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NO DANGER OF RACE SUICIDE

The National Congress of Mothers listened to an address by President Roosevelt Monday upon a question with which his name has been associated more or less intelligently, for the past two or three years-"race suicide." The President did not confine himself to this question, however, but merely made it one of the features of a very able, straightforward and earnest address upon the family as the basis of the Nation's safety and the bulwark of its defense.

Every one ought to read what the President had to say upon this composite subject. Few will dissent from the main points presented. That the prosperity, the happiness, the very exstence, in the long run, of the Nation depends upon the purity, the self-denial, the wise ordering and the intelligent devotion of the masses of the people to family life is a statement the support by argument. But that what President terms "the average there is happily no reason to fear, That the race is threatened by decimation through "race suicide" or from any other cause, the children that still throng the homes of the "plain people" and literally swarm the public schools disprove. Indeed, the fact that there are more children born in almost any community than can readily find place in its industries or (in the urban communities) in the schools, is a fact apparent to the most casual observer.

evil to which the President refers is not pertain degree, among a certain class in every community. There are frivo- and forced it through. The Whatcom lous women and mercenary men everywhere Both of these types represent They shirk parental duties and responnatures. Who shall say that the world is not the gainer rather than the loser thereby?

Again, there are people in every community who decide the question as to whether they shall or shall not become rents upon the basis of conscience and of expediency, not for themselves alone, but for posterity. All women should be strong enough to bear healthy children, perhaps; but all are not strong enough. All men should be road Commission bill was a good illus strong of body and of sturdy mental energetic, capable and devoted to the highest duties of ilfe, but all are not so. We may with reason deplore these things, but we cannot consistently deplore the fact that children in large numbers are not born to weak several very important bills would be mothers and thriftless or dissipated beld up until the commission bill It is better for the home, better for the community, better for the Nation, better for the race, when persons not properly equipped by Nature for the grave responsibilities of parentage take counsel of each other and of wisdom and decide not to become par-

Most persons can recall instances within their own observation wherein physically weak women have died young, leaving a large number of delichidiren to the pitiful fate of growing up without a mother's care, district" that invite injury to pedestri even reasonably good judgment, not to Alice and Phoebe Cary was an example of this type. Of delicate mold both etic, devoted to her family, she was space of seventeen years, and died before she was forty. Of her children died in early life. "My mother's work." said Phoebe in later years, "was never The mother of nine children, with no other help than that of their little hands, I shall always feel that office is weakened by carelessness of result of three days' fighting. In the she was taxed far beyond her strength this kind. It should be understood that

of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, a woman of rare mental gifts, and, though the prod-uct of generations of high ideals and right living, of frail body, went early to her grave after having brought a number of children into the world in rapid succession. Her death was a dis tinct loss to her husband, her children and to the world, and would doubtless have been postponed many years had fewer children been born to her. The world suffers a double loss in such cases-that of the mother and her children, most of whom from lack of vital-

These examples are cited to show that this matter of the birth rate of a peo-ple cannot be decided arbitrarily. Neither can that of divorce. Individual judgment, specific conditions, must rule in such cases. As for the rest, the fact that no city in all the broad land is able to keep the seating capacity of its ouses up to the demand may serve to allay any serious fears that may be entertained of race suicide or from any other cause.

In the meantime, the American home naintained by manly, energetic men. kept by womanly, energetic women, and peopled in accordance with the conscience and good judgment of these by happy, well-governed children, will continue to be the American ideal of greatness, of permanence and of strength. It is its own eulogy. It is not merely a factor in our National life; it is its basis-the sure rock upon which it is founded. There will always be men who fall in the first duty of life -the support of the home; men whose wives drudge in petry ways to add to the insufficient family income and whose daughters go out to work when they should remain and be maintained at home to assist their mothers. And there will always be selfish, ease-loving women who shirk motherhood because of its pains and cares. But the great heart of the Nation beats right the question of home and family-terms which presuppose father and mother and children-the father at work outside, the mother within; the children is school and early taught to be helpful the whole constituting the Nation's life and hope. This is a condition. All else is theory.

IOW CLASS LEGISLATION SUCCEEDS. Representative Charles I. Roth, of Whatcom, a prominent member of several Washington Legislatures, complains of the vast amount of class legislation before the Legislature which adjourned last week. He is quoted by a Seattle paper as follows:

Flumbers, bankers, embalmers, wagon-mal era insurance agenta dectors, druggists, op-ticians, firemen, loggers, grocers and repre-sentatives of other private interests have been before this Legislature asking for special consideration. Fortunately many of the

Mr. Roth has the reputation of being an honest, fair-minded lawmaker, and as such he naturally saw much legislation pushed through by methods which were not at all creditable to the men responsible for it. While complaining about the various "classes" before the Legislature seeking the enactment of laws for their own selfish interests, Mr. Roth unwittingly discloses the reason why such legislation reaches the statute-books. "Concerning the Railway Commission bill," said Mr. Roth, "I voted for it, not because I believed in it, but because I believed it was up to the Republican party to pass a Rail-road Commission bill." This was a confession that Mr. Roth did not believe in the commission bill, and a large number of others who, for political and other reasons, voted for it regarded it in the same light as Mr. Roth viewed it These men refused to back up their judgment on the merits of the bill by working to kill it, but for an alleged political expediency and to secure votes

for other selfish bills it was passed. When such important legislation can truth of which it is not necessary to be rushed through to final passage by men who vote for a bill, "not because they believe in it," but strictly from 'American home" is under menace of party reasons, why should there be distraction, disruption or extinction any complaint over "plumbers, bankers, embalmers," etc., coming before the Legislature and endeavoring to work their own selfish through to the statute-books? The great trouble with the last Washington Legislature, and few if any previous Legislatures in either Oregon or Wash ington have been exempt from the same trouble, was the irresistible desire to pay off local political debts at the expense of the state. There might be little or no merits in the Spokane or some It is manifest, therefore, that the other embalmers' bill, but the emhalmers may have been active workers widespread. It exists, however, to a at the polis, and to oblige them som of the home delegation fathered the bil or King County statesmen might have fought the bill had they been in a morselfishness in an inordinate degree, independent position; but, as they need ed votes to pass their own bills for resibilities for reasons ingrained in their lief of some canner or logger, they made no fight. The result was the em belmers' bill went through because its sponsors could deliver votes for some other perhaps equally pernicious or un

called-for piece of class legislation These specimens of purely selfish leg talation not infrequently get safely through a Legislature by the aid o votes which are cast under most violen protest in order to save the life of some really meritorious measure. The Rail tration of this phase of freak legisla tion. Aiding the men who voted fo the bill for political reasons, and not because they had faith in the measure were a number of others who wer forced to vote for it under threat that beld up until the commission bill passed. So long as men will place party expediency above public good there will be plenty of "plumbers, bankers, embalmers" and all othe classes of people with selfish interests to be served ready and willing to take advantage of every opportunity to have legalized their particular species of

SEDEWALKS CAN BE BETTERED. There are many old, displdated ooden sidewalks within the "cemen undertake to say that a ans and forewarn the city of possible case of this kind represents wisdom, or damage sults. Upon the property abutting upon many of these, notices ordersay humanity. The gentle mother of ing owners to place the sidewalks in proper condition (which means to lay cement walks) were posted months ago physically and spiritually; loving, en- and when worn out by wind and weather reposted, only to be again obthe mother of nine children born in the literated or reduced to pulp. There is for example, a stretch of half a block on Weldler street between Sixth street mone lived to old age, and most of them | and Grand avenue that is a veritable pitfall for the unwary Indeed, the wary in broad daylight wisely takes to the open street when he comes to it The authority of the City Engineer's

that the sidewalk must be repaired by the owner within a reasonable time the city will do the work and charge It up against the property. Otherwise a large number of the notices posted represent an abortive attempt to exercise municipal authority, a waste of time in posting, and of money in printing them. No partiality should be shown. Sidewalks that are good enough should be allowed to remain unquestoped (which is not always done), and those that are dilapidated should be rebuilt after due notice, regardless of the ownership of the abutting property. It is up to the City Engineer to see that done, and thus carry out his part in the programme of a clean city. a safe city and a city beautiful.

The world moves. The "Harriman rallroad interests" have sent an emiseary to Salem to tell the people that the best of flax can be grown in Oregon; that it can be manufactured into wine and linen more cheaply than in any other part of this country; that there is an ample local market for far more than one factory can produce, and that "the Harriman people are interested in this enterprise because they are interested in every acre of land on both sides of their road." When will it come about that Oregon people, knowing every fact herein stated, having had it demonstrated for years past by actual experience, will have confidence enough in each other to do such work themselves, instead of waiting for the "Harriman interests" or some other outside Hercules to help them out of the rut? After all, the sum asked for is only \$200,000, and this is supposed to be enough to build and equip a linen mill in Salem and fine scutching mills in that part of the Willamette Valley For such a sum as this is it neces sary to wait for Mr. Harriman's help! His part, by the way, so far appears limited to getting a Salem committee started at solleiting subscriptions to stock among local people. What else is asked from Hercules? To find a man to put at the head of the enterprise who knows the business. How will he set about finding a manager, is it supposed? Probably by just the same measures that any three Salem people could take for themselves.

The flax industry, with its attendant manufactures, has enriched Belfast and the North of Ireland more than the great fron and shipbuilding yards. The whole neighborhood is one great flax farm. In the North of France one sees fields white with bleaching lines strips, and farmhouses owned by prosperous families, grown rich from flax. Two factors test the value of the flax. the length and the luster or brilliancy of the fiber. North of Ireland flax, with an average length of seventeen to eighteen inches, matches the Oregon flax with twenty-four. In luster there is no comparison. The Oregon flax is in appearance nearly as pure stik to s mixed fabric. Yet, because the experimental works at Salem, after struggling with inadequate capital, and a crippling fire, shut down, the flax busi ness, as to both growing and manufacture, shuts down also, until-until Mr. Harriman, of all people, can come to the rescue. And his man goes to the local people the first thing to get his

start. Unnaked advice is seldom taken. Still it may be suggested that unless some of the Salem people interested have business or personal connections in the flax industry either in the North of Ireland or in the North of France through whom the necessary inquirie could be made the United States has a Department of State, A request to Washington will bring promptly the consular reports from both these dis-How little are these reports read and heeded! Some of our brightest men fill these positions and spend the industries of their district. would not take much time and trouble to write to the United States Consul at Belfast, or to the Consul at Rouen, and ask them to make inquiries and suggest names of likely capitalists or managers. Or some of the Portland merchants and commission-houses might interest themselves in the same direction. The will being there, the way is not hard to find. But the point of this whole matter is this: When Oregon has resources crying for development, and demonstrably profitable when developed, it is up to Oregonians to try, and to keep on trying, to help them selves, and wait neither for Mr. Harrinan nor any other outsider to Help of this sort has to be paid for, and is very likely to come high.

HISTORY OUTDONE.

While the fame of Napoleon lends an adventitious effect and interest to any campaign, battle or other military op eration in which he took part, it is probable that future readers of history will deem the battle of Mukden and the harried retreat of the Russian soldiers of even greater dramatic attraction and horror than the disastrous retreat from Moscow. Hitherto the retreat of Na poleon's dwindling battalions through the frozen country from Moscow Vilna has been the criterion of war's horrors. Nearly half a million men asembled under the French eagles when the Niemen was crossed; a few thousands slunk back like tramps into Vilna. The others had died of wounds

exhaustion, starvation and exposure. Kuropatkin's forces at Mukden ap pear to have been about 350,000 strong Japanese advices indicate that in killed, wounded and prisoners the Russian loss reaches the enormous total of 155,-000, and the tale has not yet been told, What the Japanese loss has been there is no means of telling. The figures given in one dispatch, 20,000, are evidently an underestimate. But the ficeing Russians, struggling northwards under the rifle and shrapnel fire of the enemy, are not yet out of the woods. If the retreat is carried on to Harbin under the pursuit of the Japanese, the scenes that marked Napoleon's bloody trail from Moscow may easily-be repeated, although the extreme rigors of the Winter appear to be at an end. Kuropatkin's line of retreat is not through a friendless and provisionless country, but it is possible that the Japanese may

harass him more than the Cossacks did Even if the remnant of the Russia army succeeds in escaping, the battle of Mukden will rank as the greatest of modern times, from the number of men engaged, the enormous number of cas unities, and the power of the guns em At Leipsic, where Napoleon ployed. opposed 160,000 men to the 240,000 the ailten, he left 15,000 dend, 23,000 wounded and 15,000 prisoners as same time the allies lost 58,000 and died before her time." The mother a notice to repair a sidewalk means will be seen that Mukden far exceeds

Leipsic in the carnage wrought, and that the story of this Russian defeat will form one of the broadest purple patches on the page of history.

Mars has been pretty busy of late keeping tab on the movements of the Russians and the Japs. In fact the strife in the Orient has been more strenuous than any that ever warmed the blood of warriors. But the old war god is about to have his attention called to the usual Spring revolution in Venezuela. Wars may come and wars may go, but the fighting blood of the Venenuclans never cools. This time it is a proposed overthrow of the Castro reign. and, in pursuance thereof, the insurrectionists are said to have secured a steamer and loaded it with arms for the enemy, and soon the guns and hades will both be "poppin" " down where the Orinoco flows. On account of the greater importance of the Far Eastern scrap, Mars might overlook the "two-bit" affair in South America, but that would be hardly fair, as the latter is a regular entertainer, while the Russian and the Jap may not fight again for a hundred years.

The question. What is to be done indeed what can be done-with old tin cans? would be a burning one at this juncture but for the non-combustible nature of the cumbrous, unsightly things. There is a factory no farther away than San Francisco where, by this ubiquitous various processes, nulsance is returned to commerce in the shape of various articles useful and ornamental. But, alas, that is too far away to offer or even suggest relief to this can-encumbered public. Driven to desperation, scavengers with the connivance of householders deposit them in the guiches, cart them out to the suburbs, or pile them temporarily out of sight in any old place. But this does not conduce to civic improvement nor eally dispose of the cans. It simply 'dumpa" them. From what quarter is relief to come?

However strong a position Tie Pass may be as compared with the open plains in the immediate vicinity Mukden, it is unlikely that Küropatkin, veakened by the loss of so many men, such vast quantities of stores and so many guns, will be able to hold it long against the Japanese. Harbin is almost 300 miles to the northward, the railroad running for the first hundred miles or so from Tie Pass through a between mountain ranges. Nearing Harbin, the country becomes more open and the line traverses extensive plains. The Japanese are probably too exhausted to press Kuropatkin hotly should be succeed in entrenching himself at Tie Pass, and will probably pursue their former tactics of making haste slowly.

New York's latest "horror" is but a variation upon the story of the Slocum and of the Iroquois Theater. Helpless enement-dwellers are burned to death because the fire escapes are blocked, contrary to all ordinances. Disregard of law is the basic cause of such catastrophes, but each horrible event merely provokes a fleeting spasm of virtue. It is not possible to believe that the of New York harbor are salled by steamers as ill equipped as was the Slocum, nor is it possible to believe that there are no theaters there in which the same defiance of regulations prevails as in the Iroquois,

The Endicott, Washington, farmer who undertook to chastise his son of 21 years for a serious moral, social and iomestic offense-running away with the young wife of his elder brotherbegan his parental discipline rather late in life to insure success. As might have been expected, the elder man was easily vanquished by the younger, and the Sheriff was compelled to take a hand and quell the family disturbance. The rod in this instance was spared too long, since clearly the boy was spoiled.

Motor-boats are likely to bring as much travel to waterways as the automobile is doing on the roads. One of the probabilities of the future is the use of China's rivers and thousand-year-old canals by hundreds of fast and handy motor-boats, which an American Consul reports as becoming increasingly popular with the Chinese

Russia declares she will not consider peace. And yet she will. She said the same thing for a time after the fall of Sebastopol; and yet in a short time she offered terms of peace. She is hurt now far more than she was by the fall of Sebastopol; and shortly, after reasonable bluster, she will make peace, as she did then. No virtue like necessity,

Russians are retiring to the north perhaps in quest of a cooler climate for the Summer. After "luring" the Japs to Mukden, they found that Generals January and February had not cooled the Winter temperature. Maybe the Russians can "lure" the Japs to Moscow by next Winter.

A new primary law disposed of the Simon machine but set up another machine. The direct primary law has given the present machine a jab which is regarded in some quarters as mortal Must the next machine be disposed of with still another primary law?

President Castro; of Venezuela, Is now getting after the French Cable Company. Perhaps he is anxious to see if France will bite, as the small boy pokes his finger into the lion's cage.

"Properly done, gambling is not a dissipation," says Professor Kirby, of the Catholic University of America. Of course. Skillfully done, gambling is an accumulation rather than a dissipation.

Tammany says Editor Hearst has joined the New York Republican ma chine to make trouble in the next city election. Trouble will be a mild name

Russia's notion that the longest purse wins in the war is rapidly fading away. It/takes men to win battles. The result of the long agitation for closed draws is that the bridge-tenders

have been officially told to be good. Striking employes of the New York subway were successful in gaining reduction of wages.

This is the day ordained by law for cessation of salmon fishing on the Columbia. Why?

Perhaps the Czar wants peace forced

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Rolestvensky is in the deuce of a fix. Forwards lie the Japs; backwards lie deadly English fishing smacks.

As a result of President Roosevelt's neech before the National Congress of Mothers we may expect a book-b ampaign, similar to that which followed the President's mention of "The Simple

"UNLEAVENED BREAD" Endorsed by President Roomvelt; WE NEED THE DOUGH. Judge Grant's Great Work: "HAVE YOU SEEN SELMA Held Up by the President as a Norrible Example DEE-LIGHTFUL!

Secretary Taft is to take a few score enators and Representatives to the Philppines this Summer, and as a result we shall probably have some Manila Kipling writing a revised "Padgett, M. P."

A party to a local suit says of an attor ney that he had no reputation as a lawyer, "but is known as a dreamer, poet and philosopher." If that isn't com plimentary, we'd like to know what is.

All the way from Philadelphia to Pemeroy in Washington a man has pursued his wife and the man who supplanted him in her affections. The husband complains that the other man is able to exert a peculiar attraction upon the woman during the months of January, Feb. ruary and March. Perhaps the woman turns to another during those wintry months because hubby is subject to cold feet.

In the Sphere, a London weekly paper we notice that a court in Scotland upheld the will of a sheriff, who was said by some of his disgruntled family to be insame on the grounds that he kept a record of the fines he imposed upon his cats for improprieties, were "emotional waistcoats," and provided that he be buried in a wicker coffin to facilitate his response to the Last Trump. Out here the sheriff would have been tarred and feathered as a Holy Roller or a Holy Terror.

Professor Tufts is trying to discover by means of a series of questions addressed to the students of Chicago University whether the "honor system" may be introduced or if official supervision is still necessary. One of the questions, the application of which is not clear, is: "Is wrong to tell a credulous girl harmless but outlandish and untrue stories?" Professor Tufts, we fear, is asking fool questions. Has he never been young? Does he forget the yarns he spun in his inthat Othello didn't add a few cubits to extra dangers to the imminent deadly breech? What we would ask is the use of finding a credulous girl if one gives her no food for her credulity? Even in Chicago, even under the most pious honor system, the young men will continue to whisper fairy stories into the greedy ears of the wily credulous girls.

Vaudeville is a deadly thing. In Chicago cently a man shot himself on hearing an illustrated song. In Kansas City a "comic English recitative," sent a man into convulsions, and the Journal alleges that another man laughed himself into hysterics when a "blackface comedian" got off this one: "How do they get the water in the watermelons? No-yes? He, he. Why, because they plant them in the Spring. In the Spring-did you get that? In theha, ha, ha." It's getting so that persons subject to hysterical attacks can't stand the strain, and must content themselves with performances in which the slapstick supplies the refined comedy.

Now it is Chicago that offers an instance of a fly cop struggling desperately with a female "spirit." The world is terfere with a young woman who is posing as the soul of Mrs. Juggins' departed husband, or as the spirit of Socrates come to give Mrs. Sniggins a tip to buy Goldbrick Preferred.

One of the instructors at Wellesley Collers writes an indignant latter to the New York Times, denying that he forbade his pupils to some into the classroom in gymnasium suits. As the treacher says, his whole concern is with the correctness of their spoken English, and not with the suitability of their attire. This is a very sensible view to take, and if the girls persist in attending their English classes wearing bloomers there is no reason to taink that their advance in learning will be impeded. Presumably the pupils in such a hurry to reach the gym after the class that they save time by putting on their bloomers beforehand, and if they think it all right, how is a mere man teacher going to make objection.

Mrs. George Gould was almost mobbed by an eager crowd of women at a recent play in New York. Scores pressed around to see Mrs. Gould leaving the theater. She were "a black jetted net frock, made with high girdle and suspenders, with a white lace ruffled guimpe, elbow sleeves, long white gloves and a black jet tur-Suspenders!

Woman, woman, you might have left poor man his one distinctive article of dress; his one ewe tamb of clothing, so to speak; his suspenders, anglice, braces! WEX. J.

Who Was Discoverer of Hudson?

Harper's Magazine. No Dutch or English man can affirm the discovery of the Hudson River. Verrazzano must have distanced Hudson's archives by nearly a hundred years. However, the Dutch and English liaison in the matter is close. Hudson is appropriated by Dutch minds and has a Holland tradition round him. He came in a Dutch yacht called the Haif-Moon in 1609. His sailors were Hollanders and Englishmen: he represented a Dutch East India Company on its way to find the much-acught-for northeast passage to India. He explored the Hudson, going as far as the little town that bears his name, and he himself has been transmitted to posterity with such blended and mixed traditions as to constitute him well-nigh a haifbreed in people's minds.

The names of the river are varied. It has been called Manhattan, the North River, the Great River, the Mauritas, and in the year 1516 bore legally for some length of time the name Riviere Van den Vorst Moritias. and has a Holland tradition round him.

Vorst Moritias.

More Race Prejudice.

Two Italians lately over from the land of sunny skies and high-art were at work of sumpy skies and high-art were at work in a trench. They did not seem to be able to handle the pick properly. The contractor called two Irishmen to teach the "dagoes" how to work. After the lesson was over Pat was heard to say to his commade, in a voice of scorn: "Molke, and is it the iolkes of them they make Popes

Life.

POET PLEADS FOR ROOM "Give Me Back My Fifth Chamber," Cries Robertus Love, of Pike County,

THE RHYME OF THE WILLAMETTE.

Where did you get your rhymlog at? I'd have you know that our Willamette Was made to rhyme with-well, with d-n it!) Ah, fain mine eyes to glimpee and greet The wide and willowy Willamette!

(Rate! Now that's
A case of eyes as blind as bats!
You ought to take that rhyme and ram it.
Ten [set below the deep Williamette]) I yearn to sail with Beile and Betty Upon the dimpled Willamsttet

(Oh! You're stow! That's worse than ever-better go nd learn to sometize or posim it coording to the swift Willamette!) Ah, mel I fear I'd meet calamity

Go back to raking clover hay You're built for that -no need to sham it Here where we know the true Willamette()

And yet-and yet-and yet-and yet "Twas "Salem on the Willamotte" Twas "Salem on the Willamette"
In my geography, away
Back there when I was raking hay,
And to the old red acboothouse went
To learn about this continent.
"Now name the capitals of states?"
We wrote them out upon our slates,
And spoke them thus—the names of stream
Still linger like delightful dreams:
"Maine—Augusta on the Kennsbeck:
New York—Albany on the Hudson:
Kansas—Topeks on the Kansas!
Oregon—Salem on the Williamettei"

Oregon-Salem on the Willamette! The Willamettel the William
Alasi it is with sad regret
I give this idol up. Oh, 6-n it!
I cannot call this creck Willamette!
ROBERTUS LOVE.

R's a pointed argument that a "star" ought o have at least five good points.—Chicago Daily Review.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March & .- (To the Editor.)-A special dispatch from St. Louis, appearing in The Oregonian of March 3, does me a great injustice. It states that I advertised the furniture of my four-room flat for rent or sale, "owner moving to better town," that

town being Portland. Your correspondent misquoted my advertisement. My flat has five rooms, not merely four, and I feel that I am entitled to the full glory of the five. Why should I be thus curtailed of a quintette and cut down to a more quartette? If this base and baseless fabrication continues to go the rounds of the press I shall find myself reduced to ventive youth, when a sweetly credulous a triolet, or a duet, or possibly only girl hung upon his lips? Does he think a unit, of rooms. Then the world will behold the sad spectacle of myself and the height of the Anthropophagi; a few family living in one room-and offering it for eale. Who knows but that ultimately the story will place me in a hall bedroom at light housekeeping, do-ing the cooking on the gas jet and using the outside of the window ledge for a refrigerator? Or perhaps I may haunt me when I "move to better even find myself scaring the back basement with the assistant janitor, and and rovel for 17 years entitled to a

> I insist that I be set right in this matter. My flat has five rooms, all adult size except the fifth, and is located at the top of the street, next to pure country air. It is a five-room flat, hot and cold water—especially me the "Rhode Ialand poet," If you me the "Rhode Ialand poet," If you will. That is the smallest state in the cold-gas grates, bath and other mod-

> orld—gas grates, bath and other modern inconveniences.
>
> Give a fellow-journalist full credit
> for his achievements. After many
> years of effort here, in New York, in
> Boston and even in Wichita, I finally
> have attained to the full dignity and
> the superior glory of a five-room flat.
> Who is there so hase that he willingly.
>
> I promise to write beautiful odes to

who steams my purse may have it, the airitudinous Oregon oxone, and to and welcome—there's nothing in it; but your own lovely Willamette—which I he that filches from me my good room—the fifth room—wherein I write odes to nightingales, sonnets to soaps, lieved until I met a man from Portland checks to gas companies and prose the other day. ne who rapes this harmless necessary room from my happy household, who with ruthless hand razes my poets' corner from its foundations and flings the other day.

Thanking you for making these few chosen corrections, I am, yours, in blocks of five rooms, ROBERTUS LOVE

its violated fragments to the five winds who scales down my possibilities in the sale or rest market 20 per cent, is fit for tremsons; I will have none of him; I will not enter him upon my list of friends, though he be graced with pol-ished manners and five senses. Why should be thus heedlessly set foot upon a worm? In this instance the worm turns; it is a centipede, with hundreds of poetic feet kicking in all directions. My special abhorrence is the four-oom flat, and my special delight is the five-room flat. Never yet have I de-scended to the indignity of the fourroomer. What post ever postized in a four-room flat? Wherein is there room for him to write? Parlor, bedroom, kitchen, dining-room—yes; but the dea, the studio, the study, the bard's bou-doir—no! One might compose quatrains in a four-room flat; but how can a poet make a living out of four-liners? One might manufacture parodies on the Rubaiyat in a four-room flat; but what's the use? He can become neither a Homer nor an Omar if he turns out nothing but quatrains and Rubaiyas

Songsters must have room—a room—in which to soar. When the poet's eye, in a fine frenzy rolling, beholds naight but upnoistered chairs, and extension tables, and brass beds, and kitchen ciutter, what inspirations may be ex-pected of him? He might earn semething by composing verses for the advertisements of a time-payment firmiture house, but that is comming art and therefore criminal. nmerdalis-

The fifth room is as necessary in a poet's flat as the fifth wheel on a wagon, as the fifth point on a sar, to which poets sometimes hitch their wagons when Pegasus refuses pull the cart.

This particular fifth room of sine is peculiarly adapted to a poet's perpose, and I trust that I shall be able to sell it, or rent it, to a poet with read cash: none other need apply. The room is six feet wide and 16 feet long—just the shape for the proper manufacture of long poems. The occupant can paste his poetic sheets together at the ends and roll them up as a scroll and unroll them to the extent of 16 fee; with-out creasing when he desires to read them to his friends; or if he finds that poetry does not pay in this room, he can use the apartment for raising dachshunds in-it is just the right

shupe. Avaunt, foul fiend who robbed me of my fifth room!
There is another elight mis-statement in your special dispatch which must not go uncorrected. Your cor-respondent calls me "the poet laureste respondent calls me the ; of Pike County, Missouri. is positively cruel. I left Pike County 17 years ago, the year of the big blix-zard and 14 years before the appearance of the Big Stick. Since then Jynasties have crumbled, the heathen have raged and the people imagined vain things; but never a vainer thing have they imagined than that I am "the post laureate of Pike County." For 11 years I have sought to live down that imputation. I have changed my name, and my clothes, and let my beard grow at times; but ever and always this an-cient ghost of my early youth arises to warming my poetic feet at the laundry state distinction, or at the least a section of a state? If I cannot by the

Who is there so base that he willingly. I promise to write beautiful odes to knowingly and with malice prepense the saffron salmen, canned or uncanned; will seek to rob me of this distinction? to the snow-capped peaks, gleaming in Who steals my purse may have it, the altitudinous Oregon ozone; and to

will. That is the smallest state in the

SPIRIT OF NORTHWEST PRESS. Penalty of Voting for Jayne Bill.

Bandon Recorder, When we compare the vote of Coss and Curry Counties on local option and prohibition, last June and November, with the votes of Senator Coke and Representatives Hermann and Burns in the Legislature, we find that Coos and Curry were misrepresented,

Wife Tolls While Husband Snoozes Toledo Leader.

A Corvailis woman gets up in the morning, puts on her husband's trous-ers, builds the fires, milks the cows and does the chores—all before the old man wakes from his slumber. There would wakes from his slumber. There would not be so many broken-down husbands who believe that marriage is a fallure if more wives would follow the Corval-lis woman's example.

Jealousy at Heppner.

Heppner Gazette.
The lone Procisimer runs a The lone Proclaimer runs a glaring headline each week with the startling announcement that "Ione is the best city in Morrow County." While the Proclaimer is loyal to Ione, nothing can ever be gained by misrepresentation. Every stranger who comes to Morrow County will soon find out that the statement of the Proclaimer is not true. The only way that a newspaper can build up the town and country is to tail only the plain truth. and country is to tell only the plain truth

Politicians Slick as Grease

Tillamook Headlight.
What a fuss a few of the politicians are What a fuss a few of the politicians are kicking up about the expense the normal schools are to the state. It was the politicians who grafted these schools on the taxpayers, anyway, and now they are playing to the galleries to get the graft off. Some of the politicians are silck as grease when they see public sentiment flop first one way and then another. Two normal schools, one in Eastern and the other in Western Oregon, are sufficient for all purposes. Reduce them by the normals vote of the people. for all purposes. Reduce popular vote of the people

Senator Fulton's Troubles.

Senator Fundamental Toledo Leader.

The Grand Army Post of Hillsboro has jumped on Senator Fulton with all its feet, through the medium of a resolution for turning down a comrade who has been postmaster of that place and was an included the control of the place and was an included to the postmaster of the place and was an included to the postmaster of the place and was an included by a place of the place and was an included by a place of the place and was an included by a place of the place of the place of the place and the place of postmaster of that place and was an applicant for reappointment. The veteran, it is reported, was backed by a large petition of the most influential patrons of the office, while the "pull" of the gentleman recommended by Senator Fulton seems to be more or less a secret. Senator Fulton haan't been indicted, but he certainty has troubles of his own.

Editor Bob Smith in Tilt Again. Grant's Pass Herald.

Grant's Pass Horaid.

It is amusing to watch the autics of the Republican leaders. Senator Kuykendall, who wants to be Governor, and who, with Speaker Mills, put through the normal school appropriations, is hysterically urging the people to use the initiative and give the Neamals one year more of its. Senator Haines, of Washington, who is also longing to be Governor, wants

the legislators to meet without pay and knock out the normal appropriations. He evidently believes all members ride on Southern Pacific passes. How virtuous these gentlemen become when the people are aroused?

Bovine Happiness.

Burns News.

F. G. Blume, of Emigrant Creek, came in from his mountain home Tuesday. Mr. Blume tells us that he has quit feeding his stock, as the balmy weather and the sight of the hills with their grassy tus-socks all uncovered are things to turn the bovine stomach away from prosy hay.

Better Marry the Girl Next Door.

Estacada News. How unsatisfactory the mail order How insatisfactory the mail order method is. A man near here who got his wife through the matrimonial news-paper route is now asking the courts to grant him a divorce. It serves the poor man right. He should have patronised the home market and he would have known what he was getting. Nover send away for anything when you can get the same article at home, and there is less possibility of getting cheated

Killed by Her Riding Pony.

Heppner Times, March 9.
Little Myrl, the II-year-old daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuller, of Rhea Creek, was kicked to death Sunday by a

trees, was sicked to death Sunday by a horse she was riding.

It appears that the girl had gone with the family to spend Sunday with the family of Silas A. Wright, and it was on the return home that the accident occurred.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller went in a hack. while Myrl and her 16-year-old brother went horseback, the girl riding a very gentle pony.

On the return home one of Mr. Wright's little girls accompanied the Fuller chil-dren, riding behind Myrl, when the pony shied and jumped to the side of the road This caused the saddle to turn, throwing both girls from the horse. Just at this time the brother caught the girl's horse by the bridle, but the frightened animal turned from the boy, jerking loose and started to run, dragging and kicking the child. The Wright girl was uninjured save

a shaking up.

The brother picked his sister up and carried her to the creek near by and washed the blood from her face and at once went for his father to help take her home. Dr. Kistner was called from Hepp-ner, but the child was dead when he arrived, never regaining consciousness, was kicked only on the head, no br being found elsewhere,

To Supplement Our Civilization.

Andrew D. White in Century.

As a result of observation and reflection during a long life touching public men and measures in wide variety. I would desire for my country three things above all others to supplement American civilization; from Great Britain her administration of criminal justice; from Germany her theater; and from any or every European country says Russia. every European country save Spain and Turkey, its governmentes