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TODAY'S WEATHER-Partly cloudy, with YESTERDAY'S WEATHER-Maximum tem

imum temperature, 36; pre cipitation, none.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, NOV. 26.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION LAW. It is not a question whether the primary election law, known as the Lockwood act, is the best one, or as good a one, as could have been devised. The question considered by our courts was whether the act was or was not violative of the provisions of the fundamental law. The courts hold that it does not violate them; therefore it must stand, It was an act within the discretion of the Legislature.

The act was very carefully considered by the Judges of the Circuit Court for Multnomah County, Their opinion in support of its validity was unanimous. It was appealed to the Supreme Court, where again the decision is unanimous in support of it.

It is settled, therefore, that we may have-and we do have-a law for regulation and control of primary elec- authorities. The moment the suspects tions. This gives the people of Oregon a chance, for the first time, of making other in their eagerness to turn state's nominations. No clique, junta or party committee, pretending to the sanctity of party regularity, controlling the any other great crime would always whole machinery of party primaries and conventions, and denying all rights of contest or opposition, can, hencefor-ward, have full sway. All the mem-dered, nobody but the murderer saw the bers of the party-of each party-will now have a chance. This is a great change and reform, even though the law may be imperfect in some of its details.

The opinion of the Supreme Court is it entire. It is the emancipation of the people from party bosses. It will be keep a conventions may not be worked so cal boss can be rushed through a pri- greatly in excess of his ambition or his Regarding placers, the report speaks and c That fa

of vagrancy can always be enforced against them; often they may be held on suspicion, and a little telegraphing will develop the fact that they are either arrested or given ten minutes in which to leave town whenever they are haunts which they infest should be instituted every day. Measures of this kind would soon lend terror to the name of Portland among them, and their operations would largely be confined to other places. No matter how much they may be wanted by penitentiary wardens and Sheriffs of their acquaintance, they are not wanted in Portland, and they should not be tolerated here.

## SNARED BY STUPIDITY.

The murderers of young Morrow have been apprehended through their own stupidity, as are most murderers that are brought to justice. The popular saying that "Murder will out" is not often true unless the crime is committed before witnesses or is accompanied by robbery, whose spoils furnish damning evidence of guilt. The murderer of Morrow, had he worked without confederates, would not be in cus-tody today, or at least would be in no danger of conviction, unless he chose

to conferm. The record of famous murders in great cities includes a great many criminal homicides whose authors have never been brought to justice. If the assassin is absolutely without confederates; if he keeps his own counsel; if no property of his victim can be traced to his possession, murder is a comparatively easy crime to commit without detection, provided that brains are exercised in its plot and execution. The reason why so many murderers are brought to justice is solely because of the extreme stupidity of the assassin. The average assassin who is caught is generally a stupid fellow, who either has a confederate when he commits the crime or discovers his deed to one of his boon companions or to a babbling concubine when he is in his cups. A deal of exaggerated praise is bestowed fighter, especially when his quarrel is upon the detective skill of the police just. in great cities, when, as a matter of fact, they make all their arrests through information obtained from the pals or

paramours of the suspect. This information is secured sometimes by purchase, sometimes it is obtained by pressure upon persons who cannot afford to be plached by indictments that are not dead but are only sleeping in official

pigeonholes. The arrest of the murderers of Morrow was simple ancugh. Three or four fellows are privy to the crime and talk about it so much that their landlady grows so suspicious through their behavior that she communicates with the are arrested they tumble over each evidence. Of course, if all murderers were of this mental quality, murder or "out"; but, unfortunately for the world's peace and safety, all murderers

dered, nobody but the murderer saw the

murder; no property was taken; the murderer was absolutely safe from detection if he could keep his own mouth shut and that of his confederate. But the confederate leaked to other "sympathising friends" of the principal asso important that The Oregonian prints same and himself, and of course discovery, arrest and confession all followed in quick succession. There is scarcely worth while, now, for any set really no more mystery about murder of men to organize a "gang" and and murderers than there is about other "machine." Primaries and great crimes and criminals. A criminal as a rule is nothing but the evolution smoothly hereafter; but no ticket made up in the office of a politi-whose appetites and other desires are n their full gratifi

the privilege to stay in town. Charges ried out as an inflexible rule and carried to its logical conclusion without prompt revolt on the part of a selfrespecting man." It is very plain that the President, in his efforts to enforce wanted in other cities. They should be the civil service law, both in spirit and letter, far beyond the example of President McKinley, need not expect any seen, and a vigorous inspection of the sympathy from the New York Sun. It is not impossible that President Roofevelt may at a later day encounter some more or less vigorous opposition, open or covert, to his policy, for it is sure to make the place-hunting element in the party hostile.

The President has announced that he should exclude political influence of every sort, direct or indirect, from the Army, the Navy and the colonies. He is certain to keep his word, and with all appointments to these branches of the public service removed from the reach of Congressmen hunting places for their "poor relations" and other proteges, there will not be much left that is worth distributing.

The President is right, and he will be supported by public sentiment, but the place-hunters and political spoilsmen in the party have long memories. If they find out by experience that the President is in earnest and that they cannot obtain what they want in shape of spolls, they will be sure ultimately to block the President's policy and political ambition, if possible, by fair means or foul

Every President who has tried to reform the public service by rescuing it from the hands of place-hunting and spoils-seeking Congressmen has sooner or later had a fight on his hands. Hayes, Garfield, Cleveland, all essayed the part of the reformer in insisting that, since the President had to bear the responsibility for the worth or worthlessness of an appointment, the President should not be expected simply to ratify the nominations of placehunting Congressmen. Place-hunters and spollsmon are numerous enough in Congress to command a good deal of influence, and it will not surprise the country if they show their teeth to the President at the first favorable opportunity. But the President is a good

## COUNTRY NOT ALL GOLD.

Two interesting and valuable reports Alaska have just been issued by the United States Geological Survey, one on the geology and mineral resources of the Copper River district, and the other a reconnoissance of the Cape Nome and adjacent gold fields of Seward Peninsula. These documents have the merit, unusual in a Government report, of being reasonably fresh, the investigations upon which they are based having been completed less than a year ago. Numerous half-tone reproductions of photographs and new and accurate maps illustrate the text advantageously. Added to the technical account of geoogical history and conditions in the Copper River country is a statement of the mineral resources of the region. Copper, of course, takes the lead, and it is found in numerous places, in fissure veins and in mineralized zones. Indications of coal and oll were discovered, one spicimen of coal analyzed containing 82 per cent fixed carbon and being rated as semi-anthracite. Stories of gold, however, are what brought the

Copper River country into its recent prominence, and what the report says on this point is of general interest. It speaks of the quartz veins near Alagnik, on the north side of the Copper River delta, pronouncing the prospects to be promising. "On the whole," says the report, which is written by Frank C. Schrader and Arthur C. Spencer, "the Alagnik region seems worthy of the further attention of mining men." as follows:

Gold is of general occurrence in the stream

gravels throughout the Copper River district and along the adjacent shores of the Facilie Ocean, but has not been shown to be of eco-nomic importance except in a few localities.

all given large gifts in money or houses obtained by popular subscription, and Mrs. Garfield received a very large sum of money obtained in the same way. Our form of government includes no aristocracy with the social obligations of high artificial rank; but if it did we should vote money to our great soldiers and sailors, if their pay would not decently support the rank. Napoleon, whenever he created a Marshal and made him also a Duke, gave him a large sum of money to support his rank. but when he made a General merely a Marshal the promotion did not carry with it a gift of money. St. Cyr was made a Marshal, but not a Duke, and received no money, while Ney, Soult and Suchet received large sums of money, because they were placed in the Napoleonic peerage with the title of

Duke.

England's most pessimistic criticeven he who sees in the events of the past few years the beginning of the end of the British Empire-must allow that the loyalty of the colonies to the mother country, as shown in the prompt and even eager response to the call for soldiers to serve in South Africa, and later in the enthusiastic reception which the heir apparent received on his recent tour of the colonies, is an element of latent strength which, when needed, will spring into life. "For the first time," says Sydney Brooks in a late magazine article, "the British Empire is a vibrating and unified whole. The days when England all but let her colonies slip through her hands through sheer apathy; when responsible statesmen talked in public about educating the colonies in independence, are irre-

trievably gone." If it is, indeed, true that a new era has opened for England with union instead of separation for its watchword, plainly the nation is growing away from Europe and toward empire.

another constitutes murder in the first degree, the penalty for which is hanging. Whether "Kid" McFadden is pripcipal and Dalton accessory, or vice versa, cuts small figure. Both are murderers instinctively. The law of Oregon as interpreted by the State Circuit Court for the fourth judicial district has sent to the gallows at least three murderers who shot and killed persons whom they were not "laying for," notably Brown and Johnson in 1879 and Murray, the painter, some seven years later. There need be small fear that the slayers of young Morrow will escape the law's penalty.

There is nothing startling-certainly nothing unbellevable-in the statement so persistently made that Pope Leo XIII is nearing the end of his earthly career. Aged, frail, the victim of natural decay, the venerable pontiff cannot long survive. This is Nature, and her decree is inexorable. Grief does not wait upon its execution, nor sorrow veil her eyes, when it is accomplished. All that mortal may do in such an event is to tread lightly, speak reverently and accept cheerfully the impartial sentence that is passed alike upon the exalted and the lowly of earth.

The trial of two Umatilla Indians for killing a witch recalls the fact that it is not yet twenty years since some farmers of Scandinavian blood were tried in Central New York for the killing of a so-called wizard who was charged with killing their cattle and working all sorts of mischief. We have forgotten the exact issue of the trial, but remember that the infatuated Scandinavians were not hanged for murder, although the killing was confessed.

Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota, an-

# WHAT THE PRIMARY LAW IS.

The primary law applies only to the City of Portland, being applicable only to cliles of 10.000 or more inhabitants. It is made the duty of the County Clerk

to designate a day to be known as pri-mary day, which shall be at least 60 days

before the general election. The Democratic and Republican primar-ies shall be held at the same time. No nominations made by any conventhe Marquam last night, shows that the tion of delegates shall be printed on the official ballot for use in the general elec-tion unless the delegates are selected at miracle may be accomplished-by a woman of the same kind. a primary election held in accordance with the act, but this does not preclude nom-inations by assemblages of electors or ingreat actresses who have been seen in Portland. Her art is that of a mature dividual electors. intellectual woman, who does what she Not less than seven days before the pri-

mary election the managing committees of political parties shall publish notice of the proposed convention, the number of delegates and apportionment. Four days before the primary election

affectation, possessed of a wonderful voice and a still more wonderful gift of using it, and capable of understanding a charthe managing committees shall file with the County Clerk a list of delegates to the convention, which shall be known as the regular ticket. Ten members of a political acter so thoroughly that her every action is the only one natural or possible to that character under existing conditions. The party in any ward or precinct may file an independent ticket. Independent tickets great success she has achieved is due to indeps shall her rather than to the play, which depends absolutely on her part for its strength, and simply because the first Duchess of be numbered consecutively when there are more than one, or several.

The ballots shall be the same as the ballots now used in a general election, and shall be voted in the same way, by marking "X" opposite the names voted for. There shall be a separate ballot for each Ing "X" party. The judges and clerks appointed in Jan-

Marlborough, as reincarnated in the per-son of Mrs. Le Moyne, is a woman of a fine sense of humor. She is a woman of action, ico, and that is why the play is so full of action, and why its interest is maintained so well to the last, for the dramatist has, and with wisdom, left much to the star. Incidentally he has uary to serve at the general election shall serve at the primary. much to the star. Incidentally, he made rather strong characters of Harley and Mrs. Masham, has sketched an amia-

The polls shall open at 8 o'clock A. M. and close at 6 o'clock P. M., and the elec-tion shall be conducted in all respects the ame as a general election. The poll-books shall be the same, also

the tally sheets, as in a general election. There shall be a ballot-box for each party and the precinct registers shall be previded by the county.

## REPORT ON POSTAL AFFAIRS.

## Madden Reports a Number of Abdses -Recommendations.

Coast by Mrs. Flake last year. The story of the play is simple. The Duchess of Mariborough, once powerful in the court of Anne, is made the victim of a plot concocted by Mrs. Masham, a beau-tiful favorite, whom she herself has ele-vated. The crafty Harley mixes his brains with Masham's venom, and the pair succeed in convincing the Queen that the Duchess has stolen the signet ring, in order to carry out a pet plan of WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.-Third Assist-nt Postmaster-General Edwin C. Madden, in his annual report, recommende the consolidation of the third and fourth-class mail matter, an increase of the limit of indemnity for the loss of regis-tored matter from \$10 to \$100, and that postal employes be made liable for the value of registered matter lost through their createness. The total postal series ring, in order to carry out a pet plan of the Duko's, the degradation of the bril-liant Swift. The plot succeeds for a time, their chrelessness. The total postal reve-nues for the year from all sources were \$11,631,193, being \$3,923,727 less than the exconditures. This is exclusive of the cost of transporting the mails over the cost of transporting the mails over the subsi-dized Pacific railroads that have not yet settled their bonded accounts with the Government. The total value of stamped papers and stamp books issued during the year was \$104,747,587. The issue of postage stamp hooks is successful as a successful stamp books is regarded as a successful experiment.

Duchess a woman who compels admira-tion. Now checking extreme rage by sheer will, now sarcastically volcing her con-Experiment. The amount of second-class matter mailed free of postage to actual sub-scribers within the county of publication constitutes practically 7 per cent of the entire amount mailed. Mr. Madden says tempt for the pettiness of the court and all within it, she is always natural, always womanly, always convincing. Ther-is nothing sentimental or tearful about It is but a question of time, if the rate of increase of second-class matter continues, before it will consume most, if not all, the her. She does not sadly sollloquize on the her, she does not sadly somodule on the fact that she has reached the highest point of all her greatness, or deplore the wretched state of those who hang on Frinces' favors. If misfortune beets her she undertakes to mend them, and gets revenues derived from other classes of mail matter. While second-class mail matter, combined with its necessary equipment, constitutes practically two-thirds of the combined weight of all the four classes of mail matter, it furnishes fiant in adversity, and is troubled with no impossible desire to forgive and forget only slightly over 4 per cent of the reve-nue from all postages. About 50 per cent of this nominal and unsustaining rate, Mr. Madden says, is due to a constructhe highest kind of art, can accomplish what she does, and the people who lis-tened to and watched her in surprise and tion of the statutes which has prevented the admission of a great number of ai-leged newspapers and periodicals which delight, and gave her curtain call after curtain call, knew more about good act-ing when they left the theater than when are merely pretensions. The principal abuses of the pound rate named by the re-port are sample copies, bulk subscriptions, ok scrials, return copies to news agents head of the support, and is a fine actor His part calls for much skill and adroit and pramiums to subscribers, the latter being characterized as the king of abuses. The hope is expressed that the next an-nual report will show the second class of His scene alone with the Duchess is his best in the play, but everything he does is mail practically free from at least the larger abuses. This reformation, the re-port says, may make 1-cent postage pracborough who really looked and behaved like a soldler, and Joseph Wilkes was an icable st no distant date.

Another big batch of publications ex-Mary E. Barker gave to Queen Anne the similitude of good-natured vaccillation that the dramatist intended, and looked ter, under the new policy governing that classification, was announced today. Most of them are serials published in Minneap-olis and Philadelphia. The list includes several newspaper almanacs and railroad

### AMUSEMENTS.

"A woman's heart and a man's brains"

had the first Duchess of Marlborough, ac

cording to Harley. Such a creature would

be impossible of interpretation to many-

yes, to most actreases, but the case with

which she was made to live, breathe and

act by Mrs. Sarah Cowell Le Movne, in

"The First Duchess of Mariborough," at

Mrs. Le Moyne is one of the few really

does because she knows it is the right

thing to do and who shows her audience

that it could be done in no other way. She is entirely free from mannerism of

bly weak Queen with much skill, and has invested the Duke of Mariborough with a dignity which is in agreeable con-

trast to the stalking asses which one ordi

natily sees in the persons of great English soldiers and statesmen on the stage. For all of these characters excellent players

have been found, and the company as a whole is the best that has appeared in Portland since that brought to the Facilie

out the Duchess' brains triumph at the

last, and the curtain falls on the confusion of the plotters.

Through every scene, whether pleading

before her Queen the cause of the great Mariborough who had been openly slan-dred, whether sounding Harley to deter-

mine what is his game, or whether stand

ing before her sovereign and violently giv-ing her the lie, Mrs. LeMoyne makes the

results. She is splendid in prosperity, de

when she finally triumphs. Only art, and

Frederic Paulding, as Harley, is at the

well done, and he leaves no situation

mproved. Harold Russell made a Marl-

came into it.

excellent Swift.

Coast by Mrs. Flake last year.

No Washington has yet arisen in the struggling Republic of Yukon Territory.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

What about the nawnbroker who sold a gun to a man with a face like Wade's?

Perhaps, after the holidays, the brigands will mark down the price of ransoms,

The British still have a month wherein to prepare for that 2-year-old Christmas dinner.

Many private secretaries are now struggling with many speeches which will tever be heard.

Calling a man a Populist does not inult him any more. The name has lost its reproach with the disappearance of the party.

The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse took \$7,000,000 with her on her last trip to Europe What is Mr. Morgan going to buy now?

A colored man voted ten times in Phildelphia the other day. To disfranchise such a man as this would be to make the dark vote very light.

The court has inflicted life imprison-. ment on two Indians. It might have been more merciful to set their lives free -with a hangman's noose.

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The streets will now be clear of footands for a time, and if a few scorchers could be captured the public might resume the use of the sidewalks.

When Bryan views the cordwood and pumpkins that are coming in for subscriptions, he must regret the harsh things he has said about gold.

President Roosevelt will not be bothered by a rush of publishers for his latest literary work. The Congressional Record will have the inside track on that,

If Mrs. Roosevelt will extend her essay on dressing on \$300 a year so as to make it applicable to the wives of men who receive \$1 a day, she will fill a long-felt want.

There is a hint for thirsty Kansas farm aborers in this item from an exchange: Farmers about Cortland, N. Y., a prohibition district, were puzzled to find that their hands got drunk without any visible liquor supply. They finally discovered that the employces had tapped the silo for the juice of the green cornstalks, which, fermented, makes a liquor that is pleasant, but most terrible.

The Cowthorpe oak is the largest in England. It is reputed to be over 1600 years old, and its branches cover half an acre. At the close of the seventeenth century, according to Evelyn's "Sylva," it was 78 feet in circumference at the base of the trunk. Since then a quantity of earth has been placed round it as a support. It is estimated to contain at the present time 73 tons of timber.

A paper in an Illinois town relates that a woman went to the telegraph office and informed the operator that her husband had gone to Chicago to get a motto for a Sunday school, but she had forgotten to tell him the inscription or how large the motto was to be. She then wrote a telegram to him containing the needed information, and handed it the the operator. It read: "My Dear Frank, Saratoga Hotel, Chicagos Unto us a child hi born, 5 feet long and 2 feet wide."

Snow is a substance which offers a most surprising resistance to penetration by a rifle bullet, far more, indeed, than wood, Experiments made in Norway have shown that a snow wall four feet thick is absolutely proof against the Norwegian army rifle, which, by the way, is of quite exceptional piercing power, and that at all ranges from 50 yards up to half a mile. This suggests a new means of defense in Winter campaigning, as snow is far more easily and quickly handled than earth or sandbags.

A wealthy American who took the

Lying in wait for one man and killing

over.

In Portland, especially, this decision means much. It means that there may now be a primary election. It means that there may be some approach to ascertainment of the popular will. Hitherto tickets have been made, as was the Republican ticket of 1900, by not above three men, and nobody else permitted a word. It was the revolt from this usurpation that beat the Reof this primary election law, under which there will be at least some approximation to falmess in making nominations.

#### LET THEM MOVE ON.

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The murderous thugs who shot down James Morrow are not likely to get a chance at any more victims, but how about the other low foreheads who may be seen about the streets in the North End, and in the saloons where that sort of crooks congregate? The fact that these two fellows were looking for a certain gambler is proof that they had been around town long enough to pick up considerable local information, unmolested by the police the while, and probably never questioned as to their right to be here. It has long been the practice with police detectives to meet "Red O'Brien," "Three-Fingered Donovan" and other gentry who have lately doffed the stripes, and to allow them to remain in the city provided they "turn no tricks" themselves and "put the offiters wise" to any offenses committed by other crooks. Patrolmen who have rought suspicious characters into the police station have learned that they were "working" for this or that pair of detectives, and must immediately be liberated in consequence.

There is no evidence that this sort of thing exists now in an aggravated form, but there is always more or less of it going on without the knowledge of the Chief of Police, whom the detectives do not, as a rule, choose to take into their confidence. The practice is not confined to Portland; it is common to almost every city, and every detective force, and it is always vicious in its results. While it enables detectives to make arrests now and then which they could not do otherwise, it allows a dangerous class of criminals to live in security, without fear of arrest unless they are proven guilty of some particular overt act.

It is easy to guess the value of promises of thugs to "turn no tricks themseives." Time and again ex-convicts who have been here on sufferance have een caught in burgiaries and hold-ups. What they want is police protection and a promise to a detective is a cheap and easy way to get it. The breaking of faith causes them no sleepless nights, and the "turning" of one good "trick" will enable them to depart for some other city and make fresh promises to fresh detectives.

These fellows are almost invariably known to at least one or two of the police detectives, and no amount of in-

by honest industry, and he will be sure to become either a public parasite or a thief of some sort. If he is an intellectual man of high intelligence, he becomes perhaps a gilt-edged gambler; perhaps a "confidence man"; perhaps a deft or smooth enough to be an intellectual scoundrel, he turns a highwayman or common burglar. These fellows all hate work, and they are all less afraid of the jail or eyen the scaffold than they are of the almshouse. The ultimate of a man of invincible, natural aversion to honest daily labor at some vocation is to become a thief of some sort surely, and quite possibly a murderer; and the ultimate of every woman who hates work is to become a prostitute and possibly a thief. These creatures, whether they are merely premature paupers or parasites, or gamblers, or pickpockets, or bank-robbers, or mere brutal highwaymen and murderers, are all various evolutions of the spirit of indolence, of hate for hard work. Whether these spawn of indolence gamble, or pick pockets, or utter forged checks, or burst bank vaults, or rob and murder, they are all children of the same tribe. They differ only in taste and temperament, in intelligence and mentality. They all start from the cradle of incurable indolence. They do not court death, but they all fear it less

credulously trusted.

A more pretentious volume is the report of Alfred H. Brooks, George B. forger, check-raiser, bank-robber; if he Richardson, Arthur J. Collier and Wal-is a dull, ignorant, brutish man, not ter C. Mendenhall of reconnoissances in the Cape Nome and Norton Bay regions. This comprises more than 200 pages of carefully prepared matter, publican ticket that year; and they who are all alike. They are the children of going considerably into technical detail led the revolt justify it by presentation invincible, natural-born indolence. They in description of the geological and in description of the geological and mineral features of the peninsula, with A notes on climate and vegetation. summary of the mineral situation appears in the following paragraph:

It has been shown that there are a number of different methods of occurrence of gold in the sands and gravels. Some of them, like the creek and beach placers, have been cx-tensively developed; others, like the bench and tensively developed; others, like the bench and high bench placers, have hardly been touched; and there are still other groups, like the old bench placers, of whose existence the prospector is hardly aware. It has been shown that the placers are rather widely distributed, the act-ual discoveries being scattered over an area of 4000 to 5000 square miles. It is probable that compared resonancing will show that other credes about to boom square miles. It is promote that careful prospecting will show that other creeks in the region carry workable gold deposits. While the very rich creeks, such as have been already developed, are probably exceptional, yet it cannot be assumed that the limits of

wory have been reached within this area. which has been so extensively staked and so These reports are of great value in the definite, though not conclusive, estimate they give of remote regions concerning which many fabulous stories have been told. They indicate that there is a reasonable basis for mining than continuous, unbroken daily toil. The King in "Hamlet" murders his development, a development that is not accomplished by stampedes, but by avabrother so secretly that his exposure is tematic industry on well-formed plans due to supernatural revelation; intelli-Rushes to Alaska will not do this. The gence armed by science can take life today so cunningly that doctors cannot territory will in time yield its riches or will not agree whether the man died to organized endeavor. The new era has already dawned for Alaska, but it of polson or from natural causes. The will probably be less sensational than murderer who suffers today for his crimes has to be caught red-handed or the past five years have.

denounced by some confederate he has The Oregonian's correspondent, "Grizzly," in his recent London letter refers contemptuously to Lord Roberts as PLACE-HUNTERS WILL KICK. "having been made a rich man" for

The Collector of the Port of New his lifelong military services, Lord York, who had already been selected Roberts was granted by Parliament for reappointment by President McKin-£190,000 (\$500,000) in consideration of ley, has been removed, his removal to his great services and to enable him to support properly the dignity of his take effect in April next, and at the same time the President will send in the name of George Whitehead to be erts was the son of a poor English Gen-Appraiser of the Port in place of the eral of plebelan origin, and, like his present incumbent, Wilbur F. Wakefather, he had to earn every step of his man. Whitehead has been twenty-five way by his sword. He has always years in the service of the Treasury Delived on his pay, is a man of family, partment, and is now Collector of Cusand is about 70 years old. It has always been the custom in Great Britain toms for Porto Rico. Postmaster Wilson, of Brooklyn, has resigned; he has to reward eminent soldiers and naval been for some months under indictment commanders with a gift of money to

by friends of the civil service act for support their rank in the peerage. Such "pernicious activity" as a district leader money grants were made to Admirals in local politics. Rodney, Jervis, Duncan, Nelson and The New York Sun editorially says Pellew. Wellington, Gough, Hardinge, of the removal of Collector Bidwell that Napier, Raglan, Sir Colin Campbell and 'we trust the President's action does Wolseley all were voted large grants of not be the seed of trouble in the Remoney to support their rank. The grant of money to Lord Roberts is the

publican party," and does not disguise its bellef that Mr. Cleveland's executive regular British method of rewarding order of July, 1886, warning Federal military victors who have no income office-holders against political activity in primaries and nominating conven-. formation they volunteer should pay for | tions "could not be enferced and car- but Grant, Sherman and Sheridan were | Sam fills the office with credit.

nounces publicly that he will use his personal funds to fight the latest railway trust in case the Legislature soon to be called in extra session refuses to

make an appropriation. This sort of talk has not been heard since 1862, when Governor Oliver P. Morton, of Indiana, borrowed on his personal note a large sum to put down treason in his own state after the legislature had refused to vote money for the purpose.

The University of Oregon football team, although it is not making the brilliat record of last year's eleven, no doubt is composed of just as good students. The argument that the best players are the best students, of course, loes not mean that the collegians are not studying as hard this year as they did last. If it did, their absence from college in touring the country might interfore with their less important student work.

We can well believe that Lord Sallsbury is growing old rapidly. No longer a young man; having had his full share of bereavement and disappointment, as well as of pleasure and of honor; of ponderous and sluggish physical condition; perplexed by the contradictions of the war in South Africa, and blamed for its long continuance and unexpected disasters, it is no wonder that Britain's Premier is "aging rapidly."

Latest advices from Manila bring in formation that General Chaffee has ordered made a record of all natives who take the oath of allegiance to the United States, said oaths to be duplicated in English, Spanish and Tagal. General Chaffee is "getting next." Whenever a foreigner begins to swear in English, the foundation stone of higher civilization is laid.

According to the census of 1890 there were in this country descended from the white race and black race conjointly 956,989 mulattoes, 105,135 quadroons, and 69,936 octoroons. This all happened before President Roosevelt had Booker Washington to luncheon.

The promptness with which citizens of Portland are honoring Lewis and Clark new rank as Earl Roberts. Lord Rob- shows that Lewis and Clark explored a grand country. Who said "old Port land" has no public spirit?

> It was thought President Roosevelt's message would be short because he is writing it himself, but that seems to be the reason for its containing 30,000 words.

The Lockwood primary law is unconstitutional for political bosses because it is local. It is constitutional for voters for the same reason.

While we are talking about municipal improvements, how would it do to clear the city of toughs, thugs and murder ous highwaymen?

beyond their pay to support their rank The warring republics on the Isthmus We do not do this by act of Congress, have found a dictator, as usual. Uncle

CUBANS CALL ON PRESIDENT.

Urge Necessity for Cut in Tariff on

Products of the Island.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 .- A delegation of Cuban business men called upon the President joday and presented a petition dopted by the industrial organizations the island, urging upon his attention the necessity of reduction in the American tariff upon Cuban products, particularly upon sugar and tobacco. The Secretary of War and other officials

vere also called upon. The delegation onsisted of Francisco Gamba, president of the General Society of Merchants and Susiness Men of Cuba; Miguel Mendoza, Simon Dumois, Louis Francke, Gustave Bock, Dionisio Valasco, Juan Pedro and Alfonse Pesant. The delegation was ac companied by State Senator Frank D. Pa vey and L. V. De Abad, a member of the ex-Cuban delegation on economic affa which visited Washington last Winter. affair The petition says that the economica

situation in which the Island of Cuba is placed is such that the remedies suggested admit of no delay, and concludes as foilows

"We therefore respectfully entreat you either by virtue of the Constitutional au thority vested in you, or by requesting Congress in your first message to grant you the necessary authority to immedi ately establish ample commercial privil-eges between the United States-the almost exclusive market for our productsand Cuba, based on the foregoing petition as a measure of urgent necessity and in-dispensable for the salvation of the isiand."

#### The Heistand Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 .- The inquiry into the charges preferred against Major H. O. S. Helstand was resumed by the Senate committee on military affairs today. F. W. Gord, appointment clerk of the War Department, testified to the ap-pointment of Major Hawkes as Inspector nt clerk of In the Philippines customs service, Wit-ness L. B. Jackson telegraphed that he would be here Tuesday afternoon. While Senator Hawley was reading the testimony, counsel for Major Hawkes con-versed with his client. The Senator commanded silence, and this led to a sharp debate between the chairman and counsel. The committee held an executive session and decided to hear arguments Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The committee then adjourned until Wednesday, when it is proposed to close the testimony.

A Conscience Contribution. WASHINGTON, Nov. 25. - Secretary Gage has received from an unknown person through the Collector of Customs at New York a conscience contribution \$18,669.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 -At the custom house in this city it was explained that the \$18,669 was the sum recently collected from H. S. Black, of this city, whose wife recently returned from abroad with a val-uable necklace on which no duty had been

Supreme Court to Take a Receas.

paid.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 .- In the United States Supreme Court today Chief Justice Fuller announced that on Wednesday the court would take a recess until the following Monday. The present understanding is that the court will adjourn for four weeks on Monday, December 9. The repairs on the courtroom are expected to be completed by that time, and when the court reconvenes in January it will oc-cupy its own quarters, vacating the rooms of the Senate committee on judiciary which are now in use by the court,

every inch that kind of a Queen, while Nora O'Brien, an actress of much loveli-ness of feature, does not belle her character, that of one of the beauties of he time. Miss Ina Brooks, last seen here with "A Midsummer Night's Dream," does great deal with a small part. The play is sumptuously mounted and costumed. It will be repeated tonight, and should be seen by every one who cares for the best the stage has to offer.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

S. Miller Kent in "The Cowboy and the Lady."

The sale of seats opened yesterday morning for S. Miller Kent in "The Cowboy and the Lady," which opens at the Marquam Grand Theater tomorrow Marquam Grand Theater tomorrow (Wednesday) night, continuing Thanks-giving day matinee at 2:15 o'clock and

Thanksgiving night. This season Mr. Kent will be seen in what might be called another "Goodwin role," but one which, nevertheless, was written by Clyde Fitch with the hand-some young star in mind, and which fits him like a glove. For several seasons Mr. Kent has supported the leading stars of the country, and now, as a star himself, he will have an excellent opports nity in a congenial part. The heroic ele-

ment is strong in Teddy North, but it shown in such a calm, quiet way by college graduate who became a cowboy element of delightful surprise and humor is ever present

## The Opening of the Baker.

A score of carpenters, painters and decorators are busy getting the Baker Thea ter in readiness for its opening Thursday afternoon. "Said Pasha," the opera chos-en by the Wilber-Kerwin Opera Company to open the theater, is one of the brightest of modern operas, and gives all the membera of the company an opportunity The company carries all its own scenery and will mount and costume the play sumptuously. A large chorus of pretty girls is an attractive feature, and the ipals are all said to be unusually

"Rip Van Winkle."

clever.

Tomorrow morning the sale of seats for Thomas Jefferson in "Rip Van Winkle" will be placed on sale at the Marquam Grand Theater, where his company will appear next Friday and Saturday nights, with a special ludies' and children's mat-inee Saturday afternoon. Thomas is the second son of Mr. Joseph Jefferson, and has been playing "Rip Van Winkle" 011 the road for the past three seasons, meet ing with success in all the large cities where he has been seen. He will be as-

## sisted by a competent company of com edy players. The Law,

J. A. Edgerton in Denver News. Whatever ve sow, ye reap. 'Tis the cosmic law that forever springs The the commentary inter forever aprings From the unimagined deep. The above in the manifold sorrowings Of the race; in remores with its secret stings That he who grief to his brother brings In his turn some day shall weep.

To the man who hears his victim's cries. And hardens his beart at the sou At last a Nemesis dread shall rise From out of the void profound. Who sows in selfishness, greed and hate Shall gain his descrip in the years that walt, For the slow and remorseless wheel of Fats Forever turns 'round and 'round.

If ye give out of mercy and love and light, The same shall return to you; For the standards of right are infinite And the scales of the gold are true. By its good or evil each life is weighed; In motives and deeds is its record made In the coin ye pay ye shall be repaid, When your wages at last fall due.

waters at Carlsbad last Summer was given minute instructions by his physician. who dismissed him with this injunction: "As for smoking, you must limit yourself to three cigars dally; three light cigars and no more." A few days later he returned to ask the doctor if he could not reduce his allowance of tobacco to two cigars, as it made him deathly sick to smoke. "Why, man, what in the world do you smoke at all for if that is the case?" the doctor roared. "But, doctor, wasn't it you yourself who said 'three cigars a day and no more'? Of course, I thought they were part of the cure and began upon them, though I never smoked before."

India seems to be the land of cheap rallway traveling. The returns of the East Indian Rallway show that in 12 months 18% million passengers used the line, and that of these 17 million traveled third or lowest class. The cost of carrying was uncerighteenth of a penny per mile, and the charge to the passenger was a little more than one farthing. Great as is the difference between the cost of transit by this line and British parliamentary or even workmen's rates, the comparison between incomes of the lowest class of passengers in India and Great Britain is still greater. The average monthly income of the former in shillings corresponds with the number of pounds earned by the latter in a like period.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHERS

Bass-Willis calls his wife Birdle. Fogg-Making game of her? I see.-Boston Tranacript.

Stonebroke-Do you think your father would object to my marrying you? Helress-I don't know. If he's anything like me he would --Tit-Elits.

Encournering .- Ho-My train goes in 15 min before I leave you forever? She-Er-that clock is half an bour fast.-Brooklyn Life.

Somewhat Like One.-"Did you notice how she jubbered away when she unt there between those two men?" "Goodness, yes! It made me think of a tongue sandwich."-Philadelphia ing Bullttin.

Information Wanted .-- Miss Rural-And were you never in the country during the season for huming bees, Mr. Sappy? Sappy-No. The idea! How do you husk a bee, anyway?-Philadelphia Press.

Sharpe-On his birthday before their marlage she gave him a book entitled, ect Gentleman." Whealton-Any change after a year of maried life? Sharpe-Yes; on his act hirthday she gave him a book entitled, "Wild Animals I Have Met."-Chicago News;

He Didn't Count-Lady of the House-Bridget, didn't you tell me when you came here that you would have no male friends com-ing around the house, and now I dnd a man in the kitchen aliment every evening? Bridget -Shure, mum, that ain't no male triend of moine at all-he's me husband.-Town and Country. ountry.

Where He Was Lacking .- "I think papa is just as mean as he can be." asserted the little one with indignation." "Why?" asked her mother in supprise. "Oh, he never can tell anything about the changes in the weather." was the reply. "Why desard he got the rheumatism, like Lucy Miller's father."-Chi-cago Post.