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HILL'S FIGHT WITH TAMMANY.

David B. Hill has the critical fight of his political life before him in his pending contest with Murphy, the leader of Tammany Hall, for the control of the New York State Democratic Conven-tion that meets at Albany April 13 next. Murphy and Hill are well matched; Murphy is a self-made Irish-American; Hill is a self-made man who is Irish, at least on his father's side. Murphy has no education beyond that of the common schools, while Hill has had a High School education and is a very able and industrious lawyer. The study of law books by a man of brains is a better education to make him mas-ter of excellent English as a speaker or writer than the academical literary training of High Schools and colleges. Hill has been Lieutenant-Governor, Governor and United States Senator, He is an excellent public speaker, cool, calm, logical, self-possessed. He is a man of many sterling public virtues; he is a total abstainer from alcohol; his private life is without reproach; he is a man of personal dignity and self-re-straint; an able, energetic, persistent

The only serious blot on Hill's political career is his support of Maynard for the New York Court of Appeals, a n who was involved in an attempt to steal an election return from the office of the Secretary of State. Hill In 1894 was defeated for Governor because of his championship of Maynard in this matter. Both Democrats and Republinard for the Court of Appeals, and Hill's lame attempt to exonerate Maynard made him so odious that he was beaten for Governor in 1894. While United States Senator, Hill was industrious and able. He was, like Gorman, opposed to President Cleveland in the matter of the tariff and the income tax, and today he is the leader of those Democrats who desire to elect a delegation favorable to Judge Parker to the Demogratic National Convention, while Murphy, the leader of Tammany Hall, ffankly favors a delegation that would obtain the nomination of Grover Cleveland for President, and if that cannot e obtained, his second choice would e Mayor McClellan, of New York Olty.

an, full of courage and purpose.

Murphy is of the opinion that Clevewould make up by recruits thore than he would lose by the disaffection of the Bryan element, and for this reason Murphy would be glad if 4Mr. Cleveland could be nominated. But Murphy does not believe that Mr. Cleveland could be nominated, and he not believe that Mr. Cleveland would consent to a nomination that involved any bitter contest in the convention. His second choice is Mayor. McClellan, but he will not use his power as the leader of Tammany to force the nomination of McClellan upon the party and fight for it in the con-Only when the demand for McClellan's nomination comes from the State, as when in 1884 the demand for Grover Cleveland's nomination came from many states outside of New York State, will Mr. Murphy actively support and push McClellan as his candidate. "The Democratic party cannot win in 1904 without the electoral vote of the great State of New York. New York is a doubtful state always, because of its very large and influential 'independent vote,' In my judgment Grover Cleveland is the strongest nom ination that could be made to capture New York; but it Cleveland cannot be nominated, Mayor McClellan, of New York City, is the next strongest can-

didate to capture the Empire State." Murphy is not ready to attempt to the nomination of Cleveland upon the party, or of McClellan upon He is a sane, shrewd politician, who presents his personal views respectfully and awaits the action of the convention as he would await the court whom he would respectfully address, but whom he knew he could not coerce, corrupt or cajole.

since New York is essential to victory, the National Democracy will be likely to take its candidate from New York State, and the National contest may turn upon whether the New York dele-gation has named the strongest man or only named David B. Hill's strongest

man, who is Judge Parker.
It is not the first time that Tammany Hall has locked horns with the country Democracy of New York State. There has always been a fight between Tammany and the rural Democracy. It was Tammany that forced the unwelcome nomination of Greeley in 1872; that always fought Tliden; that fought and defeated by its bolt Governor Robinson and fought Cleveland's nomination for President in 1884 and 1832. This enmity to and jealousy of the Tammany Democracy by the rural Democracy has niways been artfully organized and utilized by David B. Hill, who has been supported for many years by the Democracy of Kings County. new leader, Senator McCarren, he may beat Murphy in the state convention, for Kings County has sixty-three dele-gates against the 105 Tammany delegates, while above the city line live 282 delegates. Here is the rift in the Democratic lute. It is by no means certain that Hill through McCarren can swing the solid Kings County delegation to Hill's support. Hill is but 60 years of age. He ought to be in his prime of public wisdom; but he lost ground in 1902 by his nomination of Coler and his injection of the coal plank into the state party platform of 1902. Hill seemingly controls a majority of the state committee, but if Murphy can divide the Kings County delegation against him he is likely to beat Hill in the state convention.

FEDERAL SALMON PROPOSALS.

Senator Fulton's proposal to pro-hibit the use of fixed salmon gear in Alaskan waters seems to bear an unpleasant suggestion of an effort to carry this ancient and not particularly edifying controversy from state to tional circles. It is hard to see what difference it makes how the Alaskan fishermen take their fish, if their operations are suitably governed as to time and place. The salmon taken in a gill-net is just as dead, once he is in the can, as one taken with a seine, and equally unavailable for propagating his kind. The truth probably is that this step is merely a piece of strategy, whose object is the establishment of a precedent in Alaska which can be used with effect in Oregon and Washington. The United States Fish Commission, at any rate, has long ago abandoned the fantastic superstitions about traps and wheels which were wont to tickle the sensibilities of Clatsop County voters.

It is necessary, we suppose, for Federal legislation of some sort to be enacted concerning Alaska salmon. Especially prepossessing is the proposal to punish misbranding. Yet even this seemingly just rule is capable of perversion to strange ends and beset with incidental perils, as an interview with Mr. J. T. Barron, published this norning, indicates. Dr. Jordan is as likely to be wrong about the commercial aspects of salmon as he is about the sealing monopoly; for in one impor tant matter, that of injury caused by gear, he has himself acknowledged the error of the dismal forebodings that once possessed him. In general we exert the least possible interference with matters of this kind. There is socialism enough in our thinking and practice as it is; and the Government's undertakings so far with crop statistics, etc., has not been such as to inspire confidence.

If Senator Fulton's bill is designed either as a sop to his Ciatsop County constituents or as a preliminary to some future local undertakings, it is fair to suggest that before the salmon can give neither. A year's study upon interests appear in supplication for a general subject cannot fit an undermore law, they would present a more graduate to discuss a particular aspect encouraging aspect if they were ready of that subject on two hours notice. to comply promptly and cheerfully with the laws we have. After all that the State of Oregon has done in the way of investigating; codding and legislation; it is the hardest kind of work to keep the various fishery outfles from the state in selecting and organiz. the various fishery outfly from destroying their own industry by disregarding the Spring close season, running over the time limit in August and ignoring the Fall close season altegether. The miraculous draught that always marks the first day of the Spring season, and the prolonged supply of fish at its close are anything but reassuring to those who believe that law should be enforced.

HINTS FOR THE GRAIN TRADE. The economic conditions which govern freight rates are thoroughly understood down where the tide comes in, and the logical deductions of the Astorian on als matters commercial command the deepest respect and most serious considera-For this reason The Oregonian & pained and humiliated over an expose of its own illogical presentation of some facts regarding the ocean freight market. "Our Portland contemporary, which seems quite anxious that charters should Democracy beyond New York City and not rise," says the Astoria oracle, "ignores the very important fact that Portland is a port just about five shillings higher than its neighbors, extenuation of our anxiety lest freights may advance, The Oregonian can offer In other words, Murphy, who is as cool, astute and able a politician as Hill. f. o. b. Portland is worth the Liverpool price less the freight, and as the freight advances the Portland price decreases. With this confession of guilt, we now pass on to the "important fact" regarding rates at Portland compared

with other ports. The short crop last year in California dropped that state from the list of wheat exporters, except on an insignificant scale. There was not only very little wheat to ship, but there was an insufficient amount for home consump-tion, and Oregon and Washington in the first eight months of the cereal year have shipped into California ports 600 .-000 bushels more wheat than was exported from San Francisco in that period. Were it not due to the fact that a few sales of California cargoes and parcels had been made in Europe early in the season, it is doubtful if a gingle cargo would have been shipped

Democratic National Convention; for lings paid by our "neighbors" who are engaged in the same kind of business. There are other phases to this great economic question which the Asto presents with a lucidity impossible of attainment where the mere facts used and understood. One of these fol-

lows: If the Oregon metropolis were in position to handle properly the export business of the Re-land Empire, with justice to the producers, it would not send 2000 to 4500 tons of wheat and barley south to San Francisco every week. Half a dozen steamers have done nothing else than take Oregon's grain down to San Fran-cisco for months past.

. Thus is Portland made to suffer for the acts of the Almighty. California had an insufficient amount of wheat to keep the mills grinding, and the fleet of steamers mentioned has not only carried Oregon and Washington wheat to those mills, but they have also carried flour, oats, barley, bran, shorts, chicken-feed and even cornmeal. Whenever the California buyers invaded the north with bids higher than the Euro-Hill retains his ancient control of the pean buyers could pay, Portland pock-Kings County Democracy under its eted her pride and their money, and permitted them to take the grain. At the same time it is in evidence that other portions of the country have from the same reason been unable to "properly handie the export business, as far back in the season as January a prominent Chicago rallroad man in a private letter to a friend in this city wrote that "California must be up against a pretty short crop, as we have already hauled several hundred tons of wheat out of Kansas for California

It is plain from this that after the eminent Astoria authority on grainhandling has educated the Portlanders as to the correct method of conducting their business, there will still remain a field for labor in Kansas, not to mention Washington, Idaho and other localities that are still groping along in the dark and selling their grain to the highest bidder.

THE WAR ON PLAGIARISM.

The State Oratorical Association has adopted a medium course between the Spartan method proposed and the more liberal practice hitherto in vogue. The drastic proposals would doubtless have prevented plagiarism, and they were favorably mentioned in The Oregonian at the time of their promulgation. It was provided that the executive committee should meet in May of each year and select a general topic for study. In January following the committee would choose three judges to whom the subject selected would be submitted. Each of the three judges would select eight topics or phases of the general subject, and these would be delivered, sealed, to the committee at least three weeks before the contest. These twentyfour topics would remain sealed until four hours before the contest begins, when they would be opened and eight of the topics selected for use in the contest. Two hours before the contest the contestants would choose by lot from the topics thus selected. Each speaker would then have two hours in which to prepare his oration, without any books or authorities from which to make excerpts. The judges previously chosen would decide which of the contestants had handled his topic in the best manner.

Except for the fact that a student might memorize passages on the general topic which he could use in his address, this method would prevent such slavish use of materials as has once possessed him. In general we disgraced some of our college contests, should say that the Government should The reasons for the rejection of the plan are not given, but one of them probably was the fact that undergraduates are not likely to acquit themselves as creditably in a catch-as-catch-can engagement as in a set composition which they have time to prepare with some approach to perfection. This is a matter of some seriousness. Anything worthy of the name "oration" must be worthy of the name orange. the result of meditation and growth. can give neither. A year's study upon ing material; in revision of choice of words and phraseology; in working out erudities of construction and of figure. Another important result of careful thought and investigation before the public deterance is the cultivation of literary conscience. An undergraduate should learn that no assert on should be made that is incapable of proof; that no evidence should be cited unless he him-self is convinced of its worth. Better have no orators than those who speak without weighing their words or esti-

mating their evidence. Oratory does not consist "first of all. in finpulsiveness. An undergraduate is rarely, if ever, ready to be an orator It is his work to get ready to be effective some day, when the need presses him, in writing or speaking for public welfare. To get ready means to use every opportunity for careful preparation; to acquire the habits, tools, knowledge and conviction necessary to fit one for public speech. Experience, years, thought upon the issues of life, are in-gredients in orasory. The Intercollegiate Oratorical Association has a good work to do in aiding men in their preparation to meet the demands that are likely to come upon them. A so-called "oratory" without premeditation is harmful-in its influence. We have too much of it now The ignorant or half-informed think and speak like the town-crier. Knowleldge and mastery teach a man to keep still unless he have something to say. Moreover, plagiarism cannot be cured by law or statute; neither by building walls between a student and books. A more practical and beneficent cure for plagiarism is the largest possible preparation.

HOW TO CURB MACHINE RULE. Republicans in every part of the state are lamenting and condemning the factional fight now waging within the party in Multnemah County. The contest is denounced as being unnecessary harmful to the party, and not promising of improvement in public service. Fre-quently the desire is expressed in Republican papers of outside counties that some way be found to punish the Re-

nding before the people and await ing their action at the election in June. The outlook seems very good for the approval of that measure by the people, and if such should be the result factional lines in every bounty will by irreparably broken. By the adoption of the direct primary plan of choosing candidates the people will take away from political bosses the power to con-trol the distribution of offices, and the end for which the political boss works

will be gone. Under the present system affiliation with the dominant faction is a prerequisite to securing a nomination for office. A man's fitness for a public position counts for little if he was too onest in his convictions or too shortsighted to work with the prevailing faction. Because the Jones faction has won in the primaries by a small majority, every member of the Smith faction must be denied a place on the ticket, even though he be a man of su-perior merit. This may be in harmony with the principles of good government, but there are few people who will be-

lieve that it is.

If the direct primary law shall prevail at the election next June, a different order of things will be established. Under that law the members of the party will have the power to choose their party candidates directly, and the man who is best fitted for an office can be selected without regard to his factional affiliations. As said before, factional lines would rapidly disappear, for the power of factional leaders to dictate nominations would be gone. The people them-selves would have the power to name the candidates for all offices, from

Governor to Constable. The proposed primary law provides that instead of electing delegates to a county convention, which delegates shall nominate county officers, the members of a party shall hold an election, at which the names of all aspirants for nomination shall be placed upon the ballots, and the person ceiving the greatest number of votes shall be party nominees. The man who desires political preferment has only to satisfy the demands of the people, and

not the political bosses.
It is in the control of county and state conventions that factional leaders have their power. The direct primary law proposes to do away with these conventions by enabling the people of a party to choose their candidates directly, instead of through the mediumship of delegates who are selected by party bosses. The enactment of this law will not put an end to political strife, and should not do so. There will still be aspirants for office, and a choice must be made from among these for party candidates. But the contest will be over the merits of candidates, with a view to securing the best men for places on the ticket, and not over the claims of one man or another for con-trol of the party machinery. A contest over the merits of candidates for nomination promises to result in the improvement of public service. A contest for control of party machinery promises nothing but the gratification of the desires and ambitions of individuals. Let us enact the direct primary law and put an end to a factional fight that has brought no good to the State of Oregon.

The big trunk lines east of Buffald are at present engaged in as fierce s rate war as was ever waged in th West, where, owing to the newness of the country, such conflicts are not infrequent. "The right of Philadelphia and Baltimore to claim a differential over New York is the bone of contention, or, to be accurate, the dimensions of the differential are causing the trou-ble. The traffic involved is that immense volume of business that is turned over to the Eastern roads at Buffalo. This mighty stream of commerce is fed by thousands of smaller trade rivulets the sources of which penetrate throughout as far West as the Rocky Mountains and drain one of the richest countries on the globe. From this fact the producers who will temporarily at least be the galners.

The fear expressed by numerous anti-Ankeny newspapers and politicians in the State of Washington about a year ago that the newly-elected Senator would not be a creditable representative and would have no power or influence at Washington, seems to have been unfounded. Senator Ankeny was sneeringly alluded to as "the third Senator from Oregon," his known friendliness to the Columbia River leading to the belief that he would lend his influence to the needed improvements on that stream. From what he has already accomplished since he reached Washington, particularly his work in retaining Fort Walla Walla as a permanent Army post, the junior Senator of the Ever-green State is certainly displaying talent and diplomacy which will prevent Oregon or Washington showing any de-sire to renounce him. The Walla Walla Senator may not be as well schooled in the art of politics as some of his detractors, but as a business man who does things, he is making a good record.

Illustrated with numerous good halftones, the special edition of the Chelan (Wash.) Leader fully describes Chelan and Lakeside, the two towns that are situated by the beautiful Lake Chelan. The advantages of the locality are well set forth, and descriptions of the scenery and the sport are not forgotten. The editor of the Leader, by the way, thus briefly writes his autobiography:

A Chinese newspaper, the Tung Wen Ha Pao, takes a very despairing view of the Oriental situation in an article

the direct primary nomination law now | SPIRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS

Important, If True.

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How He Was Landed.

Cathlamet Sun.

No young girl should allow a young man
to call on her oftener than three times a week, even if they are engaged. Men get tired of the same kind of pie, if they have it too often. A man's heart is cut out on the same plan as his stomach, only on s smaller scale.

Old Yamhill to the Front.

Newberg Graphic.

Yamhill County will have the stuff to make an exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Fair, such as will open the eyes of visitors, let them come from where they make the come from where they was the control of the come from where they was the control of the control may. It will require early, persistent and well-directed effort to make such as exhibit, and the call made by the Mc-Minnville Board of trade is timely.

Momentum That's All Velocity.

Albany Democrat,
John Barrett is to be Minister to Panama, a very important field. Barrett is
getting a good deal of knocking about
the world. A former Portland newspaper man, he learned the assurance and push necessary to make things go, and they are going his way rapidly. Never-theless his Portland friends do not non-sider him very much of a heavy-weight

Sees the Point, Evidently.

Vancouver Independent. Vancouver independent.

The Oregonian, when it states that the Seattle election was a defeat for Governor McBride and tries to show how the friends of McBride knifed the ticket, is resorting to the same kind of political falsification that was used after the city election in Olympia. The McBride fight did not enter into the city election of Seattle, and as in the Olympia election the closest friends of the Governor were among the most ardent supporters of the Republica

By Reason of Necessity.

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Medford Mail.

Oregon may be proud of her Representatives and Senators. In the Bristow report every state and territory in the Union except five are alleged to have profited by the postal frauds, through tall delegations in Congress. The five are Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, New Hampsiire and Rhode Island. Oregon's postal service has been substantially increased during the past few years, but the fact that it does not figure in this report shows that it was gained, not through fraud, but by reason of necessity arising fraud, but by reason of necessity arising from growth of business.

Who Would Be a Doctor?

Ashwood Prospector.

Dr. A. E. King, of Antelope, had a very exciting time of it last Sunday evening while returning from a professional visit to Cross Keys. Lower Antelope, Ward and Trout Creeks were all booming as a result of the heavy rains and melting snows, and whon Dr. King was crossing at a point near the function of Ward and at a point near the junction of Ward and Antelope Creeks, he found himself, buggy and horses, woirling down the creek like a piece of driftwood. He was carried a distance of 30 or 40 yards down stream before he managed to guide his horses into the bank, and then he had some difficuity getting up the steep embankment. In riding around the country to visit his patients, the doctor encounters a good many thrilling experiences, but he declares Sunday night's ride to have been the wildest he has ever had.

"On Scriptural Grounds."

Eugene Register.
Those Portland ministers who, after a storm debate, passed a regolution against marrying any couple where one or both have been divorced on any other grounds than adultery or describen, no doubt act-ed upon their interpretation of that Scrip-ture which declares that "whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder." It seems like putting the Almighty in a had light when he is charged with joining together people who desire divorce. Such marriages are not made in heaven, nor have they the sanction or blessing of an all-wise first cause. No minister violates a law of Scripture nor his conscience in performing a marriage ceromony for any couple who are known to be sound mentally and physically, and are not known to be criminals. Whom God hath joined together no man can put assuder. That together no man can put assuder. That together no man can put agur being the case, we consider the Portland ministers were over-zealous (with good intention, however) in passing a resolution that will be without moral effect and that really should not be binding.

Welcome the Coming.

Harrisburg Bulletin.

From accounts seen in the Portland papers it is learned that at this season of the year the number of immigrants now arriving have never been equaled, and it seems that the major portion of them come to buy homes and make permanent settlement on this Coast. The matter of assisting these people to secure homes here on equitable terms should enlist the honest endeavor of every person who has the good of the State of Oregon at heart. They should be adviced as to the character of the soil and have pointed out to them the most profitable use to which the different qualities may be appropriated; and as well the correct value, as estimated by people of experience. If such treatment shall be accorded these homeseekers they will soon understand that they have cast their lots amid desirable environments for happy homes, and the conditions here will be heralded back through their letters to the people of their former homes, and will be a source of advertisement far-reaching in its effect. While misleading representa-tions are always wrong, in this case they are not only wrong but are very expensive in the long run.

The Real Thing in Journalism.

Lebanon Criterion.

After you have read the city daily scanning cable dispatches that tell of bovering war clouds of treaties and entangling alliances, have perused a column and more descriptive of disaster on land and sea, have read with throb-bing pulses the story of the latest tragedy, murder or suicide; after having done tals, le it not a pleasure to open the country newspaper? It is like a glass of cold eream after a repast where pate de fois gras and cavier were the leading attracthus briefly writes his autobiography:

Established The Chelan Leader August 6, 1891, and has owned and edited it 124 years up to February 1 last. He was born January 7, 185Z, in Bureau County, Illinois, in a log schoolhouse; father was a school teacher, who died in 1890. Mr. Britt came to this state (then territory) in 1872; started to learn the printing trade in the Puget Soond Courier office in Olympia same year; is an ordated minister of the Baptist denomination, and has been during his life a newaboy, farmer, clerk, soldier, railroader, printer's "devil," compositor, preacher, editor, etc.

Tou learn that Cy Jones has another baby boy, and you recall the day when you and Cy fought at school and he kicked your shins with his copper-toed boot. You read that Viola Jones is the new soprame in the Methodist Church and it comes to you in a pleasant picture how comes to you in a pleasant picture how you and VI used to go buggy riding an she would sing while you used to driv the old white horse with one hand. The editor tells of Deacon White's cow have Murphy is inferior to Hill only in the from San Francisco to Europe this season, and floor of the convention his political views. He is as much of the man of the world in sobriety, self-restraint and intellectual astutchess as Hill. This fact floor political life the skill of the schools, the collician life the skill of the schools, the collician life the skill of the schools, the interest of combinings or as to show their displeasing the political life the skill of the schools, the collician life the skill of the schools, the life superiority in political with the political life the skill of the schools, the collician life the skill of the schools, the life superiority in the state of the party outside of the schools, the collician life the skill of the schools, the life superiority in political with the party outside of the schools, the life superiority in the dominion of a foreign power. A new scheme of the manner.

If it is admitted that the conflict in this county has its origin in the desire of rival politicians to secure control of the party outside of the schools, the life superiority in the state of the party outside of the schools, the politicians to secure control of the same state of the party outside of the schools, the politicians to secure control of the same state of the schools and the rival state of the schools and the rival school of the schools and the rival politicians to secure control of the schools and the rival school of the schools and the rival school of the schools and the rival schools are the dominion of a foreign power. A new school of the schools and the rival schools and the rival school of the schools and the rival

THE BOOK OF BOOKS.

Chicago Inter Ocean. Chicago inter Ocean.

Many men of international renown gathered in Washington last Sunday to celebrate the centennial of a British publishing corporation. All over the English-speaking world, and in many places beyond it, similar meetings are holding this week.

These tributes to a mercantile con for such it is despite its philanthropic aims—are not paid because of the effi-ciency of its management, though that is high, nor because of the fame of its managers, whose names are practically unknewn. They are a recognition of the value to mankind of the goods that it makes and sells.

makes and sells.

This British corporation, and its slighting junior American ally, publish but one book. In that book their business is worldwide and surpasses in extent the sales of any other book whatsoever. Since their foundation the British and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Society have distributed 250,000,000 copies or parts of copies, in hundreds of languages, of the

of copies, in hundreds of languages, of the Bible.

Whatever any one may think of the Bible from any viewpoint, the fact stands out that it is the meet influential book ever known to mankind. Originally written by Jews, whether in Hebrew or Greek, it is their abiding proof of rank among the peoples that produce great literatures. Its translations into English and German, and to a certain extent into other languages, are the foundations of their modern literatures. Its distorted reflection in the Koran is the foundation of Arabic and Persian literature.

The power of the Bible as literature and upon literature is clearly seen when we try to think what English and German and French and Spanish and Italian literatures would be without it. We should have no "Paradise Lost," no "Hamlet,"

have no "Paradise Lost," no "Hamlet," no "Faust." We should lack some of the best plays of Racine and of Calderon, and we should have no "Divine Comedy," In fact, it is almost impossible to conceive modern literatures as existing at all with-out the Bible, they are so permeated with its ideas.

Furthermore, for many peoples the Bible is literally the beginning of their written speech. Tribes in which language was en-tirely a thing of the perishable voice-which were without even the rudiments of an alphabet—have had their speech reduced to writing and thus preserved for all time that the Bible might be set be-fore them as a counselor and consoler. Furthermore, only the religious directly

grown most solidly—which display a com-bination of strength and progress such as do no others—the English speaking and the German-Scandinavian—are precisely those among whose people knowledge of the Bible is a most widely diffused personal possession.

In literature, in religion, in politics and government, the Bible is indeed the foundation of civilization. The sublime figure in whose person its teachings cul-

minate is increasingly the ideal of men who seek after righteousness. The Bible is literally the Book of Books -the First of Books-to all men who know it, and is evidently destined to become such to all the human race.

What Manner of Man Kouropatkin Is Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent, thus describes Skobeleff and Kourepatkin after one of the fights at Plevna.

I was sitting in my tent writing a dis-I was sitting in my tent writing a dis-patch when the finp was suddenly drawn aside and in walked the most terrible and awe-inspiring object I have ever seen in my life. It was Skobeleff, whom I knew well, but I had to look twice before I

well, but I had to look twice before I recognized him.
His smart General's uniform was torn into shreds and stained with blood and gunpowder from head to feet. His sword, which he held in his hand, was simply smothered with blood, and great drops of it fell on the floor of the tent as he greeted me. There was a terrible gash across the top of his forehead, and his eyes still biased with the flerce excitement of the hand-to-hand fight which he had just had with hundreds of Turks. While he stood there telling me about half a dozen wounds, but he stood as steady as a rock while he saluted Skob-eleff. The latter suggested that he had better go into the hospital, but he curtly replied: "No, General, there is work to size thought that the approaches

I heard afterwards that Skobeleff and Kouropatkin had fought side by side throughout the bloody day, and had slain the Turks literally by the dozens. Their exploits formed the theme of many a story told beside the camp-fires of both not obtain a pilot, so the armies throughout the campaign.

Will the War Spread?

Chicago Tribune.
Will the Russo-Japanese war spread?
If conclusions can safely be drawn from
the wars of the last half-century it probably will not. The Crimean war did spread after it started; neither did the Franco-Austrian war of 1858-18; nor our Civil War: nor the Austro-Prussian war of 1866; nor the Franco-Prussian war 1870-71; nor the Turko-Russian war 1877-78; nor the Chinese-Japanese war 1894-95; nor the Greek-Turkish war 1896; nor the Spanish-American war of

At the outbreak and during the contin-uance of many of these wars great fears were entertained that the conflict would apread and involve neutral powers. These fears, especially at the time of the Franco-Prussian and Turko-Russian wars, were far greater than are now felt with fefar greater than are now felt with fegard to the Russo-Japanese struggle. The
history of the rocent wars indicates that
other nations, viewing the horrors and
expenses of war, are disinclined to plunge
in for whatever reasons, but prefer to
safeguard their interests by taking a hand
in the peace treaty.

Although reasoning from analogy is un
imperfect method of arriving at the truth,
unless thousands of cases may be examined, yet it is an encouraging thought
that none of the wars between the powers
during the list fifty years has spread beyond its original limits. far greater than are now felt with fe-

No Power to Enforce It.

Portland Catholic Sentinel.

The Portland Ministerial Association has put itself on record as being against the remarriage of divorced persons. That looks right and will do some good. As long, however, as Justices and notartes will do the marrying and while church standing is not impaired there will be no adequate cure for the divorce evil in the hands of the sects.

The Inner Vision.

Most sweet it is with unuplifted eyes To pace the ground, if path he there or While a fair region round the traveler Which he fortears again to look upon; Pleased rather with some soft ideal scene. The work of Fancy, or some happy tone Of meditation, slipping in between The beauty confine and the beauty gone.

-If Thought and Love desert us, from that Let us break off all commerce with the

Of inspiration on the humblest lay.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Patti has left for home. The autopsy didn't reveal much

It is denied that Ping Yang will have nine in the Pacific Coast League this SEMACH.

A hyenn, "for Roosevelt from Menelik," has arrived. The laugh seems to be on

the President. There are lots of men that would never know it was Sunday if it weren't for the stale bread in the restaurants.

Fortune tellers are being driven out of New York, that is, all but those that prophesy political events.

General Kouropatkin says that he will wear a little image of his patron saint. However, the commander-in-chief's record tends to show that he will keep his powder dry as well,

Chicago's carbarn bundits have been found guilty of murder. They had gone into the killing business in such a wholesale scale that people thought they might be found guilty of something more than mere murder.

The Kingdom of Siam has formally recognised the Republic of Panama. All that now remains is for the Seattle Chamber of Commerce to take a like step, and then all of the vibrant centers of the world's thought will be in solid array on that important topic.—Seattle

Where stands the "editor of the Times?"

If conservative New York and Chicago papers are to be believed, Hearst clubs in the two great cities are completely controlled by enemies of Hearst. The founder, however, is not debarred from putting up as much money as he likes to help along the clubs' enjoyment

A clergyman says in the London Spectator: "A poor woman in the parish was consulting me in connection with her domestic troubles, and there was some doubt as to whether her marriage was a legal one, inasmuch as her 'husband' (as she had just discovered) appeared to have a wife living, from woom he had been The woman's pathetic inseparated. quiry was: 'If he is not my husband, what right has he to knock me about " what right has he to knock me about?"

A London paper tells a story of a certain short-signted sportsman. He was asked one morning by a fellow sojourner in a small hotel on the shore of Loch Carron what sport he had had. "Just seen a seal," he said; "shot at it three times and missed it each time." At dinner, an hour later, he sat next to a man with a bandage round his head. "Accident?" he inquired. "Accident!" was the indignant response. "Attempted mur-der, you mean. I was having a bath about an hour ago when some lunatic fired at me three times from the shore and shot part of my ear off." who it could have been," murmured the sportsman, and changed the conversation to the Japanese war.

"Then I'm to be saying, sir, that you're not at home?" the maid inquired, says the Philadelphia Telegraph.

"No, Mary, No!" was the reply, "that would not be true. If any one should ask for me you must just put him off with some evasive answer, you know." "I'll do it, sir, never fear," was the maid's reply. Mary was as good as her word.

Tost afternoon a person of importance made his appearance and was duly sent away. The faithful maid reported the "What did you do, Mary?" inquired the

latter with some trepidation. "Oh, I just put him off, sir, as you told me. I gave him an evasive answer."

"Yes, but what did you say to him?" "Oh, sure he axed me if the boss was at home and I said to him was his grandmother a monkey!"

not more than two Russian ships are allowed within any British port, her action being a reply to the Russians. The Rus-Vladivostok were too dangerous to Vladivostok were too dangerous to be attempted by foreign ships without a China squadron arrived off the port on one occasion in a fog at night, and could not obtain a pilot, so the ships entered the harbor under the navigation of their own officers. When the commandant awoke the following morning he was surprised to see 10 foreign men-of-war moored in his harbor. This led to the

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OUT OF THE GINGER JAR.

Bobby-Papa, what's a helpmeet? Papa-A helpmeet is an idealined cook.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

adoption of the Russian rule,

George—I had made up my mind to move heaven and earth to win you. Prudence—And it was only necessary to ask me.—Puck. "Br'er Williams don't need no cost in Win-ter time." "How come?" "Wy, he all time dreamin' dat de devil got him!"—Atlanta Con-stitution. English Instructor-Do not use the word "rough house." It is too colloquial. Student-Bow would "Jagged domicile" do?-Harvard Lampoon.

Harker-Talk about being averse to work. I found a chap this morning that was the Hmit. Barker-Indeed! Tramp or collegemant-Chicago News.

"After all, it's a true maying that 'He laughs best who laughs last." "Not at all. The really true saying is 'He laughs best whose laugh lasts." "—Philadelphia Press. "And do you think," he asked, "that men progress after death?" "Well," she replied, "If they don't it would almost evem usels as for some of them to die."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"And you have finally decided the momenhous question" "Well, no er not exactly. We have decided to get married, but whether we'll board, keep house, or live in a flat, is still in the air."—Bultimore News.

"Willie, are you and Hen in any mischief out there?" "Oh, no," replied the boy. "We're all right. We're jest playin' ball with some eggs the groder left, to see how many times we can catch one before it breaks."—Chicago Post.

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"Aren't you afraid that a great many people will criticise you for becoming rich?" "Yes," answered Senator Borghum. "But the chances are that if I had stayed poor they wouldn't have noticed me, even that much."—Weathington Star.

Wife—There was a man around today selling big brass burgler alarm bells to put on the front of the house, so I ordered one. Husband—What! You know we haven't anything worth stealing. Wife—I know, but it will make the neighbors think we have—Philadelphia Ledger. "Why does life. Cubwuman look so sad?" "The wortd's injustice to woman has just struck her furcibly again." "How was that!" "She happened to think that Martha Washington bon't called the Mothes of her Country."—Unclinenti Times-Har.

Doting Pather—Tou must not expect her to propone so soon, my boy. She has been calling on pou only three weeks. Beloved hes—I know that, father, but instead of enlightening me as to her intentions she insists on turning down the gas and keeping me in the dark.—Chicago News.