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AN EXCELLENT OBJECT-LESSON.

riy of the Oregon Historical Society In the current number of the Quar-T. W. Davenport, of Marion unty, presents "An Object-Lesson in sternalism," based on the results of ne donation land law of Oregon, under hich the best parts of the Oregon terry were "taken up" by the first set-

Looking to this law and its results, se inquiry is, "Has Government help moted individual competence, and as it promoted the general welfare?" The general answer, which we think sound one, is in the negative. Posbly the donation land law may have rught settlers to Oregon who but for would not have come. But what is larger result?

The great majority simply "sat own." Mr. Davenport presents an exlent, even unexampled, picture of ar early life, and of its easy condins without necessity of industry, ien our young people skurried about horseback and the older lapsed into rrulous indolence. But what is the come? Let this veteran Oregonian

seers and their immediate descendits, he finds that, taking an area of square miles in the district with hich he is most intimately acquainted the state-66 per cent of the donation aid claims have passed out of the posmion of the grantees and of their deendants, and that another 15 per cent them are mortgaged for all they are orth, and for practical purposes may considered as lost. Not more than per cent of the whole have been orarily successful in holding and imoving a part of their possessions and ow are free from debt, and only 5 per ent of all of them have increased their oldings and now are thrifty. Eightyet the half-section claimants have en more successful than the others holding their own. It is certain that he general results of the donation land aw would not be found more favorable an this result developed by Mr. Dav-

what is the deduction? Certainly ot in favor of paternalism. Man is lost likely to keep what he has earned on of The Oregonian that the donation and law was the capital mistake made the Oregon Country It brought us ere in numbers, and we sat down and id nothing. The best lands were mbre enerally taken up-received as a gift-Oregon than in Washington; and this may be thought of as a main reason thy Washington has passed Oregon in ulation, in wealth and in general ctivity. They who receive gratuities lost always become deadheads. Mr. avenport's object-lesson in paternalis an excellent one. As a rule, only hat the man himself earns does him ny real good. "The father of our race self decreed that culture should be ard." And whatever comes to any one s a bounty not only checks his ener-ies, but enfeebles the state.

THE FORCES AT GETTYSBURG.

The recurrence of the anniversary of he battle of Gettysburg is always fol-wed by inquiry as to the respective ed by inquiry as to the respective mbers and losses of the armies en-

Leslie J. Perry, of the Government sau of Records, has examined this Union losses, compiled from complete 040 men killed, wounded and missing. ese figures are undisputed, and have accepted by all writers since Genral Meade made his official report in ugust, 1863.

There was no similar and correspondigly complete official report of the Il all the commands engaged. More an a dozen years ago Major E. C. awes published in the Century Magaa resume of the Confederate rength and losses at Gettysburg, wing almost conclusively that Lee ad not less than 80,000 men on the eld and that his losses were not less n 25,000 men for the campaign. onel Livermore, of Boston, estimates Confederate losses at not less than 00; J. W. Kirkley, of the War Recoffice, estimates them in excess

tysburg fully 80,000 men of all arms, and that its losses in killed, wounded and missing exceeded 27,000. The official returns for the Army of Northern Virginia on May 31, 1863, show that it contained then 77,931 men for duty. During the month of June it was greatly strengthened by recruits and from other sources to probably near 85,000

At Gettysburg Lee's army was composed of nine divisions of infantry and artillery, and eight of these averaged 8000 effectives each. On a fair estimate, this would give Lee 69,500 infantry and artillery. The cavalry force was about 11,000 strong, so Lee must have had at least 80,000 men at Gettysburg.

On July 20, 1863, only a week after Lee recrossed the Potomac into Virginia, an official return showed only 41,692 present for duty, not including the cavalry, estimated at 6500, or a total of 48,192. These figures show that Lee probably lost not less than 30,000 in the campalgn.

Meade's army was about 80,000 strong when it was all up; he was outnum bered the first day two to one when the First and Eleventh Corps were wrecked, but on the second and third days he had all the men that he could use in defense of a position that was so strong against direct attack that but for Sickles' frightful blunder the lines of Meade could not have been broken on the second day.

RAILROADS' RAPID DEVELOPMENT.

The experience of the Astoria & Coumbia River Railroad offers a good illustration of the development which follows the construction of a railroad through a country possessed of rich natural resources. Since the construc-tion of this road, Rainier, Westport, Seaside and a number of other towns along the line have doubled and trebled in population. Half a dozen large sawmills and shingle mills have sprung up along the line, and at Astoria two new mills have been constructed and the capacity of others enlarged. The big cold-storage plants that have added so much to the value of the Columbia River salmon have nearly all come into existence since completion of the railroad offered direct and easy outlet for the product, and there are half a dozen other industries directly traceable to the advent of the railroad. The normal population of Seaside has more than trebled, and the Summer population is ten times as great as it was in

the old stage-journey days. The business of the railroad has trebled since it began operations, and the steamboats which formerly handled all the traffic are still handling as much as they ever did. These are some of the features of a new territory which should not escape Mr. Harriman's attention when he has under consideration the project of a road through Central Ofegon. There are thousands of people in the overcrowded cities, farming districts and depleted forest regions of the East, Middle West and Northwest who are looking for a new country. They do not care to push their way in and fight for a division of a trade already worked up, or to pay the high prices for lands that have already been reclaimed from the wilderness and cultivated. They wish to create new wealth instead of slowly

adding to that already created. Even in the new West the immigrants have followed the rallroads so rapidly that the opportunities are daily becoming more restricted and the desire to curately gauged at this time than could that of the isolated Lower Columbia before the completion of the Astoria & which immigration is coming into the state gives us positive assurance that development in all directions will be much more rapid in the next five years than it has been in the corresponding period just passed.

along the Lower Columbia and what is equally certain to follow the advent of a rallroad into Central Oregon may also be expected with the construction of a railroad into the Nehalem Valley. The Lower Columbia district, while greatly retarded through lack of transportation facilities, could float some of its products out of the sloughs and creeks to steamboat connection on the main river before the railroad was built. The case is different with Central Oregon, and the Nehalem. Both of these rich fields for exploitation by capital and labor are so effectually bottled up that there is hardly any possibility for further development until they are reached by a railroad. The almost perfect isolathat greater proportionate developme will follow the construction of either of these roads than has resulted from the building of the Lower Columbia road through a territory which already had a partial outlet to civilization and the

OPPOSING VIEWS.

markets of the world.

For the ultimate satisfaction of the people of Oregon it would doubtless be best if the initiative and referendum amendment could be given at least two years' more trial. Already there is a large number of former friends of the amendment who are dissatisfied with the experiment and would be glad to see, the amendment out of the constitution, But there is also a large number who still believe in the referendum and want it retained as a part of our system of state government. If the amendment should be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, these people will never cease their agitation until they have secured the readoption of the amendment, either through the Legislature or by a constitutional convention, beaten. They will always assert that the referendum did not have a suffi-

cient trial. It has often been said that the best way to get rid of a bad law is to enforce it, and thus create a popular demand for its repeal. If the amendment is a bad addition to the constitution, perhaps the best way to get rid of it once and for all would be to have it retained in force and let the people learn of its evils by experience. If experience should prove it to be a good measure, then all would want it retained, while if it proved unsatisfactory the demand for its repeal would be so gen-

eral that it would be everlastingly dead. The decision of the Supreme Court diency nor upon the merits of the ref-erendum amendment. The sole question that will be presented before the Supreme Court is whether the amendmeetves contain absolute proof that ment was legally adopted. The arguithe stealing would be to prosecute a to run for Vice-Presidenty. Confederate army numbered at Get- ments on both sides of the guestion few of the dealers, using the boys as And with a wild ory be field.

have so much reason in them that one not trained in weighing questions of such a character cannot undertake to form an opinion. Lawyers who standhigh in their profession differ in their views. The Supreme Judges will listen to exhaustive arguments on both sides of the question and will study the prin-ciples of law and the authorities. Their decision will be the law of the case and will be as near right as they can make it.

For the referendum there is an argument-namely, that it may be a check upon legislation which the people may not approve. Against it is the argument that ours is a Government through the representative system, and must be so, since government, difectly, by a democracy en masse, is impossible; and, further, that the referendum may be used by a temporary interest or a narrow prejudice to "hold up" neces-sary legislation. Another time these variant views would be debated at length.

TRADE EAST AND WEST.

The feature of last week's commercial situation was the continued strength in the wheat market. With the exception of a single day of weakness caused by apprehension over the forthcoming crop report, the market ruled strong all the week and closed on Saturday near the highest point of the season. Some of this strength was apparently due to unsatisfactory threshing returns from the Southwest, but there seems to be a growing feeling that the wheat consumption of the world has increased to such an extent that all that is in sight for the coming year will be needed. The European market throughout the season has followed the strength in America with misgivings, but by trailing in has finally brought prices up to the top on that side of the water as well as in America. There may be slight recessions from present prices, but there is but little in the outlook that leans to the side of cheap wheat.

The money market in the East, previous to the appearance of another gloomy bank statement on Saturday, showed more signs of ease, but the relaxation was insufficient to cause much improvement in the stock market, and throughout the week securities which a year ago were wildly scrambled for by an eager speculative public were neglected, or when a transaction was reported the figure was so low as to have a distressing effect on all kinds that a certain section of the revised of securities. This continued weakness statutes "expressly exempts members in stocks which were supposed to have met the turn of the tide when the money market showed signs of ease, confirm the oft-expressed suspicions that the trouble with Wall street at present is more due to a loss of confidence than a loss of cash. The unprofessional public has been chiseled out of its wealth so often by the skillful manipulation of stocks of real worth that the most alluring opportunities for a rise in prices are now passed up with no more compunction than would be shown in refusing to purchase a gold brick which would not stand boring.

This unsatisfactory condition of affairs in the East has not yet extended to the Pacific Coast, and all of the big cities west of the Rocky Mountains show substantial gains in bank clearings and report a generally healthy condition of trade. With the usual raigh of money for harvest purposes, delayed on account of the late crop, Portland's bank clearings for the week ending last Saturday were over \$200,000 more than penetrate farther into undeveloped field on the corresponding week last year. and forest is greater than ever. The although a year ago at this time harvest value of the trade of Central Oregon | was on at full swing and the banks five years after the completion of a were handling a heavy volume of busi-methods in conducting it, have made railroad into that rich timber and agricultural district can no more be acthe water began falling, and the improvement comes at a good time, for many of Oregon's leading resources are Columbia River Railroad. The rate at inactive at present. The wool season has ended, and hops and wheat are not yet in evidence. The season for berries and cherries is now here, and as the crop is large and prices are good, the industry is of considerable value in a small way. Lumber, which as a wealth-What has been actually demonstrated producer is rapidly overhauling all other industries in the state, continues active, with the mills all crowded with orders and new milis going up all over the state. General trade conditions lo cally are improved to a considerable extent by a renewal of the extensive building operations that were held up

by the strike last Spring

If dealers in second-hand goods pray 'Lead us not into temptation," they do not map out for others a path as easy as that they would like to travel themselves. One has but to read the accounts of petty thievery committed by boys in order to learn that the buyer of junk and second-hand goods is holding out to children a perpetual temptation to steal. The market for stolen goods mits a theft a boy knows that he can dispose of his plunder without difficulty. In most cases his desire is not for the article he wrongfully takes, but for the money it will produce. Were it not that he can turn old lead pipe, tools, clothing, etc., into money, the temptation to take that which does not belong to him would be small indeed.

All of which suggests that petty thievery, by either men or boys, could be greatly diminished if punishment could be imposed upon the man who buys the stolen goods as well as upon the thief. There is now upon our statute-books a law which prescribes penalty for the crime of buying or receiving property which the buyer knew or had good reason to believe to be stolen. No prosecutions or convictions are ever had under this statute except where the defendant was a party either to the planning or execution of the theft. The statute is broad enough in its provisions to warrant the conviction of dealers in second-hand goods in many instances The law does not mean that the buyer is guilty only when he has positive evidence that the property was stolen. It requires only that the circumstances shall be such that a reasonable man would have believed that the goods were stolen. When such circumstances exist, the buyer has good reason to be lieve that the property was stolen, and if he buys it he cannot complain if he suffers the penalty.

stolen goods in a junk shop, and where the purchase was made from a young boy the circumstances are nearly al ways such as would arouse the suspi-cion of a cautious man dealing with that class of property. In the trial of the boy the dealer usually appears as a witness for the prosecution. The boy goes to jail or his parents pay a fine, while the dealer collects his witness fees and returns to his business. A very ef-fective way to put a step to much of the stealing would be to prosecute a

witnesses and letting them receive the per diem and mileage. After a few trials and a conviction or two the market for stolen goods would be so lim Ited that there would be little temptation to steal. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Many a boy who has nothing vicious in his nature has begun a career of crime by stealing such small articles as he could easily such small articles. sell. The humfliation of exposure hardens him, and a conviction starts him on the way to the pentientiary. At the same time the real oriminal is the man who stands ready to buy stolen property because he can get it cheap and sell it again at a good profit.

When Margaret Fuller was working on the New York Tribune in 1844-45, she fell in love with a young Hebrew, James Nathan. Margaret Fuller was then about 25 years of age. For some reason this love affair did not end in marriage. Nathan, who in 1835 changed his name to Gotendorf, became ultimately a rich banker in Wall street, and died in 1838. He preserved all of Margaret Fuller's letters, and they are now published with an introduction by Julia Ward Howe, who speaks of her as a sybil and likens her to George Sand, which is very rough on the great Frenchwoman. who was a genius, while Margaret Fuller was only the Pythoness of the Boston Transcendentalists. In one of the letters, just before the correspondence ceases, is this somewhat effusive passage:

Lost too soon, too long; where art tho where wander thy steps, and where thy mis

This day, the last of leisure, I shall pass in This day, the last of leisure, I shall pass in the place that was the scene of our meeting when our acquaintance grew with the advance of Spring, knew indeed its frequent chills, blights, and delays, but also its tender graces, its young joys and at last its flowers.

This place, I think, will always be lovely in my memory. But alse we shall meet here no more. Strangers to us will haunt the rocks and little green paths, where we gave one another so much childish happiness, so much sacred joy.

Hast thou forgotten any of these things; hast thou ceased to cherish me, O Israel!

The Vermont' Marble Company, of Proctor, Vt., for several years has had contracts for supplying gravestones to the United States Army. The Springfield Republican says that the chief owner of said works is Senator Redfield Proctor, who might be amenable to the law forbidding a Congressman from having a financial interest in Government contracts but for the statement statutes "expressly exempts members of Congress holding shares in incor-porated companies from the operation of the law prohibiting them from having an interest in Government contracts, and it is believed that the Vermont Marble Works Company is an incorporated concern." If this statement is correct it would seem that Congressman Littauer, of Gloversville, N. Y., only needed to be an "incorporated" manufacturer of gloves for the Government to escape all criticism.

The management of the Oregon State Fair is to be congratulated upon the conditions which make annual expansion necessary. Although several score of new cattle stalls were built two years ago, the Board of Agriculture finds it necessary to construct eighty more this season. Other departments have also been growing. Farmers, stockgrowers and manufacturers are demanding more space, and their demands must be met, for the fair is conducted chiefly in their interests, or rather as an exhibition of their products. A broad view of what a state fair should be, and careful business each fair has been greater than its predecessor, and the one this Fall promises to be no exception to the rule.

may yet prove to be to this state. It apparently will not afford employment to a very large number of American laborers during the harvest season. In two successive years the proprietor of the flax-working plant at Salem has been unable to procure white labor to gather the crop. In order best to preserve the fiber the flax must be pulled instead of being mown. In performing this work a man must stand in a slightly stooping posture nearly all the time, and men not accustomed to it soon give out. Last season, and again this year, Japanese were engaged to pull the crop after the effort to secure white men had failed. Americans, and especially Oregonians, are not accustomed to stooping...

Influential men in New York and Washington are going to ask Congress at its next session to make an appro priation for an art gallery to be built at the National capital. Princely gifts of precious works and of money are promised by private individuals. While the fostering of the painter's and the sculptor's art is commendable, it is not one of the functions of government as Americans view government. It will not be surprising if the proposed measure falls. A National art gallery suggests a National theater and a National opera-house. Congress will be cautious about setting a precedent,

desperate criminals comes from June! tion City, Kan., where a hegro who had murdered a guard was confined in the County Jail. With three others he attacked and overpowered the Sheriff and made his escape. Perhaps after more lives are sacrificed jailers will learn that it is dangerous to herd desperadoes of the Harry Tracy stamp with ordinary prisoners in ill-protected corridors.

proposal to unite in one body the Christian Endeavor Society, the Epworth League and the Baptist Young People's Union. Each is strong enough to stand alone, and generous rivalry is a common stimulant for the three organizations; still, the movement to consolidate is in keeping with the twentleth-century

meat markets are engaged in a war among themselves. When butchers go at it the slaughter of prices should be

· Chicago Tribune.

There was a hunted look in the states man's eye.
With uncontrollable agitation he packed his value and kissed his wife good-byd.
"What is the trouble, dear?" asked his anxious wife. "Where are you going?"
"To the mountains, the deserts, the jungle anywhere?" he abswered, incoherently. There is a delegation coming to the house within an hour to tell me I've got to run for Vice-President!"

SPIRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS

Way Open to Great Fame. Pendleton Tribune. John Barrett can make a hit in the Argentine by introducing clam chowder.

Glad to Get Out With Whole Skins, We note with some surprise that the postoffice officials who "resigned" are not asking for any testimonials. Listen to This, Mr. Harriman.

East Oregonish.

If Harriman spends \$10,000,000 in the next five years building roads in Central Oregon, he will have laid foundations for greater future profits than he has in any

Ohio Won't Be Sidetracked. Sheridan Sun. Ohio has become so accustomed to hav-ing an Ohioan at the head of the ticket that ahe does not take kindly to the sug-gestion that an_Ohioan be nominated for the Vice-Presidency.

Harsh View of Mr. Hanna's Influence,

Dayton Courier-Press. Senator Hanna declared in his address to the Salvation Army at Cleveland that if he had the power to touch men's hearts, he would join the Salvation Army. Mark's touching power lies altogether in the

Don't Worry, Father; Mother's Working.

Burns Times-Herald.

Many a wife is loltering around home fooling away time toying with the wash tub, or splitting wood, while her poor husband is hard at work in the back room of a saloon, worrying his brain to keep the other fellow from shutting out his long suit in a solo hand.

Happy Escape for the President. Colfax Gazette,

The daily papers of Seattle and Tacomi are chewing the rag over what they imag-ine President Roosevelt thinks of their respective cities. There is only one grati-fying thing about the affair and that is that in all probability the President does not get to see the trash which those sheets are dishing up to their readers.

Frank Rieder's Great Perplexity.

Harney County News.
Frank Rieder has secured some photographs of the curious Indian writings
which appear on the rock walls along
Blitzen River. Frank would like to know what the picture of a turtle, upside down and surrounded by limards signified to the wayfaring redmen. He doesn't know whether he has the picture of a hotel reg-

Terrible Trouble Over Two Hogs.

Tilmmook Herald.

A hundred dollar lawsuit over a couple of \$10 hogs was tried in Justice Alley's Court last Wednesday. The grunters belonged to A. Arstel and were allowed to run at large, It appears they were fre-quent caller at Harrison Booth's, doing damage in rooting about his place, the hogs were taken up by Booth and sold to the constable who had advertised them in the proper way before selling them. Mr. Arstel brought suit to recover the value of the hogs, but Booth had judgment rendered in his favor.

The Ladies and the Badger.

Waitsburg Times.
A pitched battle occurred in the western A pitched battle occurred in the western part of town Tuesday which was exciting while it lasted. The principals were a large badger and four ladies. A badger was discovered in the Vining garden after chickens and Mrs. A. Vining and daughter-in-law. Mrs. F. Vining, Mrs. John Lane and Mrs. E. Diehl with clubs pitchforks and hoes lined up for the rescue of the poor chickens. The badger put up a gallant fight against such odds but to a gallant fight against such odds but to no avail and the thief was finally killed with a blow from a hoe.

Cattle Industry Will Be Benefited.

Harney Valley Items. The stand, it is reported, that the Gov. ernment is taking to have the illegally fenced public lands thrown open is causblg cattle corp The illegal fencing of public lands, how-ever, is not wholly confined to the large concerns, but also to a number of the "smaller fry" who would like to be classed with the former. The cry that the throwing open of this land will hurt the cattle industry is silly bosh, and can only emanate from the "big man" who thinks that with his passing from this earth all industry will die.

Tacoma News. A woman blatherskite from San cisco is arguing against marriage to au-diences of "elderly women and embar-rassed men" in Portland. She declares that marriage is "unscientific, immoral and will bring on race suicide." The Ore gonian reports her as referring to a band gonian reports her as referring to a band of women in Tacoma who hold to her shameless views. Perhaps she refers to the "Home Colony." which is not located at Tacoma. It is to be hoped that "Dr." Laura Smith will not pollute the atmosphere of Tacoma with her presence, nor poison the minds of Tacoma people with her indecent suggestions.

One Healthy Infant Industry,

Seattle Times Seattle's advocate of "letting well enough alone" now talks of the urgent before the American ship disappear completely from the high seas." Never in the history of the United States has American shipping been so numerous upon the oceans of the world as today and never so prosperous, yet this advo cate of pap for hoary "infant industries goes forth weekly with a message of gloom. It goes into hysterics over the possibilities of a centralized despotism and yet boldly approves a piratical raid upon the public treasury for the benefit

The Lewis and Clark Exposition is egitimate enterprise, in which the whole Northwest is concerned, and, while it may redound especially to the profit of certain Portland people, they are more than welcome to their share for the great work they are doing in making the Fair a success, for its success means much to every part of Oregon. That Portland will collapse and go to sleep after the Fair is over is among the improbabilities which need not be worried about at this early date, especially as another ball will open before that time to occupy the attention of the public. Unless all signs fall, greater Astoria will then have awakened from the sleep of a century. There will be a busning hereaboute that will disturb the slumbers of old settlers.

Short Stories and Good Money. Boise Capital News.

So many of our most respected maga-nines are going into vaudeville that there is a general hopelessness among old-fashioned magazine readers over the fu-ture of their favorite periodical literature. What is to become of the purely literaty writers, the essayists, the travelers, the wits and philosophers is not to be fathomed. Short stories sell more magazines and the object of printing magazines is to sell them. And such stories! They revolve around the incident of a torn dress, a lost rowboat, a sticking car window, and for the most part record the "flip-flap" conversation of young persons whose only idea is a wish to be married. But let all who can put pencil to paper and understand their grammar make hay while the sun shines. For now is the harvest. The short story is a good seller. Everybody is going into short stories, as they go into now kinds of rapperries, strawberries and tomatoes in the fruit-farming districts until the husiness is overdons. omed. Short stories sell more magazine

TEACH YOUR BOY TO SWIM.

Chicago Tribune.

The public bathing beaches were opened yesterday. There are three of them—all on the lake. The public baths which used to be situated at Twelfth street and the river and at Fiftieth street. and the lake will probably not be in use this year. The three baths which will be open are at Oakdale avenue. Twenty-sixth street, and Seventy-ninth street.

At each of these places there are across of shallow water where those who do not know how to swim can learn. The of shallow water where those who do not know how to swim can learn. The beaches slope gradually and safely. Admittance to the water costs nothing, and suitable bathing garments are furnished free. The city employs expert watermen and swimmers, who watch the bathers and keep them from getting into danger. The parent who has a boy who doesn't know how to swim should see that he learns. Possibly some day that knowledge will save his life. Certainly during many days it will add to his stock of happiness and health. There are few more thorough forms of exercise than more thorough forms of exercise than swimming. Every muscle is brought into play. The chest and lungs particularly are developed. Greater chest development, if it does not take the form merely of pectoral muscles enlarged by artificia of pectoral muscles enlarged by arbother dumbbell exercise, means greater lung capacity, which means greater vitality.

The schools have closed and the boy has quantities of spare time. He ought to make the most of the half chance that city boys have to understand the mean-ing and the feeling of nature. Country-bred boys all through their after lives look back on the old swimming hole as look back on the old swimming hole as the pleasantest place in all the world. The bathing beach of the city is not so good as that swimming hale, but it is much bet-ter than nothing. If the boy spends a good part of his Summer vacation in swimming he will be a happier boy now and a bettet man in the future.

Yakima Republic.

The influence of a newspaper, whether it is published in the city or in the country, depends largely on who owns it, what he owns it for, and what he does with it. The country newspaper is usually a small affair, owned by a single fidividual. Generally he is a man of ordinary ability, trying to live honestly and to make enough out of his paper to support his family. What he has is more often than not his own, including his opinions on such subjects as he is competent to discuss. As a rule, his editorial utterances express his honest convictions. He is rightfully entitled to exercise a certain actiount of influence. The people who read his paper respect the opinions of such men, and will always be guided to a certain extent by them. If he happens to be a mercenary creature, if he can be bought, the readers of his paper take little stock in him, and he cannot influence them, even though he may be a man of considerably ability. There are a few great daily papers in the country the editorial pages of which reflect the candid, honest opinions of the editors as fully as do the editorial columns of the untrammeled little weeklies. Such a paper is The Oregonian, of Portland. The editor of that paper is not only at liberty to think and write as he pleases, but he is a thinker and writer of great ability. The influence of his paper is therefore great. Probably there is not a more influential paper in the United States. No paper conducted as is The

powerful financial or business interests, and as such express no opinions but those dictated by men with selfish purposes to

Oregonian can fail to have influence, ac-

cording to the ability with which it is

edited. If the influence of the daily press

is on the wane, it is because many daily

papers either do not attempt to make

Well Equipped for His First Trip. Philadelphia Record.

A young man who is planning his first very important purchase the other day. It was in the form of a dress suit casenot a new one, but one that had evidently seen years of hard usage. Moreover, he picked it up in a pawnshop, the last place in the world one would think a person of his fastidious habits would look for such a thing. But it was conspleuously displayed in the window, and he pur-chased it, paying a price far in excess of its intrinsic value. The secret of his lust for this particular travel-stained bag lay in the fact that it was plastered all or with foreign labels, and had eviden once belonged to a man who had done Europe thoroughly. Equipped with this, he no longer has any fear, when he embarks on the steamer of being taken for a "first tripper."

"American Fever" in Norway.

Los Angeles Times. The "American fever" is spreading so fast in Norway that the authorities are becoming alarmed. The country is very sparsely settled, having only 2,000,000 jnhabitants. Of these 28,000 emigrated last year, mostly to America, and the indications are that that figure will be nearly

James Barton Adams in Denver Post. Life is worth more than the living, never joy more complete, Never the cup of existence brimming with nec-

kine of the skies, Vales of unspeakable beauty, charming the wondering eyes. Thrilled is the being with rapture, tingles the heart with delight,

Dances the soul to a music all sparkling with melody bright As we recline 'neath pinion in the most indo lent pose, Drinking the breath of the mountains up

where the columbine grows. Sweet is the musical rippling borns in the prattle of brooks, Glad are the notes of the song birds hid in the leaf-curtained nooks.

Joyous the hum of the wild bees, seeking the Gaily the butterflies spangle the walls of the There is the world and its troubles barred from the chambers of mind, Never unwelcome introder of thought from

the cares left behind, Comes to disturb the siests, as our so lastly close. Up in the heart of the mountains, where the wild columbine grows.

There in the arms of old Nature, close to her motherly breast, Soule that are drooping and weary sink into strengthening rest. Arms that are weak from life's battle quickly grow active and strong, Lips that were laden with murmura ripple

with hope-given song. fourished the toll-weakened body, anew the ambition is fired, heart with new vigor is throbbing by

Nature's rare beauties inspired, As in the cool shade of the pine trees stretched out on the grass we repose. Up where the breezes are purest, up the columbine grows.

Round us the wild deer are playing, yonder an elk lifts its head, Sniffs at the scent of intrusion; vanishes lordly Sleeps the brown bear in the bushes, dodges

the quall in the grass,
Prightened by ories of the boboat up in the
rock-armored pars.
Proudly the eagle is circling up in the face of

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Good morning! Did you see the great

Good news at last from Kishinef. The ender of the riot has committed suicide. Cablegrams from Honolulu telling of quarrels among legislative factions seems

like news from home.

Matt Quay says he intends to quit in 1905. No one believes the farewell season of an actor is really the last.

King Edward ought to be gracious and send Roosevelt a congratulatory message on our success at the international shoot,

Speaking of local improvement, has any one noticed the nine Portland men working in the lot at Twenty-fourth and Vaughn? Astorians refuse to accept Senator Ful-

ton's resignation from the school board.

Do they propose to telegraph to Washington every time a load of slab wood or a box of chalk is needed? Under the new charter the City Auditor must make an inventory of city property. If he involves the Jail building,

Second and Oak, at more than one cent, he will be swelling the valuation. Higginson, in his "Life of Whittier."

says that the poet was at one time so keen and influential a professional politician that when he withdrew from politics in 1843 a congressional nomination was fairly within his reach. The largest immigration in to the United States recorded of any year took place in

1882, when the arrivals numbered 7% 992. But this figure will be surpassed the present fiscal year. Already 758,285 immigrants have come in-no less than 137,514 arriving in May-and there is one more month to hear from. The slaughter of railroad employes about which much was heard when Congress had the question of automatic

couplers under consideration soms years ago, still continues. In the last fiscal year 2009 were killed and 50,524 were injured. That is a very heavy rate of mortality, while one out of every 24 employes was injured. The number of passengers killed was 345, or only one out of every 1,883,706 passengers carried.

The most impressive funeral ever seen in Jackson, Mich., was that of General W. H. Withington, who was buried there June 30. The guard of honor consisted of the six survivors of company B, First Michigan infantry, which fought under Withington at the commencement of the cival war. Senators Alger and Burrows, with numerous other citizens, were in attendance. Business was practically suspended in town during the funeral, a great crowd of residents following the remains to the last resting place.

Lawrence and Cassandra Southwick, Quakers, who were thrashed at the carttall through the streets of Salem for "prophesying" there in Puritan days, are to be commemorated there by a descendant, Frederick Fanning Ayer, if his design for a monument be accepted. He proposes to commemorate the whipping by the statue of a tiger, typifying superstition, and exhibited with ravening jaws reared above a half-stripped woman, into whose shoulders his claws are fixed, while a man strives to loosen the grasp.

public opinion, or else are the organs of In 1876 Governor Nicholls, of Louisiana, a graduate of West Point, and a Confederate Brigadier who lost a leg in battle. addressing a colored Conservative Club in New Orleans, said: "Any law attempted to be passed directed against a class or race of the community would meet with my most determined opposition. No such trip abroad, and who is rather sensitive my most determined opposition. No such lest his fellow-travelers should regard attempt, however, will be made; for, inwhich stand in the way, the Democratic or conservative sentiment of the whole

South is united against such action." Adelina Patti will sall for her native land, America, October 24 next. In a re cent interview published at Berne the great singer recurred to her childhood in New York, "when I used to listen for the call of the ice-cream man in Twentyfirst street, where I lived with my sister.

Thanksgiving day, 1869, I made my operatic debut at the Academy of Music in 'Lucia.' That dear old academy-how I love it! I'm so giad they have not pulled it down. For sentiment's sake I should like to make my last appearance there.

An old Florida Colonel recently met Booker T. Washington and in a bibulous burst of confidence said to the negro educator: "Suh, I'm glad to meet you. Always wanted to shake your hand, suh. I think, suh, you're the greatest man in America." "Oh, no," said Mr. Washington. "You are, suh," said the Colonel and then, pugnaciously: "Who's greater?" "Well," said the founder of Tuskegee, "there's President Roosevelt." "No, sub," roared the Colonel. "Not by a jugful; I used to think so, but since he invited you to dinner I think he's a blank scoundrel."

The late General Wade Hampton, Gov. ernor of South Carolina, and afterward United States Senator, said in a speech made in June, 1887, at Auburn, N. Y.: "I say to you, men of New York, as I say at home, I owe my election to the colored men of South Carolina. Thousands of them voted for me, knowing that I had been a good friend of their race, and knowing that I was the first man after the war to recommend that the right of suffrage should be given to them, and that I have never yet changed my opinion upon this subject. Knowing this, they sustained me in large numbers, and I am happy to say that nearly all the fears of the more ignorant are passing away, and they are satisfied that they will be dealt with in all respects as citizens of South

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS

Teacher—Where was the Declaration of Inde-endence signed? Tommy—At the bottom.— Chicago Daily News.

Ethel-Do you really think the Lieutenant will propose to Beth? Edith-Oh, res; he has several medals for bravery, you know!-Puck. "I told papa your poems were the children of your brain." "What did he say?" "Said they were bad enough to put in the reform school."-Judge.

"Weren't some of those transactions by which you profited a trifle irregular?" "Not for me," answered Senator Sorghum. "They were quite the usual thing."—Washington Star. Value of His Opinion. "Do you think it's going to rain?" she asked. "Oh, I'm sure it's not," he replied. "Then I'll take my um-brella," she announced with decision.—Chicago

Evening Post. "I am affaid, dear," said the fair girl, "that it is my half million that draws your affection to me." "You wrong me, Myrtilla," said the impassioned youth. "You might scale it down-lemme see-say 10 per cent, and it wouldn't shake my constancy in the least."—Chawland Plain Dealer.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Royal Adviser—The world expects, your majesty, that you will inflict some punishment upon the assassins that killed your majesty's royal predecessor." New King (with emotion) —I shall punish them by letting them live to suffer the remorse that follows the commiss