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Commoner's comment:

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AS TO GREAT SALARIES.

ich the offices of the government are al at invariably filled; in the republic the sal

for disbunest practice. It is easy to ob a \$25,000 man to fill an \$8000 secretary

FRA ELBERTUS AND THE FAIR.

of these. Besides, as he says, he is him-

self a minister of the gospel-the gospel

of work-and he is willing to expound

any day in the week. The preachers

say they do not like Hubbard's matri-

monial eccentricities, and they will have

that Fra Elbertus is going to preach on

that subject. Besides, there is Smoot.

He is coming on Utah Day. Is he to be

shut out, too? If not Hubbard, why

Mr Hubbard is a free lance in jour-

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# PORTLAND, OR., MONDAY, JULY \$1, 1905.

HASN'T EVERYBODY "GOT EVEN!"

them-say they are going to stay away. If the Republican party of Oregon is We hope not. This is everybody's fair. to have any more successes its mem and everybody worth hearing ought to bers of various factions must quit tryhave a chance to be heard. Anybody ing to "get even" with each other. Wil will admit that somebody besides the The Oregonian does not know. ministers occasionally says a good thing or two, and Hubbard may be one

It has hopes and it has doubts, The fury of ancient differences in the party, that had raged so long, had fairly burned out, when the contest over the money question led to a new and more serious rupture, which has been healed since that contest was ended. It was a contest which, on both sides of it, increased the pretensions of individual leaders, or of persons who aspired to leadership; and all these have their factional partisans, who ever since have been engaged in the pastime of "throat-cutting." The men of one set or faction, rather than allow those of another set or faction to win have acted and voted, upon all the important matters before them, and especially as to candidates for leading

This course has given the Democratic party many of the leading offices in a state nominally-let us say actually-Republican. This course, if it be not abandoned, will give the Democratic party the remainder of them, In the year 1902, Governor Geer, who desired another term, was not renominated. Some didn't think it such a terrible offense, since Governor Lord had not been renominated four years earlier-when Geer stepped in and cut im out. Nor, in the year 1992, was Senator Simon given the consideration to which he deemed himself entitled. But, since in the long game of give and take, Mr. Simon had taken much and little, many thought this turn in affairs, as to him, was no great sin. Various groups of men here and there, customed to political activity-for all en in Oregon have political impor--more or less dissatisfied and walting for their chance to "take it of July would be the cause for great " of somebody, threw in their efforts anxiety. gether to defeat Furnish and to elect amberlain; and they succeeded. Two ears later, in an important local con- eign trade has broken all previous rectest in Multnomah County, gentlemen, ords; bank clearings, real estate transwho, eager to retallate for alights defeats, affronts, or for other motives, were "out for revenge," threw the most important of the local offices senger and freight traffic is taxing the to the Democrats. The same was the motive and the history of the mayoralty election last June. The controlling | capacity of the rolling mills to supply force that elected Lane was the pur pose of large numbers of Republicans lines and double track or extend the "get rid of Jack Matthews," as they expressed it, and to "clean out the last vestige of his influence and power in Some noise, indeed, W2.5 politics. made about other matters, but this row is so badly managed that it is running of political factions was the dominant ident. The new primary election aw added to the complexity of the situation; for the number of Republican candidates who contended for the nomination made it impossible for any one of them to receive more than a fracnal plurality; and most of the friends of the unsuccessful candidates, acting their assumption that such m tion could not have the force of ordinary party usage, and moreover desiring to "get even" with somebody tape artists an opportunity and grafting anyhow, rejected Judge Williams and wated for Dr. Lane, With all this Senator Mitchell's er has had much to do, an excellent illustration of the manner indeed, has been the main in which government funds are wested. career center of the dissensions. At this time The Oregonian states a situ-It offers no comment or criti-It wishes, however, to suggest to the Republicans of Oregon, and esstally to those of Multnomah County, there is not reasonable and for the opinion, all round, that the appetite for internecine party war by this time to be pretty well satisted? To The Oregonian it would at "got even" with everybody else.

burn of Idaho

horse,

The Oregonian's rejoinder to Senato

Heyburn of Idaho, who had sent it a let-ter, demouncing in the most virulent and insulting terms a statement made by

its Washington correspondent, as to Mr.

Heyburn's position in relation to forest

reserves, and, in terms as furious, The

espondent's statement was written in

Oregonian for publishing it. The cor-

no spirit of hostility to Senator Hey

burn, and was couched in respectful

terms. But the Senator got on his high

roared. He assumed that his great po-sition would bear The Oregonian down.

In a short paragraph The Oregonian re-

plied to him as he deserved. And now

The Oregonian would have treated re-

spectfully and courteously. But when

a man, because he hannens to be United

On the old Central Pacific, through

the Sierras, east of Sacramento, one of

the greatest of modern railway projects

sible to use coal engines, and electric

that tragedy of the days of the ploneers.

"If." says the Washington Post, "the

Democratic party manages to unite its

wriggling members in time for the cam-

paign of 1908, and makes public owner-

to make Government ownership

path of conservatism and caution,

both in its greed and in its ultimates.

Public ownership of public utilities will

A company has been incorporated in

many outsiders rich, but it occasionally

schemes in far-away lands, from which

out with the announcement of their de-

Just why they should take another

whirl at that overworked game is not

plain, especially when the attractions

Chauncey Depew is back with his ex

of shutting off the appropriation for the

secret service, because it is being used

to hunt down grafters and thieves in

Congress and the departments. There

would be no better way for Congress

to show that it doesn't want thieves

Naturally. Depew was on the

The net result of that advice

of the lock trick and the shell game

are as great as ever.

and grafters exposed.

no dividends have yet returned.

abuses.

be a long step.

W

"squirm" to their hearts' desire.

portance during their little day.

He charged and blustered and

reasonably, to afford a basis for ces that they were worthless, the cotton exerts juggled the figures and sold their ences, new and clean sistes and genknowledge to the gamblers, the tobacco experts were charged with similar If not now, when? Shall the sword fenses, and the physiologist and Alelogist Mr. Moore used his position to increase his profits in a fertilizer company. The entire agricultural department has for years been notorious

Mr. Bryan's Commoner notes the sugas a haven for political incompetents, restion that the salaries of the officers opelessly ensnarled in a bundle of red of the President's Cabinet ought to be tape. ncreased, because able men can make It is not yet clear that it would be more money, and the secretaries can-

the part of wisdom to abolish this denot live in the style they should on the partment, but in the light of recent, money they now receive. This is the events, the long overdue reform would Commoner's comment: If our country is going to are the mon-archies of the Old World and attempt to awe the mamers with googeous social display, then it will be necessary to raise subside all around. But if Government officials are will-ing to observe the simplicity that befits a republic the orsent subside are will-ing to observe the simplicity that befits a republic the orsent subside are will-in their subside are the best officials in those bodies, and it would not be difficult to find competent Cabinet officiers who could live on Cabinet subside. undoubtedly result in a saving which would help to shorten the heavy deficit in the running expenses of the govrnment. It is not improbable similar conditions prevail in other departments, and if a thorough renovation, and fumigation would be made all around, the financial showing that would follow, would be even more "satisfactory" to the treasury officials and

competent Cabinet officers who could live on Cabinet salarics. The offices ought not to be taken out of the reach of these who prefer to be known because of their contribution to the world rather than because of the money they have collected from society. The Government needs public-spirited, particular of the money they whose souls are bent on growing rich. also the people. HOW TO MAKE YOUR FIRST \$1000.

Portland has many successful mennen of means, influence, position and character. Some of them told in The This is very well, and will meet with Oregonian yesterday how they laid the general approval. But the best stateundation of their fortunes. There was nent on the subject that we have seen an astonishing similarity between is by the Boston Pilot-well known as these stories, although there was great the leading Irish-American newspaper. variety of incident and experience; but

with scarcely an exception all started in the same way and reached the goal Eilhu Root's appointment to the office left vacant by the death of John Hay has awak-ched the customary outburst of comparison between his salary and the private gain which he sacrifices to serve, his country, and it has by the same road. They saved their Asked how he made his first ney. thousand dollars, Theodore B. Wilcox eplied: "I made it by spending less than I earned." Louis Blumauer "made woked the also customary, but not very sensible, demand for better salaries for the sensible, demand for better salaries for the Cabinet. As long as the people of the United States are what they are, so long mothing worse could happen than legislation raising the Cabinet mainrise to the standard as by Great Britain. The conditions prevailing in the two countries are not parallel; in the momarchy salaries are traditionally adapted to the ideas and the wants of the class by which the offices of the government are alhis first \$1000 by washing bottles in a drug store at \$30 per month." Edward Ehrman "began to work and save early in life." S. Benson "always tried to do more work and do it better than the other fellow." Vincent Cook "always contrived to keep his expense account ess than his wages." L. C. Henricksen "saved his money." So did Frederick Eggert, Solomon Lipman "made his arise are determined by the vote of jealousy stimulated by the singiness of the electorate. In consequence, both countries obtain the service of their shiest men. To lower sai-arine in Great Britain would force the army of able younger sons into the law or the church; to raise them in the United States would be to offer prizes to the uncorupulous, how content with offices offering opportuni-ties for dishument practice. It is easy to ob-tain a \$25000 mer. office. first \$1000 by being industrious and sav-ing his money." "I have always saved my money, not penuriously, but never wasting it or spending it foolishly, sald N. J. Blagen. "By saving and investing well, I got a good start," said Sylvester Farrell, J. G. Mack, too, "saved enough money to go into busi-ness for himself." "All one needs to do, ship, but if the salary were tripled the place would soon become the prey of the \$5000 man Indeed, the White House itself might see is to save his money and work," said Joseph Supple, "I made my first \$1000 by the hardest kind of hard work," said

ome strange tenants were its occup well paid as the dweller in the Elys It is scarcely possible to put the mat-Tyler Woodward. "I saved \$1000 from ter with more clearness or judgment my pay as a soldier in the British army," said William Gadsby. "By peror force. A theory prevalent in one country will not apply in another, where severance and economy," said D. W Wakefield; "saving," said Georme W the constitution of society and all ideals are different. The great salarles of Bates and C. W. Hodson, "By putting older countries are relics of the schen away something out of each month's of old aristocracies. The small salaries salary, no matter how little," said H In our country belong to the ideal of S. Rowe. Frank A. Spencer borrowed equal conditions and ranks of society.

money at the bank and quickly made more. So did F. Dresser; but these are the exceptions that establish the rule Elbert Hubbard says he is coming to The unvarying story of unflagging industry, unceasing attention to business, the Fair, and the preachers-some of self-denial, prudence, care, honesty, watchfulness, is theirs, too.

There is, then, no royal way to for tune or achievement except the home spun way. The primrose path has no pot of gold at the end, but it has hidden nares at every step. This is not to say that youth is not the time for fun, or recreation, or even frivality, for it is, The person who never enjoys himself when he is young cannot when he is It is all right to hit the Trail at old. night, but not every night; or to go to the Oaks after the sun sets, but not to none of him. But we haven't heard stay till it rises. But the one who goes to either place with little and comes away with nothing will never have anything. The time to go is when you have put in a full day's or week's work; and

the time to come away is when you feel the need of rest, and take it, for the next, day's hard labor. You may think it's a hard world, be-

a free man in politics. He has a vast number of admirers and disciples in cause you must toil and sweat and deny this country. Many things he says all yourself many things to get your first ut you will never have it until

# OREGON OZONE A Little Longing.

Man wants but little here on earth. But wants it long: A little love, a little mirth,

A little song; A little home, a little hope, A little wife.

A little babe-and that's the scope Of human life.

## Weather Doctors.

"Did you ever observe how many doc tors there are acting as United States Weather Observers?" queried the thin

the paper published in his town says, man in the linen duster "The Oregonian Squirms." No. sir: The Oregonian does not squirm. It never "Well," replied the fat man in the Winter suit, "I don't know of anything squirms. It leaves that exercise to men that needs doctoring more than some like the Idaho Senator. Any decently written statement from Mr. Heyburn kinds of weather."

# Two Dashes

"Here's a little thing that I just dashed off

States Senator, replies to a decent state-The post began ment as a blackguard would, what re-tort is he to expect? All such may To the editor man., Producing a poem that would cover an This acre.

ournal has seen processions of such 'Here's a little thing that I just dashed come and go-even through the United States Senate-puffed up with their imoff.

### Said the editor man As he straightway ran

With the corpse of the bard to the undertaker.

#### The Shooting Life.

is now to be undertaken. The purpose on the front bench with his feet on Thomas Dixon, Jr., erstwhile New York is to shorten the line by about forty preacher, always thrilling orator, somemiles, and to reduce the grade by 2000 time popular lecturer and latterly firefeet. There are to be five tunnels in wonders. I didn't see a decent lid in place. They all seemed to be of an eating Southern novelist, has published a all, and the cost will exceed \$25,000,000. partiament. Many lids looked like they'd been slept in. The House of Commons isn't new book called "The Life Worth Liv-Length of tunnels will make it imposing." Its 140 pages are devoted to a description and a glorification of a fine old or compressed air engines will be subestate in Virginia, on an arm of Chesa-Commons at Washington. They say that our stituted for steam. When these great peake Bay, made new by Mr. Dixon him-Congress is modeled after the Co tunnels shall be completed thirty-two self and owned and occupied by him and miles of snowshed, which now cling to his family. Mr. Dixon, some years ago, the mountain side and wind about it was arrested for shooting song-birds on in a tortuous trail, will no longer be Long Island. Now he celebrates the life needed, for, starting at a short distance worth living-as he sees it-the giorious northwest of Donner Lake, the train privilege of being independent, of ownwill leave the wild, rugged scenery ing one's own estate, with all kinds of through which it has been running for birds and beasts to shoot. Mr. Dixon miles and plunge directly into the side was a great preacher so long an he preached, he will be a brilliant orator so long as he orates, he will lecture to crowded houses "if he lectures," as the coum lists always set forth, and he has written a couple of the Six Best Sellers. But he never will be a poet; and in this connection we may be permitted to quote, with perhaps a word or two changed, Colecidge's noblest lines:

# He knows and loveth all."

importance, has not a single telephone. Why not change its name to Queernase?

Now that the bones of John Paul Jones Are resting in the Navy-yard,

A correspondent from Castle Rock com eading issue is apparent. This element, in fact, is forced to go to exrecently engaged in a game called "protremes. Its only strength has been in appealing to the forces of discontent and tumult. It cannot return to the of space. 11 must dash headlong, and its end will be destruction." Perhaps; yet no one dulging in such "sheer inanity." can tell in what form these questions of vital import will be presented, or ably be engaged in picking hope (if it's what will yet be the attitude of parties towards them. We are not to expect new party; but economic questions Portland cafes, their antics at the progreswill force changes in party alignments sive bunco party were not half so inane Conservatism and caution are well, but they can't forever be the defenses of old who indulge in the inanites of a retrogres-"The dust on antique time" sive monkey party. Progression beats rewill not be allowed to "lie unswept trogression, even if it be a bunco game, forever. Plutocracy is to be checked

#### A Lesson From the Mule.

rather like our friend the mule; He isn't anybody's fool,

For though he kick and though he bray In quite

#### A NEW YORKER IN LONDON. LIFE IN THE NORTHWEST. The British Metropolis as Seen by

"antiques,

who

"Big Tim" Sullivan.

London, as seen by "Big Tim" Sulli-van, the Tammany Congressman, who

is making his first visit abroad, is given

space in the cabled news of some of the

of the Bowery politician, presented in the

tome vernacular, are breezy always and

occasionally searching. He was in the

House of Commons on the day following

the government's defeat, and the general

appearance of things, with the speaker

in his wig perched on a throne under a

sion of the secret society of Eagles. As

quoted in the cablegram to the New York

I don't think our Congress would stand for such a make-up. It was question time when was present. Members of the Cabinet

sestions, but the crowd across the aisle soled and yelled at him, while his own

crowd cheered. It was a regular house. If the members of Congress one-third of that racket they'd be b before the bar and chucked out.

were busy answering questions of memb-which they had taken weeks to think abo

questions.

American, Sullivan went on to say:

gorgeous canopy, reminded him of a ses-

York Sunday papers. The remarks

# Cheerful and Broadly American in Spite of "Pacific Provincialism."

The August World's Work is a Northwest number, devoted to an account of the country which is now celebrating the anniversary of the arrival of Lewis and Clark. The following is from an article

describing the life of the people: "Life here has its own kinds of provincialism no doubt. It is a long way from New York and Washington, but it is a long way also from the point of view of New York, or Washington, or Chicago, Yet there is a grateful relief also from the old prejudices and from the provincil-isms of the Eastern states. The talk that isms of the zastern states. The task that you hear in the clubs in New York, and Boston, and Washington, and Chicago seems very local and remote when you get to the Pacific coast. There is local gossip and small talk a-plenty in the clubs of these Pacific cities; but here big subjects seems farger. Iou begin to feel that the United States is very much big-ger than it seemed in New York. These Nobody seemed to be listening and everybody was making a noise. The Liberals and Irish-men were yelling "Why don't you resign" Balfour popped up often and tried to answer questions, but the court people have a way, and that without boasting, of assuming that they and not the Eastern people are the masters of things-that the ultimate American judg-ment will be their judgment. "It is difficult to say precisely how they

convey this impression. If you talk about politics they will frankly confess that their politics are bad. Few men of first-rate ability or of the highest charac-ter have time to take an interest in pub-lic affairs. If you talk about commerce, the commerce of the Pacific is yet really He had expected to find a lot of dignity in evidence, but succeeded in locating none at all. When the Prime Minister was not up answering questions, he eat to be developed. But they do think in large units. You will hear them talk about the effect that the Panama Canal will have, as if the canal were ten miles the desk by the big gilt mace. And the hats: All the members wore silk toppers, They're from where you are sitting. When they lid in the speak of going 'South' they mean a pleas-ure journey of 2000 miles, more or less, to Southern California. They taik fa-miliarly of towns and camps in Alaska. one, two, three compared with our House of as if they were a day's journey away. They talk of going to New York or Chicago as if they were configuous cities. Perhaps it is their large units of space that give a sort of continental scope to their thought. "A better explanation is the wider

knowledge that men here have of American geography and of American life than most men in the Eastern states have. They all know Eastern life: Eastern men do not all know Western life: Indeed, almost everybody here came from the Eastern or Middle states. Thus, a knowledge of the whole United States is common knowledge with them. But a knowledge of the Pacific coast is not common in the Eastern or Miedle states.

"Life in these cities, then, in spite of the Pacific provincialism, is mature and broad-in some ways broader than Ameribroad-in some wa can life eisewhere.

### A Searching Statement.

Madras (Or.) Pioneer.

Only the community that sent John Mitchell the Senate is responsible for his charac-r. The dignity of the Senate itself is not question .- Washington Star.

And therein lies the great pity of it all. The dignity of the Senate is not involved, but the high standard of Oregon's citizen ship is in question because only we, the community which elected him, are respon-sible for the long and remarkable career of John H. Mitchell. Throughout the length and breadth of the land it is known that Gregon has kept in power for nearly a generation a man who came into the state dishonored half a century ago, and whose dishonor was as well known then as it is now. It is a system of machine politics, fostered by the peanut politicians of the state, which has resulted in placing power and influence in the hands of men of the Mitchell stripe, and there is a kind of poetic justice in the fact that that same machine lies buried under its own ruins And the pity of it is that Oregon must bear the heavy burden of a discredited Congressional delegation, and at a time when the state needs all the influence it

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can muster in the halls of Congress. The offense for which Senator Mitchell was indicted and convicted was committed in recent years, but that portion of the moral make-up which in him was lacking, and which made the betrayal of the peo-gle's trust possible, was discarded years ago when he first chose the paths of dishonor. The crime was conceived then and the conviction in the Federal Court was but the natural sequence of the years that followed. And in Senator Mitchell's case It but exemplifies the old truth, "You may be sure your sins will find you out."

The Peril of Whistling.

in excise laws, "London has got New York skinned to death." He refers especially to the rule allowing saloons to open from 1 to 3 and 6 to 11 P. M. on Sundays. He thought a similar law would work well in New York-"It would pre-vent men from taking booze home Sat-urday night to last over Sunday, which many consume Saturday night instead of waiting till Sunday." As for immorality streets, he never saw anything so bad as Regent street, Piccadilly and other frequented ways of the West End offer. The Howery, Broadway and Sixth avenue are like "quiet, clean village streets" in the comparison, and there is a measure of truth in this. New York, he "would never stand for London's access at night." Sullivan is said t enes at night." Sullivan is said to have sen kept busy in London listening to ardiuck stories from stranded New York ers of the sporting class, and to have bought lickets home for some 50 of those whose cases most touched him. One of these was the negro pizefighter, Dixon. One of

THE WAR CORRESPONDENT.

## He Must Have a Soldier's Courage and a Diplomat's Tact.

Melville E. Stone, in the August Century. In reporting a war, the first and most important question naturally arises over the selection of correspondents. The number of men qualified by nature and education for such a task is very limited. Your war correspondent must be physically ca-pable of withstanding the hardships of the field. He must be also as courageous as any soldier. Indeed, his lot is an even harder one, because he must put himself in places of the greatest danger without the patriotic fervor, the touch of the com rade's elbow, or the possession of a rifle, all of which are large factors in making up a trooper's bravery. He must be capuble of describing what he sees accurate-ly and graphically. He must have as large a perspective as the commanding General if he seeks to tell the whole story of the battle But he may have all of these primal requisites and still prove a fallure. He must be temperamentally a diplomat and mself into the friendship of of ingratiating himself into hetic and helpful friendship capable sympath those with whom he comes in contact. He may be an ideal representative at the headquarters of an American General, but wholly incapable of serving satisfactorily with the Russians or the Japanese. As an illustration, all of our men on the Russian side speak either Russian or French. If they did not, they would be useless. At least three of them are longtime personal friends of General Kuro patki Above all, the war correspo possess in marked degree that familiarity with events and affairs which will com-mand the confidence of those in power about him. His influence often extends beyond his primary mission of reporting, and strays into the field of international diplomacy. For instance, during the Boxer rebellion in China, one of the Associa ted Press correspondents was sought out and consulted by the commander of one power represented in the allied expedition as to his proper attitude toward the mili-tary representative of another power, tary representative of another whose actions were causing grave in that delicate hour.

of the mountain. Then for miles through the heart of the Sierras the The way the police manage traffic is great Up goes a copper's hand and every wheels stops instantly. I guess it lan't so much the police as the people, who deserve the credit. The people seem anxious to obey train will dash along, coming out into the open air only long enough to catch its breath, then back into the next tunlaws and help the police. The cabbles nel, which will burrow its way through and truckmen do not sags the cops. Instead mountains of granite. The last tun they help them. There is no collision scrups no cussing like th New York. policed don't seem ever 10 want to arrest ple either. There is no clubbing. The bring the train out at the foot of Blue canyon, on the American River, and from there it will follow its present course, The project brings Donner Lake "He liveth best who loveth best on't carry guns or clubs. All things, both great and small; and the fated Donner party to mind again, and sets the correspondents of But the dear God who loveth us, many newspapers upon inquiring into

We learn that Sheerness, a British town

of 15,000 people and a naval station of

ship its issue, we believe it will score a greater defeat than has ever been ad-We dare to hope some newer dope ministered to it. That the radical ele-May fill and thrill the daily bard. ment of the Democratic party is trying plains that the young people of that town gressive hunco," which the local paper wrote up to the extent of three columns

The correspondent invites us to castigate Castle Rock society for inhereby refuse. While the belles and beaux of Castle Rock might more profithop time) or in learing French so that they can read the menus when they visit as are the antics of Newport society folk

the popular regard for law:

I see no similarly except only that Eng is spoken in the Commons and in Congr But in Westminster Abbey "Big Tim" found the "real thing" in making any exhibition we have "look like 30 cents." Then, as to the way the London police handle the street traffic, he makes a keen observation concerning

do not approve; and a few things he does only a few perhaps approve. But what he says he says brilliantly and what he does he does boldly. He has been invited here and a lot of very good people see no reason why the invitation should be withdrawn.

RED TAPE AND GRAFT.

The Treasury statement for the month of July will show a deficit of about \$14,000,000. In other words, the operating expenses of the Government were that many millions greater than the recelpts. Washington dispatches com menting on the matter, state that the showing is regarded with satisfaction by the Treasury officials, the reason for their satisfaction being that the deficit is \$2,000,000 smaller than that of July, 1904. Were the government a private corporation dependent on the use of business methods for success, such a showing as will be made for the month

The country is now booming along on a flood tide of prosperity. Our forvarious fers, and building permits, all over th country, reflect a degree of commercial activity that is without a parallel. Pascapacity of the railroads to handle it and the railroads in turn are taxing the steel ralls with which to build they

old ones.

Amidst all of this prosperity, it is not pleasant to read that our greatest financial institution, the government itself. behind in its expenses. There is perhaps a possibility that the great prosperity in our private commercial enterprises may in a degree be responsible for the laxity of management that has caused this deficit in our national ac counts. When the people are prosperous in business, they are usually contented and not inclined to spend much time looking around to see what the government or any other enterprise doing. This gives the grafters and red the recklessness that caused them. and red tape both have a tendency to

create deficits in the treasury. The Agricultural Department offers Every year numerous "special agents" embark on long excursions acro as the American continent and to foreign countries ostensibly for the purpose of den emergency. studying crop conditions and other agricultural questions. Few of these spe cial agents who have spent their annual vacations in the Pacific Northwest have ever disclosed any aptitude for

the work in which they were supposed to be engaged, and their reports have grein that by this time everybody had never been even approximately correct. The reports of the wheat experts have Such a situation, it would seem, ought, generally been so far from the facts

you do, unless you steal it or gamble for it, and the latter methods have their obvious drawbacks, because, even if are a dozen fine dividend-paying minyou are lucky and get it, you can't and won't keep money got in that way.

## GETTING INTO DEEP WATER.

Within the past week or ten days no ess than half a dozen young women have been drowned in the Columbia River, or one of its estuaries near this city, as the result of going in bathing. In each case these victims of their own heedlessness could not swim, and there was no one of their party, and no on within halling distance, who was better equipped than themselves in this essential for protection or rescue from the

peril that follows "getting into deep water." Courage does not suffice for the purpose of rescue in such a case. Knowledge of how to handle one's own body in the water is the simple and necessary equipment for self-preservation in the case of those who would bathe in a river, slough or pond where the water is beyond their denth This is such a simple-relf-evident fact

that its statement would seem to be planations, which already look like a loke. wholly unnecessary, yet recent sad and Equitable payroll for many years at deplorable events prove that this is not 10,000 a year "to give the society adthe case. Three young women-two of vice." them sisters-were buried in the cemwas a \$250,000 loan to the Depew Imetery at Fisher's Landing, a few miles provement Company, on which the so-clety realized \$50,000. Good advice-for above Vancouver, yesterday, because they ventured into the Columbia Chauncey. River regardless of the fact that could not take care Somebody in Washington is talking

themselves in water beyond their depth, and that there was no one near to aid them in the always possible extremity; scarcely more than a week ago two other sisters lay side by side in a chapel in this city, having lost their lives in like manner a few miles below the scene of the last drowning. All were bright, capable,

worthy women, just upon the verge of useful lives. Parental sympathy-public sympathy, indeed-follows the stricken parents of these young women back to their suddenly devastated homes, while prudence of a simple practical type recites the story of thes untimely deaths as a warning against

In this connection it may be said that girls and young women should be taught the simple art of taking care of themselves in water-not only for the sake of the pleasure that such knowledge gives to the Summer outing, but for self-protection in the event of sud-

Very frequently you will see in som country paper an article beginning, "The Oregonian Squirms." But it is

a mistake. The Oregonian doesn't squirm. Others may squirm, but that is not the fault of The Oregonian. In the case now before us it is an Idaho

paper, the Wallace Press, that makes the outworn remark. The occasion is

to develop some valuable mining propmulteh erties in Southern Oregon, Within a He does not prate, he does not preach, few miles of Grant's Pass alone, there

He does not take a text to teach ing properties owned by Seattle, Spo- His fellow mules the way to act; kane, Denver and California mining He is of wisdom all compact. And just goes on and chews his hay men. Portland capital is a little too busy with 5 and 6 per cent mortgages Ank kicks his kick and brays his bray, ever to pay any attention to this great mining industry which is making so

The modest mule just moves along And nacks his pack and sings his song. In patience tries to lift his load; finds a dumping ground in wildcat But if the ghoulish

mulish goad

Some of the officials of the Equitable Of overwork begins to prick, Life who were jettisoned when that craft encountered heavy weather, are And when he does not get his hay, The mule-he just begins to bray: termination to start a new insurance And when injustice follows thick, company in opposition to the Equitable. He brays his bray and kicks his kick.

> I learn a lesson from the mule That is not taught in any school: Try not to prate, try not to preach-Forego the

foolish schoolish

screecht I'm going just to plod along And lift my load and sing my song; But, like my friend the mule, if you Put on me more than I can do. I rise right here and now to say I'll kick my kick and bray my bray. ROBERTUS LOVE,

### The Dispensary a Failure.

Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier. The Rev. Mr. Evison's defense of the dispensary is two or three years behind time. The existence of widespread coruption in the dispensary is now accepted with practical unanimity. Senator Till-man, the father of the system, held to belief in its purity as late as last No-vember, but even he is compelled to swallow his pride and admit what others

swallow his pride and admit what others have long known and proclaimed. Mean-while, Mr. Evison should not need to be told that the apprehension of thieves does not necessary follow though the exist-ence of thieving be commonly known. Even if the charges of dispensary cor-ruption be not true, that fact could no longer have importance. The verdict of the state has been rendered and Mr. Evi-son's question. "After the dispensary, what?" is the only question worthy of serious discussion. Its answer is to be found in Georgia and North Carolins, where most of the counties have prohibi-tion, where a few cities have parrooms and some others dispensaries independent and some others dispensaries independent of a state system, rather than in North Dakota-however instructive the clashing views of himself and the Rev. Mr. Cal-houn may be.

#### Oregon Hangs Her Proportion.

The United States census bureau has published statistics of murders for the 20-year period of 185-1804. The total number of homicides was 10,561. The total num-ber of executions for murder was 2256, one person executed for every 57 homicides. This is an item upon which everyons will be able to make his own comment.

Silk Hats for the Farmer.

Irrigon Irrigator. Twenty years ago, when a man came into our office we could tell instantly from his general appearance whether he lived on a ranch or in town. Nowadays men come along every day and it is imp bie to tell whether they live in town or are farmers. The out of town man chaves and outs his hair as often as does the town man. He shines his shoes, has on clean linen and all that, so it is im-possible to tell tother from which, except that the average farmer is better dressed than is the town man and wears a little more sunburn on his off cheek.

# From a Log Cabin.

Atlants Constitution.

W'en de po' man happens ter have tur-key, he don't want no trimmin's wid it. De fact is, he's trimined too close already. Ter git along in dis worl you must look wise at de right time; en de less you has ter say, de less you'll show yo' foollshness. W'en de rich man thinks er de hereafter it ain't very consolin' ter him ter remem-ber dat he got money ter burn. De folks what lives de plainest lives de happlest; en yit, riches keeps even de best er us all de time dreamin'.

# Preacher Was in It.

. Cleveland Leader. Minister-I made seven hearts happy to-

Parishioner-How was that? Minister-Married three coup

Boston Herald "The woman whistler has gone to Colo

rado," said the song and dance man sad-ly. "She has pointed a camp of 'lungers' eastward of Pike's Peak. I told her when I met her that if she wanted to live she had better give up whistiing. I told her how I had seen Solma, the song bird, and warbling Jarvis Harvey carried off. But she said she didn't believe whistling was dangerous. She said she was poor, and had to earn her living anyway. 'All right,' said I. 'I give you four years. No more.' That was in 1900. The poor girl had her first hemorrhage in 1902. She gave up professional whistling then, but it was too late. I don't know why it is that whistling cuses consumption. It al-I met her that if she wanted to liv that whistling causes consumption. It al-ways does, though. It always does, Glass-blowing causes consumption, too. I guess glass-blowing and professional whistling must be a good deal alike.

# Sad Mishap to a Young Man.

Castle Rock Advocate.

Castle Rock Advocate. The story comes from Spirit Lake of the bad luck of a young man with a camp-ing party there who lost his trousers and was obliged to wear a shirt in the place of them until he could reach a place where he could purchase a pair. It seems that the party had their clothing hanging around the campite to dry when the around the campfire to dry, when the trousers of one young man caught fire and were burned past wearing. The only extra garment in the camp was a shirt, and so it was up to the unfortunate camper to don the shirt or nothing.

One of "Our Citizens" Disappears.

Paradise Corr. Enterprise Chieftain. Constable and Mr. Cattron went to Our Constable and Mr. Cattron went to arrest one of our citizens last Monday. The offender, being informed of their com-ing, skipped across the state line. It will be well if he stays out of this state, as we have no use for such citizens.

#### Hint for the General.

New York Mail.

General Miles is now said to be working for the Democratic nomination for Gov-ernor of Massachusetts. If we were you, General, we would rather take our chances on a job in Governor Douglas' shoe shop.

## Advice to the Young.

A. E. Thomas, in New York Times.

L speak kindly to the elephant And gently to the whale. And when you meet the isguar Please do not yank his tall. Respect the tiger's feelings. desr. His whiskers do not pull: Ob. ist your heart with kindliness He ever, ever fall. IL II. Oh, do not pinch the pytham Or punch the ratileenske. If you should burt the cobra His little heart would break. Dom's stick pins in the crocodu Or irritate the yak: Pray do not bruise the polar Hy pounding on his back. п.

III. Don't make the lion cry, my child, By walking on his toes; Nor slight the hippopatamus By standing on his nose. For all good children, you must know, Each morning gladly sing: "Oh, help me be considerate Of story living thing."

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The acting Chief of Police finds the duties of his place irksome. Why doesn't he get on the detective force and then he won't have to worry about anybody or anything, having nothing to do except what he chooses to do?

A Seattle woman got a divorce from her husband and let him marry another woman, that he might escape the penitentiary. Those Seattle people tainly do stand in. The penitentiary's gain is Seattle's joss.

The deficit of the National Treasury is growing so rapidly that new revenue sures will soon be imperative. This will reopen the tariff question.

Mr. Rockefeller's father continues to lie low. He hasn't much but his son's money to be proud of, and nobody, not even Rockefeller, wants that.

