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It is impossible to doubt that railroad construction of some important character is planned for the north bank of the Columbia River between Vancouver and Kalama. Of course, it will not stop with that. If it is a Northern Pacific project solely, designed to supersede the Goble-Kalama route, the Columbia River will have to be bridged at Vancouver. But this hypothesis has against it the fact that no steps for such a bridge have been recorded, and the further evidence of co-operation between transcontinental ownerships. If is possible, therefore, that we shall see a railroad down the north bank of the Columbia from Wallula to the mouth of the river. This would doubtless represent a combination between the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, and its effect upon Portland is a matter that should enlist the attention of every one the whole, perhaps, such a road would at length the strategic pre-eminence of the Columbia River, and that the conncy of railroad thinking certainly is to do business where it can naturally be done to the best advantage and not to strive to overcome conditions establong been shared both by the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific, and

The State of Delaware has wisely turn from a nonentity like instead of Hayward, who died, will con- sentiment utterly unfriendly to publican Legislatures have been elected been able to keep a free-silver and anticalled forthwith in the case of death or | Carolina and East Tennessee. resignation, and the place filled. Meanwhile, Delaware's descent to the pocketevery 90,000 people compared with New York's one for every 2,600,000, should fancy the only state fit to be wiped off

To say to Count Cassini, as Secretary should like to know the Russian Govject of Manchuria, borders upon "shirtjustifiably decline with considerably sia is the answer to the question in Dr. Holmes' poem, "Who was our friend kindly feeling for the United States, fireside; boys of 14 and decrepit old value and consequence has more than and proceed agon Great Britain the so men have been murdered in cold blood. once been stalled by the fillbusters of been just as gracious before as after. rock wall at the foot of the valley.

New England.

visability of making peace even when he knew the advice was unwelcome. In"A Century of American Diplomacy," John W. Foster tells briefly where Russia stood at the most critical moment in the life of the Republic: For more than two years the danger of Bu-ropean intervention was a constant menace. Of all these nations the only stanch friend of

the Union cause was Russia, all the others eing openly unfriendly, or indifferent to the esuit. It was Russia that gave us the first soutce early in 1801 of the efforts of the French Emperor to effect a coalition against us of the then three great powers. She not only declined the conlition, but again in 1862. when the formal proposition for European in vention was proposed, it also was declined in the darkest days of the struggle her fleet appeared in American ports as an earnest of

The release of Alaska to us by Russla, however true or false the tradition that we paid her then for her services in the Civil War, was undoubtedly a friendly act, partly significant of her entire willingness to get out of this continent and give us freer hand.

Russia's desire relative to the integrity of China has been so often explained that no one need misconceive it. She does not want China divided, cause eventually she hopes for the whole of it. Such absorption of Manchuria as would justify and lead to similar acquisitions by other European powers, she will forego in her own interests. For protecting her railroad, police powers must be on a large scale, For sale in Los Angeles by B. F. Gardner, and she can hardly be expected to leave 250 So. Spring street, and Oliver & Haines, 100 her extensive interests in Manchurla. at the mercy of Japanese invasion. As For sale in Chicago by the P. O. News Co. to our own tariff quarrel with her, we For sale in Omaha by H. C. Shears, 105 N. must not expect friendship to go to the ixteenth street, and Barkaiow Bros., 1612 length of self-sacrifice. Russia will do what she can for us, not inconsistent with her own welfare, and where is the nation that will do more? She wants to supply her own wheat, cotton, lum-On file in Washington, D. C., with A. W. ber and minerals as far as she can, and in view of our historical tariff policy we are the last Nation on earth to complain justly of that, for it is precisely what TODAY'S WEATHER.-Showers; cooler, with we are trying to do for ourselves. It is unpleasant that powerful sugar inter-PORTLAND, SATURDAY, MARCH 16. ests are believed to have made representations to Secretary Gage concerning the imports of Russia's beet product, but it is equally disconcerting that the chief protests have come from powerful fron and steel interests, whose sales abroad are largely made possi ble through monopoly of the home market afforded by high tariffs. The more Northern Asia develops, the more tariff difficulties will continually be rising for adjustment. The present episode is to be regretted because it hampers trade on both sides, and what the country wants-what the Pacific Coast especially wants-is the freest possible interchange of products across the Pacific.

THE KENTUCKY VENDETTA.

The Baker-Howard feud in Clay County, Kentucky, is reported to have been pacified. The persistent existence of these family feuds is one of the interested in the future of this city. On curious features of American civilization. It is not indigenous, however; but be desirable. That it would recognize an imported habit, which owes its stubborn survival to the fact that the "feud" counties of the mountain region act of its traffic would be directed at of Western Virginia and Eastern ortland with increasing wealth and Kentucky were originally settled before usiness here is manifest. The tend- the Revolution by men of Scotch border ancestry or Highland Scotch extraction,

with whom the family or blood feud was as much a hereditary habit as the blood feud which always existed belished by Nature. The desire for a rail- tween the Mohegans and the Narraroad down the Columbia River has gansetts; between the Iroquois and the Hurons and Delawares; between the Sioux and the Pawnees and Chippewas, It is possible the Harriman moves with The Scotch Highlanders were under the O. R. & N. have strengthened that clan government until 1746. The Scottish borderers were divided into clans, desire and put it in the shape of decision. On the other hand, there might and between great families like the be a danger that Portland would over- Maxwells and Johnstones there was a phy are two Russian scientists, Popoff look an opportunity to make this combitter family feud which outlasted the bination its serviceable friend by offerformal extinction of clan government. ing it facilities here for handling The jealousy between two great Scottish clans caused the disaffection of the clan McDonald at Culloden.

This tribal jealousy and blood feud between families is vividly set forth Kenney and a worse than nonentity in Scott's "Legend of Montrose," where like Addicks to the comparatively able it asserts itself in public quarrel and and respectable representation afforded private murder. There was a deadly it in the Senate by two vacant seats. family feud between the Grahames and As eloquent reminders of the days of the Campbells; between the Camerons Bayard and Gray, these untenanted and the Campbells; between the McDondesks will reflect more credit upon alds and the Macheans, and these faru-Delaware than she could have derived ily feuds and the habit of making the phy presents enormous advantages from a successful issue of Mr. Hanna's rights or wrongs of one member of the efforts in behalf of Addicks. There are family the rights or wrongs of all his indications that Nebraska will also kin was brought to America by these choose for itself the pleasure of digni- Scotch borderers or Highlanders, and fled and uncorrupted seats, instead of perpetuated to our own time under fagusbags like Allen and rallroad corrup- vorable environment. If the Highland tionists like Thompson. Unfortunately or border Scotch families were few in it has been ruled that Allen, appointed number and surrounded by a public "the tinue to hold on unless an election is blood" feud, the practice died out from had. The Nebraska situation calls at- sheer inanition. It was smothered by tention to an aspect of Senatorial re- the vast weight of potential public opinform not usually in evidence, and that ion, and by the attrition with a suis the abuse possible under the ap- perior civilization that utterly refused pointing power. Two successive Re- to treat it with any respect or clemency. So the "blood" feud between in Nebraska, and yet through Hay- families never prevailed to any ward's death a Populist Governor has extent in New England, the Middle States, or any of the states of expansion man in the Senate. When the Middle West or the Pacific Coast. we get popular election of Senators we This vendetta has been confined to the ought to do away with appointments by mountain districts of West Virginia and Governors. Let a new election be Eastern Kentucky, Western North

These mountaineers, as many of their names indicate (McCoy, Todborough status, with one Senator for hunter, McNell, Magruder, McCown, McNair), came of Scotch border or Highland Scotch lineage. They setnot escape the solicitude of those who | tied in these mountains at an early day; led an isolated existence; were too poor the map is Nevada, which returns its to own slaves; were illiterate, ignor- proposed by Senator Platt, of Connectiveterans to the Senate with decorous ant, superstitious; the very kind of folk steadfastness that would do credit to to perpetuate all traditions and habits the committee on rules of the United of their ancestors. There was for many | States Senate. The Sun, among other years no justice among them, save that | things, says: kind of Jedburgh justice which prompt-Hay is reported to have done, that we | ly executes the accused and then tries him after death, an economical procedernment's inmost thoughts on the sub- ure, since it made court proceedings in the long run. The Senate's methods have very quick and cheap, and entirely obsleeve" diplomacy, and is a request viated the expense of a Coroner's inthat the polished ambassador might quest. Some of these blood feuds existed long before the Civil War, but the reason why some form of closure less graciousness than he is certain to division of the mountaineers into hos- should not be applied in the Senate as have employed. Russian diplomacy is tile camps of Union men and Confed- well as in the House. The United now, as for 100 years it has been, of erates furnished additional provocation | States Senate is the only important the first rank. The financial undertak- for blood feeds; while the manufacture | Legislature in the world where a minorings alone of M. de Witte have not of "moonshine" whisky and the war ity can waste valuable time, obstruct been surpassed for magnitude and with the Federal officers and their local important legislation at great money finesse in modern times. It is for us to posse intensified this bitterness after cost to the country, as was effectually bear in mind, moreover, that however the war. Railroads finally were built done by Senators Wellington, Pettishe may have fooled Great Britain or through these mountain districts; mines grew, Teller and Allen at the last ses-France and Germany one of marble, iron and coal were opened slon of Congress. It has been done reagainst the other, or pushed her borders and developed, and the sunlight of a peatedly heretofore by a factious miupon India to the south and Asia to more humane civilization began to pen- nority. It was formerly possible to fillthe East, she has been our steadfast etrate the rugged home of these white buster in the House of Representatives friend at times of great need. Rus- savages. White savages is not too until the reformation of the rules strong a word to apply to a people who | through Speaker Thomas B. Reed made within ten years have in the execution | it possible for the House to do business when the world was our foe?" In the of their blood feuds spared neither age with reasonable celerity. Throughout War of 1812 Alexander I was the only nor sex. Beautiful young girls have all the important discussions of the

gathering of the rival clans on both stactious minority. sides. Some of the leaders have been conspicuous, not for acquired intelli- British House of Commons has been some superficial virtues. Some of these who spared neither old men, women some instances the Sheriff and other county officials were sure to belong to event, of course, the lawful machinery of arrest was subordinated in the interest of the Sheriff's faction.

In the famous Hatfield-McCoy feud and it was impossible to bring any of the assassins to justice. The courts peace and order of West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky had to ask leave to exist of the principals to the feud, That these family feuds owe their stubborn flourished is clear from the fact that they have never been a feature of the social life of any other states of the old South or Southwest. If any large body of these mountaineers had ever emigrated in a mass to some new state and settled as did the Mormons, when in a body they went to Utah, it is possible that in an isolation and environment identical with that from which they came they might have renewed their hereditary habit of "blood" feuds, but the states west of the Mississippi and on the Pacific Coast were settled by a conglomerate population from all sections, and such plants as family feuds led a sickly life. Factional fights might take place, but no Corsican vendetta was waged between families, Nor do these family feuds ever seem to have prevailed in Missouri, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Arkansas or Texas to any appreciable extent.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Inventors are encountering many difficulties in putting into practice the results of their researches in wireless telegraphy. The experiments of Mr. Emile Guarini, the inventor of the automatic repeater, the value of which is soon to be tested in Malines, have cost him \$10,000, while patents, descriptions, plans, etc., necessary to render his invention comprehensible have cost half as much more.

The trials of wireless telegraphy, according to Mr. Guarini, are not new. Experiments therein were made by Mr. Preece, chief engineer of the English telegraph office, as early as 1892, utilizing what electricians call "induction effects," He has some reason also to believe that experiments in wireless telegraphy were begun as early as 1876. The system most popular at present employs electro-magnetic oscillations of ether, an invisible medium, which, according to scientists, penetrates all

bodies. The idea of utilizing the power of electric rays for the transmission of signals belongs to Dr. Lodge, the English scientist, who, in a conference that took place in 1894, declared that the presence of electric rays might be discovered by means then known up to the distance of half a mile from the starting-point, but no experiments were made to verify this assertion. Notable as experimenters with wireless telegraand Iodko; two Italians, Marconi and Guarini, and M. Tissot, a Frenchman of tireless zeal and many ingenious devices. Of the systems devised by the same time the most costly is that of lamation. Marconi and so well has strated its possibilities that the English Admiralty has decided to adopt it, entering into a contract to pay for the application of this system to the needs of the navy \$482 50 a year per appayears. In case of war, wireless telegrawhich it is not necessary for scientists

to explain. The systems approved thus far by experiment, though simple, are practically inexplicable to the ordinary mind or to the mind unschooled in the subtleties of this shy but all-pervading elemant known as electricity. A player of rection; of deadly power, yet harmless cessities of modern life as a motor, illuminator, and messenger of commerce. Still dependent upon wires stretched through the air to convey its that it will be directed to its various uses independently of these material realized.

WHY NOT DO BUSINESS?

The New York Sun does not believe that any scheme of closure, such as is cut, will ever receive the approval of

Unlimited debate in the Senate is one of the safeguards of our institutions. The occasional abuse of the Senatorial privilege does not diminish its inestimable value to the country counted for good government ten times where they have counted once against it.

There does not seem to be any good crowned head in Europe who had a been shot to death before the family last four years legislation of great

These blood feuds have involved a great the Senate, and there does not seem many people through marriage that had to be any sound reason why there no knowledge of or sympathy with the should not be some limitation to the original crime that caused a general length of a debate besides the will of a

gence, but for a good deal of plety and that if on a division 100 affirmative votes be declared from the chair, the pitiless, ferocious, cowardly murderers, debate shall end, the speaker being empowered to close it. This closure to nor children in their vendetta, have prevent dilatory or obstructive motions prided themselves upon their ability to by the minority was invoked last week lead in prayer, upon their sobriety, pe- in the British House of Commons by cuniary integrity and truthfulness. So Mr. Balfour. The Irish members raised powerful were these hostile families the cry of "gagged," but this cry came through influential marriages that in with bad grace from this Irish faction, whose members have made eighty-four speeches in two and a half weeks' sitone faction or the other, and in that | tings of Parliament. This Irish faction seizes every opportunity to block the English governing machine, and if it were not for the prompt application of closure, public business would be stalled more than thirty persons were mur-dered on both sides within ten years, there any good reason why we should be less prompt to expedite public business than the English Legislature? The were threatened, the wheels of justice | faction composed of the anti-expansion blocked, and for several years the irreconcilables in the United States Senate is quite as malignant and outrageously obstructive in their minority filibuster tactics as are the Redmondites in the British Parliament, but the life to the isolation and environment | Senate has no effective rule of closure of the civilization in which they have and is not disposed, it is said, to provide one.

After a question has been discussed pro and con until the theme is fully understood, it is an outrage on public economy to allow debate to be proonged beyond all reason through dilatory and obstructive motions to prevent a speedy decision. It ought to be possible in the Senate, as it is in the House, to bring a measure to a vote after both sides have made their argument. Wanton obstructiveness to prevent action upon a bill that has been thoroughly discussed ought to be met by effective closure of some sort. The refusal of the Senate to expedite public measures of great importance nullified the energy and promptness of the House. If at any time in our Civil War there had been as many copperheads in the United States as there were antiimperialists of the Pettigrew, Teller, Wellington and Allen stamp in the last Congress, they could have wrought no end of mischief by the practice of the same tactics as those that delayed the passage of the Army bill and threatened to prevent action upon the legislation regarding Cuba and the Philippines. As a matter of business, after both sides have been heard, no purely dilatory or obstructive motions on part of the minority should be long endured without prompt application of the cure of some form of effective closure.

have been attacked by a stronger and more subtle power than the Boers pos-The bubonic plague is abroad among them with terrifying effect, and, though combated by medical science at every step, it is rapidly gaining ground. Sanitation in South African military camps is impossible. Inoculation is the only resource, and this is being pursued vigorously, notwithstanding which the number of European cases is steadily increasing. If the Boers, through their wild, free life in the hills, escape this scourge, they will find in its prevalence among Europeans their most powerful ally against the British. Sick soldiers are worse than no soldiers, and an infected military camp has in it the elements of its own destruction. In the meantime, Botha has only surrendered on paper, Dewet still eludes his pursuers, while Kirtsinger's command working northward has eluded three British columns and captured a large number of registered horses, involving an expense to Great Britain of £10,000. The "end of the war," so often proclaimed as in sight, is therefore not discernible, and Edward VII these men, the most complete and at is "lord of the Transvaai" only by proc-

The British troops in Cape Colony

The citizens of Baker City are naturally and justly indignant at the disclosures in the recent child-beating case there, many of them feeling that the proper punishment for a brute who ratus employed for a period of fifteen cruelly whips his son-a lad of 8 years -with a rawhide, should be given a liberal dose of his own medicine. The little lad is certainly an object of pity, as his inhuman father is an object of detestation. It may be necessary, in order to protect the child from his inhuman parent, to remove him from parental custody, but in this event the father should be compelled to contribute to the boy's support. Otherwise, fantastic tricks, yet tractable under di- the merciless beating of the son may result according to the father's wishes, under control, it ranks among the ne- by relieving him of the boy's mainte-

nance.

The Duke of Manchester, it is said, considers the action of Miss Portia force, its brilliancy and its messages to Knight in bringing suit for breach of a practical and expectant world, it is promise against him wholly unjustified. not beyond the range of probability This is strange. Who, indeed, should know better than the Duke the circumstances of his acquaintance with this carriers within the early years of the fair American? To be sure, his judgment twentieth century. This certainly will in the case may be warped somewhat be the case if the hopes of inventors by more recent happenings. In this and the expectations of those who have view the prosecution evidently shares, of science in the realm of nature are since the matter will be pushed through ceased to marvel at the developments the English courts to the finish, and the decision there rendered will decide whether or not Papa Zimmerman will have to bring out his wallet in order to square matters between his titled sonin-law and the American girl whom he did not marry.

Meiklejohn, the Baker City childbeater, attempted before the court to justify his course and that of his wife. the boy's step-mother, in having cruelly beaten his 8-year-old son, by the statement that he was merely trying to raise the boy as he was himself raised. This plea, if allowed, would discredit the teachings of Solomon, since clearly the application of the "rod to the fool's back" had not in his case been a promoter of wisdom.

A big roar has arisen over the proposal to stamp Sampson's profile on the Santiago medals. But since a medal has two faces, there is no reason why Schley's likeness should not be put on

indeed. _ It is still thought that the stranded lightship near Ilwaco can be saved. We have done a power of thinking on that score for over a year, but not enough to budge the vessel.

If some people had known Mrs. Sitton

PRUNEGROWERS AS GROCERS.

New York Journal of Commerce Not since prunes, in association with prisms, were utilized for shaping the lips of the lovely creatures in a young ladles' Since February, 1888, the rule in the seminary has that estimable fruit been so entertaining as the managers of the Call-fornia Cured Fruit Association have made it during the past few months. In fact, those managers at one time seriously proposed to send out the young ladies and the prunes, whether with or without the prisms was not stated, to open booths for dispensing prunes, and there is no doubt that the Eastern public would have the prune habit so formed would be ephemeral, and would be abandoned as soon as the girls were withdrawn, led the managers to give up this idea.

The last crop of prunes was unusually heavy. Merchants would have pushed

the sale at every opportunity, shading the price every time consumption seemed singgish, so that the goods should not ac-

cumulate. Incredible as it may seem to

the managers of the Cured Fruit Associa-tion, prunes are not a staff of life; there

are many things a man may eat besides prunes. The managers have been read-

ing the funny columns in the newspapers

instead of the market reports, which may be less interesting, but are certainly more informing, and they evidently

reached the conclusion that prunes con stitute the staple in the dietary of boarding houses. But the newspaper humorist is not accurate; he does not even try to be accurate. Prunes are not especially cheap, and the boarding house keeper the 1965 exposition you have rather hand-icapped us all, for we must either diswho watches expenses carefully is easily induced to buy something "just as good." The managers of the Cured Fruit Association, not being men of business, multiplied the size of the crop bu a satisfactory price and reached the conclusion that they would make much money for their members. Therefore they held the price stiff when every dealer knew that the price had got to come down unless a surplus was to be left over at the end of the season. This nearly destroyed the export trade and left just as much more fruit to be disposed of at home. In order to facilitate this the managers sold to the customers of the jobbers at the same price as they sold to the jobbers. They could not see why they should not sell to two men instead of one. They imagined that the jobber was in business for his health and would be grateful to them if they supplied his customers, leaving him more tim for golf and the improvement in the name of the exposition; in fact, of his mind. There being no profit in prunes for him the jobber made no effort to sell them. The retailer got in the habit of buying other things of him. The housekeeper did not besiege the retailers with demands for prunes and nothing else, as the managers of the Dried Fruit Association supposed they would; the housekeepers poked around in the retailer's place seeing what there was and how it looked and what the price was. The retailer did not show them prunes, tell them how fine they were and name a tempting price. The last he could not do; the managers of the Dried Fruit As-sociation were holding the price firm and waiting for the public to storm the groceries with the cry of "Give us prunes, or give us nothing." The grocer could not sell prunes at any profit except at a price that turned customers away, and he had bought sparingly, partly for this reason and partly because the jobber had shown him something else that was a good substitute and on which there was a wider margin of profit. The housekeepers went home with other things, and the manhome with other things, and the man-agers of the Cured Fruit Association conducted their business with such a pains-taking and comprehensive disregard for

of them before fresh fruit comes on the market. They have thought of giving the fruit away in the hope of inculcating a prune habit, or sending out California girls to stew prunes and feed them to the people of the East, to spend \$200,000 in advertising, which has now shrunk to \$25,000, and they can not quite make up their minds what to do with that. The effort to spend \$25,000 in a way to create an apto spend samous in a way to create an ap-petite for prunes among 75,009,009 of people may well cause them profound thought. They have proposed to estab-lish prune agencies, which is indeed an inapiration of genius, for the jobber gets his living out of a hundred things; and to save the prune's share of this it is prowhose cost must be borne by prunes.

every commercial consideration that they have saved some 20,000,000 pounds of prunes from the apathetic public, and

they are wondering how they can get rid

The producer can not deal directly with cultivating prunes is not the same thing the customer to buy or he knows earlier than anyone else when the customer will not buy. The producer has got to confine himself to producing and let the merchant do the merchandising. The Cured Fruit Association might as well commit the raising of prunes to a committee of grocers as to put the selling of the crop into the hands of the fruit-

Poem That Won a Bride,

Baltimore Sun. The February Kaiands, the periodical published by students of the Woman's College, contains a bit of dainty verse by a Baltimore alumna of '98. And there-by hangs a tale. This young Baltimore student had a way of scribbling verse to such an extent that a young male usin sighed as he said if he could write like that he might make some speed in cooling a certain fair Maid Marian. Immediately the young poet became a ver-Itable Cyrano, and wrote a poem which she handed over to the faint-hearted lover. The engagement has just been announced and the marriage will take place oon. The poem follows:

TO MARIAN.

If-Oh, would that it were so, Marian, my lady!-

I had lived long, long ago,

Marian, my lady; In the days of which we read, I should ride a flery steed And perform some noble deed, All for you, my lady. If-but who can ever tell, Marian, my lady?--Maybe it is just as well, Martan, my lady, For the fairest of the fair Other knights would brave deeds dare, And for me you might not care, Might not be my lady.

Though I cannot be your knight, Marian, my lady, can still your battles fight, Marian, my lady. will brave the world for you, will dare all things to do,

Origin of the Vosemite. National Geographic Magazine, It is perfectly obvious to those familiar

with glacial phenomena that Yosemite is quite an ordinary and necessary product of glacial erosion, under the conditions prevailing in that locality. The main gla-cier came down Tenaya Canyon, cutting it to a steep but fairly uniform grade. Yosemite Valley is but a continuation of that gorge. The end of the glacier at the time that it was cutting Yosemite extended not far beyond Fort Monroe. It remained there for a long time, and there-fore plowed out the bottom of the valley the reverse side, except that the com-bination would be a mockery of each hero. Such a medal would be a Janus

Tore plowed out the bottom of the valley to a considerable depth. Branch glaciers joined the Tenaya glacier when it filled Yosemite, coming down the valleys of Yo-semite. Little Yosemite, Illilouette Bridal Veil and other and forming hanging valleys at the junction points. The formation of the vertical cliffs of the valley may have been due to undermining, and may have been aided by the cleavage of the rocks. On the recession of the gladler doubtless the bottom of the valley was occupied by a lake, which has since been partiali-filled by detritus and drained by the ero was to be elected, they would have sion of Merced River cutting through the

NAMES FOR THE 1905 FAIR.

Most of the names suggested for the 1905 fair have a high aim. This does not mean that any have a low aim, but that some are more ambitious than others. 1; appears that the majority of the originators want the enterprise to be broad in its scope and to take in not alone the Lewis and Clark Northwest, but the Pacific and Orient as well. They also indi cate a realization that the exposition will compass no more than shall our initia-

tory efforts.

Thus each contribution brings us to the eaten prunes just as long as the Califor-nia girls passed them out; but fears that be limited to the Northwest or should also embrace the Orient. We have a conservativ eelement of people on the one side who fear that too broad an endeavor will narrow itself to nothing definite, and on the other, an ambittous set who would enforce the importance of the Columbia River in its relation both to the Northwest and the Far East. C. H. Sholes, who belongs to the latter class, writes an interesting letter and gives excellent reasons in support of his preference. He

LEWIS AND CLARK CENTENNIAL-ORIEN-TAL EXPOSITION

He counsels that two things be kept prominent; first, that the event is to be a Lewis and Clark centennial, and seco that it heralds the meeting of the Occident and Orient. The letter says: "By advertising for a genius to nam

claim the appellation, or seriously embarrass the committee. The embarass ment of the public will come later when it is found how rare genluses are in the original Lewis and Clark Oregon. Probably when the genius is heard, his offer ing will need no other exposition than will be contained in the name; but in explanation of mine, just a few words. "Let us keep steadfastly in view Lewis and Clark centennial, for only so can general public interest throughou that vast territory be enlisted, and appripriate Government aid obtained. Oregon and Portland will be the theater within which the commemoration of those great events will be staged and exhibited to an admiring world, and in this nature and historical development have amply fa-vored them. Therefore, it is not necessary that the name of either be included would not its scope and influence be in-finitely contracted thereby?

"Along with the celebration of an event of such immense importance to the whole subsidiary to it, may fitly be given an exposition of the arts, industries and com mercial development which are directly or indirectly the outgrowth of the territory in question. For the purposes of this occasion we may say that Lewis and Clark's exploration gave the United States command of Oriental commerce, by making it master of the Pacific. The acquisition of the Philippines, the awakening of Japan, China and other Eastern lands, affords an unequaled oppor-tunity to bring the old and the new world's together upon the shores of the Pacific.

If we shall elect to make the fair s Lewis and Clark centennial only, the question arises, why should it be a fair or exposition at all? We have had fairs and fairs until everybody is tired of them. People take little interest in such enterprises now-a-days and do not go any distance to see them. The purpose of a local Northwest fair would be to set forth industries and advantages of this region for edification of visitors and our own information. But each of the states has had many of such expositions. It is doubtful if a combination of all would meet our expectations. Besides, a tennial does not require a fair. However, if we are going to link the Orient with the centennial, an exposition is requisite. Such an exposition would be novelty, and would combine well with one of our own region. A representative of the class which

thinks we should confine ourselves to the Northwest is William J. Clarke, of Gervals, Or., who proposes-PACIFIC NORTHWEST CENTENNIAL.

He details his argument as follows: "When Lewis and Clark explored this country it was a wilderness and comprised the present States of Oregon, Washingthe consumer; he is too far away, and ton, Idaho and part of Montana. This The object of this centennial is claring that during the try to impose upon the world such Barnum phrases as have been suggested? "Now it is plain that those who will come to the centennial in 1905 will do so either on account of idle curiosity, because own betterment. They will be more in-terested in finding out about what we have to show; about the country, climate, character of soil and about what chances there are for investment. On the other hand, we, as enterprising citizens, desire

that these visitors know all about these matters-that is precisely the reason of this centennial delebration, to boom the country we live in and love." Emphasize Gregon. PORTLAND, Or., March 14-(To the

Editor.)-The Pan-American Exposition to be held this coming Summer is insepaparably connected with the City of Buffalo and will be remembered and Buffalo and will be remembered and known as the Buffalo Exposition long after it is forgotten that a Pan-American Why, I can go for days without even seeing Exposition has ever occurred. Our 1995 the children Brooklyn Life. exposition, no matter what the result of Indifferent Luck First Hun the present discussion, will be so thoroughly identified, with our city that the word "Portland" need not enter into our consideration of the matter of an official

We should not undertake this great enterprise with the idea that we are recognizing efforts of a purely local nature. "Lewis and Clark" and "Columbia" and other suggestions will receive unbounded other suggestions will receive unbounded recognition in the great mass of printed matter which will be disseminated. We are to celebrate the great historic events which created the last link in the chain the created the creat connecting the Occident with the Orient. "Oregon" in the minds of all covers the great Northwest, embracing nearly all the territory from which we are soliciting and expecting indorsement and sup-We want above every other consideration a comprehensive and attractive title of wide scope and I beg to hearttitle of wide scope and I beg to heartfer a chance t' work—" "Aw, come off!
lly indorse the suggestion that you you don't expect me to believe that?" "Cert.
printed this morning from your Tacoma.

ti's do truth. I'm lookin' fer a chance t' work—" "Aw, come off!
It's do truth. The lookin' fer a chance t' work some soft guy fer the price of a drink." sider the "Oregon Occidental and Orienental Exposition" as by far the most appropriate name presented.

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Other titles proposed are: WORLD'S END PAIR. WESTWARD HO! EXPOSITION AND LEWIS AND CLARK CENTENNIAL. PACIFIC CENTENNIAL AND ORIENTAL FAIR.

By W. L. Starr-COLUMBIA RIVER PATHFINDERS EXPO-SITION. By J. M. Turney-

CENTENNIAL OF LEWIS AND CLARK'S EXPOSITION. By Dr. S. Towers Linklater-NORTHWESTERN CENTENNIAL EXPOSI

TION. By E. M. Baker, Astoria-TRANS-PACIFIC ORIENTAL FAIR. By John Milliken-

GOLDEN WEST EXPOSITION.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Cuba can hardly expect reciprocity if she rejects protection

A whole week without rain! This

drought is becoming alarming.

Personal.-Mr. Dusty Rhodes has gone to the country for the Summer, "The Silence of William Jennings Bryan" might be a good title for a work

of pure fiction. Senator Allen appears to be working for the tenuntcy of the shoes of the de-

parted Pettigrew. The carter incident has at least had the effect of consoling the men who didn't

get elected to the Senate. As soon as wireless telegraphy comes into use some syndicate will get control of the air so as to collect the tolls,

Now do suburban residents Off rake their gurden o'er, And find they make two worms to thrive Where one worm throve before.

New York, March 15.-M, de Rodays, Paris: Keep your powder dry. Don't tire till you see the whites of his eyes. G. GOULD.

Rockefeller's income is now \$40 a minute, but there is no danger of his owning the earth as long as J. P. Morgan is a resident of It.

What legislation has been enacted by the present Legislature that will directly benefit the farmer?—Brownsville Times. Sweet neighbor, you are off the point.

The Legislature is the palladium of our liberties. It of itself benefits the farmer; therefore look not to its acts.

There seems to be had luck attached to the me of "Billy." Only a few days ago the ttom fell out of "Billy." Bock's woodshed, and several cords of wood and a quantity of coal dropped into the river. Sunday afternoon coal dropped into the river. Sunday afternoon one of "Billy" Cook's teams ran away and spilled a lot of furniture. The same day the bottom fell out of "Billy" Whipple's woodshed and eight cords of wood accompanied it, and resterday the roadway at Hanthorn's cannery collapsed under the weight of one of "Billy" Cook's teams, and one of the horges was drowned. "And "Billy" Weich's ford hope for the election of Corbett to the United States Senate resulted in disappointment. States Senate resulted in disappointment niy.-Astoria News. However, the "Billys" are not the only

nes in hard luck. What, with the blanket rdinance, boycotts and ships that pass in the night-and day, too, for that matter-misfortunes never come singly.

Here is a story from real life in New York as good in its complications as was ever put into a farce. The Health Inspectors of the city, while vaccinating everybody in a quarantined apartment house, came upon a burglar engaged in ransacking a suite that had been left by the occupants. The burglar, with considerable coolness, declared himself the occupant of the flat and submitted to vaccination, While the inspectors were busy in another apartment, detectives who had been tracking the criminal came in and arrest. ed him. When the inspectors came down nd found the detectives, they compelled them also to undergo vaccination before taking their prisoner to tail. It was a case where the law had a victory at very turn of the game. There is a lively Mayoralty campaign

going on in Topeka, Kan. The rival can. didntes are Colonel Hughes and Colonel Warner, and, although they are both noted for their goodness and religious zeal, the friends of each say that their candidate has the better record in this respect. The supporters of Colonel Hughes the other day put forth the statement that he had not missed a weekly prayer meeting in the last 18 years, and they concluded by asking, "Can Colonel Warner say as much?" "It is true," retorted Colonel Warner, "that during is years I have been absent from prayer meeting twice, but what are the facts? I can prove that I had malaria, and could not leave my bed, Nothing but severe Illness would have kept me from weekly prayer meeting, group of states is the ground work of the proposed centennial, and it is best as cultivating trade. The merchant is in the proposed centennial, and it is best constant and intimate contact with both known to the world as the Pacific Northnot so much to commemorate the well- Colonel Warner had entertained preachers timed visit of these explorers as it is at his house 30 times including the bishop to bring into prominence the State of on two occasions. In addition, he had Oregon and its neighbors. Why, then, entertained 32 delegates to Sunday-school entertained 92 delegates to Sunday-school conventions, prohibition conventions and Rible-study conventions, whereas Colonel Hughes has always been backward in doing his duty in this respect, saying the railroad fares are cheap, or for their that his house was too small, whereas it is generally known that his house is larger than that of Colonel Warner,

> PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS The Justice-I don't remember ever seeing you before. The Accused-No, your honor, you see, you don't belong to our set.-Boston

Transcript. "You know Will was just crazy to marry is," said the young bride. "Yes; that's what me," said the young bride. "Yes, that's what sverybody thinks," replied her jealous rival.

-Yonkers Statesman. Sign of Spring.—"Have you heard a robin pet?" "No, but I've seen a woman with her head thed up in a towel heating a carpet in the back yard."—Chicago Record.

Indifferent Luck.-First Hunter (Adirondacks) -Any luck today? Second Hunter-No. I saw a guide, but I was to the windward of him, so I couldn't get near enough to shoot.--Puck. "The boy," concluded the oculist, "is color

blind." "Then what do you think we should put him at?" "Well, what's the matter with making an impressionistic painter of him? Couldn't Give Lees .- "Oh, Miss Stone!" the

Money Tight.-Drug Clerk-I've been docked

a week's many for making a mistake and killing a man. Lend me \$5, won't you? Friendly Policeman-Couldn't possibly. I've just been suspended a week for killing another one.-New York Weekly. A Tramp's Work.- "Hello, Walker. What y" up to now'-days?" "Well, Lazy, I'm lockin"

-Philadelphia Evening Builetin.

The Children at the Gate. Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

I say that the world is bitter-sweet, And its fortunes come too late; But twilight falls, with the pattering feet Of the children at the gate. And I know, whatever my toll may be, Their arms, in the evening, will neckince met

say that the world has stormy skies. And faintly the sad stars shine; But night brings stars when the children's

eyes Look tenderly into mine. And I know, whatever my toll may be, Those eyes are welcoming lights to me!

And the world is green, and the world is wide, But never the world is ill, If after the stress of the storm and tide The children love us still! And I know, whatever my grief may be, Voices of children sing rest to me!