

THE ITEMS

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The capacity of a man may easily be measured by the size of the advancement that puffs him up.

Tom Johnson says, "Truth loses some battles but never any wars." Better get on the side of truth Thomas.

The Beef Trust is losing a lot of valuable buildings by fire. Never mind, it will get them all back again by "water."

Gen. Miles gets a banquet everywhere he goes in the Philippines. We are informed that the water cure is not in evidence at these banquets.

"Scrapping" in the legislative halls is not confined to America. The Austrian Reichsrath recently had a general melee while the house was in session.

When Mr. William Randolph Hearst takes his seat in Congress the Congressional Records will be printed on yellow paper with "scare" headings.

There are a great number of voters who affiliate with the democratic party who are looking for a Moses to lead them out of that house of bondage.

Ben Tillman is making a fortune deerving the favorites of fortune. Ben belongs to the type of man who is bound to "get there" without regard to the route or the means.

A West Virginia man dropped a lighted cigarette in a keg of powder. From the result we feel vindicated in our opinion that cigarettes are not to be classed as health food.

The Oregonian of the 19th says: "Mr Williamson's exhibits anent the Carey law consisted of most palpably garbled extracts from reports which no doubt contained the passages quoted."

President Roosevelt has made a great "strike" with the Washington correspondents by providing a cabin in his new office building exclusively for their use. It is small but fitted with every convenience.



The Start
In married life is generally made on an equal footing of health in man and wife. But how soon, in many cases, the wife loses the start and fades in face and falls in flesh, while her husband grows even more rugged and robust.
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Senator Hill of New York, now 52 years old, has been in politics 35 years, held office more than half that time, has never taken a drink, smoked a cigar or kissed a woman. And yet he has presidential aspirations.

The democratic party is like a run-down clock. It is absolutely right twice a day and absolutely wrong all the other times. The republican party may never be absolutely right but it is a good time piece and follows the sun of progress.

Mr. Bryan is engaged in the harmless amusement of breathing on the Roosevelt mirror. Mr. Roosevelt is a man who does things—not people—and his record is clean and clear, but Bryan has never done any thing but talk, and even as a talker he was an expensive amusement.

A San Francisco rabbi gives a new interpretation of the design of American flag. To an audience of immigrants, largely Russians, the other day he said: "Do you know why stars and stripes are in the flag? I will tell you why. They show that America has stars for those who behave themselves and stripes for those who do not."

An "old subscriber" tells the Portland Journal it is no wonder gambling is the chief industry of that city. He relates how the town was named through a gamble. Two land proprietors, one originally from Boston, the other from Portland, Maine, each contended for a name for the embryo city in honor of his own town. They flipped a coin and Portland won.

Referring to Representative Williamson's stand against the Carey land projects, Major Alfred F. Scaps, of Portland says: "If it be true that the contractors under the arrangements made in the state law have an open chance to 'grab' the lands which properly belong to the state, then Mr. Williamson is, more than anybody else, to blame for the slip in legislation, for he was chairman of the committee that drafted that law."

Have you ever noticed this? A man buys a horse of a stranger. It turns out that the man who sold the horse had stolen it. The rightful owner of the horse comes along, proves the property and takes the animal. The poor man has no recourse. Again: A man buys a note from a stranger. It turns out that the note was obtained by stealth or fraud. The man who made the note comes along. He is compelled to pay the note on the ground it is in the hands of an innocent purchaser. Why the difference? Was not the man who bought the horse an innocent purchaser too? Strange, isn't it?

President Eliot says labor unions prevent young men from becoming competent mechanics by limiting the number of apprentices in factories, and adds that the object of the unions seem to be to work as few hours as possible, produce as little as possible and get as much as possible. He has a profound contempt for any man who does not choose to labor every day as long as his strength permits. There is too much truth in what he says about the restriction of apprentices and the attempt to raise wages without a corresponding increase in quantity and quality of work done. This tendency has nearly killed England's trade, but we think he errs when he says a man should labor as long as his strength permits: a man does his best work when he leaves a reserve of force from day to day. Exhausting labor is waste.

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WHAT BECOMES OF A STEER?

The meat-packing industry in this country is one of immense proportions, says the Portland Telegram. According to George Fife, in an article in the Century Magazine, it gives steady employment to 78,761 people, and has a product exceeding \$800,000,000 annually. Mr. Fife's description of the utilization of the by-products of the steer is most interesting. Before the days of scientific slaughter, from 30 to 50 per cent of the live weight of every animal went to waste. Now, to quote this author, science has laid hold of the bullock and boiled him, baked him, ground him, liquified him, filtered him, evaporated him, compressed him into tablets, run him into capsules and bottles and placed him in the pharmacopoeia. And it is because of this exhaustive treatment of his carcass that it is impossible for any one to kill animals simply for food and enter into successful competition with the big packers. Broadly stated, the packers now take from the by-products more than the small butchers make by the sale of meat from a carcass. Put in figures, the by-products from an ordinary steer, formerly thrown away, now fetch on the average \$11.75. With this per cent in favor of the packer, it is not singular that small butchers can no longer compete.

The hair of the hog goes into brushes of various kinds, of cattle into insulation for pipes, tails into mattresses, heads into glue or fertilizer, horns into brush backs, combs, hairpins and other articles, and hoofs are made into ornaments or fertilizers or are used in manufacturing cyanide of potassium. The bones are all used, being manufactured into many articles; and every year there is an increase in the number and variety of by-products. So it is essential, packers say, that their large packing-houses be established at points where these many by-products can be advantageously disposed of.

The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society, No. 3, Vol. 3, September, 1902, lies upon our table. As usual it is full of interest to all who care to know anything about the beginnings of things in Oregon, and what good citizen does not? The contents are as follows: Sheep husbandry in Oregon, by Hon. John Minto, a pioneer of 1844; The Origin and History of the Willamette Woolen Factory, the first on the Pacific coast, by the late L. E. Pratt, who constructed the factory and managed it for several years; The American Fur Trade in the Far West, a review of the recent work by Capt. Hiram M. Chittenden, U. S. Corps of Engineers, by Mrs. Frances Fuller Victor; Reminiscences of James Jory, a pioneer of 1847, and D. K. Warren, a pioneer of 1852, by H. S. Lyman; Reminiscences of Mrs. Tabitha Brown, a pioneer of 1846, best known as "Grandma" Brown, who taught the first school at Forest Grove, out of which has grown the Pacific University of today, by Mrs. Jane Kinney Smith. In addition there are three interesting documents: (1) Relating to the formal taking of the Columbia river August 19, 1818, by Capt. J. Biddle, U. S. N.; (2) Letter of March 4, 1843, published in the National Intelligencer, Washington, D. C., relating to Oregon; (3) Extracts from a lecture by George L. Hillard in Hartford, Conn., in 1845, opposing the idea of the U. S. giving up its claim to the Oregon country. Every copy of this quarterly should be carefully preserved. In a few years it will become invaluable to every student. It is sent to a large number of Historical Societies and public libraries in Eastern states, and in this way is largely assisting in making historic Oregon better known to the people of our land. Any one desiring to secure copies can do so by applying to Geo. H. Himes, Assistant Secretary of the Society, City Hall, Portland, Oregon.

There are five women in the state penitentiary: Emma G. Haannah, of Linn county; Kate Saunders, of Portland, each being in the asylum; Mrs. Minnie Crockett, of Umatilla county, for murder; Mrs. Rose Carlisle, of Jackson county for burning a barn, and Etta Horton, placed there three weeks ago from Harney county under a year's sentence for adultery.

A bad marriage is like a galvanic battery—it makes you dance, but you can't let go.

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