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TODAT'S WEATHER-Showers, westerly winds.

PORTLAND, FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1904.

REGISTER NOW.

It is a public duty for every citizen of Oregon to cast his vote in the November election. No matter how he wotes, his vote should be recorded one way or the other. There is an opportunity now lasting till May 15, for registration at the office of the County Clerk. At that date the books will close, not to be opened again before the November election. Everybody wants to vote for President. Everybody should vote. It is the patriot's privilege as well as duty. A heavy vote will be the best advertisement Oregon can send out. The vote of 1900 was 84,000; in 1902 it was 50,000. This year it should be 100,000. Qualify yourself to vote by registering, and don't delay. Register now.

DESERTERS IN THE HOUR OF PERIL. The perils to our National life with which imperialism is fraught have long been apprehended by all true Demo-Whether viewed through the crats. sturdy Bryanic Intellect of Judge O'Day or the silk-stocking sensibilities of C. E. S. Wood, the ruin of holding subject colonies beyond the sea stands out vividly over all creation. The awful injustice of subjugating and ruling the Filipinos is to be dreaded not so much for the unhappy islanders, whose fate is comparatively negligible, as for the reflex action on ourselves, in whom liberty will thus be crushed and tyranny enthroned. This danger to our institutions has never been more sagaciously and eloquently portrayed than in the Democratic National platform of 1900, which was adopted by and with the consent and approval of the Oregon Democracy, influential and loyal members of which stood up on chairs at Kansas City and howled for some fifteen consecutive minutes when Senator Tillman had finished his impassioned reading of the anti-imperialism plank. From the Kansas City

"who were brought up to make money not by robbing the public." The inference that these men in passing on have not left successors to their methods as well as to their wealth is a gloomy one, and need not be indulged. -

A POSSIBLE HARRIMAN PROGRAMME. It is the assertion of the Hill interests that the Harriman objections to the promulgated plan of Northern Secudities distribution must not be sustained because success of the opposition would further a Harriman scheme to exercise control of Northern Pacific so as to merge it with St. Paul for a continuous line from Chicago to the Pacific Coast. If this assertion correctly represents the facts, it opens up an entirely different interpretation of the Harriman purposes than any heretofore suggested.

That is to say, if Harriman contem plates the creation of a new transcontinental combination consisting of the Northern Pacific and St. Paul, his programme falls in an altogether different category from the Hill undertaking of combining two parallel and competitive lines. It would correspond to Union Pacific's acquisition of Central Pacific and Southern Pacific, to Northern Pacific and Great Northern's acqu sition of Burlington, or to the Vander-

bilt undertakings with Lake Shore or Big Four. The completion of a strong through connection conserves and may promote competition. It is not at all objectionable thing the country's anti-monopoly predilection apprehends and disapproves in the merging of two parallel and competitive roads like Northern Pacific and Great Northern. It will be said, of course, that Harrinan control of Northern Pacific is rendered intolerable, in view of his control of Union Pacific, for the same reason that Hill's ownership in Grant North-

ern precludes his acquisition of Northern Pacific. In this view The Oregonian has already acquiesced. And yet as a matter of fact there would develop in practice a great difference between the two operations, growing out of the situation at the terminals. The Northern Pacific and Great Northern begin at St. Paul and end at Puget Sound. They are not only controlled by one man, but they serve the same communities. Now the Harriman Northern Pacific, ending at Puget Sound, would be in the same hands as the Union Pacific ending at Portland, and the Southern Pacific ending at San Francisco; but the unity of these separate Harriman lines would be very naterially disturbed by the demands of the rival communities they serve. A neasure of competition would be enforced by the rivalries of Puget Sound, the Columbia River and San Francisco upon the operating and traffic officials of Harriman Northern Pacific and Harriman Union Pacific, which would never arise in connection with Hill Northern Pacific and Hill Great North-

ern, plying side by side between St. Paul and Puget Sound. This is not a barren speculation, for

the evidence is at hand in the present situation of Harriman Union Pacific at Portland and Harriman Southern Pacific at San Francisco. There is a con Inuous pressure upon Southern Pacific officials on behalf of San Francisco and apon Union Pacific officials at Portand and Omaha. It is active and per sistent enough to suggest the thought that perhaps the basis of railway competition lies quite as much in the com munitles served as in ownerships. For some days past there has been activity on behalf of Portland, Tacoma and Seattle before the railroad officials as opposed to Spokane, and another manifestation of activity on behalf of Portland as against San Francisco. It beTHE MORNING OREGONIAN, FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1904.

belonging to the school of financiers | Tammany Hall. It has always been Hill's policy as the leader of the coun by increasing the general wealth, and try Democracy to prevent the absorption of the Brooklyn Democracy by Tammany Hall, because this union would subordinate the country Democracy perforce to the Tammany boss, This situation explains the hostility of Murphy, the Tammany boss, to the indorsement of Judge Parker, the candidate of Duvid B. Hill.

Murphy will probably quietly work against Parker's nomination at St. Louis, and if it is approved, will probably affect an ardor for his election he does not feel and make no energetic effort to rally the vote of Tammany Hall to his support. The probable luke warmness of Tammany Hall in event of Parker's nomination increases Roosevelt's chance of carrying the state. The ukewarmness of Tammany Hall lost New York to Hancock in 1880; it came near costing Cleveland the State of New York in 1884, and it lost him the

state in 1888. The turning down of Tammany Hall this year is likely to lose the Democracy the State of New York if the choice of David B. Hill for the Presidency is approved by the National Democratic Convention.

THE WIFE AND THE PAY CHECK. A Judge in a Philadelphia court lately decided that a wife is not entitled to her husband's pay envelope That is to say, the employer for whom the husband works is justified in refusing to turn over the latter's salary check to his wife, upon demand,

This is probably good law-of the kind that our forefathers, following the old English law, placed upon our statute-books-and there can be no quarrel with the Judge, from a judicial standpoint, who decides a case accord ing to law. The fact remains, however, and it is well in this connection to call the attention of men who work for a stipulated sum cach week or month to it, that the husband who turns over his pay check to his wife is more than likely to be the winner of considerable

savings at the end of the year, which would otherwise have slipped through his fingers. This statement, of course is based upon the supposition that the wage-

earner is a thrifty, sensible man and has taken the necessary precaution to marry a sensible and thrifty woman There are women, as well as men, who cannot handle money to advantage, but these are seldom found in the homes of industrious artisans. There are women who like dress and display in household furnishings too well to be trusted to draw and dispense the weekly wage or the monthly salary, just as there are men who like drink or cards too well to be trusted to pass the saloon or the gambling-house with their pay in their pockets. But, given a sober, honorable husband and a considerate, caretaking wife, and the lat ter is usually much the better manager of the family income than the former. This is said without disparagemen to the good intent of the husband. The

wife being closer, so to speak, to the family needs, knows just what is necessary to supply them, and she is besides more willing to make sacrifices for the saving fund than the husband. This being true, it may be safely assumed when a man is prosperous on a smal salary-as shown by the fact that he owns his home, is out of debt and has a little rainy-day fund to which he adds something every year-that his wife handles the pay check and has, with his cheerful consent, done the sav-

The tendency of the times-of all prosperous times-is to spend too much and save too little. The problem of bringing up a large family has grown exceedingly perplexing in view of this

men volunteered to remain and did re-ALL VERY FUNNY, NO DOUBT. main on Arlington Heights in the de fense of the Potomac until the result of the battle of Gettysburg was known. An official report says: "The records show that it was intended to issue a medal of honor only to those who volunteered to remain and did remain in service beyond the expiration of their terms, but, evidently through inadvertmay in due time, after the necessary log-rolling by the members from the Far the medal was issued to about 560 other members of the regiment who did not volunteer to remain in the service and who were sent home before the battle was fought. The records do not show either the names of those who volunteered to remain or of those

who did not so remain, but the name of each man who received a medal is contained on the roll of honor." A popinjay militia Adjutant-General of a small New England State more than thirty years after the Civil War obtained on his own personal narrative of his military exploits a

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tant-General Corbin that on his personal statement he was entitled to it. The Victoria cross means something in the English army; the iron cross means something in the German army; the war medal in the American Army may be awarded to a true soldier for

or it may be awarded to a military braggart of the Bob Acres quality either for something he never did or for something that did not entitle him to a "war medal." Of course, no man in the permanent Army should ever obtain a brevet or a war medal save for genuine military service on the battlefield or in campaign, Major Asa Bird Gardiner, U. S. A., of the retired list, obtained a brevet for gallant and distinguished service in the office of the Judge-Advocate-General at Washington, D. C.

plications by granting an application

goes without the preliminary of a

good-bye and refrains from making

known his whereabouts for a number

of years, more or less, should be sup-

planted in the affections of his neg-

lected wife without compunction on her

part by a more manly man. And to

legal aspects of his case.

so that one thing or another will surely happen to this delightful business of cel-It is somewhat risky for an individebrations plus fat Government appropriations. If the tendency goes on, in less than a century the country will be in a ual to marry again upon the simple presumption that a derelict husband or perpetual ecstacy of shows, and even the centennial anniversay of the opening of wife is dead. Many domestic tragedies and at least one pathetic poem the Boston subway will rise grandly have attested the miseries of acting the dignity of an international exposition. upon a supposition of this kind which generously endowed out of the public subsequent events failed to verify. funds, and appealing to the official patronage of mankind. The Judge is wise, therefore, who forestalls possible legal and domestic.com-

More About Poe and Chivers. New York Evening Post.

For it was then that modern com-

merce began its triumphant and amag-

ing course of empire in the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys, ultimately changing

a most interesting stage, it might be said

a critical stage. Congress bears a heavy responsibility in now shaping its course

the history of the world. The world's fair occupation has reache

Springfield Republican.

for divorce from a long-missing spouse. The Sewance Review, that excellent literary quarterly of the South, will If ever there is a case in which a man can be justly condemned without a pardon us if we quote some clever fooling of Mr. Andrew Lang's in Long-man's, anent the interminable Poe-Chihearing, it is in that of a recreant husband and father who drops out of his family life and buries himself in disvers debate. A writer in the Sewaner has discussed the relationship between Poe's "Raven" and Chiver's "Lost Pletance and silence. Enoch Arden was to be pitled in his sorrowful homecoming only because he was kept away ind,' and between other poems of the two friendly singers. Mr. Lang amuses himself over the question after his from home and wife and children for ten or twelve years by circumstances wont, and adds a capital parody of over which he had no control and was lores," for which we will forgive him the misspelling of Mr. Newcomers entirely cut off from communication with the world. But the husband in name practical life who simply "gets tired" About 1851 Chivers came out

"Eonchs of Ruby." An eonch is a shell, like "conch" in conchology. Here is a sample of an eonch, based on Poe's "Annabel Lee": Where the Opaline Swan circled, singing,

With her eider-down Cygnets at noon In the tall Jasper Roads that were springing From the marge of the crystal Lagoon-Rich canticles, clarion-like, golden, Such as only true love can declare.

make all things snug and safe against the possible return of the derelict, she Like an Archangel's voice in times olden-I went with my Lily Adairshould be given a divorce before she With my lamb-like Lily Adairpresumption-lacking specific evidence With my mint-like Lily Adalr-With my beautiful, dutiful Lily Adair, to the contrary-that a worthless, irre-Here is another: sponsible human derelict is allve is al Hor eyes, llly-lidded, were asure, ways the safest when dealing with the

Cerulean, celestial, divineuffused with the soul-light of pleasure, Which drew all the soul out of mine. She had all the rich grace of the Grace And all that they had not to spare; The United States Investor, noting the

elative quotations of British consols or it took all their beautiful faces and American 2 per cents, thinks the To make one for Lily Adair. higher price of the latter gratifying to Go it, Chivers! That is really very American pride, but warns its readers

nice. It is also very like Dolores, Mr. Swinburne, in movement, and Mr. Se-

RILEY WROTE LEONAINE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 13.-James The appeal for a generous grant to the proposed Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland, Or., found the House of Rep-Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosler poet, made a statement today about "Leonaine," the poem which he wrote in his youth in im resentatives in a surprisingly unrespon-sive mood when the Senate exposition itation of Poe, and which Alfred Russell Wallace recently published in the Fort-nightly Review, crediting it to Poe, and bill was called up for consideration. It was an unexpected rebuff, and the House giving the circumstances to the find. "It was a mistake due to the folly of

my youth that I ever wrote that poem said Dr. Riley, "and God knows how have suffered from it. It is always co "and God knows how West, be persuaded to conform to established precedent and yield whatever is desired. Still, the coldness of the House ing up at the most inopportune times and I suppose it will do so until the end of my life; but I must stand by my error. toward the exposition proposed on the North Pacific Coast was a hopeful sign. my life; but I must shart I wrote it, but Of course, I reassert that I wrote it, but The country is almost tempted to believe as to its merits I am not the judge, same man who wrote this article lished one several months ago in This that when Congress is asked to give \$5,000,000 toward the celebration by means the of a world's fair, of the centenary of the same magazine. It was at the time I was in Philadelphia to receive a degree of Black Hawk War, or the 200th anniver sary of the appearance of the first flat. nor that it came out and I was humil

boat on the Ohio River, it will resolutely lated beyond bellef. "All I have to say about the author is that he is entitled to his belief, as I The Lewis and Clark expedition acros the continent was undoubtedly a signifi-cant and important event in American have stated both that I did write the article and that I did not. In fact, he is as good a man as he believes me to be history, Lewis and Clark deservedly rank with the great explorers of all time. Yet whether their transcontinental journey bad, and that is the greatest praise could pay him. deserves to be celebrated by a \$5,000,000

"About eighteen years ago I was workfair with a \$10,000,000 deficit, in ing on the Anderson Democrat. A lo of us got to talking one day about critics one of the remotest corners of the United States, more than the 200th or 250th anand I said that they did not know what they were talking about. I said that some of my poems were pust as good as other poets', but I could not sell them niversary of the first Ohio River flatboat. a question upon which citizens may nextly divide. For our part, without underrating the importance of the Lewis and Clark exploration, it must be said that the opening of the Ohio River to because I signed them simply 'J. Riley,' and no one knew who I was, W Riley then told the story of writing th

poem and of having it published in a Kokomo paper, with a story to the ef-fect that it had been found in an old flatboat navigation, whenever that impor tant event occurred, possessed a significance which the dullest eye should dis

book. The poem was widely copied, and led to much discussion, and when proof

was demanded a young man named Rich

ards was employed to write it in the fly leaf of an old dictionary. He wrote with

a guill pen and with diluted ink, to make

dictionary was purchased by a Mr. Foote.

of New York, and Paul Lemperly, of Cleveland, Ohio, now has it.

Mr. Riley, "I lost my position on the An-derson Democrat. No paper would even

and one that I can never outlive. Eve as it is now, there is nothing for me t

print my explanation of the affair.

"When the truth came out," continued

it look old, and it was almost a imitation of Poe's handwriting.

"Parsifal's coming here."

"Huh! Bet Jimmy Britt can beat any Dutchman."

Denver.

There's one way for East Side people to get around the Morrison bridge difficulty. Walk.

The memory of that time still stands out as one of the saddest experiences in my life, thief-just appointing gamblers to the police force to stop gambling. Even

do but to acknowledge that I wrote it, A 17-year-old girl living at Dry Run, this as I do; but that does not stand, since I once denied being the author. I wrote it, but I did not; I did not write it, but I county, at one meal ato 19 soft-bolied eggs, at one sitting .- Hagerstown, Md., Herald. Nineteen eggs would make a big sitting

Transcontinental Railways.

Chicago Inter Ocean.

There are now five transcontinental rallways in operation in the United United States and Canada and one across Europe and Asia. A transcontinental railway is in process of construction in Australia and more miles are being added every month to the lines that are to constitute the Cape to Cairo Rallway in Africa. Meantime, the project for a railway t extend from the United States by wa Way of Mexico and Central America to Bue

Ayres in South America is receiving the attention of the Central and South An ican states, as well as of the United States and Mexico.

Recent reports show that the project for a railway that will connect the great rall transportation system of the United States with that of South America is more favorably regarded in Central and South America than ever before. The onstruction of 4800 miles of railway in Mexico, Central America and northern and central sections of South America will give a continuous line fro Chicago, San Francisco or New York to the City of Buenos Ayres, the Chicago of

South America. In Australia, the completion of the Trans-Siberian Railway gave impetus to the movement to build a railway traversing Australia from north to south. Rall ways already in operation can ized and new construction would be fined to the central divisions. What efforthe war in the East will have on the Australian enterprise remains to be seen.

but the suspension of traffic on the Siberlan system will probably delay construction in Australia The Tra s-Siberian system covers a dis can civilization is successfully followed in tance of 5500 miles from Moscow Vladivostok and Port Arthur. About one the wildest part of Russia. Fifty thousand dollars was taken from a held-up thousand miles of railway, counting Moscow as the western terminus, are in European Russia, 2900 in Siberia proper train on the Trans-Caucasian Railway, and 1900 in Manchuria. Lines we The following extracts from the Port from Moscow by way of Vienna, Berlin Arthur Novikral give an intimate view and Paris cover a distance of over two of life in the bombarded city: thousand miles to the English Channel giving a transcontinental line from the Several shells fell in our midst yesterday. General Kouropatkin arrived from Harbin esterday. He is regarded as a harbinger of Atlantic to the Pacific.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Statistics Up to Date.

One One of the interesting exhibits of Wyoming the mines department at the World's Fair is a single piece of sola weighing 6000 pounds. It was cut from Sola Lake, in Alhany County, and is the largest single piece of soda ever exhibited. If made into scap of half-pound bars it would do the washing of a small family for 2400 years.-New York

Oregon will send a single apple, weighing 13% pounds, to St. Louis. If made into hard cider, it would intoxicate Carrie Nation in two days.

Washington will send a saw-log '9 feet long, and 500x497 inches at, the end. If made into sawdust this would supply St. Louis with breakfast food for three weeks.

A Chinook salmon weighing 4312 pounds will be an interesting exhibit from Clatsop County. If split up into trout, it would supply the New York Sun with fish stories

for two Sunday issues. Alaska will be repesented at St. Louis by a Kadlak bear weighing 2574 pounds. If it could walk like a man it would supply

211 girls with hugging for two days. New York will send to St. Louis a Hearst boom 545 feet in diameter. If all the hot sir were piped from it every radiator in the city would be redhot for a month. A brickbat weighing 6591 tons will be exhibited at St. Louis. If divided into bricks and bats it would be sufficient to build a

new hotel in Portland and put the Browns at the top of the list.

In San Francicso.

Coiner Anderson's die has been cast.

Exciting war news this morning-from

Tacoma isn't setting a thief to catch a

did, and I am a liar any way you put it." for any hen.

The old

The El Paso News prints an excellent ditorial on surf bathing. However, as the article previously appeared in The Oregonian, our judgment may be biasped.

Some papers express surprise that Richmond Pearson Hobson falled to win a seat in Congress, yet they would see nothing unusual in the fallure of Bourke Cockran. say, to obtain the command of a battleahip.

Victor Smith tells in the New York Press f a very valuable book that has just been ublished. It is called "Rules for All Games-for Onlookers." Opening the

book, you find this one sentence: "Keep Your Mouth Shut." It would be hard to ompress more sound advice into four words.

The Critic is usually accurate in Ita statements, yet it seems impossible that Marvin Dana, the editor of the Smart Set, should, as the Critic asserts, have been the editor of Judy for three years. Judy, it may be explained, is a London weekly, "comic" weekly. In three years Mr. Marvin would either have gone crazy or have ruined his paper by putting jokes in it.

Americans have an idea that the outlying provinces of Russia are inhabited by semt-barbaric mccs. A dispatch in yesterday's Oregonian should remove this delusion. The one vocation that is peculiarly the product of twentleth centu

We thought we heard an explosion in the

menai this A. M., but investigation showed

It to be a false report. Admiral Togo paid us a flying visit yester-day. Come again, Tog. The torpedo-boat Huchikuchi has not re-

Bill Bonesky says this is the worst Spring

to a watery

medal" through the judgment of Adjua deed of exceptional courage in battle

platform, therefore, we quote: The Filipinos cannot be citizens without en dangering our civilization; they cannot be subjects without imperiling our form of gov-

The burning issue of imperialism, growing out of the Spanish War, involving the very existence of the Republic and the existence of our free institutions, we regard as the para sunt issue of this campaign.

Four years have passed since the Democratic party, with patriotic eye, keenly saw and fearlessly pointed out the murderous rocks on which the ship of state was surely and swiftly drifting. In those four years our course has held right on toward the scene of certain death. More effectively than ever before, perhaps, order has been maintained and rebellion suppressed at the cannon's mouth throughout the whole Philippine Archipelago. All the dangers to our civilization involved in the Filipinos as citizens and to our form of government in the Filipinos as subjects are more imminent today than at any previous moment. . If "the very existence of the Republic" and "the existence of our free institutions" trembled in the balance then, how much more today, with Filipino insurgents hopelessly crushed and the strenuous life in full sway at the White House!

And yet the Democratic party of Oregon, in convention assembled, looks up and down and all over the ship of state from keel to maintop and has not a word to say in warning or admonition against the dangers of imperialism. It cannot be that they were wrong in 1900, talking through their hats, or merely casting about for some escape from the financial issue. We can only conclude that they have lost concern for the safety of our civilization, the perpetuation of our form of government and the very existence of our free institutions. We did not think the Democrats of Oregon were the men to desert the common people and our free institutions in this heartless manner. The ship of state is drifting on Scylla and Charybdis both, with none to stand by there or lend a hand.

Of the older school of financiers in this country was E. W. Clark, of Philadelphia, who died last week. In these days of rapid financial gains and losses the announcement that the banking firm of which Mr. Clark was even the member was the mainstay of the Federal Treasury in the war with Mexteo, has a far-away sound. With Jay Cooke E. W. Clark was in direct financial succession to Stephen Girard, who raised the money for the second war with England, and Robert Morris, who raised money enough, in its later years, to carry the War of the Revolution to its happy conclusion. These men are cited by the Philadelphia Inquirer as sorb the Brooklyn Democracy into

comes necessary for community of interest to take cognizance of local demands wherever there are competing lines and even where there are competitive terminals under a common ownership.

If the interests of the Northwestern States, to which Mr. Hill professes such single and altruistic devotion, were to decide this matter, there need be ne foult as to where the verdict would fall. Whether Puget Sound, for example, would get more concessions from ommon ownership of Northern Pacific and Great Northern or from a separate ownership in which shippers might successfully invoke the competitive spirit, admits of but one answer. If Mr. Hill were to acquire a road down

the Columbia River from the Big Bend country to Portland, he would find it practically impossible and certainly unwise to sacrifice Portland to the ambitions of Puget Sound. It is just as absurd to suppose or to charge that Harriman acquisition of Northern Pacific would sacrifice Puget Sound either to Portland or to San Francisco, Owners are practically powerless in such cases against the more experienced judgment and firm decision of traffic and operating heads of departments. The only situation in which there would be a complete paralysis of competition would be where identical ownership is combined with identical terminals,

PARKER AND ROOSEVELT.

Henry Watterson on the 5th inst, in a review of Democratic Presidential possibilities and the issue, hit the nail on the head when he advised his party that the issue is Roosevelt alone. "Roosevelt the Strenuous, with all that he implies, will be the only issue," he sald; "all thoughts, all passions, all deliverances, will eddy around the President." Mr. Watterson said that while he deemed McClellan the strongest candidate, nevertheless he had great faith in Parker. But Parker has one element of weakness; he is the candidate of the David B. Hill Democracy, which is represented by the Democrats of the country counties of New York and by the Brooklyn and Kings County Democracy. The Tammany Democracy will be as cold toward Parker as it was to Hancock in 1880; to Cleveland in 1884 and 1888. Cleveland escaped defeat in 1884 only by the skin of his teeth, and won out only by great Republican defection consequent upon the nomination of Blaine, which was repudlated by the Conkling and George William Curtis Republicans.

The Tammany leader, Murphy, will ver exert himself to elect a candidate of David B. Hill's choosing to the Presidency of the United States, because he knows that this would mean the supremacy of David B. Hill in the Demo cratic party of New York. The nomi nation of Judge Parker at St. Louis would give to Hill the control of the Fall convention for the nomination of a state ticket, and the state election would mean more to Tammany than the National election. Tammany in power at Albany is of more consequence than a Hill Democrat in the White House The nomination of Parker at St. Louis would hold up Murphy's scheme to ab-

fact. Hence the decrease in the number of children in the families of thoughtful, responsible people of the moderately well-to-do class. It is to the wives in this class, generally speaking, that the disbursement of the weekly wage or monthly salary may safely be trusted, with the assurance that, barring the accident of sickness or other misfortune in the family, there will be a saving at the end of the year. The decision of the court above noted may be good law; doubtless it is. But the men who, having married sensibl women, rise above this law in its arbitrary sense and make the wife secretary of the domestic treasury will do

WAR MEDALS.

so to their profit.

The medal of honor roll in the War Department includes the names of many brave men, associated with those of men who secured the medal either through mistake or political pull. Some of the most gallant officers in the history of the regular Army have refused the award of brevet rank in their disgust because it has been so often ob tained by men who were distinguished for nothing save perennial service in the office of the Adjutant-General or Judge-Advocate-General at Washing ton, D. C. It is something so in the

matter of war medals; they are worn ostentatiously by so many cheap, thrasonical veterans that a true soldier is disposed to hide his if he has one. Sec retary of War Root was not long in discovering that for years Army med

als have been issued unlawfully by direction of high authority, and he put a stop to the raids of influence upon the roll. It had become a con practice for persons who had served in the Civil War to apply for a medal of honor thirty years or more after lis close and to obtain it on very slight proof of their right to receive such an exceptional honor.

This practice was stopped by issuing a rule limiting the period within which application should be made. Secretary Root urged, too, the enactment of legislation restricting the granting of medals to men who have performed some gallant deed in actual conflict. The records show that in the Civil Was

awards were made in many cases without regard to the limitations of the act of March, 1863, providing that the medals should be bestowed upon officers and enlisted men only as a reward for unusual gallantry in action. Medals of honor were issued to civilian scouts and to guides, and one was granted to Dr. Mary Walker, who

served in the war as a contract surgeon and displayed "unusual gallantry" in wearing masculine clothing both in peace and war. Medals of honor in 1865 were bestowed upon officers and noncommissioned officers who escorted the remains of President Lincoln from Washington to Springfield,

TH In the same year, 864 medals of honor were awarded to officers and men of Twenty-seventh Maine Infantry the "for volunteering to remain in service and participate in the battle of Gettysburg, their terms of service having ex-

much better as the figures seem to say. The British government," says the In vestor, "turns its consols adrift, as it were, upon the open market, permitting natural demand and natural supply to fix the price. In the United States, nowever, the Government has artificially boosted the price by virtually compelling the National banks to bid for and digest great quantities of the Government securities, thus restricting the supply to a point where there is an easer demand. Under these condition it would be surprising if the marke for American securities were not better than that for the British consols. The banks buy the bonds because they have to, in order to issue notes or secure Government deposits. Their bids are due, not to the credit, but to the man

against the idea that our credit is as

date of the Government. It is absurd therefore, to argue that the fact that American consols sell the highest of any government issues in the world, prove that America's credit is highest." There is no sense in the notion that either British or American governmental se curities are affected by considerations revealing comparative confidence in the solvency of the two nations. Their relative status is a question of interest rates in the two countries, qualified by the considerations the Investor sets out

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It is brought out in the latest issue Bradstreet's that the Union Pacific Rallway Company sold its holdings of Northern Pacific stock to the banking firm that organized the Northern Secur-Ities Company, receiving in exchange cash and shares in this company. This seems to put it beyond the power of the Union Pacific to get back what it wants-enough Northern Pacific stock to give it control of the Northern Paciffc. A sale is a sale, and that's an end of the matter. Bradstreet's seems to lean to the view that the litigation initiated by Mr. Harriman is friendly though there is much reticence on the part of the interested partles. It is sus pected that the object of the litigation

is to set at rest legal questions that might hereafter arise as to the proper way to comply with the decision of the Supreme Court in regard to the merger and also to obviate litigation by outsiders. -

The war has opened a brisk market for American horses in Japan. Lacking the space to breed horses, Japan is compelled to buy abroad. Lacking the ground space upon which to raise for-age, she will be compelled to purchase hay abroad. The Pacific Northwest will probably be called upon to furnish the forage as it has already been called upon to supply 10,000 horses. As a com mercial feature, the opening of this horse market is gratifying, but from a humane point of view the prospect is one from which those who sympathize with suffering animals recoil.

In our news columns this morning the

atter failure of excursion rates for the St. Louis Fair to serve the purpose of Oregonians who wish to attend Oregon day is explained. Probably it is impos sible to reopen the matter with the railroads; but it may not be impossible to secure a change of date for Ore pired," although it has been shown that gon day. This change, if it can be only about 300 of the \$64 officers and brought about, will solve the difficulty.

Alphonse G. Newcombe, in the Se-wance Review, says at Mr. Swine-burne's "debt to Chivers is as conspicuous as his debt to Alfred de Musset." which is so inconspicuous that I never noticed it.

Oh, festive and frantic Dolores! The joy of the Sixtles wert thou, With thy sanguine and succulent glories. With the blood on thy breast and thy but thy tune was affort in the Fiftles, So doth Mr. Newcombe declare, And to steal it poetical thrift is, From Lily Adair!

'Sdeath! Judge.

The doughty buccaneer has boarded the private yacht. Now, the private yacht carries no great treasure, whereat the loughty buccaneer is wroth. He goes rom stem to stern and from hatches to hold in search of plunder. As he rushes into the cabin he is confronted by young girl, whose patrician lips curl with corn. Taken aback, he essays a courtly ow, such as was practiced by Captain Kidd and others; but the unfamiliar surface of the heavy carpet proves too much for his feet and he stumbles ungracefully. "Ha, ha!" comes in a high treble from Why do you 'ha, ha?" demands the

angry buccaneer. "You claim to be a freebooter, but you are only a carpet slipper." And she

And she walked the plank like the lady she was.

Hearst Boom a-Rolling. Kansas City Journal.

As a matter of fact, the Hearst boom is still rolling on as before, gathering delegates and increasing the circulation per capita. Contrary to expectations, its progress has not been checked by the ancement of its death and burial. The bluff of its enemies doesn't seem to be working. As long as Mr. Hearst's agents ntinue to distribute good money in genrous quantities the great unwashed don't aderstand that the boom has ceased t soom, and the Parker talk falls on heedless cars.

Divide Time Bathing Days.

Utica, N. Y., Observer An English woman visiting in this coun-

iry has taken occusion to express her norror at the spectacle at New Jersey coast resorts of men and women bathing in the same ocean on the same day. And then the way they sit about on the sand in their bathing suits is so shocking. Per haps it could be arranged by the authorhaps it could be arranged by the author-itles of the towns along the const that strong as any Vice-Presidential candie women should bathe on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and men on

5 At Bethlehem

Hichard Crashaw. Come, we shepherds, whose blest sight Hath met Love's noon in Nature's night; Come, lift we up our loftier song, And wake the Sun that lies too long.

Gloomy night embraced the place Where the noble infant lay: The Babe look'd up, and show'd His face: In spite of darkness, it was day:--

We saw Thee in Thy paimy

We saw Thine eyes break from their East And chase the trembling shades away We saw Thee (and we blest the sight), We saw Thee by Thine own sweet light

Eternity shut in a span! ummer in Winter! Day in Night!

Heaven in Earth! and God in man! Sreat Little One, Whole all-embracing birth. Lifts Earth to Heaven, stoops Heaven to

If the Siberian and Manchurian system is to be sacrificed in war or is to made the football of European politics, there will be less inducement to com plete the Cape to Cairo Railway in Africn. If one nation that builds a great transcontinental railway builds at wn risk in Asia, there will be little inducement for another nation to build at its own risk in Africa or South America.

> Where They Take Things Easy. Mexican Herald,

lee far niente when required, a genial

and courteous people and rest from in-cessant debate. When the great Amer-

bird of legitimate Yankee procedure.

every one os "unfit" or "unsafe," only Saffron Bill and Silver Bill.

fall.

Bryan's Process of Elimination.

Is William J. Bryan searching for the best

andidate for the Democrats by the pro-

would soon "eliminate" the first if there were any apparent chance for the last. He knows the fit one, the safe one, and it

is the Commoner's editor, or all signs

Southerner for Vice-President.

Columbia (S. C.) State.

We see no reason why the second place on the ticket should not now be filled by

a Southerner-there are a dozen big enough for that place or for any other. Either John Sharp Williams, Charles B.

we are likely to find out of the South.

The Valley of Unrest.

Edgar Allan Poe. Once it smiled a silont dell

Where the people did not dwell;

They had gone unto the wars, Trusting to the mild-eyed stars, Nightly, from their asure towers,

To keep watch above the flowers, In the midst of which all day The red sunlight lastly lay.

Now each visitor shall couless

Over the violets there that its

In myriad types of the human eye, Over the Illies there that wave

And weep above a nameless grave!

Perennial tears descend in gems.

They wave:-From out their tragrant top Eternal daws come down in drops. They weep:-from off their delicate stems

Nothing save the airs that brood

Ah, by no wind are stirred those trees That paipliate like the chill sens Around the misty Hebrides!

Ah, by no wind those clouds are driven That rustle through the unquist Heaven Uneasily, from more to even.

The sad valley's restlessness, Nothing there is motionless,

Over the magic solltude.

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Cleveland Leader.

he has known in 53 years. He predicts shell-storms for the next three months. The hall of shells is damaging the crops Come rest, ye weary ones, on the broad and generous bosom of Mexico, the moth-One swallow doesn't make a Spring, but one erly tropical dame! Here is sunshin

turned from her visit to the outside, feared that her crew has went to a

shell does, Don't be a knocker. Help along the town. Paint your barn, Sweep the powder off the lawn. Don't leave bombs in the street. Boost, Talk Fort Arthur. Get in and advertise. Send Ican people really desire repose they will ask with unanimous voice to be annexed, and the banner of Mexico will float to the Novikral to your friends. Get your name in the dispatches. Advertise, advertise, advertise.

the shores of the great lakes over a united, rejoicing and enthusiastic people, Subscribers killed during a bombardment must notify the Novikral office. Papers sent after subscriber expires will be charged for. who, on their Thanksgiving day, shall eat of mole de guajolote and the stuffed WEX. J.

OUT OF THE GINGER JAR.

"He's employed by the railroad company now, I understand." "Yes, he has charge of the puzzle department." "The what?" "He the puzzle department." cess known as elimination? It looks a bit like it. He seems to have disposed of makes out the time tables."-Philadelphia Press.

"I wonder if there were any actors in an clent times" queried the matinee girl. "Sure thing," rejoined the cheerful idiot, "doem't the good book tell us there was a Ham in the ark?"--Chicago News.

"I can't teach that Grindle girl how to skule. It's no use trying." "But why does she permist in wanting to learn?" "Because she thinks she falls so gracefully."--Cleveland Plain Dealer.

-Yes, she's engaged to Smalley, although she once told me that she wouldn't marry the best man living. He-Well, she has stuck to her statement, even if she does marry Smalley .- Chicago Daily News.

Floor Walker-Wonder why that lady in the brown hat is always in the bargain counter rush. She never buys anything. Salesman-She carries an accident policy, and she is try-ing to realize on it.-Boston Transcript.

Mr. Roxley-Ridiculous, sir! Before you think of marrying my daughter you should be making at least \$5000 a year. Mr. Nervy -Well, if you can make a position for r n your office at that salary Fill take H. Philadelphia Prezs.

"Don't you occasionally regret not having given more attention to the classics?" asked the student. "No," answered Senator Sorg hum. "Poetical quotations don't carry much weight nowadays. Waat people are intersted in is market quotations."-Washington

He-Ha! Absurd things that "Battledore Ballads." Eh! What? She-I'm sorry you think so-my sister wrote them. Ha-Erof course, I don't mean the words-they're rippin". I mean the music-poor stuff-spoils words-composer ought to be kicked-who wrote it? She-I dld!-Punch.

ChoEy-That overcoat doesn't fit you, Algy. Algy (proudly)-I bought this overcoal in Lunnon. It was made fon the Pwince. Cholly-Now, see heah! You how'nt allowed courself to be fooled by any such clothing dealer's yarn, hov you? Algy (triumphantly) -I didn't get it of a clothing dealah. I bought it of a pawnbrakah.-New York Weekly.

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays,

Richard Crashaw.

It was Thy day, Sweet! and did rise Not from the East, but from Thine eyes

Young dawn of our eternal Day;

Welcome, all wonders in one sight!

Earth.