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ABUSES OF CHILD LABOR.

Oppression of young children, through compulsory labor, is one of the evile of every industrial civilization; and every modern civilization is todustrial. What can the state do to reduce the evil? Much, Indeed, has been done, but the conditions in many of our states still are such as to awaken deepest plty, and to call for new efforts. In our Eastern States the general factory eystem is well under the control of law but the places known as sweatshops are not; and in the coal mines and many other places children are worked beyond their strength and years the girls as well as the boys. The worst abuses of the factory system, as to child labor, are now found in our Southern States, where the labor unions are still weak, where the authority of law for protection of children has as yet been little exercised, and where parente have not been impressed so deeply with a sense of their own responsibility, or awakened to the sorrows and distresses of childhood subjected to the hard conditions of modall countries of Europe, But this will not be accepted as an answer

child labor is usually laid at the door of other cities of the United States, \$1,221,the employer, and especially of the 478,907. But who supposes that New large employing corporations. They Fork has nearly twice as much popuof the blame but only their share of it. Primarily it | States? lies upon the parents, or much of it. who, having many children, push them out to work at the earliest time when they can take up any employment. Parents insiet on the contribution which their children, however young, can make to the stock necessary for the family's support; and the indifference children suffer under the iron law of industry and wages is among the sad-

dest facts that afflict a sympathetic philanthropy. President Roosevelt, more than once has called attention to the distressing varieties of business. Chicago's bank conditions that so commonly attend exchanges average no more than onechild labor, and it is said that Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, will introduce a ten times as large as Chicago? It is bill in Congress for abatement of their not twice as large. evils and abuses. It is not easy to see how, under our system, Congress can deal with a subject that has always istration of voters and number been regarded as belonging to the police power of the states, and upon which many states have already acted for is ahead of Seattle protection of children. But we shall be glad to see on what basis or principle Senator Beveridge intends to proceed Since the old theory of "state rights" has almost become a solecism, many of our people, perhaps most of them, are

no longer averse to any undertaking by the General Government which seems to them likely to establish better conditions among the people. Witness the earnest welcome with which the intervention of the General Government for regulation and control of the yellow fever scourge in our Southern States vas received last year-a proceeding

hitherto unknown

Through organized labor much has been accomplished for the relief of children from the distressing tasks that a rigorous industrial system throws upon them. It teaches fathers a better sense of their own duties, and fuller assur ance of their own power, under combination, to meet the difficulties by which their families are surrounded. Laws enacted by the state are helpful; but the law of the family, if the rights and duties and powers of parentage are exercised with steady, humane and intelligent purpose, are most helpful of all for protection of children and for preservation of children against all sorts of abuses, including those of the pitfless industrial grind.

A NEW TRIAL.

The judge who tried Jasper Jennings committed an error. So the Supreme Court rules. On account of the error pense of the former trial were wasted. ceremony must be repeated.

What was this fatal error? A wit- globe of broken promises. nees was permitted to express his opinbullet must have come that killed the old man in the cabin. This should not own opinions. Judge Hanna therefore I that of a pumpkin or a moist piece of I These things the specialist who has He means "for Ruef."

ness to express an opinion. But was it a mistake which substannical rule of evidence was violated is of trivial importance unless substantial the decision and ordering a new trial,

intends its order as a rebuke to Judge the broken promise of his youth. His Hanna for his mrelessuess in permitting one of the rules of evidence to be to be more careful in future might have have been thwarted. To the court the ground for the reversal doubtless seems nportant; to the public it appears trivial in the extreme; and without disrespect to the court it must be reiterated that It is these reversals upon technical grounds and re-trials without sufficient reason which tend to bring the courts ato disrepute and multiply crimes.

The rules of evidence are not more mportant than justice, and the princi-

THE GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

The public is aware that an effort two weeks instituted by Mr. William M. Ladd, and supported by his newspaper and by his particular "set," to in lict the publishers of The Oregonian or the publication of a cartoon in the columne of the paper of November 3, n which Mr. Ladd was represented as promoter of Hearst journalism, or rather of an imitation of it, here.

The grand jury seems to have conidered the matter very carefully, since it gave much time to it and called nany witnesses; but could not find libel n the cartoon. It never was supposed by The Oregonian that a dispassionate grand jury could find libel in it.

On Sunday last The Oregonian suffiiently reviewed this whole matter, and ill not trouble the public further with it. On the report of the grand jury or that part of it which evidently has grown out of this particular incident The Oregonian will say, however, that it is greatly obliged to that body for its admonition to the press of the state; that it takes to itself so much thereof as it deems it needs, with thanks for it; and that it begs to express the hope that the whole of it will be heeded very carefully by those who may need it his lawful chattel, could not have been

Silent for years under unprovoked, Oregonian at last retorted upon those responsible for the wanton assault; whereupon they attempted to invoke the law-we use the grand jury's own words, "to gratify personal feelings or for the purpose of revenge." That is all there is of it.

BANK EXCHANGES AND POPULATION. Seattle newspapers make the opeer claim that the bank exchanges of a city are sign, measure and proof of its pop-

ulation, Special conditions make Scattle's bank clearings "show up" beyond tos ern industrial life. True, it is worse in population, as compared with many other cities. The same is true elsewhere.

For example, last week's clearings in Most of the censure for the abuses of New York were \$2,115,593,546; in all the made a penalty and fatherhood raised tion as all other cities of the United

Cincinnati's clearings were \$25,675,450. while those of Cleveland were \$19,943,-

Moreover, Scattle reported last week clearings to the amount of \$11,210,136; while Milwaukee's statement was \$11,of many parents to the hardships their | 634,872. But Milwaukee is three times

larger than Seattle. Methods of exchange in different citousiness reflected through methods of tenth those of New York. In New York

Other indicia of population are better. as the census of school children, regvotes actually east in a general elec-In all these particulars Portland

THE PERFECT APPLE

Where does the perfect apple grow? Is it in Yamhill County or at Hood River? Shall we find it some October day mellowing on a hillside by the Umpqua? Or does it ripen in the sunshine of Southern Oregon, on one of those trees "loaden with fruit of fairest colors, mixed, ruddy and gold," that flourish on the banks of the Rogue? Nay, in none of all those favored spote can it be found. There are apples good, better and best, but hever one that is perfect.

The perfect apple, like the perfect man, is an unattrinable ideal. Once it existed upon the earth, but it vanished with the innocence of our first parents. and, however much we strive to regain it, we can never succeed. Still, we are not ignorant of the qualities of that transcendent fruit. It hung on "goodly tree" and its color was "ruddy and gold," mixed, which, by the way, assures us that it was neither a Spitzenberg nor a Jonathan. Whether it was a Northern Spy or not is debatable. The color suits very well, but the pome which the "spirited sly Snake" seduced Eve to devour to her perdition had a The assumption is, indeed, not an un-"savory odor" which could be smelled a reasonable one, and data carefully comly enhance public interest in the higher cide is a dark one usually. This year criticism if Mr. Lownsdale and his it has been especially so in this city, Hood River rivals would make a thorough study of Milton's description of the perfect apple which grew in Eden the case is reversed and a new trial is and specify for each variety which they Thus all the labor and ex- exhibit just wherein it comes up to the standard and wherein it falls short. Jennings stands exactly as if he had What a fearful coming to judgment never been before a jury. The whole that would be for the Ben Davis! This "temporary Insanity," to lightened bedizened siren, fair and false, ie a

Still, the Ben Davis is not without its | follows the holidays, but with February ion about the direction from which the lesson for us. If there are sermons in stones, how much longer and better ones may we find in apples, and the life become lighter to the sick, the dehave been allowed. Opinions are not latter days of the Ben Davis confirm spondent and those who lack the courevidence except in some special cases. the poet's noble faith that there is good age or the strength to carry them. The proper method is to place the facts in everything. In December, though bravely and hopefully, under all cir before the jury and let them form their the skin be most beauteous, the flesh is cumstances.

Was the verdict of the jury likely to be sge, bring forth your Ben Davis from forestall doubt and put disbelief to rout affected by it? Was Jasper Jennings the cellar and witness the heyday of his deprived of a fair trial by Judge Han- glory. Whether he be baked and come with great care from many cources na's mistake? These are the important upon the table bathed in the sweet njury resulted or was likely to result. the interregnum between the transitory It is possible that the Supreme Court Let him not be despised, therefore, for

age atones for all. The perfect apple which grew in Eden infringed. If such is the case, the needed no spraying. By its inherent method of rebuke is too indirect and virtue it defied the codlin moth, the expensive. The same end might have scab, the scale and all the insidious been gained by a statement from the host of foes which assail the degenerate ourt that the error had been commit- orchards of our fallen state. The spray been added. Thus the rules of evidence this imperfect world. "Spray wthout no accident that a single letter "s" changes pray to spray. As praying saves the coul, so spraying caves the apple. The entire word spray is sacred. It bubbles over with beneficent suggestions. Drop the "s" and you have Drop again the "p" and you 'pray." bringeth a ray of gladness to the soul of the apple-raiser. Once more, drop as causes of shipwreck. Captain pal moral force of the penal law lies the strong affirmative of the optimist in its promptness and certainty. never discouraged. The orchardist will do marvelous wieely to ponder well this mystic word "spray" and decipher its cult significance

The unattainable, perfect apple is not so much a product of soil and climate as of the character of the grower. tories are won, not by the guns, but by the men behind them. The Hood River pippin tastes of patience, self-denial and brave trust in the good God who blesses the labor of men. The Lowns dale Spitzenberg takes its glow from the kindly toll of the artist who produced it. Soll and sunshine are but tools. It is man with his intellect and his cunning hand who makes the ple. To him who labors wisely and patiently all things come, no matter he lives. One apple differeth where from another in glory, but the greater glory comes ever from the greater toll and the deeper thought.

DELINQUENT FATHERS.

A woman who "bore the yoke and wore the name of wife" for twenty years and more, until she could no longer bear the galling of the one, was allowed to renounce the other by the court eitting at Oregon City the other day, upon a showing that, had the man been a slavedriver and the woman darker with oppression. Eleven children, the oldest seventeen years, the ontinuous and malignant attack. The, youngest nine months oid, were the assets of this marriage, and of the entire band the mother pluckily asked and was generously allowed the custody. She asked further that the father of this numerous progeny be ordered to pay \$25 a month toward the maintenance of the children, but this provision was not included in the decree of the court.

As a penalty for living with a brutal husband until she had borne him eleven children, it may be just that this mother is left to support them. what of the man" Should he be left free to expend his earnings upon himself and his vices while his children are motherhood in this lowly home to be to a premium? Between the chance that half a dozen at least of these minor children-born in bitterness and facing the world without a settle home and childly maintenance-will bewoman untrained in any skilled indus- from the top. try and bearing in her arme the handicap of a nursing babe. To avert these consequences and as a matter of simple justice to mother, children and should by legal process be systematicies are unlike. So are the conditions of ally levied upon for the benefit of his handsome codlin-or is it coddling?children. The ingenuity of an intelliexchange, and through the nature and gent body of legislators should be equal to a provision for cases of this kind. which are so frequent as not to require to be dealt with under the name of special legislation. The superintendent of the Boys' and Giris' Aid Society, any ember of the Ladies' Relief Society, the president of the board of directors Baby Home, or any member that board, could, if asked, testify to failure or neglect of men who have nesumed the responsibility of fatherhood to meet its simplest obligations. Men other Crusoe. are sent to the rockpile for delinquen cles far less culpable than this, and indeed there are criminals wearing prison etripes for crimes far less hein-

The father who neglects or refuses to provide for the maintenance of his chil dren, to the extent at least of their necessities and his physical ability and earning capacity, under any and all circumstances, represents an economic problem in the solution of which every taxpayer, every philanthropist, every humanitarian, is interested. The intel ligent, progressive lawgiver should be able to molety at least of the earnings of delinquent fathers could be confiscated for the benefit of their minor children, whether these have been made mother less by death or are worse than orphaned by divorce.

NOVEMBER SCICIDES The number of suicides in this city recently gives color to the view that depreceing atmospheric conditions have a tendency to increase suicidal mania. ong way off. This seems to exclude piled have been offered in proof of its soundness. November's record for suithis fact tallying with an unusually gloomy and stormy month, even for November. With December—owing perhaps to the infusion of the holiday spirit of helpfulness and good-willthe mental depression that finds expression is suicide, under the name of comewhat and there are fewer selfmurders than in November. A relapse and the coming of longer if not brighte days hope revives and the burdens of spondent and those who lack the cour-

made a mistake when he allowed a wit- cork; but wait till the wild March ventured into the shadowy realm of the winds begin to how! Then, when the occult to discern, if possible, the cause Northern Spy has gone to its account of which an epidemic of sulcide in Notially altered the outcome of the trial? and the Spitzenberg is withered with vember is the effect, tells us, and to

Any one who has felt the inexplicable questions. The mere fact that a tech- juices from his own veins, or whether gloom known as "depression of spirits" you taste him enshrined in a delectable pie, he is a consolation and a joy. In drizzly day in November (and who has not?) will hardly question the findings If the error did Jennings no harm, then pippin and the bourgeoning rhubarb of the psychological investigator which there was no good ground for reversing the Ben Davis reigns and sheds his declare that the latent mania which benign influence upon the dinner table. Impels to suicide is fostered by these conditions.

The Oregonian, having criticised from time to time the reckless, ignorant or careless navigation that has caused such loss of life and property on Pacific waters within the year, takes pleasure in noting the good seamanship that brought the Iverna safely into port at ted. An admonition to the trial judge pump is one of the outer insignia of Astoria after beating about in the gales original ein; nor can we be rid of it in of a stormy season for many weeks. Vigilance and good judgment are would have been sufficiently vindicated and the course of fustice would not version of the hortatory hymn. It is by seamanship. The captain who dozes in seamanship. The captain who dozes in his cabin while his mate at the helm hugs a coast in a fog, or beate about it the darkness without use of the lead until the pounding of the breakers upon the beach tells all on board that the vessel is at the mercy of the sea, come with exceedingly poor grace before a "ray," eignifying that the pump board of inquiry protesting the dangers of the coast and the fury of the gale "r" and there remainsth "ay," which is lingswood, of the Iverns, is not that type of a saflor. A strong sea is as safe to him as a smooth harbor, for the simple reason that he does not ignore the proximity of the coast and go to sleep. Good cheer to the captain of the Iverna! Good luck is his because he wins it by good scammaship.

> Britain's inheritance tax this year is providing the Chancellor of the Ex- having him as a Senator equer with a large surplus for his budget. The seventh millionaire to die since April of this year was the Earl of Melville, who left property exclusive of settled estate worth \$6,500,000. This will yield in inheritance tax about \$650,500. It is noted as a curious fact that the first Liberal government to come into power since "death duty was instituted by a Liberal Minister, William Harcourt, should reap so rich a hurvest therefrom in so short a time Since death duties were first average of \$63,000,000 yearly to the British exchequer. This year Mr. Asquith expects to draw from them not less than \$87,000,000. About one-tenth of the national income is paid by the accumulations of the dead through this Seeking to fix the unit of its use fulness, it is said that the death duty of each year more than provides for the annual additions to the British navy.

Homer Davenport is in no mood to sing "Good-bye, my Arab steeds, goodit was not for this that be went Arabia last August, hobnobbed with the Sheik of the tribe of Anazeb and left some thousands of dollars with reeders of the finest horses on earth in exchange for twenty-seven thoroughbred Arabian steeds. He paid for the orsee in the coin of the realm, got a complete pedigree signed by the Sheik Sheiks, and the horses are snugly stabled at his New Jersey farm. Wha more do the English upstarts want?

Senator Piles explains in answer to Senator La Follette's attacks on him ag a railroad Senator, that a railway rate bill that is good enough for Roosevelt brought up, or dragged up, through the he really feels is good enough for him. That's the way Senator Fulton and some others feel. The only real good Senator, however, comes from Wiscon sin, and his name isn't Spooner

The ship captains who regard the made their great discovery Again, the population of Cleveland is greater than that of Cheinnati; but the community if not upon the bounty sels up on the beach. There are places of some charitable institution, stands near the Oregon coast where the botthe sleuder earning capacity of a tom of the ocean is only a few feet

> Apples, apples, everywhere, and not a bite to eat-for less than \$2 per box. What has become of the old-fashioned community, the earnings of this father kind that father used to raise, in the good old days when there was a nice, moth for every apple?

Rabbi Voorsanger, of San Francisco pays a high personal tribute-in Nev York-to Mayor Schmitz and Abe Ruef. Did the rabbi really have to go so far from home to show that he doesn't know anything about San Francisco?

The only way to make safe those modest and retiring women of New the growing evil represented by the York, who never smile or make eyes a great tenors, is to maroon the great tenor on an island, as Fate did the

> Mr. Harriman's enthusiastic commdation of Mr. Root as a Presidential eligibility will help out coneiderably in realizing that gentleman's known preference for private life,

> Undeterred by car shortage, L. J Simpson is about to put in at North Bend a mill that will cut 250,000 feet a day. Being on Coos Bay, Mr. Simpson can chip by water.

> The pllot who attempts to cut across the bow of an approaching vessel is of a piece with the engineer who tries to steal one station beyond the passing

Any first-class expert, of accomodat ing turn of mind, who will permit the Mayor to write his report, can get as eacy Job by applying at the City Hall

Senator Platt resigned once when no body asked him to; and he will not resign now when everybody wants him to. The human critter is a poor cuss,

Cheer up. After a while there won't be anybody manufacturing anything worth shipping, and then the car shortage will bother nobody

resigning; but Senator Depew wants it nderstood that the resigning habit is not contagious

Senator Platt can suit himself about

When railways talk of retrenchmen is well for the workingman to lay by few pieces of silver and gold.

The Caruso trouble all occurred in the monkey house at Central Park. There are other places, too, that raise

are mostly in Oregon. Boss Ruef explains it by saying he is a lawyer and took it all "for fees.

the best apples in the world; but they

THE SHAME OF NEW YORK. York Newspaper Opinion on Platt Continuing as Senator,

Call on Senator Platt to Resign. New York Times (D)

If it be true that Senator Platt is about o resign his place in the Senate of the ilted States, he is well-advised. That step would be wise and becoming; it otnewhat imperatively indicated in his He would consult his own comfort by resigning, since his persistence in holding the office would very likely involve consequences of no little unpleasantness for himself. We do not think he should await the assembling of the Legislature. An ad interim appointment by Governo Higgins would hold only until the Legis lature had elected a Senator. By resign ing now Senator Platt will escape the riticism and public discussion of himself during the weeks of the session preceding the Christmas recess

It's Up to the Legislature.

New York Post (Ind.). It is easy to understand why Platt should be indignant at all this talk that ought to resign. What new reason for it is there in his latest disgrace? His reputation, of a sort to make his reception in a decent home impossible, has been perfectly known-for 25 years; but what difference has that made? So what is all the row about? From Platt's point of view, the whole thing is clearly unin telligible. He is not at all conscious now of being more unfit to be Senator from New York than he has been all these years. All these things being taken into the account, and disregarding Platt's natural wonder that anything he has done think that the first act of the Legislature should be the passage of a joint resolution calling upon him to deliver the peo ple of New York from the ign

Nothing New in Fresh Shame.

New York Press (Rep.). The fact that one of New York's Sena tors becomes self-revealed to all the world as he was revealed to those who dishonor and the fact that a Mr. Hughes in the insurance investigation, disclosed the other as doing what all his intimutes and his political backers knew he wa doing-these facts add nothing to the shame which has always been New eleven years ago they have added an York's since this state has been represented in the United States Senate Thomas C. Platt and Chauncey M. De

Time to Hold One's Nose.

New York Stm (Rep.). It is a mistake to suppose that the senior Senator for the Empire State, the Honorable Thomas Collier Platt, is incapable of further usefulness. He is no too old or too seriously incapacitated either in the physical sense or intellectually, or too shamefully discredited in his public and private relation to the com nunity to perform now, at once, this sek, today, the greatest service which it has ever been in his power to render to his honorable constituents, the people of New York. It is the statesman's last pportunity to win their approval and applause. With their fingers defending their offactories, they will applaud him with enthusiastic feet.

Last Widow of the Revolution.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. The closing of the Government pension roll for the Revolutionary War, on ac count of the death of Mrs. Esther Sumne Damon, of Plymouth Union, Vt., calls attention to the fact that the payment of pension money chargeable to the war for independence ceases 124 years after that war was ended. The case of Mrs Damon will be paralleled in the final roll-call of the pensioners of the Civil and Spanish Wars, for marriages o young women to old soldiers are neve likely to be uncommon. That there have It is so much a temptation to unprincipled young women to marry an old soldier with the prospect of enjoying a widow's pension after he has died that the Pension Office has tried unsuccessfully to secure laws from Congress depriving women who now marry Civil War veterans of the benefits of the widow's pension. The principle that the widow, to share, the benefits of a pension, must have been the partner of the soldier at least during the period of his middle life was recognized n the invalid pension act of 1890, for it widows' benefits were made available only to those who were already married to soldiers when that act was passed. under the old general law, so called, there is no such limitation. The late Mrs. Damon, the last of the Revolutionary widows, could not possibly be brought un-der criticism for having married an aged soldier for the sake of a widow's pension. Although she was 22 and he 75 years of age when the marriage took place in 1825, no pension whatever was granted to Mr. Damon for his service in the Revolution until 14 years later. The idea of a widow's pension to continue long after Mr. Damon's death, of course, did not enter her head. Our whole pension system is largely a development since the Civil War.

A Gentle Hint to T. Platt.

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Veteran Returns His Bounty Money. Washington Correspondence New York

The United States Treasurer received in the mail a letter postmarked Mead-ville, Pa., containing five \$100 notes. The letter read as follows:

The United States Treasury Department "Dear Sirs: During the rebellion served three years and received a bounty and as I went into the army because thought it my duty to go, and as I have prospered in business, I now wish to pay back \$590. Yours truly. "AN OLD SOLDIER OF ISSI."

The amount was deposited to the credit of the "conscience fund," as no name was given. Had the name been surnished the matter would have been treated as a refund or repayment.

Why, Boston. Is It Really You?

Philadelphia Record

A well-known Washington. D. C., architect who has just returned from Boston is chartling over a good joke on that correct and literary city. He says that in the reading-room of one of the most exclusive clubs in the Hub there is a sign that reads: "Only Low Conversation Permitted Here."

Money, Counts, Dukes, Whisky,

Cleveland Leader. In a short time we may expect the Government statistics to show that as much American money is wasted Counts and Dukes as on whisky

PAVORING DIRECT PRIMARIES. Significant Political Movement All Over

the Middle West. William Allen White, in Collier's Weekly.

To break the influence of corrupt money in politics the people are mov-ing all over the Middle West, at least is only on the surface, and every one who has recently visited the island retoward the nomination of party candidates by direct primaries. A direct primary law will give every member of any political party an opportunity alizes that if our soldiers were with-drawn now a condition of anarchy would follow. The feeling between the defeated moderates and the liberals is to vote directly for every candidate o bitter to a degree. Recent cable dispatches report harsh dissensions in the liberal party. The Cuban political leadsystem now stande in most American ers that the Tair commission came in contact with proved themselves notu-ing more than grafters; shrewd and keen hunters after political office and the perquisites that accompany public

FOR A LONG STAY IN CUBA.

Washington Officialdon Thinks An-

archy Would Mark Our Withdrawal.

Washington Dispatch to New York Evening Post

ers that the Taft commission came in

position in Latin-American countries.

The ignorant, low-class Cuban is a lov-able fellow. Obedient, pleasure-loving, polite and hard-working when he must be, he is as clay in the hands of the

gained an ascendency in the Island. It is these men who have made Cuban in-

When President Roosevelt and Sec-etary Taft return to Washington they

will go carefully over the entire situa-tion and determine when the election small be held, and what method shall be

taken to insure a continuation of peace and normal conditions in Cuba. That this will mean the retention of troops

and a certain number of civil officers is now definitely known. The adminis-

tration has been slow to realize that this was the inevitable end of our in-tervention in Cuban affairs. Mr. Roose-yelf hardly believed it necessary to

keep troops in the island after the new election had been held until he has

talked personally with Mr. Taft and

Mr. Bucon. Whether the Cuban politi-

ome to realize that never again are

they to have a free hand in plucking

the Cuban treasury remains to be seen.

To may one who knows the present conditions in Cuba and the various cir-

cumstances and causes leading up to

the recent uprising our duty is plain enough. If this country of its own ac-

cord did not see fit voluntarily to as-sume the task, the American and for-eign interests in Cuba would force the

job upon us. Americans, English and Germans in the island have been frank

enough in saying that if the United

States Government attempted to with-draw they would finance another revo-

lution, and have armed insurgents in the field by the time the last American

That the recent insurrection was financed by foreign interests who de-

sired intervention there can be no man-

ner of doubt. Any man who traveled over the disaffected area in Cuba while

the insurrection was on could not fall to observe innumerable instances tend-ing to demonstrate that the opposition

to the established government came primarily from outside sources. Money was plentiful in the robel camps, and

the body-guards of some of the insurgent generals were uniformed and

armed excellently with rifles and ac-conterments that were obviously new. Since intervention has been forced

ipon the United States the administra-

tion, much against its will, has decided to make the best of a bad job, and take

over the government of Cuba until such

a time as there can be no doubt that

the Cuban people are amply able to govern themselves, and impose a con-

tinued and permissent peace on the

The Andrew Carnegie of Mexico.

Baltimore News.

Mexico has an Andrew Carnegie in a nulti-millionaire mincowner named Pedro

posed to President Diaz to assume the

public debt. The result inight be a re-

t would be a case of easy go, easy come

the government would be encouraged to

Beckham Will Be Baby Senator.

will succeed Senator McCreary as United States Senator of Kentucky, will be the

youngest man in that body, being a few months the junior of Senator Burkett, of

Nebraska. Beckham was nominated fo

the Kentucky Legislature the day he was 21 and was Speaker of the House at 28. He was elected Lieutenaut-Governor at

the age of 20 and became Governor when

A Fighter Wins Over Other Fighters

Senator Merion E. Lewis, Republican candidate for Comptroller of New York, has risen in politics chiefly because of

first big battle was with the prize-fight

ers, and, although he had to combat all weights and was almost knocked down and counted out in the first round, yet

Two in a Balcony. New York Sun. Shakespeare was writing "Romeo and

success as a fighter for reforms. His

Kansas City Journal.

Kentucky, who

run up a new one.

Governor Beckham.

Goebel was assassinated.

he finally triumphed.

New York.

Alvarado; but instead of scattering libra-

soldier was leaving Cuba.

tempt another insurrection who

unscrupulous politicians who

pendence impossible.

The peace that exists in Cuba today

States, the voter helps to choose dele-gates from his ward or precinct to the county or district convention. These delegates may be instructed or one or two candidates for local officer and in certain rare cases these dele gates have instructions or two candidates for State offices one or two candidates for State but the voter has no choice in the matter of nominating a majority of his county, his district, or his State ticket.

Under the direct primary law the voter has the names of all the candidate of dates for party nomination before him, and he chooses his candidates from the highest office in the State to the lowest office in the township just as he votes his ticket at r in the year at the general election. This method of naming party candidates eliminates the possibility of trading and dicker-ing in convention, and thereby makes the calling of the professional politician who engineers deals and com-binations a useless one. With an in-stinct born of the fear of annihilation the railroad lobbyists in every Ameri can State are fighting for the old system, and are willing to concede anything else in order to defeat the primary laws. For when the people name their candidates for office, with-out the possibility of deals and trades and combines, and when men may run for office without consulting those who can make trades and deals and 111043 combines, the power of crooked money in American politics is half gone. And more than that, when the voter chooses his candidates instead of having them chosen for him. nearer being a self-governing citizen:

HETTY GREEN ON POLITICS. She Says That Women "Have No Head

for Such Things. Boston Dispatch in New York Sun. Mrs. Hetty Green, who is making her esidence here, has been interviewed. What do you think of the New York

election," asked the reporter. "I don't think anything. I haven't got time to bother my head about such things. Why should I waste my time?

Well, what's your opinion of Hearst. "Hearst? I don't know anything about

"Hearst? I don't know anything about him, and I don't want to know anything." "What about Hughes?" "The people have doubtless chosen the Governor they wanted, and that's enough, len't it? Why should I waste my time thering about it?" What do you think of Moran?

"Moran? woran? nover heard of aim till the other day. How can I think any-thing about Moran? Women haven't any head for such things. A woman ough to stay at home and look after the house The happiest woman is the one who sits by the fireside and says, 'Yes, dear,' to very stupid remark her husband makes No, women ought nos to bother their poor heads about politics."

"I think women ought to have the right to vote, but they won't let us, and I submit. I'm a Quaker, you know, and I believe in keeping the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule,
"Once friends came to me and said a woman needed \$500 badly and I ought to

woman needed \$500 badly, and I ought to lend it, and God would repay me. I would get my reward in Heaven."
"Did you lend the \$5000" said Mrs. Green, "she got it

from some charitable person.

ries through the land his method of dying poor is to give his money directly to the people. It is averred that he has actually For Parcels Post. The Baltimore Sun begins an editorial on this topic with the statement: "Almost every civilized country in the world except the United States has a parcels

post." In the course of it it says; The United States will carry a package weighing eleven pounds all the way fr Baltimore to New Zealand at a charge postoffice directed to Washington or T son or Annapolis, it will never reason indestination. The express companies will
not permit the postoffice to carry a packake from one place in the United States if it
weighs over four pounds. They can carry
a heavier package to New Zealand, South
America on the South Sea Islands because
there are no express routes from this countransport to those foreign narts. try to those foreign parts.

Paternalism Gets a Rude Shock. Railway World. Hereafter nobody connected with the Chicago & Alton Railroad will be allowed to employ or have work under him any relative, near or remote. President Felton is determined to end whatever there is left of nepotism on that road. The in-structions from the executive head of the line have no string to them, and state that no head of a department, chief clerk or others in any employing capacity wil be allowed to have working under them in their department anybody related them.

Jap Gets Federal Office. Pittsburg Dispate

"He careful," we warned him, "that the balcony doesn't encroach on the Fifth-avenue stoop line."

This is why the scene was not laid in Judge Joseph Buffington, of Pittsburg, has appointed a Japanese as his messer ger in the United States Circuit Court. This is said to be the first time a for eigner has been appointed to a Govern ment office, according to officials in the Federal building. K. Moll is the new messenger's name. He is about 25 years of age and speaks fair English.

Ally Sloper. She-Sometimes you appear really maniand sometimes you are quite effeminate How do you acount for it? He-It's hereditary, I suppo of my ancestors were males and the other

Depending Only on "Dead Ones." London Express. The following notice is inscribed on the wall of a house in the Rue de Strasbourg, Saint Denis, France: "In case of fire, ask for help at the cemetery.

No Room Here.

Philadelphia Inquirer, Countess Boni cannot leave France

because her children must remain there, and Count Bonl cannot come to America because of our restrictions

against pauper immigrants.

WHY NOT?

