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LET US SEE.

The Oregonian is in some doubt whether it ought to print the following. written and signed by E. K. Faucett, of Medford, Or.; but it hazards the publication, viz:

It would be more fitting a paper on high position held by your paper to re-in from glorying in the downfall of a man who has done as much for his state as Sen-ator Mitchell has done for Oregon, and more especially when this downfall was caused by the personal enmits of another man high in ite and by the traitoriem of a trusted friend. Senator Mitchell may be guilty of the crimes of which he is accused; but where is the Senator who has not committed public misdemeanors equally as great and greater? If there he one, it is not because of his high honor, but because he has not been tempted. Many of your readers scattered over this broad state of ours hold the opinions here

Oregonian will not dwell upon it. But a word on the ethical or moral view of glatement:

First, however it will say that it has of Senator Mitchell. It is a newspaper ing a great part of his career, it might be censured, or at least misunderstood has left it to others to make the comment and to point the moral.

Mr. Mitchell, during his long career In the Senate, has certainly been an active and industrious man. Much of his work, however, has been done for individuals; very little for the state. He has attached multitudes to bimself by Europe. the industry with which he has present their claims of all sorts upon the Govhave brought him into the present trouble. This activity on his part, in behalf ance for their private interests not "his work for his state"-has been always the real source of his strength and the main source of his popularity. That he has been an indefatigable worker for private interests against the Government explains both his career

and his fall. But it is the justification attempted by Mr. Faucett that demands attention, "Senator Mitchell," he says, "may be ors equally as great or greater?" There Net if every Senator did the like, would that make the practice any better? Rather, wouldn't it make it worse? As as a cause. an ethical argument, this is too weak review.

WHY THEY SUBSCRIBED.

The world breathes freely once more It knows who subscribed for "Fads and Fancies." Could we now, by some hook or crook, find out what William said to Nicholas, life would have little more to offer. Strange as it may appear, the to be published by Town Topics are not all fools. Some of them have not been hitherto known as cowards, either. Fancies" because he is a fool; his case why should Mr. Thomas W. Lawson all our stocks and bonds to them at while it left the fifth diseases exactly panic prices rescues him permanently from the category of fools. His Cholera is a fifth disease. When it at once begin building two new steel sorry days for the unfit.

Mr. Lawson's lofty and unbending vir- as a curious circumstance, quite untue gave \$1500 for a copy of "Fads and accountable except on religious grounds. Fancies" because he wished to see his that the victims were nearly all among bid! Those gentlemen are all members able to the British delty; but when, in Schwerin might improve his present of the "System" which Mr. Lawson 1873. Hoch demonstrated the cholera Portland service by securing some of despises and abhors. Moreover, asper- germ, and showed what it thrived on, sions have been upon Mr. Schwab's the ancient belief that cholera and other character. He is no fit companion for Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Lawson knows it. The question why he These victims were chosen because they subscribed for "Fads and Fancies" turns out distressingly difficult to answer; one almost regrets asking it. But there is a third hypothesis. He may Jew to slaying germs when pestilene have taken a copy and had his picture printed in the book in order to make it stride from prayer to kerosene when known that he moves in the best society.

All the subscribers, the fools, the cowards and the rascals, move in the very best society. In fact, they constitute the best society. They are our upper class. Light of intellect and light of virtue, they would naturally rise to the top. Is it equally natural to see Mr. Lawson among them?

SCIENCE AND EPIDEMICS.

When, about A. D. 1375, the Black Death was ravaging Europe, the stricken populations appealed for help to the medical faculty of the University of Paris. Help, of a certain sort, they got abundantly. "The cause of the plague," decreed that saplent body, "is the conjunction of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn." And its cure was, among other things, "to eat only small river fish" for diet; "to refrain from bathing," and to shut oneself in a close room at night. The church prescribed more active remedies. Of course these included prayers, beliringing and processions; but it was generally held by the pious that to torture and burn a choice selection of witches would do even more to avert the divine wrath and check the plague.

The Black Death was probably the most dreadful pestilence that ever desolated Europe. In Engand it left alive, so some writers assert, only one inhabitant out of ten. Whole parishes were smitten to the last man, and great tracts of plow land reverted to marsh. and forest because none were left alive to till the soil. All over Europe the case was similar, or worse. The Almighty seemed to have decreed the annihilation of the human race. Before the plague struck there were fearful outbreaks of religious mania. In the cities along the Lower Rhine thousands of people would suddenly leave their houses by one impulse, unite in a wild mob, and dance day and night with furious calling upon God until they dropped dead. Witches were sought out and tortured with implacable franzy as allies of Satan. In Bavaria, before and during the pestilence, 12,000 Jews were put to death to avert the wrath of God: and to make sure of pleasing him, they were racked at their trials, torn by mobs on the way to the stake, and finally burned with lingering fires. In the City of Strasburg, in one street, still called the Street of Torture, 2000 Jews were massacred as only a terrorstricken mob can massacre in the transports of religious frenzy. Such were the remedies of that age for its sion. The extra session will, of course, measureless calamity.

to live; therefore he had sent the the purpose of making a final decision plague. In a similar way Sophocles ex- as to the type of canal which is to be and the compilers of the Books of Moses "Every man may account for it in his for delay. The personality of Senator Mitchell tilence that half depopulated Athens estimated cost of the two types of canal makes it a painful subject, and The during the Peloponnesian war; but he that have been discussed, and there is it is incumbent on The Oregonian to say DeFoe is equally skeptical in recogniting of time that will be required to comthe causes which the people assigned plete them. By invoking the aid of the subject contained in the above for the great plague of London. He parliamentary law, which has killed so ot "gloried" at all "in the downfall" he recites the omens, the dreams, the rate bill, but they would profit, or at portents, which had heralded its com- least they think they would profit, by and has published the testimony; but it ing-but it is with cool skepticism. It the postponement of action on the cahas refrained from comment. It could is unlikely that minds like those of nai matter. Pregress on the canal to have said much; but it felt that since DeFoe and Thucydides ever believed date has not been of a nature to in it has been a critic of Mr. Mitchell dur- that pestilences had a supernatural spire fear in the minds of the railroads, rors of the Black Death mingled someor misrepresented. So The Oregonian thing like a jrational expianation with than agreeable to them. their superstition. To say, as they did, that the Jews had polsoned the wells. was an advance in good sense over the theory of an angry God. Doubtless the wells were poisoned, though not by the Jews. The filth of a thousand years was rotting in the drinking water of

The religious cult of fifth was universal at that time. It was introduced by ernment-as he pressed these which the early Christians. St. Anthony, for example, expected a reward in beaven because he had never washed his feet. of so many who have sought his assist- Certain monks having implously resolved to bathe in a stream near their monastery, the Lord saved them from thus imperiling their salvation by drying up the water. Fifth and plety were synonyms. "A stinking wave of air" hung over Europe, we read. Dwellings were never cleaned. The rush floors were piled over one stratum after another of decaying garbage for generations. The open wells accumulated tract, are laying eightypound steel ordure century after century. It was guilty; but where is the Senator who not merely useless to clean up; it was has not committed public misdemean- wicked. In one monastery 900 Carthu- harbors at both the east and west tersian monks perished by the Black must be some such, or there would be Death, but no one dreamed that fifth no standard of morals in such a matter. had killed them. As late as 1859, Dr. Hecker, in speculating over the origin of this plague, does not suggest filth

Even Jenner's great discovery did litfor consideration. Yet the spirit of it is the for the prevention of filth diseases widely prevalent. From a multitude of like the Black Death and typhoid fever, sources the excuse comes, "They all or of those like consumption fostered it." Which is equivalent to saying by poor food and bad air; for smallpox it is right. We think Mr. Faucett, of is independent of dirt and poverty. In Medford makes a serious mistake. He its palmy days this pestilence smote should subject his opinions to a careful high and low, rich and poor, clean and unclean alike. Two million people died of it, some years, in Russia; in 1510, the two oceans. Facing this inevitable the year the Spaniards brought it to Mexico, three and one-half millions of the natives died. It annihilated whole as patriotism for them at once to hasten tribes of the American Indians. In years when it was only mildly preva- is strictly an American enterprise, and lent every tenth death in Europe came as such gives this country a strong from smallpox. Then Jenner mace his strategic position which may some time subscribers to the great literary work great discovery, and now, while it is be of value to the country, including still somewhat more dangerous to have the railroads. The railroads have noththe smallpox than the itch, it is scarcely more excusable. When Jenner trans-A fool would subscribe for "Fads and ferred the drop of cowpox pus from if they pursue the course which they Sarah Nolmes' hand to the boy James needs no remark. A coward would sub- Phipps, he earned the gratitude of mancribe because he dreads exposure. But kind, but he did little for pure science. Jenner never knew why vaccination subscribe? His advice to the people of would prevent smallpox; and therefore, America to smash the trusts by seiling scientifically, his discovery was sterile;

where they were before.

nonthly scalpdance shows that he is first invaded England, in 1832, one case no coward. Is it possible that a man of in three was fatal, but it was remarked run. plagues chose their victims for eschatological reasons had to be given up. were dirty. Such was the verdict of From burning a witch or torturing a rages is a long stride. It is a long vellow fever threatens. But mankind has taken many such strides during the fail, it will take many more.

THE FEDERAL JUDGESHIP.

Mr. Cotton says he was not offered more money to stay with the Union Pacific: and he was not given enlarged powers. He simply didn't want the Judgeship. He didn't seek it in the beginning, because it had no attractions for him; but his friends and others perand so he concluded that, if they wanted him to want it, that was what he wanted. But the more he argued with himself that he wanted it, the more he

knew he didn't; hence his declination. Mr. Cotton does not exactly say so. but it is obvious that he thinks he is not the man for the place. He knows are the same in both cases. Cranks he would be unhappy on the bench. He has no doubt heard, as we all have heard, about the case of James B. Dill. who gave up a \$300,000 law practice to take an unremunerative Judgeship; and the equaly striking case of Elihu Root, who abandoned wealthy New York cilents to become Secretary of State at \$8000 a year. These men have been widely praised for sacrificing personal interest to public duty. The reward of an approving conscience, universal approbation and dignified position theirs. Besides, they wanted the jobs; or we presume they did. Besides, too. it seemed that no others were so well suited to fill these, respective places. At least, everybody thought so; and they could not gracefully resist.

With Mr. Cotton it is different. He is sure he would not like the Judgeship. the idea is fulfilled. and questions, not his abilities, but his aptitude; and he is sure that there are other eminent citizens of Oregon who would make acceptable Judges. Besides, they-or some of them-will not be called on to sacrifice so much in taking tt. Hence it is gratifying all around to feel that the Union Pacific's gain-in keeping Mr. Cotton is not the Federal judiciary's loss.

CRISIS FOR THE CANAL.

Washington dispatches regarding the expected extra session convey the hint that some of the eminent statesmen on the Senatorial payroll may use that most important measure, the Panama Canal, for fillbustering purposes. Their object is said to be postponement of consideration of a railroad rate bill which the President is very anxious to force through Congress at the next sesbe too short for accomplishment of any-God was angry, the people believed, thing in the way of railroad legislabecause witches and Jews were allowed tion, and, if it assembles, it will be for plains the plague that desolated Thebes | built. If there are Senators and Reprein the prehistoric time of his tragedy; sentatives who, in obedience to the constituency that elected them, desire thus account for the plagues of Egypt. to defer construction of the canal, the The later Greeks were more rational. situation presents a golden opportunity

mentions them all, the comet, the sins many good measures, not only could of the nobility, the profligacy of the rich; the railroads be spared enactment of a cause. Even the mob during the hor- but, on the contrary, has been of a character that cannot be otherwise

The difficulty in securing men to take charge of the work, or to remain at their posts after they have been secured, has been exasperating, and the ravages of the yellow fever in equatorial latitudes is this year greater than ever, or at least it is receiving greater publicity than usual, all of which tends far railroad influence will extend in decult to estimate, but there is a factor in roads and the friends of the canal must reckon.

All opposition, in Congress or out of Congress, will not save the transcontlnental railroads from a competition more drastic than can ever be possible from the Panama Canal. English capitalists of practically unlimited means, working harmoniously with the Mexican government under a fifty-year conacross the Isthmus of Tehauntepec and are spending millions in building fine mini of this short line between the two oceans. The promoters of this great work promise to have their equipme in shape by the end of 1906, so that they can deliver freight between the American ports on the Atlantic and those or the Pacific in twenty days-a feat that will be impossible by the Panama route. on account of its lying so much farther

It is thus quite plain that any delay to which the Panama Canal may be subjected will not save the transcontinental rail lines from very warm compatitors for the carrying trade between competition from an alien country, it would seem the part of wisdom as well completion of the Panama Canal, which ing to gain and may have much to lose by delaying the canal project, and itude by marrying the lady. have followed in the past, the effect may be as serious for them as for oth-

The Puget Sound Navigation Company is calling for bids for two new steel steamers for the Puget Sound trade. The Pacific Coast Company will

ers.

passenger boats for the San Francisco Business is heavier with these lines than it has ever been before, and with customary enterprise the transportation men are preparing to handle it noble countenance pictured side by side | the vicious and the poor. The obvious | as it grows. It is, of course, expecting with Perry Belmont's, Mr. Harriman's Inference was, of course, drawn, pov- too much of the Harriman lines to show and Charles M. Schwab's? Heaven for- erty and vice being equally unaccept- such enterprise. At the same time, Mr. the steamers now in use on Puget Sound as soon as they are cast aride to make way for the new steamers. That would help some.

The pronunciation of Willamette science, and the world had to accept it. Wahkiakum, Skamokawa and a few others of our Indian names is somewhat uncertain for our Eastern visitors, who are inclined at times to make sarcastic remarks regarding such nomen clature. To all such critics is referred an item in yesterday's telegraphic news last century, and, unless all the signs from Paterson, N. J., stating that the steamer Musometcong plying on Lake Hopatheong had struck a rock and sunk in a portion of the channel known as the River Styx. There are Indians and Indians, and so far as the names they leave behind them are concerned, the effete East does not seem to be many laps ahead of the wild and wooly West.

A life-size crayon drawing of Carrie Nation in the State Historical rooms suaded him that he ought to want it, at Topeka, Kan., was totally destroyed by some vandal, who apparently had a grudge against the batchet wielder. In adopting this method for revenge, the vandal displayed fully as much sense as was shown by Carrie when she was raiding saloons and defacing property. The net results in good accomplished are said to have been instrumental in many reforms in this world, but it is doubtful if any of them were of the same stripe as Carrie Nation or the individual who has just destroyed her portrait.

Well, indeed, the Lewis and Clark Exposition is advertising the Pacific Northwest. From ten thousand sources it concentrates attention on the Pacific Northwest. Thousands of newspapers is take or make occasion to publish matter about the Pacific Northwest. The railroads, this year, direct their folders and circulars and general advertising matter to the Pacific Northwest. Visitors from every part of the United States are in the Pacific Northwest. The prophecy of those who conceived

Elbert Hubbard's coming to Portland seems not to have raised the excitement among the clergy that he anticipated. Rev. C. T. Wilson has "heard of no objection to Hubbard speaking here." Rev. E. S. Muckley says the "ministers have too much sense" to object. Rev. J. R. Wilson appears to think that nobody cares. Rev. E. L. House scouted the idea. All's well that ends well. Fra Elbertus will come and explain the gospel of work, which is, we suppose, to labor hard six days in the week and rest on the seventh.

The Rosebud Indians having invested ost of the money received for their lands, in firewater, are now becoming restive and belligerent, and may at any moment begin reducing the white population in the vicinity of the reservation which once was theirs. It is supposed to be rather late in the day for any more uprisings and massacres on the part of the American Indians, but if the thrifty white whisky-sellers put out a sufficient quantity of red liquor, there may yet be another tragedy of the plains

The Astoria regatta which has become a distinctive feature of Summer life in the interesting city by the sea, is vany he hald ing days of August. The management this year is headed by Mr. Herman says nothing of the wrath of the gods. also a difference of years in the length | Wise, one of the most enterprising rustlers in that community. This by itself is an assurance of an entertaining programme, and Portland, as usual, will go down in force and take many of her Eastern visitors along with her.

> One can hardly restrain, even at this distance, a feeling of exultation at the thought of the myriads of mosquitoes that have fallen by the sword of sanitary science in New Orleans in the past week. While we deplore the fact that vellow fever has invaded that city, we find consolution in the thought that this unmusical musician of the insect world has been discovered as a carrier of the plague and is being slain by tens of thousands. -

"Never will I conclude a shameful peace or one unworthy of great Russia," says the Czar. All of which has to retard work on the canal. Just how a lofty and high-minded air about it. but, to get down to facts and conditions laying completion of the canal is diffi- as they exist, the Czar may have to accept any kind of peace that Japan ofthe situation with which both the rail- fers. There is nothing very "great" grievous blunders. These have proved the wonder of the world.

> literative description of a bunco artist who had found financial conditions strained at Astoria a few seasons ago, The fact that a wandering forger succensfully passed twelve checks of an aggregate value of \$218 in Mr. Astor's town a few days ago would indicate that the salmon run was excellent just at this time.

Dog days seem to be coming earlier than usual this year, Last week two Portland firemen indulged in a flerce fight over an unkind remark made by one about a dog owned by the other. Sunday at Aberdeen, Wash., in a row over a dog, Henry Gustavenson was stabbed and dangerous wounded by Gus

Witness Starr came back with some reluctance, but he could not remem clearly what he said at the former trial, It is wonderful how much may be forgotten in eight days when one tries diligently and conscientiously.

The old Equitable directors are to be sued for illegal profits made by them out of the society. The policy-holders refuse to be depewed any longer. If Bluebeard Hoch escapes the gal-

lows through the intervention of Mrs.

Wilson, we trust he will show his grat-

Perhaps it will occur to ex-Judge Cotton that one sumptuous dinner is due to the Oregon Bar Association et al.

Burton, Dietrich, Mitchell and Depew. Who'll be the next?

Bad fruit, too, must go. These are

OREGON OZONE

Remarks to Bill Nye. We were cronies, long together, Bill Nye.

Bill 'n' I Did, and ne'er were separated, For it seemed we two were fated To be comrades, closely mated-

Bill 'n' 1.)

Bull 'n' L)

Now and then we had a quarrel, Bill Nye.

Which the same was quite unmoral. (Bill 'n' I Couldn't help it. After all, sir. I'd have liked to take a fall, sir, Out o' Bill; we both had call, sir-Bill 'n' L)

But we always stuck together, Bill Nye,

Never minding what the weather (Bill 'n' 1, We were bound to one another. And as brother unto brother Clung, and one was true as t'other-

Yet you swore you never knew me, Bill Nye?

Well, you didn't, (Listen to me; Bill 'n' I Were a creditor and due-bill, And the man-who owed me-shoo, Bill! Never paid. We stuck like glue, Bill-Bill 'n' L)

The Grammar of It.

Spink-What is the difference between he Alaskan Yucon and the Russian ikon? Minx-Merely a personal difference.

The Most Unkindest Cut.

The Question Mark-How is the joke market now? The Humorist-It's fallen flat. The Question Mark-Same as your jokes Sea Weeds.

Johnny (at the shore)-Maw, is the ceam's naw dead? Mother-Why, Johnny, what a funny uestion! What makes you ask that? Johnny-Well, I read the other day about the sea's insatiate maw, and I've been wondering if she's a widow.

At the Fair Today.

Paleface-Hey, there, Redskin; who are

Redskin-Me Clark; see badge? Paleface-Are you a native son? Redskin-No; me native grandson.

His Uncle Had It.

His Wife-Come, now, put on your dre suit, and we'll go to the ball. Her Husband-Sorry, but I can't wear t tonight. His Wife-Why not, dear?

Her Husband-Because I've already taken it to three balls.

An Appeal to Fra Elbertus.

(Elbert Hubbard, the Philistine pastor wires the Oregonian a literary effort de- ODD BITS OF NORTHWEST LIFE signed to reconcile the Portland preachers to his coming to deliver an address "The Gospel of Work" by invitation of the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Fra. Robertus seeks thus to encourage Fra Elbertus:)

Come along, now! you won't hurt us, Fra Elbertus; Come and preach your gospel, Hubbard.

Long we've rubbered Just to get a glimpse of you, sir-Just a view, sir, Of your face and phis Philistine

And your piston Rod of rhetoric and grammar. With a glamor Of your grace enlight, engirt us. Fra Elbertus!

Do not wobble, do not waver! You're a savor Of the gods of high Olympus.

Do not skimp us: Give us full and generous measure Of your treasure. Yea, O Fra Elbertus Hubbard, From the cubboard

Of your wisdom hand us victuals-'Tis as little's Any one can be content with, Since you're sent with

Many messages to Garcia Be not harsh; you Can't afford it; nay, be gracious! Efficacious your teaching, and we need it.

Come-we plead it! "Be kind" (you'll get the money)-Kind and sunny: Smile upon us-don't desert us,

> Fra Elbertus! ROBERTUS LOVE.

Mighty Men at Washington

New York Times. To be a United States Senator and get into jail is as cruel a fate as one The Lady, the Ax, and the Snake. would wish to have befall his very worst enemy. In Washington a Senator is a very exalted personage so exalted that they all seem personally cognizant of their greatness, and to no other officers about Russia these days except her of the Government is there so much reverence paid by koktowing and humil-No others bear themselves so grand-in the company of Senators a memand the rippling stream on whose banks she had placed her couch sang a lullaby as it meandered in the direction of Pilot ber of the President's Cabinet looks like

But Washington is the worst city in Rock. With all this sweet music about her, Miss Eva was not long in falling the country for practicing the arts of a erook-particularly the official crook. A Government officer or department employe who is detected in criminal doings may be sure that the country will ring trophies." Possessed, like all other wo-men, of an ear that can hear a mouse with the story of his misdeeds, and that he will be relentlessly pursued. Scandals and corruption make Administrations ancreep at 100 yards, Miss Eva was sud-denly aroused, and was certain she had heard a snake. And sure enough she did. gry. A rigorous inquiry is always in-sisted on, and when conviction follows

Mitchell used to make very long speeches and he was rather quick to resent any attack upon himself. Not having taken the precaution to heave. sent any attack upon himself.

Ing taken the precaution to become a millionaire before entering the Senate, he attempted in weak and foolish ways to attempted in weak and foolish ways to attempted in fortune, and getting. The next minute there was a headless. repair the defect of fortune, and getting The next minute there was a head caught at it, he must suffer the conse. rattlesnake. Her aim was perfect.

The Real Tragedy of It, Hartford Courant.

of the state that have been allied with the Mitchell wing of the party. They John H. Mitchell has a chance yetsuch as it is. His appeal is still to be heard and decided; the reviewing Judges may find some flaw in the record sent up from the court below. But in his 71st year, political autocrat of his state, Senator of the United States, father-indare not come squarely out in the open and justify the acts of those who are un-der the ban or censure of the Chief Ex-scutive, who is back of the movement to law of a French Duke, he has stood be-fore the bench of justice like any ordi-nary criminal and heard the blighting words, "Six months' penal servitude." Life can never be the same for him again, whatever the reviewing Judges do. And the wretched old man is reaping only what he sowed; that is the real tragedy

Abraham Cohn, manager and secretary of the Pacific Grain Company, has purchased the quarter-block, at the northeast corner of Thirteenth and Washington chased the quarter-block, at the northeast corner of Thirteenth and Washington streets from George A. Craw, vice-presi-dent of W. J. Van Schuyver & Co., for \$5,000 Mr. Cohn states that in the near future he will improve the property by the erection of a substantial structure.

FLYING MACHINES THAT DO NOT FLY

Principle Is Entirely Correct, but Practice Is, Well, It Is Different-Professor Langley and His Acropiane Recall the Flight of Durius Green.

must have been some time last September

The Professor himself had been for two

months or so in Canada he suffers great-ly in warm weather-but he came down to

preside over the ceremony. Your true scientist is ever a marryr to his propo-

ganda. Then the completed peroplane was transferred to a species of canal-boat

or ark and placed upon a sort of tram-

powerful spring suddenly liberated set the car or cradle which held the flying ma-

radic stopped at the end of the ark, and the aeroplane, which had been greased

the occasion, was hurled into its native

that a flying machine so constructed and so launched inevitably would rise in grace-ful circles like the turkey buzzard, after

which it had been lovingly moduled; make great sweeps through the air over more

or less vast areas, then settle softly on the waiting earth. It had been built in

accordance with the most approved scien-tific theories. It represented the perfect

principle of aerial navigation, Every one

of the European schisms and errors had

What the Langley machine did was to

fly exactly 18 feet in the direction of the Maryland shore—the Petomac River is

only about a mile wide at that point-and

then dive with great violence into the afream. The aeronaut was rescued suc-

cessfully, likewise some of the ribs and wings of the Langley bird. Not long afterward the experiment was

repeated, and with a precisely similar re-

sult, thus triumphantly dissipating the last remaining doubt as to the Langley

aeroplane and proving to the satisfaction of the most hardened cynic that human beings could embark in that flying ma-

chipe without the slightest danger of get-

ting dashed to the earth from great ele-vations, and with no need of any other

protection than that of a good, reliable

It gives me great pleasure to pay this tribute to the virtues of the Langley aero-

plane, in which all Washington takes an

affectionate and proud interest-especially at a time when the Smithsonian Institu-

tion is in financial difficulties, owing to a

defalcation on the part of one of its sub-ordinate officials to the extent of several

thousands of dollars. Professor Langley is down on the official lists as the head of the Smithsonian Institution, the keeper

of the National Museum, the director of

the astraphysical observatory, and it is known besides that the National Zoolog-

teal Park is also a charge upon his time

Nevertheless, in the midst of all these

cares, he finds time to construct safely flying machines of the most approved pat-tern-machines, which, whatever else they

may not accomplish, at least do not sear into dizzy altitudes, collapse with a sick-

been resolutely discarded.

swimming jacket.

way running lengthwise of the vessel

chine in motion at high velocity.

Professor Langley's proposition

that everything was ready for the test.

Richard Weightman in Chicago Tribune. WASHINGTON.—(Special.)—Experimentation in the line of flying machines con tinues, notwithstanding the tragedles and failures that attend it.

To be sure, some one occasionally goes up in one of these aeroplanes or tetrahed-ral kites, as they are respectively called, and sails about for a little while without doing any great injury to himself or any-body else, but quite as often the structure collapses at an unfortunate moment as happened in California about a week ago, or refuses to soar at all as in the case of the Langley bird, constructed here by the head of the Smithsonian in-stitution, with the financial aid of the

War Department.
In California last week, it was an aero plane which crumpled up in midair at an elevation of 3000 feet, killing the unfortunate aeronaut who was manipulating it. A curious but highly suggestive feature of the incident is the fact that the bal-loon which lifted the flying machine descended safely after the man in the aero plane had cut it loose, while the flying machine promptly collapsed, as I have stated, and killed its passenger.

Science, however, insists that while the balloon does actually ascend and descend, covering greater or less distances mean-while and seldom hurts anyone, the "principle" is all wrong, and not to be respecconsidered. Science will tolerate othing but the aeroplane, or the tetrahedral kite, because that machine onstructed upon the only true hypoth-

Thus Santos-Dumont and other ignorant persons make pleasant little journeys through the air, returning safely to their friends and families afterwards, while the high priests of science go on building things according to correct principles which are of no sort of value, practically speaking, and which, when they are arti-ficially lifted and are left to their own devices usually go to smash and exterminate the reckless persons who may be at their mercy.

It should be said to the credit of our own Professor Langley, who already has constructed several aeroplanes, that he never yet has made an ascent in one him self, and all Washington is proud of the fact that the only human being who ever and all Washington is proud of the volunteered to undertake it survived the venture with slight injuries quite tem-porary in their nature. The Professor has given many years of study to this subject. He has spent several Summers in Europe-in the interest of science. course, and presumably in his official ca-pacity-examining the various flying machines invented by impudent and ill-in-formed foreigners, and subsequently hold-ing them up to well deserved ridicule and

execration. As a result of all this effort and inves tigation by the most prominent scientist in the Government service the must be the most prominent, for he holds four different offices), the War Department two or three years ago set aside \$52,000 to ening report, and dash their occupants to aid in the Langley experiments, and it a sudden and a frightful death.

Casts a Pall Over the Community.

Wilholt Cor. Oregon City Courier.

Child Captures a Doc.

The Dulies Chronicle

down into the field, with the child fol

Sure Cure for a "Week Back."

South Bend Journal.

Journal office and said to the "devil:

better go down to Johnny Myers' drug

store and get one of his porous plasters

This Picnic a Success.

Junction City Times.

A hay rack load of young folks wen

out to the river on Wednesday evening to

enjoy a brief outing. They took the

meal on the banks of the Willamette where "It flows to the moon-made sea."

After walking about seven miles through

the timber the river was finally found. The steak was smothered in ashes, the

potatoes were burnt on one side and raw on the other, roasting ears were scorched

to the queen's taste, and the other condi-

ments were all that a bungry, sweating,

exhausted, hilarious crowd could wish

Pilot Rock Record.

Miss Eva Belts was driven to the cool breezes which waft through the tall

trees in the rear of her home on East

Birch Creek, early in the week, to escape

the torrid heat, where she made her bed

under the canopy of heaven. The crick-

into a state of coma, but while Neptun

coyly fanned her face she dreamed not of serpents, but of "seraphic arms and

Easy Enough.

It is easy to tell the Republican paper

purify the administration of public af-fairs. But there are free suggestions of

political jealousy, prejudice of the press, unfair trials and the like, all of which is

traceable in most instances to a source that has had a stand-in with Mitchell.

London Lancet.

The traveler who makes holiday in

Hermann or Williamson in the past.

sort of pityingly, and said: "If want anything for a weak back you

one with holes in 'em.'

The other day a man from the head

"If you

Frank Scott lost a valuable

chase the frightened animal

back."

the child returned home with her

PORTRAITS OF SENATOR DEPEW \$50,000 to \$100,000 Worth Said to Be Possessed by Buffalo People.

Buffalo Evenius Times dog, which is bad for the neighborhood, A conservative estimate of the amount for he caused the death of many vermin of money lost in the Depew Improvement Company by Buffalo people is \$50,000. Men interested in financial affairs locally say that the sum is nearer \$100,000, and the - A little 7-year-old girl up the Hood River Valley has captured a pet any child, and many "hig folks," would envy holders of stock for the most part have given up all hope of getting any portion of that sum back. All this they have now is very attractive looking stack certificates on which a fine half tone out of Senator Chauncey M. Depew appears. Those cerher. The dogs frightened a young doe into the garden and the little girl gave tificates are about the n'cest things that the stockholders received for their money, and none of them has made any effort to lowing. Finally the doe gave up and

start an investigation of the management Henry B. Sill, of the firm of Worthing ton & Sill, is a stockholder in the com-pany. Mr. Sill holds \$500 worth of stock. The stockholders were largely an depositors of the American Exchange Bank, which went out of existence a few years ago. Mr. Williams, the late president of that bank, was one of the foremost promoters of the company, and he disposed of considerable of the stock. "I want five of your papers for a week back." The "devil" looked at the man The association of Chauncey M. Depew and other New York city millionaires with the venture is what induced a num-ber of Buffalo people to take stock. The assurances given out at that time were that a profit of 15 per cent on the invest-ment was inevitable and that further

profits might be easily anticipated. The number of women who were in-duced to go into the company is exceptionally large, and several of those wom-en recently visited New York City for the purpose of seeing Senator Depow and endeavoring to get land in Heu of their stock. Their efforts to see the sometimes genial Senator were without fruit Charles W. Hinson, who was attorney for one of those women, wrote a letter to Senator Depew prior to the time of the foreclosure of the Equitable Life mortgage. Mr. Depew's name had fust been sent out at the head of the prospectus of the Depew Gold Mining Com-pany, and in his letter Judge Hinson asked: "Is the Depew Gold Mining Company as much of a gold brick as the Depew Investment Company." Judge Hinson's client is a widow who had 1800 in the Eric County Savings Bank. The money was received after the death of her husband as a back pension. She was informed by the promoters of the land company that she would receive 15 per cent on her investment and ought not to leave her money in the bank, wh would draw but 3 per cent interest.

This woman is now out of the city and her name is withheld, as it is not known that she would care to have noy publicity attached to her negotiations. Her daughter stated today, however, that her mother had been to New York trying to see Senator Depew and some of the others interested but had been unsuccessful in her efforts. Neither the letter written by Judge Hinson nor those that the woman wrote herself were ever answered.

Skits and hits.

"Is the Zematyo congress doing real work?"
"I don't know about the cent of the detegates. But the man who calls the rell is." Washington Star

"What a horrid sear Charlle has on his fore-ead, hasn't he?" "Oh, no! Not at all! Why, he got that in an automobile accident, Detroft Free Press.

"But why didn't the superintendent of insurance lovestigate before?" "How unress-onable! Why should you exper him to know asything until he sees it in the papers?"— Brooklys Life.

Visitor-I wish to see your employer fice Boy-I'm sorry to say he's not in. -Why are you sorry to say it? Office Bus-

Because it goes ag'in me conscier nex.-Cleveland Leader. Finnigan—Th' evientists be sayin' that be-four long there'll be twaire as manny people as th' country kin support. Mulligan— Niver ye moind. Be that theme yere dollar'll

only buy half as much, anny way.-Judge "What's your father's business" asked Mr. ackinham. Business" exclaimed Lord Packinham.

Harry, "My deah sir, my fathab has my busi-ness." "Oh, excuse me. I thought be might be leading a blameless life. What's his graft?"-Chicago Record-Herald. He-A maryelous discovery, my dear lady!

Great Britain by means of a driving, cyin anything like the satisfactory way in which he is in even the smaller towns or villages of provincial France. The Brit-In anything like the satisfactory way in which he is in even the smaller towns or villages of provincial France. The British innkeeper in the home counties, at any rate, does not seem to care in the very least about the comfort of his guests. His only object is to seil intoxicating drinks.