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CANADA is having her crisis also in order to keep pace with the mother country. Sir John McDonald, the premier, has concluded to dissolve the present parliament.

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PHILADELPHIA'S NEW BABY. It was born on Sunday night last. A thoroughbred Chinese baby. The first in Philadelphia. An event of so great consequence that it is telegraphed all over the country, and Philadelphia rejoices in this new accession to her population.

THE TAX COMMISSION. The tax commission has commenced its sixty days' session. The commission is composed of experienced and practical men, men who have both private and public interests at stake, and there is no doubt that the commission will draft a bill that, when it becomes a law, will be so perfect as to meet the demands of the future as well as the present.

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MAMMON WORSHIP.

Canon Farrar says that one of the responsibilities of this nation is to "strangle the growth of mammon worship." There is a great deal of this in the United States, no doubt, but it cannot be called distinctively an American vice.

MONEY ALONE IS NOWHERE a passport to the best society in this country. The "mighty dollar" is pursued with absorbing eagerness, but it is not worshipped. It is craved as a friend and servant, but not much regarded for itself.

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THE NEW YEAR.

The old year of 1885 has joined the endless funeral procession of the past, and a new year, 1886, has been born to time and christened for eternity. A million bells throughout Christendom have announced the coming and the going of the time that separated the old from the new year; but time did not pause on its ceaseless round to mark this important period.

BUT WE ARE LIVING IN AND FOR THE present age and generation. We should take care of the present moments, and provide for the future, and leave the boundless past and the endless future to eternity.

THE STATESMAN CAN SINCERELY WISH its many patrons, advertisers and subscribers a happy New Year, for the old year has been a prosperous one for it in a business way.

SALEM WANTS A BRIDGE across the Willamette. We want the said bridge built by the counties of Marion and Polk, and the city of Salem, with perhaps help from private subscribers.

SALEM WANTS A BOOM; not a wild untamed, cyclonic boom, with extravagant figures and estimates on everything; but a steady, growing and substantial boom, that will infuse the breath of progress into our very existence, and gradually push us on to a busy, bustling, manufacturing city, furnishing work to hundreds of contented employes and a living market for all the products of the surrounding country.

SALEM WANTS THE FREEDOM of the city hereafter denied to the vandal bovines that have been a standing menace to householders, and a lasting disgrace to the spirit of progress that should actuate us.

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THE NECROLOGY OF THE YEAR.

During the year 1885 death has been unusually busy in high places. In the country at large the name of General Grant stands at the head of the roll of illustrious dead, and after him come McClellan and Irwin McDowell. The roll of military and naval names also includes Marshal Serrano, Field Marshal Baron von Manteuffel, and Major Aaron Stafford of Waterville, N. Y., the last surviving officer of the war of 1812.

WHAT AN ASTONISHING DEGREE of ingenuity and impudence must be required to play successfully such a dual role as that which was sustained so admirably by an Englishman named Pound, who for fifteen years actually enjoyed a duplicate existence, filling in the most satisfactory manner the places of two separate and distinct individuals.

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OUR SATURDAY NIGHT.

EDITOR STATESMAN:—I stood on the lag end of the year 1885 to formulate my last imposition on the "dear public." Now I stand on the threshold of another year, and A. D. 1886 is upon us with a whole parcel of new resolutions and swears-offs. I didn't stay up to watch the old year out and the new year in this time; but I am assured by friends that the job was done up in good style—that 1885 submitted the floor of time to 1886 with all the grace you could imagine if your imagination was in the very best running order.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO WHOM IT may concern that the undersigned administrators of the estate of Wesley Howell deceased have filed their final account, and that the county judge of Marion county, Oregon, has fixed February 13th, 1886, at the hour of one o'clock p. m. of said day, at the county court house of said county, and also at the time and place for the hearing of any and all objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

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THE LAND.

The San Francisco Chronicle in the O. & C. land grant declared for by Congress, and scores Senator Mitchell for expressing his doubts that the people of Oregon want the same thing as far as the principle of the thing is concerned. The Chronicle is right, in opposing the re-donation of any of the public domain, and putting it out further from the actual settler, but perhaps the Chronicle is not as well acquainted with the desires of Mitchell's constituency in this particular case as Mitchell is himself.

W. W. ARMITAGE architectural draughtsman, No. 402, Montgomery street, San Francisco, California, writes that having a very severe cough, which he found it difficult to remove, he tried Red Star Cough cure, and after a few doses was completely cured.

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