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TODAT'S WEATHER -Occasional showers;

PORTLAND, THURSDAY, FEB. 28.

The seclusion of a private dining stall, especially in a restaurant where in unfalling stream. Every man of liquors are served with meals, is an effective promoter of immorality, and Indian War Veterans should be able to therefore the hope of the Law Enforcement League to keep girls out of such places when accompanied by men is in the right direction. Amid all the blackness of a great city, nothing is so to do justice by them and by every unmitigatedly devilish as the seduction other deserving claimant on the Govof young girls, which, unless restrained, ernment's bounty, if none but the demes a great system whose conspirators number hackdrivers, bartenders, waiters, messenger boys, lodginghouse-kcepers and sometimes, alas, unworthy members of the police force. Our numerous letters from "mothers" have served to bring out the fact, often overlooked, that while the average run of young persons are what they are made in the home, there are unexplained incorrigibles for whom every resource of affection and discipline is exerted in vain. To surround such with all preventive devices possible is society's duty in self-defense, though it must ruefully be confessed the chances are on the side of failure. Every experienced criminal officer knows how impossible it often seems to bring any efficient influence or force to bear upon the young scapegrace of either sex who is bent upon self-destruction. Yet there numbers in whose cases the differnce between vice and virtue lies altorether in that momentous circumstance alled opportunity. The door through which numberless girls pass to perdiion is the one that leads to the wineom or the restaurant's private stall. It is well worth while to try to close it.

these sources of money-making through taxes on franchises, earnings, etc. This should be done in Oregon. Our expenses are increasing in every way, and in many ways that are natural and proper; but our revenues are increased only by clapping heavier burdens on of Russia. stocks of goods and real estate. This is disastrous, and in the end it will injure irreparably the very beneficiaries. were graduates of no naval academy, of the injustice. Portland's street railbut both graduated as "midshipmites" ways, for example, would profit in the from the fighting decks of the famous

sey, ways have been found to reach

long run if pressure on real estate should be lightened so as to duplicate the suburban boom we had here a few years ago. Their receipts would be doubled, because thousands would ride who are now huddled in the metropolitan district. Unequal burdens upon Farragut went abroad in the Franklin,

all.

one class eventually press down upon after the Civil War, he had no social Who has got the money that ought to go to Indian War Veterans? Well,

a great naval commander. What is true of Farragut was true of the people who have it and who are Lord Nelson and his great naval conenjoying their ill-gotten gains, at the temporaries. A warrant officer who is expense of these old heroes are no other professionally competent and is of good than the fraudulent pensioners who alpersonal character is fit for promo ready encumber the rolls by thousands. in a profession where courage and abil-The only defense in Congress against ity in battle rather than elegance in the the Indian War bill is that it will open drawing-room is the test of merit, the door to other bills and swamp an The famous English Admiral Rodney,

great

who destroyed the French fleet of De already overloaded pension budget. Some of these bills that are feared are Grasse in the West Indies, and Sir John doubtless meritorious, but it is well un-Jervis, who won St. Vincent, were both derstood that if they are passed, our rough and ready sailors, who, on the liberal rulings will let in a horde of score of social talents, could hardly unworthy claimants. If the pensions have passed muster with Admiral paid survivors of the Civil War had Sampson. been kept within just and honest limits we should not now be obliged to turn

Our great naval heroes of the Civil

War, Farragut and David D. Porter,

Commodore Porter, of the United States

frigate Essex. Farragut was not a

man of social advantages in his youth;

neither was D. D. Porter. Both of these

when they first joined the Navy, When

accomplishments to commend him; he

was not a scholar; he was nothing but

commanders were mere boys

A NOTABLE CENTENNIAL. away from the Treasury these white-Next to the world's fair, the celebrahaired veterans of a long-gone strugion of the centennial of the Louisiana gle. Here we have a practical demonpurchase will signalize an event of the stration of the dangers that have long greatest importance to the United been foreseen in the pension theory ex-States. This purchase stands definitely pressed by Tanner and echoed all over for expansion-the means by which the the country-"God help the surplus! Nation has extended its borders from Pigheaded and not over-scrupulous perthe Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean and sons have maintained that it made no out beyond to the Islands of the sca; difference whatever how loosely penfor the growth that has added to the sion rulings were made or how reckthirteen original colonies which fought lessly private bills were railroaded back the encroachments of George III, through Congress and forced through the White House by threats, no harm a wide domain-an empire the vastness of which a hundred years ago was would result. There would never come unguessed. To celebrate the centennial a reckoming, the money would hold out of this acguisition a \$10,000,000 exhibition will be held in 1903 in St. Louis as sense can see upon reflection, and our representative and largest city the within the boundaries of the Louisiana see now without reflection, that the impurchase. To insure the funds necesmense volume of fraudulent pensions sary for the success of the exhibit, deprives them of their rightful pen-Congress at first pledged \$5,000,000 if sions. There would be money enough St. Louis would raise a similar sum. Upon the assurance of the Secretary of the Treasury that this stipulation was met and that the money was already serving had been recognized. The Inavailable in the coin of the realm, the dian War Veterans' pensions have been additional \$5,000,000 was voted from the collected and spent by deserters and Federal Treasury without conditions or restrictions. It is thus that the Louisiana Purchase centennial fund is on

hand two years before the celebration in its completeness, will be due. It has been cited in this connection that no single official act of Thomas Jefferson, except perhaps drafting the Declaration of Independence, is more significant or of greater or more farreaching importance, literally as well Civil, Mexican and Indian Wars within as in a more subtle sense, than his negotiation of the Louisiana purchase. At that time the Mississippi River was the western boundary of the United States. Population was sparse and bedent that "when public sentiment is set by the perils of savage warfare in the Eastern valley of the great river; in the western valley it was confined to tion" of the offenders, lynch law will a few adventurous explorers, hunters gadually disappear. It is a mistaken and trappers. A century and the Louisiana purchase have transferred the enter of the country's population to murderers, the practice not only will extreme frontier. A century and three-

Without the

by public indifference, Lynch law has steadily increased at

widows born after the war.

LYNCH LAW.

Indiana is the scene of the latest il-

lustration of mob murder, Justice

Brewer, of the United States Supreme

Court, in his recent public address be-

fore Yale College, called attention to

the growing frequency of lynchings,

a habit of the American people." He

pointed out that we must rise to a

higher plane of civilization, or peace

and order and the country's good name

will suffer. Justice Brewer is confi-

aroused so as to feel that the safety of

view. So long as there is no energetic,

successful prosecution of lynchers as

not be broken up, but will increase, for

impunity will be sure to be followed

the community demands the prose

which, he said, have almost "become

countries. The Illustrious Commander Paul Jones was not a man of scientific Paper currency has declined from 1121 naval training nor large scholastic million rubles in 1897 to 560 million knowledge, but he was an able navirubles at the close of 1960, while no less sum than 500 million rubles in gold gator and a gallant sailor, who represented his country with distinction at had been forced into the general circulation, not counting 1500 million rubles the court of France and at the court of gold remaining in the Imperial Bank.

Savings banks, few in number before, now aggregate 4835 establishments, with nearly 700 million rubles of deposits. The governmental debt to the bank has been reduced from 700 million rubles in 1890 to 100 million rubles in 1899, and since then has entirely disappeared from the balance sheets.

Meanwhile the Russian financial world has notably improved its status. Discounts at the Imperial Bank were 161 million rubles in 1899 and 2211/2 million rubles in 1900; Russian securities have been floated freely everywhere; uncounted millions of foreign capital have floated freely into the empire for development work; large credits have been opened for Russian banks in European and American banks; importers' balances, once promptly collected, are suffered to remain on deposit in St. Petersburg for long periods at prevailing

rates of interest, and foreign exchange, once fluctuating from rumors and local conditions, now holds strictly to gold values, and is expressed in rubles instead of marks, francs or "sterling." Nothing in all this interesting story is so startlingly suggestive of the power and resources behind this reform as the gold backing for notes and the meas-

ures recently taken for warding off trouble. The aggregate of all notes that can be issued is fixed at 600 million rubles, against which sum 300 million rubles in gold must be held by the Imperial Bank; while every issue in exview. cess of the 600 million must be covered by gold, ruble for ruble. This basis is excessive and costly, but it shows determination to maintain the parity at all hazard; and doubtless the loss through unemployed gold will not in the end compare with that sustained in the United States through the greenback and silver crazes. Last Fall there was in Russia the menace of a financial crisis, and the inflationist party were for hurrying out the Treasury's holdings into circulation. Instead of that the government empowered the Imperial Bank to lend money on bonds and shares of private corporations, up to 60 and 75 per cent, respectively, of their marketable value; discounts were accepted for six months instead of three; interest on deposits was stopped, so as to force money into circulation. The trouble was averted, the treasury's holdings remained intact, and the currency secure. Operations of this firm and beneficent character would be impossible in the United States. Nothing in this world is free. Popular govern-

ment has its price. It is a matter of regret that the bill

ooking to the completion of the fund for the erection of a monument to the dead of the Second Oregon failed to pass. A rider, in the shape of an amendment including the dead of the Roseburg Plaindealer. the state in the memorial, was placed upon the Senate bill by the House, which proved too heavy for the measure. It was held by the Senate, when called to consider the amendment, that, since the appropriation was merely supplementary to the popular subscription fund already on hand for the erection of the monument to the soldiers of the Second Oregon, it would not be proper to divert this from its original within a few miles of what was then its joint memorial to the dead of other

New World; another century has suf- wrangling on the Senatorial question, matter would

# pressive in its results, as we have said. VIEWS OF MITCHELL'S ELECTION AN EXTRA SESSION UNNECESSARY

Senator John H. Mitchell has been elect ed United States Senator for Oregon. He is a man of long experience in National legislation, an able man and a friend to the state he represents. He will dis-tinguish himself in the future, as he has done in the past, by attending closely to great National questions and matters per-taining to the best interests of Oregon. Baker City will no doubt find Senator Mitchell working for and securing a United States assay office, as well as a school of mines, which is provided for in each arid land state in the contemplated irrigation law .-- Baker City Republican.

The party has saved the state's representation in the Senate, has given to the state her full representation there, has sent to the Senate the man who is acknowledged to be the best and most successful worker for Oregon ever in the Senate. The state is on the eve of a won-derful development. She needs a full and able representation at Washington. The union forces have been the means of thus putting the state in the way of progress. This much has been achieved, and it is to be hoped, at least by the union forces, that the party has been strengthened .- Lebanon Express-Advance (Dem.).

Senator Mitchell is a man of recog-nized ability and will immediately take high rank in the councils of the McKin-ley Administration, outclassing any other man from the Pacific Coast States. Having long been an attorney for large rall-way corporations the Administration will have an able co-worker in its systematic opposition to the construction of the Nicaragua Canal. The opposition on the part of either is not likely to be made openly, but with diplomatic tangles and other devices the work will be postponed from time to time through an indefinite period. Along its other lines, Mr. Mitchell readily coincides with the policy of the present Administration. - Roseburg Re-

Partisanship ought to be subordinated o patriotism and the Democrats who roted for John H. Mitchell for United States Senator deserve to be complimented upon their appreciation of that fact. The interests of the state demanded that it should be fully represented in Congress, When it became unmistakably evident that no one but ex-Senator Mitchell could be elected, the man of whatever party who refused to cast his ballot for him was recreant to his trust and deserves the condemnation of his constituents. Whatever their personal or partisan preju-dices may have been, there was nothing which could have been said against the popular candidate, and there is little rea-son to expect that any man who cast his vote for him will have cause to regret that unselfish step .- Astoria Astorian.

By this selection this Legislature has somewhat redeemed its unenviable record and is to be congratulated upon making such a wise and generally satisfactory se-lection of a United States Senator. Mr. Mitchell's long and able service in the interests of his state renders an introduction through our columns altogether unnecessary. Suffice us to gay, however, no man on Oregon's fair roll of honor stands higher in the estimation of the people generally and is better equipped and qualified to serve the interest of our growing state in the United States Sen-ate than Hon, John H. Mitchell, His former long service in a like capacity will enable him immediately upon taking his chair in the Senate to exert his old-time influence and take up the work in the interest of his state and the Pacific North-west without any delay or confusion.-

The election of John H. Mitchell by the Oregon Legislature as United States Senator will give general satisfaction to the people of the state. Oregon never had an abler representative at the National capital. He is everywhere recog-nized as a broad-minded statesman, a strong, vigorous man of ripe intellect. who ranks with the truly great men of the Nation. He is a man who has always stood high in the counsels of the Repubpurpose by making the monument a joint memorial to the dead of other wars. It is probable that with more stions arising out of the changed con-

# New York Times

A person vaguely described as a Senator gives to our neighbor, the Sun, a concise summary of the situation in the legislative department of the Government at Washington: If the legislation now mapped out for pas

age by the majority party in Congress-that is the appropriation bills and the Spooner amend ment to the Army appropriation bill giving the President power to establish civil govern-ment in the Philippines-is enacted, and the Cuban queation settled in a way entirely sat isfactory to the United States, the extra session will not be called. If the Cuban question is not so arranged and the new constitution

is completed at an early day, an extra ses sion will be called for the consideration of the Cuban question alone, and if the proposed Philippine legislation should fail it will be called for the double purpose of disposing of both questions.

Why not say frankly that if an extra session is summoned it will be for the purpose of passing Mr. Hanna's ship subsidy bill? There is only a very remote probability that any other public business will demand the presence in Washington years, of both houses of Congress after March 4. The adoption of the Spooner amend-ment is almost a foregone conclusion. The

President will then have no occasion during the year to ask Congress for further powers of control in the Philippines. Th Cuban constitution is finished, and an official copy will be received by the President within a few days. It may already have come to his hand. But what has Congress to do with that? The President cannot submit the constitution of a for eign country to the Congress of this cou try. In General Wood's speech to the onstitutional convention, however, he instructed the delegates that it would be their duty "first to frame and adopt a

consitution for Cuba, and when that has been done to formulate what, in opinion ought to be the relations between Cuba and the United States."

Congress will have something to say about that. But there will be months of executive negotiation and pondering of the question before it will be in form to submit to the Senate or House; and certainly the interval from March to December would be none too great for a due preparation of the Congressional mind. A discussion of Cuban relations in Congress at the present time would be worse than futile. It would reveal only ignorance and yield nothing but ranting and partisan declamation. From the opponents of the Administration there would come speeches that might do as much harm in Cuba as the speeches of Mr. Hoar have done in the Philippines. From its sup-porters we should wery likely hear excited protests against hauling down the here and there a plea for annexation outright.

The President and his advisers are in a position to know whether that sort of thing would help them in Cuba. In fact, it would vastly muddle the situation and engender ill-feeling and distrust among the Cubans. Patience and time will fur-nish a solution of the problem of our rela tions with Cuba. Congressional discussion now would almost certainly postpone a settlement that the Executive unaided might easily prepare for submission at the regular session next December. It would be a very wise act for Congress to confer upon the Executive specific authority for that purpose.

### Sound Advice to Mr. Morgan. Chicago Tribune.

Mr. J. P. Morgan and the other pro-moters of the United States Steel Company, which is being organized with a stock and bond capitalization of \$1,100,000, -000, may as well be warned that its sta-bility will depend upon the policy they shall adopt. The public must derive bene-fits from the great corporation, or not all the efforts of the multi-millionaires who are behind it can insure it a lasting life. To live it must produce cheaply and must use its advantage to extend the market for its products in foreign countries and to maintain low prices to domesti consumets.

The adoption of this course will be extreme frontier. A century and three-quarters of occupancy had been neces-sary to plant 5,000,000 people in the to foreigners than to Americans, though

## NOTE AND COMMENT.

Spain has no more colonies to oppress, o she is fighting with herself.

The mountain lions will not miss Teddy, and he missed very few of them,

We can't play in Cuba's yard unless ome big boy is fighting with Cuba.

The frost which causes the annual detruction of the peach crop is about due in Delaware.

A London nobleman has recently married a chorus girl, thus founding a very ancient family,

"Give me Democracy," says Croker, Why should he ask for what is already his, body and soul.

# It is too had to abolish the pneumatio tube service, when the Senate has expended enough wind on it to run it for 10

When two Chinese officials lose their heads in one day, it is very evident that the Oriental nature is exceedingly excitable.

#### Bryan needs hard times to furnish him with campaign material, and, judging by his paper, he is tolerably sure of having a few before very long.

The Iowa editor who interviewed Pat Crowe will learn something to his advantage by communicating with W. R. Hearst, Creelman's imagination is likely to wear out some day,

Thomas B, Reed is quoted as saying that a great deal of eloquence is wasted n Congress. He might add that such was the fate of all of that article expended on him while he was speaker.

A student in the Maryland Medical College was the other day deprived of his iustache because he was guilty of being a freshman; the fact that he was 32 years old and the father of a family not having any weight in his favor. He promptly had warrants sworn out against the hazers, and the court as promptly fined \$25 the one who had removed the offending mustache. In pronouncing the fine the Justice remarked that the hazer had missed his vocation and ought to have been a barber. The student body is now chuck full of resentment against the hazed man flag where it has once been hoisted, with for taking legal action and against the Justice for making impolite remarks. The former is to be ostracized by, not only the upper class, but his own class as well, and as for the justice, condemnatory resolutions are to be drawn up against

him.

Here is a story they are telling in Europe about the German Emperor: The Kalser, at a recent review in Berlin, reprimanded old General von Meerscheidt for losing his mind at a critical moment, "If Your Majesty thinks that I am getting too old, I beg of you to allow me to resign." "No, no," replied the Kaiser, you are too young to resign. Indeed, if rour blood didn't course through your veins quite so fast you would be a more useful army leader." On the evening of that day the Kaiser and the General met at a court ball. The General was talking to some young ladies, "Ah, Meerscheidt," cried William, "that is right; get ready to marry. Take a young wife, then that excitable temperament of yours will soon ranish." The General bowed low as he retorted: "I beg to be excused, Your Majesty! A young Emperor and a young wife would be more than I could possibly stand."

Who thought he had a splendid show For Congress, but, somehow, you know, Could never quite contrive to go?

Who lay in walt a year or two To bug the game he had in view. For luck must ture, that well he knew?

Who made a fight for Governor,

And waxed forsooth exceeding sore,

To meet the same fate as before?

A psychological explanation of the Inioniown woman's awful murder of her six children to save them from 'the evil to come" appears to be that a slightly deranged mind the logic of religious teaching temporarily overwhelmed the promptings of natural afection. The woman is well-educated and religious. It is a part of her creed that in the other world those who left this one in a sinless state are supremely happy, but if they are spared to walk this vale of tears they are certain to suffer and almost certain to sin. If this is true, why is it not the part of parental love to insure them the better part before their tender souls have known the touch of earthly misery and remorse? There is no flaw in this logic. Grant the premise and there is no escape from the conclusion. With the well-ordered mind the theory is often cherished, but without the moral courage to apply its corollary. The believer in a biessed state for the sinless dead does not shield and nourish his offspring because he thinks they are beter off here, but because he is too selfish to undergo the pang of deprivation. If death comes in natural or at least unavertable ways, we give thanks that they are better off, but we should not think of grieving at their misfortune If they rise from the sickbed to resume their struggles and failures. The truth is, that the life beyond the grave is not demonstration, but a hope. The profession of knowledge concerning it is a power in the world, but it is false. The mind that pushes it to its logical application we call insane.

It is to be regretted that the Legislature could not see its way clear appoint a committee to report at the text session a plan for taxing corporations. The most impressive phenomenon of our fiscal situation is that wealth is no longer reached by the old methods of assessments. We tax visible property, but our industrial civilization has brought into existence an mmense number of money-making concerns that have little or no visible roperty. The old method simply breaks down. The tax on real estate in all our large cities is a heavy burden. Railroad companies holding visible property in real estate and franchises are heavily taxed, so are small manufacturing corporations. Banks are a, fly taxed, but express companies sape the taxation of railroad compaes, and so do telephone companies. Telegraph companies avoid local taxaon, and yet evade Federal supervision Electric light companies are equally fortunate. Great manufacturing companles, "trusts," are incorporated in eign countries particularly, is not well ne state, manufacture in another, sell in a third, and escape fair taxation. ability of Gunner Morgan was con-The large profits and dividends of ceded; there was intimation that he iese corporations imply their ability o bear an equitable share in the bur- beyond that Admiral Sampson had no ens of taxation. The great papers of business to go. The qualification dethe East recite these facts, and clamor or tax reform that will reach these naturally be possessed by a warrant progrations and make them contribute asonably to the public revenue. In in a sufficient degree to fit him decentme states, notably Iowa and New Jer- iy to represent his country in foreign

leed to add 70,000,000. of the South has spread to the border Louisiana purchase this wide expansion states of the North, and is gradually invading the oldest and most law-abiding sections of the country. But the therefore, that the centennial of this lynching of negroes is not the only extremendous advance step should be celpression of inexcusable lawlessness ebrated and that the entire country throughout the country. In Arlington, should participate in the festivities as N. J., recently, the Rev. John Keller, an Episcopal clergyman of the highest of the celebration. With the money character, was waylaid and shot down by Thomas Barker, and so badly to work out the details of this vast unwounded that if he recovers he will be dertaking, this centennial should be totally blind in one eye, with every prospect of losing the sight of the other. Barker had no evidence of the truth of the charge except the word of his wife, who is a notorious victim to fits of St. Louis, if a centennial that stands hysteria. The clergyman was given no opportunity to affirm or deny the accuefforts, though held in St. Louis. sation. Barker was judge, jury and executioner, and shot down his victim DONE DIFFERENTLY IN RUSSIA.

without warning or giving him a chance History will probably never offer a to prove his innocence ore impressive demonstration in the This Barker had the courts op remedial power of a sound currency him. If he could have proved his superseding a debased one than the charge, the clergyman would have been past three years have witnessed in Rusfearfully punished; his whole career sia. The steps included a variety of would have been blasted, and he would vigorous measures which had to be have become a conspicuous social outtaken in flat opposition to determined. cast. No more terrible punishment public sentiment. The masses chung to could have been inflicted than would their depreciated silver and old shinhave followed judicial proof that the plasters with desperation born of imme clergyman had made an indecent asmorial habit and ignorant prejudice sault. But this man Barker decided and other interests, such as brokers and to be a cowardly assassin upon no landowners, preferred the old basis for other proof than the assertion of his reasons of their own. Decision was wife, who has been regarded by more than one physician as the victim of paper based on gold for the existing erotic hysteria. fluctuating circulation; the gold rubles Of course, if every man is to avenge were made universal legal tender; gold

his own wrongs, there is an end of civilization; for this theory of the government of society justifies the feroclous brutes who roast negroes in Colorado and Kansas, justifies the "temperance" monomaniacs who smash saloons Kansas, justifies the shooting of the Rev. Mr. Keller by Barker. The unfortunate clergyman asserts his absolute innocence in the most solemn terms; his record has been absolutely without reproach; his fellow-ciergymen, from his bishop down, stand by him, and are determined that he shall have a full chance to be heard in his own defense against the atrocious charge made against him.

## SAMPSON'S LATEST BREAK.

sia what was right and necessary to be The objection made by Admiral done was no sooner apprehended than Sampson to the promotion of Chief it was put into effect; but how far we Gunner Morgan to the rank of Ensign are from that fortunate state is rethat he had not enjoyed the social vealed in the strenuous opposition that advantages which Admiral Sampson still effectually resists perfection of our held a commissioned officer of the Navy currency system. Newspapers and should have enjoyed so that he might magazines have to popularize questions represent properly his country in forthat can at best be only dimly com prehended by the general mind, reform taken. The technical and professional committees, currency conventions and commercial organizations have to be enlisted in the cause, and National was deficient in moral character, and campaigns have to be ficreely fought with every weapon that hands can be laid on, before we can even get the manded by Admiral Sampson would country committed theoretically to the gold standard, to say nothing of putofficer of high ability and reputation ting into effect the necessary machinery to maintain it.

The Russian achievement is most im-

contracts were enforced by law; silver

was denied legal tender in amounts.

larger than 25 rubles, or \$18; the ctr-

culating notes, tantamount to bank

notes, were made redeemable in gold

on demand; the mint was opened to the

free coinage of gold, and the old paper

currency was started upon a process of

This is a comprehensive and sum-

mary programme which could only be

carried out by an autocratic govern-

ment, and would be impossible with us

or with any government responsive to

the desires of the masses, until im-

mense mischief had been wrought by

delay incident to education of or indi-

rect pressure upon the people. In Rus-

withdrawal and destruction.

have been reached by a conference be- Oregon is to be congratulated in the elecand vast increase in population would tween the two bodies, and the bill carryhave been impossible. It is befitting, ing the appropriation asked would have been passed.

tion in American politics not reached by any other man. Mr. Mitchell, always a Republican, has twice been elected by aid The Indiana lynching and its attendant atrocities is but another proof of by act of Congress it will in the cost the contagion of lawlessness, While the crime for which the negro, George already in hand and two years in which | Ward, suffered death at the hands of the Terre Haute mob was most atrocious, the ravisher and murderer was made a notable and surpassingly suc- in jail awaiting trial and sure conviccessful celebration. Even Chicago, with tion and execution-Indiana not being the grand record of the world's fair one of the states that refuses to inflict behind her, can afford to congratulate capital punishment. Experience has shown that lawless and barbarous exefor so much in our history eclipses her cutions do not act as a deterrent to crime. On the contrary, there is con-clusive evidence on every hand that brutality begets brutality and increnses lawlessness. The life of Ward was justly forfeit to society, and the exaction of the extreme penalty by dignified and stern process of law was de-Spokesman-Review. manded. Failing to insist upon and se

cure the orderly condemnation and execution of this criminal, the commonwealth of Indiana has suffered disgrace and its civilization reproach.

The wreck of the steamship Rio de Janeiro was located without difficulty. The bodies of those who went down with the vessel in the darkness and the fog are still imprisoned in her cabins made to substitute gold coins and bank | and steerage. The owners of the vessel will be accomplished. Kindly, even affectionately, remembered on the Pacific Coast as the "friend of the volunteers," just estimation a sick man was a sick man, whether an officer in the Army or a private in the ranks, and was treated accordingly. ----

> The Oregonian would call a hidebound Democrat one who would vote for the mischief and folly of free silver just because and only because Mr. just because and only because Mr. Bryan put it into the platform. It he performed excellent work for the state would call a hidebound Republican one who would vote for the ship subsidy bill and extreme "protection" measures merely because Boss Hanna ordered it.

London military experts have figure? that the end of the Boer War will take place July 1. They figure it that closely in order that England may be prepared to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Where now is poor Binger, with the revised Republican push? A strange dummy was poor Binger, to be made a puppet in such fashion

The Lenten season of penance comes opportunely after a Legislative session of 40 days and 40 nights.

Oregon is a lucky state, after all. The Legislatures of Washington and Idaho ing up the Legislature .- La Grande Chronare still in session.

tions in the Philippines and the Orient tion of Mr. Mitchell as United States Senator.-Albany Herald.

petition in the home market. Having the John H. Mitchell, United States Senpower to discriminate against their own ator-elect from Oregon, occupies a postcountrymen, they have exercised it with-

out the slightest hesitation. There has been much complaint of this practice. It has become more vehemen of votes of the opposite party. Twice has as the size of the corporations which have been the chief offenders has increased. he snatched victory from his opponents, not in the eleventh hour, but even after the twelfth hour had elapsed, and twice It is proposed now to call into being a has he wrested from Henry W. Corbett, at periods 25 years apart, the legislative steel and iron colossus which shall be the master of these industries in this country plum that seems to be coveted by nearly Men who have seen dangers in the estal all Americans of wealth and influence. lishment of a corporation with a capitalization of \$100,000,000 or \$200,000,000, will be devise some method whereby the domi-nant party will have chosen its candi-date before the Legislature meets; when lieve that a corporation with a capitalization of more than \$1,000,000, 000, having un checked control of a great industry, must the dominant party will have chosen its not be put up with, especially if it shall make use of that control to sell cheap to foreigners and dear to Americans. to go back on the mandates of his cononly justification for the existence of such vention. Apparently there is no hope that the Senate of the United States will a corporation will be a lowering of the price of its products, in which Americans allow the people of the several states to elect Senators by direct vote .- Spokane

When Senator-elect Mitchell takes cat in the Senate some curiosity will be manifested as to which party he will sup-port. Mitchell was at one time a Republican in good standing, but since his term in the Senate expired he has been uncer-tain in his party relations. The fight be-tween Corbett and Mitchell has been factional and personal to a degree which pre-vents an exact estimate as to the influence pending political issues have had upon the result. About the only thing certain is that both wanted to go to the About the only thing Senate. Corbett has been the stronger will use every endeavor to release the dead and raise the ship, though there is little promise that this purpose Mitchell openly bolted the Republican ticket in the last election, and was strong enough, through an alliance with Democrats and Populists, to carry Multnomah County, which ordinarily gives a Captain Ward's fate is mourned as that of a brave and generous man, in whose the advancing age of Mr. Corbett has had some effect upon the result. Senators have been elected who were older than Mr. Corbett, but in most cases they were in possession of the office and had con-

should do is to make almost a clean sweep trol of the machine. Corbett has been out for some years and has not for some of the duties set forth in the iron and stee schedule. The duties on a few articles time been in favor at Washington .- San may be permitted to remain for the pres-ent, but the bulk of them should go. They are no longer needed. They have ceased

and doubtless he will do so again. He is a very able politician and one who is close to the McKinley Administration, which most likely rendered him some consider. able assistance in attaining his latest vic-tory,-Pendleton East Oregonian.

tures owes its expansion to this system it The Legislature did as well as it could refuted by the evidence that this trade took new wings during the brief existence have done under the circumstances in the election of John H. Mitcheli to succeed Senator McBride. It is much better for of the much slandered Wilson Nothing is more clear than that the Re the State of Oregon to have its full rep-resentation in the Senate than to have a publican party can remain no longer vacancy. Whether agreeing with Senator not only fosters industrial monopoly at home, but invites warfare upon American Mitchell's past or present views on the leading political questions, there can be commerce abroad. no dissent from the fact that he is a man of great standing and ability and at the same time a courageous worker for the general interests of the state. His prerious record in the United States Senate s one which brought distinction and credit to the State of Oregon, and when carriage in the inaugural procession. Why he drops back into his old place he will be in a position to take up the work prac-tically where he left off in 1897, when such an obviously proper and even neces-sary arrangement should occasion sur-

prise in any quarter is something that we his defeat was accomplished by a discred-itable and revolutionary method in holdannot understand. Has it not always been the rule for the retiring and incoming Presidents to ride together?

the latter are their best customers. These manufacturers have felt that they could do this with safety because a tariff wall shelters them from the possibility of com-

undersell the world now and can do so in-

Yet there are tariff-mongers who say

these duties should not be touched. They

pretend to be disturbed about the so-called "small producers." This solicitude

for the welfare of these "small producers"

would be wasted if genuine. It is not

genuine or sincere. Duties or no duties,

the smaller manufacturers will have little

chance in competition with this colossus

which is soon to bestride the country.

The United States Steel Company, with its

it pleases, and will be able to take care

of itself in contests with foreign rivals if

iron and steel and their products are put

Consequently, the first thing Congress

to be beneficial and have become harmful.

Must Give It Up.

people have grown weary of a jealous system of tariff exclusion. The pretence that American export trade in manufac-

united as the champion of a policy which

Quite the Usual Way.

It seems to be settled that Mr. Hanna s to occupy with Mr. McKinley the state

Washington Time:

Philadelphia Record. Within the country as well as without

definitely.

on the free list.

Who knocked off trying for a spell, And said next time, whate'er befell He'd land himself in something swell?

Who watched the S-natorial race With deeply sympathetic face And hoped himself to get the place?

Who found he couldn't stem the tide, And maw that he must still abide Upon the very cold outside?

Who's high ambition, to be plain, Within his breast is raising Cain, And raising it, plast in vain?

Who's been in many a hard-fought fight, And always after had to write, "I almost won lt-but not quite"T

"Inquire at Astoria.

#### PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS

Her Experience -- Married Friend-Servants should be kept in their place. The B Well, I'm sure I'm willing to offer any The Bride sonable inducement, but they won't stay!-

price of its predgners shall participate. whatever may be the policy of the United States Steel Company, it is certain that it will not need the protective duties of the iron and steel schedule of the Ding-that the iron and steel schedule of the Amer-Therefier is an ass, that's what he is, Therefier is an ass, that's what he is, the iron and steel schedule of the Amer-

Briggs-Bertler is an ass, that's what he is, He is always on the wrong side of every ques-tion. Harleigh-But he says the same thing of

tion. Harrings- out as any the same sum from we you. Briggs-Well, and doesn't that prove what I say of him?-Booton Transcript. Her Best Friend-Ch. it was just beautiful in you? Singer-What? Her Best Friend-Why, your refusing to sing when you knew how much the guests did not want you to sing, and how much you wanted to sing.-Tit-mes.

Only an Inference.-"I see that a grand opera singer has refused an offer of \$2000 a week to go into vaudeville." "What was the matter? Did she receive another offer of \$40 or \$50 a wrek that she was reasonably getting T'-Chicago Times-Herald. capitalization of \$1,100,000,000, will make short work of domestic competitors when

The Poor Sultar. -- "Say," mid her little brother, "gimme a nickel?" "Why, Tommy," exclaimed her suitar, "are you in the habit of asking prople for nickels?" "No. I gener'ly ask for a penny, but I heard ma telling ais this afternoon that you didn't have a penny to your name."-Fhiladelphia Press

1 Candid Poet.

- Bliss Carn
- I'm sick of all this pulling trash And namby-pamby rot-
- A Pegasus you have to thrash
- To make him even trot.
- I'm sick of all this poppycock In billous green and blue; I'm tired to death of taking stock
- Of everything that's "new. I want to find a warm beechwood,
- And lie down and keep still; And swear a little, and feel good;
- Then loaf up on the bill, And let the Spring houseclean my brain
- Where all this stuff is crammed. And let my heart grow sweet again; And let the age be damned

# The Heavy Past.

Sidney La My soul is sailing through the sea

But the Past is heavy and hindereth me, The Past hath cruated cumbrous shells That hold the firsh out of cold sen-mells About my soul.

The huge waves wash, the high waves roll Each barnacle clingeth and worketh dole And hindereth me from sailing!

Old Past, let go and drop I' the sea Till fathomless waters cover thee! For I am living, but thou art dead; Thou drawest back, I strive ahead The Day to find.

The shells unbind! Night comes behind, I needs must hurry with the wind And trim me best for sailing.

Francisco Bulletin. Senator Mitchell has always been a pop-