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What seems to have taken the country almost off its feet with surprise is the fact that Tillman has apologized.

Dr. Wiley says old whisky is the only safe kind. But even the old kind has been known to cause a man to abuse his family.

While Mr. Cleveland is of the opinion that bachelors need a good talking to be too gentle hearted to recommend that they be chloroformed.

Considering the time the senate has worked on it, Reed Smoot should think enough of his vindication to have it framed and hung up in his home.

The Missouri legislature says the name of the state must be pronounced Miss soory. But what will it do to those who do not pronounce it Miss-soory?

It seems almost foolish of the Massachusetts legislature to talk of stopping faith healing. For people who are not sick there is apparently nothing wrong with "faith healing."

With a new spot on the sun 38,000 by 118,000 miles across, it will be a poor sort of a prophet that can't forecast the end of the world some time this week or the week after next.

Our attention has been called to the fact that President Roosevelt has again split an infinitive. But he is still too generally popular for anybody to suggest having him impeached.

It is said that the new senator from New Jersey never made a speech in his life. It does not seem right to put a man with such an admirable record right in the midst of temptation.

If the U. S. Government should ever take it into its head to revoke the licenses of saloons that keep open on Sunday, there will be concerted action among the fraternity to sit up and take notice.

Secretary Taft is going to Cuba in a few days, and if that Cuban who is talking of licking Uncle Sam will take the trouble to walk around the secretary about twice he may change his mind before it is too late.

That Porto Rican train that stopped within six inches of a 1400 foot precipice, must have been saved by Fate alone. We can conceive of nothing in the way of an airbrake that would have worked at such a thrilling moment.

It is costing Texas \$75,000 to investigate Senator Baileys connection with the Standard Oil Co. It would have been much cheaper to have taken the senator's word for everything and then defeated him on general principles.

LET JUSTICE PREVAIL.

It will be unfortunate indeed if the great body of organized laborers listen to the siren voices of orators who aim to stir up class hatred and prejudice in behalf of the Western Federation of Miners. The Observer has no interest in the matter whatever except to see that justice is done.

We are aware that many of the acts of the mine owners in Idaho and Colorado are to be condemned, but how much stronger the Western Federation of Miners would be with the people if it could show a clean bill of health? Unfortunately the lawless element of that organization has dominated it in many instances leading to numerous outrages against society.

Moyer, Heywood and Pettibone were implicated in the murder of ex Gov. Steunberg, through the confession of one Orchard, also a member of the organization. His statement is very direct, and unless impeached must stand. The manner in which the three suspects were arrested and taken to Idaho was attacked by their counsel in proceedings of habeas corpus, ultimately reviewed by the U. S. Supreme court.

Every good citizen and patriotic American must accept that decision as final, and it is little short of treason to the nation to contend that that distinguished body of jurists was influenced by other than convictions based on an unbiased interpretation of the law. Gov. Gooding was re-elected on the platform that these men should have a trial, and a fair trial. The people expressed their confidence in his fairness, and although the Western Federation of Miners opposed him bitterly it could not defeat his election.

Now what is the occasion for this extreme activity, for this desperate effort on the part of the Western Federation of Miners to array all organized labor on its side in behalf of these men? What evidence is there that the prisoners will not be given every privilege vouchsafed them under the constitution? Granted that Moyer, Heywood and Pettibone are guilty of the charge laid at their door by Orchard, we do not for one moment believe that any jury of 12 men in Idaho will conspire to send them to the gallows.

If they successfully resist the proof that the state offers they will emerge from the ordeal martyrs indeed, not only in the eyes of the Western Federation of Miners but also in the eyes of the entire world. On the other hand, if they are guilty of the horribly brutal assassination of Gov. Steunberg, certainly the most dastardly murder ever committed in this country, they should suffer the penalty, regardless of the misguided sentimentality that has been created in their behalf.

How many of us, if our income like that of Mr. Rockefeller, came to 68 cents a second, would ever forget to wind the clock?

If all the two-cent fare bills that have been up before legislatures the past winter should happen to become laws, it would be almost as cheap to go visiting as to stay at home.

Now scientists attribute the recent earthquakes and tidal waves to the big ice cap at the north pole which did something to the earth's axis. As a theory this looks almost as plausible as any among a whole lot of other theories scientists might have advanced.

An Indiana judge holds that the legislature cannot license the saloon business, no more than it can give a man license to whip his wife. Which is a reminder of the remark of the man in jail, when he was informed that he could not be imprisoned: "But they do do it."

A spiritualist medium says Mars is angry because the earth ignores his signals. A real bright spiritualistic medium should be employed by Paul Morton, T. Roosevelt, and the Santa Fe Ry. Co., to convey a message to Mars telling him that we are having troubles enough of our own.

Mrs. Carrie Catt says a wife must train her husband, and keep him trained, "just as one trains a young mule." Far be it from our intention to say anything that would seem like a contradiction of Mrs. Catt; but we would like to ask what the average wife knows about training a mule?

Still Doing Business.

(Written by An Anxious Inquirer.)

Men don't believe in a devil now, as their fathers used to do; They're forced the door of the broadest creed to let his majesty through; There isn't a print of his cloven hoof, or a fiery dart from his bow, To be found in earth or air today, for the world has voted so.

But who is it mixing the fatal draught that palsies the heart and brain; And loads the bier of each passing year with ten hundred thousand slain?

Who blights the bloom of a land today with the fiery breath of hell. If the devil isn't and never was? Won't somebody rise and tell?

Who digs the steps of the toiling saint, and digs the pit for his feet? Who sows the tares in the field of time, wherever God sows wheat? The devil is voted not to be and, of course, the thing is true; But who is doing the kind of work that the devil used to do?

We are told that he does not go around like a roaring lion now; But whom shall we hold responsible for the everlasting row? To be heard in home, in church and state, to the earth's remotest bound; If the devil, by a unanimous vote, is nowhere to be found?

Won't somebody step to the front, forthwith, and make his bow and show

How the frauds and crimes of a single day spring up? We want to know.

The devil was fairly voted out; and of course the devil's gone; But simple people would like to know who carries his business on.

Arlington Should be the Point.

Arlington Record.

Judge Mariner, of Blalock, was in Arlington a few days ago, and made a call at The Record office. Judge Mariner is one of the progressive men of Gilliam county, carrying on a large farm, store and keeping the post office at Blalock. He is also engaged with Hon. John A. Smith in a large irrigation enterprise in Baker county.

In conversation on the railroad situation he expressed surprise that the Portland Express was not run to Arlington. It would be a great convenience to those living west of Arlington, who have business at the county seat.

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Amateur Dramatics.

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The curtain rose, and there we saw George Hamlet Mowry, who's reading law. A letter he had, from an Uncle old, Who'd married for a wife a regular scold. It seemed that the two were coming to stay With our friend George Hamlet, almost a day; So you'll not wonder at his rage, Or the anxious way he paced the stage, And called to the walls and chandelier: "O, what shall I do while they are here?"

The plot had thickened up a bit When Arlie Booth made a genuine hit By getting into a laundry bag And playing the regular Circus wag. "He joshed the Uncle, and jollied his wife, And made Harris swear that in all his life He hadn't seen such a comical clown Who mixed things up that should come down."

Fred Meindl played the Uncle's part, With a great big pillow over his heart. His knees were stiff, as knees should be, In an Uncle whose age is sixty-three. While the Uncle's wife, a comely dame, Kept family matters from growing tame; And Sally, her maid, was a regular Sell, Who carried her part in the play right well. She flirted with Harris, the sly little rogue; Teased Uncle Meander, and spoke French with a Brogue.

The homely Harris was a Valet bright Who told a lamp story to fit the night; Looked into the boxes, and read the play; And seemed at all times to be in the way. He gave us a lesson in how to dust, And heard George Hamlet's marriage discussed Denied that his master was doubly wed; But decided "he sure must be nuts in the head."

George Hamlet's wife was a Comfort, till The day on which their household still Received his Uncle, and Arlie Booth, And George tried hard not to tell the truth. But the lies came to light, as lies will do; And caused much trouble between the two, Until the whole thing was fully explained And the dove of peace in the household reigned.

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