The Oregonian.

Entered at the Postoffice at Portland, Oregon

United States, Canada and Mexico-

In The Oregonian should be addressed invari-ably "Editor The Oregonian," not to the name of any individual. Letters relating to advertising, subscription, or to any business matter, should be addressed simply "The Oregonian." The Oregonian does not buy poems or stories from individuals, and cannot undertake to return any manuscripts sent to it without soicitation. No stamps should be inclosed for

this purpose. Eastern Business Office, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49 Tribune Building, New York City; 510-11-12 Tribune Building, Chicago; the S. C. Beckwith

Special Agency, Eastern representative. For sale in San Francisco by L. E. Lee, Palace Hotel news stand; Goldsmith Bros., 236 Sutter street; F. W. Pitts, 1008 Market street; K. Cooper Co., 746 Market street, near the Palace Hotel; Foster & Orear, Ferry news stand; Frank Scott, 80 Eilis street, and N. Wheatley, S13 Mission street.

For sale in Los Angeles by B. F. Gardner, 50 Bouth Spring street, and Oliver & Halnes, South Spring street.

For sale in Kansas City, Mo., by Ricksecker

Cigar Co., Ninth and Walnut streets. For sale in Chicago by the P. O. News Co., 217 Dearborn street; Charles MacDonald, 53 Washington street, and the Auditorium Annex news stand.

For sale in Minneapolis by M. J. Kavanaugh, © South Third street. For sale in Omaha by Barkalow Bros., 1612

Farmam street; Megeath Stationery Co., 1308 Farmam street; McLaughlin Bros., 210 S. urteenth street. For sale in Orden by W. G. Kind, 114 25th

street; V. C. Alden, Postoffice cigar store; F. R. Godard and C. H. Myers,

R. Godard and C. H. Myers, For sale in Sait Lake by the Sait Lake News Co., 77 West Second South street. For sale in Washington, D. C., by the Eb-bett House news stand, and Ed Brinkman, Fourth and Pacific avenue, N. W. For sale in Colorado Springe by C. A. Bruner. For sale in Denver, Colo., by Hamilton &

For sale in Denver, Colo., by Hamilton & Kendrick, 906-512 17th street; Louthan & Jackson Book & Stationery Co., 15th and Lawrence streets: J. S. Lowe, 1520 17th street, and Julius Black.

YESTERDAT'S WEATHER-Maximum temture, 46; minimum temperature, 36; pre-tation, .43 of an inch.

TODAY'S WEATHER-Partly cloudy, with occasional squalls of rain or sleet; west to northwest winds.

POETLAND, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16.

OUR POLICY AT PANAMA.

What we have done as to Panama was simply to recognize a de facto government. Panama declared her independence, suspended within her borders the authority of Colombia and set her own government in operation. It is not pretended that the United States took any part. But we believe the action of Panama is welcomed by the people of the United States, or by a great majority of them, as affording a basis for solution of the contention about the Isthmian Canal.

This now has become the leading question of the day. It may be supposed that Colombia will make some effort to reduce the "rebel" state to submission. But so far there is nothing but a little bluster. Colombia has no financial or , military resources. Boodle politicians and revolutionists have exhausted them, growing rich themselves, the while.

Troops from Bogota can scarcely be brought into Panama by land-a long march, through the practically impervious mountain region of the isthmus, which falls from great heights precipitously to the sea, on either side. This mountain region is one of tropical forest and jungle, with swamps and marshes lying in every basin. There are no roads and but few trails; and a in well posted might twenty

history and Syriac relics should be unearthed together in the tombs of Egypt. There, in fact, similar discoveries have recently been found and will still be found-thanks to the dry air of the desert wastes, where papyri of immense antiquity are preserved with wonderful freshness. Modern epigraphy, in the hands of educational and archaeological enterprise, is rendering a good account of itself these days, and making the shameful vandalism of the previous centuries only a memory. Soon we shall have outgrown the indictment of dear old Sir Thomas Browne: "The Egyp-

tian mummies, which Cambyses or Time hath spared, avarice now consumeth. Mizraim cures wounds, and Pharaoh is sold for balsams."

STRENGTH OF LOCAL BUSINESS.

Portland and that portion of the Pacific Northwest which has regularly established trade headquarters at this city continues to enjoy remarkable prosperity in spite of the steady predictions of a coming financial stringency. The week just closed showed bank clearings in excess of \$4,000,000, although the movement in wheat, formerly the greatest trade factor at this season of the year, continues very slow. It is not alone the slow movement of the cereal this year that causes a lighter influence than usual on the Portland bank statements, but a contributing factor has

been the remarkably healthy condition of the country banks." This has made it unnecessary for the interior bankers to call on the city banks for assistance in the way of funds for moving the Crops. The local wheat market during the week was easier, in sympathy with a

decided slump in the East and a sympathetic reaction in the European markets. On Friday and Saturday the Eastern markets regained a portion of their losses, and local dealers are still quoting prices well above export values as based on the Liverpool market. This is due to the competition of the flour mills, a factor which promises to be in evidence throughout the season. It is reducing the wheat export to the smallest amount of recent years, but the growers are profiting by it to the fullest extent. The lack of transportation facilities is acting as a serious handicap on the lumber business, but the

effect as yet has not been sufficient to cause much of a shortening in the output, and most of the mills are running full-handed. The market for hops, fruit, livestock and dairy products continues very firm at full prices.

With all of this collateral available it is not strange that the West, or, to be more explicit, the Pacific Northwest, is seemingly as far removed as ever from a financial stringency that threatens the East. It is still possible to secure money in practically unlimited amounts for any legitimate industrial undertaking, and thus far there has been very little tightening even in building loans. The predicted panic in the East has been so slow in materializing that many financiers have regained courage, and the New York bank statement that appeared on Saturday was much more

hopeful than any of its predecessors for several weeks. At the same time there is still considerable distrust "in the air." The slump in steel stocks toward the close of the week was at first regarded as an affair of considerable interest, as affecting the general market. Subsequent developments as outlined in yesterday's dispatches, would

lead to the belief that professional manipulation had much to do with the weakness, and that the price was being crowded down to enable certain parties to get hold of the property at an advantageous price in order to control the

output for transportation purposes. The disturbance in the East, however, now, as from its beginning, is to a maller niche in our te large extent a matter of indifference with the West. This country has no watered stocks to sell, but it has an unusually large amount of the products of the soll to offer, and they are all of a character to assure a ready demand and high prices. Under such conditions it will be a very difficult matter for the Pacific Northwest to participate in anything like a general panic at the present time. The buying power of the Wall-street speculators may be curtailed somewhat, but as they are notvery good customers of Oregon and Washington products, we can get along very well without them.

thought, however, that both Roman physical health and strength, but the province of the college is first to develop the higher man. The promotion of physical health does not necessitate the cultivation of brutal propensities. The college spirit should be an intellectual, constructive, live-and-help-live spirit,

THE POINT OF VIEW.

Judge James F. Harney, an intimate friend of General Lew Wallace and a close boyhood friend of Abraham Lincoln, in a recent address at Crawfordsville, Ind., made an unfavorable criticism on the life and character of Lincoin. He said that he spoke as a Douglas Democrat, and that, while he was willing to admit that Mr. Lincoln was possessed of certain social charms and was generous after victory, he would not accord to him the attributes of statesmanship or greatness. Judge Harney contended that Mr. Lincoln was great only as a politician, and described him as a violent and bitter partisan, who, when the Civil War came on, had placed party above country and had allowed his partisanship to interfere with his duty to the whole people. At this late date this estimate of Lincoln will excite surprise mixed with contempt for its author, but some men of distinguished intellect have uttered equally absurd views concerning men

of historical eminence. Thomas Carlyle described Cardinal Newman as "having the brain of a moderate-sized rabbit," and said that Charles Lamb impressed him as an old fool, stammering out wretched at-tempts at wit as "he teetered about full of gin and water." The famous poet Heine always stigmatized Wellingtonas "nothing but a little woodenheaded English bulldog," and Byron, in whose magnificent verse Waterloo is eloquently described, always speaks contemptuously of Wellington. President John Adams evidently did not esteem Washington as a greater man than himself, but only as a more prudent man, who knew enough to hold his tongue. Able men are today sharply divided in opinion as to the intellectual and moral quality of the statesmanship and political conduct of both Jefferson and Jackson. Famous Englishmen of learning and ability differ sharply regarding Oliver Cromwell, Gladstone, Disraeli. Some Germans of high intelligence think Bismarck was a very great man, while others think he was a natural-born despot, as unscrupulous, as full of duplicity and heartless in his contempt for popular liberty and the primitive rights of man

as ever was Napoleon in his most reckless hour of victory, or Nicholas of Russia. There are two opinions today in the United States among intelligent, well-read men in regard to men as long dead as Hamilton and Burr. Wendell Phillips was a man of high

intelligence and brilliant intellect, but to the last day of his public life, while he spoke with self-restraint concerning Lincoln, he evidently could not bring himself to believe that Lincoln was a statesman and a great man, he conceded not much more than that he was a good man "within his lights," but not a great man, and Horace Greeley, in his lecture on Lincoln, does not seem to consider him a great man. This was not remarkable, however, for Phillips and Greeley had both been antagonistic in their criticism of Lincoln and his policy; they were too near Lincoln's day to see him in his true his. toric perspective. "No man is a hero to his valet." said Napoleon, and no man is a hero to his political contemporaries, particularly if they have been

his critics and antagonists. This old Douglas Democrat, Judge Harney, cannot bring himself to believe that Lincoln, whom he knew before he was President, was really as much of a statesman as Douglas, who fills a

wild tropical fruit. He is a chronic SPIRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS. revolutionist, and when well led and disciplined makes an excellent soldier. Panama is a land of fevers, heat and insect pests. There are no roads, and only one-mule trails, which lead nowhere in particular. The Panama-Rail-

road crosses the isthmus, here only forty-seven miles in breadth, from ocean to ocean, but it passes through an impenetrable jungle.

When Lieutenant Strain, U. S. N., attempted in 1854 to lead an exploring expedition across the Isthmus of Darien, although the distance was but fifty miles in a straight line, he lost his way, got out of provisions and with but a few survivors of his party reached the Pacific in a starving condition, for the forests afforded no game and no food save a kind of paim nut. Away from the settlements the country in the interior of the Isthmus of Panama is like that met by Lieutenant Strain in his passage of the Isthmus of Darien. As long ago as 1514 the Spanish conquerors built an old paved road for carrying treasure from the Pacific to the Atlantic, but this road has for the most part reverted to the jungle.

The children of one Dabney were not years. permitted to attend a white school in Richmond, Va., because their great grandmother was an Indian. This seems incredible, for the great Virginlan, John Randolph, of Roanoke, boasted of his descent from Powhatan United States Senator Matthew Quay has Delaware Indian blood in his veins, Colonel Ely S. Parker, a fullblooded Seneca Indian, an educated man, was a member of General Grant's staff in 1864-65. There is a deal of Indian blood diffused among white famllies of high distinction in this country and Canada. Some of the most distinguished Scotchmen in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company had Indian wives. Louis Riel, the leader of the rebellion in Manitoba, was a handsome and highly intelligent halfbreed. General Sam Houston, the victor of San Jacinto, married a beautiful woman of the Cherokee tribe, and many Cherokee women within the last fifty years have married white men of ability, intelligence and high character. Marriages between whites and Indians have not been uncommon in the United States, and in Canada the French trappers, voyagers and hunters often had Indian wives. To this day the French Canadian peasantry not seldom marry Indian women.

During the year 1902 a total of 772 perons committed suicide in the city of Greater New York. A comparison of statistics shows that the death rate from suicide has practically doubled in that city in ten years, and that New York is only fifth in the list of cities as regards the proportion of suicides to the number of population. The strange part of this showing is the fact that self-destruction has not been lessened by prosperity but has actually increased at a time when the industrial conditions of the country were at their best. Baffled for a reason for this state of affairs statisticians have advanced the idea that the almost daily suggestion contained in the reports of suicide is the responsible factor in this increase. There is no doubt something in this, since suggestion in some sort must precede every action. Wise mothers long ago found this out, and forebore to set their children to thinking of things which they did not desire them to do. Since men and women are only children of larger growth, the same rule of suggestion very possibly applies to them.

The same reason which supports a Federal statute prohibiting the packing and sale of salmon under a brand which contains false representation also exists

THE CONSERVATIVE PROPOSAL.

Arthur James Balfour, Prime Minister of Great Britalo, in "Economic Notes on Insular Free Trade."

Arlington Appeal. Malcolm A. Moody has more friends today than any other one man in this dis-Other nations have in the past accepted the principle of free trade; none have trict, and that he is innocent of the consistently adhered to it. Irrespective of charge against him will be shown at the race, of polity, and of material circum stances, every other fiscally independent community whose civilization is of the western type has deliberately embraced, in

The Governor has issued a Thanksgiv-ing proclamation. It would have been theory, if not in practice, the protectionist system. Young countries and old counappreciated more by many people if he had preceded it with his call for the tries, rich countries and poor countries, large countries and small countries, free have been moved by the same arguments to adopt the same economic ideal. In cir-

Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The National Government ought to lend cumstances so little foreseen we are

driven to ask whether a fiscal system substantial aid to the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and certainly will if it ap-preciates what their exploring trip meant suited to a free trade nation in a world of free traders, remains suited in every to the country. Besides, it with precedent to aid the Fair. the country. Besides, it is in line detail to a free trade nation in a world of protectionists. . . . I hold myself

Expert With the Shears

A Friend Worth Having.

Cart Before the Horse.

Salem Statesman.

free trade when I plead for freedom to negotiate that freedom of exchange may be increased. This freedom to negotiate, La Grande Chronicle. Newt. Williamson handles Malcolm Moody without gloves in today's Chroni-cle. Newt. used to shear sheep, and he like all other freedoms, may of course be abused. But are we therefore in a mood is not as tender when he goes at a thing in earnest as the smooth Malcolm, who has been a successful politician for of irrational modesty to declare ourselves unfitted to enjoy it? I think myself that

Known Also in Jackson.

Jacksonville Times. That ex-Congressman Moody, against whom an indictment was found by the United States Grand Jury for opening a letter not his own, will have no trouble in establishing his innocence, is firmly believed by his many friends. He was indicted by a bare majority of the jurors, as we are informed.

Dramatize It.

Will No Doubt.

A Study in Appetites.

Centralia News-Examiner.

Hard Lines for the Antis.

Westfall Western Ways.

The Loathsome Contemporary.

Dalles Times-Mountaineer.

and make the appropriation.

doubt, by the salt sea air.

Lewiston Teller. Puddinhead Wilson is outdone by the Wilbur blacksmith who asserts any horse

important, yet after all only a secondary issue. What is fundamental is that our liberty should be regained. can be known by his tracks, as no two horses in the world have hoofs so nearly alike that they can not be told apart. "Discoveries" of Familiar Truths.

New York Times. Truly all this business of studying and The Davenport murderer is likely to be convicted on circumstantial evidence by this horse-hoof expert.

it ought not to be difficult to devise a

would remain unchanged. Where we fail others may succeed. It cannot be right

for a country with free trade ideals to

enter into competition with protectionist rivals, self-deprived of the only instru-

ment by which their policy can con-ceivably be modified. The first and most

essential object of our national efforts

should be to get rid of the bonds in which we have gratuitously entangled

ourselves. The precise manner in which we should use our regained liberty is an

writing, printing and publishing, cata-loguing and preserving the results of thought and research counts for little. Here is a newspaper of the long-estab-lished fame of the Pall Mall Gazette pub-Dalles Times-Mountaineer. Oregon's delegation in Congress will lishing as its very first paragraph one which ask for an appropriation of \$2,500,000 for the Lewis and Clark Exposition. In view of the liberal appropriations that have begins thus: "I have accidentally come across what is evidently the original of "The Merchant of Venice' in the 'Pecobeen made for other world's fairs, their demand cannot be viewed as exorbitant, Congress will no doubt take this view rone' of Ser Giovanni Fiorentino." Note the spiendid disregard of generations of scholarship and research expressed in that graphic phrase, "I have acidentally come across!" "Accidentally," too! The zealous editors of Shakespeare who noted the various details of the story of "The Mer-

Hoquiam has 15 saloons, and the saloon-keepers of that city have petitioned the chant of Venice" in the "Pecorone" many years before the Pall Mall's "acidental City Council not to grant any more licenses. When it is considered that Hoquiam is not so large as Centralia discoverer" was born, did nothing by accident. They toiled over their work for the enlightenment of ages which refuse and has twice as many saloons, Centralia is not such a very wicked city after all. to be enlightened in spite of the printing presses and the libraries. Fancy a man living near the British Museum who can The liquor license in Hoquiam is \$1000, deliberately announce that he has "dis-covered" a similarity to Shakespeare's Veand in Centralia it is only \$600. Hoquiam must be a very thirsty city, caused, no netian comedy in one of the coarse tales of John of Florence, a similarity which almost every critical edition of Shakespeare has duly noted! Yet this paragraph will go the rounds in England and this country. Nothing can stop it. Though all

Will the irrigation of millions of acres of our Western desert land be an issue students of Shakespeare, and many in our next Presidential election? Oh, we just ask for fun. It's none of our sands who do not even claim the distinction of being students, have known that the story of "The Merchant of business, of course, but a fellow will ask questions. Teddy Roosevelt, who is editor of these United States at this Venice was taken partly from the "Pecorone" and partly from the "Gesta Roman orum," the fame of this new "discoverer" writing, has committed himself as favorable to Western irrigation, and we haven't heard any kick about it, either. will go abroad. It is as if some wise per-son should suddenly "discover" that the plot of the opera called "Mignon" was If a Democrat hopes for any consider-able support in the West, he will have to steal Teddy's bone. taken from Goethe's "Wilhelm Meister."

Race Issue Fallacious. Birmingham (Ala.) News, Dem.

The wrong and folly of Senator Gor-man's attempt is emphasized by the present condition of the negro in the The Roseburg Plaindealer, Binger Her-

mann's official organ, is apparently afflicted with an attack of indigestion or South. In no Southern State is he a con-trolling of an influential factor. There something else that has soured it against humanity. It proceeded a few days ago to chew up ex-Congressman Moody and except by Presidential appointment. There

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The cotton bulls are a hard-hearted lot. It is when Cleveland goes duck hunting that the feathers begin to fly.

So far as strikes are concerned, Chicago is easily the most progressive city in the country.

The president of a baking powder company has been indicted, but he can raise the dough for his ball.

Adam and Eve have been dramatized at last. The best that can be hoped for is countries and absolutist countries, all that the time of the play is after the tig-leaf stage.

> Ethel Barrymore says that Maxine Elliott is the Venus of Milo with the arms on. It is now up to the statuesque one to reply that Miss Barrymore is a Peri

with a coat of blarney. If Napoleon and Wellington had been to be in harmony with the true spirit of

nterviewed after Waterloo, they would not have equalled the momentous utterances of the captains of two scrub football teams.

Patti must be making a great success, if one judges from the number of articles advertised by the use of her name. Cough drop makers and plano makers alike head their advertisements with "Adelina Patti

method of turning it to most useful ac-count. But were I proved to be wrong, my opinion on the fundamental question uses no other."

> Great delicacy is needed in dealing with cerain persons' fiscal opinions.

"Two 'appeny bloaters for favver's tea, please, mum." said a little girl to the lady of the fried fish shop. "Certainly, ma tear," answered the lady.

and 'ow would your fader like 'em wrapped up-in a Free Trade 'andbill or a Perfection -London Globe,

The Daily Mail received Chamberlain's Birmingham speech by electrophone in its London office, and had papers on the streets 27 minutes after Joe finished speaking. As Chamberlain prepares his speeches long before he delivers them, it would seem that a quicker way would have been to get a copy in advance. However, science must be humored.

"In Mr. Tree's production of a 'Midsummer Night's Dream," " says George Moore, "an artificial rabbit hops across the stage, and the greatest city in the world is amused." Shakespeare needs some live comedy in his plays, and if Mr. Tree had provided a real dog to chase the tin rabbit to a disappointing clinch the greatest city would have been even more amused.

Is a blow to be struck at one of our most promising infant industries? Are our struggling writers of musical comedy to/be strangled with red tape? It would appear so, since the Mail and Express asks for the author of a joke. If jokes are not common property, if libreitists may not be "pickers-up of unconsidered triffes" in the funny line, whence are our comic operas to come? The joke in question was used by Tommy Dunn in "The Runaways" and now Frank Danlels is using it in "The Office Boy." Here it is: Drink and the world drinks with you;

Swear off and you drink alone.

No term of opprobrium has been considered too strong for the Standard Oll Company, but Rockefeller is an angel compared with the hard-hearted, grasping person at the head of the New York ple trust. An order has been issued by this monster that no pies will be taken back from the lunchroom men, and last Monday nearly a million pies were thrown away because they had become unfit for use. Think of pie enough to please 4.000,-600 people being thrown into the garbage barrels! The lunchroom men pay 4 cents for a pie and, if they sell it, make I cent profit. Hitherto they have had the privilege of returning pies that went bad; but now they must stand the loss themselves.

The following composition was written by a Portland youngster, who seems to be suffering from a Poe-tical imagination One day a farmer was taking ill. He could not afford to pay doctor bills. But at last his friends got a doctor. The Dr. lookt at his head and said, you have the bumps and the measles. He wanted some namer to write prescription and he couldnt find any. He didnt have a pencil and couldnt find any but he found some charcoal and he wrote it on the door. The friends could not copy writting. It was noon and he had bread as hard as a rock. He didnt have any water but muddy water and sour milk. After the doctor had written the prescription he went in the barn and got 3 horses and a express wagon and took the door to the druggist, but he could not read. At last the Dr. helpt himself. He took 5,000 tablets to write on and 1,000,000 pencils and the medecone. Then he went back. He bought 5 boxes of cigars. The doctors name was Dr Lock. The farmer is well and the Dr. charge him one penny and 3 cabbages. WEX. J.

THE MORNING OREGONIAN, MONDAY. NOVEMBER 16, 1903.

extra session. Precedent and Its Own Merits.

trial.

times their number.

But will Colombia attempt to send a force by sea? And if so, will it be permitted to land? No doubt Panama believes that our Government, charged by treaty with the duty of maintaining peace on the isthmus for protection of the railroad, will stand in the way of any attempt on the part of the Colombia government to suppress the revolution. Our ships of war therefore are expected by the Panama revolutionists to turn back any expedition that Colombia may send. It is not probable that President Roosevelt will go very far in such a matter without first having obtained assurance of support in Congress. If Colombia should start a military expedition for subjugation of Panama there would be a lively flutter in our Congress at once.

We want a canal across the isthmus of America, and must have it. "The government at Bogota," says the Boston Herald, "has attempted to take that advantage of our necessities which consists in exacting from us the largest possible monetary return for the right hich it concedes. The main district of Colombia is in no way affected by or interested in isthmian canal construct tion. In fact, to nine out of ten of the Colombian people the construction of canals on the planet Mars is a matter of quite as much practical interest as the construction of a canal at Panama. But the opportunity to 'hold up' the United States Government until it paid a large ransom was too good to be allowed to pass by unused."

Naturally, therefore, our people of the United States view with satisfaction the declaration of Panama. The question is, if it came to emergency, how far shall we favor or support it? It will depend on the humor or disposition of Congress; and this the President will doubtless ascertain before taking declaive action.

We want the canal and Panama wants the canal. Colombia doesn't care about the canal, but wants money, and tries to extort it. This is the whole story, In the circumstances it hardly becomes us to deny the sacred right of revolu. tion in Panama; and in order to get the necessary canal and to protect the railroad meanwhile, we may support Panama indirectly, by keeping the peace on the isthmus.

The world of scholarship will probably find more to interest it in the epitome of the lost books of Livy found by Dr. Grenfel in a Ptolemnic necropolis than in the few new sayings of Jesus and variant readings accredited to the so-called gospel of St. Thomas. It is true that the contents of Livy's lost work have been substantially estimated. but the epitome will at least substantiate those conclusions and will have especial value if they shed light on his adverse estimate of Caesar, whose im portance seems to grow as we recede from him, much as the great mountain acquires dignity and vastness as we climb the retreating slopes of its neighbor. Nothing that is discovered in the way of early Christian documents is likely to affect the accepted history and higher. Athletic contests may be neces-

FALSELY SO-CALLED SPORT.

Some of the Oregon colleges have been indulging recently in a kind of sport called a "rush." The members of one class attack another class and endeavor to seize and destroy the class colors. In one of the colleges the freshmen had placed their pennants upon the college flagpole, whereupon the sophomores tore it down and replaced it with their own. In the contests which ensued doors were broken open, partitions sawed through and students were battered and bruised. Boys kept an allnight watch in order to protect their class colors. All this was done as a manifestation of "college spirit." If this sort of work be an indication

of the spirit which pervades the colleges in which the events took place, there are schools in Oregon that have a wrong conception of the purpose of their existence. The aim of higher education should be to prepare young men and young women for lives of usefulness and honor in the work-a-day world. The college spirit should be in keeping with a proper public spirit which must be the guiding force in the lives of men who attain to positions of honor among their fellows. There is no place in this world for the spirit

which leads one man to tear down and destroy the work of another. That millionaire who builded his fortune by methods which earned for him the title of wrecker is today without honorary memory among his countrymen.

In the present organization of society competition is of vital importance, but the contest for superiority need not be of a character suited to a barbarous age. There is no limit to the opportunities for commendable rivalry. The

manufacturer, the merchant, the professional man, must bend all energies to the task of surpassing competitors in best service to patrons. It is the law of progress that the fittest shall survive, but if a true spirit has pervaded the contest no effort has been wasted upon the destruction of a rival. If, in the building up of one business, another fails because of its inferiority, the world has been benefited by the achievements of the more efficient.

The tearing down of the colors of one class in order to replace them with the colors of another is no cause for self-With commendable congratulation. pride might the sophomores have left the freshman colors flying, but nailed their own to the mast a few inches neither work nor think except to avoid teachings of Jesus. It is an interesting | sary in school life in order to maintain | he can live all the year round on the | soon be speaking of the Wild East.

His incredulity is natural, as natural as would be the incredulity of an old pioneer who, having known Grant and Sheridan in Oregon before the Civil War, found it difficult to believe that they won greater military laurels than Andrew Jackson or Winfield Scott.

CHARACTERISTICS OF PANAMA. Panama is, historically, the oldest portion of the Western Hemisphere. It is but nine degrees north of the equator, is fertile beyond description. Every tropical fruit grows wild. . Its only exports are bananas and a little

mahogany. While a large part of the inhabitants lives upon rice and thouands of acres of rice lands exist, nearly all the rice consumed is imported. The population does not increase, nor does Panama wax in riches. Under the central government of Colombia at Bogota it has had a measure of independence, and is in receipt of a large yearly

stipend from the Panama Railroad Company. Its Governor and the Generals in command of its troops were appointed by the President of Colombia. The population is devoutly Roman Catholic, Negro characteristics predominate through the rural population, with whom sexual relations are so exceedingly free and easy that the seventh commandment seems more honored in the breach than in the observ-

апсе. The people in their habits resemble the Chinese. They are cleanly in their persons, and bathe frequently, but their surroundings are so filthy that but for the ubiquitous buzzard existence would be intolerable. The Jews absorb most of the commercial transactions. Many Chinese are established along the line of the railroad and the canal who are married to the native women and are for the most part excessive users of opium. The only labor to be depended upon is that of negroes brought under contract from Jamaica. These men are steady, temperate and compare favorably with any labor in the world. Gold is always at a premium of several thousand per cent.

There is plenty of paper which no one will touch, and the medium of exchange is sliver more or less debased. For trading purposes it, however, passes current at about 40 per cent of its face value in gold. This puts a premium upon most articles of import

and depreclates the value of the country's products, Everything is taxed in one form or another. The sale of matches, ice, oplum and many other articles of necessity or luxury is farmed out in the form of a concession, as are gambling and the lottery. The gambling conces-

Bishop of Panama, and a lottery commissioner is found on every Panama railroad train and lottery tickets may be bought in any shop. Oppressive export duties are imposed at short no.

tice, and this practice strangles all commerce. The native Colombian is a cheerful constitutional liar, and will starvation, which he need not fear, as

in favor of a statute forbidding the sale of all products under false brands, Columbia River salmon are unsurpassed in their class; so are Oregon apples and Plaindealer Oregon prunes: The purpose of such a law is to protect both the producer and the consumer against deception. When commercial apple-growing has become a much more extensive industry in this state than it is now the need of a protective law will be more apparent. Oregon apples, such as are now produced at Hood River and in Southern Oregon, and in a few other places where care has been taken of the trees, will sell anywhere at top prices. As the reputation of this fruit becomes more widely known, attempts to sell inferior fruit

under the Oregon brand will be oom-

mon,

Oregon experienced a Winter storm last week-about as heavy a storm as Oregon ever suffers. Weak branches were broken from trees, a few signs were blown down, telegraph communication was interrupted for a few hours, and a mountain stage was delayed by fallen trees. There was one fatallty, caused by a tree falling across a house. This is what Oregonians call a heavy storm. Contrast this with a Winter storm in the Middle West or in the East. The thermometer goes down to 30 below zero; the snow flies so thick that the traveler is confused, lost and frozen to death; railroads are blockaded by the drifts of anow; llvestock must be carefully housed to keep it

from freezing, and people shut themselves up in double-windowed houses where hot coal fires are kept burning day and night. Oregon is not so bad a place to live.

The warning given by Sam Parks on the subject of blackmail in building trades has not proved as interesting to the trust advocates as might have been anticipated. The trouble is that he said employers were largely to blame. Independent inquiry has developed the belief that Parks was himself taken to New York from Chicago by certain unscrupulous contractors to assist them in wrecking their competitors. The unavailability of exploitation of this state of facts as a means of injuring organized labor is apparent. -----

It appears that the Greater Salem Commercial Club is one of those commercial bodies that keep up a continual "push" for local interests. At the annual election last week the old set of officers gave over the work to a new administration. As a rule, the work of such organizations falls largely upon the officers, and in this instance the

> The "Wild East." World's Work.

Eastern people still speak of the Wild West, but there is more wild land within two hours' ride of Boston, to say nothing of Western Massachusetts and parts of Northern New York, than can be in the whole corn belt. The people of this section, which is destined to become the center of our population and wealth, will

beriain most severely because he wants to protect the people against the possi-ble evils of a prolonged special session of the Legislature. If the editor of the would look into a mirror would find the picture of a great hig

The Uses of Publicity. Newburg Graphic.

donkey.

From one end of the Willamette Valley to the other one continued wall has gone up this season from the shippers of various valley products on account of a scarcity of cars in which to get these products to market. Gray hairs have the plaudits come from those who are been sprouted by the anxiety resulting, and thousands of dollars have been lost by the failure of the Southern Pacific meet the needs of its patrons. The Oregonian is now holding the railroad ple up to bitter censu le up to bitter censure, and 'tis By beginning agitation now, the well. company may be led to do something to relieve the situation before another harvest. the superior and the stronger race,

Thinks It a Short Suit.

Antelope Herald, The arrest of Malcolm A. Moody on

a charge of embezzlement is unques-tionably a political move emanating from the stained hands of those men who are suffering embarrassment from investiga-tion into land frauds in this state. But they are playing a strong lead from a short sult, and they will never get the lead again when Mr. Moody is triumphantly vindicated, as will most certainly result. We do not hesitate to say that we most emphatically accept the words of the accused when he says: "I am shocked and mortified beyond expression that such a charge against me could possibly be made by a Grand Jury.

A Prophet Goes on Record.

Princville Review.

Sorry, indeed, are we to learn of the predicament-if it can be considered so grave as that-of ex-Congressman Moody. We knew Mr. Moody after the bank of which he was cashier failed six years ago, and when his pants needed patch-ing badly and he had nothing but seven dogs following him around, and he was regarded as an honest and upright man and citizen. While it is hardly probable the Federal Grand Jury would land on a man like Moody without a substantial information, yet an indictment does not necessarily mean a conviction. The Review predicts the ex-Congressman will come out of this somewhat delicate position with flying colors and with the subtle odor of rose geranium clinging to his person.

To Thomas Moore.

Lord Byron. My boat is on the shore, And my bark is on the sea; But before I go, Tom Moore, Here's a double health to thee!

Here's a sigh to those who love me, And a smile to those who hate; And, whatever sky's above Here's a heart for every fate!

Though the ocean roar around me, Yet it still shall bear me on; Though a desert should surround me, It hath springs that may be wor

Were't the last drop in the well, As I gasped upon the brink, fre my fainting spirit fell, "Tis to thee that I would drink.

With that water, as this wine, The libation I would pour Should be-Peace with thine and mine, And a health to thee, Tom Mooret

spit him out in little chunks. And in a recent issue it attacks Governor Cham-Government absolutely. What more is to be done? What profit to the South is there in making the negro an issue? The only possible effect will be the arousing of antagonism in the North and making race prejudice more acute in the South. To claim that there is any race issue at the present time is a transparent bid for popularity. The man who traffics in such a commodity, however, threa the peace and welfare of the South. threate He

places his individual ambition above the weal of the people. He drags down a humanitarian question to the level of partisanship. He may win applause, but swayed by passion and prejudice. He may become conspicuous, but his conspiculty is that of notoriety, and not fame. He may win a factional victory, but he will experience a national defeat. The race problem is to be solved with clear heads and kindly hearts. It is to be solved, not when passions are tempesttossed, but quietly, peacefully, philosophi-cally and sympathetically worked out by

Eighteen Years of Successful Politics.

Chicago Tribune Twenty-first-At Harvard College. Twenty-second-In Europe. Twenty-third-Campaigning as nomines for State Legislature

Twenty-fourth-Member of New York Legis ature. Twenty-fifth-Member of New York Legisla-

Twenty-sixth-Member of New York Legis ature.

Twenty-seventh-On ranch in North Dakota Twenty-eighth--Campaigning as Republican candidate for Mayor of New York. . Twenty-ninth-Working on his "Life of Gou-verneur Morris."

Thirtieth-Working on first volume of his

Winning of the West, Thirty-first-Member National Civil-Service

Thirty-second-Working on his "History of New York.'

Thirty-third-Civil Service Commission Thirty-fourth-Civil Service Commission Thirty-fifth-Civil Service Commission Thirty-sixth-Civil Service Commission Thirty-seventh-President New York Board

Thirty-eighth-President New York Board of Police Co

Thirty-ninth-Assistant Secretary of th Navy.

Fortleth-Campaigning as Republican candidate for Governor of New York. Forty-first-Governor of New York

Forty-second-Campaigning for Vice-Presiden forty-second Campaging for the Prise of the United States. Forty-fourth-President of the United States. Forty-fourth-President of the United States

The Mothers Dream.

William Harnes. I'd a dream tonight As I fell usinep. Oh! the touching sight Makes me still to weep; Of my intie lad, Gone to leave me sad. Aye, the child I had But was not to keep.

As in heaven high, I my child did seek, There, in train, came by Children fair and meek. ich in lily white, With a lamp alight; Each was clear to sight. But they did not speak.

Then, a little sad, Came my child in turn, But the lamp he had, Oh! it did not burn; He, to clear my doubt, ld, half turn'd about "Your tears put it out; Mother, never mourn,"

OUT OF THE GINGER JAR.

Caller-Is the man of the house in? Maid-Yes, but the woman of the house won't let him come out.-San Francisco Wasp.

"De man dat has to learn by experience, said Uncle Eben. "Is general'y so near broke when he gets his infohmation dat he can't use it."-Washington Star.

The man who growls about his wife's cook-ing three times a day will eat any old thing with relish when he is camping out for a week with a stag party.-Chicago News. -

Little Willie-Say, pa, what is an optimist? Fa-An optimist, my son, is a man who really enjoys looking at a circus poster when he is shy the price of mimission-Chicago News.

Sam-Am Remus mahried or single? Pete-Ah doan know. Sam-What did he my he was doin'? . Pete-Nuffin'. Sam-Den put him down as mahried .--- Chicago News.

"On o' de sad things 'bout dis life," said Uncle Eben, "Is dat it's so much easter to depend on de enmity ob yoh enemies dan on de friendship ob yoh friends."-Leslie's

"I have only one objection to my hus band's painting the town red," said Mrs. Snopper to Mrs. Swayback. "And what is "He down't use water colors."that ?" own Topics.

"So he kissed you, did he?" "Yes." "I'm istonished." "So was I. You see, he met me in a dark corner of the plazza, and-" "Oh, in a dark corner! That explains it." -Chicago Post.

Lord Oldcastle-Really, Mrs. Hustleton, one does not begin to appreciate this country until one has seen it. Mrs. Hustleton-Why, Your Lordship, I didn't begin to appreciate it until saw the others .- Puck.

Mamma-Johnny, see that you give Ethel the on's share of that orange. Johnny-Yes, ma. Ethel-Mamma, he hasn't given me any. Johnny-Weil, that's all right. Lions don't ent oranges.-New Yorker.

Mary-But why do you think they are so certain to fall in love? Ann-In the first place, their parents hate each other; and in the second, neither of them has a penny in the world.-Smart Set.

"What is your iden of experience?" asked the very young man. "Experience," repied the sage from Sageville, "is the result of wanting everything you can't get and getting every-hing you don't want."-Chicago News. "Why is it, Doctor." she asked, "that so

nany men are having nervous prostration nowadays? It didn't used to be so." "No The doctors, in their coarse, unass ways, used to call a good deal of it delirium tromens."-Chicago Record-Herald

