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TODAT'S WEATHER. - Occasional rain fresh and probably brisk southerly winds.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, MARCH 26.

It is to be feared that our "anti-imperialist" friends are doing themselves great injustice in ignoring the illustration concerning "consent of the governed" offered by the Administration and its sympathizers from the history of our own Southern States. Certain points of resemblance between their case and that of the Philippines should be explained away or else they will continue to embarrass the contention that no man is good enough to govern another without that other's consent. The South rebelled because it wanted to go it alone. It wanted selfgovernment, it wanted independence, it didn't like the new President. But the Nation's answer was a negative. It regarded continued union and rebuke of dismemberment as better, not incomes of profitless corporations are only for the North, but for the South. rightfully no more exempt. It set the seal of disapproval forever upon the doctrine of secession-a seal that can only be broken by some such misgovernment as justified the rebellion of the American colonists from Great Britain. The North proved to be the stronger. It overbore the demand of the South for self-government, just as we are overbearing today the demand of the Tagais for "self-government." The point seems established, therefore that the desire of a portion of the United States for self-government has no historical standing for recognition, Our title to the islands is on all hands accused of a small offense. Negroes confessed to be genuine. They belong have been murdered by a mob for to us as much as Florida does, or Orewhipping a white man in a fair fist They are in rebellion, and whatgon. fight; they have been murdered for reever becomes of them will be decided without regard to the abstract proposition that self-government is the inalien-

with their income from the community or with their profits. Other states are have a Jack Cade ordering some one robbed of life or liberty or property finding ways to reach these activities and make them bear their just properbecause he has become odious through his wealth or his political opinions. tion of the public burdens, but no such effort is being made in Oregon. The Cade hanged a clerk because he could Missouri Legislature, for example, is read and write; and he beheaded Lord Say because he could speak French now perfecting, under advice and pressure from Governor Dockery, a measure had erected a grammar school and a which will tax franchise-owning cor. paper mill, and introduced printing. porations upon either a fixed value of We may be sure that in due time the their franchise or else a percentage on mob we have permitted to work its evil, their gross income. It is not easy to ferocious will on the negro will subvert decide between various methods of tax- the state. We shall have a Mafia pracing corporations; but some method tically all about us like an atmosphere should be put into operation, for the and when the white buildog has worried simple reason that wealth, which under the life out of the poor, miserable black the simpler business arrangements for-merly in vogue was represented by vis-free mutton whether under a black or scarcity of moisture. It has been demmerly in vogue was represented by vis. free mutton whether under a black or ible property, now escapes taxation a white pelt, and he will hunt some

when invested in the stocks and bonds other flock that is defenseless, so finally your sheep-killing dog will be the anof corporations whose property consists largely in franchises, and in esarchist dictator to well-bred society of tablished arrangements that enable the price of its life. The negro may be ground down them to do an immense business with very little property available to the secution by land pirates; he may disap--

But we must discriminate. A corporation is not to be taxed merely because It is a corpofation, instead of a partnership or an individual. A railroad, or a street-car system, or an electric lighting system, or a gas plant, or a telegraph system, or a telephone sys- been permitted to hang and burn the light lands of the San Joaquin on an tem, should be taxed its just proportion, if it is owned by a partnership. not incorporated, or by an individual. There is one basis of taxation for the public utilities that enjoy franchises, and another and smaller basis of thxation for the joint stock companies whose special privileges under the law are perhaps confined to limited liabilities. Take a street-car company doing business on the streets of Portland or a telephone or gas company-how large a proportior of the wealth of such a concern consists of the franchise it enjoys, which cost it nothing originally, but which is now of great value and is certain to become in time of immenvalue? Upon this important part of its assets and earning power it pays no tax whatever, notwithstanding the great

Assessor.

The Woman's Tribune says: Did you ever read about the inauguration of Thomas Jefferson? How President Adams left Washington that day, and Jefferson rode on benefit it derives from the public, and the large revenue the city could derive horseback over from Monticello without es-cort, and unattended went to the Capitol to take the oath? from such franchises if it were to take possession of them and hire them out for annual rentals. A moment's reflec-The Woman's Tribune ought to know tion will show that in this escape from taxation may be found a profound is a fabrication composed years after cause of the heavy burden under which both real and personal property

struggles in its effort to provide as it March 11, 1801, said about the inaugualways used to do the revenues of state, ration: county and city. Of the various meas-A discharge from the company of Washing ures proposed, taxation of gross receipts con Artillery unhered in the day, and about 10 o'clock the Alexandria company of rife-men, with the company of artillery, paraded is doubtless the most equitable, for capital stock might be far over or un in front of the President's lodgings. At 12 o'clock Thomas Jefferson, attended by a number of his fellow-citizens, among whom were der the concern's earning power. It is no defense to such a law that a concern is not making money. Unprofitamany members of Congress, repaired to th ble real estate and unsuccessful busi-Capitol. His dress was, as usual, that of a plain citizen, without any distinctive badge of office. He entered the Capitol under a disness houses have to pay taxes, and the

charge from the artillery. . . . As soon as he withdrew a discharge of artillery was made. The remainder of the day was devoted to purposes of festivity, and at night there was a pretty general illumination. INTELLIGENCE FALSE TO ITS DUTY. The other day a negro was promptly John Davis, an Englishman, who lynched in Tennessee when the jury wrote a book of travels about the failed to convict him, and a negro United States, was the author of the woman in another part of Tennessee about the same time was taken by a mob and shot to death on suspicion of being an accomplice in a small theft, This unrestrained habit of mob murder has fed, and from lynching negroes accused of rape and murder it has come

son was anything but a man of simplicity of character or democratic habto be a common thing to lynch a negro its. His babits at home were luxurious; he dined off silver plate; gave fine

personal property at all commensurate differentism continue to permit mob to the acre, and during a year when murders to multiply, some day we shall moisture is plentiful, as was the case last year, may increase this amount to forty and fifty bushels to the acre. There are still hundreds of thousands of acres of idle land in Oregon and Washington, adapted to wheatgrowing, and it is not at all improbable that the present production of 30,000,000 to 35,000,-000 bushels per year will be increased to twice that amount.

THE MORNING OREGONIAN, TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1901.

Heavy sales of lands are reported in what is known as the Horse Heaven country, lying between the Columbia River and the main line of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Up to a short time ago these lands have generally been regarded as unsuitable for the words they do? onstrated, however, that there is a much greater amount of moisture through that region than there is in many portions of the San Joaquin Valley. It has, in fact, produced wheat

running as high as twenty-seven bushto the earth through this ferocious per- els to the acre. This year the wheat acreage in that section will be increased pear, even as the Indian has, in North several thousand acres, and there will America, and the Polynesian in the also be an increase in the light lands islands of the Pacific, but even then we in other portions of the Northwest,

who, in defiance of our best lights, have It may not be possible for the wheatpermitted mob law to work its cruel grower in the Pacific Northwest to prowill, will not escape dire punishment; duce wheat as cheaply as it can be profor the ferocious elements that have duced by the Californians who work the negro without due process of law will sooner or later make the natural lead-land that will be worked in Oregon ers of society who have winked at mob and Washington will turn off so much rule to deplore their indifferentism in better crops than are secured by the the sackcloth of repentance and the Californians that there is a margin of ashes of disaster and defeat. Economic profit in the operation, and we can ac- for other outlets. retribution followed the moral outrage cordingly expect a steady increase in of slavery; and we shall surely pay a the amount of the cereal grown in the of slavery; and we shall surely pay a bitter price for whistling down the wind inland Empire. This increase will more than offset the loss in the wheat yield to shoot, hang and burn a negro on any occasioned by the increase in diversified is wear he would do something worse. It pretext with impunity. The wretches farming in the Willamette Valley. Wheat is still king in the Pacific Northsteam.' west, and every additional acre of it adds to the general prosperity of the

two states so vitally interested in its physiological objections to it, some of production. which will impress the average reader as

Nicholas, Emperor of all the Russians, is in daily, perhaps hourly, danger of his life. Though a mild-man-nered young man, of kindly and sympi-thetic nature: carnestly desiring the live stage of existence the creature would. good of his people and the advancement

tion of his subjects because he is their tents throughout Europe because he growl or roar of anger is the profane

reasoning, and men possessed of it haunt the monarchies of Europe today, haunt the monarchies of Europe today. insane with the desire to kill their rul-ers. To temporize with this spirit is folly; to eradicate by force, impossible, The heritage of ages of oppression, it plain each particular manifestation of it. The heritage of ages of oppression, it has come down to Russia from the the habit of swearing leads naturally to times of Ivan the Terrible and those of Professor Patrick's explanation of the the remorseless Catharine, and to Ger-many from that of the irascible and imsacred things. Assuming that this mo placable Frederick William I. It may tive is-or was when the practice origiwear itself out through the passing nated-to shock or startle, it would be years, but in the meantime monarchs must look to their safety without ever being sure of it, and pay for pomp and Hidden by the third commandment. Here, again, the theory fails to cover all the observed facts, however accurately it may fit a few. There are some oaths the the Capitol, went in unattended and began his duties. Davis declared that he was an eye-witness of the scene, but it has been proven that he was but it has been proven that he was hatred. The Czar, more fortunate than his grandfather, may die in his bed; that a good deal of the swearing that but if so, it will be due to the unre- Professor Patrick has in mind is made up mitting vigilance of his attendants of contractions from what were orig-rather than to any favor he may win inally well-defined maledictions, the most dinners and lived most expensively. He spent \$3000 for Madeira wine alone dur-ing his eight years of life in the White House. He wasa man of Parisian nol-

THE BLESSINGS OF POVERTY. THE PHILOSOPHY OF PROFANITY

Chicago Times-Herald New York Tribune. The usual commonplace homilies on Professor G. T. W. Patrick, of the Unithe "blessings of poverty" by those who versity of lows, recently read a paper on are struggling strenuously to get away "Profanity" before a scientific society in from the "blessings" are of little interest Lincoln, Neb. A good deal of it was to the public mind. The only person who couched in technical language which canis competent to dissertate upon the "adnot easily be translated into popular phraseology. And some of the ideas which vantages" of poverty is he who has he advanced will probably not receive turned these advantages into a large acunanimous approval from those who have cumulation of industrial stocks or the coin studied human emotion and its expression of the republic. The man who has some with care. Nevertheless, the topic is one thing to show for an early investment in which a great many people besides in penury is assured of respectful atten. scientists are interested. What Professor tion, especially if he is suddenly flashed Patrick set out to do was to answer two before the public eyes as the head of a questions: Why do men swear? And colossal steel trust. when they swear why do they use the When Charles M. Schwab, president of

the United States Steel Corporation, tells In the first place, the variety of cirus how early poverty is essential to succumstances in which profanity is indulged cess and how little he could have accomin is pointed out. It is characteristic of plished without it, the young man with anger, a failure to find adequate expresnothing but brains and brawn and good sion in ordinary language for an emphatic health pricks up his ears and takes a statement, and an effort to stimulate fresh start. He begins to realize that workmen and horses to extra effort. And there may be something in the "poverty the use of oaths is accompanied by a argument" after all, notwithstanding its pleasant feeling of relief from some plainful stress. On this latter point Professor And the rich man's son begins to wonder Patrick quotes a sentence of J. H. Camphow he can overcome the obstacles of bell, concerning the physiology of the emotions: "The shouting and gesticula-tion which accompany an outburst of pasinherited wealth. Commenting on early

poverty as an aid to his own success, the sion act physiologically by relieving nerve tension, and, indeed, as Hughlings Jack-son has suggested, swearing may not be great steel employer says: "The rich man's son enters life's 'race

with a handicap. Not only the handlcap without its physiological justification. which a fortune is, because it deprives him of the necessity to progress and exprimitive and natural form of combat the pand, but the handlcap of never being whole muscular system comes into lively action, and any restraint that is put upon able to appreciate what he has. For everything in life that is worth while is this form of activity creates a necessity ten times more worth while when we "Men in anger may climb for If. perhaps be obliged to repress every overti act and every expression of emotion ex-"The first great blessing in my life was

being born poor. The fundamental prin-clples that founded my character were the lessons wrung out of early hardships and privations and self-denials. I would not give up the experience of a boyhood may be likened to the engine blowing off barren of luxuries and paved with ob-Professor Patrick insists, however, that

this theory is not altogether satisfactory to him. He raises both psychological and a trifle abtruse. But he also urges that swearing is more than a mere expression of emotion. It is designed to produce an effect on somebody else. He traces beauties and potencies of poverty cum grano sails. The example of Mr. Scwab has been multiplied so numerously in this He has but to look about him to see hunin the former instance, show its teeth, get its back up and spit or growl. All of this behavior would be intended to put the dreds of Schwabs-somewhat lower in the financial scale, it is true-in his own

town. It requires no profound study of analysis of human nature to discover the cause of the impelling power of poverty. Want and desire are the stimulus of en. One can easily recall situations to which deavor. It takes an extraordinary man this explanation does not seem to apply. to accomplish anything if all his wants are anticipated and provided for. The hardships, inconveniences, discomforts and embatrassments of poverty stir a young man to action. His desire to possess the things of which he has been deprived by the accident of indigent parentage fills him with energy and determination, and hence poverty becomes the foundation of success. Fortunate indeed is the young man who

is dowered with magnificent poverty."

"Ananias Stood Forth."

New York Tribune. Richard Stuyvesant, of Spokane, Wash., in speaking of local affairs in his home city at the Hotel Imperial yesterday said: "About 10 years ago, when Spokane's boom was creating excitement, H. H. Kohlsaat, now proprietor of the Chicago Times-Herald, began a newspaper enter-

prise out there, and stood sponsor for a paper called the Spokane Spokesman. Joseph French Johnson, now professor in the Columbian University at Washington, and of economics and journalism in the University of Pennsylvania, was installed as managing editor. Charles B. Dilling-ham, at present a theatrical magnate in New York, was the city editor, and Harold C. Boke, who is in Secretary Gage's office in the Treasury Department at Washington, was writing editorial paragraphs and was conducting what he used to say, if it was regarded through friendly

lenses, might be termed a funny column

NOTE AND COMMENT.

This seems to be a sort of Wagnerian March.

Carnegie is singularly free from compeition in his latest enterprises,

The Czar is apparently in need of a new peace conference. The last one didn't take

This is not the most pleasant weather imaginable, but it discourages the shirtwalst man.

Any agreement in Morocco certainly ought to be binding, even if the Sultan doesn't think so.

It begins to look as if the Commoner would have to offer Mexican dollars as premiums for new subscribers.

Now doth John Jenkins, gentle man, Eternally repose

Because he, thinking Spring had come, Put on Spring underclothes.

There has been a mutiny in the Kansas penitentiary. The poor convicts want. temporary discomforts and inconveniences. ed to get outside and have a go at the strenuous life all around them.

> The voluntary enlistments for the Boer War are not equal to the demand. For a country which has been thoroughly subdued, the Transvaal seems to require a very large army.

An Oshkosh preacher has announced his belief that good beer is better than bad water. In a day or two his front hall will be full of newspaper reporters walt. ing for Mrs. Nation.

Here are some answers to school examination questions in England: One lad, in answer to the question, "What is a limited monarchy?" wrote thus: "A limited monarchy is government by a King. who, in case of bankruptcy, would not stacles for any amount of money. It be responsible for the entire national would be like pulling the foundation out debt. You have the same thing in priof a building," It would be idle to deny the force of A boy not as conversant with American such testimony as this. The average boy is prone to take these sermons upon the to the question, "Who were the Filgrin to the question, "Who were the Pilgrim fathers?" "They were the fathers of good young men who went on the crusades to country, however, that the young man the Holy Land." "Molasses" was defined does not need to listen to sermonizers. as "the American word for the little mules used to carry provisions up the Andes mountains in California."

> A well-known Philadelphia artist tells this story about his granddaughter, a little girl of 3: The little girl, of course, says her prayers every night before she is put to bed, and is usually, to quote her grandfather, very "long-winded" about it, First she has to say the Lord's Prayer, then the one beginning "Now I lay me down to sleep," and then comes, "God bless grandpa and grandma, and papa and mamma, and Unkle George and Unkle Charlie and Aunt Kate," and so on, ad lafinitum, until all the members of the family are included. Then she says 'Amen," and quickly adds: "And God bless Mary." After she had finished the other night her mother asked her why she said "amen" first, and then always added: "God bless Mary," as though it were a postscript. "Well, you know, mamma," repiled the tot, "I didn't want to get her mixed up with you ladies!" It may be unnecessary to add that Mary is the nurse maid.

Senator Cockrell, whose proud boast has been that he never came out second best in any kind of a swap met his Waterloo at the hands of a Washington faker not long ago. He had some little foiks from Missouri, visiting him for the inauguration, and he thought it would please them to carry home some souvenir. Mr. Cockrell meandered forth, expended about \$1 29 with a curbstone merchant, and carried back an armload of silver and bronze mementos.

The Senator's daughter looked at them and burst into laughter. The Senator be-

"The only consolation I had,' said the

Senator afterward, "was that the medal

ordered struck off by Ferdinand and Isa-

bella in honor of the discovery of America

was not in the collection."

of his empire, he is hated by a fac-The Woman's Tribune ought to know better than to repeat this story, which ruler, and by a multitude of maicon-who adds: "The human analogue of the Jefferson's induction into office. Here was born to imperial station. The spirit oath. is what the Philadelphia Aurora of in which the inoffensive Elizabeth, Empress of Austria, was hunted to her death, and that which struck Humbert of Italy down, is as malignant as un-be induges in unparliamentary language,

tale that Jefferson rode all alone to power the fearful price of unrest, danthe Capitol, went in unattended and ger and possible death by violence, at the South has grown fat on what it not in Washington at the time. Jeffer- hatred. The Czar, more fortunate than

fusing to disclose the hiding-place of House. He was a man of Parisian pol- death by violence. subject. R. R. Poole, Commissioner of Agriculture for Alabama, is authority for his Presidential levees; he was the best | the statement that many colored men of that state, who have heretofore been

who rule these mobs may yet make an atmosphere in which equal rights under law will not be secure, even for white men.

JEFFEBSONIAN SIMPLICITY.

able right of every segment of a great Nation. Another analogy is likely to be developed in the sequel. The South is glad today that it did not triumphy and the Philippines are showing increasing satisfaction with American sovereignty.

Mr. Dellenbaugh's new volume on "The North Americans of Yesterday" affords cold comfort to believers in Asiatic origins of our Indians and in voyages of Asiatics to our shores. The reasons for his skepticism are varied, but the principal one is supplied by the glacial epoch. Up to comparatively recent times, that is, to within 1000 years or so, travel from Siberia to North America was practically a physical impossibility. It is doubtful if Alaska permitted human life, even of the Eskimo order, before the discovery of America. It is Mr. Dellenbaugh's bellef. that all the tribes of the Northwest migrated thither from the south and southeast, and not within recent geologic time from the Asiatic direction, The congestion of life in Mexico and Central America is explained, in fact, by the intense cold that up to recent times pervaded the now temperate regions. If migration had been by way of Behring Stralt, the wanderers could hardly have made the southward journey without leaving some traces of their art, but no pottery has been found between the Yukon and the Humboldt. Languages show no connection, and as for the maritime theory, Mr. Dellenbaugh dismisses it as "more absurd than the other." Vessels were frail and did not venture far from the coast. The adventurous Northmen crossed the Atlantic, but this is a different matter from supposing the conservative Monhabit at the South and the North. We gols to have braved the far wider Pashall finally be worried to death by "The more the Amerinds are clfic. studied," he says, "the more homogenous do we find them, and the more isolated from Old World influences." It is probable that America shared in a general dispersal of the race, when land connections were far more extensive than now but this occurred at any rate before the ice period, which endured from 10,000 to 20,000 years, and prevailed on this continent as far south as the Ohio and Columbia Rivers.

According to the biennial report of the Secretary of State for Oregon, 678 cor- as secret and deadly as the Holy Vehme porations filed articles in his office at of the Middle Ages. From lynching an Salem in the two years ending January 31, 1990, with total capital stocks mob has reached a point where white amounting to \$127,283,450. Compared men are victims of Judge Lynch. Newith four years ago, this shows an in- groes are now lynched for petty thefts crease of nearly 100 in the number of where once they were lynched for only corporations formed, and much more capital crimes. Of course it is easy to than a doubling of the amount of cap- say, "I don't care what happens, so long ital invested. The O. R. & N. was in- as it doesn't happen to me." But just corporated in July, 1896, for \$35,000,000, there lies the trouble, our easy-going but if we leave this single item out of friend. It does really happen to you; the calculation, Secretary Kincaid's re- it does really happen to us all, when-\$53,000,000. This is an excellent illustra. tion of the way in which capital is going into corporations. Many of these corporations have no tangible real or of society through selfish, seuscless in- off a crop of tweive to fifteen bushels cident.

a friend the mob was seeking to mur- ish of manners; was never at loss for a They have b murdered when well-turned compliment when a handidentification with the guilty not only some woman was presented to him at utterly falled, but was solemnly denied by the victim of the assault. The able read and most cultivated man of all the negro editor of the New York Age, leading politicians of his time. Thomas F. Fortune, is right when he "Jeffersonian simplicity" is a political says that the lynching habit has bemyth. The only inauguration that was

come a disease whose contagion is remarked by any democratic simplicity sponsible for the increase of lynching in any of its coincidents was that of Colorado, Illinois, Indiana and Andrew Jackson, in 1829. When Jack-Ohio; is responsible for the negro riots son read his address to the 10,000 peoin New York City. There is only one ple assembled, in order to restrain them remedy for this frightful disease. The from embracing him it was necessary representatives of intelligent public to use an immense chain, which kept opinion at the North and the South them back from the portico of the east must resume the natural leadership front of the Capitol, where he stood. that they have abdicated. There are The festivities which followed at the hundreds of intelligent influential men White House were notable for the inat the South who are responsible by vasion of a vulgar crowd of hungry, their indifference for the multiplication thirsty, "half horse, half alligator" of mob murders. These men can stop admirers of Jackson from the South this practice of mob murders if they and Southwest, who ate and drank like wish. So, too, at the North. The crimpigs, smashed chinaware, glass and furinal indifference of the natural leaders niture, swilled champagne from large of public opinion to mob murders has water 'goblets, and in general behaved made them possible. It is a trite but in a scandalous manner. The crowd sound saying that in the long run moral was too great to be accommodated in outrages are economic errors. History the house, so great tubs of whisky is full of proof of it. Slavery was conceded to be a viola-

punch were placed in the yard to satisfy the thirst of the outsiders. Jacktion of moral justice not only by Lin. son himself was a man of dignified coln and Henry Clay, but by Robert E. manners and courteous address, a man Lee. Has it not been proved by the of sobriety, who made so excellent an awful object-lesson of our Civil War to impression on Daniel Webster that he have been a terrible economic blunder wrote his wife concerning him in terms whose evil consequences are not yet of very high respect, but Jackson's conabated? The moral outrage of human stituency unquestionably represented, justice by tyrants has always been infrom some parts of the West and South, flicted at terrible ultimate economic disa very rough school of American life asters. The price that the world has and manners. "Democratic simplicity" always paid in the long run for inflicthad no real existence in Jefferson's day. ing or permitting moral outrage to be but it did put in a most picturesque wrought is the price that we shall appearance when Andrew Jackson was surely pay if we continue our indifferinaugurated. ence to the growth of the lynching

GROWTH IN WHEAT ACREAGE.

the same pack of howling dogs that we That vast region of but partially desuffer the mob to turn loose on the obveloped wealth, somewhat vaguely jects of their fury. In no very long known as the "Inland Empire," "East time we shall have the same prevalence of the Mountains," or the "Upper Counof mob law that exists in Sicily, where, try," is right in line with the rest of under the rule of the Mafia, individuals the Pacific Coast in the expansion poltake the law into their own hands with icy. The early settlers in that favored the approval and connivance of their region naturally selected the best lands obtainable for agricultural purposes, neighbors. The Mafia stands for the primitive social instinct of dislike for These lands, even under the most carelaw and order, opposition and hatred less and slipshod methods of farming for those in authority. This Sicilian have made fortunes for many of their Mafia substitutes for the lawful courts owners; afforded a good living to oththe execution of the decrees of a body ers, and have proved disappointing to but few. As these select lands were appropriated, the later comers were accused negro for murder the Southern forced back on second choice, inferior

quality not always implied by this term, but more remote locations rendering the lands less desirable. The wheatgrower in the less favored portions of the San Joaquin Valley, in California, considers eight to ten bushels of wheat per acre a good crop, and there are many localities in the bleak Dakotas, and even in Kansas, where similar results are considered satisfac port for 1895 and 1896 shows a total of ever the mob becomes satisfied that tory. Under such circumstances it is \$92 corporations with a capital stock of they, with impunity, can doom men to but natural that there should be a death, to loss of liberty or property, growing demand in the Pacific Northwithout due process of law. west for light lands, which, even in the If the intelligent, intellectual leaders poor years, are almost certain to turn

tenants only, are becoming owners of their own homesteads. This is in line with late assurances of Booker T. to the self-respecting, self-supporting days of slavery before the war. status that can only be reached by development along industrial lines. The negro problem cannot be settled by statutory enactment or Presidential proclamation; it must be solved by growth, properly directed and patiently encouraged. Negroes need to acquire homes and own lands; it is not necessary or desirable at present that they

-It may be hoped that the cowardly through a window while at supper at ed and hanged. The criminal is believed to be a resident of Washington. Cowlitz County, of that state, has a County will be fortunate if able to duplicate. Of all the murderous sneaks has developed, he who shoots a man through a window is the most despicable. It is in the interest of law and order, as well as of community safety, that such a criminal be brought to justice with the least possible delay.

carry elections.

Queen Victoria has been dead but little more than two months, but thanks for condolences that continue to be received at intervals from her successor seem to refer to an event of long ago. Events crowd upon events so hurriedly as to make the records of recent yesterdays seem like ancient history. It is thus that the thanks

of King Edward conveyed to the Canadian Society of New York the other day for condolence upon the death of the Queen have been outdated by the happenings of the brief interval that has elapsed since the close of the reign of Queen Victoria.

eral Lorne-Campbell (English). By this happy use of the parenthesis all doubt as to the nationality of a commander is cleared up, and the reader is likely never to confuse General Eisenheimer (German) with General Kvinoschovitch (Russian) or General O'Hoolihan (Irish).

Governor Pennoyer does not have to defend himself of the Harrison incident in 1891. No President has a right to go gadding round the country. Why should a President not attend to his business as well as a Governor?

England and Russia will settle that Tien Tsin fracas by diplomacy. Thus, although the matter will never be settled, it will always remain a closed in-

SLAVERY STILL IN VOGUE.

Convict Lease System Abused in South Carolina.

Chicago Times-Herald. Investigation of abuses growing out of the convict lease system in South Carolina has revealed the existence of a traf-Washington, of Tuskegee Institute, fic in negro laborers that presents all the whose endeavor is to bring his race up elements of brutality that belonged to the So far as enforced servitude under cruel taskmasters is concerned, it is even more shocking than the slavery which was wiped out by the proclamation of President Lincoln.

In response to the demands of Judge Bennett, of Anderson, S. C., the grand jury of that county made an investigathe City Council. Addressing that body, he said: 'Gentlemen, I have long been tion of the system of bondage that was he said: 'Gentlemen, I have long been a student of the Scriptures, but never believed to be in iorce in that section of the state. The report of the jury makes until recently was I able to fathom the a disclosure of horrors that are astoundmeaning of the statement, "And Ananias ing to those who imagined that slavery stood forth." But now a great light has

was abolished as an incident the dawned upon me. Now I know the meanmurderer who killed a man by a shot bloody four years' struggle for the Union. ing. Joseph French Johnson comes first, Charles Bancroft Dillingham comes sec-The jury found that negroes had been Hood River Saturday night will be bought and cold; that they had been ond, Harold Boke comes third, and Ananlas comes fourth.' The Councilman had promptly apprehended, tried, convict- seized on the highways and kidnaped and a volcanic manner, and this explosion so sent to the stockades, or prison pens, where they were bound and shackled convulsed the Council that it adjourned in confusion. and warned that death would follow any effort to escape. Negroes sent to recent record of prompt dealing with an stockades were sold or leased to farmers assassin of this type, which Skamania and planters, and in many instances Secretary Root's stout resistance to the were brutally whipped to the point of indemand for the appointment of civilians as Second Lieutenants in the Army will sensibility for no offense whatever. Con that cupidity, jealousy or personal spite tracts with planters stipulated that the negroes should be worked under guard

and locked up at night. That such practices could exist in any section of the Union in the beginning of the 30th century without attracting public protests taxes credulity to the ut-

overwhelmed with applications from civiltans whose persistence is discreditable to themselves and embarrassing to the Government. The sconer these ambitious candidates for commissions get it into their heads that nearly, if not quite all, of the vacant Lieutenantcles in the regular army will be filled by promotions from the volunteer service, the better for thempenitentiaries a price was fixed on the selves and everybody else.

head of every negro who could be kidnaped and thrown into bondage under the The convict lease system is a reproach

Now, sing no song of the shining sword, And lilt no lay of the lance, to our civilization and a disgrace to the But a pacan pipe to the pistol ball Of Castellane of France. commonwealths which tolerate it. If the states will not abolish it the Federal Gov-To the pistol ball that slowly curved, In the swerving scheme of chance, Till it came to rest with a wicked sest, ernment should not hesitate to resort to drastic measures to wipe it off the conti-

allies China and Japan had an exaited field of Western civilization and respect for the Christian religion. Japanese statesmen frankly confess they have been pro-foundly shocked by the conduct of the European soldiers in China and if the Japanese were shocked must not the Chinese be more firmly count not the Chinese be more firmly convinced than ever that they are much further removed from barbarism than the Europeans? With ire in each bright gem, And some words of praise for poor De Ro

> Sensible Conclusion. Washington Post.

After deliberate consideration of the matter, Mr. Bryan has decided that it Now, lift no lay of the luring light, That lears on the lifted lance, But praises pipe to the pistol ball would be undignified for him to carry Chicago for Carter Harrison. In view of last year's result in that city, it would seem that Mr. Bryan does well to permit Of Castellane of France, last year's result in that cliy, it would seem that Mr. Bryan does well to permit Carter to wrestle with the Chicago voters without his assistance And the modest, mbrinking glance, Who proudly raged and his wrath assuaged And tore De Rodays' pants.

's off. cials was a virile character for whom came curious and demanded to know what was the matter. Then, taking up the Spokesman conceived a tremendous his purchases seriatim, Miss Cockrell dislike. The Spokesman believed him to be dishonest, and set out to expose his showed him that the souvenirs were commemorative of events reaching as far methods. Johnson arraigned him in editorials of 'learned length and thundering sound.' Dillingham had with damaging back as the Centennial, but that not one of the inauguration was in the lot. ingenuity played up the news features of his City Treasury raids, and Boke aimed his shafts at any vital spot which he saw exposed. The attack was hot and well sustained, and the Spokesman party thought they had him well on th and so did the people of Spokane. In fact,

Wise Buling.

New York Mail and Express.

since the outbreak of the Spanish War,

but notwithstanding this fact Mr. Root is

France's New Hero.

Josh Wink in Baltimore American.

And tore De Rodays' pants.

Who has sore need of them.

"I am shot," cried he, "just between the knee And 6 o'clock A. M.".

days,

the success of the attack was becoming town talk, when one fine day the city offi PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS cial turned on those who sought to harass him, and at one fell swoop he upset them all. He was a member at this time of

Not Generally .- "Has your engagement been "Only informally, to a few eneniced?" les."-Puck.

mics."-Puck. High Praise. - Penelope - That was a fine masquerade ball, waan't it? Perdita-Wasn't it? I never saw you look so well in my life. -Detroit Free Press.

The Question Nowadays.-Friend-I under-stand your receiving teller has skipped? Bank President (sadly)-That's what! Friend-Did leave much ?-- Puck.

Tompkins-I'm afraid we haven't much for dinner today; but such as it is --- Cheerful Friend-Don't make any excuse, old chap. Re-member, I've dined at your house before.--Tit-Blts.

His Status .- He-Look here, my dear, I cannot afford to entertain on such a scale as you have indulged in of late. She-John, I really believe you are just the kind of man who would be perfectly happy if you lived within your income.-Life.

Something New .- He-I saw our old n Sumetring New-He-1 and our old neigh-bor, Mr. Skinner, today. She-Did you? What is he doing now? He-He's interested in one of these wild-cai mining companies. She-The idea! I never knew you had to mine for wild cais.-Philadelphin Press. be heartily approved by every supporter of the merit principle in the military serv-ice. The Army reorganization bill express. provides that in making such appointments preference shall be given to men who have served in the volunteer service

Unnecessary Preliminaries.-"I can't under-stand all this preliminary talk about that duel, those Frenchmen are to fight," said the emi-nent pugilist. "As I understand it, the event ien't to be pulled off under the auspices of an athletic club, and there is to be no gate money to divide."-Pittaburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

With a Grievance. - I understand you With a Grievance. -1 understand you whipped my boy this morning." the angry father said, striding into the schoolroom after the children had been dismissed. "Yes, sir, I did," the terrified teacher answered. "But I did not whip him severely." "That's what I'm kicking about," he rejoined. "You didn't hurt him at all. Now, look here, sir, I'm one of the largest tapayers in this school dis-trict, and my boy is entitled to as good a whipping as you give any other boy. Under-stand, that' If you slight him again, you'll stand that! If you slight him again, you'll hear from me in a way you won't like. Good afternoon, sir."-Chicago Tribune.

A Mother's Love,

Boston Journal. When a boy is far away from home, What pleases him the most? Why, it's when a letter comes to him From mother thro' the post! No matter if the silver hairs Appear upon his head. He's still his mother's boy as when His hair was carrot red!

The' thirty years have left their marks And seared his careworn face In mother's eyes he's yet a lad Wilhout Time's telftale trace! Her letter thus begins: "Dear boy"": It sets his heart athrill To think that mother knows him as A little shaver still.

A mother's love is as a charm The segame of youth! One feels that age has naught to do With Love or Life or Truth, Whene'er he gets a letter from His mother far away, Who sees naught but the guileless child. Behind the man grown gray.

nent. A correspondent in Tien Tsin speaks of General Bailloud (French) and Gen-

most. It is easy to trace the growth of the conditions which have led to these amazing disclosures, however. The pa-rent of the South Carolina prison pen or stockade is the infamous convict

system in force in that state. So highly did the farmers regard the plan of leasing convicts from the state that private stockades were finally erected, and when convicts could not be obtained from the