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Jonson; "there is already too much
nson in the city directory."
This is why they called him Rare Ben
son.—Chicago Tribune.

Marked Improvement.

"My washerwoman," Mrs. Lapsling
saying, "used to lose ever so many
my sheets and pillow cases, but she
n't now. I mark them all with in-
ible ink."

A horse can live 25 days without solid
d, merely drinking water; 17 days
thout either eating or drinking, and
five days when eating solid food
thout drinking.

Deadly Insult.

"Dicky, why did you strike Tommy?"
"He called me a sarcasm affinity."
"What did he mean by that?"
"I dunno. That's why I slugged 'im."
Chicago Tribune.

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ring the teething period.

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y with my Teddy bear.
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his bold fight with ruling craft
He has not feared the thieving crowd
Under the hindgeonings of graft
His head is bloody, but unbowed.

It is said that 14,000 victims of the
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w weeks in the Malay states by the
e of a plant recently discovered in
Selangor.

Not His Fault.

Tom—I thought you were on the
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Dick—I was. But high places always
make me dizzy, and I fell off.—Detroit
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"I'm often," said Uncle Jerry Peebles,
"when that there thing they call oppor-
tunity comes along, by jocks, it's only
an opportunity to steal somethin'!"

Hopeful.

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out.
Elderly Customer—Good! I've been
under the impression all the time that it
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to be expended in securing immigrants
for that republic.

Literary Note.

Goodman Gourong—You're goin' to
write a book? Sufferin' Moses! You?
Saymold Storey—Yep. Some day I'm
goin' to write the Ortobiography of a
Travelin' Sociologist.

Located.

Knicker—Where is his residence?
Bocker—For voting, in New York; for
divorce, in Dakota; and for good, in Eu-
rope.—New York Sun.

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Admiral Evans Answers Critics of American Navy.

LATER TYPE BEAT DREADNAUGHT

Old Vessels Do Not Come Up to New Ships of Other Navies—Armor Belt is Well Placed.

New York, Dec. 15.—The latest battleships built by this country are vastly superior to England's Dreadnaught is emphatically stated by Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans in a magazine article written by him, wherein he strongly defends the American navy, and replies to criticisms of it.

"I do not for a moment claim that the Indiana and her sister ships are equal to the Dreadnaught of the English navy," says Admiral Evans, "only that she is the equal of the English ships designed at the same time. But I do claim that our latest ships are vastly superior to the Dreadnaught and I believe that every fighting man who has given the subject intelligent consideration will agree with me.

The admiral urges the superiority of the 13-inch gun over the 12-inch gun and asserts that the change to the lesser caliber to conform to England's type was a most serious blunder. This is chargeable, he says, to the seagoing officers of the navy and not to any staff corps.

Regarding the waterline armor belt he says:

"I am sure, after many weeks of close observation, that the lower edge of the armor belt is too high rather than too low." It had been strenuously contended by critics that the low location of the belt was a vital point of weakness. "As the upper edge of the belt is always even with or above the level of the protective belt," continues Admiral Evans, "the danger to be apprehended from a projectile penetrating above the belt beyond the wrecking effect of such projectile is that due to the amount of water that may enter the hole. It is the damage that may be done by such projectiles entering below that may cause the ship to sink by exploding magazines or boilers, but this is improbable. It will require many 12-inch shells on the waterline or on any other to disable or sink such a ship, if the officers and men know their business and want to fight."

CASTRO IN RAGE.

Declares Act of Holland Outrage on Civilization.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—"The seizure of the coast guardship Alix by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland is no less than naval brigandage. It is an outrage on civilization. By that act Holland has put herself outside the pale of decency. I do not know what Venezuela will do about it."

In this caustic language President Castro of Venezuela commented today on the warlike move made by Holland Saturday, the news of which was not conveyed to him until he reached this city this afternoon.

Castro declares that his visit to this city is to consult Dr. Israel. He asserts that whoever says he is not sick is telling a lie.

The Venezuelan president has engaged the first floor, containing thirty rooms, at the Hotel Esplanade, and his bill will be a trifle over $250 a day. He has engaged for the use of himself and his party ten motor cars at a cost of $500 daily. He is surrounded by a small army of detectives and followed by a retinue of gaily attired flunkeys. Representatives of the foreign office greeted Castro today. They have been ordered to show him every courtesy.

Examiner on Double Duty.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Cassius C. Jones, chief state bank examiner, assigned to Cook county, has suddenly resigned his place rather than face the scandal which his superiors say will be stirred up if letters written to him by city bank officials are made public. The charge made against Jones is that he was privately employed by these banks as an examiner while he was doing the same duty for the state. The banking act says no employe of a bank shall be appointed as a bank examiner to inspect the institution by which he is employed.

Takes Up Boll Weevil Fight.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 15.—Starting from this city today, a "boll weevil" special train will be run by the Illinois Central railroad over its main line and branches through the counties of Mississippi that are threatened by the boll weevil pest. The tour of the special train will occupy the entire week. Literature will be distributed and exhibits showed to illustrate the ravages of the boll weevil and the best method of fighting the pest. Incidentally it is intended to impress upon the farmers the advantage of diversifying their crops.

Anniversary of Washington's Death

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 15.—The Masonic lodge of this city yesterday sent a delegation of its members to Mount Vernon to place a memorial wreath on the tomb of George Washington, on the occasion of the one hundred and ninth anniversary of the death of the first president. It was in the Fredericksburg lodge that General Washington was made a Mason, and for many years past the lodge has regularly observed the anniversary of his death.

Ceylon Entertains Fleet.

Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 15.—The United States and Ceylon paid their respects to each other today through official visits between Rear Admiral Sperry, of the battleship fleet, and Sir Henry Edwards McCallum, governor of Ceylon. The American warships are coaling for their journey through the Indian ocean to the Suez canal.

Grafters Denied New Trial.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 12.—Judge Kunkel yesterday overruled a motion for a new trial for Snyder, Sanderson, Mathues and Shumaker, the officials and contractors who were convicted on the charge of conspiring to defraud the state in the matter of the state capitol contract.

SHIPPERS TO FIGHT.

May Enjoin Railroads if New Rates Are Enforced.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The Tribune yesterday printed the following news article on the transcontinental freight rate questions as regards the Pacific coast:

The advance in freight rates included in the new transcontinental tariffs, which were filed with the interstate commerce commission about two weeks ago, and which take effect under the required 30 days' notice on January 1, is likely to provoke a storm among the shippers. This may result in an attempt to prevent the roads from charging the new rates by injunction proceedings.

During the course of the agitation against the proposed increases of the eastern roads in official classification territory, little attention has been paid to the Pacific coast rates. Now that the eastern roads have agreed to make no general advances for two months, and many believe that they may have decided to back down, shippers are conferring to see what may be done with the transcontinental rate question.

The traffic committee of the Illinois Manufacturers' association, which took the lead in the fight on the eastern rates, has decided to send a circular letter to members asking them how much the increases will affect their business, and what is to be done about it.

It has been stated that the brunt of the fight against the new rates would probably be undertaken by the California shippers, who are affected by the increases both eastbound and westbound, because most of the jobbers receiving freight from Chicago have been in the habit of paying the freight themselves.

A formal protest to the interstate commerce commission is now in preparation by the California Traffic association, and this body may decide to ask for an injunction. In such event the shippers in the east may rest on the same case or file intervening petitions as they did in the Texas rate case.

CASTRO IS FURIOUS.

Venezuelan President's Dignity Hurt by French Treatment.

Paris, Dec. 14.—President Castro, of Venezuela, who arrived in this city last evening from Bordeaux, has made no advances to the French government. He is reported as furiously angry at the manner in which the government has received him in France. Since his arrival in Paris he has remained shut up in his apartments in the hotel as closely as though he were a prisoner, and, barring a few members of the Venezuelan colony, he has seen nobody.

The officials of the foreign office have been given orders not to explain the position of the government towards Castro. Said one official yesterday:

"The conditions upon which the government is willing to open negotiations with Castro have been communicated to him.

"What these conditions are, beyond prohibiting President Castro from making any political declaration, are not known, but it is believed that they involve a formal apology."

A reporter called to see the President yesterday. The only member of Castro's entourage visible said that nothing had been decided, but the party possibly would leave for Germany tomorrow. A black maid in the service of Mme. Castro was sitting in a hall outside her mistress' door, trying to get her foot into a newly purchased pair of pointed shoes.

RUEF GETS ANOTHER WEEK.

Convicted Briber Will Be Sentenced Next Saturday.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Abraham Ruef, convicted last Thursday of offering a bribe, was Saturday granted a delay of one week before receiving sentence. The continuance of the case until next Saturday, December 19, was with the assent of the district attorney's office, represented by Assistant John O'Gara. Thomas B. Dozier, of the defense, based his motion for a week's respite on the ground that sufficient time had not been given the defense to prepare the motions and arguments in arrest of judgment and for a new trial. The inability of Henry Ach, Ruef's chief counsel, to appear in court was assigned as a further reason.

While it was generally known that judgment would not be pronounced Saturday, there was the usual crowd in attendance at the session, and there was no diminution of the police guard. Ruef was brought from the county jail in the prison van and was hurried to a seat between Attorney Dozier and A. Altmann, his brother-in-law. Mr. Dozier made the motion for a continuance immediately after the proceedings were inaugurated, but Judge Lawlor declined to permit the entry to be recorded, and ordered Ruef to stand up for arraignment.

After Cattle Rustlers.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 14.—Captain W. L. Cox, superintendent of the naval state police, with a picked squad of men, working in harmony with Sheriff Emerson, of Lassen county, California, left yesterday for Pyramid lake on an expedition to drive out and arrest if possible the cattle rustlers who have been making depredations in that region recently. The rustlers have been stealing horses and cattle in Northern Nevada and California, and it is expected will make a fight to resist capture if overtaken.

Aeroplane Did Not Fly.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 14.—The bending of a propellor, which proved to have been built too lightly for the strain of 790 revolutions a minute, prevented the success of the initial trial of Professor J. S. Zerbe's aeroplane at Bimini yesterday. The machine did not rise from the ground. Another attempt will be made Monday afternoon. The $20,000 Michelin prize is the goal for which Professor Zerbe is striving. The ship is designed to carry three passengers.

To Construct Reservoir.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 14.—Word was received last night that the government had withdrawn from settlement a large amount of land covering the watershed of the Little Bitter Root mountains, for the purpose of constructing an immense reservoir to irrigate the Flathead Indian reservation to be thrown open next year.

UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM SOUTH CAROLINA PRAISES PE-RU-NA.

Ex-Senator M. C. Butler.

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Penalties of Greatness.

Hercules had subdued the Erymanthian boar.

"What are you going to do with the beast?" they asked him.

"I refuse to answer," he said, "on the ground that it might incriminate me."

For well he knew that any answer he could make would be different from the accounts written by the historians, and at that portion of his career he was sensitive about being accused of nature faking.

A Rich Man's Reticence.

"Do you want to make any contributions to our campaign fund?" asked the willing worker.

"Yes," answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "I'd like to. But I don't see why I should put myself on record in a way that will make it your patriotic duty to snub me after the campaign is over."—Washington Star.

Different.

The influential politician was irritated.

"You ask me to have a friend appointed to a good position," he said, "but I know next to nothing about you. For all I know to the contrary you don't amount to a snap."

"Maybe not," responded the caller, thrusting his jaw forward, "but my job does. I'm a bridgetender."—Chicago Tribune.

Scarcely Worth Mentioning.

"I expect to take a few books with me," said the aeronaut, "as the trip is likely to be a long one."

"They'll be useful for ballast, too, I presume," observed the reporter.

"Not in the least," rejoined the aeronaut. "I shall take nothing but light fiction."

Amendatory.

Borus—Yes, I always rewrite my poems before I send them to a publisher.

Naggus—You mean, I presume, before you send them to the next publisher.

French dairymen have discovered that the use of wine dregs as a food for cows improves the quality of the milk and increases the output at least 20 per cent.

The oldest church building now standing in New York City is St. Paul's chapel, the corner stone of which was laid in 1764.

An English judge expressed his horror the other day when a witness said he had "garaged" his auto car. It was a new verb to his honor, and he didn't like it.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company has bought in San Francisco a lot on which it will erect at once a $250,000 railroad hospital.

The charitable people of London have formed a union to see that the money given by them is properly spent.

Half a gallon of train oil an hour will calm the most boisterous sea around a vessel.

An inch of rain equals eleven and one third inches of snow.

Sixty years ago there were 150,000 children at school in India. Now there are over 4,000,000.

The railway bridge which connects Venice with the mainland is 12,050 feet long and has 222 arches.

The stopping of an express train requires twice as much power as starting it.

Glass brushes are used by artists who decorate china. They are made of glass fibers as thin as spun silk.

Nearly 8 per cent of the students in German universities are foreigners

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ALFALFA FOR OREGON.

Is Proving Good Forage Crop for the Milk Cow.

By James Dryden, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis.

There is a great deal of milk in the ground that was not spilled and cried over, but it is there nevertheless. At certain seasons of the year the Thousand-Headed kale pulls the milk out of mother earth and the cow pulls it out of the kale and puts it in the bucket. There is a period, however, during the summer when the cows go hungry and the milk languishes in the ground because there is no green thing to pull it out and coax the cow to fill the milk bucket.

Western Oregon is one of the best dairy sections of the union. With mild open winters in which kale flourishes and furnishes green succulent food, the dairy business thrives all the year around with the exception of a short period during the summer. During this period the land is out of commission, the cows barely subsist on the pasture fields and there is no profit to the farmer. Forty-cent butter and a scarcity of good fresh milk is the evidence of a lack of green food.

What is needed in the valley is a forage crop that will utilize the soil and furnish green food and pasture during the dry season. Will alfalfa fill the bill? If alfalfa could be raised extensively and successfully it would change the face of nature and add immensely to the value of the farms in the Willamette valley. It would increase the dairy products and the poultry products; it would cheapen the production of pork and beef and mutton.

Alfalfa has been grown for two thousands years in the Mediterranean region. It has been grown successfully in arid parts of America for half a century. A gentleman traveling over what was then regarded as a land unfit for settlement in Western Nebraska by reason of its aridity discovered a thrifty green alfalfa plant growing where no other green thing could be found for miles around. That was a demonstration that satisfied the gentleman and he purchased a large tract of land for a trifle. On the same land he has since fed fifty thousand sheep in one season on alfalfa. Alfalfa goes down into the depths of the soil for moisture and through wireless communication with the atmosphere brings down from above food which feeds the plant and enriches the soil.

Since 1891 the acreage of alfalfa in Kansas has increased from 34,388 to 615,000 in 1906. A recent bulletin from that state says of alfalfa: "The steer feeders and mutton feeders of Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska would be lost without it."

At the Kansas station it is stated: "A gain of 800 pounds of pork was made from a ton of alfalfa, and a little less than that amount of gain was made from an acre of alfalfa pasture." Again, "We found that 100 pounds of alfalfa hay saved 96 pounds of corn." Figuring on the basis of these experiments it is stated that "with green alfalfa producing ten tons per acre (20,000 pounds) it would produce 2,000 pounds of pork, which, at 4 cents per pound would be worth $80 per acre."

Director Burkett, of the Kansas station, says: "By promoting the successful production of alfalfa the station has not only extended the dominion of an imperial forage crop, but in so doing has discharged its own entire expense, and in addition has added millions of dollars to the wealth of the state."

At the Ontario agricultural college in ten years 30 cuttings, yielding over 5 tons an acre, were made. An experiment showed this great soil enriching qualities. Wheat grown after alfalfa yielded 61.5 bushels per acre and after timothy sod 42.1 bushels. In the two succeeding years the alfalfa sod produced 30.2 bushels of barley and 24 bushels of corn, while the timothy sod produced 19.7 bushels barley and 17.9 bushels corn. The three crops on the alfalfa sod were worth about $90 while those on the timothy sod were worth about $59.

At the Oregon Agricultural college alfalfa has been growing successfully for several years, and tests are being made by the agronomists with different varieties to determine which will suit the conditions best in this state. The station men are glad at all times to answer questions in regard to its cultivation.

A few miles from Corvallis Mr. W. H. Hamlin cut this year 200 tons of alfalfa hay. It yielded about 2½ tons to the acre in two cuttings. Before seeding to alfalfa the land had been "cropped out." In fourteen years fourteen grain crops had been taken from the land, and Mr. Hamlin explains that on richer land the yield is much heavier. He further explains that the oldest stand yields the best, showing that it takes several years on certain classes of soil for the alfalfa to make a good growth.

It looks as though an alfalfa campaign would be worth millions to this state.

Q. What is meant by "50 per cent," "40 per cent," and so on, dynamite?

A. The percentage given refers to the amount of nitroglycerin in the powder. For instance, a 40-per-cent dynamite is supposed to contain 40 per cent of nitroglycerin and 60 per cent of "dope."—F. S. Thomson, Washington State College, Pullman.

"Everything comes to him who waits," mused the man in a restaurant; "but it comes cold."

Head Waiter—What's he want? Waiter—Says he wants a little of everything. Head Waiter—Give him hash.—Chicago Journal.

"If ye please, mum," said the ancient hero, in an appealing voice, as he stood at the back door of the cottage on Monday, "I've lost my leg." "Well, I ain't got it," snapped the woman fiercely, as the door closed with a bang.—Victoria Eagle.

A Proposal.

"Yes," he said, "I'm in love."

"Huh!" she replied scornfully. "I wouldn't care to be you."

"And I wouldn't like you to be. I'd rather you were mine."—Philadelphia Press.

Mrs. Hoyle—I've found out where my husband spends his evenings. Mrs. Doyle—Where? Mrs. Hoyle—At home. You see, I had to stay in myself last night.—Harper's Weekly.

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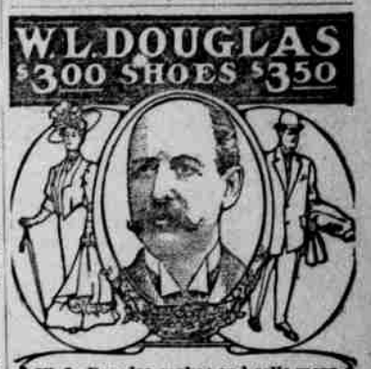

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Honor for Jefferson.

"Waal, yes," said Mrs. Bragley of Jefferson City, "I reckon that feller that writ out the Declaration of Independence deserved the honor."

"You mean the honor of being assigned to write it?"

"Not at all. I mean the honor o' bein' named fur our town. They called him Jefferson, you know."—Philadelphia Press.

Integument.

Sig. Pshucks (aspiring Thespian)—When it comes to high tragedy, even if I do say it, I've got Bob Mantell skinned to death.

Charming Soubrette — Well, you oughtn't to try to wear his skin. It doesn't fit you. Your ears stick out.—Chicago Tribune.

Human Nature's Weaknesses.

"I don't mind Mrs. Gigshaw making fun of the way I talk," said Mrs. Lapsling, forgivingly. "It's only her way. We've all got our little peculiarities and idionockrasies."

Out of His Reach.

"At last!" exulted the ex-bicyclist as he soared aloft in his aeroplane. "I've found a public highway now where there is no sprinkling cart demon to come along and turn it into a sea of mud!"

Beginning of Trouble.

Mr. Phusser—Cynthia, I have joined a Don't Worry club.

Mrs. Phusser—I am sorry for the club. It will have to change its name.

Night School Horror.

Teacher—What was the most momentous event of the last century?

Shaggy Haired Pupil—Last Century? The killin' of that interview with the Kaiser, I guess.

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