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—Pope.

The wise men of Buffalo have just discovered that the city was touched for \$50,000 four years ago.

It is said of Lord Curzon of Kedleston that during the whole time he has been in India acting as viceroy he has never worked less than fourteen hours a day.

Thomas Paine's farm near New Rochelle, N. Y., presented to him in 1780 by the state for services rendered the colonies during the revolution, has been sold to New York real estate men.

The charge that voting machines conduce to straight-ticket voting gets a jolt from Buffalo. In the recent election democrats were elected by majorities ranging from 9,900 for mayor to 506 for municipal judge. But

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this was not all. Ryan, a democrat, for poor overseer, was defeated by 1,200 showing a difference between the leading and the losing democrats of nearly 12,000 in a total vote of 60,000.

Miss Mildred, daughter of William Dean Howells, the novelist, is a clever artist, having showed signs of her talent at the age of 11. She is a spirituelle young woman, with no taste for society.

Austen Leigh, an authority on all matters pertaining to Eton college, England, has discovered that Thomas Lynch, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was an Etonian.

Mrs. Gertrude Massey, the painter of miniatures, has received twelve commissions from the king and queen of England, and not long ago painted a picture of the queen's Japanese spaniel, Marvel.

Dr. Henry Morse Stephens, lecturer on history at the University of California, has refused an offer to go back to his alma mater, Oxford, saying he would rather grow in California than go to Oxford and vegetate.

Dr. William M. Dailey, a dentist, ministered to Prince Louis of Battenberg while the British admiral was in New York. He filled four of the prince's teeth. He charged him \$1,000. He received a check from the prince just before the guns of the Drake boomed the farewell salute off Governor's island.

Chicago has gone divorce mad. More than half a hundred cases of family discord were docketed in one day, occupying the attention of six judges and probably a hundred lawyers. Nineteen decrees of divorce and one of separate maintenance were granted and the others are under advisement by the judges.

Mayor Patrick J. Boyle has been re-nominated for a fourteenth term as mayor of Newport, R. I. The terms have been consecutive except the year Mayor Boyle was defeated by Frederick Prime Garretson. Last year, in the face of the big pluralities given President Roosevelt and Governor Uter, he defeated his opponent by a plurality of sixty.

The memorial to Thomas B. Reed is assured and the committee in Portland, Me. has now \$25,000 of the fund in sight. Among the contribu-

tors are ex-President Grover Cleveland, ex-Governor Black, ex-Governor Odell, ex-Vice President Morton, General A. G. McCook, Colonel A. G. Paine, Congressman Littauer and Mayor McClellan of New York, Senator Crane and ex-Congressman Walker of Massachusetts, Congressman Hill of Illinois and Henry H. Rogers.

Diaz is now, at the age of 75, a strong and remarkably well-preserved man, who appears to be good for ten or fifteen years more of active work. Five years ago, at the age of 70, he visited the gymnasium of the National Military academy at Chapultepec one day, and after watching the work of the cadets for some time with keen interest he swung on to a rope and climbed thirty feet or more hand over hand as spryly as any of them. Sliding down easily, he said: "Now, boys, see to it that you so live that when you are my age you can do as well."

When Emperor William of Germany goes out shooting a keeper accompanies him and when the game is roused sticks a fork in the ground. The kaiser, it is said, places his gun in the rest and handles the weapon pistol fashion. For everything that is shot a notch is made in the fork, and when it is covered with marks a new one is brought into use. All these forks, the notches on which are a proof of the emperor's skill, are carefully preserved in the kaiser's sporting museum as a record of the bags he has made.

An elderly man and his son were traveling in Germany from Augsburg to Munich. It was noticed that the Herr papa was much agitated. He glanced frequently at his watch. Suddenly he jumped up excitedly and pulled the communication cord. The train stopped and the guard came up to know what the trouble was. The

man, who was now quite calm, said smilingly: "Nothing has happened to alarm anybody. It is now 9:20 p. m. and my little son has just become 10 years old. As I only took half a ticket for him I stopped the train in order to pay the other half, so that I may not get into trouble when arriving at my destination." The eccentric traveler not only had to pay the other half, but also \$25 for stopping the train without proper reason.

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