cleveland, the annual Rose Festival in Portland, Ore., the celebration abroad of the second centenary of the birth of Jean Jacques Rousseau, the convention of the National Electric Association in Seattle, and the progress of the revolutionary movements in Mexico and Cuba are also expected to contribute to the news of the week.

Enough for a Lecture

From the Boston Transcript. Gibbs—My wife explored my pockets last night. Dibbs—How did she come out. Gibbs—As an explorer should. She acquired enough material for a lecture.

The Working Grade

From the Pittsburgh Post. "Fifth grade this year, Tommy?" "Yes, sir." "You're in decimals or fractions now, no doubt." "No, sir. I'm in crochet work and clay modeling now."

Robbys Memory

From the Boston Transcript. Visitor—You remember me, don't you, little man? Bobby—Course I do. You're the same man pa brought home last summer and ma got so mad about it she didn't speak to pa for a whole week.

Government

From Life. A government is an organization that can build warships, but not police ships; that can distribute mail, but not express matter; that can run navy yards, but not stock yards; that can build canals, but not railways.

A Dark Horse

From the Memphis Commercial Appeal. A dark horse is never as dark as he is painted.

Seven Eccentric Women

Lady Hester Stanhope.

Lady Hester Stanhope was one of the most eccentric of English women of the eighteenth century. She seems to have come by her peculiarities honestly, for she was the eldest daughter of Charles, Earl Stanhope, the eccentric English nobleman, who invented the early printing press bearing his name, and who, as a statesman, was noted for the violence and extremeness of his democratic views, leading him upon one occasion, in a fit of republican enthusiasm, to abandon his episcopate and cause the armorial bearings to be erased from his plate and furniture.