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REPRESSION OF ANARCHY.

The first feeling of alarm and grief over the Buffalo tragedy has passed away, and is succeeded by a universal. attention to the subject of prevention. All Europe as well as America is trying to think its way out to a satisfactory conclusion on this score, but, it must be confessed, with Indifferent results, Civillization turns with one accord in execration upon the aparchists morally if not technically responsible for this crime, and longs for some sure, sharp ganda and prevention of their practical designs. But the task is one of great difficulty.

Any weak-minded man or woman, it archist meeting or read an anarchist ucts! book and be worked up into a murderous passion. Resolves of this sort are not apt to be announced in public-the assassin goes about his work with

Anarchist meetings can be suppressed and doubtless should be. Yet there is no little danger to peace and order in falo episode has evoked, in the cry of off to jail of great numbers who can obviously never be proved remotely accessory to the act of Czolgosz. These things do not promote justice or wise measures. They are far more likely to move the attacked sect to increased rancor; they will tend to create sympathy in its behalf, and, most serious of all, they tend by their violence to release in a flood of vituperative splutter the purpose and resolution that should be conserved in the form of same and effective measures.

To this popular rage and sudden determination we may be certain that apathy will succeed. No end of bills will be introduced in Congress and state Legislatures looking to suppression of anarchy and prevention of assassination; but most of them at least will perish by the wayside as members become interested in things of more immediate personal concern. Nor is the inevitable popular indifference more serious an obstacle than the very nature of the case

It is not altogether through accident or inadvertence that the tenets of anarchy have been permitted the mails, and its assemblies have not been broken into by armed policemen nor its devotees rushed off to jail upon every passing breath of suspicion. We have erred in this matter, doubtless, and on the side of lenlency; but we have done so through our passionate English devotion to the sacred principle of free thought and free speech. There is no high procedure of tolerance and benignity that does not permit and to

lowest depths. Repression, indeed, has its abuses as well as toleration. To put power of ar- physical possibilities. Visionary men privilege of commissary\purchase restandimprisonment of anarchists into and women who have made superficial the reasons indicated by Colonel Woodthe hands of secret service or metropoli- study of the race problem have often ruff. They belong to a class whose saltan police is also to put into their hands the possibility of espionage and tyranny it in some instances to experiment, but cost of living in the Philippines, but such as Russian and German annals always with disaster. The scheme is, in- who are disposed to insist upon a priviare full of. We can surround our mag- deed, barred from serious consideration lege which was not originally estabistrates with cordons of armed guards, as they do in the Old World, but the spectacle would be repulsive not only to the populace, but to the protected ones themselves. President McKinley knew his danger, yet he has braved it continuously since his first inauguration, as his every predecessor has done, so dearly does he prize, as they prized, the precious privilege of going about unarmed a plain man among his plain people. Even European monarchs have so coveted this manifestation of affection on one side and confidence on the other that Czar and Emperor have frequently mingled unattended among their subjects, in defiance of official

The danger of these drastic measures is practical, moreover, in that they may cial esplonage and violence? Did the tortures eradicate nihilism, or German dungeons and well-armed guards of St. lessened the number of outrages to Japan, China, India and Australia.

bert from the revolver, nor could all multiplication of savages. the repressive power of Spain preserve

of San Aqueda. the murder of rulers may well be for- consequent upon his presence must be is a device both scientific and sensible. More violent measures are apt to defeat | American citizenship. This, and noththeir ends by their very extremity.

FIRST SOURCE OF CORRUPTION.

Readers of The Oregonian will need no introduction to the theory that the ource of political corruption is oftener with the blackmailing politician than with the purchasing corporation. The idea has been developed in these columns for many years. It is well enough, however, to call attention to an amplification of the doctrine afforded in his magazine by Professor George Gunton, president of the Institute of Social Economics. As a defender of the trusts, Mr. Gunton seems to us usually too optimistic, but in his contention that the control of the Government by corporations may easily be exaggerated as menace to peace and order, he is excedingly well fortified.

Corporations cannot rob the people if the people will elect honest men as their representatives to office. That is o say, as Mr. Gunton puts it, the danger does not lie in the corporations or in their size, but in the character of the Legislatures. In fact, he maintains that as the corporation grows larger and more able to control production and distribution in its particular line, the ance and the less it will interfere with the operations of the Legislature. He beginning a voriferous demand for probrought the larger part of the steel in-Carnegie property, and is consequently in no need of Government aid. As to the end of need of aid there is no doubt. method of suppression for their propa- but as to the actual slackening of demand Mr. Gunton's argument seems to be trending on very thin ice. Would he had offered more positive evidence of the steel trust's entire willingness is perfectly curtain, can go to an an- to see free trade in iron and steel prod-

With Mr. Gunton's main contention relative to the ultimate responsibility for corporate corruption, we entirely agree. He admits the fact that corstealth and cunning. It is impossible porations which do not need legislative of the work of his department, but for the construction of costly buildings to know when the anarchistic purpose aid often do interfere. But he places its valuable information concerning the and the enormous expense attendant takes possession of its victim's mind, it the blame largely on the shoulders of best diet for the American soldier in upon the maintenance of fire-fighting is impossible to lay hands upon him those who should justly bear it. As he until he stands, as Czolgosz did, face to puts it: "The pernicious influence of by this report the command to be supface with his victim, revolver in hand corporations in politics arises not from plied extended from Pekin on the north and ready cheerfully to meet the pen-the interest of large corporations to Borneo on the south and the Island force with which the ingenuity of man control the Government, but from the of Guam on the East. There were 480 is powerless to grapple successfully. the violent ebullition of wrath the Buf- the corporations needed aid, they the 68,000 troops and 3000 officers, the the America's cup, because it is clear excited speakers for lynch law against degenerated from a legitimate attempt delicacies for the sick, rations for 4000 rock I. It should not be forgotten that the criminal, in the popular demand for to influence legislation for the economic extermination of anarchists, and even good of the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community to a system of the stores for the Navy, rations for the community the community that the community the community the community that the community the community that the community the community that the nity arises.

rather do business on a business basis, field." upright, fair and square, than to make corrupt profits to be divided with black- sistence stores in Manila, notwithstandmailing politicians. It is a safe predicting the restrictions, is \$40,000, and tion that if the politicians would let the stores sold embrace nearly every the railroads, for example, alone, the article of food found in a first-class railroads would let the politicians alone. grocery store. The sale of subsistence Perhaps the main point, however, is stores to persons not authorized by the that these corrupt entanglements have regulations is constantly increasing. been made, somehow or other, and Every one with a vestige of a claim is must somehow or other be broken up. pressing for the privilege of purchase. No remedy is so safe and sure as that The Oregonian observes that the reof electing good men to office. The St, cently arrived teachers at Manila are Paul Pioneer Press thinks the direct complaining because they are denied primary is a necessary preliminary to the privilege of commissary purchase, the divorce of the corrupt corporation | Colonel Woodruff in his report says that from the corrupt party boss; and prob- "In theory the sale is to enable em-

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an extent foster opportunity of grave ern negroes comes up periodically with government are decreased and the merabuse. Liberty of action implies a great persistence, notwithstanding the chants deprived of legitimate busichoice of folly and infamy in their fact that it has been demonstrated time ness." This was written before the arems, he appears to be sincere in the merchants, to be abused. belief in its efficacy; more strange still own race in order that such attainder | the fresh meat for 34,000 men. A new easily overshoot the mark. What mul- as attaches to certain members of it ice and cold-storage plant was expected tiplies the secret conspiracy and the may not reflect too seriously upon all, to be in operation by the first of July, murderous sedition so fruitfully as offi. Be this as it may, events have clearly which would enable the department to

Petersburg could not save Alexander which they have been with ghoulish satfrom nitro-glycerine. All the police in isfaction applied. On the contrary,

the repressive power of Spain preserve

As to deportation, the negro is here;
Canovas from the assassin in the baths he came without his own acquiescence in the transfer. America, and not Af-All that can be done must be done; rica, is the country of the American yet not so much in severity as in pa- negro, whose ancestors two centuries to all the restrictions that belong to ing more. It is not necessary to provide special punishments for his crimes. Rather let the penalties of broken law recommended by the surgeons as a cure as applied to other American citizens for beri-beri. be promptly, justly and inexorably ap-

plied to him. The most stubborn factor to be ing to its solution, is the irresponsibilly devoid of the simplest conception of vested suddenly with a liberty that they did not know, because they had never been taught how to use, what wonder that numbers of negroes are bestial, uncontrolled, savage, in the domain of animalism?

barism, the tendency of which is to arouse the old instincts of savagery, those who commit this crime of crimes. ardent protectionist, in 1894 showed a the South need. Of lessons in injustice pecause his mills were in a position had more than enough. They are here in the tropics. where they neither needed Government | to stay, and no chimera of deportation ald nor desired Government interfer- will settle the question of their presence. Since then the billion-dollar steel ence; neither will the barbarous mutilatrust, whose possible influence on legis- tion of criminals of the race nor the month, and for the same month durlation is particularly feared, has infliction of death through horrible means, or by any means, without due dustry up to the same high level of form of law, lift them from the depths \$8,334,000, as against \$10,298,250 in 1900. efficiency of production as that of the of brutal animalism to the heights of and \$9,703,700 in August, 1899. In July moral responsibility. Let good Bishop of the present year it was \$15,740,000, an Turner try again or remain silent upon the race problem.

OUR ARMY FARE IN THE TROPICS.

2, 1900, to May 31 of the present year. ment. The record is chiefly discourag-This report of Colonel Woodruff is very | ing in the face of the strenuous efforts | interesting reading, not only for its tes- that have been for some years made to timony as to the extent and efficiency interest of degenerate and corrupt poli- stations to be supplied in the Philipticians to control large corporations." | pines, besides the troops in China and When in the days of their weakness | the prisoners in Guam. In addition to | Sir Thomas Lipton will win the race for helped to develop the "lobby" which Subsistence Department supplied the that Shamrock II is faster than Shamorganized professional bribery and 1000 civilian employes, and sales stores blackmall. But when the corporations for the Army, Navy and marine offi- is reported that the Columbia is faster no longer needed help, the professional cers, Philippine Commission and at- this year than in 1899, hence Shamrock lobbyists, finding their occupation gone, taches, Federal employes of all descrip- II will need to be very fast to overbegan introducing measures that would tions, metropolitan police, native police injure this or that industry in order to and scouts, transports, etc.; in other be bought off. Finally, this system be- words, nearly 100,000 persons, occupying came so intolerable that the corpora- a country almost destitute of meat and tions were glad to contribute liberally vegetables and other food supplies suitto the "bosses" of both parties in re- able for Americans, were supplied from turn for protection from legislative a single base 7000 miles distant. So exblackmail. Recent changes in the pol- cellent has been the service of the Subicy of the Southern Pacific Railroad sistence Department that an English afford timely and significant evidence of writer, comparing the troops of the althe willingness of corporations to aban-lied armies, said: "The American comdon these measures when the opportu- missary is undoubtedly far the best of kil, and American soldiers are best

The average monthly sale of sub ployes to live upon their salaries, the price of subsistence stores being from one-half to one-third the market rates, AN IMPRACTICAL AND SAVAGE but as sales are made to many whose salaries are based upon extra cost of The question of deportation of South- living here, the revenues of the insular and again as impractical and utterly rival of these teachers, and it is probwithout basis in political, pecuniary or able that they have been denied the advanced this means of solution, urging aries were originally based upon extra by its mere statement. Its latest ad- lished for their benefit, and which the vocate is Bishop Turner, of the Afri- department cannot suffer, in justice to can Methodist Church, Strange as it the insular revenues and the local

Climatic influences cause a capriis his advocacy of branding, ear-crop- clousness of appletite unknown in the plng and banishment as the most ef- United States. There is an alternate fective measures for preventing the as- longing for sweets and acids, necessisaults of black men upon white tating the supply of a great quantity women. Since hanging, shooting and of candy, jams, preserves, pickles and burning have not operated as deterrent sauer kraut. The fresh meat supply, in these cases, there is clearly no rea- owing to the widespread depletion of son to suppose that the infliction of the stock of native cattle by the rinother cruel and unusual nunishments dernest, has been largely supplemented anarchy will soon be due to receive a will serve the end sought. Like the by the use of frozen beef of excellent colored overseer of the slave era, this quality, which is brought from Ausgood colored bishop probably feels it tralla by naval supply vessels. The incumbent upon him to be unduly sedepartment uses about fifteen tons per vere in his dealings with culprits of his day, and this furnished seven-tenths of proved that the savages' modes of deal- obtain an ample supply of ice and ren-Inquisition put down heresy, or Russian | ing with a certain class of the criminals | der the supplying of fresh meat more of the race has begotten savagery, and certain. The supply of fresh vegetables less majests inculcate more respect for not in any sense checked it. Burnings has been ample and of excellent quality, the Hohenzollerns? All the populous and other forms of lynching have not and has been brought from America,

Colonel Woodruff says that nearly every report, contrary to the idea of Lyons could not save Carnot from the they have steadily increased, showing the theorists, indicates that the present dagger, or those of Monza save Hum- the reflex power, of savagery in the Army ration is about perfect for service in the tropics. The recent addition to the amount of sugar and the addition of pickles, leaves little to be desired. Many competent to express an opinion desire more fresh meat, and it is a acy of scoundrels located in this country noteworthy fact that the more abun- and across the sea; that the deviltry tient attention must the remedies be and a half ago were forcibly brought to dant the issue of beef the less is the sought. Assemblies held to rejoice over these shores. Being here, all questions number on the sick report. Unless rice is forced upon them, the troops will bidden, and the New York proposal of solved here. He is helr by legitimate take beans seven-tenths of the time and registering every anarchist in the city heritage to all the rights and subject thrive upon them. The native ration, with its two pounds of rice and a little meat, did not keep the native prisoners in as good health as the Army ration. The Army ration was frequently

A new ration for native troops and

one for prisoners was established, giving a variety better constituted to keep evolved from the race problem, look- them in a healthy condition. These observations of Colonel Woodruff and his ity that was begotten by slavery. Sav- fixed conclusion that meat is a highly ages brought from the jungle two cen- necessary and principal factor of turies and a half ago; as savages utter- healthy diet in the tropics, are supported by the reports of our Army officers womanly purity; held down for genera- stationed in Cuba and Porto Rico, who tions by the heavy hand of bondage; in- say that all well-to-do people eat meat eagerly in those islands; that the only reason why the mass of the people eat sparingly of it is because they are too poor to afford it, even as the old-time Irish peasant ate many potatoes and little meat because he could not afford Invested with citizenship hastily and a meat diet. It is so in China; the as an exigency of war, they brought peasantry eat rice because it is cheap into it the attainder and curse of slav- diet, but in this country when a Chinaery-inherited / hatreds, brutalizing man can afford it he has no more use memories and a moral nature of low for a diet that is chiefly rice than has grade. That under these conditions an American. The latest English tourfoul and abhorrent crimes would follow lists in China report that the non-use of personal liberty might easily have been alcoholic drinks by the Chinese people foreseen. Not through a system of bar- is only confined to the mass of the people; that well-to-do Chinese are very fond of wine, and are not seldom inless need it has of legislative assist- with their accompanying reckless dis- temperate in the use of it. The mass regard of life and defiance of death, of the Chinese people, like the mass of will the race be lifted above the abyss | the people in ancient Athens and Rome, | undertakes to say, also, that our in- of moral degradation in which the slave do not get drunk because they cannot dustrial history proves that as our pro- trader found it and the system of afford to pay for the tipple. Socrates tected industries grow, their demand for slavery kept and left it, but through and Pericles used wine because they protection stackens. We have in the firm, prompt dealings of the law with could afford to pay for it. Economic reasons explain the popular non-use of tection and in the days of maturity An object-lesson in civilization-not in | meat in the tropics. The British soldier entire indifference. Carnegie, once an savagery-is what these black men of thrives best today in Calcutta on meat diet, even as he does in the temperate practical willingness to have free trade, and all forms of lawlessness they have zone, and so does our American soldier

The fire record for August showed an improvement over the preceding ing the past three years. The loss in the United States and Canada was increase of more than \$2,000,000 over July of last year, and of more than twice that sum over the loss of July. 1899. July, 1901, was exceedingly disastrous in the number and costliness of The Oregonian is in receipt of the re- fires. It is asserted that a continuance port of Colonel Charles A. Woodruff, of the July ratio for three months U. S. A., Chief Commissary of the di- would have forced at least half a dozen vision of the Philippines, from August fire insurance companies into retireeliminate infiammable materials from large cities. It seems to indicate that the fire fiend is in league with some is powerless to grapple successfully.

Considerable apprehension is felt that to defend the cup this year, easily bea the first Shamrock two years ago. It come the improvement that the victorious American yacht of 1899 has made over her old form. Doubtless this year's race will be closer than any other in the history of the cup, but there is no sound ground for the apprehension that the cup is likely to pass into English hands. 2.

Vice-President Roosevelt has, it is declared, "behaved admirably" since the President was wounded. It certainly was not expected that he would behave The average business man would fed, both in peace time and in the otherwise. He wants to be President of the United States, no doubt, and probably expects to be in due time, but no one supposes, or has any right to suppose, that he wants to succeed to it without an election in which he heads the ticket.

George Howard, a wealthy farmer of Wetumpka, Ala., was recently sentenced to life imprisonment for lynching a colored man who was accused of stealing chickens. The same jury of his neighbors has found two other men guilty of murder in the second degree for participating in the same crime. This looks like progress.

The Schley-Sampson controversy has been overshadowed completely during the past week by the attempt to assassinate the President. Decks are being cleared for action, however, and the greatest naval battle that has ever been fought on land will probably open on schedule time.

Senator Mason doubtless means well in his characterization of anarchy as treason, but his proposal for practical measures along that line is chimerical. The Constitution defines treason, and the definition does not fit Goldmanism.

ing, but it is noticed that she has sent no treasure-ship to Constantinople to carry home the money the Sultan must pay if he doesn't want to fight. Portland never before manifested so great and widespread interest in its

France has done a great deal of bluff-

alone is augury of no inconsiderable achievement. If the secret service detectives shall prove as successful as the surgeons,

second shock. _ In the last few days the Vice-President has added to his reputation for valor an even more enviable one for

The dangers of aerial navigation are greatly overestimated. The majority of the flying machines never leave the earth.

Our old friend the thermometer will now take a vacation till along about the holidays.

WHAT OF CONSPIRATORS?

Salt Lake Tribune.

The brute who shot the President said

that he was influenced by the writings of one unsexed, unnatural woman. We believe that he lied. The indications all point to the fact that there is a conspirmeditated in this country is planned beyoud the sea, so that only one victim will be punished, and that that planned for Europe is on this side. In the fairest gardens are noxious weeds. Some are asily eradicated; some, when torn from the ground, leave fibers which, with renewed life, spring up and their extermination is almost impossible. It is so in the advancement of man. There are noxious weeds in the garden of civilization, and to exterminate them seems al-most an impossibility. Under our insti-tutions those weeds have just as much protection as the plants which bring forth flowers or fruit. The question is whether it is not time to restrain the liberties of certain classes; whether it is not a duty of the Government, when men are known to preach or to indorse the preaching of assassination or of treason, whether as a just self-defense, it is not proper and right to put such men in places where they can do no more harm. Under the theory of our Government all men have a right to personal liberty, freedom of thought, freedom of expression, but that law contemplated that no matter how depraved a man might be, his very depravity would neutralize his preaching, and that it was not right, no matter what a man's opinions might be, to interfere with him unless he commits some overt act. The trouble is that when such a man does commit an overt act, a wrong has been perpetrated that the lives of ten thousand such men cannot make restilution for. This man that shot the President was a

healthy man, capable of going out and earning wages which in two or three years would have made him independent; which would have given him a start with which, and his work, he could have carved out a full independence for him and for hose who might be dependent upon him. Tarough some perverted aberration of his mind, and probably through a hatred from the first for honest work, he began to take on the idea that the world owed him a living; and a little inter that the world had got to give him a living; a little later that because the world did not bring to him a living, the world was wrong, and so he drifted down and down and down until, in his laziness, his heartlessness and through an indefinable vanity which clwars possessed him, he was brought to the point of attacking the man most necessary to all the people of the United States, a life compared with which millions like his would not weigh a grain in the balance. It is useless to speculate now on the degrees down which he has traveled to reach his present state; but the point which interests every one is what can be done to restrain that class of wretches and insure safety to men in authority and respectable men every-where? We believe that as we quaran-tine offes against disease, as we abate nuisances everywhere, as we take ad-vantage in advance of means to suppress threatened danger, to either the morals or the well-being of men, so we have a right to assume that when men preach the justification of murder in order to do away with tyrants, they are engaged in an unlawful conspiracy, and that it is not proper to permit them to judge who are tyrants, but to restrain them in such a way that the evil thoughts in their brains annot find expression, as did the evil thought in that wretch's brain in Buffalo

Russia's New Port.

San Francisco Call.

While the world has been watching Russian efforts in the direction of obtaining a port on the Pacific better fitted for com. erce than Vladivostock, and has been noting carefully her movements to effect a ledgmen in Manchuria, the Russians themselves have turned a portion of their energies westward and are now preparing for the construction of a deep-water ca-nal from the Baltic to the Arctic Ocean. so that in case of European complications their fleets and merchant vessels could get into the Atlantic without having to vithout having to run the gauntlet of the Baltic.

The Arctic terminus of the canal is to be at Alexandrovsk, a port which has been recently constructed at Kola Bay, on the Marman coast. It is said the Russian authorities have found the port to be almost free from ice, and that they have con-structed there a safe harbor for the largest war vessels, with ample accommodations for a considerable fleet minus of the canal in the White Sea will be at Sorozkaja. By the routes of the canal the distance from St. Petersburg to Sorozkaja will be very nearly 600 miles, and to Alexandrovsk 1000 miles, while the present route around the Scandinavian Peninsula is 2870.

It is estimated that the cost of the canal will not be great when the length of the route and the advantages to be gained are taken into consideration. Between St. Petersburg and Sorozkaja the route will traverse rivers and lakes for almost the whole distance, so that little will have to be done on that part of the line further than to deepen and regulate the natural waterways. The remainder of the route will also be easy of construction, for the surveys have disclosed the fact that at a former age there was a natural waterway connecting the northern end of the Baltic with the Arctic, and a belt of shallow lakes situated among low hills

still marks its former course.

The strategic value of the route in case of a war with Germany or Great Britain will be great, for at present either of those powers could virtually cork Russia up in the Baltic and prevent her fleets from operating on the ocean. When the canal has been opened a different situation will present itself. Russia will have two avenues to the ocean, and it is not likely both could be closed against her.

It does not appear that the Russians ex-pect much of the canal in the way of commercial advantage, but of course something will be gained in that direction also. It will be seen that the great inland empire is rapidly making its way to the seas. It has now an ample frontage on the Pacific. By the recent treaty with Persia it obtains a virtual control of the best ports on the Persian Gulf, and has thus gained admission to the Ocean. When the new canal to the Arctic has been opened there will remain but one avenue more to be provided, that of admission to the Mediterranean, and even that may be acquired mch soo now seems likely or even possible.

Come to the Pacific Northwest. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A region larger than Europe is still un-occupied west of the Mississippi River. The thousands who rushed to Oklahoma and were disappointed in the land allotment have still an Immense field for selecwelfare as it does today. This fact tion.

> His Promise. S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald. When she was twenty-one or so And he was forty-three, She placed her hand in his, and they Went laughing down a flowery way, From all forebodings free.

> "Til guide your footsteps, dear," he said, And you shall lean on me." They started forth with hearts aglow. When she was twenty-one or so, And he was forty-three.

I saw them passing yesterday, And she once silm and fair, No longer stepped with airy tread, And he nor guided her nor led

Her leaning on him there.

The youthful charm of long ago Alas! was here no more, but with a guardian angel's care he wheeled him, doddering, in his To whom she clung before.

A DERELICT HUSBAND.

Louisville Courier-Journal, If Mrs. August Simmons, of Hodgenma. County, Kansas, tells the truth about her husband that gentleman's reputation will never be of much value hereafter.

Mrs. Simmons, in a petition for divorce, alleges that her husband, since their marriage two years ago, has failed and re-fused to pet, kiss or caress her, and that once when she attempted to steal a kiss

from him he slapped her and spat in her Mr. Simmons, we may presume, has not made a formal answer, but the nature of his defense is outlined, doubtless, on the strength of what he has said out of court. He holds to the theory that kissing is no conducive to health, and intends to intro duce expert evidence to prove it. said that he will be able to get the testi-mony of physicians to support the theory

that kissing is unwholesome.

We naturally suspect a man who defends himself against the charge that he has refused to kiss his wife on the ground that it is not conducive to health. The male person who gets mar-ried is estopped from interposing such a defense. A well-advised court, we think, would decide that it is wholly immaterial whether kissing is wholesom or not. Certainly that is the mental at titude of most married men and of prac-tically all the unmarried. Whoever is unwilling to incur any slight danger that may result has not courage enough to enter into the estate of matrimony. There are many other perils attending marriag more serious than a mere possib ontact of the lips may transmit some

If Mrs. Simmons states the case fairly her husband's plan is insincere. In spite of his refusal to caress her, she alleges that he has frequently kissed other women, and that once he kissed a woman in her presence. If these facts be established it will show clearly enough that the delinquent husband is not really so much impressed with the danger of kissing as he pretends. Such conduct is altogether in keeping with the character of a man who will slap his wife for try-

ing to steal a kiss.

If, however, Mrs. Simmons took the risk of going to the altar without find-ing out whether her prospective husband could be relied on to bestow marital caresses, it might be a grave question whether she was not guilty of contribu-tory negligence. On the other hand, ir it should appear that Mr. Simmons had kissed her before marriage, his conduct after the wedding would seem to be a clear case of false pretense.

A Degrading Spectacle.

New York World. With a brutality little in accord with what should be the spirit of the city and the times, certain managers are exploiting in and about New York an unfortu nately notorious woman of Kansas. Carrie Nation is the irresponsible victim of her own violent fanaticism and of the unenvinble publicity into which her mistaken zeal has brought her. She should be re-strained, not as a criminal, but as one not realizing the mischlef, disorder and humiliation attendant upon her course. For the profit of conscienceless men a helpless, blinded woman is dragged before morbid, jeering crowds. In the act her whole sex is insulted and an affront is purupon the decent sense of the community. The miserable business should be stopped

The Bosses Are Absolute.

Pittsburg Post. Nothing is more incomprehensible to the minitiated outsider than the absolute supremacy of Croker and Flatt in New York city politics. The people of New York go on year after year paying homage to those two men, and now, when there is a life-and-death struggle in progress. the people dare not move without consulting the nonresident Republican boss. And when Mr. Platt questions the right of Croker to say who shall be Mayor of New York, the answer is that Croker has quite as good a right as Platt has,

The Growing Pension List. New York Journal.

The annual report of the Commissioner f Pensions shows that 26 years after the lose of the war there are more pe ers on the rolls than ever before in our history. There are more people drawing pensions from the Government today than there were men under arms when our armies were mustered out at the close of theirs are not to be compar the war. And there is no sign of any slackening of the current. The farther we get away from the war in which these pensions are alleged to have been earned the bigger grows the bill.

Chicago Chronicle.

A learned contemporary states that Chicagonus are signing a petition which re-clares that if the Boer war continues South Africa will be "depopulized," South Africa is populized it cannot be d populized too soon or too completely. The same is true of the Democratic part in this country. If it had never been pop ulized most likely a Democratic administration would now be in power and a whole lot of dreadful "problems" would

Unrelieved Calamity. Kansas City Journal.

"Mr. Bryan's Labor day speech at Kansas City," says the Topeka Capital, "was pure, old-fashioned calamity, unrelieved hy a single ray of hone or good cheer suffered two overwhelming defeats for the Presidency and is given to understand by his party that it wants no more of him? Hope and good cheer do not spring from biasted ambitions.

Welcome to Him.

Baltimore American. Richard Croker, it is said, wants to be an English subject. Great Britain is quite welcome to this notable addition to her population, though the gentleman himself may find more difficulty than he anticipates in English politics in the congenial occupation of "working for his own pocket all the time."

To England. Alfred Austin, in the London Times,

Heed not those voices, whether hoursely born Through leagues of mist from lands where Envy growls At unassallable greatness and your scorn Of powerless snaris and scowls,

Or hissed out, nearer home, from foul-fanged throat Of treason, eager to besmirch and slay Our far-off hero-brother, and to vote An empire's weal away.

But hearken only to the imperative voice Of your own conscience, purified from limit Of victory or vengeants, and rejoice Solely in what is just.

And, as a firm-willed steadfast-steering back 'Gainst buffeting winds and tempest-tattere Mid jarring elamor, on through day, through dark, spray, Cleaves its appointed way.

And-while keels feebler toss, the shivering of multitudinous billows, drenched and drowned, Then derelict-thinks only of the port To which its chart is bound,

So keep male mind and unrepreachful soul Set to your purpose, free from dread or ire. Until you sight and gain unto the goal

Forgetful never that the strong still must, If cherishing freedom, keep her flag un furled
Long as God wills to give to them in trust
The welfare of the world.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Czolgosz did more to eradicate anarchy than to destroy government.

Some minstrel jokes are older than oth

ers. That's the only difference. Perhaps we shall have that free swimming bath in time for the 1905 Exposition,

The purpose of the Colorado heetle which

has invaded the English gardens is mare-

y benevolent assimilation. Lyceum bureaus are now looking for the men who are going in search of the Baldwin-Zeigler exploration party.

If the effort to suppress fictitious titles shall succeed, how is a traveler going to know when he is in Kentucky?

Now Canada has a job-lot of islands to dispose of. Uncle Sam, however, has about all he can use for the present.

It now develops that Senator Depew's resolution to be interviewed no more was only one of his well-known wittleisms. The vacation season is drawing to a

close, and the small boy and the Summer hotel-keepers are the chief mourners, Mr. Herreschoff must have got the years mixed up when he built Constitution and

Columbia, and turned out the wrong boat

first.

Millionaires say that money is a great deal of trouble. Perhaps that is why some people are always ready to borrow it.

Over 2000 dogs in Baltimore have been found wearing bogus Heenses. And yet Byron and other poets have referred to dogs as honest!

Richard Croker, it is said, desires to become a British subject. If Great Britain has an eye to her welfare he will be alone in his desire.

A Denver physician has discovered that the vermiform appendix has a use. It has probably been instrumetal in enabling him. to purchase a new electric runabout.

Mr. E. O. Spitsner asks The Oregonian for the name of a poem entitled "Ber-beries Aquifolium," which appeared in these columns December 8, 1899, over the nom de plume. "The Sweet Singer of Clackamas." The name of the author has been lost, and if he will come forth from his obscurity and "own up" he will con-

fer a favor on Mr. Spitzner, Among recent deaths is that of the Duke of Leuchtenberg, at St. Petersburg. The Duke of Leuchtenberg was a General of infantry in the Russian Army, and was a descendant in the direct line of Eugene Beauharnais, who was Josephine's son, an adopted son of Napoleon I, and a Viceroy of Italy. Eugene Beauharnais' son married a daughter of Czar Nicho-

M. Paderewski, like other mortals of less note, has his hobby-name, billiards. He plays nearly every day when he can spare time from practicing and compos ing, and is a very fair cueist. "I think I like billiards," he says, "because it not only exercises my eye and hand, and keeps them in training even when I am amusing myself, but it also produces to me the delicate and refined artistic feelings which I have often to express on the piano, and when, for instance, I play my favorite Chopin."

GATES AJAR, Or., Sept. 10.-(To the Editor.)-I see by your paper that some of my Scandinavian neighbors along the Santlam have been dropping into verse. I don't blame them-living where the birds and the streams and the winds as they sway the tall fir trees make melody all the year round-the wonder is that our people do not speak as well as write in rhyme. Now, without attempting to disparage the poetical effusions of my Scandinavian friends, I beg to submit that works of Thomas Moore, Oliver Goldsmith, Bartholomew Dowling, Samuel Lover or many other Irish bards because they are not the heirs of the ages of sad but remantic history that has in-

spired. THE POETRY OF IRELANDA Old Ireland is the home, sure, of postry and Hongi Say bravery and beauty, too, and then you'fl

There, poetry just bubbles up like water from Twould warm the cockles of your heart to hear our posts sing. Our Irish lads and colleens are true to home

and God, And heroes' blood enriches the dear old Irish For Ireland's sons have well been taught both pen and sword to wield. And hones of Irish patriots bleach on many a hard-fought field.

From Fontenoy to Fredericksburg in many & bloody fray, Their flery Celife charge has changed the fortunes of a day. In Freedom's cause, in many lands, the ty-rant's away they've checked, And friend and foe alike have learned their valor to respect.

With such memories to cherish, where'er we chance to rove, What wonder we should stories tell of glory and of love; With the memories of Ireland's wrongs inspiring heart and brain.
What wonder that our numbers often glide in mournful strain.

The postry of other lands may tell their story But the poetry of Ireland o'er us casts a magic spell.

The postry of other lands compiles with rules of art.

But the postry of Ireland is the throbbing of her hear.

O'TOOLE.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS Quite Recent .- Mrs. Porkchops-Bah! They're re parvenus. Mr. Porkchops-Er-got their

money since we did? Mrs. Perkchops Why, yes. They just struck oil in Texas, -Brooklyn. "When I get to heaven," said a woman to her Buconian husband, "I am going to ask Shakespeare if he wrote those plays." "Maybe

te won't be there," "Then you ask him." entd his wife,-Tit-Bits. Not Unusual.—"A problem news!? What's the problem?" "There are several, but the one that arrests the attention of the thought-ful reader is 'How in the world did the author

ever manage to get a publisher." "-Life, Un-American. "She keem a strictly American boarding-house, doesn't she?" "Yes, and that makes it seem all the more out of place

that so many of her boarders should take French leave."—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. His Characteristics.-Visitor-Whom do you take after Bobby, your papa or mamma? Sobby Jones-That depends; when Aunt Sarah's here ma says I take after her folks, and when Uncle Silas Jones is here ma says I'm a regu-lar Jones. They're both re-cich!—Lesilo's

An Oversight.-The visiting team came to bat for the last time and made eight runs, just enough to win, "Yah!" shouted the victorious captain, "I thought you said you could see our finish at the becinning," "So I did," replied the other, dolefully, "but I couldn't see your big inning at the finish!"-Philadelphia Press. Unreasonable.—"Look here" angrily ex-cialmed the householder, pointing to a sigar stump that lay on the floer of the back porch, "That was in the tump of ice you left here yesterday morning!" "Well," belligerently re-plied the iceman, "what did you expect to get for to centa? A box of perfector?"—Chicago Tribune.