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THE SHIP-SUBSIDY BILL.

As was expected, the Senate has passed the ship-subsidy bill. The effect will be to take money from the Treasury, paid in by all the people, and turn it over to a group of subsidy-seekers, already rich, for their further enrichment; and to build up in the country another great and oppressive trust, auxiliary to the steel trust, or part of it. Should the subsidy lead to ship con struction in American shipyards, it would be, under present circumstances, virtually a further bonus paid to the steel trust. For hitherto the cost of postructing merchant ships in American yards has been made unduly high combinations supported by protective tariff, which compel the payment for structural steel and ship plates of a much higher price than is lemanded by these same producers of foreign shipbuilders when they pur-

chase similar commodities. Haven't we trusts enough? Hasn't the steel trust, with which the subsidyship trust will ally itself, money enough, or making profits enough? But a little while ago it published its report, showing that the earnnigs for the past year were, approximately, \$120,000,000; yet it unfilled orders to the amount of over 7.000,000 tons. Its high-handed footing is now to be increased by a new demand forced by subsidy for ships, at the expense of the general 591, and the pension roll called for \$20,-

show, in a little time, whether it will meet any actual requirement, or not. If the abuses of which so many have complained do not really exist, but are figments of the imagination, this bill may help to develop the fact, and thereby satisfy the people without injuring the railroads. -

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seats.

expense for the right of way.

free sift, not only from the farmer

around Sucker, but from suckers on

not need the money, but it feels.

ing would be undignified. The farmers

need be under no apprehensions, for,

even if the road is never built, the deeds and bonds will hold good forever.

This point has been decided in many

"Railroad syndicates, like insurance

ompanies, are purely philanthropic en-

"THAN GREATNESS GOING OFF."

John A. McCall, some time president

but to minister to the sick and

They exist, not for paltry

TIS AN OLD STORY.

Now it is said The Oregonian's expression of doubt about Baker & Crabtree, and their scheme of \$300,000,000. can be accounted for only by "influence of the Harriman interests." How long has it been-not five months-since The Oregonian was denounced for its alleged hostility to the Harriman interests, because it was speaking severely of the delay of the Union-Southern in pushing the developbination

farms along the entire route. This is men of Oregon? the only concession it asks, with the This newspaper desires above all exception of a deed to all the land things the introduction of measures acwithin six miles of the track on each tual and real for development of Oreside and a cash bonus from each county gon and the Northwest. It engages in equal to one-half its assessed valuation. no schemes of rake-off and profit, on Unless the good people along the route are willing to lend their assistance and imaginary projects of exploitation. It leaves these things to franchis co-operation to this trifling extent, the mongers and confidence operators, who road will not be built. The syndicate try to throttle everything they cannot control or direct, and who carry on that to build a railroad for a lot of their alleged newspaper on this basis farmers not ready to sacrifice their all in the good cause of millionaire-mak-

and for these purposes. Lytle is putting his money into an ac tual undertaking. The Oregonian has no sympathy with a gang who would crush him, or force him out, at a loss, It is just as well to be plain about these things.

famous cases. Breathes there a man Let Baker & Crabtree come forward in Oregon with soul so dead that he with their \$300,000,000. Men so rich have will not gladly give away his farm to a no standing to ask for gifts of lands, ullroad company? Perish the thought. townsites, timber, farm and dairy products, with which to build great rail-The late Judge Bellinger, roads. terprises. 1870, wrote a report on this style of railroad promotion, which would be worth suffering. He that deeds his farm to a reproduction, as actually classical.

railroad corporation lendeth unto the In every generation, in every year, ord. It is bread cust upon the waters and at every supposed opportunity, which shall return unto him after there are promoters from abroad who many, very many, days. It is reported have all sorts of fantastical and phanthat the owners of the Marquam Thetasmagorical schemes, which they want ater contemplate deeding it to the synto "finance" on gifts and subsidies. dicate for a depot site. Let us all fol-They get the aid of home talent, that low their example and give, not accordchases pictures and phantoms and ng to our means, but according to our wants "to get in on the ground floor, love. Bosh, and bosh, and bosh, to the fourth

power, and then to infinity!

THE ANNUAL PENSION STORY.

of the New York Life Insurance Com-With the persistent recurrence, of pany, is dying. The doctors say his things inevitable, the pension appropricomplaint is congestion of the liver and ation bill came up in the House of Repcute nephritis; he is really dying of a resentatives last week. The presentbroken heart. McCurdy is also ill and ment was not unusually startling. will not live long. They perish more though it desit with figures the immen inned against than sinning-the scape sity of which it is difficult to grasp roats of a wicked system which they even in this day, in which millions trip did not originate and in whose operalightly from tongue and pen when dealtions they were tools rather than .prining with private fortunes and public cipuls. Socially ambitious, but of menefactions diocre intellect and feeble will, they Forty years after the close of the

were used by abler and less scrupulous Civil War the pension appropriation nen to work out schemes whose puris, we are told, at its maximum. Mr port they did not understand and whose Gardiner, of Michigan, in charge of the niquity they could not fathom. mensure, gave with it an interesting The Oregonian has remarked recently compliation of information concerning that the procession of human events is pensions, past, present and prospective through vicarious sacrifice. The wretch-The grand roll of the Nation's benefied end of these two sad but unlovely ciaries contains at present 1,000,000 nen illustrates the truth of the observanames; of these, 52,524 represent pention. Their disgrace has diverted public

sioners of other wars-mostly of the indignation from the more potent and Spanish War. The fund provided to far more guilty men who played with liquidate the claims of these pension. McCall and McCurdy like puppets in a ers aggregates \$1,390,000 annually. The pantomime and who now flourish in Civil War cost a grand total of \$6,000. social esteem and financial splendo 000,000. Up to the present time half of their foriorn victims perish in vhile this sum has been paid out for pensions poverty and shame. The carthen and and Mr. Gardiner predicts that before the brazen pots set out to float down the last name is stricken by death from he Ganges in company. The waves the roll the first cost of the war will dashed them together. The earthen have been duplicated in pensions. The pots were shattered and sunk; the brasum paid out on this account is just zen floated gally out to sea. one-fourth of all the annual expendi-

The ethical drama of high finance tures of the Government. In 1867 the which occupies the stage of the world interest on the public debt was \$141,781. today repeats with manifold variations the tale of Faust and Mephistopheles.

mocratic institutions.

This ingenious scheme will combine for First." in their advertising matter. the passengers the delights of river and whether issued as pamphlets, circulars railroid travel, and is expected to attract many tourists from the East. At azines and newspapers. The states of Willamette Falls there will be a shoot the inter-mountain region and Pacific the chutes, which all trains will go Coast naturally expect to gain a large down while the passengers keep their percentage of the benefits which will From the summit of Mount crue through increased American Hood to Meacham the syndicate is detravel, and through a better knowledge bating whether to support the road on of the wonderful natural attractions

cement piers ranging from 12,000 to 6000 that are so prolific in this land of natfeet in height, or to suspend the track ural wonders, but the Eastern people from balloons. The transportation comare taking up the movement because mittee is said to favor the latter plan noney spent in Europe is lost to every because it is cheaper and will also save section of the United States, while money spent in travel in the United The latter consideration is immater-States, Canada and Mexico comes back

had been praying for a road from Port-

land to the Coast and Tillamook for

years and years, and a well-known cit-

isen of Oregon has embarked his cap-

should appear is a proposition calcu-

has and always has had those who

could do it themselves, or compel trib-

that Portland has more faith in Lytle's

If Mr. Baker and Mr. Crabtree, of St.

railroads in Oregon, we shall welcome

It may be fit for Joe Teal and green-

oldest of the games of "promoters."

Cable companies are receiving no lit-

This

the

tle revenue from tolls, on press mes-

or less foolish, about closer political

and various homilies on the value of

royal marriages. Because democracy

executive's in the shaping of policies.

The old theory that royalty must mate

from motives of policy and not because

of affection has no place in these days

of advancing civilization and growing

relations between Spain and England

horns who hope to "get in" on it

pushing his Tillamook Railroad.

the girl is an English Princess.

this paper exploitation.

to write it, and all the while she was combing her hair. Nothing was said about how much she was paid for the song. They probably paid her 12 cents. Joseph Le Berge, who broke open and

THE PESSIMIST.

stole the money in a number of automatic slot gas meters, instead of being sent to prison should be given a vote of thanks for suggesting a way to get even with the gas company.

ial, however, because the syndicate to the trade and Mexico comes back hopes to secure a right of way as a of the older states

The Wilsey scheme of \$28,000,000 for a The Rev. Newton Mann. a Unitarian Coast railroad, through the appeal it lergyman, in his book "The Evolution makes for subsidies of land and timber of a Great Literature." says that Moses and townsites and cash and what not. was probably a mythical character, has what the French would call the tout that Samuel was a fortune-teller and a clairvoyant, and that Ezekiel had wheels in his head, I guess that's about the limit in higher criticism.

The King of England almost always has a ligar in his mouth, but when with his inti-mate friends he puffs a short briar-root pipe. The Emperor of Germany is forbidden by his mate friends he puts a mart orbidden by The Emperer of Germany is forbidden by physician to touch tobacco, but sometimes lights a cigarette and throws it away w half smoked. King Carlos amokes au cigara olden, hown and fragrant, and ital in it, the very first thing that AUDETO lated to weaken if not destroy it. And Portuguese make. Alphonso XIII prefers cig-areties to cigars, and Nicholas II consumes daily about 30 cigarettes of the Russian va-riety. Emperor Francis Joseph, in spite of his yet not so strange, either, for Portland has always had "knockers." Portland ranced age, smokes a pipe from morning to would have nothing done unless they night, and King Leopold umokes about 12 cigara a day.

The nasty, horrid things!

ute from those doing it. We believe What to Wear.- A widower for the first 18 months should wear complete suit of black, black lusteriess silk cravats, white linundertaking than in any scheme like en, cuff-links of dull black enamet, dull black eather shoes, black gloves and a crepe hat band -- Exchange

Jouis, or Baker & Crabtree, bankers, of A grass widower may wear a green St. Louis, have \$309,000,000 to put into

them. But it is an old story, from the In accordance with a curious freak time A. J. Cook & Co. started it in Oreof sentiment in America, graduating gon in 1863 and stood then in the way exercises are called "commencement" of the beginning of our rallway develexercises. The end of the thing that is being talked about is called the com-With \$300,000,000 Baker & Crabtree will not desire the gift of timmencement. Of course the word comber lands, of agricultural lands, of mencement is taken as applying to the ports and townsites, of cash and counbeginning of real life after the scholtry produce, of subscriptions of day laare are through with school. That is bor, of hay and turnips, of oats, butter, thought to be a very pretty idea, but we could, with equal appropriateness egge and cheese. All this is an old story for Oregon. It was prevalent designate entrance examinations into twenty-five to forty years ago; but universities as graduating exercises. years have withered it and custom has

It is often said that the English peostaled the variety-even the infinite variety-in which it has displayed itself. ple have no sense of humor, and that they cannot appreciate an American joke, Now here are four English jokes that I found after considerable trouble. with it. But it's as old as any of the Everyone may laugh as much as he wants to. Meantime we are glad to see Lytle

huge mucilage pot. "My, my, Your Excellency," exclaimed "Would you mind walking the other Adams, "why have you so large a pasteway and not passing the horse?" said pot? "Oh," replied Washington, good-natureda London cabman, to the fat lady who ly. "that's my big stick. had just paid the minimum fare.

sages that record the courtship of two "Why?" she inquired. very young people who are soon to be "Because if 'e sees wot 'e's been carmarried. The boy is the King of Spain

rying for a shilling 'e'll 'ave a fit." The following sublime paragraph is

marriage will be the first union of the English and Spanish royal lines. from one of the latest fashionable in 300 years. When it takes place novels: there is likely to be a lot of talk, more

"To raise 20,000 men." repeated Wash-ington, thoughtfully. "Ah, I see. They are preparing me to become the father of "With one hand he held her beautiful head above the chilling waves, and my country with the other called loudly for assistance.

Cabby-"I 'ad a beard like yours once, and not autocracy prevails today in the but when I found what it made me look rovernment of most European coun tries, the royal marriage as an agency like I got it cut off." Bussy-"An' I 'ad of international good-will has long a face like yours once, an' when I found ceased to be effective. The sentiment I couldn't get it cut off I grew a beard.' of the people is more potent than the

Misguided Waits (of slender repertoire, "In one campaign he carried a splendid but vast persistence)-"Noel! Noel! Noel!" new watch. After addressing an audience Saturnine householder-"Isn't there? If I he would circulate among the voters, saying to this man and that: "I wish you come down to you I'll make you alter your would give me the correct time. I'm afraid of losing my train." opinion!"

THE THUNDERER'S ENGLISH.

Saturday Evening Post. The following are interesting examples of the ironciad rules laid down by the

London Times in its handbook setting forth its code of customs governing the grammar, spelling, punctuation, capital-ization and phrasing to be used by its writers.

The reporter for the Thunderer is never According to the Times, "in the circumstances." According to the Times, "in the circum-stances" is the phrase to be used. An ordinary sentence written by an

amateur newspaper man would probably be ruthlessly blue-penciled by a Times sub-editor. The reporter might, perhaps, write something like this:

but to

and if reference is made to a person

be printed, as in using the possessive of a word ending in "s" the Times always adds another "s"-thus: "Perkins's."

When the sentence under consideration

his going to Perkins's." The word "applause," as frequently

will be reported in the third person, thus:

downe been speaking, the report would be given in the first person,

Washingtonia.

Lippincott's,

One morning Vice-President John Adams was passing through the President's office when he noticed on Washington's desk a

"General Washington," cried an excited

patriot, rushing frantically into the pres-

Secretary Shaw's Watch.

Congressman Hedge of Iowa holds that

Indianapolis News.

Secretary Shaw is one of the best polit-ical campaigners in the country. "No-

Lealle gets a chance to address him per-

ody ever gets away." said Hedge

20,000 men and you are appointed

In writing of a blue book, most British

begin both words with a cap. The Times capitalizes "Blue"

'Mr. Smi

newspapers

al" fashion

mander-in-chief.

onally.

"Witness commenced by saying he had met deceased previous to going to Perkins'.

the witness.

among millionaires. He was sitting on This is not a good sentence, but it would pass muster in most quarters. A Times sub-editor, however, would nearly one of the great lounges in the corridor with a friend from out of town when Mr. Gates hove in sight, coming from Peacock alley toward the cafe. Severa faint at the sight of it, for, from his point of view, it contains no fewer than seven errors. To begin with, the Times never refers

Wall street.

acquaintances stopped him to ask his opinion of the market. "Know who that stout man is?" asked the gambler of his friend, not in the idly, it never uses the word "commence, way of a question, but as a basis to giv

ing information. "No; who is he?" was the reply.

NOT "HELLO, JOHN."

Mr. Gates Creates a Diverting Inci-

dent in Waldorf-Astoria.

Ocean.

It will be many days before the regu-

lars of the Waldorf-Astoria cease telling

the story of the calling down John W.

Gates gave to a gambler the other night

Possibly Mr. Gates was not feeling well.

His name had been brought out in the

malodorous Town Topics case that day

and the market had not acted right in

The gambler has an international repu-

tation. He affects a deep interest in art.

and he has wealth enough to be ranked

Several

York Correspondence Chicago Inter

ac

but always "begin." "By saying he had" suggests an omission-the word "that." "Deceased" is on the Times' black-list, "Gates-the only John W.," said the who gambler. has died he is always mentioned as "the late Mr. Blank." From the standpoint of "Indeed?" exclaimed the man from out

of town, much impressed. A minute later Mr. Gates broke away the Times. "previous to" is wrong. On the Times, it must either be "previously to" or simply "before." Furthermore, the times of simply "before." Furthermore, to" or simply "before." Furthermore, "to going," is colloquial, and, as such, will not do. The reporter must say "to his going." Finally, "Perkins" would not going." Finally, "Perkins" would not

from the party about him. As he was passing the gambler and the man from out of town the gambler said: "Hello, John."

"Mr. Gates stopped, glanced at the two nen, knitted his brows as if perplexed, and then started off again.

He had not taken two steps when the gambler said, "What's your hurry?" Mr. Gates turned and walked back

appeared in type it would read: "The witness began by saying that he had met the late Mr. Blank previously to Were you speaking to me?" guired.

The gambler began to laugh. Turning to his friend, he said: "John mus his little joke. He is a gay dog." The word "applause," as frequently used in reports of speeches at a public meeting, is tabooed by the Times, which always employs the word "cheers." An-other peculiarity of the Times' parlia-Then addressing Mr. Gates, he continue "John, let me introduce my friend Henr continued Adkins mentary reports is in the use of the first and third person. An ordinary speech by a private member or a lesser minister

Mr. Gates ignored the introduction, but looking the gambler in the eye, he said to him: "Sir, you have been a gambler many years, but you seem to have failed ith said that he had listened to to learn one thing that every gambler ought to know. That is, never speak to the honorable member." etc. Had Mr. Balfour, Mr. Chamberlain or Lord Lansa gentleman unless the gentleman speaks to you. In the social grade gamblers are classed with fallen women. If I choose to visit an establishment conducted by

with a capyou, that is my private affair, and you must not presume on it. If I elect to recognize you in any public place, all well and good. I have no desire to offend the person who is with you, but I can alone. To illustrate its peculiarities of spelling "parsimony" is according to the Times "parcimony." The use of the word "I," except as uttered by a speci-fied person, is black-listed, and a Times critic must alway which are the speciaccept no introduction from you." With that Mr. Gates turned and resumed his must always write in an "impersontrip to the cafe.

TRINGS DOING IN THE COUNTRY

Draw a Straw. Get a Girl.

Corr. Dallas Itemizer. The big boys around here draw straws to see who will take the girls to partles.

Don't Think.

Butler Corr. Sheridan Sun. Elery Tharp was seen riding toward Yocom's Sunday. We don't know what to Elery think.

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Something Coming From Mr. Irish.

ence of the great soldier. "the Second Continental Congress has voted to raise Starbuck Star. If that Colfax Sheriff ever shows his mug in Starbuck, he'll catch it. Jud Irish is laying for him \$10 worth and costs.

No Woman at the Bottom of It?

McCoy Corr. Dallas Itemizer. During a dance Saturday evening John Ellis cut young White severely with a knife, there being no reason for it.

Destiny of Starbuck Journalism.

Starbuck Star.

The Star enters upon her third year to-day, as crazy and "hard up" as ever. In fact, as we look over her past life, we find that she is gradually growing worse; and unless the public comes to her res-cue, she will either be in the asylum or her shirt-tall before long.

THE MORNING OREGONIAN, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1906.

"Success" tells how Jean Lenox, a oung lady of Charleston, S. C., wrote popular song. It took her 12 minutes

The candidates for the Yellowstone Park trip are getting better looking all the time.

ensemble of a promoter's scheme. The part of the proposal that looks to contruction from Portland to Nehalem and Tillamook bears every appearance of a scheme to hamstring Lytie's en According to the Paris Figaro: terprise. Strange that after everybody

business and labor of the country. That is, if the bill should become a law. But it may not. It has yet to get the approval of the House and the Pres-

Ship freights are now very low; so low that foreign shipowners are getting only meager returns. This bill will not lower the rates, but will increase them; for the intention of it is to get higher rates for American ships, through bounties paid from the Treasury, than now are paid to foreign ships, which carry the greater part of our ocean commerce. If it be true that foreigners can do this work at rates ruinously cheap, why not allow them?

The Senate is the intrenched camp of such schemes as this. It is not possible that this measure of colossal graft can or will obtain the approval of the people of the United States. Let it become an issue in a general election and we shall see.

OBSTRUCTION IN THE SENATE.

Opposition in the Senate, intrenched seat of capitalistic power, will do its best, or worst, to emasculate the rallway rate bill that has passed the House. Amendments and substitutes are offered from every quarter. Misrepresentation of the bill is one of the favorite methods of opposition. All the ratemaking power that is given to the Commission is simply this: On complaint of a shipper that a rate is unjust or unreasonable the Commission may declare what is a just and reasonable rate, and its order shall go into effect in thirty days after notice to the carrier, and remain in force until it be sus. pended, modified or set aside by the Commission itself or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

But though the bill contains this ratemaking feature, its main object is, to put an end to rebates and discriminations, by placing all shippers as nearly as possible on an equality. Power to initiate rates is not given to the Comnission; no power is given it to readjust classifications of freight. Yet. aside from giving the Commission power to substitute a just and reasonable rate for one that may be found unjust and unreasonable, the proposed law does aim to give control over the private-car, refrigeration, the spur track and other devices by which rehates are now paid; for it must be understood that the old and crude form of cash rebate has practically disappeared and in its place are such devices as those we have here enumerated. It transportation committee is well known that certain lines of private cars long since secured a practical monopoly of all that transportation which requires special dispatch and an ice service. Many of the railroads inwhat it promises. deed complain that they have been "held up" by these shippers. If so, this feature of the law will be no hardship to them.

No matter what such ranters as Tillman may say, the masses of the people wish well to the ratiroads and have no disposition to oppress them. What they want is equal and reasonable service. In this direction the present bill is to Sucker. It is proposed to build the

551; now these two sums are McCall and McCurdy played the pitiful tically reversed. role of Paust, Perkins, Morgan, Ryan

These figures are given, not in a crit ical spirit, but for public information. In order that the exceeding liberality of the Nation toward its veteran sonr may be more fully appreciated, comparison is instituted between our pension policy and that of other great nations. The annual expenditure of France for pensions is \$26,000,000; of Germany, \$1,000,000; of Austria-Hungary, \$10,000,000, and of Great Britain \$9,000,000. There are already more names of Spanish veterans on the pension roll than were enrolled in Shafter' entire army in Cuba. In the matter of fraudulent pension

there can be but one opinion. The same may be said to be true in regard to deserved pensions. No patriot grudges the veteran his quarterly stipend from the Government, for which in his youth or his prime he fought, and in the service of which he became disabled. This represents the true pension idea. That our pension policy has far outgrown this idea is true; that this growth, or overgrowth, was due to political activity rather than patriotic for ady in. vor is also true. But on the whole the great burden is carried cheerfully and its yearly dwindling from this time forward will be a pathetic reminder of the

final passing of the "Grand Army" that in war and peace has been in the perspective of our National life, since at the call of Abraham Lincoln its first detachment marched into the field.

THE CHAMPOEG-SUCKER BAILROAD.

Persistent rumors that the cities of Champoeg and Sucker are at last to be connected by a railroad have caused intense excitement among the farmers along the proposed route. Champoeg, it is well known, is a city on the silvery Willamette which has never had half a chance in the world. The jealousy of Salem on the south and Portland on the north has squeezed out its very life-blood and held it in commercial serfdom; but at last its opportunity has arrived. Sucker is a city in Eastern Oregon, the commercial metropolis of the Sucker-Creek country, about ten miles from the Snake River and on the Nevada line.

and broken, for whom death were bet-To incur obloguy in a good cause The new railroad is to be financed by is hardly to be endured by the bravest a St. Louis syndicate which controls about \$500,000,000, said to have been demen; what consolation remains for like MoCall, whom shame befalls beposited in a Portland bank as a guarcause of his weakness and perfidy, but antee of good faith. The syndithe oblivion of the endless sleep? cate has the warm approval of the transportation committee of the Champoeg Chamber of Commerce.

and reports from Sucker announce that the people of that city have every confidence in its ability to do The See-America Leigue will hold a ession today in Portland, to stimulate The route of the further a movement that has already road as now decided upon will follow appealed strongly to the fancy, patriotthe Willamette to Portland; thenc ism and reason of all Americans. Pubalong the Base Line road to the summit lic attention attracted by the Seeingof Mount Hood; thence to Meacham, America-First movement is much in the Blue Mountains, From Meacham greater than its originators anticipated. the survey runs south on the peak of Editorial comment has found a place in the main ridge of the Blue Mountains the columns of the newspapers of the to the Harney County line, whence it country, almost without exception. The strikes southeast through the sagebrush transcontinental railroad lines either carry the words "See America First" merely a tentative effort. Experience line from Champoes to Portland on or the full motto of the league, "See with it, should it become a law, will piles in the middle of the Willamette. Europe if you will, but see America

ommon sense.

A correspondent who has evidently and others, whose hands have been felt had occasion to look carefully into the not seen, play that of Mephistomatter complains that The Oregonian, pheles. The ingenious and invincible which stands for pure English, makes devil disports himself in all freedom no distinction in the use of the words upon the arena of American life. In "declination" and "declinature." our Legislatures he finds plenty of former, he contends, is not accepted as Fausts to bewray with his plausible good English, when used to describe the guile. He assaults the courts with an act of declining, except in the United army of imps whom we call corporation States. Without stopping to discuss lawyers. It is not beneath him in the the probable sensation The Oregonian beef trust trial to tempt young men with would make if it were to say that bribes and jure human souls to damnadeclinature of Candidate So-and-So tion to gain a legal advantage. The has been accepted." or the "declinafashion in this country is to talk of the ture of your poem you will find inperils of mob rule. Our institutions are closed." it will say merely that any a danger, it is said, from the passions word that is universally used in the of the "lower classes." The only real United States is good enough English dangers America has ever experienced for anybody, and if the English don't have come from the permicious activilike it, we can lick 'em and take Canties of wealthy oligarchies; now the oligarchy of slaveholders, now the plutoada, Meanwhile, The Oregonian reprints on this page a brief but interratic oligarchy of high finance. The esting article from another paper of devil of gilded greed is now and has althe English of the London Times. ways been the only formidable enemy

McCall lies dying of a broken heart Richards, they say, now is going to take out his "boxes" and run an "open" Shakespeare knew how fatal that mal-Henry V made a vicerious ofrestaurant and a hotel. The same should be made a rule, and strictly enfering of poor old Faistaff to cleanse his reputation when he came to the forced, for all similar places in Portland. throne, and the pathetic buffoon never But will it? Probably not; but we smiled again, but pined away as our modern Falsteff. Chauncey Depew. shall see. Probably, however, there will not be immediate resumption of the peaks and pines today. How quickly business of serving liquors to "ladies Cardinal Wolsey, after his fail, nickand gentlemen" in the barroom of the ened and died. No malady is more Hotel Portland, for a while. The light fatal than the loss of reputation and thrown in there has been even a steem. Stern indeed must be the soul brighter light than that set before the who can survive irretrievable disgrace Richards place. Greatest of all moral agencies is light. Truth is, no "private and go on living after life has lost its oxes," for eating and drinking, ought savor. The soul withers under social reprobation, the courage of the heart to be allowed in Portland or anywhere fails, and death comes as the last and else. Persons of good behavior have no best of friends. For a man blasted by objection to sitting at table in the open. irremediable dishonor perhaps the Ro-

man way was bravest and best-to die People who didn't know anything by his own sword as Brutus did at Philabout bridges clamored for a "bascule" ippi and Cato when he had lost Utica. bridge at Portland. All persons who Professor James, the great psycholo knew enough about bridges to entitle gist, holds that the esteem of our felthem to an opinion pronounced against low-men is as much a part of us as our own bodies. When we have lost it. a bridge of that type at Portland. But this wouldn't do: so a junket committee he nobly teaches, we have lost a memwas sent East to see. Now, upon inber deeply vital, and, if we go on livquiry, this committee finds the truth ing at all, it is only as men maimed fust as stated by bridge experts here. People who pretend to knowledge but don't know are very tedlous people.

> In the City of New York there are 11,-" 00 shops where liquors are sold at retail; in Chicago, 6740; in Philadelphia 1737; in Boston, 980; in St. Louis, 2253; in San Francisco, 1582. The supply in all cities is fully equal always to the de-

The Mayor's Get-Together Club is a good idea, and works charmingly. It has indeed never been so hurd for some of the Mayor's happy official family to get together as to keep apart.

The Richards case may be ended, but that is no reason why either Brother Brougher or Brother Shepherd should cease to search the Scriptures,

Portland, we are told, needs a second fireboat. There is some suspicion that

That last joke is better than it looks. To understand it, however, one should know that a "Wait" is a thing they have in England. He stands outside under a window on Christmas eve and sings until someone throws something at him, or

pays him something to go away. The

His Last Jag.

(Continued from Yesterday.) As I lay along the gutter, too drunk to even mutter.

Up there came another cop that I'd often seen before.

Not the least obeisance made he, not r minute stopped or stayed he, But with his club he flayed me, smashed

me like he did of yore. been upon a fearful bust, so he T'd

smashed me more and more. Tintil I fainted and knew no more

Then along there came the wagon, and they put me and my jag on,

And down the street to the cooler, a ghastly drunk they bore.

Rushing down, they took me, and the wagon's bumping shook me.

And at the jall they booked me as a chronic, who'd oft been there before, In the tank they left me groaning,

snoring, lying on the floor Moaning on the iron floor.

Much I marveled long and vainly upon the circumstance ungainly,

Though my ponderings little meaninglittle relevancy bore:

But I could not help agreeing, that no living, human being Ever yet had chance of seeing such a

head on man before,

Such an awful, fearful, aching head on any man before. Will it stop? O! Nevermore,

In the morning bright and early, at his

deak, severe and surly, I faced the Judge, the yearnings of my

soul to him outpour: But not a word could I utter, not a

sound or murmur, splutter. When I heard the old man mutter: "I

have seen you here before: Six years I'll give you, and ne'er again

To quench your thirst, nevermore."

Lay me down beneaf de willers in de gram. Whah de branch'll go a-singing as it pass, 'An' w'en I's a-layin' low I kin hyeah it as it go in' "Sleep, my honey, tek yo' rest' at

Lay me nigh to whah hit meks a little pool. An' de watah stan's so quiet lak an' cool. Whah de little birds in Spring ust to come an' drink an' sing. An' de chillen waded on dey way to school.

'Let me settle w'en my shouldahs drops dey load Nigh enough is hyeah de noises in de road, Fu I ('ink de jas' long res' Gwine is mosth my sperrit bes' BE Ta-layin' 'mong de things I's silus

knowed."

-Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

"Of course, each man complied, feeling flattered at the request. Shaw used to say it was hard on the watch, but he besay it was hard on the watch, but he be-lieved the votes he won in this way more than made up."

Taft as a Crusher.

New York Globe "I didn't say cursed: I said 'Taft nearly crushed me." (Mr. John F. Wallace, ex-chief engineer of the Panama Canal.) This belated rectification is very welcome, and places the incident in less helnous light. It is now evident why the almost-accident made such an impression on Mr. Wallace. Taft as a curser is obviously not formidable; but as

crusher, it is doubtful if the Government possesses his equal, outside of the hydraulic presses at the navy yard.

Bright Outlook for Cattlemen. Happper Times

Heppner Times. Report says that the cattlemen of Central Oregon feel very hopeful of higher prices for their cattle this Spring than for several years. The reason stated for their faith in an ad-vance of prices is the scarcity of beet reason stated for their faith is the second state of prices is the scarcity of beef stock throughout the central part of the state. The past few weeks there the state is any shipments of beef have been large shipments of beef from most all salpping points in East-ern Oregon, and it is said on good au-thority that about all prairie beef stock has been marketed, leaving a shortage that it is believed will result in an advance of the cattle market.

Not a Pirate.

Fliegende Blatter Critic (to wife of orchestra conductor)-'How is it that your husband does not Conductor's Wife-"Oh, he is far too

Seven Months Today.

honest!

Eara Josephins Albright. Just seven months, my baby girt, Just seven months today-So when you creep up to my chair I'll lay my book away: For there's a mory in those eyes, Ob, brown-eyed baby mine! Far sweeter than the grandest prose Or poet's richest line to come up to my arms, aweetheart,

And watch the moc-cows pass, And make the nicest marks and noise On mamma's window glass, And see the doggie chase the cat Way up the maple tree: Yes, hold on tight to mamma, dear, Because he can't get me. Those two cuts teeth, just peeping through, Are mamma's chief delight Oh! I must make you laugh just once To show their tiny white! So come, let's play at pat-s-cake-Give me those dimpled hands: It's dreadful hard for baby girle,

But mamma und Now pat-a-cake all by yourself. Dear little baker man, and make those cookles just as fast, Sweet duriing, as you can;

Ah, there! I see those little testh A-shining through that smile! Now let us put the cookies in Now let us put the cost The oven for a while. Dada! Oh! say it once again!

Your very newest word-for mamma thinks it is the sweetest Music ever heard.

The sand man's bere 'And I must have my pay-A hundred kisses, baby girl, Just even months today

Baseball in February.

Ashland Tribune. While people of Eastern States are wearing earmuffs and goloshes, we Rogue River folks are enjoying Spring weather. Last week the first baseball game of the season was played at Jacksonville. What section of the East or Middle West north of parallel 40 can equal this? And we are north of parallel 42.

Memory Bad, But Sprinting Good.

St. Johns Review.

Marshal Hanks chased a man Sunday for a half mile, pulled his gun, tried to shoot, turned five summersaults-and lost his man. When the fellow was arrested at Portsmouth later on he said "couldn't remember of being chased a said he Mr. Hanks will not enter any straight-away matches till in better practice.

Gentle Hint to Candidates.

Roseburg Review.

When you see a stranger wandering around the streets of your town, looking as lonesome as an honest life insurance as lonesome as an honest life insurance president, set him down as a candidate or a state office before the Republican primaries and you will seldom make a mistake. Most of this year's crop of aspirants would stand a better show to win if they stayed at home and cultivated the genteel art of letter-writing.

Welcome.

Woodburn Independent. Gabriel a mammoth jack, has just been received by E. L. Boynton from Cedar Rapids, Ia. The jack was bred in Kennoky and is one of the longest-bodied and biggest-boned jacks that has ever truck the country. Like all the other struck the country. stock brought here by Mr. Boynton for public service, this jack comes with a reputation. He is all right and shows it. No guesswork is needed. Gabriel can blow his own horn.

Good in Everything.

Kansas City Star. "I once read a criticiam of a novel in which an author was ridiculed for saying the hero walked away chewing his cigar and whistling 'Yankee Doodle," said a young man the other day. "The point of the criticism was that no man could carry a cigar in his teeth and whistle at the same time. The idea was new to me. If no man could do that stunt, here was a chance for me to surpass mankind by learning to whistle with a cigar in my mouth

"And did you learn to do it. Inquired his friend.

"Have you a cigar in your pocket? I'll

show you." The friend dug up a cigar and the other lighted it. Putting it between his teetin he puffed and whistled "Yankee Doodle"

"You've demonstrated that it can be done," said the friend who had furnished the cigar. "but after all what good does

"My friend." was the reply, 'everything in this world serves a useful purpose. This little gag of mine is good for a life-time of free smokes." And it is true.

Impossible,

Houston Post, I once knew a maid, Julietta; Whose name me dismayed, Julietta; She is sweet all the time, But Tm free to say Fm Lost for any old rhyme But Spaghetti!

will you a bar, lean o'er. And they dragged him away to the ock-pile. M. B. WELLS. Death Song. Singir

we have yet to get our first.

The soul and body rive not more in parting Than greatness going off.