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IN MASSACHUSETTS. Thomas W. Lawson, frenzied litera-

teur and fantastic financier, continues to tell his story of "Amalgamated" in the same way Mark Twain ascended conscientiously describing in his prospectus a trip he did not make. Mr. Lawson makes a new excursion, in his last installment, to the abode of the incident the misdeeds of the Massachusetts Legislature. It is shocking to hear that under the dome of the temple of Puritanism there is bribery of the most open and unblushing sort-bribery in wholesale, bribery in retail, bribery in high place and in low. The corrupt use of money is, we are told, the staple method of Mr. Henry M. Whitto that end had organized and mainsays, he may "expose to the world a things on an honest basis. dition of rottenness more rotten than was ever before exhibited in any nunity in the civilized world." If we have had occasion to complain here-tofore that Mr. Lawson has confined himself almost wholly to sounding his stage thunder, while his audience walted in vain for real action in his "Amaigamated" drama, or tragedy, or comin this belated curtain-raiser the hys-

have been told that United States Sen-West by the use of money-but never honest yeoman who makes up the bone | ber of cars to move the wheat to marand sinew of a pure state government | ket without causing loss through delay. | public is provided with a beautiful Russummoned Cincinnatus Hoar from the tors as representative That's the picture in our mind's eye. was an unprofitable business—the elec-

more productive matters.

We cannot pretend to know the exact | wheatgrowers and dealers in Oregon truth about the Lawson indictment of and Washington. Massachusetts. But that it should be ities that it can afford to ignore the public animadversions of one of its Journal of Commerce as follows: best-known citizens, sensationalist and coin Steffens may inform us of the wickedness of Wisconsin, and of the crimes and misdemeanors; and we are wearled and lay down the book before man and Ray Stannard Baker may orado; and we observe with only a a body blow. We shall not soon get

With the session of the Oregon Legature six weeks and four days distant, it behooves those who aspire to Presidency or the Speakership or mittee places to get busy; indeed. y are doing just that Henceforward only to the seaboard on both coasts, ther the possibility of good roadbuilding to be a competition to get in on but to all parts of the United States. Without Federal appropriation. The "ground floor." The race may not The purchase of this material for rail- plan proposed by the Curry bill, which

be to the swift nor the battle to the strong, but the good things are to them that pick the winners. Gentlemen, the winners are to be either Dr. W. Kuykendall, E. V. Carter, George C. Brow-nell, C. W. Hodson, Dan J. Malarkey, F. P. Mays or John L. Rand, and T. B. Kay, A. A. Bailey, W. I. Vawter, or somebody else; therefore, gentlemen, make sure of the good things for your-self Still, if you fall, you may win a place on the committee on Federal relations or Indian affairs.

ONE IMPORTANT STEP TAKEN.

The special Council committee holds City Engineer Elliott directly responsible for the faulty and careless construction of the Tanner-Creek sewer. implicates Assistant Engineer Scoggin with him; declares Inspector Caywood "incompetent and unreliable"; pro-nounces the Contractors Riner "dishonest"; and endeavors to save expense to the taxpayer by withholding so much of the moneys due the jobbing contractors as will rebuild the sewer. The committee pursued, its investigation with commendable activity and unquestionable determination to arrive at the facts. The damning evidence of the rotten sewer itself was a plain founda-tion to build on; and the City Engineer was in no important particular able to explain away the unanimous and inescapable finding of the four experts. In one conspicuous instance where he undertook to contradict the experts—as to the length of the old and new sewers, and the apportionment of payment therefor-it was clearly shown that he did not know what he was talking about. The committee hesitates to charge positive collusion between the City Engineer's Department and the contractors; but that is what it comes to, just the same. If the City Engineer and his assistant were ignorant of what was going on, they should be impeached for sheer incompetency; if they, or either of them, did know, they should not only be dismissed from office, but they should be indicted by the grand jury for criminal conspiracy to defraud the taxpayers. This man Walter Thomas, who gave such astounding testimony as to the nature of his employment and the dirty character of his work, should not be let go until it shall have been ascertained whether he is a thrifty sneak or a colossal liar, or both. The whole truth about the contractors' pool, the method of its operations and the nature of its relations with the Mount Vesuvius-by laboriously and Engineer's Department should be ex-

posed if possible.

The City of Portland has undertaken through the City Engineer a number of important and costly public works. sacred codfish, and describes with The public is just now in a humor to great wealth of detail and startling find out the history of every transacproposed or consummated, which the City Engineer has, or has had, a What about specifications? What about original estimates, and how are they made? What about extra work? What about inspection? What about contracts to favored bidders? What about unnecessary and unaccountable delays in beginning or comney, who has bought franchises and pleting work? What about farming out other legislative privileges outright, and a contract to one person that he may peddle it to another at an advanced tained a most ingenious and elaborate | figure? What about every phase of this system under the immediate charge of business of building sewers, or streets his paid lieutenants. Mr. Lawson loud- or bridges for the city? The taxpayer business of building sewers, or streets, calls for a Folk or some other Alex- has justly had his suspicions aroused ander of reform seeking new planets to and he proposes, if he can, to stop fraud conquer to hurry to Boston, where, he and theft and criminal work and place

UNIVERSAL CAR SHORTAGE.

The car shortage in the Pacific Northwest is causing wheatbuyers considerable anxiety, and the railroads are coming in for a full share of the adverse criticism that is being made over | modern woman amazon is placed at a the inability of shippers to secure facil- serious disadvantage. In just one field, after a big storm. Further cause for edy, or farce (we do not know yet titles for moving their freght, Railroads and that not exactly amazonian, does congratulation will be found in the which it is), it must be admitted that in the Far West have always claimed she hold her own. The Red Cross offers and been allowed a certain exemption terical author has dropped reverberat- from censure in these emergencies on stage-managed as Eleanor's sucking of of the present month. The holes which ing generalities and made himself specific and certain.

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The maximum haul from this terriplow, or Herodotus Lodge from his tory to market has in former years spy, the tally will be complete before study, and, placing upon his brow the been about 450 miles, and, for the bulk the lull in the fighting comes to an end laurel wreath of the common people's of the crop, less than 300 miles. This favor, then on bended knee besought year, owing to abnormal conditions him to go to Washington and take elsewhere in the world, it is impossible his place among the reverend Senaof the Puri- at tidewater ports on the Pacific, and tan commonwealth of Massachusetts the railroads are forced to haul it from 2000 to 2700 miles in order to land it at Lawson does not say the Senatorship the best markets. Under such condiwas ever bought. He says nothing tions the car which formerly hauled its about it at all. Undoubtedly it was load to tidewater and was back in the not bought. But the marvel is, from Interior ready for another load within his circumstantial description, that the five or six days is now in use for five or average Massachusetts legislator ever six weeks hauling one load to the Eastdid anything for anybody, except for ern markets. It is not an unhealthy money. The presumption is that here sign when a country has produced so much traffic that the railroads are untion of Senators-that should be dis- able to handle it, and in this respect patched as speedily as possible, so that a great many other localities in the the Legislature could devote itself to United States are experiencing the same trouble that is now confronting

It is somewhat remarkable to learn answered by Mr. Henry M. Whitney, that such an old and thoroughly organ-or by the Legislature itself, or by the ixed railroad as the Lehigh Valley sysnew Democratic Governor, goes without tem, with its immense equipment, is saying. Boston is the chief seat of all unable to handle the business offering. the superior virtues. We know, be- Yet a prominent Lehigh official who cause Boston has never left us in doubt has just returned to New York from But it cannot be so far lost Buffalo, where he has been endeavorin admiration of its own beautiful qual- ing to straighten out a car-shortage tangle, is quoted by the New York

We are willing to frankly admit our in notoriety-hunter though he may be. In ability to supply a sufficient number of cars other states it may be different. Linto meet the farmers needs, but we to-coin Steffens may inform us of the gether with the other railroads which traverse the territory are doing our best to get wickedness of Wisconsin, and of the low civic status of Minneapolis, St. Louis, Pittsburg, Philadelphia and others; and we grow a little sad, and forget it. Ida Tarbell may impeach the other more or less perishable produce, and the farmers stand to loss to that extent.

Similar conditions are reported on the the end of the chapter. Walter Well- Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, New York Central and the Central onvict trades-unions of inciting an- Railroad of New Jersey. Some of this archy and promoting revolution in car shortage in the East is traced to the demands of the Far West for equipfaint show of interest that Peabody is ment for moving wheat East, but when Governor and Adams elect- the immense volume of business han cent years, and the result is that it has ed. But Massachusetts-ah, that was died by the big Eastern trunk lines is considered, this Western traffic from eled in comfort at all seasons of the over it. We await breathlessly for the Pacific Coast seems inconsequential in comparison. This congested traffic situation is, of course, certain to entail heavy loss on some shippers, but the conditions which have brought it about on the whole offer reasons for congratulation. There is an immense move-ment of iron and steel products, not

roads, bridges, business blocks and other purposes reflects a general prosperity in the country. To pay for this there is an immense corn crop now moving to market, and the crop of other grains and agricultural products is sufficiently heavy with the aid of present high prices to make the purchasing power of the people greater than ever

before. For the good of all concerned, it is to be hoped that this pleasing condition of affairs will continue until the railroads will feel justified in increasing their equipment and general facilities to an extent that will enable them to meet future demands more satisfactorlly than they are able to meet the present emergency.

WOMEN IN WAR DISPATCHES.

Now that Oyama and Kuropatkin are watching each other in the manner of two gamecocks after the first exhausting flights, the ornamental supers upon the stage of war receive some recognition. The great public cares nothing for the dull details of organization and of planning-even if the censor would allow such details to reach the wiresand in default of the "greatest battles in history" the purveyors of war news must find some minor-details that will interest their customers. Need it be said that their obvious recourse iswoman? Since Adam lost his rib mankind has had a lively interest in the creature fashioned therefrom, and, as some one has remarked, as long as woman remains upon the earth there will always be something new to be

said about her. In war woman is a rare enough anparition to add novelty to the perennial interest she excites, and the strangeness of the setting further enhances her attraction for the public that has to bear none of the worry that her presence is sure to bring upon the combatants. Consequently when the serious work of the campaign affords no news, the experienced correspondent digs up a story about a woman at the front. We may be sure that Moll Pitcher's bravery in overcoming the repugnance of her sex for the bang of cannon was the subject of little comment while there were stirring gains or losses to report, and that the lady's name is more famillar to the Daughters of the American Revolution than it ever was to the wives of the same movement. Indeed. with the exception of Joan of Arc, woman's name seems to have sounded over the din of fighting, although many have been heard when the battle

In the war that is now going on sev-

eral women have been "mentioned in

dispatches." In the lulis of the fighting we have heard something of the daring woman who rides at the head of a squadron of Cossacks. Unfortunately for the full effect of this story, the Cossack has lost much of his old prestige since he tackled the little brown Japa their little shaggy ponies. Before this war broke out there was magic in the phrase "a Cossack of the Don," and there were visions of the bearded horsemen sweeping entire regiments off the face of the earth. Now the Cossack has so sunk in the popular estimation that the dashing woman who wears all his accoutrements, except the beard, has her sponsor expected. Then there was the woman who did so much to animate the defenders of Port Arthur. Sad to say, she, too, has fallen upon evil days, With long-range guns and sneaking trenches, she was not able to appear upon the battlements and bid the for defiance, as all the indies of oldtime were accustomed to do when their castles were besieged. With the passing of the spectacular from war the opportunities for romances, as well Of course, it is a roundabout way of finding a man in Japan to be captured by outlaws, but it adds greatly to the jetty extension. possibilities of the story. Now if the the full in the fighting comes to an end.

FARMERS AND GOOD ROADS.

If there is one class of people who above all others should intelligently and persistently indorse the movement for good roads, it is the agricultural class. That farmers are not blind to this fact is in evidence in the report submitted by the committee on highways of the National Grange, now in session in this city. Preliminary to the indorsement of a bill which asks Congress to appropriate a large sum for road construction throughout the country, it is declared that "impassable roads, during considerable periods each year, are yokefellows with the spinning-wheel, the sickle and the oxcart."

No one will take issue with the sentiment implied in this statement. Impassable roads have long been in disgrace with the spirit that dominates growth and keeps a good, long step in advance of improvement. That they still are found throughout the length and breadth of the land is without excuse-at least as far as the more thickly-settled and thoroughly cultivated portions of the country are concerned. They are wasteful to a degree farmers can ill afford; they are the frend of rural life, and the edict of its

isolation during the Winter months. All of these things are readily conceded. All do not agree, however, that the remedy lies in an act of Congress carrying with it a large appropriation for roadbuilding. Many are of the opinion that the remedy lies closer than that, and that the principle of self-help should be applied to road construction not in the go-as-you-please manner with which we are all too familiar, but according to carefully planned methods systematically carried out in each and every section where there is a demand for good roads, backed by agricultural

prosperity and necessity. Multnomah County has done some roadbuilding on its own account in remany miles of roads that can be travyear. The methods by which these roads have been built have not been in the long run more expensive than were the go-as-you-please methods of the Road Supervisors of a past era. There are stretches of good roads in other Oregon counties-notably in Marion and Clackamas-that illustrate fur-

is indorsed by the National Grange has, however, a contingency of selfhelp. Each state, county or town re-ceiving aid from the National Government must add to the amount received a like sum before the paternal allowance can be made available. This makes it incumbent upon the people to do something if they would come in as beneficiaries of the bill. They should do something without this incentive. Self-interest—than which there is nothing more forceful-is at stake. It was through intelligent self-interest that the sickle gave place to the harvester's cradle, the flail to the threshing machine, and both in turn as the years went on to other implements up to the great "combined" that makes short work of harvesting throughout the great wheat beit. Enterprise combined its forces and the demand for improved farming machinery was met. The hand loom and the spinning-wheel were supplanted by like forces which found expression in factories; the oxcart was too slow and it was superseded—not by act of Congress, but by individual and cor-

If roads through wealthy farming sections are impassable for a considerable period each year, the remedy lies with se whose interest it is to have good roads. It is a slow and difficult process to get a bill for a public utility through Congress. Let our friends the Grangers urge the passage of the Curry bill if they will, but in the meantime it will be well, if they wish to realize the sings of highways over which it is horsefiesh and in vehicles, the wisdom of roadbuilding upon their own account. Farmers need good roads; they want good roads; they ought to have good roads. Let us hope that they will find and take the shortest and most certain way to get them.

porate enterprise.

Another good, fast coasting steamer has been placed on the Portland and San Francisco route, giving the oppotion lines about three regular steamers to every one operated by the Harriman system. Mr. Schwerin, who has charge of the coasting as well as the Oriental steamers out of this port, is undoubtedly carrying out a plan of his own. He has driven so much freight from Portland to Puget Sound that this port will receive credit for but little more than half of the flour shipments dentally incurred the enmity of a number of fairly heavy shippers, who will do what they can to divert freight to Puget Sound. With this freight diverted to the Puget Sound lines, the ing a protracted period of light cargoes, while on the Coast route the outside steamers will continue their inroads on the O. R. & N. business. This will offer Mr. Schwerin an argument for still further reducing the service. As matters are now drifting, the ancient Elder will be the only vessel needed by the Harriman system on the Portland and San Francisco route, and the Columbia can be used to handle that portion of the Oriental trade which Mr. Schwerin may be unable to drive to Puget Sound or San Francisco,

The news that the channel over the Columbia River bar had been deepened three feet since last June will be re ceived with becoming satisfaction. That the statement of the increased depth is true finds corroboration in the actual condition of the bar yesterday, when several deeply loaded vessels passed but in safety although a violent gale had been raging for several days. Never under the old conditions was it possible for the bar to quiet down so quickly is to be laid off for repairs at the end may find the young officer with whom | the Chinook has served any other purpose than to absorb a good many thou-sand dollars which could have been used to much better advantage on the

Judge De Haven, of the United States sian woman of noble birth acting as a District Court in San Francisco, has handed down a decision limiting the liability of the owners of the wrecked steamship Progreso to the appraised value of the wreck. In the case at issue the value of the wreck was but than \$100,000. This decision, if it is sustained, offers great opportunity for speculation as to the status of the claim had the vessel proved a total loss or had she been comparatively uninjured. If it is good law, steamship owners in the future would do well to instruct their captains when in trouble to make the wreck "total," if possible, in order to avoid any kind of litigation. If the liability of a vessel-owner is limited to the value of that vessel no matter what shape the disaster may leave her in, it would be the part of prudence to eliminate her totally.

"Repeatedly," says President Roosevelt, "I have refused to nominate . . man to succeed some public servant who I felt had particular claims to be renominated or whom I regarded as markedly superior to his proposed suc-The renomination of Governor Brady, of Alaska, needs no remark in view of the President's utterance.

The liberal movement in Russia cannot be mistaken nor disguised. Its leaders realize that its best success lies in their ability to ward off violent outbreak, If they can convince the Czar that the security of his crown rests on them rather than the bureaucrats, he may harken to their counsel.

W. L. Douglas paid \$35,600 campaign expenses for an \$8000 job as Governor of Massachusetts for one year. Douglas will have to get even by making one \$3 shoe grow where two grew before if that sort of thing is to pay,

The insurance companies now say that total abstainers from alcoholic drink live longer than anybody else. More water on the prohibition wheel. But, all the same, it's tough to have to

Judge Frazer appears inclined to lay down the uncomfortable doctrine that not lie in his own behalf.

Even Dr. Swallow comes out of the Presidential race with something like 300,000 votes. Where did Parker get his

THE SIMPLE LIFE.

New York American. Pastor Wagner, the advocate of the Simple Life, was at Carnegie Hall last

"My father gave me independence to see nature and to think. I had a good, religious mind. I looked at the birds, the ants, the trees and the stars. At night ants, the trees and the stars. At night when the stars smiled at the darkness and made it light, I knelt on the ground fervently, and worshipped the moon. I am sure that my father, peeping between the curtains at the window, saw me worshipping the moon. He didn't shout at me: 'Get up, little pagan.' He let me do as I thought best, because he knew that I would learn to worship only the Spiritual God when I became a man. "

"I retained of that early love of nature a great love for what is direct, spontaneous and simple. And I have formed from it my first rule of simplicity—let children be children. Let them learn themselves that there is an endless life, of which this is only the beginning. I was the happiest child in the world. But I had as a student the most tormented life that

a pleasure to travel at any season of as a student the most tormented life that the year, for them to urge upon farmers as a matter of economy in time, in a ground me, and my grandmother and mother sighed, saying: 'Oh, for a word of horsefiesh and in vehicles, the wisdom the gospel. France and Germany were at war. The Germans of France and the French of Germany were hurling insults and threats at one another. I would go neither to France nor to Germany, be-cause I loved them both. My grandmother was a German, but my mother was a Frenchwoman. I was a piece of fron out of the furnace, between hammer and an-vil. It isn't comfortable. I could not speak, because I had not yet the power

"When I could speak I was a voice in the wilderness at first. But if you speak the wilderness at first. But if you speak the truth you shall not stay in the wilderness. My congregation grew around me, accepting my arguments for love and simplicity. Some said that I ought to put into books what I said to them. I wrote 'Youth' and 'Courage' for the young, because I love young people. I want to be a boy among them. 'Simple Life' came by accident. It came as if I took a step forward and fell from this which we are entitled, and he has inci- took a step forward and fell from this platform

"I spoke at a wedding. We Frenchmen make speeches at weddings. The daugh-ter of M. Ferdinand Busson, a man who had done much for education in France, was there. When she was to be married, two or three weeks later, she came to me and mid: 'Please come to my wedding and say there the things that you said and said: the other day.' I replied: 'You can't

"I said. "The other wedding was of poor, simple people. At your's are to be 2000 persons, including State Ministers, members of Parliament, secretaries of Legations, members of the Academy, writers and artists. I am not learned enough to talk of them. But her father came and urged, and I spoke to that brilliant company. I was applauded and great men came to me to shake my hands and say, You have spoken well!

"This was not all. There was a publisher in the crowd. There is always a publisher in a crowd, listening to learn what he may publish. He said to me that I ought to write a book named 'Simple Life. When I called on him by appointment the next day, I had written on a sheet of paper the titles of all the chapters of my book. It had always been in my of my book. It had always been in my mind. But I had not known it, until the

have come here. My book fell into the hands of President Roosevelt and he found it nice. I learned this on an island where I was resting in the sun. Oh, I like to rest! When the holidays come, I am a fisherman. I forget that I was ever a pastor. A letter came to me on that island from the editor of the Outlook,

"You can imagine how glad I was. 'But,' I said to one of my friends, the fisher-men, 'I can't go to America, I don't know English.' He replied: 'Isn't that English a language that one can learn from a ok?" I got the book and I learn lish. Oh, yes, I learned English, since you laugh!"

He was more interesting than this exact report of his speech may be. His ges-tures, his walk on the platform, all his attitudes were those of a good, old-fashioned peasant. His hearers were charmed by that simplicity. They laughed and by that simplicity. They applauded with cordiality.

\$15,020, while the claims of the heirs of the victims who were killed when the vessel was destroyed amounted to more body of the great fish. This city of skyscrapers and subways is the proper place
to talk of simplicity. I heard in Paris,
when I was a boy, the song of a lark in a
garden, and it brought me back to the
fields around my village. An explorer has
said, 'All the great desert dreams of one
thing—a drop of rain to make a flower.'
"Is not simplicity the flower that you
wish? It is at the heart of your National
life. Be true to youd traditions and you
shall be simple." Paster Wagner said
afterward: "I am glad that I came. What
air is transmitted through pipes as hot
air is transmitted through the flows ody of the great fish. This city of skyafterward: "I am giad that I came. What a grand ovation I have received!"

The Biggest Warship.

New York World.

The British Admiralty has ordered two known as the Lerd Neison. They are to be the biggest in the world.

Three Queer Animal Tales.

From Edmund Selous' "Romance of the Animal World."

be the biggest in the world.

Each is to cost \$1,500,000. A duplicate in this country would "come to" much more, owing to the steel monopoly.

Each ship will carry four 13-inch guas of increased power gained by making them & feet long—the depth of an average Brooklyn house.

There will be ten guas of 9 1-5-inch callber, all on the upper deck, untouched save by the heaviest seas. Fire torpedo tubes and a lot of small guas are added. The protective plates are 12 inches thicks.

The displacement is to be 18,500 tons, only a little above that of the King Edward class. Our heaviest ships, the Connecticut class, weigh 15,000 tons.

The Lord Neison is 410 feet long, but much wider than any merchant vessels, of which several are over 700 feet.

Hard Luck for Two Democrats.

Hard Luck for Two Democrats.

Klamath Falls Republican.

The custom of running horses can be carried to extremes. Not every horse in the country is a racehorse and there is no need to try to make him so. Speed is all right boys but it is useless to waste time with a scrub racehorse. Put him to the plow where he can earn something, and keep him there.

WHERE TURKEYS COME FROM.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
Of course, the turkey has an inalienable right to strut; he has figured so

Pastor Wagner, the advocate of the Simple Life, was at Carnegie Hall last evening for the benefit of Hampton Institute. He spoke in his ingenious manner. His hearers were learned and complicated, doubtless. He captivated them entirely. He said:

"I want to tell you how I came to preach the Simple Life, because nothing in the world is so attractive as to watch ideas growing up. Humanity is a great, shadowy forest, with big, old trees, under which young trees have much difficulty to find air and light. Or children are like young trees. They have no time to be children. Their ideas of children are crushed in them in the germ. There are two kinds of education, and I must tell you what mine was.

"My father gave me independence to see nature and to think. I had a good, But the years' word of the National life words."

But the turkey has an maisentable right to terrut; he has figured so long as the gastronomic center of attraction on Thanksgiving. But in the light of recent investigation he is not the might of recent intention on Thanksgiving. But in the light of the have to go turkevless to bed.

But the yearly crop of the National bird is by no means marketed in toto around Thanksgiving week, According to the poultry statistics of the country, only about 2,000,000 turkeys find their way into the stomachs of this happy people during the month of November, despite the fact that those of us who are fortunate as to get a slice of tender breast or golden-browned drumstick fondly cherish the thought that all the

rest of our fellow-countrymen have been equally favored. Such sentiments, if at all appropriate, were better saved for the Christmas holfdays. Indeed, Christmas, not Thanksgiv-ing, is the real turkey day. Last Christ-mas Uncle Sam's nephews and nicess took care of about 1,500,000 more turkeys than they did on Thanksgiving. Thus all except 1,000,000 members of the annual turkey crop are accounted for. Of these the statistics would have us be-lieve that half are killed and plucked to supply the market at other times than Thanksgiving and Christmas, while the remaining 500,000 are kept by the farm-ers as breeders for the next year's crop. This remnant of a once mighty strut-ting army is entirely sufficient for breed-

ting army is entirely sufficient for breed-ing purposes. Each turkey can be count-ed on to lay about 25 eggs, and every egg to produce a poult. Over 11,000,000 poults are hatched annually, a number sufficient to give all but 5,000,000 familles a turkey for holiday time.

The real turkey state of the Union is just plain Texas and has been for sev-eral years past. It has produced on an average about three-counters of a million

average about three-quarters of a million turkeys every year since 1900, Missouri is a close second and the other leading turkey states are lilinois, Iowa, Ohio and Indiana in the order named. These six states raise half the turkey crop;

and Indians in the order named. These six states raise half the turkey crop; with Nebraska and Kansas, they produce considerably over half. Let the weather during the early stages of the season be wet in any two of these states and the Thanksgiving turkey is bound to come high to the purchaser.

Less than a decade ago Ohio and Indiana were the leading turkey states, and poulterors will tell you that only within the last five or six years have they been receiving shipments from Texas and Missouri, the present leaders. In recent years, too, the Iowa turkey has come to the fore as being the finest of all turkeys raised outside of Rhode Island, and the latter's equal in all respects. Iowa turkeys universally command the highest prices in such discriminating centers as New York, Chicago and Philadelphia, the last-named town even paying more for them than its own dearly beloved Philadelphia turkey, which hoids a place in the Quaker's mind alongside Philadelphia capon.

Can He Resist This?

Savannah (Ga.) News.

It is announced that the President will not come South this Winter, but will wait until next Spring. He is making a mistake. The South is never more delightful than in Winter—the mild, balmy Winter peculiar to the section:

It is in the Winter that the pine and oak logs blaze cheerly on the open hearth and give off an aroma that

makes the man in whose nostrils it enters glad that he is alive. It is in Winter that home-made sau-sages, hung in long links from the rafters, are at their best, and the souse in the stone crock is seasoned to a king's taste. It is then that the persimmon beer, the wainuts and the sweet potatoes combine to delight the palates of all healthy men. And then there are 'possums and

chestnuts and corn pone and frost-nipped collards and "dodgers," all holding out the promise of cher and inward delight to him who knows the

We feel almost sure that if the President could get a whiff of pine knots blazing in the fireplace and "grandma" sausage cooking in the kitchen he would ot wait until Spring.

The Liquid Air Failure. Philadelphia Bulletin,

The statement that employes have brought suit to get their salaries from a concern formed to demonstrate that liquid air had practical value as a motor force recalls the abundant predic-tions made several years ago that this agent was destined to work wonders in various ways. Companies were created to exploit it and to sell stocks to the public, and many people were led to believe that it might ultimately work something approaching revolu-tion in the expansive power which this Pastor Wagner said glad that I came. What air is transmitted through pipes as hot air is transmitted through the flues from an ordinary furnace. Yet it has been a long time since these promises were made and apparently nothing has come of them.

He Knew the State.

Riamath Falis Republican.

The following story came from Poe
Valley: The first men who arrived at
the polls were sworn in to act on the
board, among these were two Democrats, who were not registered. There
were only seven votes cast and it was
impossible at any time during the day
to get six freeholders to swear the gertlemen's vote in, so they had to serve
all day on the board and were not even
allowed to vote.

Proper Pince for a Scrub Horse.

Wallowa News.

The custom of running horses can be
carried to extract the free form of the election in South Carolina,"
meaning, of course, that the report
should be filed with the telegraph company as early as possible on Tuesday
night. But the correspondent didn't
wait for Tuesday, On Monday night
he wired: "South Carolina went Democratic tomorrow by the usual large majority." There's no use trying to get a
scoop on a correspondent like that.

Socialism on Mud Creek.

Wallows News.

The Socialists carried one predict in this county, Mud Creek. They had five more votes than all the precincts. They might try their plan down there for themselves and see how it works.

NOTE AND COMMENT,

A white lie is one that possesses some

The Baltic fleet continues in strong This is just one Thanksgiving day out

The Royal Chinook union unanimously favors a six-day week.

To say the least, the Russians in Crete appear to have been indiscreet.

The New York Mall suggests that this will be a great day for "mince piety." Mrs. Lewissohn's \$22,000 sable tacket

almost expensive enough to go with a lawsuit.

How the other authors must envy 'Simple Life' Wagner the advertising he's getting.

Apparently the man that rocked the boat has survived to leave carbolic acid on the kitchen shelf.

Even if the airships do reach the wild obilist stage, the sun will still be able to go into eclipse. Chehalis has barred cows from her

doctrine about equal rights for all? In apportioning your sympathy between the turkey and the football player, remember that the turkey's death is sud-

streets. What is becoming of the old

den. For lack of funds the McKinley memorial cannot be completed in accord-ance with the original resign. The dead

fade from memory, but the dollar never. Yale is a million dollars ahead on the past year and a church pew was sold in New York a few days ago for more than a thousand dollars. Hand in hand, education and religion are marching forward with giant strides in this land of

General Huertas, of Panama, is but 4 feet 8 inches in height, and is known as the "smallest General in the world." As he received \$25,000 for bringing over the Colombian troops to the cause of independence the worthy patriot is short only as regards inches.

A great light breaks upon us. There are two H. T. P's, in the world. Harry Thurston Peck is not the only one. In the current number of Pearson's Magazine there is an article on Gabrielle Rejane, "by H, T. P. (Henry T. Parker)." This explains a whole lot of puzzling things.

Leslie's Weekly says that the good eldfashioned notion of marking wedding gifts of silver with the initials of the family names of the bride and the groom, coupled by the character "&." is coming into vogue. It is hard to see why, for with this method the silver must be remarked when the divorce comes, no matter which of the two keeps it.

One of the witnesses at the Nan Patterson trial on being asked to show his estimate of time by clapping his hands with a minute interval, allowed but aix seconds to elapse between his signals. When the ordinary man is tied down to definite answers it is strange how wildly he will guess at times and distances, to say nothing of his utter incapacity for giving a description of even an intimate friend. The "tall robber and the short robber" furnish an instance of his limita-

Shakespeare and the Bible should have a decided boom, if the advertising they have had lately in Portland's law courts goes for anything. Shakespeare pointed several allusions in a gambling case, and the Bible has been illuminating a lawyer's mind for the benefit of the jury in the land case. Such evidence of the place in the public mind occupied by these monu ments of literature must be very gratifying to the critics who are forever demning the popular devotion to ephemeria,

Now it is the anarchists that are viewing with alarm. At a meeting in New York one of the speakers deplored the lack of interest in anarchist work and the small attendances at anarchist meetings. Poor man, no wonder he was despondent, with policemen in the very room where he was speaking. No wonder he denounced this infamous spying and restraint as an infringement of his liberty. It is monstrous that a man cannot blow up princes and potentates, even verbally, if he feels that way. And besides are the bombmakers to be driven to starvation?

Ian Maclaren says that in Scotland a misfortune is either a judgment or a dis-pensation of Providence, as it happens to one's neighbor or to one's self. small boy will hold that a certain woman of Columbus (Ind.) is at present suffering as the result of a judgment. The woman spanked har son with maternal vigor and in the course of the operation struck a sharpened pencil which the kid had in his hip pocket (no other pocket would have been on the scene of action). point ran into the woman's hand, and caused injuries that may necessitate am putation. Apart from being a spanking that hurt as much to give as to receive, this occurrence teaches the folly of raising on'es hand against a child, at any rate while shingles are so cheap

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throat. Can you imagine anything worse than that?" "Well," said the centipede, "I had my seet frostbitten once."—Philadalphia Public Ledger.

"Bridget, you must be more careful with your dusting. I declare I could write my name upon the plano." "Deed, ma'am, it's

your dusting. I declare I could write my name upon the plane." "Deed, ma'am, it's yersif has the gran' eddyoarshum."—Town and Country.

Guttermips—Please muvver wants sixpence on this 'ere fryin' pan. Pawnbroker—Hailo! It's hot! Gutterantpe—Tus, muvver's just cooked the sousigns, an' wants the money for the beer!—Punch.

"I don't think Crabbe will ever succeed. He's too fond of finding fault." "Well, he's got a good job at it, how." "A job at finding fault?" "Yes, he's a spotter for the Traction Company."—Philadelphia Press.
"These your coachman have any perquisites?"