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WISE RULINGS.

The suits instituted to prevent the carrying out of the results of local option elections held in Oregon last November presented several angles, all of which were outside the real intent of the local option law. That intent is, of course, to permit the voters of each community to decide for themselves whether the sale of intoxicating liquor shall be licensed or not. In several cities a dry period was voted by the majority, but procedure was attacked on the acore that the local option elections were not held on the day of a regular city election and on the further score that signers of the local option petitions were not legally registered voters. In Salem, where the legality of a local option election was questioned, a charter amendment had subsequently been dopted prohibiting the sale of liquor. The validity of this amendment was also questioned.

The Supreme Court in upholding the elections has followed its admirable tendency, evinced, particularly in late years, to subordinate technical forms to main issues. It was only by constructive technical analysis not plain to the electors who enacted the local option law by direct vote that it could be held that local option elections in cities could be held only on the day of a regular city election. The plain of the particular section inwas to set a time for local option elections when judges and clerks of elections were performing other election the great Northwest. services. The local option elections When he came to the Oregon attacked were held on the day of a Country, in 1842. Francis Matthieu state-wide referendum election. They circumstances a date-fixing detail in- a great American commonwealth election of city officers should controvert the expressed desire in May 2, 1843, cast the deciding vote of the people, Oregon would be unlar government.

The local option law requires that denied their request. Later the Su- struggling population, preme Court held the new registration is to establish that status. pose of the local option law in confining signatures to those of registered voters is solely to insure that the petitions shall be signed by legal voters. It is unreasonable to support that the Legislature, by some Inadvertence or undue, assumption power in respect to a collateral subect of legislation can wholly suspend the operation of so important a statute as the local option law.

But perhaps the most interesting point in the decision is the ruling that cities are not confined to local option procedure in enacting prohibition. The initiative is reserved to the voters of municipalities by the constitution City voters may therefore enact prohibition by ordinance or charter amendand ordinances and charter amendments are subject to adoption at regular or special elections. Thus the ruling points out to prohibitionists a new weapon which they may find it expedient to contemplate before seeking repeal of the home-rule amend-They are proposing to initiate both prohibition and repeal of the home-rule amendment in November. It is possible that the one may be defeated and the other adopted. There are some advantages from their standpoint in the home-rule amendment that are not to be despised.

EFFECT OF TARIFF ON MEAT PRICES. In the opinion of H. A. Jastro, president of the National Livestock Assoclation, the American people need expect no decrease in the price of meat the aspiring novelist in a dire predica- her human rights by getting married. as a result of its being placed on the This is still an exporting country, notwithstanding the great diminution in our domestic meat supply, and as our consumption approaches our production, the creation of an survive. On the other hand, he may self-supporting and urge that it deopen market will simply throw us into make his men and women speak pure grades her to depend upon her huscompetition with other consuming English, but then he runs into another band for the necessities of life. countries for the supply from those countries which have a surplus for export. This will advance prices in the surplus countries so much that, in his opinion, it will not be profitable to paratively little description. The de-ship to the United States. He esti-scription is usually excellent, while the them of the right to work if they can mates that our imports in 1914 will not exceed 2 per cent of our consump- reformers propose to cut out the great- have said about married women aption and predicts that any decrease in price will not reach the consumer, but the descriptions. Their purpose de- parents maintain them at home. If will be absorbed by the packer and serves all praise, but we do not believe they possess the ability to earn money importer. The only good effect of it will be carried out in practice. Au- and wish to do so it would be the ex- free meat, he predicts, will be to pre- thors commonly want to sell their tremity of injustice to forbid them. vent violent fluctuations in price by steadying the market. The plain fact buy them unless they are well sprin- sire to work, not repress it. Most of is that the population of meat-eating kled with conversation. Hence ountries increases faster than the greatly fear that fiction will continue meat supply.

Instead of looking to foreign countries to make up our deficiencies in meat supply, we must increase our own production, which Mr. Jastro believes can be doubled by remunerafavors lease or sale of the semi-

the West to raise more live stock.

growing countries and might become such important factors in the indus-1.75 try as to reduce the level of prices.

WITHOUT THE WOMEN?

The Democratic caucus at Washingingenuously slides - around the 15 woman suffrage issue by pronouncing How to Remit—Send postoffice money orter, express order or personal check on your
call bank. Stamps, coin or currency are
t sender's risk. Give postoffice address
full, including county and state.

Postage Raise—12 to 16 pages, 1 cent; 18
5 22 pages, 2 cents; 34 to 48 pages, 3 cents;
6 to 60 pages, 4 cents; 62 to 76 pages, 5
ents; 78 to 82 pages, 6 cents. Foreign postter, double raise. settle it in its own self-centered way; but would Japan accept the result? cago, Steger building. Chi-San Francisco Office—R. J. Bidwell Co., the women who are demanding Congressional action on suffrage retire to their respective states and fight it out

The Democratic party is making a valiant effort through the polite eva-sions of the President and the parllamentary maneuverings of Congress to dodge the issue; but it will neither fool nor deter the women

Five years ago the Honorable Willam Jennings Bryan, who had the National convention at Denver in the hollow of his hand, ruled out a direct orimary plank on the ground that it belonged to the states; but in 1912 the onvention at Baltimore, still under the spell of the Bryan influence, had advanced to a position where it de-clared for a Presidential primary by states. Now the President confounds his counselors and confuses his party by proposing to make the Presidential primary a Federal law. The Democracy progresses, when led by

Now it shifts, sniffles, sidesteps and gumshoes around on votes for women. The President does the same. But the Democracy is likely to find that women understand quite well that quibbling and equivocation mean opposition, and will govern themselves maintain itself without the women?

FRANCIS X. MATTHIEU. The long life of Francis Xavier spanned the development of all the decision with heartfelt regret. Thus great frontier country of North Amervolved in this angle of the controversy ly developed states. He saw much and sible wound to pride or dignity or he did much in his early days in Canada and in his maturer life in

was 24 years old. He spent nearly sevrequired no special employment of enty-two years here, rearing a large judges and clerks. There was every and worthy family, taking a promiopportunity for a free expression of nent personal part in exciting and im-the will of the people. If under such portant events and helping to build The incident where Mr. Matthieu.

fortunately short of possessing popu- government for Oregon, virtually placing the early government under the American flag, is memorable. The local option elections Oregon boundary question had not be by registered voters. been settled and the ultimate destiny shall be signed by registered voters, been settled and the ultimate destiny At the time these elections were instituted a new registration law was altogether uncertain. All the various accepted as being operative. This steps leading to the final extension of law cancelled all prior registrations. American sovereignty over this region This steps leading to the final extension of Had any voters demanded registra- are part of the stirring history of Oretion in accordance with the provisions gon and were then the chief matters of the old law they would have been of public interest in the life of the

preme Court held the new registration Mr. Matthieu was of the sturdy type law unconstitutional. In actual prac- and always bore his part well. He was tice, therefore, it was impossible for much honored, and deserved to be, for voter to be registered at the time the bold and self-sacrificing part he the local option petitions were cir- played in the early days, and during culated. Yet the voters who had reg- his later years was a conspicuous figistered under the new law had plainly ure in the enjoyable annual reunions things being equal, they naturally obdemonstrated their status as legal of the pioneers. Living to be a very voters. The purpose of registration old man, he was fortunate in having The pur- a retentive memory, good health, a devoted family and a great many

THE DECAY OF FICTION

One of the less cheerful critics of current flction sadly remarks in a newspaper article that "the novel is that they evade the perils forever be-

gotten how to talk. They contrive inleed to express their thoughts after of our time totally lacks. We emseem to prefer slang to anything bet- siderations of that sort, it is derstand, was heard with loud ap- a suffering sister of bread.

ment. If he is to be true to life he If she has abilities she retains the must make his characters talk as they natural right to exercise them irrewould in the parlor, on the street, at spective of her husband's income afternoon teas. But if he does so his Many modern thinkers contend that book is too insufferably vulgar to every married woman ought to

unnatural. to decay,

measures for revision of the land laws and clothes. Most of the clerical ocon the lines of rational conservation cupations are badly overcrowded. Re is Representative Mondell, of Wyo- lief will be found, not by veering off tive and steady prices. To this end, ming. He must share with the Pin- into "the easiest way," as our correschot reservationists responsibility for pondent suggests, but by a wiser arid land. He also looks to irrigation the embargo on development of the for a vast volume of forage to enable West which has prevailed for years. He is pursuing the same tactics to- better footing and will then attract It may be impossible to reduce the wards the Alaska railroad bill. When price of meat permanently by increas- it was proposed to substitute the bill, the employment agencies for cierical ing the supply, but the price may be which has already passed the Senate. positions. prevented from advancing further by for the bill pending in the House, he At leas

dell as against Mr. Pinchot.

LAST CHAPTER OF PINDELL.

the most populous empire in Europe are of so little consequence that the office was a sinecure. littles Russia and offends her dignity. Moreover, it is unsound, for a new commercial treaty must be negotiated and the delicate, question of the status of Jewis-American travelers in Russia must be settled. Not only is there work for our Ambassador to do, but it requires ability of no mean order. In fact, the man who did it well would establish a reputation as a

The text of the Lewis lefter implied that Mr. Pindell did not possess such ability and that Mr. Pindell could only get the appointment on the under-standing that he was not to attempt the work. After the letter was published, Mr. Pindell could not decline the appointment without giving ground for belief that this implication was justified and that he knew President Wilson could not withdraw the appointment without giving excuse for the same inference and thus reflecting on the judgment of himself and Mr. Bryan. The Senate could not refuse confirmation without rebuff to the President and a like reflection upon him, yet the commit-tee knew that there were serious ob-

jections to Mr. Pindell's appointment. A way out had to be found and it seems to have been found by a preconcerted arrangement that Mr. Pindell should be confirmed and should immediately decline the appointment Matthieu, brought to a close vesterday, and that Mr. Wilson should accept his all concerned escape from an unpleasica from primitive territories to high- ant complication with the least posother tender susceptibilities.

After that, who will dare to say that Mr. Wilson is not a smooth poli-

A PERPLEXED STENOGRAPHER. The Oregonian prints today in anther column a letter from an unemployed stenographer. She says she has tried diligently to get a situation, not neglecting to advertise in the papers, and has failed. In her opinion, the market for such labor as she has to offer is greatly overstocked. The business colleges are turning out large numbers of stenographers, typewriters and other clerical assistants, who, finding jobs less numerous than ap plicants, ruinously underbid one an-

other. train office help so that the supply will still further outrun the demand, if her reasoning is correct. She notices that many young women enand thus have no board or room rent to pay. They can, therefore, afford to work for less than a self-supporting girl must demand and, other in such Jobs as may fall vacan

Our correspondent also remarks upon the unfair competition of married women who have husbands abundantly able to support them. They work for low wages, she says, and spend all they earn upon personal factor in the labor market.

This young woman submits two remedies for the condition she now threatened with drowning in its scribes and deplores. The first is a win slop." Dire disaster of some sort law to prohibit the employment of always threatens literature and the married women whose husbands can stage. It is only by repeated miracles support them. The second is a similar law for girls who are supported setting them and live on through the at home and work only for frivolous purposes. With such legislation in Just now the "slop" that is doing force the jobs would all be reserved the worst to drown the novel is slip- for those who need them and unem shod conversation. People have for- playment of the calamitous sort would

Some objections might be made to fashion, but in language that has our correspondent's statement of the There's the rub. Style is facts of the situation. There is what the drawing-room conversation common belief that a competent stenographer, for instance, can usual ploy slang instead of good, solid Eng- ly obtain a situation without a great lish. Even our college professors deal of difficulty, but waiving con-In their classrooms their ex- while to reflect a little upon the rempressions are as elegant as one could edies outlined above. Our correspondwish, but the minute they enter gen- ent insists that married women shall eral society they lapse into the rude not compete in the market for clerical vernacular with an eager relish, which shows plainly enough where their debar them from such avocations as hearts are. At a teachers' meeting in writing novels, giving lectures and Salem last Summer an educational teaching school, for in all such cases ight from the Atlantic Coast delivered they take jobs which might go to a panegyric on slang which, we un- some other person and thus deprive

We can see no justice in any such This love of slatternly English puts legislation. A woman does not forfeit They will appear stilted and pendence of that kind, they argue, means thinly-disgulated slavery. The most popular recent novels of- any event, it may be taken for grantfor a great deal of dialogue and com- ed that married women will not subdialogue is disreputably slangy. The possibly help themselves. What we er part of the dialogue and expand plies with equal force to girls whose thors commonly want to sell their tremity of injustice to forbid them. books and the modern reader will not Legislation should stimulate the de we us are quite lazy enough as it is.

No doubt there is too much eager ness to get "elegant employment." Men, as well as women, rush into th The most persistent opponent of all vocations which do not soil the hands choice of work. Domestic service is despised, but in time it will be on a many who now despairingly beseech

At least two-thirds of the women maintaining the supply at the present objected and thus delayed final action, who are studying stenography ought

ratio to population. That will require He represents the opposite extreme to to be studying domestic science, dairyan annual increase equal to the in-crease in population. Livestock of all kinds can be raised to a larger extent dling the public domain, which has on the farms, and the immense waste thrown vast tracts into the hands of In occupations of this character they due to disease can be stopped. Mexico corporations. Those who desire to can earn a self-respecting competence may become a source of larger supply see the West and Alaska developed without undergoing the sacrifices fight as vigorously against Mr. Mon- tempter. Where there is a will there is a way.

> The Interstate Commerce Commis-The closing chapter of the Pindell sion's condemnation of payments by trunk lines to industrial railways of which compare only in size to your incident has all the appearance of a owned by shippers and the suit against beautiful Mount Hood, I thought you "frame-up" by which all concerned Frisco officials for refund of syndicate the proper source from whom to seek got out of an embarrassing position profits may be intended as an intima- my enlightenment. as gracefully as possible. The Rus- tion that, before being permitted to sian government could not close its advance rates, railroads must show rapher, not of the ordinary type (to her eyes to the Lewis letter and to the a clear record as to collection of their discussion which it provoked. Had just dues and as to economical manit accepted Mr. Pindell as Ambassa- agement. The plea of railroads for suce in all that the word implies. dor, it would have seemed to assent higher rates on the ground of insuf- stenographically. Said stenographer the greatest Nation in America and their affairs until every detail of both and rain (strong on the latter), and

"A college on wheels" is the title aptly given by some genius to demonstration trains like the one now moving up the Willamette Valley, It takes the quintessence of live education to speaks to farmers should omit to dwell on co-operative marketing.

adopt some ingenious plans to gain new subscribers for their magazine. Lend a Hand. Among the premiums they offer are shawls woven with their own hands after the regular day's work is done. They also make inlaid knives, glove buttoners and other attractive trinkets. Occupations of this sort occupy their leisure hours innocently and profitably, to the exclusion of the bitter thoughts which might otherwise possess their minds

What has become of the anti-cigarette crusade? A few days ago it promised to sweep away the last vestige of the filthy weed. Now everybody seems to have forgotten it. Reforms are not effected by sudden and transitory ebullitions of wordy zeal. To accomplish anything worth while against the cigarette someone must work and work hard. Talk is all very example are better.

The account of the Champeeg meeting of May 2, 1843, attested by George more incisive by remarking that the that there was "a great majority" in train office below to the contains more than the public schools have now begun to favor of organizing the contains more than the indicate that there was "a great majority" in train office below to the contains more than the c Le Breton, contains more than

for 60 cents they deserve all they will

Peruvians put the skids under their President yesterday. He was a native son, although named Billinghurst. It vanity. Hence they are a permitious is evident they want the real thing down there, with a pedigree dating back to the Incas. A Pennsylvania man who spends his

> money recklessly every time he gets a few thousand ahead wants a place for his bust in the Hall of Fame. As proving the old adage about a fool and his money? The death of F. X. Matthieu cuts the

tie that binds present-day Oregon to the formative period. The grand comonwealth is monument to the men of Champoeg. With \$900,000,000 of taxable property. Mr. Rockefeller would be a val-

ued acquisition in any community,

getting his name in the paper every week. No action will be taken now on the Asiatic exclusion amendments. No. better wait until the Democrats cut our Navy down a little more.

An Oklahoma boy was sent to Kansas by parcel post. When the limit is increased to 150 pounds mother-inlaw may drop in any day.

In speculating on jobs for Governor West when his term shall have expired, nobody seems to suggest opening a cafe at Copperfield.

The women who rode the town flirt ut of town on a rail must pay a fine of \$100 each. Perhaps they feel they got their money's worth.

Unrest and bombs are stirring Portugal. Give the mobs a taste of that sort of thing and they never know when to quit. That St. Louis show which will have

6600 actors should give temporary

employment to all the "hams" in

Christendom. Three New York politicians have seen sent to jail. We fail to note in the list, however, the name of one

Adjustment of pay to the fiftybound scale for rural carriers will prode for the keep of the extra horse.

deform women. Which will not alarm them in the least. Thirty days in jail is the penalty a

It is charged that modern fashions

Georgia man must pay for a kiss. Was Dr. Aked may find all the miracle

he wants in holding his job. Huerta says he will not retaliate.

Kind of him. Sunny Oregon.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 2. - (To the Editor.)-I am about to lay before you for solution a problem the magnitude conian" takes issue with Mr. Sothern, passed Maxwell's bill for a road in Til when it rests from revolution. Venezwithout permitting the land to be which city life involves and without of which, to use a vulgar expression, the actor, in the authorship of the uela and Brazil may become cattlegrabbed, by private interests need to once listening to the seductions of the has "got my goat" and I find myself of which, to use a vulgar expression, the actor, in the authorship of the unequal to the task of arriving at the I read Mr. Sothern's first article, and answer. As the editorial page of your while it is not overly convincing, it is. appropriating \$10,000 for improvement paper seems never to be at a loss to 50 far as regards Jonson's testimony. diminish in size and reduce down to a fairly satisfactory. You have in your midst a stenog-

> tacitly to the assumption of Senator ficient carnings has thus become an has for some time been seeking emreceipts and expenditures will be there is not a stone that has been left unturned in her mighty efforts to make use of her "two willing hands" (plagfaruse of her "two willing hands" (plagiar-Not to fill a long-felt want, as is ized from your recent editorial); she said customarily on such occasions, has even advertised in the excellent nor to make a barrel of money for the advertising medium — The Oregonian, editor, as is the ambition mostly, but and to no avail, so there must be somelet the world know there is some- thing radically wrong. Nor is the apthing doing in the nursery town in pearance or personality of this young Washington County is the sole reason for the existence of the Orenco Herald, a creditable paper issued by H. V. Mesde. Unlike many that rise, bloom and decay within a short purse, the weight of which lessens day period, the motto of the latest paper in Oregon is to put the "kaw" in cauin Oregon is to put the "kaw" in caution, and it will be published annually, in January, and will not take wood or produce on subscription.

city of roses and rain continues to turn its Mount Hood shoulder on her every effort? And still she continued this everlasting constitutional! Now should this same stenographer, or any other, after effonts and money had been exhausted, turn to "the ensiest way." I suppose the world the quintessence of five education to the farmers and they are rapidly learning to appreciate and apply it. What they now need is a grand effort to put marketing conditions in here shape. No professor who speaks to farmers should omit to mental work would say "Ishka bibble" and pass on, never taking into account the fact that, in a measure, it might be to blame. You know nature has constructed some of the frailer sex so frail that to do mental to the state of the state of the frailer sex so frail that to do mental work would only mean to bester. menial work would only mean to hasten their grand exit. Then again, when one has a vocation requiring a certain amount of intelligence they wish to ply

whose husbands are not incapacitated, but who are earning a sufficient when Shakespeare was 34 years of age. Sixth—Shakespeare gave his second their marriage yow. A great many of the most lucrative positions in this city are being held by women whose husbands command salaries quite adequate nothing to do with his writing plays; and cleared the scaffold and landed on the control of host bed. Who will be writing the control of the roof. He used his feet to give his fall some characteristics of a jumic bands command salaries quite adequate. well in its place, but deeds and good for the support of both. The writer is this wife was entitled to one-third of his feet with merely a slight scratch acquainted with one young married lady who commands a salary of \$125 per month, while the husband is receiving no less than a similar amount. Naturally, she dresses in the height of fashion. Now would it not be better for such women to be home raising a family and helping to carry out God's will, than to be depriving some poor girl of work, who doubtless not only has herself to care for but probably a morther. favor of organizing the provisional government, which is far from the truth. Le Breton's account also does scant justice to Joe Meek, but happly that stalwart worthy has received his dues from other sources.

Two men and their some are in jail at Hillsbore to await the grand jury for robbing henroosts in Washington County. If they are the villains whe stole the laying hens when eggs sold stole the laying the stole the laying hens when eggs sold stole the laying the stole the probably a mother, as the case the case with the writer. If women wish to continue the case the

earning husbands; and it would seem to the writer a very opportune time for Portland to take some note of the fact that its unemployed is not confined to men and boys, and that unless it wants to erect another Gypsy Smith tabernacle for the housing of homeless, jobiess girls, it would be well, while displaying that much-boasted-of progressive snight to see that the "city's ressive spirit, to see that the "city's fathers" think of their daughters occasionally, and not be so man-centered. It is a safe het that there are more working girls contributing to the sup-port of another member of the family than is the case with the vast majority of unemployed men. True, the eight-hour law has been a boon to the nerv-bus, overtaxed girls, but there are other phases of the subject that have been lost sight of-keep the married women at home and give the girl a chance! Fortunately or unfortunately (I cannot say) girls usually nossess too much

ride (maybe false) to become an ob-ect of pity or charity, and as there is always one course open to a woman, naturally the white slave market conlinues to do a flourishing business—not always because of choice on the girl's part, but because environments gradually and almost imperceptibly lead her on until, like 'Ostler Joe's wife, "Annie listened and was tempted; she was tempted and she fell as the angels fell nouncing the girl, without remedying kept alive solely because his admirers the matter which, to a great extent, it haven't read or studied either Shakes-is within their power to do. Perhaps their own wives and daughters would not have resisted temptation as long as the fallen sister had they met with sir ilar adverse circumstances. Refuse imploy other men's wives and give the position to the needy. It would also be well to devise some law prohibiting the working of girls whose parents ply able to support them, as is their

Oh, would that I had been born a Mary MacLane, or forsooth some other foolish girl whose rantings the public would fall for; but as it is, all I can do is unload my mental angulsh upon the ever-patient, ever-bored, ever-riled, everlasting editor of The Oregonian, and to what avail?

Now who is to pay for my bean sand-wich in the not distant future if the astronomical heavens do not move pretty soon in my behalf?
Would state I am none of the "in-flux," but a Portlandite and a Fortland booster.

AGITATED STENOGRAPHER. P. S .- Now in case your office should come besieged with offers of employment (an unlikely contingency), will state that I have retained a carbon of

through The Oregonian. How Do You Pronounce "Huerta?" We stin p.
Call it Werta.
—Chicago Tribune.

But thousands darets

Call it Whereta. -Peoria Journal. And some do careta Say Hoo-airta.

-New York Sun. We can't think yourta Call it Hocrts. -Houston Post It makes us jeerta

STENOGRAPHER WANTS WORK BACONIAN'S QUESTIONS ANSWERED Which Lends Her to Reflect at Length Theory That Shakespeare Did not Write

"Shakespeare" Is Spurned. PORTLAND, Feb. 2 .- (To the Editor.) -In The Oregonian "True Blue Ba-

Mr. Sothern should have quoted the anguage of Shakespeare's fellow ac ors, Heminge and Condell, in their lence of Francis Meres, Leonard emporaries. He would then have made out a much stronger case for the Strat-

"True Blue Baconian" propounds 12 questions relative to the matter in dis-pute, and I would like very much to answer them. I fear T. B. B. hasn't read either Shakespeare or Bacon very carefully, or he would have had no occasion to ask many of the questions. To quote Parolles: "I beseech you let First-Lord Macauley proclaimed Ba-

Answer-No. If Bacon were a poet and wrote the plays, poems and son-nets, he would have claimed the "Venus and Adonts," "Rape of Lucrece," "Pasdonate Pilgrim" and "Sonnets, Second—Is it not a fact that Shake-speare was unknown to the people of his own time except as a player, not as

A .- No: Shakespeare was known both as a player and poet, but his reputation and fame among his contempo roems, etc.
Third—Is it not a fact that the only

books in Stratford in Shakespeare's time were chained to noblemen's tables? A.—By no means. How could the scholars in the Stratford grammar school have studied if all the books

were chained in noblemen's houses. The facts are that from the invention of printing to 1500 A. Di 30,000 volumes were printed in England. From 1500 to 1600, more than 100,000, and from 1600 to Shakespeare's death in 1616 many thousands more. The presses continually poured out an endless stream of matter of all kinds. Books The presses taken out 18 in all were very common in Stratford, Fourth-Why was Shakespeare

has a vocation requiring a certain amount of intelligence they wish to ply that trade, as it were, and not crowd those out of employment whose only choice is the work of a domestic or saleslady. The question then arises, what is to be done if things are allowed to continue thusly?

The trouble is that the stenographic market is more overstocked than any market is more overstocked than an

his property as dower. Seventh-That Shakespeare wrote his name in several ways—14, in fact, is we have of indicative of illiteracy.

A.—There are but five gentine city beats us.

A.—There are but five genuine signatures of Shakespeare in existence. The sixth, the one in the "Montaigne of Floric," is doubtful.

Eighth—Would Bacon, as Lord Chan-

ed them in the essays, novum organum,

Ninth-Was Jonson bribed into silence? A .- Not at all. Mr. Sothern's article

itsproves that Tenth-If Ralph Waldo Emerson we Baconian, is it fair to call ug (the Baconians) |diots? A.—Much too severe. The re-tort courteous would answer better:

They lie, under a mistake." Eleventh—Are not Bacon Shakespeare's style the same? The author A .- By no means. of Bacon's essays, novum organum could not have written "Hamlet," "Lear" or "Macbeth."

Twelfth—Is it not a fact that all the great students of Bacon's works have been of the opinion that he was the author of the plays attributed to Shakespeare? A.—No. If T. B. B. will read

Hume's article on Bacon in his (Hume's) "History of England," he will there find the general opinion of Bacon's admirers. Mr. Spedding, Bacon's latest (?) biographer, makes no claim. The late James Parton was decidedly opposed to it. The idea originated in the brain of a demented from heaven to the blackest depths of hell." And then the lawmaking, lawhell." And then the lawmaking, law-breaking lords of creation straight-way join with their brothers in deworld's mentality. Bacon's memory is kept alive solely because his admirers

Lodge Organizer Convicted.

PORTLAND, Feb. 4 .- (To the Editor.) -The New Age Magazine of January, 1914, prints the following:

The Masons of California have had much trouble with clandestine, or take Masonry. In October of last year an organizer for the "American Pederation of Masons' named Kay was arrested in Caktand and charged with obtaining money under false gretness. One William C. Cavitt, styled "Grand Master of the American Federation of Masons for the District Grand Lodge of California," defended Kay in the poline court and stayed proceedings until February, 1913, when the case was tried by a jury, which disagreed. The case was retried in April by a jury, which resulted in a verdlet of guilty and the court sentenced him to juil for six months.

This "American Federation of Masons" is the same body or society represented by G. B. M. Summerville and C. J. Court, who were recently tried in

. J. Court, who were recently tried in this city and acquitted. They claim authority from one McBain Thompson, who is a self-confessed Masonic fraud. Said McBain Thompson was expelled from the Masonic order in Scotland and should he or any of his representatives ever put foot on British territory, they know what would happen. Some of the Federation's officers and organizers are his "effort" so do not let any impostor Federation's officers and organizers are ecure the fruit of my brainstorm, as I rejected candidates of three of the regwould materialize very promptly with ularly constituted lodges of Masons in my little copy should I secure a cue Portland. F. W. D.

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—(To the Editor.) Upon what authority do you use the statement in The Oregonian of the 31st

laws of the state of Washington? B. The statement was an error. Olographic wills are not recognized by statute in Washington.

(Paducah Hogwallow Kentuckian,) Hear it Heerta.

Boston Transcript.
All wrong, Alberta—
Name is Wherta.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Dog Hill preacher did not have time to get up his sermon for last Sunday, as he was busy all day Saturday guarding his watermelon patch from the Sunday-school picnic.

Twenty-five Years Ago

lamook County from Yamhill, appropriating \$10,000; Hunter's bill to appropri ate \$8000 for the improvement

in Grant County Salem, Feb. 4.—The Multnomah Representatives held a conference on the Portland, East Portland and Albha preface to the Folio of 1623, the evi-dence of Francis Meres, Leonard McBride's office. All were present except Northup and Ladd. Representative Strowbridge presided and Harold Plik-ngton acted as secretary. Councilman doys and P. L. Willis, of Portland, were also present

> Seattle, Feb. 4.—Samuel Trumble, a pioneer of the Northwest, died at Providence Hospital Sunday and the remains were shipped to Corvallis, Or.

> Olympia, Feb. 4.-The city of Shelton was incorporated today Dr. C. H. Raffety and wife went to Salem yesterday.

> S. Bullock, past grand high priesi of the grand council, A. F. and A. M., has gone to Corvallis to attend the

Work was begun yesterday by G. S. Markle on a street railway on Second street, from Wazhington street south.

Workmen were yesterday tearing down the old buildings on the northeast corner of Second and Oak streets. When the buildings are torn down work on

the new Weinhard building will begin. Company I, O. N. G., last night elected Sergeant F. E. Cooper Second Lieu-

John Sommerville and his son Frank

eturned from California Saturday. "It has been a good many years," said Hugh Brady, "since I first began to rescue living and dead people from the Willamette's hungry waters, I have

Half a Century Ago

We have often heard of thick fogs, but that of yesterday morning in this

Quite a family of the species of seal that mostly inhabit the Pacific Coasi were seen moving down the Willam etta yesterday

We received the following dispatch last evening from the citizens of Albany: "Albany, Feb. 4, 7 P. M.—To the Portland Press: Albany enjoys telegraphic communication. She sends greating by lightning to her sister city. Portland.—Albany Citizens."

Tong Song.

By Dean Collins (War between the Suey Sing Tong and the Bing Kong Tong is threatened in San Francisco because of the disappearance of Sung Yue with Wong News (1991) fuse, burst into some

To the tune of the gong,
And the lilt of the fiddle Chinese,
Of troubles that throng

Sung Yue skidooed-Behavior most rude— With Wong Song, Sung Yue disappeared.

And rage waxes strong In the Susy Sing Tong And war with the Bing Kong Tong's feared.

In old San Francisco toda; 'o make her the reason Involving two tongs in a fray The Sucy Sing Tong Whets the ax for Wong Song, In wrath o'er the loss of Sung Yue:

The flerce Bing Kong Tong Denles it was wrong, Dissensions grow strong, And things harry along Toward a mince meat of human chor

There's tong war impending; What will be the ending, And how will disturbances cease? Wong Song, you did wrong To the Suey Sing Tong. Sung Yue don't belong Wong Song, ring the gong;
Pack your trunk for Hongkong.
Ere fighting men throng
And they toll a "Ding dong"
At your funeral, Wong.
Let not Fate play ping-pong
With thy life, O Wong Song;
Say farewell; run along;
And the brave Sing Kong Tong.
And the Suev Sing Tong.

TEN PHASES OF ADVERTISING and Telegraph

Have you a telephone in you ome? Do you appreciate th ome? Do you appreci It used to be considered a waste

their advertisements in newspapers. But now you can scarcely pick up a newspaper in any of the leading cities without reading of the ad-vantages of both the telephone and

the telegraph, They are the servants of the peo ple, always ready to do quickly and economically what used to take so much time and patience to acco

The wonderful growth of the telephone and telegraph and their al-most universal use have been brought about largely through newspaper_advertising. The day is fast approaching when

telephoning and telegraphing will be as common as taking our even-ing meat. Tomorrow's talk will be about Public Service.-Adv.