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ABUSING A PRIVILEGE,

The referending of the workmen's compensation law has one feature in mmon with several other measure that have been taken to the people by initiative or referendum. The influence or interest that is promoting a vote on the issue is working under cover. It was so with the referending with the initiating of the Heusner franchise. It is so with the referending of those less important measuresthe county attorney act and the ster ilization law. It is so to an extent with the hold-up of the university appropriations. Men actuated by polithe majority, at least for a time, withof adverse public sentiamong voters who know little and all right. care less about laws passed for the public weal will do the trick.

It is to this disgraceful end that the direct legislative power is not occabut frequently prostituted. The well-meaning portion of the public is continually combated by skulking enemies who call to their aid innuendo, class prejudice, willful misrepresentation and other powers of evil Our corrupt practices act is so elaborate that it is trifling in some particu-lars, yet it does not reach or attempt to reach the dishonest petition circulator. Signatures are solicited and obtained by grossest misrepresentation. The law requires the filing of statements of campaign expenditures, but statement is not demanded until after the issue has been settled at the polls, and even then ways of avoiding disclosure as to origin of funds are numerous and frequently followed. The corrupt practices act needs tightening. The solution of the problem of plications, but that of attack from ambush is comparatively simple. It would be easy to draft a measure that would compel a revealing of the iden- ests,

tity of those who invoke the system.

The referending of the workmen's compensation act is typical in its disclosure of the needs of reform in direct legislative procedure. The act involves a principle the merit of which is established. Opponents of the prin-ciple are inconsequential in number. They are rare indeed outside the ranks of the few beneficiaries of existing lia-bility laws, and those beneficiaries are almost exclusively the casualty companies and the lawyers who make a specialty of personal injury cases. The representatives of the casualty comunies have subscribed to a statement denying responsibility for the hold-up cert of action, so as to rescue the lance-chasers have not spoken. Dis-satisfaction with the details of the act might have in group of employers or employes to tack the act through the referendum. though the possibility is remote. If either of the latter are backing the referendum, their procedure is due either to misconstruction of the pro-vision of the law or a misguided idea

of the way to improve it.

The employer need not fear the compensation law. It is elective, and need not be. If he declines to accept the act, it is true that the common law defenses are denied him, but they are practically denied him now by the list dility law, which will prevail if the workmen's compensation law be defeated. The compensation act is elec-The workman, simply by giving notice. can remain on exactly the same footing in regard to his right to recover for injury as he would possess if the voters reject the law. If either emcan be drafted, the initiative is as The latter need not be invoked, but if both initiative and referendum applied, two competing acts go before the people at the same election. has proved, one will defeat the other regardless of majority sentiment favorable to the principle in-

The case resolves itself into this: workmen's compensation law has been referred to the people by interlaw, else the movement is the product orance. The subterranean char-of the opposition indicates that the first-named interest is responsible. As it is obviously hiding out of respect to public sentiment, public ser In demanding that it come to t face will not prevail. The case emphasizes the need for a legal club to drive such pernicious workers from But the weapon's true value The motive that now impels concealment would be strong enough in many instances, were concealment impossible, to deter a per-nicious minority from activity at all.

TRANSPOSED FIGURES.

Dieck and Mr. Brewster as Commissioners-elect, and it has likewise led gonian, not the Journal, which is "be- classes of until The Oregonian appears.

turns with thoroughness and at very tection. They protest only against healing work.

considerable expense. It is a task that taxes the resources of any newspaper. Few journals indeed under take to do the work on their own account, but rely upon the easy method of waiting for the returns to be brought in. The Oregonian sends mes. sengers to all the precincts on the night of election, and on succeeding nights, and makes its own compile tions. It is not surprising that in the great hurry with which the labor is done, an error should here and there be made; it is astonishing, indeed, that so few errors are made

It may be recalled that The Oregonian on Tuesday—the day following Daily, Sunday included, one year..... 2.05 Daily, Sunday included, one month.... 75 the election-made the estimate that Albee's plurality would be about 5500 votes. The actual plurality is 6412 On Wednesday morning The Oregonian was able to make the first an cement of the election of Daly, Dieck, Bigelow and Brewster, and to give, besides, full and authentic in-formation as to all other candidates and the initiative measures. It was a very important news service rena very important news service ren-dered by The Oregonian in a matter of real moment; but that is the business of The Oregonian, and it does whatever is to be done in the publi-cation of news with completeness and without needless flourish.

FAIR DEALING. Mr. Heusner submitted to the people franchise in terms prescribed himself, and it was heavily defeated he Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation Company and the Souther Pacific made an open and frank appeal to the public to sustain their franof the public utilities bill. It was so chise rights on the East Side, and a verdict was promptly returned in their favor, It was in each instance a con-spicuous illustration of the public's acute understanding of the equities and of fair dealing in their relations

with large business. Mr. Heusner took the public into his confidence only to the extent of declartics, spite or personal interest have ing in outline what his unknown prin-learned how to overcome the will of cipals proposed to do. The city wants new capital and it wants street railout bringing down upon themselves an road competition; but it is not ready to furn over to a promoter large and ment. A procurable lawyer, a few important franchise rights on his perpaid petition hawkers and several sonal assurance that the men to whom days' work by them in the slums and he intends to assign his privileges are

Who are they? The public is entitled to know. When it learns, it will grant a franchise on favorable terms. In the meantime it will not permit Mr Heusner or anybody to blindfold its

HOW TO WIN AN ELECTION. The eighteen leading candidates for mmissioner, in the order of rank as determined by the vote cast for the in the recent city election, were the

following: McAllister. Driscoll. Brewster. Hurlburt. Watkins. Benbow. Cellars Craig.

In the eighteen are the entire twelve indersed by the Committee of One Hundred, and six others who, by reason of personal popularity or political strength, or support by special interor otherwise, were formidable candidates. Not one of the six was successful, though a powerful effort was made to elect several of them The first six of the eighteen were all indersed by the Committee of One

Below the lowest candidate of the -a candidate indorsed by the Committee of One Hundred-comes the highest of the miscellaneous canlidates; but the drop is twenty-five hundred votes. There are more tha fifty candidates who had less than 6000

votes on the three choices.

Clearly, the effort by the Committee
of One Hundred to bring about conof the measure. The so-called ambu- from the peril of undesirable candida-

DEMOCRATS YIELD TO LOGIC.

The Democratic tariff framers in straight path toward free trade in opposite directions and at times they found themselves trying to travel in both directions at the same time. They ingled for the farmer's vote with duties on agricultural products, for the consumer's vote with free food products. In so doing they got them elves into a boggle. They thought win the farmer by taxing foreign wheat and admitting flour free, oblivious of the fact that this would injure both the farmer and the miller. Canadians would grind their wheat and ship it across the border free as flour. The English would import Canadian and Argentina wheat, grind it at sea ports and ship it to us as flour. Oats and catmeal, cattle and dressed beef were treated in the same manner and like results would have followed Replenishment of our depleted herds was be obstructed by duties on cattle but cattle-growing and beef-packing stimulated in Argentina, Canada and Australia by free admission of meat. In their anxiety to protect the farmer and to put the manu-facturer on a free trade basis, they actually offered protection to foreign against the American manufac. turer and took away from the farmer

with the one hand the protection which they had given with the other. The provisions of the Underwood originally drawn would not only have built up the milling industry of Canada, England and Germany at the expense of both the American farmer and the American miller, but yould have stimulated the same industry in China and Japan, Mills have been built in those countries, but the industry has languished for lack of market for bran and screenings, which compose one-third of the prod-uct of wheat. The Underwood bill deadly seeds, and when one growth proposed to admit these by-products has been destroyed others spring up free, without the proviso attached to almost overnight. Such The accidental transposition of a the Pacific Coast mills out of the Ori-Japanese and Chinese could have shut cancer is extraordinarily malignant of election figures, throwing ental market and have invaded the scientific conservation, the other figures out of their place, in American market, both on the Pacific remains that Dr. Loeb's copper preparation tables of The Oregonian and Atlantic Coasts. The proposed aration has checked the growth of the classical conservation and atlantic coasts. caused The Oregonian to re-relative positions of Mr. would have been a direct aid to them

against the Americans, The millers were in a peculiarly benumbed contemporary, the strong position to attack these in-nal, to suggest that it is The Ore- equitable provisions, for, unlike other excite false hopes, it ought to be a We meekly accept the re- no protection. They only asked Con- checked by the copper preparation, it buke and admit that the mistake was gress to do as other nations do-imparticularly unpardonable in its lia- pose a duty on flour and by-products the doses bility to mislead the Journal, which squivalent to the duty on wheat, or to Loeb makes the discouraging state-never knows who is elected in Oregon admit both wheat and its products ment that the copper tries the verns sver knows who is elected in Oregon admit both wheat and its products ment that the copper live the compensation of the oregonian appears.

The Oregonian gathers election relation with the world, unaided by prostopped before it has completed its believe the oregonian gathers election. They protest only against healing work. The patient then relativest.

A person fond of epigrams might speak of the new spirit in the colleges as "the revolt of the grinds." For many years the miserable grind has lain contentedly at the bottom of the college community. The swell society man has lorded it over him. The glorious athlete has despised him, However arduously he might toil, he won no renown. The professors might pretend to admire him in the lecture-room, but outside they joined in contemning him and gave their genuine uffrages to the beau and the football champion. The grind, who excelled in

and muscle exalted. With muscle some other things not quite so innocent were exalted. The art of winning athletic victories benot only muscular prowess, but also, and in a higher degree, that sort of craft which distinguishes the political manipulator. College athletics acquired more or less of the taint of ward politics. mercenary as the mythical Big Busi-ness of which we hear so much.

With all this going on over their umble heads, the grinds lay peacetheir betters walked upon them. Perany rate, the grinds are lifting up their red upon the heads of the football more openly expressed.

The two prize essays in the Harvard thirds of all the essays submitted for the flesh and the devil in the form of football and "society" is in the air. If it thrives our colleges may again beme seats of learning.

COPPER AND CANCER.

In moments of depression, when one disposed to compiain that all the world has gone money mad, a useful corrective may be found by considerhow many scientists of first-rate abilities are devoting their lives to the investigation of cancer. Their researches are not likely to bring them much wealth and they may be unproductive even of fame, for the subject is extremely difficult and discovery in regard to it proceeds very slowly. Still, the men of science persist and the possibility that they may contribute in a small way to the good of mankind is reward enough to hold them to their task. Shut up in their laboratories, away from the hum of the busy world, they patiently try one experimen lore new theories undiscouraged by failure and made happy by the faintest spark of success. Thus far it is admitted that the cause of cancer is unknown. A number of more or less plausible hypotheses have been advanced to account for its appearance and destructive growth, but none of them has been found satisfactory in all particulars. The problem of cancer

Nor is there any "cure" for this most frightful of diseases. Palliatives exist which often give relief, and in some which often give relief, and in some cases seem to extirpate the tumor completely, but they cannot be depended upon. The latest of these partial remedies is described in a report by Dr. Leo Loeb, who carries on his researches in the Barnard Skin and Cancer Hospital, at St. Louis. Dr. Loeb makes a preparation of copper with the aid of an electrical current with the aid of an electrical current which has been found beneficial in a great many instances, but he warms great many instances, but he warms great many instances, but he warms the public that it is liable to fall when the conscience, but what he will wish to do as a man of sound sense in view of his full responsibility to the sease and titled foreigners have been so frequent this year that newspapers give them each only a paragraph, and a diverge would command a diverge which the other price has decreased within the last few scarcely more space. Perhaps the date of the execution of the Indians and extravagances, and then married the prince De Sagan, who owed \$4.

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"On the count of the Editor.)—Kindly publish the date of the current within the last few of the scarcely more space. Perhaps the date of the execution of the Indians and extravagances, and then married the prince the tumors are unusually malignant. That is, of course, exactly the time the public. when a true "cure" would not fall, and Dr. Loeb very properly protests that colloidal. or jellified, state. tural readers will recall that the fa- around. mous "Bordeaux mixture," which is so effective against the fungoid eneof copper sulphate and lime. In the view of some scientific men cancer is not unlike a fungus in its nature Hence it might be natural to expen

some preparation of copper should react favorably upon it. his remedy pon human beings and obtained some highly encouraging results. He finds that his colloidal copper properly in jected into the patient's ctually stop the growth of some extremely dangerous tumors and co etely cure others. It is not apt to be effective when the patient is "run bust the general health is the better for this as for other cancer remedies. Hence the invariable warning is to be gin in time, before the enemy is too strongly fortified to be dislodged. Dr. Loeb's preparation again fails, or it pretty sure to fail, when the cancerous cells have been transplanted to vari ous parts of the body. planting process is characteristic of cancer and forms one of its most terrible means of resisting medical effort The lethal cells magrate along the channels of the system and establish themselves in glands often far remote from the original tumor. Thus the free flour, for free admission of the hopeless, in the present state of sci-American article to the country of ence. Again the precept is, "Begin in origin. With the American market time. Do not wait until the enemy is thrown open, not only to their flour intrenched." Finally, Dr. Loeb's remout to their bran and screenings, the edy falls, as we have said, when the

But making all these concessions to vital parts to admit of surgical operation, and in this way it has prolonged excite false hopes, it ought to be added that, even after a cancer has been is likely to resume its growth if ter all, the doses are discontinued. Dr.

eing subjected to discrimination by lapses. Still all is not lost, There is a AMERICAN HUSTLE SHOCKS JAP their own government. Their position was unassaliable and the action of the Democratic members of the Senate committee in putting both wheat and and the two remedies in co-operation.

All and the two remedies in co-operation of the two remedies in co-operation.

A Japanese who has spent consideration of Japanese who has spent consideration. four on the free list is an admission of the fact.

A Japanese who has a slone. Dr. Loeb has another word of hope. He intimates that neither the impressions as follows:

Some active minded wo after another. Some bright morning not be speaking to another guest. Just the right one will be hit upon and the discoverer will be crowned with ever-subway train: lasting fame. In the meantime it can not be too often reiterated that the breath away, and by the time one resafest of all remedies for cancer is the covers his breath he finds he is breathsurgeon's knife. It is always reliable

if the disease is taken in time. Death from cancer usually results iah of the institutions of learning. In-tellect was ridiculed in its own home unfamiliar, should be attended to in-Some physicians have the bit of pooh-poohing such stantly. habit lesions and telling their patients not to worry about them. Their advice is highly developed. It involved as bad as possible. This is a case where worry is the only safe mind until the beneficent knife has totally irreconcilable with the simple done its perfect work

The most unpopular man with It was also about as Democratic Senators and Representa-the mythical Big Busi-tives is Representative Britten, of Illinois, a Republican. He inserted in the Congressional Record a list of Federal offices not subject to the civil service fully in the mud of college life while law and sent out thousands of copies with letters urging people to "pick out paps it is the world-wide spirit of de- the job you want and then see your mocracy which has roused them to as-sert themselves. Perhaps the college redoubled the clamor for jobs, which communities as a whole are growing was already loud enough, because ashamed of worshiping muscle and President Wilson is deliberately withcraft instead of mind and wisdom. At holding appointments until the tariff bill is passed. The resentment of the ds and demanding a share in the pestered Congressmen towards activities of their institutions. They are asking for fame such as is show-against Mr. Wilson and is doubtless

It is pleasant to read that the vari-Advocate's competition this year both ous state normal schools are graduatincite the grind to rebellion. Two- ing big classes this season. The pubschools need all the teachers who competition took the same subject. have been trained for them, and a Revolt against the reign of the world, great many more. It is a pitiful thought that the rural schools, where If competent instruction is most sorely be-needed, are often provided with untrained teachers. The consolidation of Monmouth school would be encourag-

> A woman student of the red man tail told the Senate committee yesterday that education of the Indian was a failure, and the race would better return to aboriginal ways and work out its salvation. This is hardly fair. out its salvation. This is hardly fair. An occasional Indian falls from grace the detractors.

the detractors.

The negro chauffeur of Governor Blease of South Carolina has been fined several times for speeding at Columbia. The Governor gets even each time by appointing an additional liquor constable for the county in which Columbia is, and that city has which Columbia is, and that city has to pay half his salary of \$90 a month. The Governor has thus devised an ingenious method of punish- WHAT TITLES COST HEIRESSES community for enforcing the ception of the meaning of his oath

House turned aside from their the public that it is liable to fall when wish to do as a man of sound sense in view of his full responsibility to

While remembering the Maine, we his preparation is not a cure. The should not forget the states whose copper is divided into fine particles names Congress refuses to honor with and held in a sort of solution. It is battleships. Naval authorities say we technically described as being in the should have forty-eight dreadnoughts, Horticul- so there are just enough names to go

mies of fruit, is a colloidal preparation to resorts where only soft drinks are Missouri factory girls refuse to go served their escorts. Probably feel that oft drinks don't make the men soft enough to propose readily

> Another "lifer" doing his "bit" for old-blooded murder has been given liberty. The man who does not always is sustained by hope if in the Oregon penitentiary. Mexicans have nerve to protest

against the Arizona anti-alien law. To be sure, they do it at long range, showing proper respect for the Ariona code of ethics. Heavy shipments of diamonds are

pouring into the country. That's cheering news. We were afraid the supply might run short Mistaking L. W. Hill for a farmer in

the sagebrush country was natural. Farmers over there are prosperous, and look it. Jack Johnson may as well submit and take his medicine. Decency is bound to get him, despite technicali-

China will make a study of aerial navigation. What China needs most is to get down to earth.

Now would be a great time to buy Ross Island, the price to be based on the acreage above water.

Meanwhile General Hearst's great armies in the American-Japanese flict are marking time.

Rose has been elected Mayor of Los We'll repeat the performance next week The building not decorated for the

Rose festival will be conspicuous in its nakedness. Kansas is having heavy rains and will need the 40,000 harvest hands af-

Save a little energy for next week. You'll need it. Billions of roses are ready for the

A Japanese who has spent considerable time in the United States gives his

colloidal copper nor the casein may prove to be the most powerful remedy a slow witted Japanese six different obtainable against cancer. The world questions before he could make up his is full of substances which may possibly be more efficacious, and of course the time he opened his mouth the physicians will go on trying them one charming questioner would as likely as

ing somebody else's!"

The society people go to their Sumom unpardonable delay. Any little they entertain and are entertained exit necessary to seek other places, sanitaria even, for real rest. This condi-tion of things is but the result of the extreme prosperity of the American

The abundance of saloons in the large cities strikes casual observers as and austere life of the Pilgrim fathers, but in fact it is a mere corollary of the noble principle, paradoxical as this may sound. In older countries moderate drinking in the company of wives and children is not considered wicked, but in this country frail humanity has to take a glass or two of strong waters before public bars on its way home from the day's work so that when it sits down to dinner with the family it. from the day's work so that when it sits down to dinner with the family it can drink water and yet be merry. To me it seems that the American invention of chewing-gum, which, by the way, is now invading prudish England, is also directly traceable to the influence of Puritanism. Because there are so many places and occasions precluding the enjoyment of smoking the enjoyment of smoking en began to use chewing-tobacco; cause women cannot smoke, at least in public, chewing-gum was prepared to place them on the footing of equal-

Because they are paid for their work servants are "help," and need not hu-miliate themselves by expecting or thanking one for gratuities. Some of them therefore simply say, "All right, when they take tips, as if to mean the they allow you to do it. Because they are equal they must all wear gold or gift watches, chains, rings and other trinkets, just as silver is more in evidence where social or class distinctions are recognized.

trained teachers. The consolidation of districts is one remedy for this, but some way ought to be devised to raise the general qualifications of the profession. A larger attendance at the Monmouth school would be encouragties gave birth to that lamentable lynch law, to the polite exclusion of negroes, Jews and Chinese from certain utilities or privileges.

I know a Christian countryman of

mine who married a Christian woman born of an English father and a Japa-nese mother. She was well educated, and had been a missionary in Japan for some years. When she died she expressed the wish in her will that her An occasional Indian falls from grace and his dereliction is heraided wide; remains be buried in the cemetery of but seldom is a word said for the humble hundreds who make good. Carlisle has produced great baseball and football players; now let her turn out a champion of the ring and confound and her American pastor could not in football players; now let her turn out a champion of the ring and confound husiness corporation, it could not well business corporation, it could not well

who cannot keep quiet even

must have a queer con- Twenty-One Million Dollars Expended by Three American Girls for Glory.

Kansas City Star. es between American heir-

The Earl of Yarmouth had his dobts of \$2,060,000 paid by Alice Thaw and had \$1,500,000 settled on him. A million of this was in real estate, and was saved by the Thaw lawyers when the couple scenarated. The earl soon under General Sibley fought several the couple separated. The earl soon will wed a middle-aged and wealthy English widow, and Miss Thaw recently dians and drove them westward to the

which she had as her share of the Vanderbilt estate, is gone, and four Crow, while a fugitive, was shot by a years of the income with it, in the count's efforts to be a financier.

Equalization of Taxes. ral counties in this state, and is the sea to have the assessment equal in be different counties, or does the ad-ustment of the assessment and taxation of a county rest only with the County Board of Equalization?

This county (Yamhill) assesses mort-gages at 60 per cent valuation, while Polk County, adjoining, does not assess them at all, and we here do not feel as though this is equal taxation. SUBSCRIBER.

The intent of state equalization is to adjust such differences in assess-ment as that mentioned in the foregoing letter, to the end that each county shall pay a share of taxes levied for state purposes in proportion to the value of taxable property located within such county's borders.

TROUGH, TOUGH TROUGH. (Thoughts of a fisherman or cauties of English spelling waiting for a bite at Columbia Minnesota law at the expiration of

gh.)

Oh! Columbia Slough
Is a good place for yough
And me tough so tough,
Some fishing tough dough.
Besides there's a veough
Of a mountain or tough
Tough cheer us aneough
If our luck makes us blough
Through catching so feough
Of the fish for which yough
And I came tough the slough.
The magnificent veough
From this famous old slough
Should encourage both yough
And me tough renough
Our pursought of these fish
In Columbia Slough,
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Mothers' Day.

PORTLAND, June 4.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly publish the origin of Mothers' day, the reason for observing hay 11, and the significance of the carnation in connection therewith and oblige.

PORTLAND, June 4.—(To the Editor.)

Standing in property we standing in partnership.

Coal Du portland oblige.

Mothers' day was founded by Anna wearer is observing the day.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of June 6, 1863. Primary elections for the choice of elegates to the Union convention of alifornia have been held, and it is apposed that Stanford and Lowe, the val candidates for Governor, will be bout equally represented. bout equally represented.

We are informed by a friend, just eturning from Victoria, where he happened to be on the Queen's birthday, that generally the American flag was treated with becoming respect on that thinversary, especially at the hotels and by firemen, but aniversary, especially at the hotels aniversary, especially at the hotels and by firemen, but that J. Nagle & os, shipping and commercial agents, olsted the robel ensign and seemed o glory in the base distinction of begin the only business house which so sgraced itself. Commodore Spencer, H. B. M. ship Topaze, also gave a il in honor of the same occasion on ard his vessel, where among the same occasion of the same occasion. bard his vessel, where among other age recognized by his government as naving a nationality, he displi miserable emblem of rebellion.

The Dalles City Council—This enter-rising body has recently passed an rdinance inflicting heavy taxes called ilcenses upon the industrious popula-tion of the Sandy city, and especially upon the dealers in things to eat and drink. This unprecedented outrage has justly aroused the indignation of the victims, and it is proposed to test the legality of the ordinance.

Police Commissioners was held last evening, President Bourne in the chair. A communication was received from Chief of Police Parrish notifying the Board of the death of Policeman Andrew Henline.

The Burton House

The committee of arrangements for he celebration of the coming Fourth ant a skilled pyrotechnist to take harge of and manage an exhibition of fireworks on that occasion

The steamer John H. Couch towed up the bark Samuel Merritt from the time yet made by any boat in bringing

LOVE IS TOLD IN "PERSONALS." In England This Newspaper Depart-ment Is Called "Agony Column."

London Tit-Bits. The agony columns in the newspapers the agony commiss in the newspapers eveal many a story of blighted and coubled love. Almost every day some evesick youth and maiden make the ewspaper the medium for the outpourigs of their hearts, and their messages ten take the form of the most exavagant rhapsodies.

"Why, oh, why, cannot we look into each other's eyes?" frantically implored an advertiser in one of the London dailies recently, addressing one "Fifi." I suffer every moment we are parted. Do break the slience and let us meet.—Your own Jacki."

xtravagant in style as that of a omantic "Romeo," who thus addressed his divinity through the medium of a prominent provincial paper.

"Last night I looked at your last letter. Thanks, thanks, my soul, my queen, my star. I think of the future and

cold until I see thee.

on't forget."

And it was another sentimental renchman who told the world his feelings in these words, printed in a Paris

Thy feet make music in the stone chid streets; thy voice intoxicates the gods; thy ears were made for whispering loves, thy lips for passionate kisses. Won't you write to me?"

Let us hope she did, if only as a reward for such compliments.

was married to an American.

Count Szechenyi had \$5,000,000 settled of the Indians were captured and of the income for life, when he married Gladys Vanderbilt. Three million more which is the best three million more control of the same year. Little comber 34 of the same year. cember 24 of the same year,

Chickens in the City.

PORTLAND, June 4 .- (To the Editor.) McMINNVILLE, Or., June 3.—(To the Editor.)—Does the State Board of Tax Commissioners sit in judgment and adjust the amount of taxation of the sev-

Bold Chanticlear proclaims the morn, No doubt he's very right; But I wish he'd not begin the hour, So near the dead of night. Chickens seem to know that the early egg, she keeps bragging about it to the As poultry cannot be muzzled they certainly should be excluded from closely-built city districts.

Statute of Limitations.

SEASIDE, Or., June 3.—(To the Editor.)—Can a bill for merchandise goods amounting to \$30, bought in Chicago film years ago, be collected? Is there not a law at the present time that makes that bill outlawed?

C. W. KIRKWOOD.

A debt becomes outlawed under the five years. The Minnesota statute would apply in attempts to collect the money In Oregon.

Partnership Property.

PORTLAND, June 4.—(To the Editor.)—A and B are located on property adjoining. Part of their buildings, machinery and fences are partnership, each owning one-half interest. Can A transfer, sell, or remove any of said partnership property without B's consentred and the consentred by the consentred

Yes; except as to removal of a line Sale or removal of partnership property would usually give B legal standing in a suit for dissolution

Coal Dust for Stump Burning. PORTLAND, June 4.—(To the Editor.)
-Sometime ago I wrote to the Scien-Mothers' day was founded by Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia. Its object is "to honor and uplift motherhood, and to give happiness to 'the best mother who ever lived.". The carnstion is the badge selected to signify that the wearer is observing the day.

—Sometime ago I wrote to the Scientific American asking if coal or peat dust could not be burned in the same manner as crude oil. They answered that it could be done, but the trouble was it burned everything up, destroying furnaces. If this is so, why could not coal dust be used to burn out stumps?

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of June 6, 1888.
Washington, June 5.—The announcement of the Republican victory in pregon created profound rejoicing mong Republican members of Con-Hermann in the House extended to the majority of the ways and means committee the compliments of the people of Oregon, adding, "With this message Oregon has voted for protection by a majority of 3000 votes."

St. Louis, June 5.—The Democratic National Convention began this morn-ing. Stephen M. White, of California, was elected temporary chairman.

Republicans have not yet fully realized the extent of their great vic-tory. Hermann's total majority so far g. yet cannot be much reduced be increased. It is so far

Saturday Mrs. Mary F. Griswald died at her home, 228 2 North street,

The regular monthly meeting of the Police Commissioners was held last

the death of Policeman and the death of Policeman to test the test the test the some 600 names attached, praying the Governor to pardon a youth by the name of William Hess, who has been recently sentenced by the Circuit Judge of Yamhill County to three years' imprisonment in the penitentlary for tealing a horse.

The committee of arrangement is skilled. Richardson for \$18,500. It was bid off by R. Hendrie, it is understood for S. Junius Mayer, of Fleckenstein & Mayer. The price paid is considered low. The proporty belonged to the estate of James J. Burton, who came here from England in 1842 and took up the land on which Portland now stands as a donation claim, but afterwards abandoned it and located at North Vaniance. hill.

Bids were opened yesterday at the office of H. J. Hefty, architect, for a two and a half-story residence to be built at Eleventh and Jefferson streets for J. Bullivant. Lowest bids totaled

Robert J. Burdette, the famous humorist, will lecture at the Mechanics' Pavilion Friday and Saturday evenings.

Rev. H. K. Hines has returned from Bolse City and will deliver the educa-tional address before the East Port-land public schools next Sunday.

Miss Cora Packard, principal of the Holladay school, will leave for Astoria today.

The Republican ticket in Multnemah County is over 3000 ahead.

Zoo Animals Need Better Care. PORTLAND, June 4.—(To the Edi-or.)—Having visited the City Park the ther day, and being a close observer of animal and bird life, I would like to say a few words regarding care of the Zoo. I believe that it would be far "Last night I looked at your last letter. Thanks, thanks, my soul, my queen,
my star. I think of the future and
iremble with dread. My heart beats in
unison with yours. If we never meet
again, dear one—no, that is unendurable, and I only exist to behold again
your beauteous countenance. Until
then, desclation and misery is mine."
Who was the lovelorn Frenchman
who thus addressed his London sweetheart in a certain agony column:
thine Alfonso waits

sustain and enlarge
animals at the City Park than to vote
on a franchise or for a bridge that is
not needed. Portland is too prosperous
antmals and such poor accommodations
for them. I know of no other city the
size of Portland that has such conditions as exist in the City Park. I consider it cruelty. I suggest that as a
new Mayor has been elected, and as he
is to take up the reins soon, he do
something to better the conditions. We etter to vote on an appropriation to ustain and enlarge the collection of rt in a certain agony column:
My own heart, thine Alfonso waits
thee near the Marble Arch. The sun
cold until I see thee. When thou
ear, thine eyes sparkle with the
that springs from a tender heart.

AN OBSERVER.

TONO, Wash. June 3.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly publish why June 14 was made "Flag day." The ignorance of the public as to its origin and purpose is astonishing. Also name the days that are National holidays.

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June 14 is the anniversary of the adoption of the flag. There are no "National holidays." Public holidays are named by state, not Congressional

Verbal Leases.

BROWNSVILLE, Or., June 3 .- (To the Editor.)—Does a verbal lease on a building hold good under the Oregon SUBSCRIBER.

A verbal lease can be enforced for one year. It is valid for a longer period in event improvements such as indicate expectation of occupancy and use are made with the knowledge of and with-

FEATURES for-SUNDAY

Pink Whiskers - J. Hamilton Lewis' brilliant hirsute luxuriance is commonly reputed to have made him, but the Senator gives an interview in which he denies that all there is to him is those pink whiskers.

Champion Office Holder - He has been holding down public places for 55 years and is to retire only because he can't sit in a judicial chair any longer.

Unknown Republic Found-Russian explorers, in the heart of Siberia, come onto strange government, peopled by descendants of early Russian convicts. An unusual feature.

Are Men Chatterboxes?-Laura Jean Libbey asks this question and proceeds to give a most interesting answer.

The Messengers-A love story by RICHARD HARDING DA-VIS. Schools at Sea-How the United

States Navy will be utilized to give finished educations to thousands of young men. Death and the Millionaire - A

short story by Alfonse Courtlander. Nature the First Inventor -Many great patents are infringements on Nature's plans, Gibson Pictures-The widow is

disturbed by a vision which appears to be herself. Theodore Roosevelt-He writes the eleventh installment in his

autobiography. Don't Swat the Fly!-That's the newest health cry. I thing to do is starve the fly.

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