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PORTLAND, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

REYBURN'S POOR SETTLERS.

The Oregonian is not "persecuting" tragic catastrophe profoundly modify-Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, as some of ing our future history. his friends declare. It is simply telling the truth about his continued and perthe rights and welfare of the public sistent misrepresentation of the real whose practical outcome is graft, to use situation in Idaho. The Oregonian the word we have coined for it, has takes it that the people of Idaho want two causes, neither of them in itself the facts known at Washington and to be regretted. The conditions of life eminere about their forest reserves. in America during almost the whole of if Heyburn doesn't. They have nothing our history have forced the individual to gain by bluster, buncombe or big man to depend upon himself rather box-wowism, which are all synonyms than upon the organized forces of so for Heyburnism; they have everything clety for his livelihood and happiness to gain in the preservation of their Contrast today what a man gets from timber lands and in the defeat of the the public in the way of comfort and schemes of the timber sharks, whose pleasure in such a city as Paris and in masouerade under the guise of "poor New York. In Paris it is not speaking settlers" has so aroused the vociferous extravagantly to say that the great sympathles of Senator Heyburn. No aim of the municipality is to make life newspaper in Idaho cares enough about easy and enjoyable to its citizens. In the public interest to expose the share New York the beginnings of such a and fraud of the Herburn plea for the purpose cannot, of course, he ignored. "poor settler"; so The Oregonian does it. but it is not yet pronounced. What a Poor settler, forsooth! The Orego man gets in that city he still gets for nian today contains a list of "poor set himself in almost every instance. The tiers" who have been trying to grab organized municipality is scarcely the timber lands in the Shoshone reaware of his existence. If it has any serve. They are about the poorest set tiers that ever perjured themselves in tainly not the happiness and comfort any cause. There are about 180 of of the individual who resides there them who have erected squatters' cab-But if in New York City the individual ins within the limits of the Shoshone is still a discreet and unorganized sowithdrawal, and not one of them ever had the alightest nurpose of cultivaling the land, building a home doing aught but fleece the United States out of 160 acres of fine timber Possible exceptions are three personsnamed Herdman, Uhlman and Klauswho live in their cabins part of the time, but even these scarcely pretend to be there to cultivate the soil. The remaining 177 are fraudulent entrymen. They will be deprived of their lands. They should be. These are the "poor settlers" Senato Heyburn is trying to protect. They live all over the Northwest-everywhere but in the Shoshone reserve-and are engaged in all sorts of occupations. They are attorneys, bankers, merchants, and railroad men, from the general manager down-everything but bona fidullders of homes in the virgin forest. Just read the list. Your tears, too, will flow with Heyburn's when you run across the familiar names of these outraged and helpless "poor settlers."

boycott will presently die away of itself on account of the Chinese need for American goods. Other observers fear graft in past decades. that it is rather a profound national ordinary development everywhere in movement, and that certain nations, America of what we call the civic conparticularly Germany, will use it to our sciousness. The individual is demanding from the Government, on the one permanent injury in the Chinese marhand, what he never before thought of cets. Time will tell who is right about it. In any case, no good American will demanding, and he is proffering in redissent from Mr. Patterson's opinion turn a loyal zeal for the rights of the that the manhood and civilization of public which is new in our history. It the Pacific Coast are of more importis no longer feit by America as a slight or venial act to steal from the Governance than Chinese commerce, and this, ment. Add to this new and higher paone gathers from his reported remarks, triotism the land hunger which is one is also the opinion of Mr. Taft. of the most astonishing phenomena of

VOX POPULI, VOX DEL.

the twentleth century, so far, and the knowledge that the great public' do-If in any mind there remained a main is almost gone, and one is no longer at a loss to understand why the doubt of the reality of the frauds charged against certain men who have Government has been encouraged acquired title in one way and another prosecute the gigantic thefts of the to large tracts of public land, and if nomes of the people with relentless and anybody still questioned the justice of inexorable determination. The outcome the prosecutions which the Government of the cases is a victory of true pahas maintained against those men, all triotism over the forces which have such doubt must now end and the quesbeen working to disintegrate the Nation. It is not the first such victory, tions have been forever answered. To say that the recent convictions have but it has been won against greater vindicated the Government would not odds than any before. It does not mark the turning of the tide; it indicates that be quite accurate, for honest officials seeking to protect the National domain the tide is sweeping now with a power from plunder need no vindication, even that nothing can resist. The Nation though the ingeniously labyrinthine has spoken, and its voice is for righttrails of crime should sometimes miseousness. lead them. But in this case they were

HOW TO ELECT A SENATOR.

has settled that point. It has also dis-The Washington Post fiercely arpozed of the tale that the indictments raigns the direct primary system of were a persecution of the defendants cominations because the poor man has from political or personal malice. The no chance. The late primary in Virrimes were real, and in prosecuting the ginia cost the successful candidate for defendants the officers of the Govern-Senator upward of \$11,000. The winning ment were simply doing their duty as candidate for Governor paid out \$9000. they had sworn. So much can no It was all warranted by law. "The primary," says the Post, "makes neces-It is a fine thing to know once and sary a headquarters, clerks, stationery, for all that Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Heney postage, advertising, railroad journeys, and their subordinates have been acting

nd other proper expenses. How would from honest motives and not from mai-Dan Voorbees ever have got to the Senice. It is also fine to see wrongdoers ate under such conditions? How would brought to justice; and if these were Wade Hampton ever have got there?" the only results of the trials they would To be sure. How would they? Also be adequate. The time and money o how did they get there? And suppose they hadn't? What of it? We have the Government would have been well spent. But the justification of Mr. ong been led to believe that it is just Hitchcock's motives and the punishlittle more expensive than \$9000 or ment of the actual criminals are not the \$11.000 for many Senators-most .of only, nor are they the most important, them, perhaps-to procure an election. results of the land-fraud prosecutions Headquarters, postage, stationery, rall-To study these cases as they deserve coad journeys, clerks and other things one must look at them not as isolated are necessary in the campaign of any events originating and ending upon the Senator before a Legislature; and still Pacific Coast, but as part of a great more things are usual and even indisethical drama as wide as the Nation pensable. If they were not, we may be in its action; growing out of the circum julte sure that some seats in the United stances of our civilization, and by its States Senate, which are now occupied by neither Hamptons, Voorheeses nor others like them, would have somebody That contempt of the individual for in them besides Clark of Montana, Depew of New York, Allee of Delaware

and Penrose of Pennsylvania. Argument in favor of the present system of electing Senators on the ground of conomy is comething really new and startling. Yet we are obliged to acknowledge

that the direct primary in Oregon is an experiment-so far as it pertains to enators, an untried experiment with a problematical outcome. No one knows ow it will work. No one knows whether the Legislature will pay the slightest attention to any candidate for Senator successful in the primary. No one knows how far the primary pledges will be regarded as binding on legislators. No one knows whether failure or refusal to make any pledge will militate against any candidate for the Legislature. Everybody knows that we have much to learn yet about the direct primary, but no one, candidate or otherwise, has objected to the innovation because he fears that it will be

SOME AVOIDABLE HANDICAPS. The British steamship Oceano, after

more expensive than the old system.

direct violation of precedent, and would count in part for our indifference to have made it necessary for the pilots to proceed to their station much earlier But we note of late years an extra-

than will now be possible. The hard-and-fast rules of the Government compel shipping to waste an undue amount of time in getting through quarantine, and, as we are several thousand miles away from the seat of power, the evil is not easily remedied. There is a Pilot Commission, however, here on the scene, which has power to facilitate the handling of shipping at the mouth of the river by holding the pilots to a strict accountability for delays and disaster. Perhaps, if some of the business men who suffer by this faulty service were placed on the Pilot Commission, there would be an improvement.

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Baron Komura has started from New York westward to his home in the Far East, not only without misgivings concerning the reception that will be given him by his countrymen, but, as stated by Baron Kaneko, one of his party, in anticipation of a cordial welcome when he reaches Yokohama. If the Japanese government is not strong enough to protect its peace commissioner from the fury of the mob element, it is pitlably weak. As to the higher element in Japan-the men of prudence and forethought, who lead the more intelligent masses-they have quietly acquiesced in

the work of the peace commissioners from the first, and, if not satisfied, have curbed their disappointment and maintained the discreet silence which is characteristic of the more cultivated men of Japan. There is a noisy element there as elsewhere, and this element broke out riotously when the peace terms with Russia were made known. It is believed that this spasm of wrath has spent itself, and that the envoys will be received at Tokio with the dignity and cordiality befitting their work and its importance.

President William Rainey Harper, of the University of Chicago, has made a

brave fight against the insidious disease by which he was attacked some months ago, and apparently a losing one. Cancer, which, next to leprosy, is the despair of medical science and the relentless foe of human life when its germs once find lodgment in the human body, is about to triumph over surgical skill n his case, as it has done in so many others, with the result that a brave and useful life is entering the valley of the shadow. Dr. Harper's resignation in the face of the inevitable is as sublime as his courage in fighting the disease that is soon to triumph over him. Those who are close to him in the domestic and social relations of life have gathered at his home to await the end, while the educational world awaits in sorrow and sadness the going out of a bright light from its firmament.

A Chicago dispatch announces that a

umber of large New York corporations will remove to Chicago in order that their employes may escape the contamination of Wall-street gambling. It is not clear that the gambling germ in these employes will be killed by Chicago air so long as the Windy City remains the headquarters of the "bucket-shop" gambling of the United States. High finance as applied to stocks and bonds may be a little slow in Chicago, as comsured with New York, but the Chicago wheat pit offers greater opportunity for quick action for gamblers than was ver possible in Wall street. Many employers of labor have promoted the cause of temperance by refusing to employ a man who drank to excess. The same method of reform would undoubtedly work to advantage if applied to men addicted to gambling.

Hall Caine has publicly announced that he would not give up being a novand has large au elist to become either a millionaire or a President. This might be taken as a confession of Mr. Caine's knowledge of his own limitations. The novelist reaches his pedestal in the hall of fame light, but the delay is expensive for the by the exercise of a most vivid imagowners, and the underwriters must foot ination. It would be impossible for the millionaire to rake in dollars, or the President to secure votes, by such an agency. Novelists, millionaires and Presidents have but little in common. and the author of "The Deemster," "The Christian" and others is in no immediate danger of being called on to leave his post as a writer of lugubrious novels to become a financier or a poli-

OREGON OZONE Impressions of Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 24 .- The

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first thing you see when you get off the train at the Southern Pacific depot in the Great Northern to build and operate Los Angeles is the Methusaleh of the palm tree family. It stands just outside the station, where you board the street the north bank of the Columbia River. car. This tree is surrounded by a small This practically makes Portland a threeplot of grass and an iron fence. It is railroad town, where it had been a one, old and has to be protected. It looks as Dr. while the Northern Pacific has a line if the snows of centuries have descended from Tacoma down to Portland, the haul upon it; but they tell me that this city by that roundabout way, over the Casnever permits snow to fall, as that would cade range, was so long and expensive interfere with its reputation as a snow- that the Northern Pacific has not been less, frostless climate. Consequently it a troublesome competitor of the Harriman may be dust instead of snow that whitens system in Oregon. the head and whiskers of this aged paim

tree. Yes, truly, a palm has whiskers. the Puget Sound citles of Seattle and Ta-Usually the whiskers are of a muddy gray, denoting age. Now and then in lines. Seattle in recent years had rather Los Angeles you will find a palm tree taken the lead over Portland in populathat has been shaved. Somebody has informed me that this sort of tree merely has the appearance of having been shaved, but it is really of another spe- that city such an impetus as will leave cles than the bearded paim. I cannot say as to that; I am not up on palmistry. My intention was to study this venerable palm, as it was the first I had seen of proached it to read the tin placard tackthe sort in Southern California. I aped to its trunk. The fact that it bore a placard and that it looked so ancient proved that it had a history. When I read the first word of the inscription I turned sadly away. The word was perity. "Washington." No doubt this is one of It wi the many trees under which George Washington took command of the army. have been shown a dozen of them in the vicinity of Cambridge, Mass., but it Portland, and if that company does 'not is going to be a difficult matter to make find a way to carry the burden to the me believe that Washington took command of the army in Los Angeles. There is a statue near by that looks like Chris. topher Columbus from a distance, but I Seattle and Portland may be anticipated am determined not to approach it. These for the next four or five years. Seattle

people will have a hard time convincing the undersigned that Columbus discovered the sponge because its rival has a little America by setting foot on Santa Catalina | better of the present round. The proba-Island, instead of San Salvador. I am from Oregon by way of Missouri.

Los Angeles, they tell me, is painted green in the winter time. Just now it looks thirsty. The town needs a drink of Oregon mist for its summer beverage. Some drops of rain fell the other day for

the first time in four months, and the people stood out in the streets with their heads back and their mouths open to catch the drops. But Los Angeles proposes to have all the water it needs, both winter and summer. The city has voted bonds to pipe the Owens river up in Inyo size of a good, big schoolboy, and are County, across the desert 240 miles to The Los Angeles Times remarked this morning that the Owens river project and like everything. When you suddenly the Panama canal both will be finished at | about the same time, five years hence. The Times seems to claim both the Owens and the Panama projects as Los Angeles enterprises. Los Angeles airships just now are experimenting in the upper strata, the common belief being that the secret intention of the aeronauts is to sall to the moon and arrange for that luminous body to remain stationary over the city as a Los Angeles searchlight. Some people up in Inyo County are objecting to the appropriation of the Owena river, and it may be that other parts of the world will protest against this con-

There are more religions in Los Angele. than one can find anywhere else on earth. They are all here, from the most ancient to the one that was promulgated at 5:15 p. m. today. There are Pagans, Sun-worshipers, Christians, Holy Rollers and holy terrors here. It appears that whenever any othodox preacher decides to become unorthodox he comes to Los Angeles and is received with open arms and open purses. Then he keeps open house

THREE NORTHWEST CITIES. Spokane Spokesman-Review.

Portland people are naturally elated by the decision of the Northern Pacific and jointly a new railroad into that city from Kennewick, on the Northern Pacific, down

Naturally, too, there is some concern in coma over this bold stroke by the Hill tion and commercial supremacy. This new turn of events puts Portland again in the running and may be the means of giving Seattle to the rear. It is not clear how Tacoma, with only one railroad, the Northern Pacific, and sitting between two powerful rivals on the north and south, which already separates it from Seattle and Portland. Tacoma, however, bas resources and attractions which assure its continued growth and pros-

It will, of course, cost the Northern Pacific more to haul a ton of wheat over the Cascade Mountains to Tacoma than to haul it down the Columbia River to easier destination it will, indeed, be de serving of Tacoma's gratitude. In any event, a lively race between

spirit is not the kind that throws up bilities are that the progressive men who have done so much to build that fine city in the wilderness will set their jaws a little harder and go at the contest with

renewed determination. Benny on the Catfish.

Chicago Tribune. The catfish is a slippery, gooey kind of fish, that inhabits all kinds of water, but prefers dirty water. It looks like a large head with a body and tall stuck

on to it. Catfish frequently attain the quite irritable and feroclous. They have It is going to cost only \$23,000,000. sharp figgers on their sides and eisewhere with which they can jab you pull a small catfish with a large head and a yellow underside out of the water and flop it on the bank it sometimes makes a noise like "glug," which is cat-fish for swearing. Once there was a man who lived on the Mississippi River. A large catfish had broken all and swallowed all his hooks. 111 He made a big iron hook, fastened it to the end of a long leather strap, took a porterhouse steak for bait, and caught the catfish. It weighed 214% pounds. He told another man about it, and the other man told father. If it had weighed 215 pounds he would have mid so, works of creation are wonderful. The Let us always he honest and courageous, and obs our parents and teachers, and templated monopolization of the moon. we will grow up to be useful.

BENNY. Bryan Strongest Man in His Party.

Louisville Heraki,

How could Colone! Bryan be otherwise than he thus pathetically describes him-self? Forty-five, in the full possession of physical strength and activity, ready, three years hence, to encounter another defeat for the Presidency? Grover Cleve-

WHAT IS ORIGIN OF LIFE? American Medicine,

For nearly two months the newspapers of the country have been printing sensational articles with regard to the supposed discovery of the beginnings of life, as made by one of the assistants in science at Cambridge, England, during June. The announcement that the action of radium on a sterile culture medium produced appearances as of life came at a very favorable time to be well exploited. With regard to appearances of life, the medical profession perhaps has been deceived oftener than any other class of serious scientific students. For years cancer investigation in many countries has apparently pointed to the fact that certain parasites connected etfologically with the new-growth existed within the cells, at least, growin extented within the cells, at least, of the luxuriantiv growing tissues. These parasitic appearances have been described by many observers, and have been plc-tured in many ways. Photographic re-productions of them have been given time and again, and faithful artists have cop-led them in minutest details. For nearly two decades there has been a discussion two decades there has been a discussio as to what these appearances mean, and those most interested in them have not hesitated to proclaim them indepen living beings. In the last few years there has come a revulsion of feeling, and now practically all the authorities in pathology are agreed that these appearances are only signs of degeneration within the cells, or artefacts caused by the staining and other methods of preparation for study. Under these circumstances it would not be surprising for medical scien-

thats, at least, to be especially skeptical in accepting appearances under the mi-croscope as any evidence of the existence of life, unless there were other proofs for this supposition. With regard to the sup-posed germs of life, or radiobes, as their discoverer called them, claiming not absolutely to consider them as living, and yet begging the question by the very des-ignation which he employed, there will have to be very careful investigation be-fore even the possibility of their repre-senting life can be entertained.

As to the beginning of life, if there really are any such things, in the present stage of our evolution it seems probable that they would be smaller than those which have been under Mr. Burke's ob-servation in England. There are some micro-organisms definitely recognized that are no larger than the appearances de-scribed by the English scientist, while the cauge of foot-and-mouth disease, as th-vestigated by Loeffler some eight years ago, is probably so small that it is quite beyond the range of any microscopic pow-ers that the German investigator could obtain, though as his investigation was carried on under the authority of the German government, and therefore with the best possible microscopes available, it would seem that there could be no doubt about the accuracy of his ob tion. It would naturally be expected that any so-called beginning of life would be much smaller than any definite organism known to exist. The organism of the

foot-and-mouth disease, however, though invisible, can be grown very readily, and though it passes through a Pasteur filter. it can produce infection even when it has been diluted many times in successive cul-ture mediums. This is one crux of the present sensational announcement; an-other is to be found in the fact that so far in the experience of medical practitioners, radiations such as come from radium, far from encouraging life in any way, have shown a distinct tendency to

inhibly it.

That radium inhibits life has been true not only of micro-organisms in culture mediums, but also of such rapidly grow-ing cells as those of malignant growths in the human body. The physical agent with which physicians have had most to do and that most nearly resembles radium in its effects is the roentgen ray, and that has always been destructive and not con-structive in its effect. It was the announcement not many months since of its destructive action on germinal particles even in human beings, that threatened to wreck its popularity as a therapeutic agent. Its effect on the life of spermatozon was found to be extremely unfavor-able, to the extent even of rendering sterile those who were not careful in the land, out of three Presidential candidacies, drew two victories, but he has no follow-ing today in the masses of the Democratic departments of biology. The larvae of inects failed to undergo their usual meta

morphosis into winged creatures after having been exposed to the roentgen rays

for some time. Its effect on seeds is al-ways to delay growth and eventually to kill the germ of life in them if only they

are exposed to its action long enough. It would be indeed surprising, then, if a similar agent should prove to be a pro-

Analogies are not arguments, but still the true significance of a scientific obser-

vation can often be best understood by

English Girl Gardeners.

(New York Press.)

in England, and they are ready to produce credentials proving their competncy from such institutions as Swanley Horticultural

College, Studeley Castle or the School of the Royal Botanic Society in London. The

the Royal Botanic Society in London. The education in horticulture and floriculture in these institutions is thorough and prac-tical, but by no means inexpensive. The two years' course in Swanley costs \$400 a year, and at Studeley the price is higher than in the majority of the most fashion-able seminaries either in the United View

able seminaries either in the United King-dom or in the United States-41100 yearly. The Royal Botanic Society, which receives

graduates from any of the three can give spades to the male gardener when it comes to artistic flower bedding.

Misunderstanding

Columbus Dispatch. "Why are you here?" asked the parson, who was visiting the jail, addressing one of the boarders. "Because of a misunderstanding," ex-

plained the ex-bookkeeper. "The boss said it was time to begin taking stock, and after I had taken about a cartload he had

ducer of life where there was none befor

means of analogy.

MR. TAFT RETURNS.

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Secretary Taft and his party have returned from their tour in the Orient. They have inspected the Philippines hobnobbed with the Mikado and drunk rea with Tsi An. If the twenty-three Representatives and seven Senators ly overdeveloped, while our sense of the went along do not know a great deal more than they did when they left home, it is not Mr. Taft's fault. He per- population becomes denser government severes in the somewhat antiquated no tion that a Congressman possesses al- takes more and more of the aspects of most human capacity for acquiring personality. It begins to protect, to edknowledge, and that there is such a ucate, to care for his health, to provide thing as getting evidence enough to- for his happiness, and in proportion as gether to change the mind of a stand- it does these things the sense of oblipatter, and possibly he is right. It is gation toward it develops in the citizen. well to be hopeful, at any rate.

If it is actually true, as some have as- Roosevelt and the one that assures him serted, that nothing under heaven will a place in history among the greatest change a standpatter's opinions, then of men is his transformation of the pop the trip to the Orient has been wasted, uiar ideal of the Governmeht from the for Mr. Taft's primary purpose was to taxgatherer to the friend and protector convince his personally party of Congressmen that some low- taxgatherer and nobody can believe it ring of the Dingleyite barriers hetween us and our dearly loved Filipino the Government when it has come to wards is practical and necessary. The Congressmen may have been instructed by their journey, but they were not all Roosevelt has wrought this transforma-Senator Patterson, of Colocheered. nes home with the gloomiest lews. He is positively depressing. The Philippines, he thinks, are a smoldering volcano. Mr. Teft, on the other hand, is full of hope. He found Manila grow-ing into an American town with & complete outfit of schools, saloons, bacilli, and, presumably, grafters. He dimly suggests that the Congressmen's intellects may have been affected by the agricultural conditions which he precented touching upon the tariff, and he tound the Filipino government moving tuward efficiency and economy.

It is pleasant to learn from him that the vexed questions arising from the lic mind. Nevertheless, the amount friars' land titles are on the way to a settlement. The government has actred the land and the price is to be every man has, or thinks he has, proparbitrated. The next step will be to di- erty to waste, as the case has always vide the tracts in small holdings among Mr. Taft's very hopeful him care much about the penny or two views about the Chinese boycott are the that goes to the grafters. Out of our only ones he expresses which seem abundance we could replace the thefts based upon an insufficient knowledge of with much less trouble than we could facts in the case. He thinks the punish the thieves. Thus we may ac-

clai unit, moving in his own orbit. being ensnared in the meshes of Gov woe of his fellows, what is he in our thickly settled rural districts? What the blunders of somebody, has at last real sense of the civic entity as a reached the drydock in this city. Acmeficent whole exists among the farmers of Iowa or Nebraska, and what has the civic entity, or the Nation, ever done to create such a sense? It has the repair bill. The accident, coming tone something. It affords a rather vague protection to their lives and more effective protection to their property. It occasionally presents them with a public building for a postoffice. Beyond that, the only real and vital relation between the citizen and the Nation, even in our most populous states, is that of the taxpayer to the taxgatherer, while upon the frontier the individual is left absolutely to himself. Organized society does nothing for him either to help or hinder. The conditions of frontier life do little or nothing to develop social consciousness and obligation; they do everything to develop the individual consciousness

surpose, which is doubtful, it is cer-

and powers. It must be remembered also that

best friend.

every part of this Nation has been within very recent times a frontier, and we shall then begin to understand why it is that in America our sense of the rights of the individual is so enormouspublic as an entity having rights and subject to wrongs is only nascent. As draws nearer to the individual and The prime achievement of President conducted of the common man. Nobody loves the much of a sin to cheat him; but to rob be the people's friend is a very different thing. And it is precisely because Mr. tion in the very nature of our concept of government that we all sympathize with him in his victorious campaign against graft. We were never able to perceive the iniquity of graft until we

came to see that it is an injury to our One may discern without much effor another reason why Americans have not in former years been very sensitive to thefts of public property. The fact that to steal from the public is to steal from every man in the country is the least of all reasons for condemning graft, but it is the most patent and per haps the most effective upon the pubstolen from any one person is infinitesimal in many cases, and when nearly been in America, it is difficult to make discovery, however, would have been a

ernment red tape and stranded through tual physical injuries to the vessel are at the beginnig of what promises to be an active season, is anything but a good advertisement for the port. According to reports from the lower river, there was no one to blame for the disaster to the Oceano. The steamer apparently took the bit in her teeth, as it were, and left the channel to plie up on the splt. There is a tradition that away back in the dim and misty past the Board of Pilot Commissioners investigated such accidents as that which delayed the Oceano and fixed the blame for them, but nothing of this nature occurs now. The quarantine station has been estab lished for more than five years, and during that period scores of big steam-

ships have been piloted up and down the channel leading to and from it, The Oceano was drawing less than fifteen feet of water, a draft so light in comparison with some of the shins that have made the trip in safety that the performance is certainly not a high tribute to the skill of the pilot. After

cruising over the grounds for five years, it would seem that a little better knowledge of the channels might be one of the qualifications demanded of a pllot. One of the excuses appearing it the newspaper accounts of the trouble is that a buoy was missing. This, to a degree, is an extenuating circumstance but if a fifteen-foot ship cannot be kept in the channel by men who have been using it for years without the aid of buoys, it might be well to establish compulsory pilotage and depend altogether on buoys. More buoys and less pilots might, after all, prove an advantage. In the old days of the Flavel regime on the bar, sufficiently clear eyesight to discern the smoke of the tugboat which was leading the way was about the only qualification insisted on

for a bar pilot, but the demands of present-day commerce require some thing better. If the overworked Board of Pilo Commissioners should decide to investigate the grounding of the Oceano, they might also make some inquiry into the present whereabouts of the

state pilot-boat. With a number of sailing vessels and steamers due, and the weather not at all conducive to the pence of mind of mariners approaching the Columbia for the first time, it might be supposed that the pilot schooner, rested after her Summer of Mieness, was out on the station guarding the shipping. Unfortunately, the schoone is laid up for repairs in this city, it having been discovered simultaneou

with the appearance of the Fall fleet of ships that her masts were rotten and must be replaced. It might be supposed that the overworked and underpaid custodians of the state's property and superintendents of the state's pllots would have discovered these rotten masts in the Summer time, when there was very little for the pilot-boat to do out on the cruising grounds. Such a

Royalty must come up with its taxes in Imperial Germany. The Crown Prince has an estate in the Oels disrict which he inherited from his grandfather. Upon this the assessors of the district levied taxes to the amount of \$1250. The Crown Prince claimed exemption under the statute that exempts the crown from taxation. The Superior Court of Prussia has, however, decided

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the case against the Prince, and he will be required to pay like any burgher in the land. Frederick William is thus early learning lessons in equal rights that will no doubt prove valuable before he closes his life as Emperor of Germany.

The Shepherds' Bulletin, of recent date, contains a review of the wool situation that is encouraging to woolgrowers in the great West. It estimates the wool clip of the current year at 300,000,000 pounds, and the consumption of wool in manufactures at 559.-000,000 pounds per annum. The strength of the situation with reference to domestic wools is therefore clearly apparent, and the outlook is sufficiently encouraging to sustain sheepowners in their determination not to be run off the range by the shotguns of lawless cattlemen.

Securities having a value of \$360,000 were stolen from a Wall-street office Wednesday. Dispatches conveying the news state that the transfer of the se-

curities has been stopped and a detective employed to trace them. These details will prevent the public from jumping at the conclusion that the crime was committed by the life insurance crowd. It will be noted by the developments now coming to light that they never purloined anything that was not immediately negotiable and worth its face value.

Mr. Harriman might as well come up here Monday and talk it over with Mr. Hill. Why don't Peace Plenipotentiary Frank Baker arrange It?

We suppose that Senator Heyburn will be surprised that he said it in the cold, gray gloom of the morning after

Senator Heyburn at least admits that somebody lied.

One more day, and then Portland Day.

High-water mark-100,000.

But the orth dox brethren are here still, preaching in stone palaces, adobe missions and theaters. On the front of a large tent at one of the outlying beeches is a sign that sounds somewhat startling. It reads; "Jesus is coming. Services Here Tonight."

On the map is a place called Morocco, located between Los Angeles and the ocean. One naturally expects to find the place built up with quaint Moorish palaces. Today I took a trolley ride through Morocco just to study Moorish architecture. It was an observation car. The spieler-here he is called a guide-megaphoned the points of interest along the route. At one point there was a little box house, about nine feet square, with a real estate advertisement on it. All around stretched vast fields of beans. Beans to the right of us, beans to the left of us! Just as we reached this little shack the guide shouted: "Now we are going into Morocco?" Immediately there-after he called out: "Now we are going out of Morocco!" That was Morocco. It

reminded men of a place called Hatfield, in Western Kansas, which was advertised to the extent of full pages in city daily papers during the Kansas boom days. Being in that vicinity, one day I determined to drive across the prairie and visit Hatfield. I calculated that I should reach the city by noon, and there were visions of a good dinner at the leading hotel. After traveling until 2 p. m., with no indication of the presence of a metropolis, I stopped at a lonely windmillme of those affairs with a two-story box house built up around it-and inquired the direction to Hatfield. A man tuck his head out of the upper window

and replied: "This is Hatfield." That man was John H. Whitson, now a wellknown novelist. He was running a weekly paper at Hatfield, his office and realdence being in the windmill.

Los Angeles needs no eulogies. Never theless, a man who came here recently from the East and settled down is said to have written back to a friend: "I ought to be happy, but I am not. I shall have to die some time, and I'm afraid I shall be disappointed in heaven."

ROBERTUS LOVE.

The Burton Trial.

Discussing the new trial of Senator turton, which will be held in St. Louis In October, the Topeka (Kan.) Journal says "there is undoubtedly considerable sympathy felt for Burton in Wash ington. Washington is a hot-bed of grafting. Burton is by no means the only grafting. Burton is by no means the only United States Senator who is guilty of wrongdoing, as has been shown, but he is the first one who was caught. Other grafters would like to see Burton go free so as to lesson the chances of their being found out and punished. There has been considerable talk, too, among Burton's friends, that Burton was singled out by the administration for punishment, while other high grafters were not tuoched; but that is is not true is shown by the conviction of at least one other United States Senator since, and the prompt dis-missal from the service of numerous high officials who have been guilty of transacmissial from the service of numerous high officials who have been guilty of transac-tions that appear questionable. Burton was simply the first Senator to feel the hand of justice under President Roosevelt's programme to do away with graft

party. Mr. Bryan, twice defeated, is to-day the strongest man in his party. He He can never again poil as large a popular or receive as large an electoral vote as he did, either in 1896 or 1900, but he can get what remains of the irrecialmable South, and say, when it is over, that he "also ran." Bryan threatens to be the Van Buren of his party.

> Trade Advantages. Baltimore American

A shoemaker is a whole-souled man and generally well helied. A baker can always raise the dough. A butcher can usually contrive to make

th ends meat. A hatter is sure to be a block ahead of

Rather an odd occupation for a young woman, as we would view it through American spectacles, but the girl gardener in England is making such rapid strides that, so far us numbers go, she is going rapidly ahead of the petiticated bee culall other men. A huckster has no trouble with the po

lice in making a good living out of green A baby-carriage manufacturer never

turist in this country, who is the most numerous class in bucolic vocations. "Miss Eve. jobbing gardener, terms, 31.25 a day, fails to push his business. A hairdresser, as a rule, does a thriv-ing business in combination locks. or by contract," is the form of a business announcement sent out by hundreds of stris of excellent and well-to-do families A newspaper man rarely fails to get his

paper on the street. An electrician is always posted on current topics.

Sullivan and Fat Collier's Weekly.

"Nobody loves a fat man anyway," observed the Hon. John L. Sullivan when the sheriff closed his fifty-fourth saloon. Mr. Sullivan threw too much emphasis on what was only one among the causes of his declining popularity. The disap-pearance of comely outlines in his body weighed less with the fickle public than the loss of his ability to plant his fist the loss of his ability to plant his fist upon a fellow-being's jaw with such mo-mentum that the aforesaid man and for the second and \$50 for the third. The brother would instantaneously cease to feel or think.

The Wicked Prosper

Chicago Inter Ocean. And so the soldler is denied the aid to sobriety which the canteen offered him, and is thrown into the vile resorts cre-ated by the denial of that aid. That is the evil done by notably good man and women. By their success in suppressing the can-teen these good men and women have laid snares for the feet of the weak and caused the wicked to prosper. That is the notation unvariated by caused the wicked to prosper. That is the plain, unvarnished truth, as stated by General Grant.

Too General Practice.

A Night in Italy.

me arrested."

Owen Meredith. Sweet are the roay memories of the lips That first kiesed ours, albeit they kies no

That new Asset only stress sailing ships, Sweet is the sight of sumset-sailing ships, Although they leave us on a lonely shore; Sweet are familiar songs, though Music dips Her hollow shell in Thought's forlownest wells; And sweet, though md, the sound of mid-night bells When the open casement with the night-rain drips Midnight, and love, and youth; and Raiy!

Love in the land where love most lovely

seems! Land of my love, though I be far from theo, Lend, for love's sake, the light of thy moon-beams. The spirit of thy crpress-groves, and all Thy dark-sped beauty for a little while To my desire. Tet once more let her sumis Fall o'er me: o'er me ist her long hair fall.

Sad it is, that we can not ever keep That hour to sweeten life's last toll; but Touth Grasps all, and leaves us; and when we would

weep, We dare not let our tears flow, test in truth, They fail upon our work which must be done. And so we bind up our tern hearts from breaking:

Our eyes from weeping and our br

and follow the long pathway all alone

Philadelphia Press. She-Here's an interesting story of a man who begged to be sent to jail in place of his wife. He-Ahal And yet you always declare that men are never self-sacrificing. She-Well, this man's wife happened to be a washwoman, and if she went to jail he'd have to work. The Difficulty.

Plitsburg Gazette. President Roosevelt's character as a temperate man could not be successfully assalled, oven though it were known that he accepted presents of wine, beer and whisky. The incident affords excellent opportunity for a condemnatory word of the too general practice of jumping to conclusions about one's character because of one, or even two or three isolated acts. of one, or even two or three isolated acts.

His Supporter.

weginns if we could tell them apart.

Washington Post. Most of us might be more interested in this scrap between the Swedes and Nor-

