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BOE INGERSOLL AS A PLAGIARIST.

The Rev. Mr. Howe, who recently wrote a book on American humorists, that has been rather severely criticised by the English press, is a very popular London preacher. He has begun to give Sunday evening discourses for the people, and on these occasions he lectures on some subject about which there is not much general knowledge, and he manages to make these lectures so interesting that it is rather difficult to get a place at the church to hear him. One of the first discourses was on Chinese religion. Most people might think that that subject could be got over after the manner of the celebrated treatise on snakes in Ireland, as the Chinaman as seen in the United States shows very few traces of religion of any sort. However, it seems that he has a very good religion at home, which, like himself abroad, will wash. A great part of the lecture of Mr. Howe was taken up by the "Life of Confucius," and although the reverend gentleman did not claim that Bob Ingersoll copied some of his favorite ideas from him, yet to a person who had heard Bob and then listened to the remarks of Confucius, the resemblance was striking. We all know Confucius so well that it is impossible to believe that he is the plagiarist, and on the other hand we all know Ingersoll so well that it is impossible not to believe that he has taken advantage of Confucius being dead for some little time expecting that we would have forgotten how he used to talk. Confucius died 478 years before Christ. His great hold was that he was seeking after truth. This is what Bob pretends to be after, except, of course, in the Star Route prosecutions. Confucius would never hazard any opinions about the next world. To all inquiries on that subject he would simply answer, "I don't know." This is Robert's favorite phrase. The heathen Chinese had three texts, which were conscience, or the perception of good and evil; humanity and moral courage. These are also Ingersoll's themes. When Confucius was urged to pray he refused, saying that his life was a constant prayer. He also said when asked to prepare for another world that the present world required all his attention during this life. Of course the Apostle Robert is not to be blamed for following such a wise man's precepts, but as the papers say about their funny items, he ought to give credit to the humorist he took the paragraphs from.

A NEVER failing interest attaches to quaint old Mexican villages and to the vestiges, still more remote of Aztec civilization. From the neighborhood of Los Vegas, if history is not altogether a fable, sprang the first colony, which afterward grew to the proportions that formed the great Empire of Mexico as it existed when discovered by Cortez. Doubtless New Mexico was once so abundantly populated that emigration to the south was found necessary. Hence originated the myth of the enormous bird which started with the ancestors of the Montezumas on his back, resting every night for him to found a city on his way, until he reached the cactus bed where he was to establish the capital of his future kingdom, a story perpetuated on the coinage of the Mexican dollar of the present day. How much truth there is in the old adage that "History repeats itself!" From New Mexico again the modern Montezuma, symbolizing a great nation, is flying on the wings of a new locomotion, stopping on its way to found new cities or to convert old ones into new, and reaching onward for the capital of the Aztecs, the Spaniards, and the Mexicans, in the assured purpose of making it last American.

The Canadian parliament opened a few days ago, and the prospects seem to point to a dull session. There is so little doing of consequence over there, or about to be done, that it cannot well be otherwise. They are "out of the swim" of events, as it were. Their frontier line gives them the Arctic foxes and snowbanks for neighbors. It is a little close corporation with a foreign figure-head. If, however, they were to blot out that boundary and come into the Union what a jolly change it would be. Then no complaints of dullness would be heard. They would thrill with the life of fifty odd millions, and be part of a great nation. The village reputation of their statesmen would be given continental wings, while the statesmen themselves would winter amid the delights of Washington with all the pickings and excitements that a legislator's residence there implies.

ANDREW JACKSON has been dead nearly thirty-nine years and out of public life forty-eight years. Since his time there has been four Democratic presidents and two assistant Democratic presidents, but, although dead, no Democrat speaks at length of him on occasions of banqueting.

CANADIANS are beseeching Newfoundlanders to enter the confederation.

A COMPANY is known by the men it keeps.

STATISTICS OF "CROOKEDNESS."

PERHAPS the most curious statistical information drawn out by the closing of the year just passed is that which the New York World offers under the head of "Stealings for 1883." The World classifies the year's peculations as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Occupation, No., Amount. Includes Bankers, Bank cashiers and clerks, Brokers, State Treasurers, Merchants and agents, Clerks, Treasurers, etc., Charities and trusts, City employees, County employees and revenue agents, Lawyers.

Totals.....148 \$13,390,000 This table would seem to firmly establish the oft-repeated assertion that theft—in common with its companion crime—is almost wholly the result of opportunity. The most surprising fact is that the lawyers are at the bottom of the list. No newspaper man figure therein—for obvious reasons.

It would take more to hurt Jay Gould financially than it did to wipe out half a dozen Villards, but the signs seem to point that the little pirate who scuttled so many craft in his time is now busy stopping leaks in the great floating coffin which holds his own fortunes. He is reported to have lost \$20,000,000 last week. It may sink and carry down with it the memory of more trickery and cruelty—and ability of its kind—than Wall street can remember. Greater men and bigger fortunes have joined the wrecks before now.

A LOWELL, Mass., man, with fifty hens, has netted in one year \$320 from each hen. At this rate, were a man like Vanderbilt or Gould to sell off \$20,000,000 worth of non-paying stocks and buy 80,000,000 hens, his annual income from this investment alone would be \$226,000,000.

THE Philadelphia Times predicts the next presidential election will not turn upon the fact of the successful candidate being a Republican or Democrat, but upon whether he and his party can be most safely intrusted with the business interests of the country.

It is said that at a recent Boston wedding the six ushers were chosen from rejected suitors of the bride. It was a grateful act to give the unsuccessful suitors an opportunity to witness the life punishment inflicted upon their successful rival.

THE floor of the portico of a New York house is made of a single strip of a California redwood plank eleven and one-half feet wide.

J. W. WRIGHT of Addison, Vt., freezes 400 turkeys daily and will keep them frozen for the New York market next summer.

MR. PENDLETON is the first Ohio senator in forty-five years who has failed for re-election when his party continued in power.

PENNSYLVANIA'S lumber shipments, as reckoned in Williamsport, footed up at more than 400,000,000 feet last year.

FOUR hundred and fifty-two railroad trains leave Boston every day in the week excepting Sunday.

NEW TO-DAY.

Notice. CHECK NO. 931, DRAWN BY THE undersigned on I. W. Case, banker, Astoria, Ore., payable to order of Sealy, Mason & Co. to amount of \$250, having been lost it appears, all parties are cautioned against negotiating for said check, as payment of its face value has been stopped and no value attaches to said check, unless presented by said Sealy, Mason & Co., or their order, properly endorsed thereon. J. W. HUME. Astoria, Oregon, January 25, 1884.

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Notice. THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT I WISH all parties knowing themselves to be indebted to me to make immediate settlement thereof. N. JOHANSEN.

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NOTICE TO PILOTS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL whom it may concern that there will be a meeting of the Washington Territory Board of Pilot Commissioners for Columbia River and Bar, held at Ilwaco, W. T., on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M. Done by order of the Board. C. A. REED, Secretary. 4th-11th

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