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PORTLAND, TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1906

FLUTOCRACY'S APPEAL TO THE SOUTH. Plutocracy is in sore straits. Contemplation of its pitiable plight can hardly fall to draw tears from the most callous observer. Plutocracy is, of course, just as destitute of political principles as it is of common morality. but in the past it has been able to use both the Republican and Democratic party machinery, more or less completely, for its own ends. Some moderate subsidies paid by millionaires to both campaign committees, contributions from lawless corporations, a share doled out to the bornes from the loot of to make the plutocrats political masters of the country so long as the people, could be hypnotized to follow blindly the lead of the bosses.

But now a change comes over the spirit of their long, sweet dream of secure and limitless plunder. "There is a wave of unrest and radicalism sweeping over the country," laments a distinguished banker. The hosses are discredited. The people are thinking for themselves. The future is blg with danger to special privilege. The beneficiaries of class legislation, the franchise-grabbers, the whole tribe of confederated freebooters, look forward with increasing alarm to the next Presidential election. The omens are threat-

entog. The handwriting flames upon memb

Parker went South as the forlorn hope of the confederated plutocrats. His speeches were a skillful mingling of moral platitudes such as young Rockefeller deals out to his Bible class, of revilement for the acknowledged Democratic leaders of the North and West. and of brazen appeals to corrupt greed for political spolis. "Put in power the gang who sent me down here." he said almost in plain words, "and the plun-der of the Nation shall be yours." What more definite proposals he made in private can, of course, only be imagined. but with Belmont, the boss of the New York traction combine, to back him they must have been glittering indeed. If the South barters her political virue for this gilded lure, neither Hearst nor Bryan will be the next Democratic | cereal. It is in the power of Mr. Arcandidate for President, but Ryan or ome man of his stamp. That will be well. The more clearly the issue between special privilege and popular rights is displayed in the characters of the opposing Presidential candidates the better. Plutocracy is a monster of

clety, had also a voice in it. Judge

so hideous mien as to be hated needs but to be seen. We may thank Judge Parker and his employers that they are placing the monster where it can be clearly and unmistakably seen.

#### REMONSTRANCE BY VIOLENCE.

The Oregonian has just a word to say about the invasion of its office yesterday by a young ruffian who proposed to call its editors to account for their criticisms of the gas company:. It is not to be deterred from its purpose to see that the gas company, or any other public utility corporation, is held to strict accountability for its use of a public franchise-not to be deterred by violence, inspired or volunteered, on the part of the gas company's friends, employes or sympathizers. alry.

A vicious young buily, by name John son, by nativity a South Carolinian, in the employ of Teal & Minor., about 22 years of age, of muscular and athletic build, came into the office for the obvious purpose of assaulting Mr. Scott. the editor. Mr. Scott is absent from the city. Without provocation he attempt ed violence on another editor who was seated in his chair. He was ejected without much damage to anybody. Mr. Teal, who is the attorney for the gas company, disavows all responsibility for the attack, and deplores the whole affair. It may be assumed that Mr. Teal will join in the effort to punish through due process of law his clerk, who so misused his employment and outraged his employer by assuming in this vio lent manner to champion his cause Johnson himself is nothing, and the incident might be passed without notice except that it illustrates in a most striking and significant manner the methods employed by our Portland plutocrats, or some of them, to crush all opposition to their methods and to accomplish their aims at any cost. Johnson was merely a hired man. He was and is in the employ of the gas comthe insurance companies-this sufficed pany's chief attorney, who repudiates his acts, and he appears to enjoy the confidence of Mr. Adams, president of the company, who received the young bully in his office after the affair. The blred men who cun the evening organ for the plutocrats contributed their part to make it appear that the other hired man, Johnson, had called at The Ore-

> remonstrance and had there been made the victim of a most vicious and cowardly assault. It is dirty business all round This is by no means the end.

gonian office on a mere errand of polite

WHEAT'S STATISTICAL POSITION.

bearishness, the American visible sup-

This increase was slight, amounting

ble supply are expected, the decrease

now stands at the highest figure

reached since 1902, amounting to 47,329.

990 bushels, compared with 32,818,990

bushels on the same date last year.

The substantial proportions of the

American visible supply, together with

the large amount believed to be in

farmers' hands, constitute the weak

features of the market at the present

time. There is more wheat in the

United States than is required for home

consumption, and it must either be

long as it is in existence.

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United States.

Nearly a month has elapsed since the son's assault upon the editor may be not American Society of Equity, with a without its use if it demonstrates to

gregate as for a corresponding period last year, it is known beyond question that the crop now coming to market exceeded by a great many million bushels any of its predecessors, and Russia in spite of her difficulties, seems to have a considerable surplus available for shipment, Another feature, which is bound to play havoc with the dollar-abushel price in this country, is the near

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approach of another harvest. It will only be about six weeks before the early wheat districts of the United States will be sending wheat to market. The amount of this early wheat that will be available might not be sufficient to smash a corner in May wheat, but it will have a sentimental effect on the market, and it will be followed by a steadily increasing stream of the mour, aided by the American Society of Equity, to force the May option up to \$1 per bushel, but the difficulty in maintaining that price until the big surplus can be unloaded is so great that there is not much likelihood of the deal being attempted.

THE FRUITS OF PRIVILEGE.

Since Preston Brooks, Congressman from South Carolina, made his murder-

ous assault upon Charles Sumner in the Senate chamber, fifty years have elapsed; but the spirit of some sons of the Palmetto State has not changed for the better. Murder, or assault with murderous intent, is still a preferred method of settling all differences of opinion-provided the assault can be made from the rear and when the victim is seated. Brooks stole upon Sumner from behind, when the Massachusetts Senator was seated at his desk. and got in his deadly work with a club. The politicians of his native state unanimously admired his courage and chiv-

Johnson, the local thug who invaded The Oregonian office breathing slaughter against the editor, was less successful than Tillman, who shot Gonzales, of the Columbia State, but the fault was not his. How far he would have gone if he had not been verpowered, nobody can say. He lacked neither the murderous passion nor the inspiration to carry his assault to its natural outcome. That he was directly employed by any persons or corporations to inflict bodily harm upon the editor who had exposed their nefarious deeds need not be supposed. "We'd fix that editor if we had him in South Carolina," Some such remark as this Johnson has doubtless heard repeated dozens of times during the prog ress of recent events. "He ought to be shot down as Gonzales was," is another observation which probably has often been uttered in Johnson's hearing. If he should boast on these occasions of his aiblity to "do up" the of-

fending editor who had blazoned the misdeeds of the first families before the public, the reply would be, "Why don't you do it, then? Go ahead and show what state you're from. Wrought up by such suggestions as these from persons whom he admired on account of their social prestige and to whom he is, perhaps, under obliga-

tions, Johnson finally reached a pitch of loyal frenzy which hurried him away to his murderous undertaking. Happily for him, his attempt was not at all successful. Though the law ought not to spare him the consequences of his act, he is less guilty morally than those who may have utilized his hotheaded folly to gratify their own malice. Spe cial privilege driven to hay is capable of terrible deeds to retain its power. It makes use of any and every instru

ment which can serve its ends. John

THE SILVER LINING. one of the abstract science of cleanliness and of the simple virtue of prudence. No such disease springs spontaneously from the soil or makes of unpolluted water or food a carrier. A sick chicken should not be allowed to droop and die in the flock, and if a number of Siren of Hungarian story. fowls die from an unknown cause their Radiator of white heat, odies should be burled without closer

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By A. H. Ballard.

handling than that which can be accomplished by a long-handled rake with which they may be drawn upon the funeral pyre. The ignorance that permitted a child to gather up and bury a number of chickens that had evidently perished from an epidemic, plainly of You turn ice-water steaming hot, the throat, is simply amazing. The les-Your lips would melt an iron pot. son in this case is first one of preven-Instigator of a riot, tion through cleanliness, and again of prudence in disposing of the bodies of Verve you have and facile art any creatures about the farm that die of any disease whatever. Details in this case may have been magnified Sinuous-moving, soul-entrancing, through the excitement in the neighbor-Model of a perfect grace, hood caused by the sudden deaths of Flame enough to singe my face; the McLains-mother and child-but the precepts of cleanliness in the case of poultry and of prudence in disposing of

the bodies of any creatures that die of disease on the farm are always timely. and the necessity of regarding them can hardly be overestimated.

A proclamation for offering to home stead, mineral and other forms of entry of the Crow reservation in Montana is being prepared for the President's signature. This land, comprising a million and a half acres, lies in the great and resourceful Valley of the Yellowstone. The date of the opening is not yet fixed, but all preliminaries of allotment have been complied with. The event will attract the usual number of speculators, townsite locators, mineral land grabbers and homestead filers. The usual methods, designed to give all an equal chance in what is little else than a great National raffle

or lottery, will be followed, and in due time another "land opening." with its disappointments, its excitement and its confusion, will pass into history. Much of this vast body of land is not arable; much can be made arable by trrigation. and some of it is useless, except as i may be found to be rich in minerals. All of it is picturesque in location and dominated by long, severe Winters. deep snows and short Summers, remarkably productive, the heat of which is tempered by frequent thunderstorms. Not a bad climate, perhaps, when one is used to it, but persons who have spent ten years, more or less, on the Pacific Coast would not enjoy it. -

The story of delinquent children is, as often as told, practically the same Judge Frazer, whose experience in the Juvenile Court covering a period of a few months has brought him in contact with 700 children who, in a greater or less degree, fall under this head, sounds the old warning, saying: "The dangers that surround a growing child are not fully appreciated by many parents. They allow boys and girls to go

out alone to theaters and other amusement resorts, and then wonder why they go to the bad." This, he added, is simply a matter of carelessness upon the part of parents. It would seem. with an army of 700 children appearing before the court for reprimand or counsel within a few months, that parents of this city should awake to sense of responsibility required and restrain the liberty which is so detrimental to boys and girls who have not yet come to years of discretion. Judge Frazer says truly that the need for greater parental care cannot be emphasized too strongly. -

If the proposed steamboat enterprise on the Deschutes River becomes a reality, one more will be added to the li of navigable streams in Opegon. The stretch of water on which it is proposed to run steamers is only thirty miles in length, but it is flanked by a country rich in natural resources and sceni beauties. If Mr. Harriman ever builds his proposed Central Oregon extension through to Bend, he will open up fo pleasure-seekers as well as agriculturists and timber men a portion of the state which will prove a pleasant surdoubt be thoroughly investigated, if it prise to thousands of Oregonians who

## VOICE OF THE COUNTRY PRESS PRIVILEGE AND CORRUPTION F. C. Howe in "The City" (Scribner's).

Snow Helps Good Harvest. Baker City Democrat.

The fast-melting snow is going into the ground, and a good water year will result, which means that the farmer and placer miner will enjoy a bountiful harvest.

First Know Your Man.

Business men need continually to look before they leap in the small affairs of the day, particularly the cashing of checks in the hands of men without established reputations.

#### Editorial on Par With Streets.

Baker City Herald. When you appear we can't be quiet This is a editorial. It is written to con form with our streets. The streets are To stir the feelings, break the heart. sloppy and the editorial may be sloppy, but there is one bright consolation-it Dancing, prancing, madly glancing, ain't sloppy overhead.

curried it the wrong way.

### March Curried Wrong Way.

Public Sentiment for Law.

La Grande Observer.

There is no mistaking the fact that

public sentiment all over the Pacific

Able to Sit Up, Thanks.

Pilot Rock Record.

The name Pilot Rock should not be con

nunded with that of Castle Rock. There

each are not for sale. Pilot Rock is not

"Man's but the Guinea Stamp."

A strong editorial is republished from 'he Oregonian today, dedicated to a cer-

tain Mr. Rockefeller. The sentiment of

the editorial is true, and the day will

will be looked upon with grave suspicion, and it will be a greater honor to be

known as poor and honest, as compared

No Boom but Sure Growth.

Albany Democrat.

The Democrat expects to see Portland a

city of 300,000 people within a few years.

doubling its present population. There are many things to indicate this. The

present development along industrial lines

makes it plain that much may be expect-

simply a boom on, but undoubtedly it means a good deal more than that, and

has a permanent character to it.

Sometimes it looks as if there was

with the station of the billionaire.

ome when men of such enormous wealth

Hogulam Washingtonian

Your Hungarian Gypsy dance Is the world, the flesh, the devil-and . . .

ing our fame, assist in our success. . . .

crooked he becomes more and more cowardly. . . . You never can build yourself up by

Take hold with all your force.

France!

Empty vessels never know enough to

Rain, tornadoes, sleet, snow, sunshine

A fig for the earth's properties. My

Blessed be the malicious liar, for he

kills himself.

Success implies joy in your work, and oy means better work tomorrow.

Society is pretty nearly ready to break out again. I wonder if they will have it bad this year? .

Gloomy weather intensifies the longing for sunny days and sunny doings Summer will be here soon.

In a few days fasting will give place to something fast,

Life is a search for our own-for those whose hearts beat in unison with ours, who respond to the same vibrations. Men are tuned to a certain key. Those tuned to F do not respond when you strike G. Our own are those

who are in our own key. There is no copyright on good will. Use It.

There is nothing quite so hygienic as true friendship. It means an even pulse, clear eyes, good digestion and sound sleep.

Many men are credited with having sporting blood in their veins, when an analysis would show that it is nothing but booze in the blood.

## Definitions.

(Tips on the Race of Life.) Plenty-Means the supply of star actresses.

Too much-Supply of star actors. Black Plague-The world's accumulation of stage-struck girls. Statesman-A man who aspires to

be a politician. Politician-A graduated states

An examination of the conditions in city after city discloses one sleepless influence that is common to them all. Underneath the surface phenomena the activity of privilege appears, the privilege of the street railways, the gas, the water, the telephone and electric-lighting companies. The connection of these industries with litics explains most of the corruption explains the power of the boss and the tachine; it suggests the explanation of the indifference of the "best" citizen and his hostility to democratic reform. Moreover, it throws much light on the excellence of some departments of city life and the inefficiency of others, for the interest of the franchise corporations is centered in the Council in the executive lepartments, and in the tax assess does not extend to the schools, parks and fre department-departments which are free from the worst forms of corruption. But the City Council awards franchises. It fixes the terms and the regulations der which the franchise corporations use the streets. The executive enjoys the veto power. He controls permits, and exerclass an influence upon the Council and public opinion. The assessor deterr the appraisal of property, as well as the taxes to be paid. All these powers are of great importance, and their control of great value. The privilege of tax evasion may amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. In the larger cities it is measured by millions. In 1963 the special ranchises of the public service corporations in Greater New York were appraised at \$235,184,325. This valuation is confessedly inadequate, and yet even it escaped taxation prior to the passage of the Ford franchise law, assessing the franchise as property. It would seem to be a rule of general application that whatever is of necessity

a monopoly should be a public monopoly. Private monopoly and political liberty seem to be irreconcilable. It is because of Private the conflict between them that our politics have suffered along with our convenience. We have attempted to recon-cile these two forces, with the result that liberty is lost in the contest. There is abundant evidence that street rallway fares under municipal ownership could reduced to 3, possibly to 2 cents. In Germany they have been cut down to 21% cents, while in England, where fares are adjusted by the zone system, the average paid in many cities is much less. In Glasgow, the average fare is 1% cents. In 1894 rates were reduced 30 per cent. Since 1894 rates were reduced 23 per cents. In that time the lines have been electroequipped and greatly extended, while the number of passengers carried increased in eight years from 36,500,000 to 177,000,000, or a growth of 109 per cent. Yet the net earnings of the Glasgow system, after all allowance for working expens ses and necessary maintenance, were \$1,56,000 in 1993. In the cities of New York and Cleveland, where an agitation has been on for the public ownership of electric light and power, it has been shown by reports of expert engineers that current could be produced and sold the consumer at 3 cents a kilowatt hour. This is from one-half to one-fifth what is usually charged by private companies. Artificial gas is sold in the United States

at from 75 cents to \$2 per 1009 cubic feet, the average charge being in the neighbor-hood of \$1.25. In Great Britain the rate

in the municipal plants averages 64 cents a thousand, while in a number of cities

It is as low as 50 cents. The by-products

of coal gas have become so valuable that the gas itself is said to cost but little in

the mains. If this be true, public own-ership would greatly reduce the cost of light and fuel, while the problem of

smoke abatement would be open to solu-tion through the use of gas as fuel. Moreover, many things are possible through public management that cannot be achieved through private control. The streets and public ways can be better lighted while the use of one on be street

lighted, while the use of gas can be great-

ly extended among the poor. For the city can adjust the rates, payments and con-

venience of the user. This is the policy adopted in Great Britain, where one per-

son out of every five uses gas in cities, the use being promoted by municipal co-

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operation in many ways,

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## Queen Springs Snow Coat

Prescott Speciator. Robed in garments of beautiful verdure. rimmed with fragrant fruit blossoms. virgin Spring was reigning happily in this good land, while her subjects, under the spell of her benign sway, were radiant and happy. Forth from the faozen north uddenly came bleak, angry and sullen Winter, and with a wild, terrifying howl pounced upon the gentle malden and strangled the life out of her, and buried her poor body under a bank of snow. Disposing of the queen, the demon took undisputed reign over her frightened and shivering subjects, and for several days kept them busy looking for a warm spot and talking about the prospects of having to reseed their crops. Ach du lieber! It was a nasty piece of business, and we hope the kind fates will soon reincarnate the gentle queen and restore her to her land and people

## Upward Trend in Politics.

The taxation of ground Increase cents nor the cost merely shifts the burden on him who joys the benefits. It cannot be shifted to anyone else. It is like special assess-ments for paving, sewers and the like. From this source all of the needs of the city can be satisfied. In many com ties this principle has already been rec-ognized. The City of Liverpool receives \$500,000 annually from the lease of its common land. In certain cities in Germany, it has become the policy to buy up surrounding land in advance of the city's growth, and thus retain the benefits and the unearned increment of the city's expansion. How much farther the city will go in its activities is a matter of conjecture. That the educational development will continue is indicated by the impuise it continue is indicated by the impuise it has received in recent years, as well as the jealousy on the part of the public of anything which impairs its efficiency. The same is true of the public libraries, which are being supplemented in many cities by art galleries, public lectures and concerts. The educational and recreative features of the twentieth-century city are assured, and these on a higher plane of efficiency as well as on a broader basis of culture than has anywhere yet been attempted If our own cities are to follow the ten-dencies in England, Germany, France and Belgium, it is likely that such functions will be greatly extended. Foreign cities are already going in for municipal mlik bureaux, the supply of coal, for saving banks, not to speak of many enterprises a purely competitive and commercia sort.

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## THE MORNING OREGONIAN, TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1906.

#### Miss Hot Ice Water. (Of "Miss New York, Jr.," Company.) Wiora, you inflammatory

T. HARRAN

Limit where all limits meet. The man who had you for a wife Would need no cook-stove all his life Albany Democrat. The eyes that gleam from out your head Would fry the bacon, bake the bread; Put you in the Arctic Ocean, It will change to boiling moti-

Medford Mail. Uncle Fred Barneburg-When you curry a horse the wrong way he looks and acts like the dickens. That's what's wrong It is often that our enemies, by spreadwith this month of March-someone has

As a man becomes more and more

Northwest is much more intent upon the enforcement of law than ever betearing some one else down. fore. The "Wild and Wooly West" is . . a thing of the past.

be silent. . . .

is no attempt being made to sell Pilot. Rock. In fact, lots that are assessed at \$1 and baimy airs-March, we salute you. What, oh what, will the next minute be! experiencing a boom, neither is it on the burn. It is holding its own, thank you.

A fig for the

the wall. Before the time for the next that \$1 per bushel was the proper price National convention the Republican for wheat. A proclamation to that efparty is almost certain to decline their fact was issued with instructions that and hangers-on. By their fruits ye baneful alliance and resume its historic all members of the society hold their mission as the champion of the plain grain until the figure named had been people against the pretensions of spereached. Wheat, which was then sellcial privilege. In the war against the ing around \$3 cents per bushel, has oligarchy of human slavery the Repub- since declined about 6 cents per bushel, lican party grew to greatness; in the and, despite spasmodic efforts to regain bloodless war against the oligarchy of a higher level, has remained around privileged millionaires it may be des- the bottom figures reached for nearly a tined to achieve triumphs which will fortnight. Not only has the price dim the glories of its past. steadfastly remained at a figure nearly 25 cents per bushel under the minimum

Mr. Roosevelt may not be the next Republican candidate for President. His rate established by the Society of standing for a second elective term Equity, but there is very little prospect would violate no historical precedent; for an improvement unless it comes the people's call to him steadily grows very quickly. The weekly statistics apin earnestness and volume. Still, he pearing yesterday were all inclined to may not accept. Whether he accepts or not, however, the next Republican ply for the first time at a corresponding candidate will almost certainly be a date in the past five years showing an man of the Roosevelt type; one who increase.

will stand for fair legislation for all lasses and equal enforcement of the | to but 57,000 bushels; but this is not the laws. The plutocrats foresee this, They | time of year when increases in the visiare convinced that if the next President is to be a creature of their own he must last year at this date amounting to be a Democrat. "Nothing can save 1,168,000 bushels. The visible supply us," wails the plutocratic banker quoted above, "but the conservatism of the South, and to this we must make our appeal." There is no hope for them in the Republican party, for if a Republican candidate is elected it must be by Northern and Western votes, and those votes will not be cast for a tool of the millionaires. They turn therefore to the Democrats of the South for their man.

Why to the South? For obvious rea sons. Neither Northern nor Southern Democrats will vote willingly for a Northern plutocrat. The lamentable candidacy of Judge Parker proves that. But perhaps Southern pride and chivairy can be fired in behalf of a Southern man, no matter what his principles and record may be. This, then, is the scheme-to dangle before the South the political control of the country as a bribe and thereby hold it solid for some man like Thomas F. Ryan, of Virginia; to unite with the South the intransigent plutocratic Northern element in both parties and thus, possibly, gain control of both the President and Concress. In pursuance of this scheme i Macedonian cry goes forth to the solid South: "Come over and help us," plead the quaking millionaires, "and the political spoils of the Nation shall be yours." It is an alluring balt.

This attempt to corrupt the political morals of half the Nation at one stroke staggers the imagination. The scheme is brilliant in conception, daring in effrontery, amazing in its cynical depravity. The man appointed by the club of plutocrats who originated it to make the first move in the game was judiusly chosen. Ever since he entered the arena of practical politics Judge Alton B. Parker has shown himself the able, facile and not too scrupulous tool of the privileged interests. His recent tour through the South was made as an attorney for those interests. He dia, which a year ago was shipping sent out by Belmont, McClellan and Ryan after a solemn conference in New York. Grover Cleveland, who nothing. While the Argentine's weekly draws a salary of \$12,000 a year from Ryan as "referee" for the Equitable So-

ship of 200,000 farmers, decided the public what the real spirit nopoly is and what conduct it inspires, directly or indirectly, in its retainers shall know them.

## A MATTER OF PRUDENCE.

The case of supposed diphtheritic poisoning, affecting not only human bengs, but chickens and birds, on a farm near Munkers, Linn County, will no has not been already, by officials of the do not yet appreciate to the fullest ex-State Board of Health. If reports in tent the wonders of their state. regard to it are correct, or even approximately so, the matter is not only distressing; it is alarming as suggestive of a grave menace to people in the vicinity of the McLain farm. If the cause of the sudden death of Mrs. Mc-Lain and her little daughter, as well

as a large number of chickens and birds on the farm, was diphtheria, the type is a most malignant one and its source should not be far to seek. It is a fact well known that domestic fowls can and do contract some of the

fifth diseases that, under favorable con ditions, develop in human beings. That birds, driven by stress of weather, such as prevailed for ten days following the first week in March, seeking food in barnyards and dooryards, would be subject to a contagious disease that existed among the fowls with which they fed, is entirely reasonable. But that persons of ordinary intelligence from a sanitary point of view, observing these conditions, did not take the alarm until death overtook them, though distressing throat trouble was present, almost passes bellef."

marketed abroad or carried over into The case is certainly a strange one, next season. In either case it is bound but, so far as the domestic fowls were to act unfavorably on the market so concerned in it, not more so than were The European countries have this

experiences of a similar nature on a farm in Benton County several years season been taking much more Amerago. The disease in the latter case was ican wheat than they took last season. of a tuberculous nature, the fowls hav-Since July 1, 1905, nearly 50,000,000 bushing contracted it through the carelessels more have been exported from this ness of persons having a consumptive country than were sent out during the patient in charge. While the hog is period in the preceding season, theoretically or proverbially the filthlest The shipments from the United States of animals raised for human consump and Canada for the week ending last Saturday amounted to 2,392,000 bushels, tion, chickens, as everybody knows who compared with but little over 1,000,000 has raised them, are really less discriminating in the matter of food than th bushels for the corresponding week in 1905. Were it not for the rather weak hog. They are equally voracious, and, when underfed, as are most barnyard statistical position of the cereal in this country, it would undoubtedly he posand dooryard fowis, between seasons, sible to infuse a little more life into the they eat everything that comes their foreign markets. With the single ex-ception of the United States, all the way, that can be distorted or converted into food. If by this means they contract any malignant disease, they are principal exporting countries of the especially dangerous, because they are so easily handled and so certain to be world last week made smaller shipments than on the same week one year The total from these countries handled by caretaking women and sym-

pathetic children. one year ago was 10,184,000 bushels, of which the United States shipped only If in this instance, therefore, it found that the chickens died of a diphabout one-tenth. Last week the ship theritic affection, it will be clear that ments were 8,641,000 bushels, of which nearly one-third was sent from the the child who died the day following the one in which she buried two dozen Russia, the Argentine, Austria and or more of the dead fowls, and the

woman who died the day preceding, afthe Danubian ports last week all fell short of the shipments made one year ago in a corresponding period, and Inter having been "doctoring" the fowls, contracted the deadly disease from them. It will then be the part of the from 1.000.000 to 2.000.000 bushels per health officers to trace the disease-no week, has failen away to practically nger mysterious-to its source, and to take such measures as are available to shipments since January 1 have not protect the community from its spread. reached as great an amount in the ag-The leason in all of this, however, is

Sentiment in favor of preserving Cas tle Rock, one of the scenic attractions of the Coinmbia River, has its innings one day-commercialism the next. "It is vandalism," cries sentiment, "to shat ter this great rock in order to secure stone for building purposes," and the sympathetic public of two states re-sponds "Aye." "If the progress of the Northwest in material things demands it, the rock must be taken down," calmly answers commercialism, and the public answers again, only less feebly, "Aye." It is not hard to predict the outcome when these two forces clash.

-The rifle or pistol is only less danger ous in the hands of a young child than in those of the deperado. The unerring ahn of the latter is matched in accu racy by the gleeful purpose of the former to "scare somebody." The latest illustration of this fact comes in a dispatch from an Idaho town in which a child 4 years old discharged a rifle, having first playfully pointed it at his nother, with fatal effect. The pity of an incident of this kind almost outweighs the calamity that it causes,

A French firm has built for the Rus sian government an armored automo bile which carries a Hotchkiss gun that fires 500 shots per minute and can be used with accuracy while the car is moving at full speed over a rough country. This machine ought to prove very attractive for the wild scorchers who with the ordinary machines kill only those who attempt to use the highways where the scorchers are speeding.

gas company's organ that Johnson, the thug, was inveigled from the streets up into the editorial rooms of The Oregonian, and there, while courteously remonstrating with one of the editors, who was seated, was subjected to a most infamous assault by the sitting

If the protege of C. F. Adams and J. N. Teal, the man who visited, The Oregonian yesterday to "clean out" the office, will call again he will receive his hat and umbrella, which he neglected to

or fellos Harry-Worse than that. Tom-Heavens! What has happened to

Grafter-A post-graduate politician. Birth-That's when we begin the trouble.

Death-Something that will hannen to all, and which in many cases we would like to hasten. Work-Something everybody has and

nobody wants. Riches-Something we strive for al-

ways, and seldom get until it is too late to help us much.

#### Training of Millionaires. Everybody's

While the hostess of this establishment is playing her infinitely complex part, her children are being assiduously trained to fill, when their time shall come, roles just as difficult. It often happens that there is an almost utter lack of personal relation between them. A millionaire mother thinks nothing of placing the width of the continent or the Atlantic between herself and her 6-months-old baby. Experti-trained maids and nurses are left in charge, and a daily dispatch tells her all she needs to know and frees her from undue anxiety. When they get a little older these bables begin a training as rigid as that of princes and princesses. A long line of instructors visit the house daily. Music lessons dancing lessons lan guage lessons, riding lessons, walks, rec-reations, parties, crowd to overflowing the hours of every day. A little boy, al-most a baby, whose brief life had been spent under these hurried, nerve-racking

conditions, used to go once in a while to the superintending housekeeper, of whom he was very fond, and say: "Miss C-----may I come into your room and play? ] have just 15 minutes to spare."

## Hardwick in Hard Luck.

Exchange.

Representative Hardwick, from Georgia, was recently traveling in a Pullman car. Hardwick is the smallest man in the Hardwick is the smallest man in the House. The presence of a negro passen-ger gave him great concern, and after the negro had gone into the dining-car and eaten his dinner, sitting near the Georg-ian, the Georgia member went to the con-ductor and asked that the negro be put out of the car. "We can't do that, sir," the conductor answered. "Well, if that fresh nigger gets near me I'm going to but of the car. we can the that, sir, the conductor answered. "Well, if that fresh nigger gets near me I'm going to whoe up the car with him." declared the Georgian: "I won't have him around me." Everything went along peacefully enough. the negro sitting in his seat and inter fering with no one. "Who is that black

the negro stilling in his said that black fering with no one. "Who is that black rancal?" asked the Southern member of the porter, after a time. "Who? Him?" asked the porter; "boss, dat's Joe Gans, the pugillat."

## Frick Buys Carnegie's Pride.

Pittsburg Dispatch. The announcement is made that H. C The announcement is made that H. C. Frick has bought the Carnegie building in Pittsburg. Pa., for 31,500,000. It has not been many years since Frick, after his row with Carnegie, in anger announced that he would "make the Carnegie build-ing look like a bake oven." and he has almost kept his word, for he has erected sky-scrapers around it, cutting off the light which was counted on when this 12-story structure, the first in Pittsburg. story structure, the first in Pittsburg, was erected.

The Frick building and the Frick annex tower above it seven stories, and on them Mr. Frick has spent about \$10,000,000.

#### Got Her Dates Mixed.

Le Rire.

"Tou know. Emile dear---" "What! Emile! You mean Charles---" "Of course, how stupid I am. I thought today was Wednesday.

Davenport (Wash.) Times, Some of the Whitman County papers are trying to get together on the question of divorcing party politics from the business of conducting a country newspaper, and on all sides it is a question that is receiving much attention. The time, perhaps, will never come when the country editor will not and should not interest himself in political questions and speak his mind, but there is a growing belief that he should not lend himself too freely to the support of candidates merely be cause they chance to be on his ticket There may be special times and cases when the publisher is justified in putting up a robust fight for certain candidates, which should always be aside from any

question of personal advantage now or bereafter, but it is neither good business, good politics, nor good morals for country editors to break their necks legging for certain tickets, where there is really not much at stake for anybody except the men who are after the jobs.

## As a Woman Sees It.

Tales.

Teacher-"What is the future tense of the verb 'to love?" Apt Pupil-" "To marry,' of course!"

## An Old Sweetheart of Mine.

James Whitcomb Riles

James Whitcomb Hiley. As one who cons at evening o'er an album all alone. And muses on the fanes of the friends that he has known; So I turn the leaves of Fancy, till in shad-ewy design. I find the smilling feature of an old sweet-heart of mine.

The lamplight seems to glimmer with a

flicker of surprise. As I turn it low, to rest me of the dazzling in my eyes,

And light my pipe in sllence, save a sigh that seems to yoke Its fate with my tobacco, and to vanish with the smoke.

'Tis a fragrant retrospection, for the loving

thoughts that start into being, are like perfumes from the blossom of the heart; And to dream the old dreams over, is a luxury divine. truant fancies wander with that

When my truant tan mine. eld sweetheart of mine.

A face of illy beauty, with a form of airy

grace. Floats out of my tobacco as the genil from

Floats out of my token the giances of a pair and I thrill beneath the giances of a pair of agure eyes, as glowing as the Summer and as tender as the skies.

I can see the pink sunbonnet and the little checkered dress She wors when first I klassed her, and she answered the careas; With the written declaration that, "As surely as the vine Grew "round the stump," she loves me-that old aweetheart of mine.

And again I feel the pressure of her slender little hand. As we used to talk together of the future we had planned. When I should be a poet, and with nothing else to do But write the tender verses that she set the music to.

And I should be her lover forever and a

day. And she my faithful sweetheart till the golden hair was gray; And we should be so happy, that when either lips were dumb.

They would not smile in heaven till the other's kisses come.

- But, Ah! My dream is broken

- To .

But, An: my dream is prozen by a step upon the stalr: And the door is softly opened, and my wife is standing there: Yet with eagerness and rapture all my visions I resign. To great the living presence of that old

#### Reign of the Molly Maguires.

Everybody's. For 15 years, from 1861 to 1876, the Molly Maguires' reign of terror lasted. It was criminally unjust retribution, even for the wrongs that capital had inflicted; and it made the situation of labor far worse in the end. By a flawless system of in-timidation, the sovereign "Mollies" prac-tically dictated labor matters throughout the Pennsylvania anthracite region. In many cases they were able to triple wages; they regulated the amount of lawages, they reached the amount of has bor; and they appointed or deposed men at pleasure, either by threats, injury or assassination. Every "Molly" stood ready to murder if his superiors so ordered. Warning, it is true, was usually sent to the intended victim in the form of a structure of a softim with the mint crude drawing of a coffin, with the print-ed legend, "This is your house"; but there was no evading the sure and stealthy vengeance of the "Mollies"" too experi enced weapons. And so completely unde cover were their entire proceedings that in the famous trial in 1876, when 19 ring-leaders were condemned to death, the ex-tent of the association's power and depravity became known to a horrified pub-lic for the first time.

Most's Paper to Die.

#### New York Sun

A well-known anarchist, who was one of Most's intimate friends, says that Most's organ, the Freiheit, will be al-lowed to die with Most. This, he said,

lowed to die with Most. This, he said, was what Most would have wished him-self, and was the desire of August Lott, Most's successor, who assisted him in bringing out the Freiheit. "The Freiheit represented Most's per-sonal ideas," he said, "and I don't believe Most, if he had been consulted, would have wanted it to be kept alive after him. In a week or two another organ for the

have wanted it to be kept arive after him. In a week or two another organ for the anarchists will be established." For the last year or two the Freiheit had been waning. It grew smaller and smaller, until it was only one-half its former size. Anarchy began to die in this city when the anarchists realized that in-cendiary utterances meant arrest and im-orisonment.

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editor.

take with him when he retired.

Worse Yet. La Vida Galanie. Tom-How's our old friend Dick? Harry-Don't speak of him-poor fo Tom-What-is he dead?

Harry-He's run off with my wife!

# We shall probably hear next from the