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### IT IS A PUZZLE.

The Oregonian never has expressed a doubt that Senator Mitchell, and others under indictment, are innocent of the charges preferred against them. It did express such doubt in the cases of Puter, the Watson woman, Tarpley, et. al. Yet the jury found against the de fendants.

This, doubtless, was mere perverseness. If The Oregonian couldn't see through the involutions and intricacles of the Tanner revelations, disclosures or confessions, why censure The Oregonian?

Out of this muddy and muddled business let us hope and expect that some plain line of truthful statement will be ieveloped during the trials. The Oregonian is reluctant to entertain susply cions. Yet it fears it will be found that somebody has lied.

# CLEARING IT UP.

A paper at Pendleton, the East Oregonian, makes this statement:

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is apparent from London's description of the famous poacher. London makes him out to be a very handsome, graceful-appearing man of great strength, well read and a deep thinker. The real Alex McLean is a tail, stoop-shouldered, slouchy-appearing man, ignorant, and endowed with no particular knowledge of anything except the business in which he was engaged. For absolute fearlessness and daring undertakings, London could not have picked up a better character, but the personal descrip tion went sadly awry, and the spectacle of Alex McLean holding an intelligi ble literary discussion with a lady, as London has Welf Larsen doing on nu merous occasions, would be amusing indeed to the water-front contingent, who available. the price quite naturally have known him in every port from San Diego to Alaska.

### THE SCHOOL ELECTION.

Three candidates solicit the support of the taxpayer at the school election to They are all against the "merit" day. system, so they say. Mr. Pague is "bitterly opposed" to it. Mr. Fleischper says the "merit system is not prac-Mr. Brewster proudly points to tical the indormement of the Woman's Club and the Municipal Association as definitive of his attitude. It is clear thus that he is all right on female suffrage and the closed town. But the Woman's Club is also down on the merit system. Reasoning by analogy, Mr. Brewster will have none of the merit system, unless perchance the Woman's Club should reconsider, which is not likely. At least, we hope not. However, we shall assume that the three candidates are of the same mind on this great issue, which, under the circumstances, is no issue at all. The merit system must go, and Director Wittenberg cannot help it. He seems to anticipate that the new board will reverse him and the old for he is accused of looking with a partial eye on the candidacy of Mr. Fleischner. But maybe Mr. Fleischner cannot help that. Anyway, he says the Wittenberg merit syste won't work. If Mr. Wittenberg don't like it, he can lump it What are the qualifications of a good

School Director? We have had some excellent gentlemen in the school service in the past, and we have had others not altogether excellent. If any citizen with high notions of the mission of the public schools goes on the board and faithfully lives up to his ideals, he is in for trouble. If any other citizen with no lofty ideas and with entirely material aims is elected a Director, he is also overwhelmed with woe and trib ulation. The Director who serves the public offends the great army of importunate and tireless hunters for place and favor. The Director who serves his friends fills the payroll with inefficient teachers and makes an enemy of the interested taxpayer, who thinks he is entitled to his money's worth. One road leads to Hades and the other to

We have a fine public school machine in Portland. We have an able politician for Superintendent of Schools. We have a school faculty that has through many years defied the efforts of enlightened and desirable teachers from abroad to get important places in Portland. It is a close corporation among our principals, with our astute Super intendent at its head, that challenges all effort to make changes at each recurring election that are not sanctioned by the school ring and that are not designed to contribute to its perpetuity. We have had a School Board that was so completely under the dominion of the school machine and the sagacious and domineering Superintendent that it stooped to the shameful device of meeting behind closed doors in order to raise his (the Superintendent's) salary; and it kept its proceeding off the record for ome days in the hope that its action would somehow escape public notice and criticism. The present board, too, in some way not precisely known to itself, adopted the mysterious and unmanagement, or Portland's action, yet that paper is directly responsible for the shan-domment of the state experiment farm and the closing of the normal schools. teachers (not the Superintendent) should be raised. What are we going to do about it? We are going to elect a new Director and let him fight it out, if he will, with the powers that be; and, if he won't, we are going to foot the bills and hope for better things.

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ing bargain, but it was remarkably generous treatment for a defeated en-

France, or Germany, have done so

much under the same circumstances?

The United States imposed no humiliat-ing conditions on either Spain or Mex-

point to the Turkish precedent.

"Geologist," who writes a long com

munication regarding the Nehalem beeswax legend, explains the presence

their being caught by the stuff and held

loes not prove that genuine beeswax

if the stuff were all ozocerite, as "Geol-

ogist" asserts, the fact remains that

some of it had been moulded into can-

dies from which the wicks had rotted

generations before they were discov-

ered, and with these candles were found

most of them broken, but there was

the marked pieces of wax, to show that

they were brought from some othe

part of the country and placed there

either by shipwreck or some other

with facts, but it never entirely elimi-

Mr. James, the novelist, in a college

casion to accuse the newspapers

being responsible for crude English.

He designated them as black eruptions

of type and as roaring like monsters.

The Baltimore American finds in this

criticism evidence that the newspapers

use English such as everybody can un-

reading, which latter, in the view of the

James school of writers, is the unpar

criticism will make American youth for

sake newspapers and turn to Brown

amusement. Better the "crude Eng-

presents something in which the reade

is interested and which meets his in

quiry for information than the up-to-

date English that is nothing if not ob

"These proceedings are a disgrace to

mitted." If the devil has kept in

ouch with the affairs of Breathitt

County, Kentucky, he will seriously ob-

ject to receiving the distinguished jur-

ist whom Prosecutor Branton consigned

to his keeping. From all reports that

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pieces of Oriental pottery

Theory sometimes plays have

of bees in the wax as being due

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but, on the contrary, gave then

June report, and the average for the five years was 45,000,000 bushels less wheat than was predicted by the statisthe principle of a money indemnity; but its own practice has been singularly in ticlans who used the Government re port as a base for their figures. It is conflict with the rule. At the conclu-sion of the Mexican War, Texas, New the recollection of this invariable decline in conditions that now keeps the wheat market wrought up to a highly nervous state, and for the next thirty days some striking changes in prices are not improbable. This country besides \$15,000,000 as a solatium. Preaged to take care of practically all of wheat that was grown last year, with the exception of about 75,000,000 ushels, most of which was sent out as Spain \$20,000,000 for this territory, True, Spain was forced into an unwill-

With such a narrow margin between the amount required and the an ruled abnormally high throughout the season. Should the crop be only 100, 000,000 bushels greater than that of last year, it will require a crop failure abroad or some other unusual occurrence to enable last season's prices to be approached. Pending more definite knowledge as to the outcome, there will be a strong tendency to hold the short

stocks remaining and to check a freeselling movement of the new wheat that is available early.

# SMALLER FARMS WANTED.

The small stockmen of Eastern Washngton are up in arms against the men who hold under lease large areas of state land. A legal contest is to be in stituted with a view to securing annulpent of the leases. The fight now on was hastened by passage of a law at Olympia last Winter restricting the running at large of stock. This meas ure, together with the steady encroach nent of the big stockmen and ranchers. has practically crowded the small stockowner out of business, and unless a change is made in the law, he have to abandon his calling and make way for the rancher. Owing to the fact that they have considerable in ommon in the leasing system, the big wheatgrowers will also he affected should the small stockmen win and suc ceed in overturning the present system of leasing state lands.

There are many thousands of acres of good wheat hand under control of individual ranchers or corporations, and as much of it is land leased from the state and farmed in connection with adjoining tracts which have been purchased from the railroad company or the Government, it will not be given up without a fight. This readjustment of conditions, while it may work a temporary hardship on a few of the large farmers and stockmen, will in the end prove beneficial to the country as a whole. A small farm highly cultivated. with some diversity in the crops, will

sustain more people than a large farm poorly handled, or used exclusively for the production of wheat. There has a gradual disappearance of the big wheat farms of the Palouse coun try, and gardens and fruit orchards have taken their place, a dozen familier finding a livelihood on the same area of land which was formerly used by some wheat king solely for production of the

cereal The labors of the small rancher small stockman are much more arduous than those of the man who controls many thousand acres, but the small operator in most cases gets all there is out of the land, while the large owner is more inclined to handle it in a care less, slipshod fashion. Land through out the Pacific Northwest has increased quite rapidly in value within the past

few years, and it is falling into the hands of experienced farmers who are coming in from the Middle West, where high cultivation and careful manage ment are much more of a necessity than in this country. With the increas ing value of the land it becomes neces sary to secure the maximum in the way of production in order that the land may return a fair percentage of profits on the investment. This is a much

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### OREGON OZONE.

The United States appears to sanction The postmaster at Tonopah, Nev., has cone on a strike. He announces that no more mail will be delivered until the gov ent pays him several hundred doltars, which he cialms as due. It is de voutly to be hoped that the Chicago post-master will not hear of this. Just think Mexico and Upper California were ceded to the United States; but we paid what would be the result if a sympathetic our own war expenses and gave Mexico strike should be started and all the post cisely the same thing was done at the masters in the United States should go out. Packages of letters by the militons close of the war with Spain. We dewould remain tied up until the end of the manded the cession of Porto Rico, the Philippines and Guam. But we paid strike.

### A Magazine Gone Up.

The Wag-Well, I understand that new magazine has gone up. Would Russia, or Japan, or

The Story-Writer (anxiously)-What magazine? The Wag-The nitro-glycerine magazine; two killed and six injured.

### The Clinic Was Safe.

money to repair their broken fortunes. "Come and have something on me, The money indemnity is not yet rec-"I'm flush said Deadbroke to his; chum; ognized as a permanent principle of international law. If Japan is unreasontoday

"Where did you get the coin"" able towards Russia, other nations may "Sold my post-mortem rights to a medhave something to say. Other nations have heretofore interfered, for in the

teal clinic. "How did they happen to pay you it Russo-Turkish War an indemnity of advance, you being in good health?" "Cinch for the clinic; I've just engaged \$750,000,000 was exacted by the victor. but the powers compelled a reduction as understudy to the loop-the-loop cyc to \$145,000,000. Russia can very well

### The Pardonable Lie.

"There is only one situation wherein is permissible to tell a lie," said the Rev. Longface, who is a reader of cur rent literature.

"And what is that?"

Bat."

"If you happen to be a literary man of it. The theory is plausible, but it this for In that case it is quite perm you to pretend to be a native of Indiana. has not been found on the beach. Even which will make you famous at

### Lewis and Clark Journal Up to Date.

Portland, June 15 .- We very much fear Astoria is to be discovered this year the President will have to send out another expedition to do it. Since we reached this head village of the Webfoot tribe we have been so busily occupied in bserving the customs and habits of these Indians that our instructions to push on at all hazards and discover Astoria before William Waldorf Astor and other British explorers beat us to II, have come to look unimportant. We may fift time some Sunday to take a steamboat ex-

cursion in the direction of Astoria, but if this big county fair run by J. Ham Lewis and Champ Clark keeps up we are not likely to get far away from Portland So long; as the Trail presents a surface big enough to hit, we propose to continue hitting it. If the American ple think we are not earning that \$300 which Congress appropriated in 1904 to defray the expenses of this expedition. let them recall us and send Lieutenant. Peary to discover Astoria.

### Untagged Puns.

Somebody has said that the fountain of laughter and the fountain of tears lie very close together. That may explain why we sometimes weep at jokes that are intended for us to laugh at. Some jokes are calculated to make the angels They are the sort of jokes that veep. have to be thrown up out of the fountain by a force-pump. Jokes that require explanatory diagrams or identification tags are not jokes; they are human errors, ost puns are of that sort. 34

It has been said that Tom Hood exthe state and the county, and the court can go to the devil," said Prosecutor hausted most of the puns in the English language. He hiso exhausted most of his Branton, who was attempting to secure friends; but they forgave him, and loved the conviction of the Breathitt County im, because he wrote poetry that tapped (Ky.) feudists who murdered Judge the fountain of tears and made men bet-Marcum. The defendants were then discharged, there being "no evidence to ter for the reading of it. support the contention that a crime was

Speaking of puns, here follows a samp that has been printed variously and as variously attributed, but it has been traced to its lair at last and suddled a Missouri newspaper man, Isaac Newton Bryson, Jr., the most inveterate punster Though Mr. now operating a pun-shop.

# THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

An Appreciation of Charles J. Bonaparte, One of the Descendants of the Great Napoleum-A Rugged, Original Character and Master of Irony.

New Orleans Picayune.

Charles J. Bonaparte, the man who Charles J. Bonaparte, the man who has been selected by the Prosident to suc-ceed Paul Morton as Secretary of the Navy, might be described as a rugged character. His is a strong personality, and his individuality is pronounced to a marked degree. The motto, "Every the original." fils him to perfection. What be has to say he gays as no other man would may it. He combines thoughtful-ness, thoroughness and seriousness with humor and a very keen sense of the lu-dicrous and ridiculous. He is  $\Delta$  past master at irony, and those who have con-fronted him in legal tilts or political conof his steel Bonaparte dresses in black-Winter

Mr. Bonaparte dresses in black-Winter and Summer, Spring and Fall. His linen is immaculate, and he affects the starched white shirt, with frills. He wears a "turn-down" collar, to the invariable ac-companiment of a black bow of the va-riety that was formerly described as "aboo fly." His face is always freshly shaven, and his skin presents a healthy glow, set off by his coal black mustache and hair. He is full of gestures, and, in this respect, shows his French blood, although his pronunciation is of the good, clear. Anglo-Saxon type. He talks about every-day subjects exactly as he writes an interview, and he is, therefore, an exceedingly interesting character. Every word he utters and every idea he ad-vances bristles with originality, and is of his own mold and pattern. I versation and mannerisms he is In co anyone else, and his style is of the in

dividual kind that no one can imitate. Though faw men in Baltimore have re-

ceived more newspaper attention than Mr. Bonaparte, people generally have little knowledge of the personal side of the man. He is reserved in his manner, and n than Mr. does not mingle a great deal in public. He is in no sense a clubman, but sticks to his business in the daytime, and, for the most part, to his home at night. He the most part, to his home at hight. He is an ardent churchman and a great friend of Cardinal Gibbons, and those who attend the Cathedral can see him occupy-ing his new on Sunday with regularity. He was 54 years of age June 3. He was He was 54 years of age June 8. He was born in Baltimore and was graduated from Harvard in 1871, and from the Har-vard Law School three years later. The following year he married Miss Ellen Channing Day, of Newport, R. I. There are no children. He is a grandson of Je-rome Bonaparte, King of Westphalia, and has in his veins the same blood as the great Napoleon, but this is a subject that he never discusses. All of that wort of thing is extremely distasteful to him. In fact, one would suppose that Mr. Bonaparte would go abroad frequently and visit the land of his ancestors in sunny France, but he does not. He does not like ocean travel. It should not be gath-ered from this that he is without any family pride. He doubtless appreciate the fact that he is descended from worthy stock as much as any one could, but he has too much innate refinement and good taste to discuse "family." As an like-tration that he is loyal to his traditions, Bonapartes of many generations adorn the walls of his house in town and of his country here.

Mr. Bonaparte lives the simple life, and It is a pity Pastor Wagner did not meet him during his visit to America last Fall, as an affinity would have, perhaps, been established. He is moderate and temperate in all things, and one of his mottoes

# A STERN OLD MAN. Secretary Hitchcock's Work a Valua-

ble Asset of the Administration.

Springfield Republican. The Washington correspondents received a tip use other day, presumably from the Far West, that Secretary Hitchcock, of the Interior Department, proposed to resign by the first of July and rotire from public life. The stern old man, who has

Valley. He moves out here in May and cturns to his town house, soi Park avenue, corner of Center street, Balti December 1. While in the countr drives into the city every week day, ally in a yellow surrey with a top. ally in a yellow surrey with a top. His coachman is a colored man. Like Teddy in the "Little Tycoon," Mr. Bonaparte "never minds the weather," and, rain or abine, he takes his 30-mile round-trip drive during his residence at Bella Vista. When he is living in the country, Mr. Bonaparte gets to his office on St. Paul street about 9:30 in the morning, and leaves between 4:30 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon. When he is in town for the Winter he arrives he is in town for the Winter he arrives a little earlier and remains unfil 6 o'clock. tests are familiar with the jolta he gives when occasion demands. When he hits, he hits hard, and his solvermary, no mat-ter whom he may be, always realizes that in Mr. Housparte he meets a for worthy though he does not appear in court as great deal he has a number of private interests in the way of real estate holdings and rentals to demand his attention in addition to the affairs of cli

he looks after. Often he does not go out to lunch, but will take something at his desk that he brings with him in the morning. He does not smoke or chew.

Now that Mrs. Bonaparte is soon to be one of the Cabinet ladies, interest will naturally center in and around her to naturally center in and around her to a very great extent. Mrs. Bonaparte has never cared a great deal for society. Her indication is a society of the socie inclination has not run to fashionable life and gayety in the first place, and then again her health has never be en really again her nearth has hever been really strong. She is relieved of the cares of the family establishments, both in town and the country, to a considerable degrees by a housekeeper that has been with her many years. Mr. and Mrs. Bonaparte usually give several dinners a Winter at their four house but their entertiments their town house, but their entertainments are rarely chronicled in the newspapers. Cardinal Gibbons is invariably among their guests, all of whom are men and

women of culture and intellectual atta ments . . .

During his stumping tours in the alec-ion last Fall, Congressman J. F. C. Talbott "opened up" several times on Mr. Bonaparte, whom he referred to as "Soup-house Charlie," and who was championin- with his accustomed vigor, the cause of Mr. Robert Garrett, Mr. Talbett's Reiblican opponent for the House of Rep-sentatives. Later Mr. Bonaparte was asked to explain the origin of the term "Souphouse Charlie." He said that the expression alluded to a remark he made furing a lecture delivered in the early Sis, and that for all he knew Mr. Tal-bott might have been originally respon-sible for the "sparkling wittleism." In the Brown-Hodge Mayoralty fight, in 1885, the late S. Teacle Wallis, the late Colonel Charles Marshall, Mr. Bonaparte and othprominent men supported the Inte Judge Brown on the independent ticket against Mr. Hodges, the candidate of the regular Democracy. Certain pet names were then applied to Mr. Bonaparte, were then applied to Mr. Bonaparts, among them being "Academic Pharinee" and "Imperial Peacock of Park Avenue." But, in the parlance of the diamond, they "never touched him."

One of Mr. Bonaparte's chief personal characteristics is his love of fresh air. The Maryland & Pennsylvania Raliroad is within two miles of his country place, but he rarely uses its train for his own convenience, preferring the 30-mile drive to and from his office in fair weather and oul. While his ability is universally recognized by the bench and bar, Mr. Botaparte has rarely been engaged in important legal contests where big financial reward was the incentive to win out. It is rather complex and unusual things that interest him, regardless of the size of the ate in all things, and one of his motions interest him treatours of the main of the spends at Bella Vista his country place on the Haytford Court of Appeals said: "Boxparte?" Oh road, 15 miles from Baltimore, in the Snow Bird Valley, an offenoot of Long Green rather have a bad case than a good one. fee. In discussing him informally recent-ly, a very able Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals said: "Borsaparte? Ohl

# ODD BITS OF OREGON LIFE.

How to Make a Good Record. Irrigon Irrigator.

We have heard no complaints from Portland about overcharging since the Fair opened. If her people can just stick to the motto, "No Overcharging," they

will make a unique and profitable record. Their Wide Range of Activities, lmon Creek Corr. Vancouver Columbian. Hugh Parcel and G. W. Goddard have returned from picking strawberries at Hood River. They made almost enough to pay expenses. They are now engaged in building a bridge cast of La Center

of the territorial concessions that China was willing to make.

paper that has dared to question the Pair

It is not so. The Oregonian is not in any way responsible. It has not taken the course indicated. Besides, it has been told over and over again by the Pendleton paper, as by others, that it has no influence. It is content. The Pendleton paper says, further:

Portland has ten times enough idle mone lying in her vaults to keep the normal schools and the experiment farm allve un the next Legislature meets. But is one cou of it available for the purpose? She do not want to let them live.

Possibly. Indeed, very likely. The Oregonian doesn't control this money. It is merely a newspaper, without capital. It belongs to the proletariat, or one-gallus democracy. The rest of the pests that hurt the wheat vast sums of money referred to are in and help the market. But we have had the vaults of "the first families" of all of these reports in former seasons, Portland, who publish a so-called news-paper, to whose hired men all communi-has thrown a decided air of uncertainty cations should be addressed.

### IT MEANS JAPAN BAS WON.

It is not likely that Japan will at this time forego or abandon any military advantage she may possess. She can not consent to interruption of her milltary operations in Manchuria unless she shall first know that no advantage she may now possess will be lost in case military operations shall be re sumed. Writing before the battle in Sea of Japan, George Kennan, in an article in the Outlook, said;

If my advices from Manchuria are as trus as 1 believe them to be, the Jap working as a believe inem to be, the Japanese have made every possible preparation for spoh a contingency (navai defeat), and have on the mainland, at this moment, food, guns, mines, ciothing, and annumnition enough to isst their semises for at least six menths some of my informants think for a year. Ever since if termanus used for that they might have to fight another Russian fleet they have been pouring provisions and munitions of war into Manchu-ria in inumense quantilities, and at the present time the principal Manchurian magorit towns and distributing centers are almost buried out might under masses and mountains of goods.

been characteristic of Japan throughout. Nothing has been left to accident or to chance. Japan is prepared to push the war. Unless assured that exporting countries of the world. peace, on terms that will assure her future, will be the result, she will not consent to a truce. If Japan, therefore, shall consent to a truce, it will be notice to all the world that she has won this war, and that Russia has lost. That year ago in June, the experts figured is the situation in fact, and Russia's acceptance of the protocol will be her acknowledgment of it,

The indictment of a number of promnent San Francisco men in con with a piratical sealing raid by Captain Alex McLean has reawakened interest in that sensational pen rover. lack London has admitted that Alex McLean was the original from whom he drew that fanciful character Wolf rsen in the "Sea Wolf," and also

THE WHEAT-CROPS CRISIS. New wheat has already commenced

o move toward the markets in Okla-But homa, Texas and parts of Kansas. With it are coming to market the usual reports of black rust, red rust, the chinch bug, the Hessian fly and all the over the situation. Statisticians have been busy with their pencils since the Government crop report appeared about a week ago, and they have figured out some widely divergent results for the crop now coming on. The Government does not make quantitative predictions so early in the season, but in lieu thereof puts out some percentage figures showing gain or loss in con-

The statistician of the New York Produce Exchange has for many years figured out a quantitative result from these figures, and while it is not always verified by the crop returns for the year for which the particular prediction is made, it is valuable as a standard for comparison. According to the figures of this statistician, the Government's condition reports indicate a total yield of wheat this year of 727,472,000 bushels which, with the exception of the crop of 1901, would be the largest on record. Should the alleged condition be maintained until harvest, and that amount of wheat he secured, we should have This forecast, this preparation, has 205,000,000 bushels more wheat than was produced in this country last year, or a sufficient amount to put us back into our old place as one of the big wheat-

But there is a world of difference tween the promise of a crop of 727,000,-000 bushels and the actual harvest of such a crop. Taking the same condition and acreage figures for a basis one out a probable yield of 628,302,000 bush- to the German Empire. els, or 16,000,000 bushels more than was actually harvested. The June condition reported by the Government has at no Japan was completely victorious, i

time in the past five years been verified by the yield which followed. The June figures based on the Government condition and acreage reports have in the past five years indicated a crop of from 587.846,000 bushels to 776,024,000 bushels, with an average of 670,442,000 bushels.

The maximum crop actually harvest. 000,000 in silver, or about \$142,000,000 in solution of the Euroadmits that he never met McLean. This short of the estimates pased on the pean powers. Japan was cheated out excluded.

a large one, and not until the entire Pacific Northwest is cut up into small farms will we secure the most remunerative returns possible from our farm

and grazing lands. The land barons cast of the moun tains may succeed in defeating the present plans of the small stockmen. but in the end they will be forced to succumb. We have plenty of land here in the Northwest, but we are wofully short on people and our farms are all too large

**ROW MUCH SHOULD RUSSIA PAY?** 

Russia wants peace, but does not rant to pay for it. That is the secret of her hesitation about conferring on her peace plenipotentiaries full power negotiate and conclude terms with her enemy. She expects that Japan deal of human nature in the ginerality will exact an enormous indemnity, but she will try to avoid being bound in advance to pay it. Nor will she pay it, after agreeing to do it, if through the arts of her devious diplomacy she can get out of it. Russia may be expected to accede to a requirement that she shall maintain no naval establishment on the Pacific; that she shall withdraw absolutely from Manchuria; that she shall abandon any possible designs on Corea, and that she shall restore the Island of Saghalien, which she feloniously wrested from the Japanese. These are all embraced in customary penalties that the vanquished may pay to

the victor without dishonor or indignity; but the money tribute is another matter. Russia does not know where she is to get it, and she would hold out to the last against it, even if the gold were already in her treasury. The money indemnity is a new device by which the loser is made to pay the winner's war expenses. It has be en refined into a civilized practice, but it is, nevertheless, the same in essence as icoting a fallen city or devastating a prostrate country. The victor puts his hands in the pockets of his helpless foe and takes what he has and all he has, or can borrow and beg. Germany set the example at the conclusion of the Franco-German War in 1876-71. By the treaty of Versailles, Germany received a money indemnity of 5,000,000, 600 francs, payable in installments, and a cession of Alsace and a part of Lor-

raine. Territory acquired by Germany embraced about 3596 English square miles, all of which had once belonged At the conclusion of the war between Japan and China, in 1894-55, in which

treaty was made by which China recognized the independence of Corea, con ceded Japan permanent sovereignty over the Lino Tung Peningula and the whole Island of Formosa, and agreed, to pay to Japan "as indemnity for war expenses" 200,000,000 taels, about \$265.-000,000 in silver, or about \$142,000,000 in

amount of trouble for the inmates of the residence district which claims His Satanic Majesty.

The Pendleton East Oregonian says The election of Harry Lane as Mayor of Portland, in opposition to the one great hi Portand, in opposition to the one great de-torical character of the state, George H. Williama, means more than merely a mu-nicipal fight in Portland-it means a quick-ened conscience and a reawakened moral sense throughout the state.

And yet they who suppose this elec tion will stop drinking and gambling -and whatever else-in Portland, or will cut off the demand and supply of what an early historical character called "the three staple articles," Portland or elsewhere, will find the mistake. After long observation The Ore gonian concludes that "there is a great of mankind in gineral."

There is no better place in the world to hold a peace conference, or any kind of a conference than Portland in Summer time. But we scarcely think that the invitation officially extended to the Japanese and the Russians to come here to fix up their differences will be accepted. If, however, it should be accepted, there will be a genuine effort to leave the plenipotentiaries to their own devices. If it should not be accepted, we shall have sufficient diversion for ourselves and for all visitors in the landfraud trials and the Exposition.

As punishment for the theft of a pair of ducks, Thomas Fields, of Whitman County, Washington, murdered one" man, fatally wounded another, and lay in wait for hours for a third victim. who failed to appear. By the time justice gets through with Mr. Fields he will unquestionably be willing to admit that his method of punishment has drawbacks which he would not have encountered had he adopted other measures toward the man who stole the ducks.

Japan's rice crop for 1904 was 261 -692,355 bushels, an increase of 25,254,226 bushels over that of 1963. The greater part of this vast bulk of grain went into fighting material for the empire, and the victories that it turned out astonished the world.

Small respect has President Roosevelt for governmental traditions when he proposes at one fell swoop to tear away the red tape that has accumulated in Washington the past 116 years.

Mr. Hyde's chauffeur was fined \$10 for running too fast with Mr. Hyde and friends in an automobile. Mr. Hyde eems to have some money left.

The great problem just now is how to exclude the Chinese so gently, but firmly, that they won't know they are

we hear, there is already a sufficient Brynon lives in Missouri, he does not have camped on the trail of the land thieves to show you by footnotes, what he means promptly declares that he has no intenwhen he makes a pun. This is what he tion of leaving the Cabinet until the Preswrote in his newspaper:

"It is said that a St. Louis society women kneads bread with her gloves on.

That's nothing. The editor of this pap eeds bread with his shoes on; he needs ead with his coat on; he needs bread with his pants on; and if some of the deinquent subscribers to this old rag o' freedom don't pay up preity soon, he wi need bread with nothing on at all."

The Unofficial Autocrat.

"If I were running the earth." says the Unofficial Autocrat, "and had a few rowns at my disposal, I should pick out the biggest and brightest diadem in the bunch and ship it by fast express to Mrs. W. A. Clark, of Butte, Mont. 1 should throw in a throne built of solid gold and niaid with pearls. She deserves such an outfit, for she is every inch a queen, if

the newspaper reports are true. Did you happen to read what Mrs. Clark did to the ladies of the First Families of Butte? No? Then you have missed the treat of your life. Such delightful incidents happen only once or twice in a generation. Mrn. Clark, you know, is the wife of the Senator, who has so many millions that he doesn't know how on earth he is going to be able to Carnegize them in one man's lifetime; in fact, he may leave them all to his wife, who is very much younge than himself. Mrs. Clark used to be a poor girl in Butte. She came of honest but poor parents, who did not slice much congealed aqua in the altitudinous circles of suclety of Butte Mont. She was as

pretty as an angel's picture, as charming as a cherub, and as highly cultured as any Hostonian belle; but that counted for naught amongst the elite of Butte, Mont. Not long ago the young woman came back to Butte as the wife of the multi-millionaire. Presently a bevy of high-society dames flocked to the Clark manaion and sent in their calling cards. Mrs. Clark, in silvery accents loud enough to be heard in the reception. room, instructed the boy with the buttons

to inform the callers that she was not at home. But when the former associates of the Butte girl called, Mrs. Clark re ceived them with delight and gave them to understand that the Clark mansion was theirs. Sometimes we hear it said that women are not capable of self-government, but this incident goes far to dis-prove that statement. If I were running the universe. I should set aside Mars. Jupiter and Venus as rewards of merit

ident desires it. It ought to be sufe to assume that Mr. Roosevelt will not disturb Secretary Hitchcock until the great

work which he has in hand has been thoroughly accomplished. The country has slowly awakened to the magnitude of this work. He is a laborious and methodical man, not a lawyer, who has insisted on knowing the contents and the purport of every document he signs. This close watchfulness enabled him to discover the cunningly contrived schemes by which wholesale fraud was perpetrated upon the Government. Once discovered, there is to

be no compromise until the courts have passed upon the last case. While little bragging has come from this member of the Cabinet, his work is likely to prove the most valuable asset of the Adminis-

ration. The people would have no pa-lence with any proposition to turn out secretary Hitchcock before his work has tration. been accomplished.

### "Bad Figures on Poverty.

### Christian Register (Boston).

Robert Hunter, in his book on "Pov-erty," asserted that 10,000,000 people in the United States lacked proper food, clothing and shelter. We did not believe his statement, because such a condition of things we thought must show itself on the surface of society everywhere. We have for 50 years made it a point to know something about all sorts and con-ditions of men, beginning with the Bun-day school at Mr. Pease's House of In-dustry in the Five Points of New York.

We have tried to know how people were living in all communities that came un-der our observation and have seen nothing to justify such a sweeping charge against social conditions in our time Some one has taken the trothle to look up the figures concerning pauperism in the City of Boston and easily finds that

M. Hunter, with the facile arithmetic of one whose sympathies are stronger than his mathematics, has multiplied the actual figures by four. It is a fair sup-

position that this example, which made conspicuous, illustrates the meth-ods of his dealing with the problem of poverty throughout the United States.

Grand Event Eagerly Anticipated.

Deep River Corr. Cathlamet Sun. The ball which is to take place next Saturday night is looked upon as one of the grandest events of the season. The writer, while walking through Maiden

tance square last Sunday, saw nothing but smiles, and "the ball was mentioned as often as it rains in Wahklakum. We hope the young ladies will be well sup-plied with smiles at the coming ball, for there is no truer remedy in this garden of "ups and downs" for a frown on a young man's face, and a surer assurance young man's face, and a surer assurance young man a lace, and a survey assure the second of a grand success, than one of those irre-pressible, soundless laughs from a young lady whose hand he is holding; and there is no surver death to a "good time" than a long-faced dancer with a manufactured tasts of appreciation for the occasion.

Mrs. Togo, Handloom Weaver.

Atlanta Constitution.

Admiral Togo leads the simple life, and Mrs. Togo weaves cotton fabrics with her hand loom for the use of the family. More often true greatness comes

#### Come, Colonel, Explain

#### Adams Advance.

Colonel Arp spent Monday afternoon at the county seat. It is currently reported that the principal part of his call had something to do with a license, and he was seen transacting business at the County Clerk's office. It is up to the Colonel to explain.

## Only One Way to Kill Off Perry,

Mitchell Sentinel. Perry Shrum had the misfortune acci-

dentally to shoot himself through the arm last week, making a very painful wound, but is recovering fast. It would be a hard matter to kill Perry unless you cut his head off and hid it from him

#### Why There Is Something Doing.

Spruce Corr. Tillamook Headlight. We see from what our editor says of the writing about "Mrs. So and So visited Mrs. So and So." but we hardly know what to write. For if it wasn't for the women visiting around the neighbor so much there wouldn't be very

### Miss Daisy's Rare Treasure.

### ne Proclaimer.

Miss Dalay Atkinson possesses a chicken which has three legs, and which has been causing a sensation in this neighborhood. Miss Dalay has already been offered large sums of money for her chicken, but has refused them. The chicken seems to be as healthy and strong as any ordinary chicken.

#### Why Mr. Fisk Smiled Broadly.

Mapleton Corr., Florence West. Wednesday afternoon George Fisk came fown the road with his head back, his humbs in the armplits of his vest, and a smile on his face that broadened until it resembled the full moon. Upon in-It resempted the full moon. Upon in-quiring what was the matter I was in-formed that he was father now, a young son having arrived at his place that day at noon. To say that George is proud of his heir is expressing it in a mild form. It is said that a new smile is also added to Grandpa Albert Knowles' face.

#### No Overcharging.

Silverton Silvertonian-Appeal. The writer visited the Lewis and Clark The writer visited the Lewis and Clark Fair last Friday in company with a large delegation from Silverton and we were all highly pleased with what we saw. But the point we want to make especially plain to every one is the fact that you can visit the Fair any day or night and not be "held up" for all you have. The citi-rens of Portland and the Fair manage-ment have seen to it that the hotels, res-taurants and lodging-houses maintain their usual live-and-let-live prices, so that fair visitors can get just as good and as cheep now, as at any other time. This was not trae of Chicaso, St. Louis and other Fair cities. We speak of this because it is due the officials and is a big hit for Portland and all Oregon

ROBERTUS LOVE.

course." Frenzied Fashions.

If the hospakirs come let it go the limit and bring with it the flaring little bonnet and hair net of ante-bellum days. Then the mais fashionables should play even by donning those old coal-scutle plug hats with the fur rubbed the wrong war.

for Mrs. Clark, of Builte, Mont., and give her the Milky Way for an automobil

Atlanta Constitution