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## THE IMMIGRATION PROBLEM.

In the annual report of the Bureau of Immigration, Commissioner Sargent displays grave concern over the remarkable increase in the number of aliens now pouring into this country During the twelve months ending June 30 the population of the United States was increased over 1,000,000 by the foreigners who swarmed anxiety over the heavy increase in immigration, the Commissioner does not appear to recommend legislation for checking the flow, nor does he inti-mate that there is flagrant violagravity of the immigration problem depends somewhat on the point of view. and the evil attendant on this wholesale importation of alien labor would be the labor could be distributed to better advantage.

Andrew Carnegie was recently quoted as stating that each new immigrant worth \$1000 to the country. Under certain conditions this may be true, and when such conditions are in evidence there will be no objection to the admission of all of the proper class of aliens who care to come. But the poor Autrian, Hungarian, Russian or other nto the crowded labor fields of New York or other New England cities is not worth \$1000 to himself or any one in the country. On the contrary, he intensifies the struggle for existence on the part of those already here, and in many cases fails to improve for himself the conditions under which he lived in the old country. The New England Yankee of the agricultural class has always been regarded as a typical representative of thrift, and, through sheer unproductive soil, has been obliged to practice the most rigid economy in or-

der to exist. But even the economical New England farmer has been practically swept off his feet by this wave of allen immigration, and in the country he is facing the same competition that the laborer and artisan are encountering in the city. The seriousness of the problem has not yet confronted the people of the West, as it has those of the East. As a matter of fact, there is still plenty of room in the West for a large number of the most desirable of these foreign labor-seekers. It is only in the West that the average immigrant now ing into the country can be worth \$1000. or even a small fraction of that sum. be can be bustled through Ellis Island and sent West with a sufficient amount of money to secure a start or some of the millions of acres of land very shortly add more than \$1000 to the wealth of the country. Even as a larer he will find a demand in the West for his labor at wages which in due season will prove that he has been worth \$1000 to himself as well as to the coun-

It is from European Turkey that Commissioner Sargent is expecting the greatest immigration in the future, and he alludes to it as an inexhaustible field as yet virgin to the activities of the immigration agent. President Roosevelt, in his allusion to the immigration problem in his annual message, mentioned the necessity for high-grade foreign Consuls to look after the foreign end of the immigration stream. Much can be done in the way of shutting out undesirable immigrants if the oreign Consuls are careful in the selection of proper subjects to become American citizens, but it would seem as though it was also necessary to the correct solution of the problem that the oming hordes are kept moving after they reach our shores, until they are well past the zone of congested industrial conditions, such as make New York and other Eastern cities breeding-places for crime and misery.

Many a man who invested in Portland real estate two or three years ago has seen his property advance in value 40. 50 and even as much as 100 per cent. Values have advanced because of the rapid growth of population and the increased earning capacity of the property. The certainty that more trans ental roads will build into Portand has made the future greatness of beyond question. Real property in a growing city is always a good level with ordinary market values. What is true of Portland is true of ery part of Oregon. The Williamette Bay, Eastern Oregon, will experience a expenses generally, will enable Salem duty of charity. If their creeds and left for Corvallis growth in population in the next few merchants to undersell Portland deal-

years that will amaze the residents of those sections. The building of steam railroads and electric railroads cannot do otherwise than increase the value of land in the regions traversed. If Oregon were having a wildcat boom, there might be cause for apprehension, but the kind of development this state is now entering upon cannot mean anything less than healthy, rapid growth in values. There is no need to take risks in uncertain investments when so many opportunities are offered for a good profit on investments in Oregon real estate.

DAMAGING FACTS ABOUT US. The Seattle Times makes a noble de fence of the Seattle Spirit, by showing with a great wealth of interesting de tail, and in imposing black letters, that Portland is 100 miles from the ocean, and can never become a seaport. "Not in a thousand years!" remarks the "Today she (Portland) is real-

ising the real situation of a city wholly inland-one hundred miles from the ean-and fifteen miles off the principal river that flows to the ocean, in spite of the fact that the mouth of that river is a perpetual swamp of sand!" The Times also stands ready to prove. If necessary, that "one-half of Oregon's Congressional delegation has been convicted of crimes against the common people which would have put to very shame the stealings of Adams against a great Government, wealthy beyond The great Government, wealthy beyond measure, ought, no doubt, to be ashamed of itself for paying the slightest attention to the pe lations of a petty thief who stole a mere pittance of \$200,000 from the min ers of Alaska, rich beyond the dreams

of avarice.

The ancient Krug defalcation the Times explains at length and in a menner that ought to silence forever such "damnable slanders about Scatas it calls them with justifiable heat. "They were defalcations arising from mistakes of the head, and not of a criminal heart-and Seattle-and the Seattle Spirit, has made good every cent with every penny of interest, and a surplus besides, of that unfortunate affair." We gienn from this thoroughly satisfactory statement (1) that Krug had a good heart that best ever in sympathy with the common people and (I) that when his head went wrong his hand forgot and went with it; and (f) that the Seattle Spirit was on Krug's bond; and (4) that the aforesaid Spirit is still sofvent; and (5) that defaientles in Scattle results in invariable benefit to the public treasury. All this will be

highly agreeable news in Alaska. We are unable to defend ourselves in from the Old World. Despite his from the damaging assertions of the Times about Portland, Indeed, we must confess that our indignant contem porary has understated the truth-in some very harmful particulars. Portland is not 100 miles from the ocean. is 110. The fact that Seattle is 180 the point. Nor will we add that when Seattle ceases to condone offenses against a "great Government, wealth; beyond measure," and begins to convict the offenders and put them in prison, it may have as sound and healthy a condition of public morality as we have in Portland and Oregon,

A bill is to be introduced to reinstate young Meriwether in the Navy. the man who killed a comrade in a fight of fists, forced by the "spirit prevalent in the student body of the Navai Academy. It is difficult to see or to say how far he should be censured. But it is not difficult to see or to say how far the government of the emy should be censured for permitting

Cadet Meriwether told the court-martial that he had his choice between fighting Cadet Branch, who was killed, or of being "left in the same position as another classinate with whom no one has anything to do." In the minds of those who have knowledge of the "spirit" that prevails in and about the educational institutions of the country there can be no doubt of this statement, The fellows are led or pushed into a position in which they must fight, or submit to the alternative of disgrace and of social ostracism.

The "spirit" prevails more or less about all our higher schools-and more rather than less. The individual young fellows who are drawn into the system are not responsible for it. They find and must yield to it, or accept the alternative of exclusion and disgrace. It is all very well to say that a true courage would ignore it. But in practice no one who has manliness in him can.

The masters of our educational institutions know that these practices exdents or collegians are powerless to break away from them. So the young fellow reaches a point where he must fight. The practice may be just as well broken up by the academical or college authorities as the pride of deadly sword play was broken up formerly in the armies. It is not probable that there will be much objection to Meriwether's reinstatement in the Navy. But why can't the Naval Academy and colleges of the land be brought

under better government?

JOINING SALEM AND PORTLAND. Ground was broken yesterday in con struction work on the Salem-Portland electric rallway, and the business men of Salem celebrated the event in appropriate fashion, Commencement of this work is a matter of no small mportance to Salem, and it would have been a reflection upon the business sagacity, as well as the local pride, of her citizens if they manifested no in terest in the occasion. It is announced that the electric line will not follow closely the line of the Southern Pacific. but will bear off toward the west and swing around to the steam railroad again at Woodburn. This means that a new territory will be given rail connection with Salem. All that region to the point where the electric line crosses the Willamette, 20 miles or more from the capital city, will naturally be trib-utary to Salem. All country residents have occasional business at the county seat, and the better the transportation

facilities the oftener they will go Construction of this road will mean a more frequent passenger service be-tween Portland and Salem, and, if competition can bring it about, lower rates and quicker time. It is probably true that better and cheaper transportation Dr. Buckley does well to exclude the probably true that better and cheaper transportation. will increase the travel from Salem to the metropolis, and in some lines of the pulpit. Dr. Small need not fear investment, if the price paid is upon a trade where large stocks are a material level with ordinary market values. factor the purchases by Salem people in Portland will be increased. In general, however, lower rents and lower rates of insurance, as well as lower running But to those very brethren he owes a

which to buy. Portland business men will make more frequent visits to Salem, they will spend their money in Salem hotels and Salem business houses. The relations between the two cities will be closer and more friendly. the capital on the occasion of the breaking of ground, and hopes that in the near future the two cities may join in celebrating the driving of the last spike and running the first through electric car.

TO PRESERVE INDIAN MUSIC. Francis E. Leupp, Commissioner of material interest in the Indians. While he gives due importance to practical methods for their improvement along industrial lines, he considers also measures calculated to protect them physically and to maintain to some exent what is best in their race characteristics. To this end be urges that what is genuinely characteristic in Indian music shall be retained in the Indian schools. The idea is entirely new

and may prove to be worth exploiting As far, however, as the public knows, there is little in Indian music that is worthy of preservation. Those among se lives were cast upon the fron tler before the days when the Indians were gathered upon reservations have heard the weird and dismal death wall of the Indians as they bore a lifeless resting-place in tree or rudely constructed deadhouse. But few there were who were able to discover either nelody or harmony in the long-drawn tones of the death chant. Beyoud this there are few among the early eitlers who ever heard any attempt at singing on the part of Indians. Song and story, however, hint occasionally at some attempt made to turn noise into melody. Thus Whittler in his "The Bridal of Pennacook," recites that

Merrity when the feast was done on the firelli green the dance begun, with squase' shrill stave and deeper hum of old men heating the Indian drum. And ageth in the same poem we find the following recital of the incidents of an Indian death scene:

The most-black brown of me Of women througing round the beds-he tinkling clarm of ring and shell The Pownh chanting a'er the dead. It these the Sachem's home had known. When on her journey long and wild, o the dim world of souls, alone,

These things had their place in the wild and weird life of the aborigines. but we can scarcely think that it is desirable or necessary to perpetuate them n the lives of so-called educated Indians.

Indian music that it may be well to perpetuate. To cultivate these would however, to destroy the simplicity which alone gives charm to them. It could be, to compare ethical or funciful with material things, like furnishing the squaws of the Navajo tribe famed for the beauty and durability of the blankets that they weave by means scarcely more than two sticks and a rade shuttle, with modern looms upon which to prosecute their work, and with imported yarns for its warp and woof, instead of the materials and dyes that they have for ages improvised He is from Nature.

So, also, with other Indian products and characteristics. They belong to a period in the life of a race which has passed or is passing, and to improve them is to destroy whatever charm they possess.

## HOLY LAUGHTER.

Holy dances and boly kisses have ong been appreclated as edifying exercises. Dr. W. F. Small, in his jast to cite, which would have fortified his the experimental stage in grape cut The young lady who had the Bible are we taught that there is a time succeed in it.

to kiss.

In the face of all this, Dr. Buckley, the great theologian and inveterate foe no minister should ever say anything to make his congregation laugh. One might reply to him that many ministers, if they obeyed his precept, would have to keep slient altogether, for their sermons are irresistibly ludicrous when they least intend it, but such a remark would be unkind and therefore out of place. Dr. Buckley animadverts only witty of malice prepense-not upon those who are laughed at because they stupid. Indeed it would take a hard-hearted judge to blame the latter for excling merriment; but Dr. Small is such a judge. Imagine the consternation it would create for some synod of conference to decree that it is a sin for a preacher to be duil! Suppose Dr. Buckley had modified his condemnation a little and decided that the preacher is wicked who puts his congregation to sleep! It would be a sad day for the average sermon were the whole mass of "funny" anecdotes and "amusing in-cidents" ruled out of the pulpit, and it would be unfair to rule them out on the ground of their exciting merriment They excite a ghastly sort/of mirth as much like real merriment as theology is like religion, but nobody ever did or could laugh over their wit. Dr. Buckley does not fear duliness in the pulpit, nor coarse jokes, nor allusions of dousuggestion-all these are safe They cannot harm what Dr. Buckley calls religion. It is wit that he fears, and well he may. Wit is said by rhetoric-makers to be a keen perception of incongruities. Imagine preacher with "a keen perception of incongruities" holding forth upon alm any text from the Bible to a typical congregation of wealth and fashion. Imagine him comparing what they say their conduct. Suppose he should comwith the Master's own way, It is terrible to think of what would happen. and the laughter it would excite from laughter, perhaps, for his creed has eliminated the ridiculous so much of it, at least, that his more orthod brethren say his sect is not Christian.

afraid of a smile, it is Dr. Se It is the duty of us all, to look solemn, especially in church, where the temptation to laugh is most severe.

The Era Club, of New Orleans, incited o wrath by the execution of Mrs. Rogers, rises to a point of order. It doe to the hanging of a woman, but it does object because she is not tried by a jury of her peers a jury, in other words, composed of her own sex. To this was added a denunciation of men. especially husbands, who murder women. So far as we have observed, no voice has been heard in the negative on this last proposition. As to the ther, woman's right to trial by a jury of her peers may, on a technical point, be conceded, but in this case, with the

New York, arrived yesterday after a successful trip across the ocean. She encountered very heavy weather, but succeeded in reeling off as high as 457 knots in a twenty-four-hour run. Her of course, was much less than that of the marvelous German greyounds which scoren across the Atlantic, but it was sufficient to demonstrate that the turbine is a success. The turbine is as great a departure from its predecessor, the direct-acting engine, as propeller steamship was from the old sidewheelers which first crossed the ocean. If the improvement from this time on is in keeping with that which followed the appearance of the first sidewheelers or the first propellers, the turbine steamers will shortly be making new records across the Atlantic,

Statistics gathered by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association show that 132 of the leading manufacturing concerns of the country have been obliged on account of the tariff to establish branch plants in Canada. The resultlarge portion of which is suffered by the Illinois concerns, which are now preparing an appeal to Congress for re-It is hardly probable that this relief will be forthcoming at this sersion of Congress. That eminent school of political economists known as the "standpatters" have not yet awakened from the illusion that we can continue to enjoy the trade of Canada and other foreign countries without the necessity of granting some reciprocal favors in return. By clinging too long to this ncient dream they are courting disaster ut the polls.

The women of the Des Moines Women's Club announce that their purpose is to have fewer and better children. In other words, their motto is quality, and not quantity. The trouble is that there is a notorious lack of quality, if good quality is what is meant. The best men and women do not come from families of one or two children. The children of such families are nearly always selfish and not above the avrage in intelligence. The bright, active, companionable men and women came from families of from four to eight children, where they learned from infancy to give and take, to belt others and be helped in turn. Talk lashes and "royal bands" over here. about quality on the part of parents who choose to have small families is pure assumption, for investigation will not support the claim that the quality is there.

Grape rulture is one of the most fascinating as it is becoming one of the most profitable branches of horticulture in the Willamette Valley. Like every-Sunday's sermon rescues holy laughter thing else, the science of knowing how must be applied to this industry in ormust be applied to this industry in orhate, esteem among the plous, and der to insure success. This knowledge maintains with admirable courage and is readily obtained without the slow not surpass kissing and dancing as a time and money-by simply giving atpromoter of sanctity. There are Scriptention to the instructions given from tural reasons, which Dr. Small omitted time to time by men who have passed head of John the Baptist sent in on a waukie, before the Farmers' Institute, platter persuaded her father to mis- a careful synopsis of which was pubthus by dancing before him: lished in The Oregonian yesterday, is while Solomon expressly says that there commended to the attention of all who is a time to laugh, but nowhere in the desire to undertake grape culture and

A resident of The Dailes has been ar to female suffrage, dares maintain that falsely in securing a divorce. It is to be hoped that the prosecuting officers of this state have not entered upon a policy of briging criminal proceedings against people who commit perjury in such manner, for there is no appropriation available just at present for the construction of an addition to the penitentlary. It would be inhuman to rent ouses in which to herd the covicted perimees.

The degeneracy of the Indian is be ming every day more apparent. Last Friday morning two students from Chemawa Indian School entered a residence in Salem at 5 o'clock in the morning and sought to rob the two female inmates of their money and jewelry. Their more high-minded ancestors would have been inspired by a nobler purpose—the taking of so Such is the result of a commercial age. -

The Governor will probably appoint Mr. Gearln Senator. If he does not, it yielded very well this year. will amount to a refusal to appoint him, and it looks as if matters had apronot take the responsibility of thus creating a great schism among his followers. The opponents of Mr. Gearin would seem to be making themselves and Governor Chamberlain unnecessary

Mr. Gearin isn't afraid to say he is a Democrat. Not now, nor ever. Yet be is ready to support many of President Roosevelt's policies. And the President isn't arraid to say he is a Republican. Two rare men, and they both mean it. But where are we at?

The great turbine ateamer Carmania had to lie off Sandy Hook many hours waiting for a chance to enter New York harbor. This forever dispeis the illu-sion that New York is a scaport, and not an isolated inland city on a freshwater stream

There are not a few gentlemen just now in Oregon who are proud-wher the Governor is looking-to remember that they are Democrats.

It would seem that there is nothing left for Corvallis but to join the foot-

#### SILHOUETTES

Let us hope that the NortBern Pacific and the St. Paul will prove to be more congenial twins than St. Paul and Minneapolis have ever been.

many women as men at the Mark Twain dinner doesn't argue that women do literature half so well as men.

This is one of Opic Read's characteris tic stories:

Cotton Belt train came in on time in a lit-tle town on the line, and the Commercial Club was so pleased if raised a purse for the engineer. Honest man, he was though, and he said, "I can't take this money, friends; this is yesterday's train."

be conceded, but in this case, with the interpretation put upon the term 'peers' by the Era Club, of New Orleans, women would be hanged much more frequently than now, Perhaps that would be in the interest of justice and public morals. Who can tell?

Mary Johnston, the Southern noveled by the Era Club, of New Orleans, women would be hanged much to Hole' may not be itterature, but their moral tone is lofty and they were in a sense pioneers of the renaissance of romantic writing in America. Thousands and dependents, and soil are not always and dependents, and soil are not repeat in this city to the effect that Franking in American, was the typical American citizen.' The pensioners on the roll June 20, 1900, are classified as follows:

The pensioners of the Civil war. The pension roll at the close of the pension with the state-and sallers, and sallers, and sallers, and sallers, and sallers, and dependents, and the pensioners on the roll June 20, 1900, are classified as follows:

Revolutionary War.—Widews, 1: daughters, the typical American citizen," replied the close of the pension roll at the close of the pe

The lariest man in the world has been discovered at last. He lives in Kansas City and has invented a patent firebuilder which he operates from his bed.

After all, however, his contrivance may render a great service to humanity by doing away with one of the chief causes of domestic infelicity—the morning row as to who shall get up and make the fire.

Harbin has been sacked and burned by the riotous Russian troops. Puor old Harbin. She must realize that peace hath her "rough houses" no less disorderly

The cases referred to above under

"rough houses" no less disorderly

The titles of members of the British Cabinet are almost as high-sounding as those of an American fraternal insurance of pensioners was reached July 3 those of an American fraternal insurance

entrary notwithstanding, it does seem as if Oregon should throw in "find" with that \$1500 salary it pays the Governor.

wants to preserve the music of the Amer ican Indian. Oh joy! What bliss that on graphophones and ulcerated songs, Oh, plague take it! Just as we are

beginning to get settled comes along this threat of the Roumanians to drive out the Hungarians. That will mean an increase in the circulating medium of goo

## A Lady Poetess.

Miss Edithelts Gristleback, the beautiful and talented daughter of Major Guillver G. Grietleback, is one of the most rising young poetesses in the Valley, where most of the pomes come from Her latest effort appears in last week's Salem Statesman and the genial literary editor of that famous paper says it is "one of the best he ever seen." By special permission it is reprinted below:

## Xmastide.

Now Xmas is almost here of political friction.

Four thousand seven hundred and Bringing with it its happy pleasantness

Of course we all love to have it rain But I hope it will not do it when the merry day has came Gally we all to buying presents have

And are anticipating much pleasure

While all the happy choirs and Epworth Leagues are practicing a anthem. So let us all rejoice both great and small, rested upon the charge that he swore The rich in his fine raiment and the poor in overhauls, this is the blessed season that we

call Xmastide and do attend the tonsorial artists' annual ball. The memory of William Lloyd Garrison is fortunate in having so able a chample

Horticultural Notes A lot of people would like to discus J. F. Boetje's paper on grape-culture if they knew how to pronounce his name.

Luther Burbank is said to be working p a cross between tamale and frankforter plants and expects to produce

This is the best time to trim father for Christmas presents.

No, Angelface, eggplant is not used in the manufacture of eggnog. You must be thinking of the nut-sundae, which also

This department would like to suggest ed so far that the Governor will that if Henry Ankeny and Phil Metschen would mow their whiskers out of the fence corners they might sell a few bales

I hope McCredie to buying the Portland ball team for export purposes. Jim Corbett says he's too much of a

gent to fight Kid McCoy. James has evidently given up alt hopes of breaking into New York's smart set and live the decent life.

ARTHUR A. GREENE.

## Doesn't Work Now.

a train. "Where does your brother work now?" asked the elder. A pained shocked expression came over the face of the younger. "Oh, my brother don't work; my brother has a position!" he exclaimed proudly. There are grades in the dignity of labor.

Chicago Record-Heraid.

Professor Lowell declares that the caals on Mars are artificial, and not the result of any natural process. He is un-able, however, to say whether they are sea-level or lock affairs, thus leaving the Panama partisans right where they were

## UNCLE SAM'S PENSION BILL.

From the report of the Secretary of the In-terior for Secal year ended June 30, 1966. The report of the Commissioner of Pensions shows that during the fiscal year the total number of pensionon the roll was L.346,627, and the number remaining on the roll at the end of the year was \$98,441, a net gain of 2679 over the previous year. The gains to the roll during the year were the roll during the same time by death vessels of greater honor. Had a butter were 43,882, and from other causes. Soll a total of 48,186, a net gain for the pear of 3672. The number of deaths of soldier and safer receivers for soldier soldier honor. Had a butter we selected it might have symmetrically the distribution of the distribution of the same time by death vessels of greater honor. Had a butter dish been selected it might have symmetrically the distribution of th the roll during the same time by death 4303, a total of 48,186, a net gain for he year of 3672. The number of deaths

4. War of 1812 widows, Tie. Indian wars-Survivors, 2205; widows, 5461. War with Moxico-Survivors, 4540; willows,

The cases referred to above under the head of "Regular establishment" embrace those in which the disability

So long as Princeille remains a part of originated in service in the Army, the State of Oregon, we ought to sing low about Cossack atrocities.

The titles of members of the British since the close of the war with Spain and since the close of the war with Spain and the insurrection in the Philippine

Prior to 1905 the maximum number order.

Prior to 1905 the maximum number of pensioners was reached July 31. 1902, when it was 1.001.484; this number was exceeded during the fiscal year 1905, when it was 1.001.496. Two hundred and ninety-one thousand two hundred and intervented of all classes were adjudicated during the year; 175.731 by allowance and \$1.534 by rejection. Included in the number of some oft-quoted phrase of failwances were 4915 claims in the chiles of highwaymen.

The Postmasier-General complains at the decrease in postal revenues. Tis an equal or higher rate. Certificates the years go on. Mr. Bartlett, of "Familiar Quotations" John Bartlett, of "Familiar Quotati claims were rejected on legal grounds, title to pension not having been shown by sufficient evidence.

The number of claims pending July 1904, was 285,523, and there were of during the year 217,425 new apilcutions of all kinds. At the close of sations of all kinds. At the close of the year only 220,822 were pending, \$5,495 being original claims, in which no allowance has ever been made, but which are now in process of adjudication. The total number of male pensioners at the close of the year was 717,158—246,125 on account of disability of service origin, 455,224 on account of disability of service origin, 455,224 on account. ity of service origin, 465,224 on account of disability of service origin, 465,224 on account of disability whether due to service or not, and 6509 old war survivors. The total number of female and dependent pensioners was 281,282, 92,660 by reason of death of the soldier or sallor from causes due to service 176.

125 on account of service of soldier or sailor, 11,855 on account of service of soldier or sailor, 11,855 on account of service of soldier or soldier in old wars urior to March 4.

The present system of examining applicants for pension is a most uncertain, expensive and unsatisfactory method, the system being liable to ly an outco outside control and political dictation.

forty-two examining surgeons are employed to make medical examinations of claimants for pension and increase of pension, of whom 86 are single surgeons, 507 are designated specialints distributed throughout the United States, and the remainder, 4142, are organized into boards of three mem-bers each. The amount appropriated for this service during the year was \$500,000, of which \$722,550,32 was ex-1830,600, of which \$723,530,22 was expended During the year, four of the 18
pended During the year, four of the 18
pended agencies occupied leased quarters, at a total annual rental of \$10,600.
During the present fiscal year, ending pension agencies occupied term at a total annual rental of \$10.600, term at a total annual rental of \$10.600, and the present fiscal year, ending June 39, 1936, the agencies at San Francisco and Indianapolis will in all like-lihood be furnished office room in Government buildings, leaving but two ernment buildings, leaving but two perments buildings, leaving but two probably uppermost in the Baltic Provinces. His part in curbing the ambition of Napoleon was probably uppermost in the Quaker boy's mind, when he wrote these lines, which are the land of the reputational control of the provinces. His part in curbing the ambition of Napoleon was probably uppermost in the Quaker boy's mind, when he wrote these lines, which are the land of the reputational control of the reputation of the provinces.

The act of August 7, 1882, provides that marriages shall be proven in pension cases to be legal marriages according to the law of the place where the parties resided at the time of marriage or at the time when right of pension accrued. The effect of this law has been to deny claimants in many instances the status of legal widowhood, although the equities apmany instances the status of legal widowhood, although the equities ap-pear to be in favor of such claimants. I desire to reliterate the recommenda-tion contained in previous reports that Congress so amend the act as to provide for the admission of evidence to prove marriages for pensionable purposes by a standard which will be uni-

poses by a standard which will be uni-form throughout the entire jurisdic-tion of the United States.

The disbursements for pensions by the United States from July 1, 1790, to June 30, 1885, were \$96,445,444.23; the total cost of pensions and expenses con-nected with the administration of the pension laws from the inter date to the present time, with the number of the present time, with the number of pensioners, is shown in the following

## FRANKLIN'S FAME AT HOME.

New York Evening Sun.

The state of which Pennypacker is the grotesque head recently contributed the sum of \$25,000 to buy a silver service for the officers' mess of the cruiser Pennsylvania. It fell to the Governor to select the "faces" of distinguished citizens of the state to be placed on the various the state to be placed on the various "pieces." That of Franklin was put upon fains to the roll during the year were

\$5.50 new pensioners, and 200 restorations and genewals, a total of 51.865;
of this number 158 were pensioned by
special acts of Congress. The losses to

and other important bodies, which point
out that they can't see why the profiles
of such comparatively unknown great
men as James Wilson, John Dickinson
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the circumstances. It was refused," an the Governor, with a gleeful chuckle.

Governor Pennypacker is then reported to have indulged in some heated remarks on the subject of the wild outs sowed by the philosopher at a time when he ought to have been resping the harvest of a re-bellious and hot-biooded youth.

We can imagine Duniel Wobster greeting Mat Quay beyond the Styx, characteristic and old-fushioned co and saying: 'Take my chair. I y you, for Pennypacker, an enthusiastic and discriminating student of history, says that you are the greater man."

#### A USEFUL WORKER.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican, lost an old friend; but he has left them his gift, which is no less in demand as the years go on. Mr. Bartlett was of the the decrease in postal revenues. The easy. Strictly modern young people send their love letters over the long-distance 'phone.

Before it's finished the Panama Canal is likely to have cost as much as the Marcopin County courthease.

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I renew the recommendation contained in my last annual report that apropriate legislation he enacted by Congress for the retirement from duty of suparamnusted clerks or aged employes. The present system of examples of the retirement from duty of suparamnusted clerks or aged employes. The present system of examples and they had no children. Aniong other things which Mr. Bartlett did in the way of let ters was his edition of Angler" of Izank Walton. This was real. ly an outcome of the recreation of his life, the sport of fishing, about which he made a large collection of books, and gave it to Harvard College library. Mr. Bartlett was one of those quiet, sequestered, self-effac-ing characters, who rejoice in their work, but care not to be known.

#### Lines on the Death of Alexander First, Emperor of Russia.

The Independent.
(This peem of Whittler's was written before anything of his was ever published, and has uel T. Pickard, Amesbury, Mass.)—By John Greenleaf Whittier. The pride of the North to the tomb has de-

scended, The glory of Russia has sunk in decay: or departed is he whose dominion extended O'er Tartar and Cossack with absolute

cold and still is the heart of the princely commander,
The star of his glory is set in death's

gloom;
The clods of the valley enshroud Alexander,
And Azof's tide washes the base of his
tombs

As a tyrant and despot the world may upbraid him,

And vilely with infamy his memory brand,
Unlike to the time when with awe it surveyed

him.

The wonder of Europe, the pride of his land.

It look to the records of grandeur and glory How few can be found within History's story, More worthy than he of the tribute

Long ages may pass, and the distant sun fing out Its cold beams on many an Emperor's And the bells of St. Petersburg marrily ring

'A welcome to others to rise in their room, and there may not be found when the long Of those who have sat upon Russia's high throne, prince more observing than he who reposes Where Axof's tide washes his monument

# A Pathetic Tale.

Lady (at book store)—I want to get a good novel to read on the train—something rather pathetic.

Salesman—Let me see. How would "The Last Days of Pompell" do?

Lady—Pompell" I never heard of him, What did he die of?

Salesman—I'm not quite sure, ma'amsome kind of an eruption, I've heard.—Harner's Weekly. Harper's Weekly.

## · Are There Others?

Phorida Times-Union.
Christmas is coming
And Santa Claus, too!
And befor dead broke,
Lord, what shall I do?
The children will cry,
Their mother will pout—
Fil have to go to