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LEST WE FORGET.

Saturday, have not received proper attention. passed there may be willingness now to all. attend to some of these features which new business amounted to \$33,667,337. hitherto have not received the attention or 42.36 per cent of the premiums rethey deserve. The report contains this statement, viz:

The provisions of the new charter relative The provisions of the new convertex relative to the graniting of franchises were enabled to protect the city's interests and to prevent the giving away without sufficient and ample com-pensation valuable franchises upon the main attracts of the city, and the franchises theretefore granted upon our main streets were seen to expire. The action of the Council in eting these blanket ordinances can only ed by stating that such action was

features which still are as pregnant national, the eventual outbreak may with meaning as they were before the election of Monday last.

mind to.

THE COST OF LIFE INSURANCE. The Oregonian a few days since said

that the policy-holders in our great life insurance companies would like to know more about their internal man agement and the disposition of their funds. We have lately been finding out much-a great deal too much-about the methods employed by one insurance company. We have no reason to believe, and we do not suspect, that subterranean means are employed by othe companies to secure for favored individuals improper benefits from the great funds hoarded by the insurance panies. We shall be willing to believe the question. Thereupon the Norwethat the policy-holder will get in the gian Ministry resigns. end all that he has been promised until fuses to accept their resignations, we know better; and we shall hope and think always that no occasion will ever istry. People and Storthing are at one arise when he may feel regret over an in proclaiming "Then, a King who caninvestment in any established life insurance concern. At the same time The Oregonian must express gratification that its inquiry as to how much is tional country are dissolved. annually paid by policy-holders to insurance companies and by insurance companies to policy-holders is comthe

pletely answered in an article is June number of the magazine World's Work. Mr. Sereno S. Pratt writes on the highly pertinent subject "Does Our Insurance Cost Too Much?" According to the showing made by

Mr. Pratt, the total income of thirtyone life insurance companies, including three industrial insurance companies to the King. And it may bear that apin the United States, for the year 1904, pearance. reached the immense aggregate What next? Sweden some weeks ago \$560.172,553. It was, of course, mainly from policy-holders. On the other announced that she would not fight hand, the amount disbursed by the this fair profession. They are drilling and arming, and filling up a war chest thirty-one companies was \$363,553,524, of which \$222,654,256 went to the policywith their hard-earned savings. They holders. Thus we see that the policy are a poor, but intensely patriolic, folk holders in that year paid out more than Much depends on the statesmen of each twice as much as they took in. If these country. They, so far, are not widely figures are correct insurance compaknown. nies are storing up annually-for the

benefit of the policy-holders, of course-about \$200,000,000 of new money more than they are paying out, representing an investment that at the present rate of accumulation must eventually control the entire financial world. The following table shows how the disburseacats were made by the companies in 1904:

Death claims vidende to policies Total to policy-builders .

25 Total inges and cost of administration ... Total to policy-holders Total taxes and cost of administration ... 36.5 65.7 will hardly escape public attention that 16.5 this complaint is not being made by the

men interested in securing cheap cot-Total disburgements .300.0 ton. Neither will it be forgotten that, It appears that the single liem of when the ridiculous and misleading commissions alone represents nearly 18 Government crop reports were assistper cent of the total, or about \$56,000,000. ing Sully in his famous bull campaign while salaries are more than 9 per cent, Features of the report of the grand or \$22,000,000, making a very satisfac-jury of Multnomah County, made last tory total of \$88,000,000 paid to the in cotton a few years ago, the Southern Cotton strangely silent regarding that mislead. agents and representatives of the ing information which was being used

Since the local election has thirty-one companies. But this is not In 1904 the commissions paid on ceived on new business.

ton bull or a cotton bear that is gored If this ratio is continued through the by the Government crop report, which years, it would seem to be established from the inception of the red-tape sysas a fixed rule of the insurance busitem of crop reporting has been useful ness that the insurance agents only as it supplied a small amount of and officers receive from the inwork at a liberal amount of pay for surance company regularly more the book farmers at the National Capthan one-third as much as the policyital. The Southern cotton planter in That is to say, for every this case, like the lady, "doth protest too much." He is apparently long on holder. one thousand dollars the beneficiary be explained by stating that such action was the successful attempt to defeat the city in recerving a fur and just compensation for the franchises upon some of its prominent entropy by the emotiment of these ordinances, has transferred to corporate interests fran-chises for a considerable period of time at a compensation riflecinously inadequate and for a longer period than they would have been permitted to have granted ar given un-der the provisions of the new charter. the market, and wishes to relieve his turity of his policy, more than \$335 goes feelings. The stray dog that crosses the path of the man who has just had pany. Unquestionably it costs some- his money on the wrong horse is pretty sure of a kick, and the Agricultural Department in this case is the stray dog Association "Perfectly harmless only when out of sions, all are parts of legitimate and his head," is the label Huckleberry unavoidable expense. But what the Finn placed over his raft-tender, "Perpublic now wants to know, and will fectly harmless because it is always out probably find out before the present of its head" would not be an inappro agitation terminates, is whether the polpriate sign for that monument of red icy-holders, or the agents, or the offitapelsm, the Agricultural Department. cers, or the directors, or the trust com-The wise men in charge of that fifth panies, or the banks, are the chief benewheel on the Government wagon have ficiaries from our system of life insuryear after year overestimated the size of the Pacific Northwest wheat crop to STRUE.

nerce in producing a hickory of quick growth. These two old trees stand side have a slim foundation. But nations, by side in the memory of natives of like married couples, can quarrel about the Middle West, who are passing down anything, or nothing, if they have a

the sunset slope of life, for the part The mixed consular business is now that they played jointly in many an Autumn nutting festival of the past, and for the good cheer that they gave the apparent casus belll. Norway desires Consuls of her own, and is able to the Winter's hearth through many and willing to pay for them. Her foreign commerce is larger than Sweden's. a chilly moon. It is too much to hope Her shipping is more extensive. Her fiscal policy has a free trade as for a resurrection of the old stock in time for the needs of the present cenagainst a protectionist basis. And she tury. But for the young stock of vigbelieves that the joint Consuls in forprous growth, conjured by the "wigeign countries have not done her jusard" from the best products of many a tice. She, therefore through the act of parent tree, there is a certainty of sup her Storthing, demands the right to a ply that is reassuring and delightful. separate establishment. King Osca

refuses to approve the bill, and insists The imaginary line between pagan that the joint Council of State handle and Christian-between the teachings of Buddha and of Christ-has been The King reobliterated in the treatment that the Russian wounded and prisoners have plaining that he can get no other Minreceived at the hands of the Jananese Trained in the doctrines that account the followers of Buddha as cruel and inhuman, the captured sailors of the not get a Ministry to govern his country is no King," and the ties binding Russian ships expected to be put to onstitutional King to his constitudeath by their pagan captors. On the contrary, they were heroically rescued Now comes in the amusing side of the from the perils of the sea and conveyed whole affair. "Personally," say the Norwegians, "we have not only no obto the enemy's shore, where food and clothing and shelter awaited them. ection to, but real affection for, King Their wounded were placed upon clean Oscar. As he has just proved himself cots in pagan hospitals, where skilled unable to govern us, perhaps he will be surgeona dressed their wounds and kind enough to mention one of his softly-stepping, white-clad nurses did grandchildren, whom we may take and what was humanly possible to alleviate et up on his throne." Possibly the their sore distress. They were "sur-King may take the suggestion as a prised"-these hard-pressed sailors of compliment to the man, but an insult creed-bound Russia-when the pagans-

Stretched out hands of generous care To lift the foes they fought so well. In these manifestations of kindness the world beholds an illustration of the gospel of humanity, the simple tenets of which are above all creed.

Norwegians seem to doubt

THE COTTON GROWERS' COMPLAINT.

The Southern' Cotton Growers' Asso-

Government statistics on the cotton

crop are "juggled" and manipulated to

sult certain interests in the cotton mar-

ket. Quite naturally the theoretical

farmers who are in charge of disburse-

ment of the money annually wasted by

the alleged Agricultural Department

deny the accusation, which is a grave

one. Inasmuch as this is not the first

time such charges have been made re-

garding both wheat and cotton, it will

require something more than a denial

to quiet the clamor that the cotton

bulls are making over the matter. It

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The commerce of the United States is being slowly extended to the islands of the sea. Cyprus is one of the latest of these to find room for American manufactures. Consul Ravndal, our representative at Beirut, Syria, lately reorted to the State Department from that port that abundant crops were harvested in Cyprus as well as in Syria last year, the most primitive methods being employed, and that in both provinces American agricultural machinery could readily be introduced. The crop prospects are good for the current year, and, though our trade there is yet in its infancy, it shows encouraging signs of growth, especially in the line indicated by the dearth of agricultural machinery and implements. On our part we would be expected to reciprocate by buying Cyprus wool, skins and wines. The toal trade of the Island amounts to

about \$4,000,000 annually, about equally divided between exports and imports It is capable of substantial growth, and is gradually increasing as the needs of the people take the form of wants.

The rumored assassination of the Czar caused a momentary panic on the Paris Bourse Tuesday. The Czar has not been assassinated, but the rapidity with which a panic gets under way over the rumor of such a tragedy shows very plainly how strong the probability is that such a fate may overtake the trembling despot. Assassination of the Russian ruler would cause a shock and upset stock markets for a brief period, but it would not cause surprise to a large number of people who read of

the bitter internal strife tearing his empire to pieces. "The boast of heraldry, pomp of power," and all of the wealth of his kingdom cannot give to the Czar the same peace of mind that is today enjoyed by hundreds of his former subjects who are now catching the Columbia River, unhaunted, as they dream between drifts, by visions of assassins at home and Togos abroad.

After all, the public does not want th town closed. Else why should so excellent a candidate as Mr. Paget get less than 300 votes? Mr. Paget said he

OREGON O For Woman's

The hoopekirt of our gran Is coming bulk they say h Dame Fashion of deriver Oh. pray, most high and awful August Madame, in heaven's m Avert this norror, please

This hoopskirt-I am sure that it. The fair new woman will not at: And yet if those, Old Dame-Shallt thus decroe, shull have to wear

This conto cage of skirted air? Or vanish from the game.

For what is woman, old or new, Unless to Fashion she is crust She must conform-alas!

O Fushion, will thou not be kind? Say, now, Old Hag, If you don't mind, We'll let this terror pass!

Citizens of the State of Maine are till talking about crecting a reproduction of Longfellow's birthplace as the state's building at the Lewis and Clark of relative importance, Exposition. The Maine people should remember that art is long and time is fleeting.

"Soldiers and Soldiers' Widows Filed on Government Lands." runs a conspicuous sign in front of a building near the entrance to the Exposition. One is constraned to inquire, when did these soldiers and soldiers' widows do the filing, and how is the general public interested in the fact that they have filed.

A Colorado newspaper man who visited Kansas recently calls attention" to the fact that Atchison has but one daily paper, though it is a city of 18,-000 people. He also remarks that Kansas towns have fewer newspapers than the towns of any state of which he knows. This man should have visited the "boom towns" of Kansas about 15 years ago. In the town of Wellington there were eight daily newspapers. not to speak of the weeklies, though the population was less than 5000. Wichita had five dailies, while Garden City, in the far weatern part of Kaneas, had two daily papers, one of which used the full service of the Associated Press, though the town had scarcely 3030 people. The same paper is now a small weekly, with patent interior, but it is quite sufficient for its field. Bleeding Kansas bled printers' ink at every pore in those days, but now it has gotten down to practical work.

Two hundred thousand votes were cast in Sacramento, Cal. last Satur-day. The population of that city scarcely would seem to warrant such day. The population of that city scarcely would seem to warrant such a large vote without repeating. (N. B. a large vole wildout repeating (N. B. -It has been discovered that the votes were cast for the young indies who are running for free trips to the Lewis and Clark Exposition on the Sacramento Union ticket.)

A lady poet with three links in her name sings thus: "I should like to live in nomad fashion, with only the moon and the stars to woo." Most young women like the moon and stars all right, but prefer a man to woo underneath them.

Answers to Inquiries.

Retta-No, it is not proper for you to do the Trail without a chaperone; et your beau go along with you. No. 1136-If time hangs heavy on

ing Henry James into English. Constant Reader-No advertisements

are printed in this column-unless you make confidential arrangements with Kansas Interested in the Bostonian's the editor.

Amateur Cook - Prunes may be

267 ta hind the ana" attleahlp is going do tornedn-boat torpedo-boat is coming up is this true fund it is already assured that the future naval pol-the United Status will be the bu the United States will be the Build of few if any more battleships and US construction of a large number of De-pedo-boats and destroyers. There is also a possibility that the submarine is coming to the front, that the French have been on the right track in that line, though as to this more light is needed. har ably more ...

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They have lost one small cruiser. They have gained three torpedo-boat destroyers to add to the 19 they originally had and they have lost four torpedo-boats

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come out, haval men and government officials, from President Rocsevalt down, are more than ever amazed at the results attained by the Japaness. The men of Nippon are now the naval leaders of the world. The experts of all countries are sitting at their feet. Incidentally the American navy is at fault and liable to severe criticism cause it has not sent men to the Far East to study the action on the sea and to profit thereby. Some other nations have been forehanded in this and have gained a distinct advantage over the United States.

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Perhaps the most astounding fact involved in the war is this: Since the outbreak of hostilities the Japanese have neither built nor bought war-ships, yet their fighting line is now stronger than it was at the beginning atronger than it was at the beginning of the war. In other words, they have taken from their enemy more in ton-nage, in guns, in actual value, than they have lost from all causes during they have lost from all causes during the war. And meanwhile they have annihilated the naval power of their enemy. Such an achievement as this of 252,661. In other words, this war so far

enemy. Such an achievement as this eclipses everything known in naval annals. annals. According to official statements made today in Tokio, the Japanese have jost since the war began one battleship, boats, belonging to the torpedo destroyers lost last Sunday and Monday fell before the gun fire of the foe. Mines and accidents account for all the casualties, with the possible exception of these three. In other words, the Japanese navy has practically the Russian navy off the face the face of the waters. The Russian navy, mines ex-

jury and loss upon the Japanese. It is not surprising that naval experts the world over sit in amazement when they: contemplate the achievements of

the Japs. . . . For the one battleship they have lost the Japanese have gained from the Russians two first-class modern bat-

No. 1135-If time hangs heavy on your hands during cell hours, get a copy of Browning and practice "Pippa Passes." or try your hand at translat-

MR. LAWSON'S REMEDY

The United States Supreme Court has Scheme for Curing Trust Evils. removed another barrier which the alleged ringleaders of the public land conspiracy erected in order to escape disappointment will run up and down the irial. Frederick A. Hyde and Henry P. Dimond, both of San Francisco, pealed from the decision of the Circuit Court of California directing their removal to the District of Columbia for plan, as briefly outlined in the press dis-patches, is to issue a call on a certain day to the people to withdraw their de-firmed the decision of the Circuit Court, posits from the savings banks. This, he and Hyde and Dimond must come to Washington in common with John A Benson, and face the evidence that has been accumulated by Secretary Hitchcocit. It was a portion of this evidence which led the Federal grand jury of them might be crushed today and as many more would take their places to-morrow. If the system is taken to in-duce the take their places to-the district to indict Hyde, DimonJ and Benson. The accused used every morrow. If the system is taken to in-clude the great trusts which control the markets of the country and dictate the price of the necessities of life, the people may withdraw their money from the banks, but they cannot avoid paying a goodly portion of it to the trusts just the same. The price of best full not drop an inch, though the financial beavens fall. The water may be squeezed out of stocks until they are as dry as a bone, and indevice that money would procure in the effort to prove that the law does not this district was justified. As to the contention of Hyde and Benson that hey were within the letter of the law in their land operations, the Supreme Court declares that the whole scheme was fraudulent Frederick A. Hyde, the leading spirit in these immense operations, is a of wealth and remarkable ability. probably true that his acts were in most instances within the letter of the law. He boasted that if the United States enacted laws which enabled shrewd men to gobble the public domain by wholesale, he had no scrup in taking advantage of the situati scruples The greed of the land ring, however, led it to commit violations of the law outright, in addition to acquiring large bodies of land by frauds states, if not upon the United States. The extent and boldness of the ring's operations finally led to its undoing. If the Secretary of the Interior had been a man less stern and uncor mising than Ethan Allen Hitch there is no telling where the frauds would have stopped. The ring was in-trencined within the General Land Of-fice, under the very nose of the Secretary of the Interior, yet so skillful was its work that it was not detected for several years. After detection, relentless vigor was necessary in order to secure the evidence required to make the proof of fraud conclusive and to entrap the ringleaders. This work has engroused the attention of Secretary Hitchcock for three years. With a grim-ness and singleness of purpose that Secretary ness and singleness of purpose that knew no turning, he stuck to his task until he had laid bare the greatest fraud that has been perpetrated upon toe United States in recent times, if, indeed, it has ever been equaled. The millionaire Hyde and his assist-ants are now face to face with the issue in the District of Columbia, where they are assured of a fair trial and no favors. If they are guilty, there is no es-cape from a punishment that will make public fand stealing an exceedingly unprofitable business while Secretary Bitchcock is in office.

in tonnage about 16 per cent through cap ture from the enemy. Doubt no longer exists as to the important part played by torpedo-hoats in the famous battle. Official dispatches show that at least one Russian battleship and two armored cruisers were disposed of by the hornet fiest of the Japanese. In adfiodition to this actual loss inflicted upon the enemy, it is now certain that the tor-pedo flotilla plunged the Russian crews into a state of panic. The latest news is that the Russian officers and men were to a large extent runing madly about the decks of their ships, unable to work the guns with any effectiveness or to handle the ships in an effective fashion. Two

things had occurred to throw them into this sad state of demoralization-the accuracy and effectiveness of the Japa gun fire and the operations of the dre torpedo -bouts. The moral is plain to American naval

experts: The man on the bridge and in the gun turret is the first thing; the high power, long range gun which expert gunners can shoot at great distances is the second thing, and the third is the torped boat, small of cost, in great numbers, officered and manned by intrepid, dashing men who glory in taking their lives in their hands, and who may swarm about an enemy's fleet and smother it and strike

SECRETARY HITCHCOCK'S WORK Washington Post.

Now who are they who prevailed with the Common Council to "transfer to corporate interests franchises for a considerable period of time at a compensation vidiculously inadequate"? Let us quote further from this report:

in this connection it appears to us that e Pacific Erates Telephone Company, the ethand Generical Electric Company, the ethand Consolidated Railway Company and a Partiand Gas Company have formed an linner offendive and defensive for the par-et and the second and defensive for the parnose of assisting such other in securing an rights and privileges to the benefit of any s that they may require from the Con my legislation that might be

tocrats, the "first families," own or are several nations which is opened by deep in the direction of all these companies, Mr. Ladd, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Mills, Mr. Ainsworth, Mr. Adams and the rest, are the gentlemen who have Sweden and Norway, was imposed on been dealing and dickering and prevailforth in the grand jury's report-and gle against such odds would have been have "obtained franchises at compensation ridiculously inadequate." the while these gentlemen have been posing, through their newspaper, under did so. She stipulated that she should direction of their editorial dummies be continued in the constitutional and hired men, as advocates of popular rights which she then possessed, and rights.

Admit that the Common Council, Swedish kingdom. yielding to this pressure upon it, has made grants that it ought to have with- Norway were that she held to her anheld. Even then, why attack the Common Council slope? Why not indict was to remain the supreme authority these highly respectable persons-repre- in the kingdom. The Storthing could sentatives of the four companies-who not only pass laws in relation to interhave been "monkeying" with the Com- nal affairs, such as finance, taxation, mon Council-these persuasive gentle- local government, and the like, but no men who have been using "influence" limit was expressed in the treaty to its to get from the city, through the Comon Council, property worth immense sums, without payment even of the | Council of State, in relation to the ap conventional "one dollar" for li-why pointment of joint Ambassadors for the not indict them? Will the plea that two countries, but, so far as appears these gentlemen are "friends of the people"--if you may believe their organ-that they may rob the people, may get an immense property, for nothing, that belongs to the peoplestand for their sufficient excuse and justification?

Some of the franchises obtained in act for the two countries. The King the manner consured by the grand jury -not a dollar paid for them, but btained through "influence"-are now offered for sale by these public-spirited gentlemen at millions of dol-and also by the conditions of the act of They announce through their organ that the sale will be effected. Possibly it will.

However, there is one sure result, Their effort to possess themselves of the remaining streets of Portland, without paying anything for use of them. was checked by defeat of their scheme last Monday.

It is universal that those who at- no affection has sprung up, nor even tempt public grafts characteristically pose as champions of popular rights. Johnson was not so far wrong when his comparable sarcasm defined patriotism as "the last refuge of a sceundrel." Yel perhaps not in every case.

NORWAY.

The hostlie action of the Storthing, or Parliament of Norway, towards King Oscar, has a touch of the amus-The monopolists of Portland, the plu- ing, in spite of the vista of trouble to

their resolutions. A few words of exsection is concerned, the Government is never even approximately correct in its planation are in order. In the first estimates. The blood of the Southern place, the union of the two countries, gentleman has undoubledly slightly heated by refusal of the mar-Norway by the great powers of Europe with the Common Council, as set opposed to Napoleon in 1814, To strugket to advance, but if they will look a little farher into the matter, must surely find some other cause for insane. Consequently Norway took her All medicine, but with a wry face. the weakness. She could make conditions, however, and The cotton trade and the wheat trade years ago began applying the acid test to the gold bricks which the Agricultural Department placed in circulation.

should in no way be merged in the and the man who would take one them in the belief that it was the real thing only makes himself ridiculous The main points thus preserved to when he "hollers." The crop reports of Secretary "Tama Jim" Wilson are clent Storthing, or Parliament, which amusing, if not instructive, but to ac cuse them of having any value as "advance tips" is to credit them with something which they do not possess The Southern Cotton Growers' Association must be joking. jurisdiction over foreign affairs. It is true that there was provided a joint

THE WASTE AND RESTORATION OF THE WALNUT GROVE.

The wastefulness of the American people, added to the legitimate de from reading the public documents of mands of commercial life, has practithe time, no express limitation of the cally destroyed the magnificent groves essential rights of Norway as a soverof black walnut that fifty years ago eign state was either proposed or was abounded in the great Middle West. assented to by her. By custom, ex-Winter's log that blazed in The tending over a long series of years, many an open fireplace during the long joint Consuls have been appointed to many years in the black walnut belt was to be a constitutional monarchrepresented a feature of the destruction that is, his powers were stated in and of this valuable timber that was due limited by the constitution of each partly to the ignorance and partly to the carelessness of the early settlers. union as to the joint sphere of action. Many a sturdy hickory log shared the fate of the walnut, the former being Moreover, under the Norwegian constiprized for its "firekeeping" qualities in tution, the King has a right of veto of the days when matches were unknown,

acts passed by the Storthing, but this and the latter for the fact that it igveto can be overridden by subsequent nited readily and made a cheery blaze passage of the act over the veto. It is To supply the waste that thus went passing strange that, in this kind of on, the great American wizard of agstipulated matrimonial union between riculture, Luther Burbank, has suc countries, lasting for ninety years. ceeded by cross-fertilisation in produc ing a walnut tree that grows rapidly mutual forbearance developed. Their and will, under proper conditions, make good, to some extent, in a quarter of union was declared irrevocable and indestructible, yet it seems to have been a century, half a century's wastage of throughout a paper union only. Now, the incompatibility has grown, in the the slow-growing walnut trees of the heart of Norway, to a ground for di- past. Perhaps Mr. Burbank may be

This report of the grand jury contains | vorce. In all such cases, individual or | able to

would shut the town up tight. There was no evasion about his platform. He said clearly what he would do, and nobody doubts that he meant it. But the people who have been howling for a losed town evidently feared that they might be taken at their word, for they voted for Candidate Lane, who distinctly avoided making any specific promises. Nobody believes that he will such an extent that, if the trade ac put the lid on and fasten it down. cepted the Government figures as being the voters had thought he would, he entitled to the slightest consideration. the market would have been materially would not have been elected. There are reformers and other reformers affected. But numerous years of obser vation have taught the wheat trad with reservations. that, so far as this particular wheat

Judging from the late shipment of cigars-some 80,000-not to mention a on or two, more or less, of cigarette tobacco and paper, to the Alaskan Army posts, our soldiers in the Far North have nothing to do but smoke and are phenomenally industrious in that vocation. One does not have to be a "crank" on the evils of smoking to regard with dismay this inordinate imption of tobacco by men who should conserve their strength and nerve power in order to make good soldiers. Common sense stands appalled at the possibilities of physical deterioration that lie in this immense shipment of tobacco to a few hundred soldiers in garrison.

One new charter amendment provides that the city as a whole shall pay for all bridges costing \$15,000 or more. The day of cheap bridges is over. We shall never hereafter think of putting up one for less than \$15,000. Why should we? The city foots the bill, and it costs the taxpayer nothing. He'll be a poor engineer_who can't make a bridge that will cost over \$15,000.

The torpedo-boat experts say it was the torpedo-boats that won the battle of the Corean Straits. The battleship experts say it was the battleships. This unhappy controversy between the authorities might never have been satismonths of rigorous weather during factorily settled but for Admiral Togo, who comes forward and says it was all "due to the illustrious virtues of the Mikado." Sure.

> Doubtless it would be a great thing if the jury were drawn now at once, for trial of the cases in the United States Court, so the defendants might have a chance to get acquainted with the members.

Republicans go to a direct primary and nominate a candidate for Mayor. Then they go to the polls and defeat him. There is something wrong with the direct primary, or with Republic ans.

Men who have been trying to steal everything in Portland and lay the blame on other people are not to have perform a like favor to com- "a good time" from this time on

served with the bark on, but fried eggs should be hulled.

Numismatist-A Lewis and Clark souvenir gold dollar is worth 5) cents; that is, you pay \$2 for one.

A Twice-Told Tale.

Here is a story that has been told before, but it savors so deeply of the essence of true hospitality, good breeding and sweet womanly graciousness that it is always new:

When Queen Alexandra of Great Britain was the Princess of Wales there came to England on an official vist some Oriental potentate, the Ah koond of Swat or Something-or-Other. who was not strictly up-to-date in Eng-

lish customs; but he was nevertheless an invited guest of honor, a person of dignity and worth in his own land, and therefore entitled to courtesies. Being foreigner, unacquainted with the English language, he might have suffered sad embarrasement had his hostess, the Princess been a woman of vulgar mold; but she was every inch a queen, as she proved by her consilerate treatment of the uncouth Ahkeond.

There was a grand dinner, at which the Ankoond was seated beside Princess Alexandra. There was a menu card, printed in English. When it was observed that the Ahkoond was holding his menu card upside down, there was a titter from one of the "ladies" present, who imagined that she was highly civilized and the Real Thing; but Alexandra quickly subdued this

wretched display of had breeding by turning her own menu card upside down and holding it in that position during the rest of the dinner. Isn't that a pretty story? Isn't it calculated to make a real gentleman acknowledge that Alexandra is a Queen by birth?

ROBERTUS LOVE. A Bad Break.

Lippincott's.

During the annual convention of a certain religious body, not so very long ago, an incident occurred which was not on the programme, and which completely upset the gravity of the ministers and brethren assembled. It was at the closing seasion, and the chairman stated that they were about one hundred dollars short of an amount desired to be raised for a given purpose, and hoped that the sum could be made up before final adjourn-ment. One of the laymen jumped up Th the remark: Th start the good work with twen-

ty-five dollars.

ty-five dollars." "I don't know your name, brother." said the chairman, "but may God bless you, and may your business be doubled during the year." Much to his astonishment, a burst of laughter followed from many in the hall, which was explained when a brother up in front stepped to the olatform and whispered: platform and whispered

"Why, that's Mr. Blank, a promi-nent undertaker of the town."

It is to be feared that a distinct chill of Nation's spinal column when Mr. Thomas W. Lawson unfolds his scheme to crush the trusts, or the "system," as he calls it, to the people of Kansas in July. His plan, as briefly outlined in the press dis-

says, will crush the "system." How this will crush the system is slightly vague and misty to the average mind. If by the "system" Mr. Lawson means merely the stock gamblers, all of

until they are as dry as a hone, and in-dividual stockholders may be rulned-which would doubtless please Mr. Law-son immensely in respect to a few of his former associates-but the country will

will be in the grip of the octopus. We sadly fear that Mr. Lawson will have to select a heavier bat if he expects to "strike off the fetters that are almost

permanently riveted on American necks." The remedy he proposes seems at first glance so worldly inadequate that we feel like suing him for damages for keep. ing us in a raging fover of expectation for nearly a year, only to dash our hopes to the ground. The only thing remonably certain about

Mr. Lawson's remedy is that it will off a premium to burglars, and it might bring on a panic that would make all former financial crises look like three plugged dimes. But there is no occasion as yet to take to the cyclone cellars. The American people are enthusiastic and full of fads in many ways, but when it comes to "investments" and matters of the pocketbook, they are sane, sound and conservative. Mr. Lawson may get an enthusiastic greeting in Kansas, but he won't get the Kansans to help him to wreak vengeance on the stock samplers as yet to take to the cyclone cellars. The

wreak vengeance on the stock gamblers at the risk of ruining themselves. Kan-sas is too prosperous to be anarchistic

The Great Unawed.

Boseburg Plaindealer. With the Daily Astorian, the Daily Capital Journal, the Daily Salem States-man, the Daily Eugene Register, the Plaindealer and a number of Oregon weeklies determined to see fair play in the land-fraud trials, the star actors in Hitchcock's great political drama will no longer be able to hoodwink the people through their energetic press agent, Francis J. Hency.

The Japanese National Anthem.

Translated for the Japan Weekly Mail. Until this grain of sand,

Chill this grams of skid, Tossed by each wavelet's freak, Grow to a cloud-girt peak. Tow ring above the land: Until the dewy flake, Bending this blossom's gold Swell to a mighty laks-tee ment are unfold reign's sales

Royalty Blows a Flute.

The Duke of Oporte, brother of the King of Portugal, is one of the finest Suteplayers in the world.

just now.

Age upon age unfold, Joy to joy manifold, Add for our Sourcein

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