OREGON CITY ENTERPRISE or by mortgaging houses. The savings of a life time are burned up in

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the matter will receive our attention.

ANT, BUNKUM, SARCASM and hot air have never made a conoften insult it.

Recently the Enterprise had occasion to remark that it pitied the than the cost of a horse and carriage for a moderate yearly mileage. Courier because of its professed stand for the Wilson administration. The Enterprise expressly said that it did not criticize the Oregon City weekly but was sorry for a paper which must defend the acts of the president and his followers. And, by the way, the Enterprise still pities the Courier.

But the innocent remark concerning the Courier seems to have been a source of inspiration for its editor. In a column of words that express no thought but please the ear and the mind as any other form of unusually light reading, the Courier has much to say but says nothing. He preaches a sermon but has no text. He delivers a message to his readers but the message has no point. The piece can well be called verbal hash,

What the Courier says is of tittle or no concern to the Enterprise, Business is good, summer is coming, prosperity is just around the corner despite the efforts of the Democratic administration with its bungling curdeal.

But the Enterprise, with the determination of an honest conviction, still believes that any paper, whether it be in Oregon City or Onalaska, Wis., that must defend the bungling, mistake-making powers that be in the national capital is to be pitied.

verse we may remark "blow, winds, blow" so that Enterprise readers may expect another full-column effusion next week in the Courier.

HE DEATH IN MISSOURI OF FRANK JAMES, who though then sell him for pork for \$7.50. never convicted of crime was reputed to be a member of the famous James gang of out-laws, who were charged years ago with so many and a small set of books. desperate acts, raises the question whether the big bank and train robberies of 30 years ago are as common today.

As a whole, crime seems decidedly on the increase. But the big crime acts of a generation ago, which so fired the imagination of the outlaw class, may be too daring for the modern sneak burglar and foot pad.

Bank robbery can not be as profitable as it used to be. Electric and steel protection has made large banks impregnable. Here and there a sufficient for the risk.

carried for ornament, but for real use. Celerity in pulling them and according as trustee. curacy in using them was an essential element in a gentleman's education.

decision and rapid in execution. A train robbery was no carefully planned little family. stroke of business, but a sudden lawless impulse. The life of the plains acts at any time he left the need of cash.

people in their beds, unarmed pedestrains in dark corners of great cities, freer he feels to squander his earnings. houses left alone and unlocked in daylight, these are the favorites. They cr: to search the country.

HERE IS ONE EVIL that civilization seems unable to remedy. is the manufacture of foolish and useless laws.

A review of the acts of recent legislatures is enough to convince anyone that this country is over-legislated. In Kansas there is a measure to prohibit the piercing of women's ears and to prohibit the wearing of ear-rings at night. In Texas if cards are played two nights in succession in the same law in that state also prohibits the handling of cards on a railroad train.

But Oklahoma has gone further than Texas. In that state there is a iaw that provides that hereafter a "straight" in poker shall beat a "flush." The house of the Ohio legislature passed a bill providing a penalty for carrying a red flag in a public procession.

The Oregon legislature, in its own way, has almost equalled the record of other states. Of course the nine-foot sheet law heads the list of the utterly toolish, useless measures but the action in the lawmakers in regard to tax col lecting should not be ignored. In 1913, the power of tax collecting was tak tion was taken on several other matters.

of fool laws.

■HE TREMENDOUS INCREASE in number of automobiles is accepted by many people as one of the signs of national extravagance. Of course in many cases machines are bought on borrowed money,

But a very large part of the machines represent no extravagance whatever. Kansas, for instance, is a community of farms and thrifty people. It has about 1,750,000 population, and over 550,000 motorcars. Not all of this great army of drivers are spenders, nor are they all people of wealth.

On great reason why automobiles have been an extravagance is that so many people are so very helpless in caring for them. Although they may have but small means, they do not feel able to care for the machines themselves, but hire storage and cleaning and overhauling and minor repairs at lowing their name. If last payment is not credited, kindly notify us, and some garage. They seem helpless before the least break down, cannot understand its cause, and could not repair it if they did understand it. Run on history of the "Master Key" mine and that basis any machine is costly.

Wise parents who own machines are bringing up their boys to be handy vert. They have the same relation to argument that prejudice around the little home garage. They youngsters early learn to keep the mahas to reasoning. Rather than appealing to the mind they most chine taut and trim, and to make all ordinary adjustments. When a machine a thus nursed along at home, and driven carefully, it ought to be cheaper

Farm people in particular are usually able to handle a machine cheaply, as their daily experience gives them constant practice in making their own repairs and meeting evigencies. The farmer of the future needs an automobile to keep his young folks contented. In the hands of a fellow of en- is the vague spell of the east which is terprise, it ought to more than pay for itself as a business tool.

N AN ARTICLE in the Saturday Evening Post the importance of farm bookkeeping is strongly brought out. In Oregon schools the need of said John quietty "There is no ques more system on the part of the producer is being recognized and courses have been established in institutions dealing with the subject. Particularly knowledge that a thtog is impossible." is this true in the Oregon Agricultural college.

While many farmers may regard their business as one in which there is no need of bookkeeping, it does not require much argument to show that the the sake of Miss Ruth, but from a rency, tariff and ship purchase measures—such is the creed of the Enterprise. In no place does the name or the institution, Courier, figure in the the market is a matter of much speculation in most rural districts. A farmer may come to the conclusion that a pig, ready to sell, represents but little cost of taking the idol away from the Hinto him. "I raised his feed myself," he will say and a a result sell the animal du during the voyage, but Faversham for less than it is worth and less than it cost,

A farmer should know the returns of each acre in his farm, each field and the value of each crop. He should study returns based on actual fig. the fellow's auguage, and he comes And with a certain well-known but now deceased maker of passable ures as the result of bookkeeping. The importance of costs is as much to the farmer as the therchant or the manufacturer.

> At present the average farmer considers that he knows his business clail, I see, is much respected by the when he can tell the amount of money he has in the bank at the end of a other natives in the steerage. To des year, but does not realize that it is not profit to feed a pig \$8 in corn and an uproar that we could never explain

The best investment many a farmer could make is \$2.50 for a pen, ink his officers. In fact, we should all get

HE OLDER LEGAL PRACTICE in this country complacently "And the waiting isn't so bad, is it?" sent a man to jail for 30 days for getting drunk, and trusted to the neighbors to bring in food to the family. The neighbors were will- and Ruth and Sir Donald were far in ing to do it. But more commonly the wife, determined little creature, would the bow watching the waves foam not let any one know she was in want.

The laws have disregarded too much the plight of women and children small country bank might be ripped open. But the returns would not be left without support by imprisoned husbands. It is therefore a pleasure to of being always the center of men's read that. Miss May Allison of Los Angeles, Cal., has been appointed by A highly explosive state of society pervaded many sections at the time the county supervisors, to look after the money earned by married men senthe James gang were active. Gun toting was general. The guns were not tenced to the chain gang. The husband's wages are to be deposited to her

When a man parts with his substance for intoxicating liquor, he must These conditions developed very daring and resolute men, quick in crawl home with a healthy sense of shame and sorrow for the privations of his

But after a period of this maudlin pity, he suddenly discovers that his fess. of 30 to 40 years ago developed many a character perfectly capable of these wild courses do tend to create certain independent sources of revenue. After To be sure, he had John Dorr to con he firmly acquires a reputation as a drunkard, kind neighbors will come in Train robbery probably does not seem attractive to the sneak criminal and save the wife and children from actual starvation. The more the hus- be allowed himself to go so far as conof today. He is looking for what seems more like a sure thing. Sleeping hand drinks the more time he spends in jail, the more the family gets, and the templating marriage with Ruth.

It is safer in many places to neglect your wife and children than to take that constant association with Dorr ed to his better judgment. are much safer than a heavy train where express messengers and others are a few dollars from a bank. The law hunts down the embezzler to Canada, apt to be armed, and where the telephone quickly summons bands of offi- but the machinery of extradition can't be started for mere non-support. It ments were unmistakable be was may be said that a deserted wife can go back to the comfort of her former deeply in love home. But after she has stood up in all the glories of her satins and laces to a P. and O steamer for Bombay. and shower bouquet and veil, it is hard to admit that the whole thing was a and under Str Donaid's expert guid of attaining your purpose cheat and a farce. It is easier to drop out of sight and struggle along as " best she may. This control of husband's earnings is a good idea and laws tel. can't be made much too severe for neglect of families.

The Canby Herald propounds the following problem: "If it takes a house, those playing will be arrested and fined or imprisoned, or both. The four-months-old woodpecker with a rubber bill nine months and 13 days to peck a hole through a cypress log that is large enough to make 117 shingles, and it takes 165 shingles to make a bundle worth 93 cents, how long will it Faversham explained. "In the first take a cross-eyed grasshopper with a cork leg to kick all the seeds out a dill pickle?" An editor who can figure out such a problem of pure nonsense has no place in a newspaper office. He ought to be in New York instructing George Cohen in writing comedies or taking the part of comedian in a modern chorus girl musical comedy or, perhaps, under the care of a keeper.

The Salem Capital Journal in lengthy editorial makes an attack on the temple where the idol belongs." en from the hands of the county sheriff and deposited with the treasurer and county road bonding plan and quotes recent history in Columbia and Jackson in the session just ended it was transferred back to the sheriff. Similar accounties in an attempt to prove its point. The Salem paper is sidetracked. It really finds no fault with the county road bonding plan although it does their own devices. This tendency to pass frivilous measures will not end until the faddist criticize men who attempted to carry it into execution in two Oregon Counand the extremest forget their missions. Every crank and zealot must have ties. Given a fair chance, the road bonding scheme would be a success in dinner one evening with a smile on his his day like the proverial dog but the people of most states are getting sick any county in the state and the Capital Journal submits no evidence to prove face

> This week William Jennings Bryan, secretary of state of the Wilson cabinet, a man who occupies the most dignified position in the national government excepting only the president himself, spoke in New York city theatre before a full house at a good price. The money paid the secretary or the stunt has not been made public but it was probably large, as Bryan is capable of taking a headline place on any vaudeville circuit in the country.

WOULD-BE ROBBER IN GINTHER REPLIES TO PORTLAND IS SHOT QUERY OF C. S. NOBLE

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 1.-Pistol shots rang out in the busy west side

Johnson wsa brought to bay with a the subject. bullet wound in his leg. A sack of If further aid is necessary, I refer coins, \$35.94 in value, that he had tak him to the correspondence that has en from Rupert's store at Sleventh been passing between our secretary of and Jefferson streets, was found in state and England and also Germany. his pocket at the police station.

He is not seriously hurt.

BILLINGS, Mont., March 2 .- Grant T. Martin, a paperhanger, accusing his two brother-in-laws of alienating his wife's affections, yesterday shot and killed both men, John and George

Lochridge.

OREGON CITY. Ore., Rt. 3, Feb. 26. -(Editor of the Enterprise)-I wish to say to my friend C. S. Noble that streets tonight, and before the bewildered eyes of the theater-going found in the article to which he refers. crowds Oscar Johnson, with a criminal If he will read his question, then my record, and Frank Rupert, a grocery- article, he will find the answer, and man, engaged in a desperate running the answer to any other question that comes to his mind with reference to

If he cannot then find the answer Rupert is suffering from a deep shall be pleased to go into detail and gash in his forehead inflicted by the show by illustration and simple conrobber striking him with his revolver, crete facts that Germany is not being treated on an equal basis of fair play with the allies by our administration Let us all hope that our government will become and remain strictly neu-ROBERT GINTHER.

> Gold Hill planning street improvement campaign.

THE MASTER KEY

By John Fleming Wilson

CHAPTER XXIV. "He is a Prisoner!"

RING the long voyage to Hongkong the three were thrown much together, and Sir Donald learned in full the the present search for the plans of the

site of the mother lode. At first he could hardly believe that he came to suderstand that the tre mendous passions that were lighting

to be satisfied would stop at nothing. "I fear you will find it different in India," he told John many timen "The country is tumense, it is inhabited by races of different speech and habits and religious, and yet over it all there so foreign to your western America that I fear you will not easily recover what you seek.

"But I must get the papers back." tion about it'

"Many a man has refused to ac Faversham warned him, "and the east has driven him mad. However, I am much interested myself, not only for

They considered the suggested plan vetoed this after a somewhat exten sive investigation

"You see," he told Ruth. "I know Most of those chaps are looked upon as rather sacred, and this man in speecrate his image would simply mean to the antisfaction of the captain and into the most serious trouble."

"Then your advice is to wait?" she murmured.

"Most decidedly," said the baronet. The steamer was slipping easily along across a moonlit sea that night. softly away from the cutwater.

The girl had awakened during the past few weeks to the dim happiness thoughts

She was not in love, but she was ready to be. The experienced man beside her surmised this. His own heart was beating a new tune. He had lived much, and wemen had not been alouf from his life.

But this fair, proud, inexperienced, yet self contained giri wakened in him a deeper feeling than he cared to con-

tend with. Faversham did not underestimate him as a possible rival when John. "In the crowds we ought to be

He liked the young American, and none knew better than he the effect must have upon a young and very impressionable girl. John's own senti-

ther aboutly found the india and installed in a very good ho-

"We must wait here till I discover through natives just where that fellow is bound for

"Why not simply trace him?" demanded Dorr, impatient to be about

his errand. "That would be out of the question, place, you don't understand any native tongue, and in the second place the British government doesn't look with favor on strange and unattached Eu ropeans stumbling about among the

natives.

"If you leave it to me I think I not only can ascertain the exact place where this fellow comes from, but the

Several days passed, during which Sir Donald was busy among old acquaintances, leaving John and Ruth to | didn't dare stay. If they had got me They occupied their time in sight-

seeing. At last Faversham came into "I've found your man and learned

something of the history of the image." "And we can get it back?" Ruth in-

quired promptly. Sir Donald shook his head gently "Not so fast, young indy!"

"But that is what we came for," went on.

"The fact of the matter is this," said the baronet-"that image was stolen



'Not so fast, young lady!"

several years ago-a great many, in truth. It is the rutelary delly of a small city on the river libate, and it is about as sacred an article as you could pick up. The people of that city think that since they have lest their image the god is angry with them, and for some years they have quietly conduct-

ed a search for it. 'And this man will take it to Bhala?' emanded Ruth

'He has aiready started, I understand from some of the natives t

"Then what are we to do?" demand ed John

"Rhom is some hundreds of miles up

country Mr Donald cont med. "Part of the way we can go by rail, but part of the road we must travel either on foot or by litter-if we go." "Of course we are going?" said Ruth. "I most earnestly beg of you to stop

nere," said the baronet. "You don't

know your india as I do, and even if we accomplished our purpose we abould run double risk to getting back." They argued the matter for some time, but Ruth refused to consider retreat at this stage, and John, impress ed though he was by the other's evident sincerity, could not beip feeling that as an outsider ne did not under-

the plans When he and Sir Donald talked it over alone the barouct was even more Insistent.

stand the necessity of the recurry of

He characterized the whole expedition as rash and plainly stated that should the British government get wind of such a search immediate steps would be taken to see that the Ameri cans went no further.

Dorr was unconvinced and finally intimated that Faversham had not meant what he said when he had volunteered

to belo them. Sir Donald shrugged his shoulders and admitted himself helpless in the face of such arguments.

"At least I can go along and do what I can to save the young woman from actual peril," he remarked. "I by no means promise to give you active assistance:

"I'll be satisfied if you'll just tip me off once in awhile," John responded They made the journey to Bhala safely. Buth and John viewing the novel sights that met their eyes or every hand, Sir Donald acting as gen eral guide and instructor.

On their arrival at the teeming city they were soon installed in an inn out the center and some distance up the river. Faversham wasted no time in look

ing up certain people he knew among the natives and was to a position to inform them that he had not only discovered the temple, but that he had learned that the idel had been recur ered and would be restored to its proper shripe with due ceremony and great feativity.

"That will be just our chance," said anfe.

Faversham tried to convince him that this was not so, but Dorr Insisted so strongly that the Englishman yield

"I'll try to get you within sight of the idol anyway," he consented "But I must insist that you obey my instructions implicitly. Otherwise we shall all get into trouble and you will effectually kill any chance you may have

The result of this was that Ruth inte that night was wakened by Sir Donald's rapping on her door.

When she had flung on some clothes and opened she saw from his manner and his dishevoled dress that all had not gone well. "It's true." Faversham told ber

"Dorr couldn't resist what he thought was a chance to get hold of the idot He was captured, but I managed to get away by my knowledge of the language and the help of some natives who are friendly to me

For the moment Ruth was speech iess; then she inquired for the particu iars, and Sir Donald gave them briefly At the conclusion be remarked. "They won't narm him, but if it gets out that be really intended to steal that image we shall have trouble. "But he is a prisoner!" she cried.

"True," said Faversham wearily "1 too, you wouldn't have known anything about what and happened for days "But you will save him?" she pleaded In her appealing beauty Ruth stirred

now that he loved her. For love of her he would do what he knew might mean his own death, but be was helpless in the grip of this aweet passion

Sir Donald to the depths. He knew

Yet he would not go without at least word of hope and promise. "I'll get him," he told her. "It-will be a hard job, but I'll save him for

your sake, Ruth, and when I come back with him' She leaned forward, gloriously con tent that John was to be brought back

She did not read aright the expres sion in the man's eyes. She threw out her little hands to him joyously. "I'll always love you if you will."

he whispered He stared dizzlly, and she withdrew before he could put out his hands or sny a word. Five minutes later be was hastily making his way back to-

ward the temple. To his dying day Sir Donald was pever able to expinin just how he found John Dorr nor how he extremted him from the howling mob who yelled for the life of the Imploor man who had laid foul bands on their god.

His own recollection was of desperately using his tongue, his muscles and his knownedge of the usual intricacles of a pative city

John himself could give no clear description, but confessed that be had given up hope of rescue when Sir Don ald appeared as by magic.

It was dawn when they reached the notel, and Ruth was on the balcony watching. When Faversham looked up and called out, "I managed it?" she tenned far over, her eyes shining, and

threw him a kisa, The baronet's heart beat high. He had won her for his wife.

The fact that Dorr and Ruth had sailed for India did not escape Wit kernon and Mrs. Darnell's sharp

senses, and they sailed with Drake as their companion on the next steamer We can easily pick up Dorr's trail when we land," Wilkerson told them. He found this true. Within two days

he had also ascertained that they had left for the interior under the owner of Sir Donald Payersham Without delay they followed and in due time tanded in libers, not tong after sir Donnid and resemed forr from the mot who and seized him when he had tried to resisture the Witherson grinted when he told

Mrs. Darmett of this finers. 'Hat will you lare any better?' sho Seminded.

Bure," he said confidently. "I'll let Dort and this British baronet burn



"Then the 'Master Key' will be ours." their fingers getting the thing; inco-I'll get it away from them it's a none way back to America, and if we stick tight to Dorr we'll sooner or inter be tible to bandle the plans ourselves. "Then the Master Key will be ours

for good and ali. (Continued on page 8.)

ILL LUCK STICKS TO AD

"I GUESS MY FIGHTING DAYS ARE OVER," SAYS WOLGAST

CADILLAC, Mich., March 2,- The hard luck that has followed me ever since I was stricken with appendicitis on the eve of a scheduled 20 round fight in Los Angeles with Freddie Welsh several years ago is still with me, I guess my fighting days are over."

This was the declaration here today of Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion of the world, who has just been ordered by his physician not to engage in boxing for the next six souths.

Wolgast's right arm was examined esterday through an X-ray. The physician said the bones were intact, but that the arm was weak because Wolgast had not allowed an old fracture to thoroughly heal.

JOHNSON TO RETURN

CHICAGO, March 2.-Declaration hat Jack Johnson negro heavyweight world's champion, would return to the United States and "take his medicine" was made today by United States District Attorney Clyne here. Johnson stands convicted here on a white slavery charge, and when he left Chicago, more than a year ago, he jumped bail bonds of \$30,000, pending action on an appeal application to a higher court. Johnson is a fugitive from justice

and I will not treat with him," de clared the federal prosecutor. "I have been receiving persons representing him almost daily."

Clyne would not say when he expected Johnson to reach Chicago.

TITLE TO LOCKS TO **CHANCE SOON BELIEF**

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.-The canal and locks at Oregon City around Willamette falls probably will be transferred from the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to the federal government and operated as a

free waterway within another month. What is believed to be the final rejuest of the government upon the electric concern has just been complied with by the forwarding to Washington of copies of resoutions adopted by directors of the company authorizing the transfer of mortgages upon the property and clearing the way for

government operation of the canal. This completes negotiations that have extended over a period of three

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 27 .-Clarence Chandler, 30, is dead today, the result of a too realistic moving picture act. Chandler, with five other actors, was making an assault upon a cabin in "Sonia's Captive," a scen ario dealing with the Turkish inva sion of Montenegro, when one of the guns was discharged prematurely and he fell dead, a 45-90 rifle bullet ploughing clear through his head.



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