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A Texas old maid has adopted a girl baby. Sarely the necessity for such action could have been prevented.

"THE industry of President Rooseto have considerable time now, to dewote to the work of his office.

THE new Republican senator from Utah will be a Mormon and a Republican. With Mormonism in Utah, Tay-4orism in Kentucky and Booker what Republicanism stands for is a mlenty.

THE President now hopes to secure a tariff reduction of 25 per cent on Cuban imports while Cuba will in no instance lower her tariff but will advance it 50 per cent on imports from all countries except the United States. This is a specimen of the republican idea of "making Cuba free."

A READER asks authority for the statement that lead pencils are sold to foreign dealers for one half what they are spriced to American dealers. The figures are taken from the catalogues of the Dixon Pencil Company, which is one of the four concerns which monopolize the atrade in this country.

ATTORNEY WILCOX attempted to stutpify President Mitchell with the statement that the increased wages demandad by the miners would amount to \$12,-000,000, added to the running expenses of the mines, but Mr. Mitchell promptly replied by calling the attorney's attention to the fact that that would mean -not over 35 cents per ton increase at most.

THE Oregonian with its usual lucidity figures out that the Democrats will have no chance to carry a National election and place a Democrat in the White House until 1908. It costs nothing to become a prophet in these days; but there are breakers ahead for the G.O P. and an united Democracy in 1904 may has fixed by a full four years. If Roosevelt does not succeed in getting the Republican party to reform itself within the next few months long before 1904 it will have pulled its temple of power dewn upon its own head. Abe Lincoln was wiser than his day and generation when he said "You can fool all of the people a part of the time and a part of the people all of the time; but you can't gool all of the people all of the time," The Republican party has been trying to fool all of the people all of the time. The storm of righteous wrath by an outraged people whose heritage has been sold to the money power and to corporate greed may break long before 1904. The ebt tide of Republicanism is about to set in and we shall see what we shall

In its comments upon the assessment woll of Clackamas county for the current year in the last issue the COURTER did mot mean to cast any reflection upon the administration of the Assessor's office. We have no doubt that the Assessor's office in this county has been adminisstered according to law and that Mr. Williams, the present Assessor, has performed the duties of his office as well and possibly better than any Assessor in the state of Oregon. It is the results and not the work to which we call the attention of our readers It is not critieism of an official's work. He is or ly following in beaten paths. An Assessor who knows nothing of the value of railroad, telephone and telegraph property and franchise rights ought not to be required to pass judgment thereon and fix values upon something of which he of confession and avoidance with respect knows nothing. It is the law which to the verdict of the late elections and makes the conditions possible that is to the duty imposed upon himself, with blame. If a citizen has \$10,000 in coin impulsive truth, that the Republicans of the realm and assesses but \$100 there have been retained in full power that ought to be, if there is not some method they may be without excuse hereafter of reaching his hord. Mr. Williams has if they fail to afford the people relief no doubt followed in the footsteps of his from the oppressions of trusts and mepredecessors in making his assessment nopolies. He realizes that there is on and has done as others have done before that subject no divided responsibility, him. The result reached, however, no chance of cross purposes, no escape ought to put every intelligent man in by char,ing the evils of the case up to Clacksmas county to thinking and pos- the Democrats. evil that is apparent to all.

A WORD TO INT WISE.

OREGON CITY COURIER them. There is no reason why we ought straightforward course that nine of any C. D. & D. C. LATOURETTE OREGON CITY COURIER PUBLISHING CO. fault, We believe "in living and let dent announces he positively will not J. H. WESTOVER, Editor and Business Manager. live." We have found the people here do! magnanimous and cosmopolitan. We | President Roosevelt says that the tar-Journal

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die of the road" politically the midkeep this sheet clean and above reproach. As to the tariff, the president intends criticise as we see fit. Ifour Republican and irresponsible body of men who will HER camping on their trail. We like to mending tariff 'adjustments' Of course, have our friends and political opponents this will be a most attractive tub to are a Democrat and publishing a Demo- dent and his party to claim immunity cratic paper, whose columns are not for from tariff action of any cort until after welt" says a republican organ "is re- sale and whose influence can not be the next election. Clever scheme is it markable, he has already done most of bought, is no reason why we should not not? his work for 1904." He ought therefore treat the opposition with becoming court- And, then, as to trusts, how excellent esy and give them all they are entitled is the plan of setting the attorney genthat is bad enough. We hope to be ity to delay action on the real issues in helpful to the Democrats in this county, the cases-until after 1904! Aud with we have a right to expect them to help these thin and almost insulting subterus. We desire to do all in our power fuges the Republican party will seek to Graduate of Northwestern University Dental Washingtonism in the White House, to build up the waste places of this part escape doing anything for the relief of of the earth and in this laudable enter- the people until the people shall have

THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER.

The immediate future will be largely Wisdom and dimensions.

ment are put to consummate route! democrat of wisdom, conservatism and and in many places in the county the est and patriotic in purpose, And he something about the building of roads. the character that will of themselves there are today roads in fairly good rebe trusted in the highest office of the nate gance to build poor roads. Money to

to hero-worship or bend their exigen. to begin now and build them right, public weal is involved in a most vital yet unborn, for the hordes of people ognizing as necessary-some of them of worth doing at all is worth doing well utmost urgency.

command a conquering campaign and win a timely victory.

THE REFUGE OF ROOSEVELT.

Now comes the president with a plea

gibly means can be advised to remedy an But how does the president propose to meet the situation? Most men would promptly say, judging from his vaunted courage and frankness of character, that he will at once commend to congress a We may not understand the condi- prompt revision of the tariff and the Thous of public sentimen' in this county tearing out of every schedule that has and as "stranger in a strange country" too evidently become the shelter of we ought not be expected to understand trusts and monopolies! That is the plain,

to criticise things we know to be palpa- ten honest men would suggest and prebly wrong. We are not here to find fer. But that is exactly what the presi-

like them and will cultivate their ac- iff and the trust questions are two issues. quaintance more and more as the days. In his opinion, they do not work, under go by. In the meantime we will pub- the same yoke and must only be dealt COMMERCIAL BANK lish the Courter along Democratic lines, with separately-each in its season and We believe in Democracy straight. We after methods essentially different. In think it's the only salvation for the fact, the president is already hedging

We shall not vilify or abuse but will to recommend a commission- a vague friends in office or out do anything they absorb all the time they are commanded [N. GREENMAN ought not to do, they may find the Coun- in making "investigations" and recomcome in and talk to us. Because we throw to the whale and enable the presi- OREGON CITY

to in a newspaper way. We shall only eral after them in the courts-courts orange crry tell the truth about them and God knows that are happily selected for their abilprise we ought to have the help of all given them four years more of power, or men regardess of party. We will do bodily kicked them off the earth in our part, will you do yours?

GOOD ROADS

There is no more important question occupied by the forgivings of demo- before the American public this day than cratic opinions as to the future leader. the subject of good roads. It is a quesship of the party. It is already accept- tion that appeals to every neighborhood ed by the most influential newspapers and to every citizen alike. It is a quesof the party that the recent elections tion that is non-political and non-sechave served to eliminate from the list of tarian. It has neither party nor creed, eligibles the names of a number of gen- yet it appeals to all. The roads of every tlemen who have been boomed by their | country are index to its civilization, and too partial friends as being of Moses a monument to its progressiveness. In OREGON CITY older sections of the country, where the The democratic party is not hunting population is dense and the people are GEO. T. HOWARD sny Moses. It is neither bound in the rich, we of course expect to find better brickyards of the Pharaohs nor wander- roads than in a new country where the ing in the wilderness without water or polulation is sparse and the people have REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE flesh for its po s. It is in the field, hand not become fixed to the soil. There is to hand with the Amalekites of auto. one thing that it always pays to do well cracy, aristocracy and up-Americanism. in building roads in any country and It has its courage with it in full fervor; that is to build them for the future, it knows now its issue of battle without build them on the latest scientific prinfurther delineation; and what it needs ciples, with approved labor saving mais a Joshua who can lead the host with chinery, and build them for "keeps." confidence and even make the sun stand Millions have b.en wasted in every secstill while the foes of the people, the tion of the country in building roads in destroyers of equal rights, and the per- a "slip shod" manner. Poorly built verters of American democratic govern. roads wear out in a few years and it J. W. Norats, M. D. J. W. Powerli, M. D. costs more to maintain them and keep Whether that Joshua will be found in them in repair from year to year than the ranks of some who have grown gray- the first cost of their construction, bearded in the service of the party or in Clackamas county has much to learn in some new man of recent significance as a road building. Her territory is large shove forward the date the Oregonian public confidence, we do not yet know, building of the roads is very expensive. Nobody does know. But that, when Yet withal it pays to do what we do in found, he will be acclaimed by a united this line well. Build for the future. democracy we do not allow ourselves to Wherever a new road is put in build it doubt. He will be one whose past relations to party questions will at least to come. Build it for our children and county warrants. Probate and commissioners' compand the verdict that he was hon. command the verdict that he was hon, grandchildren. The old Romans knew will be one who has the principles and In many parts of the Italian peninsula commend him to the American people pair built by them more than fifteen as one worthy of leadership and safe to centuries ago. It is wasteful extrava- [TREN & SCHUEBEL put into them is money thrown away. We do not here diverge to discuss in- It is better to build fewer miles end We do not here diverge to discuss individuals. The questions of the future
with which the democracy has to graptake millions of dollars to build the right
and settlements of estates, furnish abstracts of the democracy has to graptake millions of dollars to build the right
are more and lent your money and lent your money on are more and lent your money and lent your money and lent your money on are more and lent your money and lent your money on are more and lent your money an ple and do are not those that will yield kind of roads in this valley. It is best cies to exalt personal ambitions. The Build slow but build for the generations E I. SIAS way in the great reforms of government that will in time to come plant their which the people are increasingly rec- homes in this valley. That which is and it is cheaper in the long run. Turn- CANBY It is our opinion that two years more pike and gravel roads are possible in of experience will convince them of the this county if built along scientific prinpaltering and perfunctory purposes of cipals and built to shed water; and pubthe republican leaders and then the lic sentiment should be crystalized masses will turn to the democratic party around the question of good roads until as the only physician of their ills. When their construction will be possible. that day arrives the people should find County officials are not pioneers in this OREGON CITY. OREGON ready a party united, dignified in pur- or any other line. They are as a rule poses and solidly committed to policies content to follow in the beaten paths. that are sound in Americanism and safe Taey will not blaze the way. If this in all their promises. For such a party county is to have better roads it will a leader will not be lacking who can come because there is in the county a healthy public sentiment that demands

> THANKSOLVING day is a blessing and a benediction. It is the time of harvest and plenty. It is an institution National in character and universal in observance. Well may we be thankful for all of the good things the Lord has vouchsafed unto us. For health and happiness, for abundant crops, for full granaries, for abundancs of work to do, for happy homes and contented families. In this year of our Lord 1902 the "Horn of Plenty" has been inverted over this valley and we should indeed be thankful and render praises unto him "Who doeth all things well."

> them. What say the people? Pro Bono

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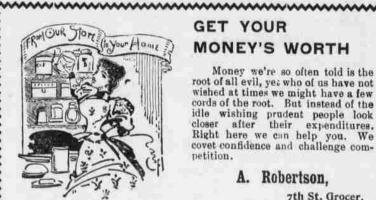
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