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PROBLEMS OF LIFE AND SPIRIT.

Movements of the human mind in eccentric orbits, or in cycles, have attracted attention ever since observation of the operations of the human mind be gan. Since the range of human experience is limited, there is continual recurrence, under conditions changing more or less, to movements of mind and feeling with which the student of history is familiar. Yet history cannot said, truly, to repeat itselfthough it does repeat itself, with differences. One state of feeling or emotion, and then another, is due for a return, at intervals more or less trregular. It reminds one of the movements of comets in eccentric orbits, of which the elements are not calculable. In only a few cases are their periods known.

The tides of human feeling may not be calculable at all. They come and go, All we know is this, namely, that the human mind, as a great French writer expresses it, is incessantly turning from one object of interest to another. That spur is less needed today than at history of religious revivals; but nobody can calculate their times or periods. The flow and ebb are extremely erratic. Yet we have here, as in other matters of human interest, the ebb and

But it may be doubted whether a religious revival among a people can be deliberately "worked up." The effect or energy of such a tide of feeling or emotion comes from its spontaneity. The "evangelist," coming opportunely, may "pursue the triumph and partake the gale"; but can he create the triumph or make the gale?

It is a peculiarity of the human mind. as a great English writer observes, "that it cannot long at a stretch endure the active consciousness of its own operations." This it is that causes it to "turn incessantly from one object of interest to another," for relief. and cautious of physiciogists, "that certain cases of madness depend on a cause which can scarcely exist, even in slight degree, without producing some mental disturbance, vir., the too earnest direction of the mind inward upon itselfconcentration of the consciousness too intently on the subject before it." eligious revivals, when they become intense, always run into characteristic mental aberrations. These tides of emotion once were more common than they are in our day. They followed laws of life and mind not so generally prevalent in these days of close observation and growing sense of personal responsibility and of necessity of personal control. There have been what history has called "great revivals." They have been spontaneous movements. It may be doubted whether attempts to repeat them by artificial ad imitative methods will have or can have the success which the promoter may expect. These problems of the spirit-call it human, or divine, or both -are exceedingly subtle, and are sure to disappear under the touch of analysis or calculation. The genuine "rein any direction, in any domain of feel ing or life, it has real power. But can these great upheavals in the moral, religious or political world be reproduced by imitators? At least it demands

The Colorado School of Mines at Golden is well equipped to prepare young men for a strenuous profession school, but from start to finish requires muscular as well as intellectual development. Still it seems hardly necessary that its students should be required to undergo or even risk concussion of the brain in order to prove themselves worthy of its certific The rough-and-tumble ted intermittently from 2 o'clock A. M. Thursday of this week until dusk dishonest purposes. No man should is nothing lovely, nothing womanty, as the evening of the same day, and re- affix his name to a petition for the in-

sulted in the serious disablement of a number of students and perhaps fatal injuries to two of them, would be a disgrace to a training school for pugil-ists. A college that is not strong enough to suppress a student riot may well be comidered weak in spite of a strenuous educational course.

PULLING TOGETHER FOR OREGON. Oregon people are at last heeding the ncient injunction, "Forsake not the assembling yourselves together, as the manner of some is." Nothing marks the progress of the state better than such action—if the benefits do not evaporate with the glow of the banquet and the speeches, but lead to practical as-

sociation for practical ends.
It is worth while fo note what sugrestions were made and applauded at the recent meeting of Salem. The first point discussed, extension of the telephone service into now isolated places has already received general approval The Oregonian has not been backward in urging necessary expenditure for this purpose wherever practical. Into how many districts of the Willamette Valley can this link of places and people be carried! Not only for what are called business, or dollars and cents, reasons, but equally for abolition thereby of the lonesomeness of the farm. The neighbor's telephone fills for the farmer's family the next-door neighbor's friendliness in the town. tried, it surely will never be aban-"Telephone in the house" getting to be a recognized attraction when a buyer for the farm is being sought. The abundant water powers in the

foothills of each side of the Willamette Valley are noticed much more often enterprising newcomer than by the old residents. But a possible power is only one of the attractions for the investment of outside capital, though a very important one. The industry must invite in the first instance; then the are not on a large enough scale to use power for machinery to a noticeable extent. Therefore the two openings for development and use of our water powers are for motive power on electric roads, and for factories of all sorts. This leads up to the point often overpoked by our local development leagues and associations. Oregon is not merely farmer's country. In issuing our invitations to the outside world, let us our mountain ranges and their foothills; nor yet the possibilities of works ing up our raw materials from farm, orchard and range. Certainly these are but suggestions. It lies in the power of these leagues to take steps to translate and condense the general ideas put forward in every meeting into black and white statements of fact and relal possibilities and attraccapital seeking investment to join in what is really permanent development -but not till then. The Oregon Water Power Railroad was used as an illustration by one speaker, who enlarged on what that enterprise had done and was doing for increase of population and development of the resources of their district. What has that company done? It has not been content to build an electric line into Clackamus County and there leave to chance the filling of its cars. An intelligent examination of adjacent resources has been followed by judicious publication of results. And more, when openings were presented for manufactures of divers sorts, in vestment of capital has been made attractive by demonstrating business op-portunities. It is not boasting of the Willamette Valley, but sober fact, that as much could be done for every one of the eight countles among which its five million acres are divided.

One of the orators at the league meeting enlarged on the backwardness of any time for the last twenty years and she is surely making up time now. The call to support by every county of the Lewis and Clark Fair should be kept sounding at every meeting of every league. That enterprise is surely growing as it goes, and the bigger it gets the more pride we must all take in it-Oregon's Fair, Oregon's opportunity.

ABUSE OF THE INITIATIVE

Exercise of the powers reserved to them under the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution will be careful what kind of petitions they sign. Care in such matters has not been the rule in the past. Speaking not of initiative and referendum petitions In particular, but of petitions in general, it may be said that carelesaness has been the rule to such an extent that seems possible," says one of the most | H is possible to get signatures to almost any kind of a proposal. Men and women who are ordinarily upholders of law and good morals, have been found willquests for the pardon of criminals admittedly guilty of helnous offenses. A man who wants appointment to office can secure signatures to a pewtion in his behalf even though the signers know | turn. him to be incompetent

> If blackmail and graft are possible in the Legislature, they are possible also through the mediumship of direct legislation. It has been charged that grafting legislators or lobbyists secured the introduction of bills in the Legislature attacking corporations or other large property interests, and that such measures were abandoned only when people will permit themselves to be work with an initiative measure and he answered by curses. a bill that has many acknowledged merits but also one or two provisions that The meritorious features appeal to the people, who perhaps have been unjustly ed by the corporation, and there is no trouble in getting signatures wherever the petition is circulated. this petition in his possession, the blackmailer is in a position to demand a good round sum from the corporation in consideration of his not filing the petition or filing it in fatally defe Rather than carry their fight form. before the people, who have already a

and expense and possibility of defeat in a righteous cause. Legislatures have been worked by class fight between the freshmen and grafters of this type, but the people sophomores of that institution, which must not permit themselves to be used as tools for the accomplishment of such

prejudice against it, the corporation

will find it advisable to meet the de-

mands of the grafter and save trouble

itiative or referendum unless he is satinfled first that the object sought is a good one, and second that the man who has charge of the petitions will use them for the public good and not for private gain. When one man is given custody of petitions containing the signatures of 8 per cent of the voters this state, he has more power than he ought to have. If proposed legislation is of sufficient importance to merit the exercise of the initiative, it is of sufficient importance to enlist the efforts of a considerable number of prominent men, who should form an organization and direct the initiative proceedings. No one man should be permitted to gain control of petitions which he can use to further his personal interests. Let the people be careful what they sign and for whom they sign, and if in doubt be on the safe side by refusing to sign until fully advised.

AFRAID OF BOYHOOD. Who that has been a boy by the Winter fire, book in hand, surroundings for gotten, mind whirling along from wonder to wonder in company with ad-venturers after a boy's own heart-who that has known this magic can hear of Jules Verne's death without the tribute of a sigh. Jules Verne-the very name has a gramarye of its own. Jules Verne means * breathless races around the world; It means flights through space and voyages in the depths of ocean; it means mysterious islands and topsy turvy planets; it means, in a word, all that transports round-eyed youth into the strange and glorious world of make-believe.

Those were books for boys! "Five Weeks in a Balloon," "From the Earth to the Moon," "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," "Around the World in Eighty Days," "The Mysteri-ous Island"—could there be a more stirring list? No foolish lovers in books; no dull backwaters in the current of the stories, just one on-sweeppower possibility comes in. Our farms | ing rush; no impossibilities, for was no everything explained satisfactorily to the boy scientist? It was in that happy combination of good narrative and specious science that Verne ex-celled. He made the field his own, and his imaginary voyages are more real to the boys, old and young, of the world than are the real voyages of any explorer, however daring or momentous.

Those early stories, already mentioned, produced in the sixties not forget the unopened treasures of seventies, gave Verne his unassailable place as romancer to boyhood. In his seventy-seven years of life he produced three-score volumes, but those of his old age lacked the fire that made his earlier stories live in the European languages, in Japanese and in Arabic. To tell a tale that shall sweep on from wonder to wonder and yet preserve verisimilitude is not an easy task, and few are the writers capable of secon tions. Then publish the invitation to plishing the feat. There is none to follow in the footsteps of Verne. The ingenious English author, H. G. Wells has as much invention as Verne and greater command of the scientific chinery of his fiction, but he has not the simple story-telling power that held captive the young readers of Verne. Grown-up readers would undoubtedly prefer the fiction of Wells, as affording more intellectual pleasure, but it is the boy who is the true judge of what makes a story.

As a playwright Verne is not known in this country, except by the dram-atizations of "Michael Strogoff," that perenntal melodrama, and "Around the World in Eighty Days." It was as a dramatic author that Verne first made a name, but it is by his incomparable "yarns" that his memory will be pre-served, and what better shrine could an author ask than the heart of youth?

DEVOTION THAT IS UNWOMANLY. Judge Scott, of Wyoming, in denying the petition of William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) for divorte from Louise Cody, gave this doughty exponent of cowboy ners and ethics such a warming as must have made even his callous cuticle tingle with shame. "Bill," however, probably mistook the unusual glow for indignation, since, after the manner of his kind, he ignored the stinging rebuke of the Judge and announced his intention to carry the case

to a higher court. The character of "Buffalo Bill" needs no delineation. Coarse, brutal, with every finer sensibility blunted by the habitual use, or misuse, of whisky, he has long stood before the public for soon teach the people of this state to just what he is. The defense set up by his wife has added some details in regard to his manner of speech and ac tion, but it has developed nothing new.

But what of the wife? As shown by the evidence, she was loyal to him and faithful to every duty. Being human and sorely tried, her patience under the indignities that she suffered sometimes gave out. But, as stated by Judge Scott, "she was an overindulgent mother and wife, always took pride in ing to attach their signatures to re- her husband's success, looked forward to his homecoming with pleasure, entertained his guests with cordiality, accompanied him to the depot when he departed and met him there on his re

> for this wifely devotion he treated her cruelly and heaped indignities upon her, we must abate in a degree the admiration that her wifely devotion incited, since it discloses a lack of self-respect that is the basis of true nobility of

What a man of this kind deserves and Joe Day after the masher. eeds is not devotion and sublime self demands of the grafters were met. If abnegation in a wife. A woman of his own fiber, who will not submit to inused for the promotion of such schemes, dignity, whether of blows, of speech the levying of blackmail can now be or of open humiliation, commands the carried on through the use of the initiative. Let a cunning, unscrupulous are unavailing, when self-abnegation is man of fair knowledge of affairs go to repaid by spurning and pleadings are

No fact in modern social life is more never squirmed before. Let him draw patent than that no woman is required to submit to abuse of this character. With reference to a type rather than are unfair to the corporate interests. any individual in the class represented. it may be said that self-respecting people of good common sense see nothing womanly in servile devotion to a brutal husband. One may pity, such a creature, indeed one must plty her, but the feeling is akin to contempt, and has in It no touch of admiration.

Love that survives cruelty, abuse disgrace and humiliation is so cheap and servile a thing that its object can almost be forgiven for trampling upon it. Magnanimity that does not beget magnanimity in daily intercourse is a starved and wasted thing that contributes every day of its substance to low-bred tyranny. The woman who, as a wife, puts herself under a man's feet merely invites him to trample upon her. The same is true of the mother who becomes the slave of her children. They

negation. It is cowardly, servile, hypo critical. Its open demonstration in court is much more painful to the ears of the truly compassionate than is the recital of conjugal abuses which it would fain condone

His Majesty Emperor Nicholas is angry. Even though his anger appears to be wholly misplaced, it presents him to the world in a refreshing light, since hitherto he has seemed to be incapable of any strong emotion of the sturdier "Prostrated with grief," whelmed with anxiety," "undeter-mined," "filled with alarm"—these are the poses in which the autocrat of all the Russians has appeared heretofore. Now it is said he is angry-very angry. In witness whereof he proclaims himself ready to wipe out with blood the disgrace of Russia. Of course it is the blood of the peasantry that he is anxious to have used as an eraser, and the mighty and warlike Gand Dukes re main in their palace prisons while it is being applied, for fear of accident. But the spark of imperial spirit disclosed is refreshing, nevertheless. Nicholas was too angry perhaps to consider for a moment what Japan would be doing while the gory disgrace eradicator was being applied.

Farmers of the Willamette Valley will greet with joy the announcement that \$50,000 will be available this year for the improvement of the Yamhill and Willamete above Portland. While appreciating fully the great convenience and the market value of railroad transportation, the people of the Valley are loyal to the river, and in having it kept in navigable condition as a surguarantee against exorbitant freight charges on wheat and other products that will bear slow movement to mar-ket. There is something in the sight of a steamboat, "loaded to the guards," coming with heraldry of puffing steam and sounding whistle to her dock, that awakens commercial pride and recalls memories of the strenuous days of Oregon's early transportation era. It may hoped that "Beautiful Willamette" will long be kept in a condition of commercial usefulness by the proper appropriation and expenditure of Government

funds for this purpose. No community in the United States is free from girls and young women who have more or less talent for public reading, combined with a touch of the dramatic. Oregon is full of them. small number long for a career on the stage. Inexperienced youth, some of them encouraged by equally inexperienced parents, dream of Broadway, New York; then plan to get there. What awaits them when they arrive in this Mecca of stagestruck thousands is well set forth in an article by a wideawake woman correspondent to be pub-lished in The Sunday Oregonian tomorow. It is no lurid tale, but a matter of-fact statement, which, if read, may save to many a good girl sore disappointment, heartburning or worse.

When Buffalo Bill got drunk, Mrs. Buffalo Bill ministered to him; when he was sick, she gave him a lotion, or perhaps a potion; when he returned from she made great preparations to receive him; when he heaped indignitles or reproaches on her, she manifested only a reasonable degree of wifely impatience; when his numerous dogs were hungry, she fed them. early all respects Mrs. Buffalo Bill was a model wife, according to the ndings of the court; while was a long way from a model hus-band. People out this way never before heard of Mrs. Buffalo Bill; but they have seen her husband; so they are prepared to indorse the finding of the Wyoming court.

From the haughty attitude of the Russian Grand Dukes and the lordly manner in which they deign to designate the terms of peace which they will accept, the world, were it not better informed, might suppose that Japan was at the feet of Russia begging elemency. If Japanese statesmanship at the cap ital is equal to her generalship afield, she will insist upon terms that will settle the question of Russian aggression in the Orient once for all, and keep Russia working for a term of years to pay a war indemnity, as Bismarck's edict has kept France at work lo, these many years, to make Germany whole

That which the Exposition managers have feared from the first has come upon them. All the available space for exhibits is taken and a large number of applicants are disappointed at being shut out. This shows how the fame of the Lewis and Clark Fair has grown under judicious management and intelligent advertising. The limit in space, hough feared from the first, has been reached sponer than was anticipated. and is a matter of sincere regret to all concerned,

A Portland "masher" insulted a young woman and was arrested. gained his liberty somehow, and he/insulted her again. A bystander licked him soundly, and the Police Judge commended the bystander's excellent work and intimated that he could have an indulgent hearing in that court whenever he saw fit to take the law in his own hands. But it may becur to the police department, next time, to send

Sir William MacDonald has given \$4,000,000 for the erection of a normal school building at Quebec, and for the establishment of free scholarships. reports as to his consanguinity to a Well-known Portland nulsance are true it may next be expected that the Cana home for superannuated bad-bill col-

lectors. The "new-deal" Republican organiza tion has made a most startling discovery as to candidates for the City Coun-As a rule, it is learned, those who wish to run are not the fittest, and those who are fittest do not wish to run. This situation must be unique in Porttheir City Councils anywhere else.

Poor old Jules Verne may now have a chance to verify some of his highly scientific observations in his "Trip to the Moon."

The powers appear to be playing a most polite after-you-Alphonse game as to which shall close in on Venezuela.

When President Castro arbitrates, he ants it to be with somebody of size. The Russians appear to have been

to lose everything except Oyama.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

They don't call 'em "peek-a-boos" this year, but "pneumônia shirtwaists,

Truth sometimes comes out by accident, despite careful proofreading. A paragraph from the Kaneas City Star says: Mrs. Conway F. Holmes has sent out cards or bridge parties Thursday and Felday att-thoons, March 23 and 24. The parties will be quite infernal.

"Why won't Molly accept young Sniffles -he's dead in love with her?" 'That's just it. She wants a live one."

We can understand the Czar's reluctance to appoint a Grand Duke as commander-in-chief in Manchuria, lest the grand ducal prestige might be damaged. Of course, it would have been different if he had mentioned the Grand Duke's rep-

In other words, Congressman Hull is a

On its front page, the Inter-Ocean bears the legend, "The Only Reliable Newspaer in Chicago." That proves its unreliability.

We fail to understand the agitation in favor of having saloons draw saide their cortains at 1 c'clock in the morning so that the police may watch for infractions of the closing ordinance. Why can't the police ring up the suspected saloons by telephone and ask if drinks are being sold in violation of law?

The inaptly named Dr. Mix, of Chicago, has a plan for reforming drunkards. He would confine them in hospital ships to be anchored off shore. Think of sur-rounding a poor, thirsty fellow with germy water. That would not reform him, but drive him crasy.

Mrs. Buffalo Bill Cody used dishes bearing her husband's portrait. Surely wifely devotion could go no further.

Police Commissioner McAdoo, of New York, has been requested by the Intermunicipal Committee on Hqueehold Research to place a few women on the police force. The members of the L. C. H. R. think that a woman in a blue coat with brass buttons would be a great aid when a refractory cook refused to work and hubby wasn't able to throw her out. The L C. H. R. may be right, but it seems to us that the appearance of the pettlegated cop within the kitchen would be the signal for a battle that would have terrible results for the crockery and furniture, to say nothing of the law's representative.

From an exchange we learn that "bridge eye" is the latest fashionable disease. It is caused by a player's revoking and the impact of her partner's fist against her eye in the subsequent altercation.

Japan is the most progressive country in the world. F. A. G., who writes in the Kobe (Japan) Chronicle, says that the Japanese are beginning to follow Americans in taking considerable interest in

F. A. G. also notes in the Kobe Chron icle that women in Japan are by no means the downtrodden creatures Occidentals think them. He quotes the following paragraph from a Tokio paper in support of

livered a speech lasting for more than one hour before the students of the Tokyo Girls' Higher School, Mita, Shiba. We are not permitted to publish his speech in full until the end of the war.

Great is the censor, and wonderful are his works.

The Spring opening that interests the small boy is the swimming-hole.

An Austrian physician "suggested" 2000 as his fee for treatment of Rudolph Spreckels. The patient thought the suggestion was a little too strong, and the matter is now in the courts. As Spreckels is a militonaire, the physician's action is considered strictly ethical.

From all this talk of navies being r ly guarantees of peace, we gather that some people are confounding warship with worship.

Sometimes a man speaks of so much "cold cash." There is no such thing as cold cash. There's a genial warmth about even a 50-cent piece. The King of Stam is trying to borrow

\$5,000,000. If he gets it, we hope he won't keep the place a secret. A balance-wheel that will prevent ships

from rolling has been patented by a German. If the invention proves practicable, it will undoubtedly be adapted for use by homeward-bound' men who have been drinking too much.

Chicago's union musicians insist upon harmony.

"We having nothing to arbitrate," once said President Baer, of the Philadelphia & Reading. "We having nothing to arbitrate," says

President Castro, of Venezuela. Castro, however, fails to claim divine authority.

"Onward, Christian soldiers!" WEN J.

Football Test of Character.

C. B. Fry in London News. President Roosevelt once attended othall match between Yale and Harvard University teams and sat by one the Yale professors. He noticed one of the players who again and again failed to support his side at a critical juncture. Turning to the professor, he said: "What is your opinion of that man?' The professor replied: "I advised the captain not to play that man. He is slack at his studies. Being slack at work he will be slack at play." "Yes." character that counts both in work and play."

Queer Bequest to Maine Town. Kennebec Journal.

There was a unique article in the Paler mo town warrant. It was this: "To see if the town will accept of Thomas Dins-more the sum of \$100 as a trust fund, the interest of same to be applied as follows, to-wit: to celebrated the enemory of the signors of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, also the lives of the pioneers of the towns of China and Palermo, once in every ten years at Branch Mills, China. The first celebration to occur on the fourth day of July, 1915, and each succeeding ten years thereafter

Reasons for Laughter.

Birmingham Post.

When the young mistress of the house entered the kitchen she carried herself with great dignity. She had come to call the cook to account.

"Mary." she said, "I must insist that you keep better hours, and that you have less company in the kitchen at night. Last night I was kept awake because of the uproarrious laughter of one of your women friends."

"Tis. mum. I know." Mary replied cheerfully, "but she couldn't help it. I was telling her how yob tried to make cakes yesterday afternoom."

LIFE CHEAPER THAN BREAD

Desperate Struggle for Existence in Warsaw, Jail-Capital of a Na-tion in Chains.

(Poland's new Governor-General, H. Maximovitch, who arrived in Wagnaw on Thursday, is reported to favor more conciliatory treatment of the Poles. His task is being rendered extremely difficult by the great excitement in Warsaw, consequent upon the alanghter of ien and the wounding of 50 unarmed, passants by the police at Karno, 70 miles from Warsaw. The firing appears to have been absolutely uncalled for, the only warning given the ascernised for, the only warning given the ascernised peasants having been in Russian, which was not understood by the Poles. Life in Warsaw, where Russians and Poles speer at each other, even in times of "peace," is described by W. Holt White, in the following letter to the London Express.)

Thinking of the tangled skein of

cry of the working people, who now are banded together against conditions of labor which render them more hardly used than beasts. There is great hun-

The Ruceian Governor-General is in the position of a man who holds a starved and tortured tiger cat in check upon a chain, and sometimes chains

to be in a vast jail where the citizens are little more than convicts. At the

In one hotel in Warsaw-a hotel for which Paris would have no cause to blush-there sits at the receipt of custom a singularly handsome and im-posing personage. To him I have seen Russian officers speak as they might to any dog, and then I have smiled to watch them wince before the lazy, scornful glance and the polite but cutto any dog, and then I have smiled to watch them wince before the lazy, resurnful glance and the polite but cutting answer of the handsome Pole. Or, better still, I have seen the Czar's officers stand aside and watch with rude-eyed wonder some beautiful and haughty Polish woman sweep in and shake the booking clerk's shapely and well trimmed hand. But then he is a Count in his own right.

Again in the restaurant itself the distant little towns where they can do no harm. What leaders remain will also shake the booking clerk's shapely and well trimmed hand. But then he is a Count in his own right. Again in the restaurant itself the Russians and the Poles sit us wide

apart as may be.
Officers clank in and out. They salute each other and each other's wives;

It is easier for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven than for a Russian to pass the portals of the so-Russian to pass the portals of the so-clety in Warsaw. Yet exclusive as this society is it does not scorn its own. however poor; and many of the Polish city may rage furiously together, but the nobles are poorer even than church time of their deliverance is not yet come.

OVER TWO HUNDRED MILLION. To Be Spent in Equipment by Rallroads in 1905.

Chicago Record-Herald.

More than \$200,000,000 for new equipment More than 1300,000,000 for new equipment for railways in the current year—4111,000,-000 by ten systems and about \$80,000,000 by other lines—is the almost unprecedented record made by American transportation companies, and it is taken as a foregenst of an era of still greater prosperity in the Nation. This wast sum represents a con-servative estimate of the orders placed, but some authorities insist the total expenditure will reach a much higher ng-

ure. Soon after the National election the de-Soon after the National election the de-mand for equipment of all kinds began to increase with such rapidity that the railroads became convinced that they would need to move quickly if they did not wish to see a general congestion of all kinds of traffic during 1906, and conse-quently a tremendous loss in revenues. quently a tremendous The big orders:

Pennsylvania
Baltimore & Ohlo
New York Central lines
Bouthern Pacifie
Banta Fe Southern Pacific ...
Southern Railway ...
tock Island System ...
forfolk & Western ...

In forming a correct estimate of the import of the enormous expenditures which the railroads are making to take care of increased traffic it must be remembered that two years ago the orders for equipment exceeded all records. Despite the fact, however, that more than \$500,000,000 was expended in two years for equipment, the demand far exceeded the supply, and traffic congestion occurred at all the important tomange centers. portant tonninge centers,

Man's Absurd Clothes.

George Bernard Shaw, in the World of

I like to feel clean, and my great idea of clothes is that they should be clean and comfortable, as far as such a thing is possible in London. This, of course, axcludes starch. I couldn't wear a thing which, after having been made clean and sweet, is then filled with nasty white mud, ironed into a hard paste, and made alterative. hard paste, and made altogether dis-gusting. To put such a garment on m gusting. person, wear it, move in it, perspire it-horrible!

it—horrible!

The shiny white tubes on the wrist, the shiny black cylinder on the head, the shiny white front to the shirt, the shiny black boats, the rain-pipe trouser than the shirt black boats, the rain-pipe trouser than the shirt black boats. leg, the japanned-zinc sleeve—that is your fashionably dressed man, looking like a cold blackleaded stove with asbestos fuel. The great tragedy of the average man's life is that Nature refuses to conform to the cylindrical fuses to conform to the cylindrical ideal, and when the marks of his knees and elbows begin to appear in his cyl-inders he is filled with shame.

> The Gunner's Prayer. Harper's Weekly.

"Afraid" cried the gunner, accomful, rising from his knees. "No, I'm not afraid. I was praying."
"What were you praying for if you're not afraid?" recorted the Lieutenant.
"I was praying, sir." was the response, "that the enterny's shot may be distributed in the same proportion as the privasame proportion as the prize as the prize

Going to Be a Dandy.

Seattle Times.

Ail's well along the Williamette, says
Will A. Steel. No use talking, that Lewis
and Clark Fair is going to be a dandy.

mice. Their lands have been confiscated mice. Their lands have been confiscated and their property of every kind given to the Russian spoilers, and the Russian official on the loot strips cleaner than the locust. Therefore the Polish nobles have been driven into trades of many kinds. Some have become manufacturers, some sell goods, even in the retail way. One, indeed, has done to the cleaning of hosts. But these things.

the cleaning of boots. But these things are counted no disgrace.

As with the rich, so too with the poor. Warraw, where Russians and Poles ascer at each other, even in times of "peace," is described by W. Holt White, in the following letter to the London Express.)

Thinking of the tangled skein of things at Warsaw, where in these days blood is cheaper by far than bread, it should be borne in mind that there are in Poland the makings of not one but two revolutions.

The first springs from the hearts of all the people—aristocrats, cittzens and peasants alike; it is simply the wild apontaneous cry of a wild and passionate people claiming the freedom of their uwn land. And this great sentiment is covered by that mean little word, "nationalism."

Then there is the exceeding bitter cry of the working people, who now are banded together against conditions of labor which reader them more hardly

land. land.

To dragoon Poland the "Little Father" needs many thousand troops and many thousand police, uniformed and secret. And who should pay for these inxuries except the Pole? So the Pole is taxed till he goes hungry that he may feed men who will shoot him when the need arises. Out of Poland, out of Warsaw bave To visit Poland, to visit Warsaw is to undergo a strange sensation. One can never lose the sense that one is in a country occupied by foreign troops. One looks round and beholds the amazing spectacle of a whole nation made prisoner and held fast. To be in Warsaw is to be in a wast jail where the citizens

Inflame. To help the work, students fling up their street corners the police—the warders of this prison city—grin comfortably. But now there is a riot in the jail.

Even in normal times captors and captives do not forget their quarrel and their hate, and but for the underlying tragedy one might laugh to watch the play between the Russians and the Poles in the thenters and the restaurants.

Before peace-such as peace is in Poland Before peace-storn as peace is in round,
-returns to Warsaw there may yet be
hideous work. Men may march in their
thousands and be shot down by hundreds.
But that is all. The running brain and
cruel hand of the Russian autocratic, bu-

no harm. What leaders remain will also disappear. Without any fuss they will be quietly fetched from their beds in the morning watch and quietly hanged at the dawn of the day.

The men and the women of the prison

they may be officers of the guards of the finest cavairy regiment in the Russian empire, but the silent, haughty Poles make no sign of recognition.

It is easier for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven than for a said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said that every Pole desires to Russian baying the said t Russian. That is a feeling not wholly un

ODD BITS OF OREGON LIFE.

Passing the Honors Along. Grangeville News.
The young lady who said Joe was ugliest man she ever saw ought to be ashamed. I think it was Jack she saw.

Proposed? Methodist Hill Corr. Madras Pioneer.

Chris Reichen feels quite content in his enlarged house. A new organ has been added, and when his proposed cook ar-rives there will be happiness complete in that bouse. Who Wouldn't Learn to Ride? Agency Plains Corr. Madras Pioneer.

Henry Parker would do well to take a few lessons from Madras' female bronco puster and especially to take her advice and stay on the bronco's back if

A Larger Seat, but Not Too Large. Agency Plains Corr. Madras Pioneer. John Evic has treated himself to a new buggy and the seat is just large enough for two. Now look out, girls. John is a splendid good fellow and he means something, but he may tell you the rest.

Memento of a Hard Trip.

Madras Pioneer. Kyle Loucks had an exciting trip from Shanko. His trall wagon broke down in Cow Canyon and he had all kinds of trouble. On arrival here he found that he had a well developed case of measles. He has changed front now and says that he would take a girl that has had the

Mr. Roosevelt's Open Secret. New York World.

New York World.

No matter what nationality Mr. Roosevelt is speaking to he manages to show
himself in sympathy with its language,
its literature, its traditions, its customs
and its spirit. Nothing human is foreign
to him, and yet stupid people are still to
be found who cannot understand why he
is the most successful politician of his
day. in the

Exchange of Courtesies in Missouri.

Jeplin Globs.

For a couple of days the editor of a Webb City paper has falled to insuit any resident of Webb City or Joplin. Now, that won't do at all. The strident exponent of profane journalism must a permit the suspicion of respectability fasten itself upon him.

Dr. Osier at Mukden.

New York Globe, Kuropatkin in retreat, a most dejected man, He sat in contemplation on an empty works And as the little yellow men their corden closer drew, He muttered low in Muscovite, "If Celer only knew;

"That little fallow Nogl, though he's past
three score and tan.
Is prancing like a three-year-old ground my
Russian men.
Is tying The Ling in a knot that breaks my
line in twoIf Osler only knew of this, if Osler only knew!

Then there's that old Oyama, who my stubher certainly is past the age he should be

chlocoformed:
Yet there he stands performing tricks that younger men should do—
If Onler only knew of this, if Onler only knew! 'Kuroki's getting on in life and surely should

retire;
Then, what's he doing on my left directing of the fire.

And doing other beyish things an old man shouldn't do?—
If Onier only knew or this, if Onier only knew!

"That old man Nogi's worth about three hun-fred thousand boys.

But, oh, my military pride it certainly annoys.

To be defeated by this superinnuated crew,
Who'd be retired and fossilland it Osier only