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To-day is St. Patrick's Day.

A New York centenarian says that women ought to be in their prime at seventy-five. It may be remembered that the Oslerian theory gallantly excepts women to the operation of its time limit.

There is a bill in Congress to provide clean money. This has not reference to tainted money, but is merely intended to prevent paper bills from becoming germ incubators. The majority of the public, however, will be content to risk the germs if they only get a chance to handle the bills.

The provision of the Postoffice Appropriation bill which forbids the franking of anything which a private individual cannot send through the mail at regular postage rates, will operate adversely on those thrifty members of Congress who have been in the habit of sending their furniture to Washington by this cheap and easy method.

With the advent of spring and the playing of children in the open the skipping-rope fatalities begin. Parents should see to it that their children understand enough of the danger of ever-violent exercise not to indulge in it, and by care in this respect the number of annual tragedies due to the skipping-rope habit will be considerably lessened.

Alexander Dowie is to be permitted to remain a prophet of Zion City, but not the keeper of the cash, from which outsiders may infer that while spiritual matters are still trusted to his control, the more practical ones of spending money are not to be risked under his management. And so the relative merits of cash and salvation are nicely adjusted.

Under the new spelling reform it is said that everyone is to be allowed to spell as he sees fit. This ought to effect a great saving of spelling textbooks in the schools, though a turmoil in literary, social and business circles will ensue till a key is furnished with each communication. The confusion of the Tower of Babel will supply an historical parallel of what may be expected under this new regime.

If the present legislature succeeds in passing a law to prevent shanghaiing it will have performed a great public service. The annual stories of cruelties on the oyster boats are not only harrowing in their details, but also they bring discredit on the state. It belongs to Maryland to rid herself of the disgrace of having it spread abroad that she is unable or unwilling to cope with a state of affairs which for some years has been a public scandal.

This weather has surely knocked the spring poet from off his feet. If his verses come at the usual date they will sound like sweet bells jangled out of tune and harsh. His meter will be as offensive as a gas meter. Another year he will possibly pay no attention to the groundhog, or any other of the prosaic genus swine, and spring his spring tonics upon us in the midst of a January blizzard. Of course, we can't lose him altogether, though this spring he is having an awful fall.

Tuesday night the Democrats and Republicans lined up in a party fight over the bill exempting Washington county from the law requiring persons moving into this state to make affidavit of their intention to live here at least one year prior to registering. The Baltimore *Sun* says:

"The Democrats at the critical moment found themselves deserted by several members of their party, who voted with the Republicans. Two of these were the Queen Anne's Democrats, who, it is said, will vote with the Republicans on all election legislation."

We can't understand why the delegates from this county should be called Democrats, when they were elected by the Republicans, and their acts in the legislature are governed by the Republicans, who own a first mortgage on their seats. This is the first time they have had an opportunity to show their true color. They may have been Democrats years ago, but, have long since changed their way of thinking when they saw a chance to get an office. We have never considered them Democrats since they affiliated themselves with the Republicans and no other people would.

All states should adopt an amendment to their constitutions that all freak legislation should be confined to April 1. Then the date could stamp the act and governors need not be bothered for their vetoes.

Justice is not always slow in this world. It depends altogether how the blind goddess is prodded. For example, the passless policy of the railroads was quickly followed by the discovery of their lawless rates.

A man in New Jersey is the proud possessor of a race of hens that lay eggs with handles. Possibly he may evolve from these original biddies a brand of eggs that will hatch out chicken fricassees on the half shell.

The Mississippi Legislature has considered a bill to abolish bridge whist, euchre and other card games, and now a lawmaker proposes to legalize lynching. The Mississippi taste for amusements is evidently peculiar.

It is said that if a struggle does come between the opposing coal forces, it will be a tremendous one. And remembering the suffering entailed by the last coal strike, the public may rise in its might and lend a deciding hand in the matter.

The early gubernatorial booms are starting, but severe frosts are not over yet, and by the time the work gets on in earnest many of these premature little blooms will be found withered by the wayside, too tender to outlive the shivering blasts.

There's a lot of talk about the moral sentiment of the country being behind the pure-food question and the divorce problem and a lot of other things. Moral sentiment is all right, brethern, but getting down to dots, legislature action is the thing that counts.

A woman in New Jersey testified in a divorce suit that in her whole life of 50 years and a married life of 27 she had never once been kissed. This, as far as known, holds the unkissed record. It also shows the field for missionary work in Hobsonizing the style of New Jersey courtship.

The sacrifice of life, health and the pursuit of happiness in trying to find the poles seems unreasonable, in view of the small result. If the poles were discovered the only probable use that would be made of them would be their pre-emption by some enterprising Arctic trolley company to string wires for polar excursion lines.

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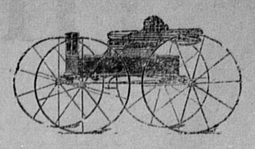

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