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Wonder if Mrs. Russell Sage has Count Boni on her list.

The "lone bandit" industry has experienced several serious reverses lately.

Even the easy-going Frenchman makes a wry face when he tries to swallow Count Boni.

Brigands are reported to be active in Sicily. Perhaps Sicily is trying to be known as the Wall street of Italy.

A divorced couple named Carr have been reunited by their baby. This is something unique in the line of Carr couplers.

The average man thinks he would have an excellent chance of occupying sons to discuss it at all. There can be the presidential chair if the office sought the man.

A New York theater offers a free seat to every man who never lied to his wife. This is an absolutely costless bid for notoriety.

The man who insisted on tempting fate by going over Niagara Falls in a barrel has subsided, but the reckless is fully aware of them already. The balloonist is always with us.

A Massachusetts club woman wants a law prohibiting a man from marrying more than once. Why not make it to include pretty widows, too?

Miss Ida Tarbell is now engaged in a hand-to-hand combat with the tariff question. Has she exhausted all the possibilities of the John D. Rockefeller question?

The coal supply of the United States is said to be good for 5,000 years. That is, of course, if President Baer, the representative of Providence, doesn't become wasteful.

Countess de Castellane had to content herself with a divorce, the court, possibly through an oversight, having failed to order Boni to be taken out and drowned in a bag.

A New York church has secured a girl whistler in an attempt to increase the number of attendants at services. Why not a real whistler-an office boy or a telegraph messenger?

Notwithstanding the fact that a German savant has shown that the works of Shakspeare were produced by somebody else, Hall Caine continues to look as much like the immortal bard as possible.

Prof. Brander Matthews regards the English language as "violent, illogical, chaotic and absurd." Still, if the prosically sound people is as old as civilization. Indeed, the theory goes backof civilization and extends to barbarism, for many savage tribes summarily killed off the unfit. So far from permitting them to marry, they would not permit them to live. In an age when lighting was the chief end of man physical perfection was an indispensable qualification. The weaklings, male and

female, had to go-the males because they could not fight and the females because they could not bear fighters. In this stage of the earth's progress the war factor does not enter into the matter so strongly, but all humane and discriminating people must and do agree that the mating of physical or mental weaklings, and especially those affected with the so-called hereditary diseases, is strongly to be deprecated

on grounds of humanity and expediency. No reflecting person desires the degeneration of the race. But the contemporary clamor over the matter by people who put the question upon a

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new or interesting.

in the appropriation bill providing that

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Fall road work has its disadvan-

tages, though, to the famer, for at that Noah Webster, who was somewhat of time of the year his labor is needed a reformer in his day, would be grati- at home, preparing the land for the fied, no doubt, were he living, by the next year's crop, or saving the crop which has just been harvested .-- Farm, compliment of confidence paid to him by the House committee on appropria-Stock and Home. tions, which has inserted a paragraph

Trees Along Highways.

In an interesting address before a neeting of the grange at Greece, N. Y., County Engineer J. Y. McClintock poke on the many advantages of counly accepted dictionaries of the English ry life and the importance of having language." This bill, when passed by good roads. He advocated building wide roads so that all vehicles could dent, will put an end to the feeling of safely pass. On the desirability of public unrest which has prevailed since naving trees along the road he had the following to say:

Mr. Roosevelt and Congress in the mat We know that hedges, small trees ter of the 300 words. Naturally it is and bushes are not suitable along our not believed that the slight clash that roads because of drifting snows, but has gently disturbed the delightful rethere are great trees which will grow lations between the President and Conup high and be a source of enjoyment gress in this diversity of view will exand attractiveness. I know that some tend to more serious matters. It is will object to trees because they will not feared that the painful disagreeto some extent reduce the productivement which marred the administration ness of a strip of land within their of President Andrew Johnson will be range, but as far as I can learn a repeated or that the country will be good row of trees along a road will convulsed by another governmental make the farm more salable. Many of wrangle. The acorn of dissent which your farms will be fought by people has been born of so-called reform spellfrom the city, and to them surely the ing will not be permitted to develop trees will be an advantage. There into a sturdy oak of distrust and wrath

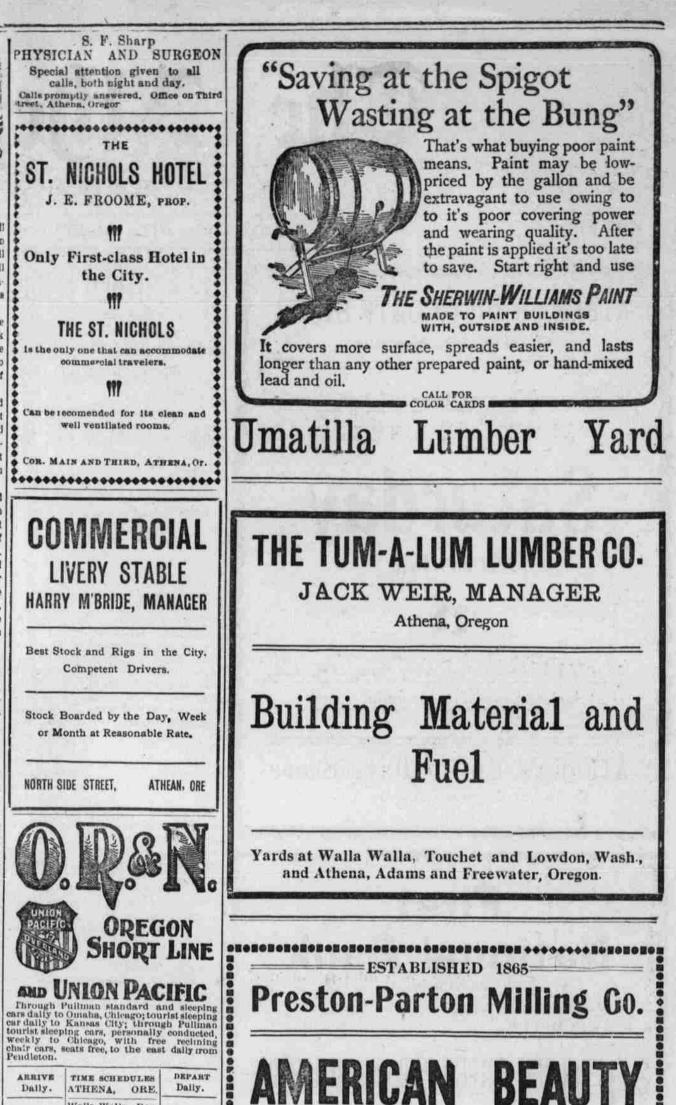
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Fall Road Work

Road work done in the fall, if well done, is worth more than that done in the summer time. For the ditches will be open and clean, the grade well rounded, and everything be made favorable for taking care of spring rains and freshets.

Any kind of road work may be done in the late fall, but any piece of work begun should be well finished. There is nothing more annoying than to travel all winter over frozen lumps of purely animal basis will lead to noth- earth on a half finished road.

Grass and weeds should be mowed or burned, so that snow will not drift no proper objection to necessary plain among them on the road, nor weed seeds be scattered over the surrounding fields; and culverts should be put a subject which is perfectly familiar to in place that the ditches may drain better in the spring.

Roads can be advantageously worked in the fall, particularly those through of consumptives, for instance, is oblow places, as they are usually dry at viously wrong and undesirable. But that time. Everything is in favor of the evil results of such a marriage canfall road work if it is done right. not be emphasized because everybody Horses and men work more easily and whole thing, in a few words, is the rethe road machinery is used to better discovery by people who are always advantage. Besides, the work is done making such discoveries that two and at a time when it does the most good, two make four. The world has known for the roads are thus prepared for he it all along and to vociferate it in the succeeding spring, when good roads market place does not make it either are badly needed.

fessor doesn't like it, he is at liberty to use any of the other numerous kinds on the market.

A New York Judge has rendered the opinion that it is no crime to hug a girl on a doorstep. Without touching upon the legality of the operation there are men who will cling to the opinion that It is exceedingly dangerous if the girl's father happens to be large and husky.

The Postoffice Department wants better roads for its rural carriers, better mail transportation on American ships and safe steel cars for clerks in the railway mail service. It ought to have all of these things. The work of the department in preventing frauds has become increasingly effective, and it may well be carried still farther. It is one of the most useful agencies on the side of sound public morals, just as the whole great postal system of disseminating knowledge is a priceless stimulus to national intelligence.

The fact that eight of the eleven members of the new French cabinet are or have been journalists demonstrates anew the importance of this profession In France. It is the avenue to distinction, as the bar is in England and the United States. The personal element in the French journals is of course the reason. The leading articles are signed, and a man may make a reputation through them in a few weeks, whereas the English or American journalist may write thousands of brilliant leaders and remain unknown. Which of the two systems is the better is a difficult question to decide, although many hold that the anonymous system is the more likely to secure a solid, well-balanced and responsible press,

Novelists, some of whom may never have owned a dress coat, used to be fond of drawing, in their tales, a sharp social distinction between persons who "dressed for dinner" and those who did not. Now the editor of a British medical journal has been discussing and commending from a hygienic point of view the habit of dressing for dinner. Every one knows that a change of clothing is often refreshing. The English-editor believes that the effect is physical as well as mental, or physical through the mental stimulus, and ad- overwhelming is the declaration of love vises that even the hard-working clerk, the shopkeeper and the laboring man cast off their workaday ciothes and put on clean clothing for the evening meal, when the toll of the day is over.

Like a good many other current discoveries and gospels, the high-voiced talk respecting the necessity for re- gratulate him, and speak well of him,

Mr. Roosevelt has done what he could to mend-or to mar-spelling, and he still has it in his power by increased

private correspondence to emphasize his convictions and repeat his conclusions. It is true that his messages will be printed in the Congressional Record with the antiquated spelling. but there is solace in the thought that. with the possible exception of the proofreaders, nobody will gloat over his discomfiture in the perusal of that medium of communication. It is pleasant to contemplate the settlement of this minor controversy accomplished in a manner so tactful, graceful and stance Mr. Roosevelt will courteously yield to the wishes of Congress, just as he will expect Congress will in re-

turn defer to him in other matters of public policy.

Would Not Sell His Ancestors.

A plutocratic American of the last century who had seen the green acres and stately castle of an Irish estate sought out its impecualous owner with an offer to buy. Lord Blank, eager enough to transmute his profitless lands into pregnant gold, named a considerable, but reasonable, price as one he would be willing to take, "Very well," said the American, "I'll give that if the pictures go with the house.' After a little reflection his lordship answered, "Yes, you can have the pictures, except, of course, the family portraits." "It's the portraits I want," said the other. "I wouldn't give a cent for the rest of 'em." "My property is not for sale under those conditions," said his lordship, turning on his heel and walking away, to the astonishment of the parvenu, who flung a "Stuck up beggar!" after the retreating figure.

I Love You.

A Danish paper compares "I love you" in many languages. Here are some of them-the Danish paper is our only authority for their correctness. The Chinaman says, "Uo ngal ni;" the Armenian, "Ge sirem ez bez;" the Arablan, very shortly, "Nehabeeck ;" the Egyptian, similarly, "N'achkeb;" the Turk, "Sisi sevejorum," and the Hindoo, "Main tym ko pljar karyn." But of an Eskimo, who tries to win the chosen one by the pleasing sound of the dainty little word : "Unlvifigssaerntdluinalerfimajungnarsigujak."

We wonder that it never occurs to

a drunkard that he could attract a lot of favorable attention by remaining sober. Every man in town would constricting the right of marriage to phy- and help him in every way possible.

should not be dense rows of trees, but they should be placed far enough apart to permit of full development of each tree. There are certain trees in your town which many people look upon as personal friends, and many drives and walks are taken to visit them and come under their influence.

The pride of New England as well as old England is the noble old trees which connect in one life the times of our sturdy forefathers and the present. It requires time and care to secure good trees, but they are worth the cost in creating the beautiful vistas which are so effective in architecconsiderate, for, of course, in this in- ture, in making cooling shade and intricate forms so refreshing to the body and delightful to the eye, in making wind breaks which are beneficial to many crops and in transforming a bleak, flat country into an enjoyable living and looking place. With united effort you can secure all the most attractive features which rich men and cities secure by lavish expenditure of money in the formation of parks and it will all add to the value of your property.

An offhand Diagnosis.

A humorous variation of the formidable parent who figures in popular fiction comes from the Philadelphia Public Ledger. It was evening, and while the young man was waiting for the girl of his choice he made desperate attempts at conversation with the girl's ather.

"What do you think of the outdoor reatment of disease?" he asked, rather wildly.

"Well," the old gentleman blandly responded, "for the sort you have, the outdoor treatment might be all right in summer, but at this season a quiet parlor is better."

Not Straight Enough. "He's the ruler of that ward, Isn't

"Oh, no, he's the machine boss of the vard."

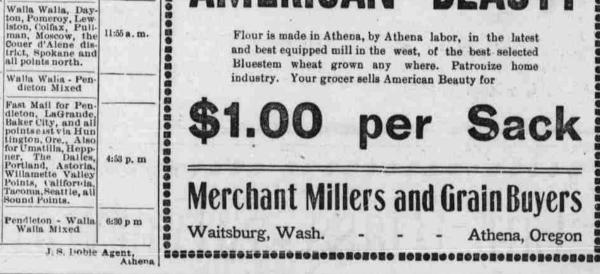
"Well, 'machine' boss or 'ruler;' vhat's the difference?"

"My friend, the word 'ruler' sugsomething straight."-Philadel-(esta) ohla Press.

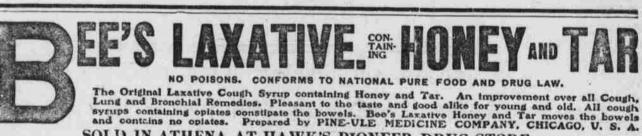
Not True. "'Honest fisher folk' you call them," emarked fae publisher. "You'll have

o change that." "What for?" demanded the author. "Simply because it sounds ridiculous. never knew a man who went fishing o be quite honest."- Philadelphia Press.

sending Money Home to Norway. It is estimated that about \$1,000,000 n postal orders are sent from this ountry to Norway every year, mostly as gifts to relatives and friends.



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