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TODAY'S WEATHER-Occasional rain; coolwinds shi ting to wetterly YESTERDAY'S WEATHER-Maximum tem mture, 57: imum temperature, 45; pre-

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, JAN. 3, 1993.

FORWARD OR BACKWARD?

Is it too much to ask of the Oregon Legislature that every member of it will do his duty by the state and by posterity? Are there not in the Legislature nen enough who will treat the Lewis and Clark Centennial celebration fairly on its merits, without deference to petty personal or sectional considerations? It is of the utmost importance that Oregon have a building at St. Louis. The state should appropriate \$100,000 for this purpose, in addition to the \$500,000 for the home Exposition. A creditable building and exhibit at St. Louis will help the Lewis and Clark celebration more than any other one thing. This will doubtless seem to many a large um. But only a large sum will be of actual service in the way of attracting attention to Oregon, and securing the co-operation of the St. Louis officials and the states west of the Mississippl

River. The members of the Legislature are shrewd enough to grasp the very potent fact that Oregon must bestly herself if It is not to be distanced entirely by her rivals. Mr. Harriman's preoccupation with San Francisco is manifest. The strenuous activity and enterprising diplomacy of Puget Sound cities are everywhere and unremittingly manifest. Shall we press forward or go behind?

GIVE HIM TIME.

nanies.

The Oregonian. Confederate army, but finally deserted, into their heads with a transforming force that soon induces them to enjoy the luxuries and even the frivolities of llfe with their fellow-men. Give Mr. Mickey time.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

ary 1, 1865, served more than ninety

days, and was honorably discharged.

This man made application in 1894 for

pension because of permanent disabil-

ity, but it was not granted. Under this

joint resolution of July 1, 1902, this mer-

cenary veteran of both armies is clearly

1894, amounting to \$1200. Commissioner

Ware deales that the resolution is retro-

Government about \$10,000,000, there be-

tion that the small amount now contrib-

torical Society be withheld was prob-

ably made upon insufficient considera-

that must appeal to every patriotic cit-

the Historical Society \$5000 a year, in-

The theme of greatest interest in the

It has been suggested that a tax com-

tions should be examined and weighed,

and a bill passed at the coming session

putting the corporation and inheritance

\$100,000 a year can be raised without

serious hardship on any business, from

corporation filing fees and license taxes

alone, and probably an equal amount

by means of an inheritance tax and in-

creased assessments on the property of

express, telephone, telegraph, sleeping

or Pullman car and transportation com-

taxes into effect at once. An additional

off entirely, as Mr. Dunbar proposes.

ing many similar cases on file.

United States.

Great events crowd upon each other in the new world of the Pacific Ocean. entitled to a pension, provided he make The extension of Russian ambition and a new application. This he refuses to national initiative to the eastern coast do, claiming that the joint resolution is of Siberia; the advance of Russian ocretroactive, and that his pension should cupation to the all-year harbor of Port be granted, together with arrears since Arthur; the Japan-China war, with its sequels; the virtual break-up of China; the annexation of Hawali and the occu ictive, but if the claim is decided in pation of the Philippines by the United this applicant's favor it would cost the States; the great mineral discoveries in Alaska and British North America; the amazing development of Australia and But the natural question is, Why New Zealand; the American National should Congress ever have passed this project for an inter-oceanic canal; the joint resolution of July 1, 1902, reward-Pacific cable project-these events ing deserters and Confederates? France which have marked the past seven treats her veterans better than Great years are matters of the first mag-Britain, and still her pension payments nitude. Taken together and conare not a third of what they are in the sidered in relation to their effects, immediate and remote, they imply such progress within a brief time as MR. DUNBAR'S RECOMMENDATIONS. the world never saw before; and they The Secretary of State's recommendatend to give new consideration and respect to the famous prophecy that the

uted to the support of the Oregon His-Pacific Ocean is to be the sent of the world's greatest commerce. The rapidity with which these events have come about, with the further fact tion. In his report it is grouped with that the modern world is so used to such charitable undertakings as the wonders as to give little heed to them, Crittenton Home. Now, philanthropy makes us almost insensible to the imcan take cure of social unfortunates, but portance of great incidents as they pass the state's duty toward preservation of historical relics cannot be shifted to before us. It comes, for example, quite philanthropy. The obligation is one as a matter of course-as a thing expected and therefore little notable-that cable communication has been estabizen. It would be more fitting to give lished between Honolulu and San Franstead of the \$3000 it gets, than to cut it cisco, and that within a few weeks the line will be laid to the Philippines-in other words, that the United States and Secretary of Sinte's report is his study its outlying possessions in the Pacific are being bound together by the powerin new sources of revenue. The Oreful tie of the electric wire. But gonian has discussed this subject for whether the world takes note of it or years and Mr. Dunbar has considered it in his every report-all to no purpose, not, the circumstance is one of the largest importance. Modern commerce is because the Legislature has had more conducted almost exclusively upon the important matters to attend to than the basis of immediate information-ss business of the state. This year the much so that any part of the world recommendations are in ample time for beyond the range of the telegraph due consideration by the members, and might nearly as well, so far as comwe hope to see some attention paid to mercial purposes are concerned, be out of the world altogether. The forces of mission be appointed to report to the commerce-men and capital-hesitate in these days to venture beyond the next session. With due respect to the Legislature and to the lawyers who range of immediate intelligence upon would serve on the commission, it is which the success of their operations depends. And in this connection the extremely doubtful if any commission Pacific world has long lain under a would reach any better results than Mr. Dunbar has reached. His recommenda-

to be sure, had a telegraphic service by way of India and Europe, but it has been a crippled and inadequate thing, dependable for nothing, as the world learned during the siege of Pekin two years ago. And even this poor service has extended only to a relatively small part of what may be called the Pacific Ocean territory. The cable whose first section between San Francisco and Honolulu has just been laid is an American enterprise,

and is designed to establish a depend-The valuation of property rose beable telegraphic connection between the Eastern and the Western worlds. From tween 1901 and 1902 from \$117,000,000 to \$141,000,000. The valuation for 1903 and Honolulu it is now to be extended to Midway Island: from Midway to Guam. 1904 should increase at a much greater rate by reason of our rapid gain in popand from Guam to Manila, with ulation, production and wealth, due to branches to other parts of the Orient. It is a private enterprise on the part development and immigration. The of the company which owns and operstate's revenue for the next few years ates the Mackay-Bennett cable across will naturally be very large, especially if the possible new sources of revenue the Atlantic and the Postal Telegraph are utilized. This fact may console the lines in this country-private in the Sense that it is wholly a work of private taxpayer somewhat for the heavy apcapital, though it is under the definite propriations which are certain to be made by the Legislature this Winter. patronage of the Government, which is pledged to give it a certain amount of business annually. When completed, as it will be in the course of a few months, it will have cost approximately has been able to make use of the kno nine millions of dollars. It is and ought to be-a little humiliating to American vanity that this great American enterprise is being carried out by foreign engineers and with foreign materials. In the bidding, under specifications prepared by the Mackay-Bennett people, the American competitors were outdone by Englishmen, and to them the contract was accordingly awarded. They are to get \$1100 per mile for providing and laying the cable, with special allowances for facilities, machinery, etc., at the shore ends of the line, It is an interesting fact that while in a direct line on the surface of the ocean the distance between San Francisco and Honolulu is 2403 miles, it has taken 2610 miles of cable to cover it. The difference is due to the up-hill and downdale character of the ocean bottom, making it 207 miles longer by land to Hawaii than by water, so to speak. The depths encountered have been variable and at some points very great. The deepest point was 18,000 feet, and it is directly from this great depth that the Island of Oahu rises. Westward from the Hawailan group even greater deeps will be encountered, the Island of Guam rising from a depth of 29,500 feet. Through these dark recesses of the ocean's bottom it is hoped to establish communication from Manila by next Fourth of July. With eminent propriety this Pacific cable has been christened "in memory of John Mackay," by whom it was planned. Mr. Mackay, whose death occurred only a few months back, was much more than a very rich man. He was a man of the largest conceptions. Asked a year or two before his death why he was busying himself with troublesome enterprises, he replied: "A man of my disposition must have some thing to do. Naturally, I prefer big things to little ones. The big things in transportation of commodities have already been done. The big things in the transportation of intelligence are yet to be done. I have girdled half the world, and before I die I hope to girdle the other half. And in doing this I believe I shall do more for my country-my country, mind you, for, good Irishman as I am, I am a still better Americanthan could be done in any other way. We are at the head of the world in material transportation; it remains for us to achieve the same distinction in the transportation of intelligence. Whether or not my operations shall return to me in my own time a profit or not long age became a secondary matter and has ceased to interest me." All of which implies that John Mackay was much more than a mere fortunate miner, and that there is no blunder in the sentiment which dedicates this mighty engarment. His voice will become feeble terprise to his memory. in the amen corner at prayer meeting, and finally die away; and though he Accompanying his recommendation that no more versels be sent to the Breaugural ball, it is not beyond probabilmerion navy-yard until the social ity that he will be taking private dancabominations immediately thereabout ing lessons before the close of his term shall be removed, Rear-Admiral Stirling further recommends that facilities be ond term in good social trim. Men as a afforded the men within barracks for general thing are dreadfully human. entertainment and recreation, "including allowance of beer and light wines in the men's clubs under proper regula- take care of themselves?

Governor-elect Mickey, of Nebraska,

the "commanding officers of the receiving ships and marine barracks," believes that it is better for the men of

the Navy to have their own clubrooms with the privilege of using light wines and beer under regulations designed to The question was not, which are the maintain decency and sobriety than to be left to shift for their own entertainment amid the abominations which flourish just outside the navy-yard. It is the "canteen" question over againthis time with respect to the Navy. And, as in the former instance respecting the Army, all the officers-men fully acquainted with the conditions and tendencies of barrack life and under moral responsibility for the conduct and welfare of the enlisted forces-are on one side. They stand for the system which experience teaches them is best calculated to keep the men from excess and to maintain their character. On the opposing side we shall have a body of sentimentalists without knowledge of the tendencies of barrack life, with no acquaintance with its problems and no responsibility of any sort, clamoring against the "canteen" and-all unconsciously-in the interest of the grogshop. the gambling hell and the dens of prostitution which invariably spring up outside military limits when the cleanty and decent military clubrooms are closed. -----

The Tacoma Ledger is still throwing spasms over the delay to the Madagascar, caused by a broken windlass and a broken anchor chain. "There is no tendency to exuit," says this good journalistic friend of Portland, "over the circumstance that the old Portland pretense of being in the same class with the ports of Puget Sound is being riddied." If Portland ever made any pretense of being in the same class with Puget Sound ports, it is not on record, and it is to be hoped never will be. In the search of ideals in an advanced class, the metropolis of the Pacific Northwest never considers anything that is of less importance than herself, consequently Portland has no desire to be classed with the "City of Density" or other ports with bottomless harbors, where a ship can never lie snug except several hundred feet under water. Incidentally the attention of the Legerdemain is called to the fact that "poor, old Portland" for the first half of the current cereal year has shipped 500,000 bushels more wheat than was shipped from Tacoma and all other Puget Sound ports combined. Portland has also shipped more flour to South Africa for that period than has been shipped from all Puget Sound ports combined, Portland has also made fairly good shipments of flour direct to the Orient, and has supplied every steamship line running out of Puget Sound and San Francisco with flour shipments, which apparently they were unable to secure in their own territory. As to a continuation of the business, the Ledger is referred to the fact that, exclusive of the ships now cleared but not yet sailed from either Puget Sound or Portland, there are loading or under charter for grain loading in Portland fifteen vessels and at Tacoma four vessels.

It has been a frequent criticism of the State Land Office that its records were not in such shape as to show readily the base that has been used by the state. This is one of the discouragements that have met the ordinary citizen desirous of buying a piece of school land from the state. Not knowing what tracts have been used as base, he is at great disadvantage. He may bring forward many and find all have been used. The marvel has been that a clerk of the School Land Board should be un-perception of the same and wholesome side the Atlantic. Simultaneously center began to move to The marvel has been that a clerk of edge to the great thrift of himself. It was supposed, when the office of State Land Agent was created, that he would find lieu land for the state to sell. But he hasn't done it, and the private dealers in lieu land scrip have continued in business at the old stand. It has been asserted, even by the present Governor, that the lieu-land base was practically all gone, but recent operations of the scrip dealers show they are able to find it in large quantities. It cannot be said that the State Land Department has not been administered with intelligence, but it can be said that this intelligence has been largely devoted to feathering private nests and the public interest has had to shift for itself. -The tracts of land which Assistant Commissioner Richards suspects the State of Oregon as having dealt imbeen great activity in timber. One tract consists of 160 acres and the other of forty acres at least fifteen miles farther to the southward. The bases alern Oregon, one almost touching the border of the town of Canyon City, Grant County, another twelve miles farther east, and the third on the eastern border of Baker County. All these painted. bases having been previously used, of course the state cannot use them again. General Odell appears to have had other business in Washington than the driving of his Eastern Oregon lieu land deal through the Interior Department, However, it should be noted that the irreguever, it should be noted that the irregu-larity complained of by the General think, with God's help, we may be able-Land Office is chargeable against that we sincerely pray we may be able-to asend of the state land service which is controlled entirely by the Governor. It eral conditions than have obtained here is an error to hold the State Land Board responsible for the lleu-land ignominy. fect that the conditions that have pre-

tions." Admiral Stirling, in accord with AMERICAN IMALIS IN LILEKAIUKE WORTH OF THE SMALL COLLEGES The Outloos has secured an expression of

opinion from several persons of eminen-

San Francisco Bulletin.

For football, for social pleasures, for prestige, the big university is more at-tractive to students than the smaller colattainments as to the 19 books which they consider most characteristically American lege, but for effective teaching and actual learning it may be doubted whether the advantage is not with the email school of greatest productions of American writers, higher education.

but which are "the 10 books or parts of books, in prose or verse, most concater-istic of American genus and life, which could not have been written on any but American soli?" Among those whose opin-The trend of the times, as nobody can denv. is toward the great universities such as Yale, Harvard, Ann Arbor and Califor-American soli?" Among those whose opin-ions are printed are: Thomase Wentworth Higginson, Edward Everett Hale, Owen Wister, Hamin Garland, Brander Mattnewa, Professor Woodbery, and two eminent foreigners-Professor Dowden and Professor Munaterberg. eminent foreigners-Professor Dowden and Professor Munsterberg. They put up noble buildings and employ

Trolessor Munsterberg. They put up noble buildings and employ Enerson's ensays, Lowell's "Bigiow Pa-pers" and Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter" are mentioned in almost all of the lists, Whittier's "Snowhound," Mark Twain's books, "Huckleberry Finn," "Roughing It" and "Life on the Mississippi," Cooper's "Leather Stocking Tales" Lorger's and other theatricals and its sports gathrenowned men as teachers. Students flock to their halls and a very pleasant "Leather Stocking Tales," Longfellow's "Hiawatha" and Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" are almost as great favor-

ites. It is worth noting in passing that "Hiawatha," which was so often sneered at a few years ago, is being given a high universities of the land. Their prosidents "Hiawatha," which was so often encered at a few years ago, is being given a high place in American literature. Mr. Higgin-in eliciting donations from the rich, and son, for instance, remarks: "The tem-porary criticisms called out in its disfavor by the novel theme and the unwonted whose traditions and picturesqueness he was, of all men, best fitted to appreciate," Frofessor Woodberry manufactures and picture and the appreciate, a fitter or a Vanderbilt, is in a pretty bat felier or a Vanderbilt, is in a pretty bad way. The football team is a matter of much concern to the modern great univer-Professor Woodberry remarks in the same strain: "It is the fashion to decry this poem, principally because of the flowing, casily parodied meter; yet this is a part of its winning charm; sorrow sighs through

the melody as in the forest. At all events the world has found this white man's epic of the dying race of the forest dwellers illustrious and to draw students than all the single poetic embodiment of the In-dian world." Other books or bits of literature included mate, is the one that has the most names

by one or more of the writers in their lists are: Thoreau'e "Walden Pond," in which Professor Munsterberg asserts dent who form There are certain advantages for a stu-dent who forms part of a large student which Professor Munsterberg assetts dent who forms part of a large student "America's deep sense of nature finds its most unique expression"; Whitman's "Leaves of Grass," from which Professor Dowden selects "When Lilacs Last in the and most poignant dirges in all litera and most poignant dirges in all litera torus". Evel Harte's stories, Howells'

raphy," Grant's "Memoirs," Autobiog-"Gettyaburg Speech," Page's "Maree Chan," and Harris' "Uncle Remus," There is a difference of opinion as to the essential Americanism of some of these class. This criticiem applies as well to of his mouth and scowled at the fledgling, the German as to the American universi- "Says you're acceptable, ch? That means

books. For instance, Professor Dowden thinks that "Hiawatha" might, under 10, 12 or, at the most, 20 men. In a great university a class in any important subfavoring circumstances," have come from ject may contain from 50 to 150 students. In the small college the professor is close to his students and knows them intimatean old-world author. Poe is regretfully uled out as not manifestly an American product, and there is an inclination to ex-Clude Cooper and Washington Irving for the same reason. These lists have a good idea of what their makers regard as characteristic of the American spirit. The fact that a vol-ence and companionship often do a great deal without the advente a man This is three and the processor's personal influ-tion advente a man This is three and the professor's personal influ-tion advente a man This is three and the professor's personal influ-tion advente a man This is three and the professor's personal influ-tion advente a man This is three and the professor's personal influ-tions advente a man This is three and the professor's personal influ-tions advente a man This is three adventes a man This is three adventes and the professor's personal influ-tions advente a man This is three adventes adventes adventes adventes adventes adventes adventes adventes

the American spirit. The fact that a vol-ume deals with an American subject does deal to educate a man. This is impossible not necessarily make it thoroughly Amer-ican in tone. Professor Munsterberg re-marks that he excludes all the historical dents. The small college gets little advertising

novels because he has not found one that strikes him as different from a hundred German romances. But he includes the "Scarlet Letter" because Hawthorne and is generally unendowed. It cannot employ celebrities in its faculty, but that Hawthorne is not a severe loss to the student, for the Scrift Detter because Hawthorne is not a severe loss to the schuent, for the majority of celebrilies make poor teachers, England temper. For the same unity of content and treatment he regards "The Luck of Last of the Mohicans" and "The Luck of Roaring Camp" as typically American. A foreign point of view is always sugges-tion or it is interactions to cheat a severa bas to the schuent, for the majority of celebrilies make poor teachers, and the fest university teachers are usu-ally the obscure instructors who are paid poorly and whose names are printed in small type in the catalogue. But the small college turns out more than its propor-tion or it is interactions to cheat the several bas to the schuent, for the majority of celebrilies make poor teachers. tive, so it is interesting to observe that Munsterberg, the acute German critic, and one takes the trouble to pick out the foreone takes the trouble to pick out the fore-most men of the various professions in Dowden, the Englishman, agree as to one American trait. "The often veiled idealism" this state-the Judges, the lawyers, the doctors, the clergymen, the newspaper-men-it will surprise him to see how many which finds in Emerson its "noblest literary document," Munsterberg calls it. The

"fusion of a very keen perception of fact and of a lofty, sometimes a rarefied, kind of idealism," is Dowden's phrase. An ad-mirable illustration is the motto, "Hitch of them were educated in small colleges.

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your wagon to a star"-which combi-the practical wagon with the ideal star. mbines The commercial and financial center of the world is now no longer London, but Another distinctively American quality New York City, according to Brooks Adams in his latest book, "The New Em-pire." When Pittsburg, in 1897, succeeded is the humor best set forth, perhaps, in the writings of Mark Twain. As Brander Matthews says, this has a larger meaning than mere wittleism. Often it is a part of the "velled idealism" of American life. It signifies a broad toleration, a disposition in underseiling all the world in steel, the world's money center began to move slowly from the other side to this side of the Atlantic. Simultaneously the political Washington, able to give inquirers this information, though after going out of the office he has been able to make use of the knowl-edge to the able to make use of the knowlthe poems of Whitman, in the "Higlow is no honger heat, but Washington is no longer the most uninteresting post for ways American in this sense-Jefferson is one of his heroes-while Lowell at times, even in his essay on "Democracy," is an aristocrat. A literature which stands for such qualities as these-for idealism. National scientists and artists are taksanity and democracy-is contributing an important share to the world's stock of ideas. have as good as the best in Paris, Lon-don, Berlin and Vienna. It is the city magnificent, to be the city benutiful, the house of pleasure, the home of ideals and the patron of all the best there is in the world, and yet it must remain democratic It should never forget that Thomas Jef. ferson, the third President of the Un States, hitched his horse to the White House fence when he arrived there to take the heim of the Government,

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Good morning! Have you a new umbrella?

In spite of the high price of coal, hot air seems as cheap as of old.

A New Year's resolution, like a horse, has to be broken before it will work.

The weather man is getting entirely too generous. He says "Keep the change."

The man who is waiting for something to turn up is generally turned down.

Men who say that marriage is a failure seem willing to go into voluntary bankruptey.

The man who will dock his horses' talls nay properly be described as a horse docktor.

We are led to infer from signs unmistakable that a sound sleep is where a man snores.

Young man, when she looks at the clock

and says gently, "A penny for your thoughts!" it's time to go.

The woman with a strong will is known by the case with which she breaks her husband's after his demise.

Now that President Roosevelt has his picture in an almanac, he may be described as prophet with honor in the country.

That Oregon man who was arrested in San Francisco for kissing the girls on New Year's eve gets his just deserts. He should have better taste after living in Oregon than to condescend to osculatory greetings to the ladies of the South.

The new member of the company was reading the dramatic criticism and huntwas acceptable in the part of Tinkers

The Comic Old Man took his pipe out the house didn't throw eggs at you." And he resumed his pipe while the young actor sought comfort in a drink of water.

An inquisitive visitor was received by President Roosevelt the other day. After the formal greetings the visitor drew the President to one side and in a stage whisper asked for a little confidential information regarding the probability of this Nation's being plunged into war with Germany and Great Britain by the Venezuelan crisis. The President listened to the question attentively, and finally said in a voice which reached all over his office; "Why, of course, there is not going to ba any war." The visitor was not satisfied, and he insisted that the President tell him why he was able to make that assertion. "Do you suppose that I would permit any war," asked the President seriously, "while I am penned up here in the White House and could not get into it?"

Here is a story that contains more elements of tragedy than the most fertile. imagination could invent. In its few lines there is laid bare a human heart, and the grotesque ending deserves deeper emotion than tears: Andrea Vadonda, the most beautiful girl of Barcelona, committed suicide under tragic circumstances. When at the height of her career as a society girl her father died suddenly, leaving his wife and daughter unprovided for and in debt. This caused Andrea's intended husband to withdraw his suit, but the girl went bravely to work, earning money for herself and mother by painting and by the needle. Recently she became blind on account of long-continued, excessive work and misery. An eccentric Englishman heard of their plight, and also of the fact that Andrea possessed the most beautiful black hair in the kingdom. He went to the girl and offered her 5000 francs for her hair. She accepted, had herself shorn, turned the money over to her mother, and then fired a bullet into her heart.

serious handicap. Its western coast has,

There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at its flood, leads on to fortune. And so there is a tide in the doxy into the Gubernatorial office, but affairs of communities. It now devolves on Oregon to help herself. We must choose between eminence and subordination. Sacrifices, heavy sacrifices, made now, will bring inestimable rewards in ten, twenty and thirty years. But if we weakly quall at the chai- and people change, and it is needless to lenge fate has thrown down to us, the award will be that of the weakling and the inert.

Above all, let us have done with jealousy between city and country. The farmer needs a great market at Portland, just as much as the merchant needs a large farming population in the country. A thickly settled state will make a rich city at Portland, and a rich city at Portland will create demand for land, labor and products in Oregon and Southern Washington. The thousands of dollars subscribed in Portland for immigration work will inure to the benefit of its donors, no less because the immigrants attracted will settle in the country.

This obligation of public spirit rests not only upon the Legislature, but upon the people. The Lewis and Clark appropriation is menaced by the mooted invocation of the referendum, which means delay if not defeat. No citizer with the states' interests truly at heart should join in or temporize with a demand for the referendum on this appropriation. The referendum was adopted as a step in progress. Let not its first application be made in opposition to progress.

TYPICAL PENSION INJUSTICE.

It looks as if the pension sharks had caught a Tartar in the new Commisaloner of Pensions, for Mr. Ware, in a recent communication to the New York Evening Post, asked the aid of that journal in opposing the bestowal of penone upon persons convicted of infamous crimes, and he also asked the Post to favor the repeal of the joint resolution of July 1, 1902, which was a bill to pension the deserters of both armies. This joint resolution provides that in the administration of the pension laws any one who was honorably discharged from his "last" contract of service "shall be held and considered to have been honorably discharged from all similar contracts of service." That is, under this law a man may have deserted a dozen times from the Confederates or Federals and have been a perennial "bounty-jumper," but if he stayed six months in the service the last time he enlisted, he is to be pensioned along now repudiates the suggestion of an inwith the man who served from Sumter to Appomattox, Commissioner Ware has submitted to the Attorney-General of the United States for his opinion a in order to start out on a hoped-for seccase involving this joint resolution of July 1, 1902.

This case is that of a man living in and when they get into the political Missouri, who served two years in the swim the blood is very likely to be flung

from all accounts, takes himself quite seriously. Perhaps he could do worse things than take strait-iaced orthohe could do few things that would make him more ridiculous a few years hence, when, having succumbed to the blandishments of politics and the intoxication of public honora, his present attitude in regard to the sinfulness of worldly pleasures is recalled. Times change say politicians change with them. Take, for example, Mr. William Jennings Bryan, of Mr. Mickey's own state. His speech before a Chicago convention

about "a cross of gold" is not so many years old. We all remember how the so-called "plain people" went wild over it. Who would then have supposed that the great apostle of free sliver, the man who strove to array the poor against the rich, to discredit wealth and to arraign luxury-as the root of all evil. would in a short space of time be living in a \$50,000 mansion with a small army of servants to do his bidding, and an income, reckoned upon a gold basis, of nearly \$50,000 a year? "This leap from proletarianism to plutocracy," says a Kansas City paper, "was made by Mr. Bryan in the briefest space of time, and now he would never be known for the

perspiring evangelist of agrarianism who formerly toured the country in an alpaca coat." Jerry Simpson, erstwhile of Medicine

Lodge, Kan., is cited as another objectlesson of the allurements of political success. From a humble though zealous tribune of the "plain people" he has become opulent and exaited. The enervating habits of the sybarite overtook him speedily in Washington to that extent that from no socks at all at the opening of his political career he took to silken hose, and from a diet of cornbread, sorghum and salt pork he turned with avidity to the expensive hotel fare of the National capital. Again, there is ex-Governor Hogg, of Texas, who cherished the most violent hostility for money until he struck oil, and now he

hobnobs with the nobility of Europe with as much ease as if he had been to the manner born. From these and many similar examples it is argued that all that is necessary in the case of Nebraska's new Governor is to give him time for development in a political and social atmosphere Being human, and a politician with a place to maintain, he will fall into line and do as others do when power and place come to them. Not only will he in due time array himself in the now-despised swallow-tail cont, but he will send to New York for it, so as to be sure that he gets the latest cut and the most elaborate finish to his

Morocco has an area of 314,000 square miles, inhabited by a little over 6,500,000 people. The present Sultan is in his 25th year, and succeeded to the throne in 1894. Spain has in the past made repeated attempts to conquer Morocco, but without success. France was able to subdue Algiers and Tunis, but Spain had neither money nor military skill sufficient to conquer Morocco, No change in the government of Morocco could be for the worse. The present Sultan is a cruel, ignorant despot vicious temper. Fez, the capital of Morocco, has about 140,000 inhabitants, mostly of mixed blood, Arab and negro.

The largest pension awarded to any old soldier in 1902 was received by Major E. C. Moderwell, of Chicago, who served through the Civil War in the Twelfth Ohio Cavalry. He was wounded three times-once in the abdomen, once in an arm and once in a choulder-one result of his disability being a partial loss of memory. It was an increased pension, from \$25 to \$72 a month. Nobody grudges the payment of such a pension to a gallant man disabled by wounds, but why should a man amply able to take care of himself be given a pension which belongs only to those who cannot

ideas.

The California Christmas, San Francisco Call.

Rarely can even Californians hope to see a holiday season so perfect in every respect as this has been. The rains came just at the right time to clear the sky and brighten the earth; then they gave way to day after day of sunshine and pleasantness, so that no hour of the day or evening was disagreentife to the shopper or the pleasure-seeker; and they culminated resterday in a day that realized a poet's dream of Elyslum. It was a day pro-pitious to every and any kind of festival

State of Oregon as having dealt im-properly with lie in Western Lane might incline him. It was fair enough for County, in a region where there has picnics in the open air. Garden parties would have been as comfortable as dances within doors. Whether one sought the within doors. Whether one sought the churches or the parks, he found a glory of flowers and a sense of an ever-presen beauty that made a gladness for the eye leged for this selection were all in East. The enjoyment of the people was equal to the occasion. There was no single charm of the day that did not have its fine influences on the minds and the hearts of old and young allke, and the Christmas was as joyous as ever fancy

Men Have Been Abused.

Boston Herald, One sentence in Judge Gray's ruling appears to us to have great significance with reference to the impression made upon the commission by the evidence to eral conditions than have obtained here valled in the anthracite region for years have not been just and commendable, and that important reforms should be instituted. The Commissioners, looking back

beyond the circumstances of the recent quarrel, discover chronic conditions that should not longer exist, which they hope to be instrumental in causing to be changed for the better. If we read aright this notable utterance, it means that there have been wrongs that must cease. It gives assurance of the commission's earnestness and hopefulness. To this extent it is full of encouragement.

Why She Couldn't Sit on the Fence,

Washington Post. Representative Sibley, of Pennsylvania, as a big Summer home on the shores of Lake Champiain, near Plattsburg, N. Y. He took Representative John Sharp Willlams, of Mississippi, the poet of the Ya-zoo, up there with him once. The other day Williams went over to

Sibley's desk and said: "Joe, do you reember that fine park back of your house up there on Lake Champlain?

"Indeed I do," replied Sibley. "Why?" "Well, I'm writing a beautiful poem about a lovely girl and a handsome young man sitting on the fence there in the gloaming making love."

"That's impossible," protested Sibley, "Why?" inquired Williams, indignantly; are the young men and women of Northin New York so cold-blooded that they do not make love in the gloaming"" "No," snickered Sibley, "but the fence you're putting in the poem is made of barbed wire."

Demonstration in Russia London Leader.

The predominant topic in academic cir-cles here is the extraordinary revolution-ary demonstration made a few days ago by the Seminarist students at Odessa. The eminary itself, it is here stated, has been closed by order of the synodal council. About 329 young men, all divinity stu-ients, were implicated, and about 59 have seen arrested. The seminary authorities endeavored to pacify the students, but were unmercifully thrashed and driven out of the lecture-rooma. It is said that all the rioters wore masks at the outset of the affray. It was only with the assistance of the military that order was restored. Sympathetic ferments are ported today from the Kieff and Kharkoff eminaries.

This is quite a new proof of the wide-spread disaffection among the young Russtans. The church is the greatest bul-wark of the sutocracy, and has hitherto always been above suspicion. It must, therefore, have come as a paralyzing shock, so to say, to the imperial authorities to learn that the revolutionary propaganda is enrolling the young generation of ecclesiastics in its ranks.

Christmus Tree for Every Family.

New York Evening World. Every poor family in Plainfield, N. J., will have Christmas trees as well as gifts to place on them, according to an under-taking of the Plainfield Relief Association, which has enlisted the aid of wealthy New York commuters in the charitable project

The night before Christmas the agents of the organization will deliver the trees at the homes of the poor, and with them will carry boxes of toys and candy for the little ones.

Heretofore the association has had one large tree in its building in West Front street, and the poor children were annu-ally invited there. Presents were given, dinners provided and entertainment fur-nished, but the new plan was arranged in order that the little ones might stay at their own homes during Christmas day.

The Hand That Used to Spank My Pa.

 Chicago Record-Herald.
When I go down to grandma's where There's always lots of cake and ple. I spread my bread with jelly there And stuff up till I nearly diel The greatest fun you ever saw Is skildn' from their steep-roofed shed, And the hand that used to spank my ja Is the hand that pats me on the head

I tear around and yell and make All kinds of noise, and they don't mind; They have no haby there to wake. And both of them are awful kind.

The goodest man I ever saw Is grandpa, with his hair all gray, And the hand that used to spank my pa Sews up my trousers every day,

There Was No Choice,

Cleveland Plain Dealer, A distressing story comes to us from a Kansas town. It concerns a certain club of bachelor maids and an unmarried unmarried youth. The latter is a good-looking youngster, and clever enough to be considered an excellent catch from the matrimonial point of view. It further appears that the young clubwomen so frequently rallied aim upon his single wretchedness that presently, being a youth of epirit, he promptly offered to wed the member of the club who proved to be the choice of the other members for matrimonial honors. Mark the result and note the keen knowledge of feminine human nature possessed by the uncanny youth. There were nine members of the organization, and at the next meeting each girl secretly wrote her choice on a scrap of paper and care-fully slipped it into the ballot-box. And, of course, there was just one vote for

each girl. Such coincidences have occurred before, but this fact had no ameliorating effect upon the nine club members. On the con-trary, the club is dissolved in tears, and each member is furiously embittered against all the other members. The youth no doubt smiles in a superior way metaphorically applauds himself for and Solomonlike shrewdness. It is a painful story, and would be quite beyond cre-dence if it wasn't for the fact that it is uched for by an unquestioned Kansas authority.

Millionnire to Build a Church,

Chicago American. W. H. Moore, the New York millionaire, and founder of the match trust, has arranged to build a church at Richford, N. Y., for the use of his great-grandfather's oarish

Mr. Moore regards this as a lasting trib-ute for his forefather, Nathaniel Ford, The church has struggled for years, until now it has a good-sized congregation

Ode to America.

(From the unpublished writings of P-t-t M-+--- (m-.)

Chicago Tribune. O wondrous land of coin and fame, The future shall revere thy name, And in my beart shall linger warm The country where attachments form

Attachments that are great and strong, Unchangeable as any rock

Which hold us through the ages long,

Unless we skip by 12 o'clock! O, wondrous land! I pull the stops And play a fanfare to thy cogs! (Ease drum agitate. Tenor drum furices. Trombone fortissi 6.00

O, wondrous land! so rich, so fairt

- Appreciative of long hair: Imbued with culture; music tosse Intent on art at any cost!
- I praise thy men and maidens, too;
- I praise the cheer that loudly comes Although a shiver rends me through

At though a solver rends me through At though of demon-laden bombs! O, splendid land! Abode of peace! I tune my lyre to thy pollos! (Bassoon gractose, Fugel horns crescende, Xylophone planicato.)

O, land where the injunction grows; Of and where the injunction grows; Where iaw and art in conflict close; I lift my feeble voice to thee Each time the ticket booth I see. O, wondrous land! Wil ever prize The tokens thou hast given me-Thou taugh at me how to advertise, and how to sail multicity. And how to gain publicity, wondrous land! It is enough For me to say: "You are the stuff!" (Cash register appassionata, gelerando.) Steams