INTERESTING SPOTS.

While the republican majority for political offices in this county will be adopted by the voters of Oregon. very large, there are indications of tremendous slump at one point, and a large diversion of votes in one or that "Tom" Word is in votes are counted. is no doubt that most of the traveling men of whom there are a large number in this city, are all working for "tooth and nail." nor that they are having a very heavy and widespread influence among business men. While few people have anything it particular against Mr. Stott, the re publican nominee, personally, many object to him because he has been deputy sheriff for many years, and they think it is about time to have a new hand at the bellows, a new broom in the sheriff's office.

It is objected by some, too, that Stott is unsociable, secretive, inclined to be be penurious, cold-blooded, and never did anything for anybody to gain one's gratitude or friendship Some of these objections may seem to many to be in Mr. Stott's favor rather than against him, but on the will tell against him heavily in the election. No ordinary man on the democratic ticket could overcome the big republican majority but Word, in point of vote-getting strength is no ordinary candidate As for Sheriff Storey, his vote will be small, and perhaps unimportant.

How much Sanderson Reed will cut for district attorney is not so ar sonal unpopularity he will lose many votes is certain, and with a phenomirally strong man against him, such as Chamberlain was, he would be Mr. Manning's strength is not a certain quantity; he seems to have made a worthy and acceptable cans are inclined to help keep him in office for a term of his own. whether, for either or both these reas ons, the republican majority can be wiped out is at least doubtful. Prob ably many voters have not yet defin itely made up their minds. The re sult in this case may depend on work done yet in behalf of the candidate who will finally succeed.

For county commissioner Mr. John Steret, an educated, successful and scrupulously honest farmer, is strong democratic nominee, and will poll a very heavy vote in the country. As he is of German stock, and well known to many of that nationality in

In other respects there is no doubt about the republican ticket's success -perhaps there is no good ground for doubt in these respects, except as to tell better later. The New Age is not Multnomah herein trying to help or hinder either of the candidates meationed-only stating what appears to be about the the campaign for the city and county only interesting features of the campaign.

ATTACKS ON HERMANN.

The persistent and flerce attacks on Mr. Hermann are not likely to hurt him much. In the first place, they are mostly confined to the Portland Journal, and therefore the shots are fired at too long range to be effective; and in the next place the republican majority, especially in a presidential year, is entirely too large to be cut very appreciably by these charges against Mr. Hermann. It is true that there is considerable basis for them; true that he was once discharged from the Roseburg land ofrecently from the general office, for alleged connivance with improper methods of obtaining public lands. But the first incident was too long ago for people to care anything about it, and the latter one is generally ascribed to the perverse enmity of Secretary Hitchcock, who unpopular in the West. Inthe fact that Hitchcock is opto Hermann will help more than it will injure the congressman

Then, whatever his record in this respect, and however much he may have been on the watch while in office o cast anchors to windward it can not be disputed that he has been an active, watchful, useful representative of Oregon. He has done good work for the state in the past, and may be expected to do so in the fu-

So, while a great many voters are not disposed to deny the accusations made against Hermann, he will re ceive nearly the full republican vote all the same-or at least enough to re-elect him by a very large majority.

VOTE FOR THE LOCAL OPTION LAWS.

The local option law ought to b

of enlightenment, of advance democracy, however and wherever it appears, and this law is along that

The liquor interest has become too strong in this country. It controls, on such a question the local daily press; yes, it controls and dictates to the daily press in all the great cities of the Union

The local option law is right, and ought to be supported, voted for, and carried, regardless of these paid effusions. They are all paid for. The Oregonian, for instance, is doubtless paid to oppose this law. Everybody inderstands that.

Let any precinct, or combination of precincts, debar whiskey-selling they choose-if the majority of the voters so decide. Surely there is nothing wrong about this proposition It ought to carry, and The New Age believes it will carry in spite of the orrupt, subsidized daily press.

Let us all vote for local option. It s a good move. It is in the direct line of progress.

HAVE BEEN MISQUOTED,

Editor Wilkins of the Chicago Con ervator, is a very much over-worked man, judging from the amount of abor expended in filling up this alnewspaper with buncombe, rot and what-not. Bro, Wilkins, if you continue to misquote us we may feel called upon to remonstrate with you in a serious manner.

The editor of The New Age has been very much surprised during the present campaign to meet men whom the party has bonored with nomina who declare that they did not W. L. Lightner, who said he could not afford to make any great effort for the office of county commissioner, as the salary was only \$3 per day, and be had had all of the honor that he desired

Jack Reed, a recent convert to the republican cause, has played pretty ing his brief experience with this party. He went in with the rush two years ago for the legislature, but the town, he may be expected to run well people will pass on his claim this

County Clerk Fields will be returnis a very popular and efficient official sheriff, and district attorney; we can and just the man for county clerk of

> Whit Bolse, who is trying to run committee, bids to be as successful this year as he was in 1892.

> J. P. Finley will be re-elected to the office of coroner and by a splendid and increased majority .

D. B. Sigler will be the next assessor of this county.

Wagner's Wagon. "Say, heow long be it afore them air fellers gits tuned up?" asked Uncle Josh, who had been persuaded to do

"They are not tuning up, uncle," replied the city nephew. "They are playing one of Wagner's master-

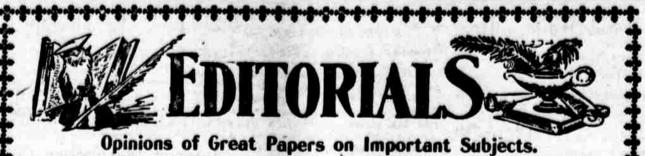
"Oh, neow I ketch on!" exclaimed the old man. "They be tryin' t' imertate a empty wagon rattlin' over one uv them air cobblestone streets, b'gosh!"

Not in the Same Line. "This is our latest novelty," said the manufacturer proudly. "Good work isn't it?"

"Not bad," replied the visitor, "bu you can't hold a candle to the goods we make." "Oh, are you in this line, too?"

"No; we make gunpowder."-Youth A man knows just what to do in he hour of danger as long as the danrer doesn't show up.

good memory often comes andy to forget with.



Official Corruption.

HE great Governments and the great municipalties of the world have a problem before them which as yet they have not fairly faced, but which they must face if they are to make sure n times of emergency of the efficiency of their igents. The growing hunger for money as the one absolute condition of endurable life, the

increasing severity of the competition for great contracts. and the decaying abhorrence of suicide all tend to the development of "corruption" in its official sense, that is, of bribe-taking by officials, and of stealing from State and municipal departments. No form of government seems to protect the nations from it. We have less of it than most countries, because under our social conditions the class which really governs has been taught from early childhood to regard bribe-taking as a worse dishonor even than cheat ing at cards, and because those who suffer are absolutely free to complain; but even here, when the Government is forced to spend millions suddenly, rings are formed to get some of that money, and the taxpayer is fleeced through preposterous charges and illicit commissions. . .

It is a great blot on modern civilization, which in many respects depends upon efficiency for success. Efficiency and corruption are wholly incompatible. Some think that cor ruption produces only waste, and that they can bear waste; but that is a false view. Corruption, in the first place, arrests the employment of the best men in leading post tions, for the whole energy of the corrupt is devoted to preventing their promotion, or if they are promoted, to rendering their positions untenable. In the second place corruption makes energetic administration nearly impossi ble, for no Government ever loses the hope of preventing it; and to prevent it most of them apply an infinity of "checks," every one of which occupies part of the time o the executive officer, and increases the load of responsibility under which at last he dare do nothing without previous sanction. And, in the third place, corruption is not only fatal to the very idea of duty, but to the habit of performing it.

A perfect remedy for corruption is hard to find, because t requires a change in the motives of the corrupt which Governments cannot produce, and which society will not be at the pains to encourage effectively; but two or three palliatives might at least be tried. One is to protect those who complain. Another is to pay all those who have any thing whatever to do with contracts at least decently, a rule often neglected in the case of the experienced but subordinate men upon whose judgment their less experienced superiors in matters of business compelled to rely. And third is to declare bribe-giving and bribe-receiving a form o treason severely punishable whenever it is proved.—London Spectator.

Social Gravitation.



HE census proves incontestably that the drift of population cityward reached its maximum some years ago, and has begun to recede. Some one has said: "Hereafter the city and the country will march side by side, with even step." Even this is bardly probable. The change of drift is owing to economical conditions that

will continue strongly to favor the country. Population will still move out and differentiate from the masses. In fact, the coming deal seems to be rather an evenly distributed suburbanism, covering the whole country; while the cities will remain as gangila. Following this idea! the city will grow more country-like, while the country will stendily acquire those privileges which have heretofore belonged to the city.

According to a recent census bulletin, 159 towns show is about the average of the increase of the whole country. The relative gain of cities from 1880 to 1890 was from 22 tively they will cease to grow as fast as the country. . . A potent cause for depopulating the country came in with improved machinery. Farm work could be done with fewyet a single reaper might serve a dozen small farm owners | these two sovereign nations.—New York Tribune.

co-operatively. So far, the Eastern States were at the greater disadvantage, the deserted farms were common throughout New England. It was wiser to go West with small capital, and leave the homestead to go back to wil- 1"-and she looked dangerous-"am derness, rather than to remain and be starved. This state the boiler that will blow up and sling of affairs, in aggravated symptoms, continued until near the engineer clear over into the next the close of the nineteenth century. . . . A cause for county. Do you hear the steam escapthe reaction which we chronicle, is the splendid increase in ing, Topnoody?" the value of farm products, brought about by our having | Topnoody heard it, and he meekly secured the world's markets. Corumercial expansion dur- inquired if there was any assistance ing the last ten years has immensely increased the expor- he could render in the housework. tation of nearly everything that the farm produces. Our fruits, our meats, our corn are now found in every market

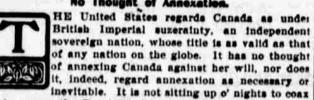
of the globe. There is no longer any fear of overproduction; we have only to insist on the open door principle and free competition. 'The farmer can apply his whole attention to the increase of products, and the conquest of insect and fungoid enemies. Agriculture is proving itself to be once more what it was in the early part of the last century. the most independent of all the industries. - New York Independent.

Forts and Naval Attacks.

NE of the surprises of the Far Eastern war is the failure of the fort guns to do more damage in the attacking fleets. It was a matter of faith among the authorities that not even the strongest modern battleship could safely attack an effective modern fort, armed with long-range

beavy guns. England is at present making a number of long-range fort guns for the defense of her south coast, and it is calculated that these guns will easily be able to throw a twelve or thirteen-inch shell across the Straits of Dover, so that it would not seem to be worth while for France even to take her Channel equadron out of port, much less to attempt to land in the face of such an overwhelming attack. But this is mere theory. The truth is, that, although the weight and range of these guns have oven steadily increasing the human powers which are to use them have not shown, and are not likely to show a corresponding progress. While a gun can carry a shell across the Straits of Dover, the gunner who could make a hit of twenty miles is yet unborn; neither eyesight nor fineness of hand are equal to the task. Nor would the atmosphere permit it, if they were. Attacks by fleets are made by sea: and the sea is proverbially untrustworthy in the matter of and husks. Wholesale and Retail weather. Air currents, mists, uneven radiation, mirage Office and factory, 45 Union avenue, and a dozen similar causes deflect the shot and the vision Portland, Oregon. Telephone, East, which directs it. Moreover, no one nowadays is likely to attack a fort at close range in broad daylight. The Port Arthur bombardments were nearly all at night, and some ner of Third and Couch streets is a of them in snowstorms. It is intelligible that a ship at sea can more or less locate a position on land, such as the dead one just drop into the Alcazar and see what a little new life will do Golden Hill above Port Arthur, over a town where there are certain to be some lights at least; but the fort has no ly of Tacoma, has taken the place, for a place. W. W. Harmon, formerlights to guide it in locating the ship, except the momentary and as usual he is making it go like fash of the guns, which give hardly any opportunity for a three time winner, aiming. In the case of the Viadivostok bombardment, it seems that the Japanese fleet were too far off to do any damage, and, therefore, too far off to receive any. It is on the corner of Third and Couch, is also likely that the object of that attack was to draw the argong the undesirable resorts of the Russian fire in order to locate their forts; the Russians North End, but the plain facts are that "Harmon's" is one of the clean-est places in Portland. There are no seemed to have divined this, and naturally abstained from dring .- Harper's Weekly. ladies' entrances nor any wine rooms; in fact it is only a place for men, and

No Thought of Annexation.



to 29 per cent—or 7 per cent positive increase—but from or to coerce the Dominion into union with the Republic 1890 to 1900 this increase was only about 21/2 per cent. If ever Canada should at her own will seek such union, This tells the story with accuracy. It does not warrant us the United States would probably be cordially responsive in assuming that cities will cease to grow, but that rela- But, if Canada never does seek it, the United States will regard with entire unanimity and satisfaction the prospect of continuing for all time to share this continent with another great English-speaking commonwealth, and will only er hands. A single reaper would replace ten men. Costly hope for constantly increasing sentiments of mutual esteem machinery could be profitably used only on large farms, and constantly strengthening bonds of friendship between

GREAT AGRICULTURAL DISCOVERY

Four-fifths of every breath of air which the lungs inhale is pure nitrogen. It is one of the commonest of the elements. And yet, says a writer in Harper's Monthly, it is the one thing for the lack of which wheat fields, cotton fields and corn fields are abandoned as "worn out" because it is the most expensive plant food for man to supply to the soil, and one which most plants are unable to absorb in its pure state from the air. To remedy this the Department of Agriculture at Washington is preparing to distribute among farmers a substance resembling compressed yeast, which will raise, not bread, but crops; for when applied to certain plants it will enable them to take abundant nitrogen from the at mosphere. The "yeast" is really a mass of germs, which bid fair to become most efficient gardeners.

It has long been known that clover and other leguminous crops flourish in "worn-out" soil, and when plowed into it partially restore the fertility of it. Studying this phenomenon, scientists have found that in such a soil the plants have nodules, little bunches or swellings, on their roots, which they do not have when grown elsewhere. These nodules are formed by bacteria called radiocola.

Professor Nobbe, a German investigator, found that lupines which had the nodules would grow in soil devoid of nitrogen. Without the nodules the lupines would not grow. He obtained some of the radiocola from the nodules and propagated them in gelatine till he had many millions of the germs.

He then put into three jars equal quantities of sterilized sand containing no nitrogen whatever. In each jar he planted beans. The first he fertilized with all the usual plant foods except nitrogen. The second he supplied with the same food and saitpeter, a form of nitrogen easily absorbed by plants. The third he fed like the first, and in addition inoculated sand with his radiocola.

The result was extremely interest ing. The beans all came up, and for a few days grew sitks. Then the first lot, having no nitrogen, turned yellow and died. The second continued to

had enabled it to draw its nitrogen tions to \$500 per acre for good pieces from the air.

Professor Nobbe carried his experiments much further. He showed that while in neutral soil radiocols are all alike, once they have associated themseives with a given plant, as clover, they become very nearly useless for other plants, such as beans and lupines. Accordingly he has labored to produce highly specialized bacteria each crop—gardening germs trained to grow their specialty.

Having done this, his next move was to place them in the farmers' hands He grew them by millions and packed them in bottles of gelatine. All that the farmer needed to do was to dilute the gelatine with warm water, mix it with the seed and a little soil, partially dry the mixture and sow it. The germs did the rest.

There was much opposition to the new "fertilizer." and one old farmer who did not believe in it planted in a big field a lot of the inoculated seed in a big letter "N," Professor Nobbe having named the gelatine compound "Nitragen." The farmer was amazed and convinced when above all his other beans that year there stood out the letter "N" in luxuriant and healthy

Professor Nobbe's glass jars are inconvenient to handle, so the United on the lounge. States Department of Agriculture, following up his experiments, has hit fully, "where were you when grandma upon the "compressed yeast cake plan" as simple and satisfactory.

Small Farms in Bormuda. The farms in the Bermuda Islands are not such as to impress one with an idea of the greatness of the country. The islands being extremely rocky, the farms consist for the most part of tiny detached fields in the pleasant hollows, where the accumula tion of vegetable matter and of washings has made a shallow soil. In these little islands one sees fields from the size of a parlor floor to that of two acres the latter size being uncommon It is strange enough to the visitor from more ambitious lands to see a patch of onions or lilles or potatoes only a few feet square bravely asserting its importance in some front yard or by the highway.

But although these fields are diminutive they are numerous, and the combined output makes up a large trade in Bermudan products in the New grow in normal fashion. But the third. York markets, for probably nine-tenths although it got no nitrogen in the soil, of the product, except bananas, finds a Sourished far beyond its neighbor, and market there in spite of the duties. developed a luxuriant and healthy The lands vary wonderfully in pricegrowth, showing that the radiocola from very little for the exposed eleva-

in the little vales. The high price of these pieces and limited amount of land on the islands—there are less than 10,000 acres all told-has enforced a very high state of cultivation of the lands. The islands comprise a the said petition and this order series of smart garden hollows, and served on James and Ida Matthews, the hard-metaled, while walled roads. white, smug houses and profusion of compact garden growth all unite to make the place a diminutive picture at least four weeks before the said

Comrades. Bobby was ten years old and an clarmingly light-hearted and careless young person. It was supposed, however, that he would be capable of escorting his grandmother to the family Christmas dinner, one block away from her home, without mishap.

He was tall for his age, and he offered his arm to his grandmother in a gallant and satisfactory manner as they started off together.

"I hope he will remember that she is almost ninety, and not try to hurry her. I'm sure I've cautioned him enough," said Bobby's mother, as she began to dress her younger children. But when she arrived at the family party it appeared that grandmother had turned her ankle and was lying

"Bobby," said the mother, reproachslipped?" "Now I won't have that boy

blamed," said grandmother, briskly, smiling up into Bobby's remorseful "We came to a fine ice slide, face. and he asked me if I thought I could do it, and I told him I did. And I want you children to remember one thing: when you get to be most ninety you'll count a turned ankle a small thing compared with having somebody for get that you've outlived everything but theumatism and sitting still. Anybody that likes can rub this ankle a minute or two with some liniment, but I want Bobby next me at dinner, mind!"

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