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### THE PORT OF COLUMBIA.

he Columbia River is being dis inated against to the extent of 30 is per ton by a shipowners' assocontrolling four-fifths of the hable grain tonnage of the world. association has agreed to remove differential, and place the Colum-River on an even basis with ports which we compete, provided that emove certain disabilities and corcertain abuses. These specified es were not named by Multhomah umbla or Clatsop Countles. They e named by the shipowners them-They have been taken up one one in response to requests of the wners' association, and, with the gle exception of bar pilotage, all heen removed. Astoria contends it is not bar pilotage that pre its removal of the differential, but vage up the river. Perhaps Astos right, but the obtuse shipowned have it in their power to abolish maintain the differential refuse to

e shipowner regards bar pilomer

welcome here. We have no fight to make against Portland. Our opposition to any measure will have to be based on better grounds than prejudice against the metropoliz.

As an appeal to prejudice has been the nearest approach to an argument used against the bill by the Astorian, it is hardly probable that the bill will be defeated. Free pilotage on the Columbla bar is nearer an accepted fact than ever before.

## WATER RIGHTS AND THE LAW.

It is unfortunate that the Legislature could not see its way clear to enact some sort of legislation that would tend to settle uncertain water rights and provide a reasonable sys-tem of supervision. The measure before the Legislature was apparently objectionable because it proposed a supervisory system out of all proportion to the needs of the state, gave the State Engineer too much power and appropriated more money than the Legislature thought necessary. But

these provisions of the bill should not have prevented enactment of any legislation. Because irrigation enthusiasts went further in their demands than the Legislature thought wise was no good reason for defeat ing legislation entirely. The objections made did not go to the purposes of the

bill, but rather to some of its details. If it was not proper to direct the bringing of suits by the state for determin ation of water rights, the law could have been made to require that when suits are brought by individuals all the water users on the stream shall be made parties, thus bringing before the court the whole subject matter. If the powers given the State Engineer were too great, they could have been curtailed. If the bill provided for the imployment of water masters without imitation, a qualifying clause could

have been incerted. It is a well known fact that our system of adjudication of water rights

is very faulty. Under present procedure two men may litigate over their respective rights to the use of the If it did not mean this, it would not water of a certain stream, and, after hearing the evidence, the court de-It is stated in Washington that an efcide that one is entitled to a specified fort will be made to come to a formal quantity and the other to the remainder, Such a decree may be supported by uncontradicted evidence, yet the of the present policy of that government best title to the use of the water may be in some third party, whose rights Japanese laborers." The trouble with were not in lesue. Manifestly, a trial a decree rendered after such a trial is forced, and the little vellow men are

of doubtful value. Oregon needs no expensive system of supervision, yet there should be

some regulations which would prevent waste and provide prompt relief to one whose unquestionable rights are that has aroused the hostility of the waste and provide prompt relief to being invaded. Violations of law are not so frequent, nor infringements contact with the Japanese. upon the rights of others so common as to require the employment of an expensive patrol force. Any man who knows how to measure the flow of ctt's coon came down because he "had keep one man busy in all Eastern Ore- room, for equivocation or misconstruc-A few convictions would put an gon. end to the theft of water. Water users are men of property, who will not incur liability by infringement who will upon the rights of others. There is need of a better system of records of water rights, and the collection and enjoyed by the citizens or subjects of keeping of such records must be at- the most favored Nation. The right tended by some expense, but there is that will require burdencome appro-

## ENGLAND'S INSULARITY.

priations

The revival of the channel tunnel cheme in Great Britain fills the conservative politicians of the kingdom

trol of the French end, the whole Brit- bidder, for it has a working monopoly ish scheme of defense would be of lumber manufacturing on that The danger of such an attack, it is stream. To change the plan of selling admitted, rests upon the destiny and will not prevent monopolization.

ple pass on and are punlahed.

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THE JAPANESE PROBLEM.

Japanese question, taken in connection

with those from California, quite clear-ly indicate that it will require all of

the remarkable adroitness and acu-

mous, to prevent his "losing face"

home constituents.

vides for a more pronounced stand

the expulsion plan agreed upon pro-

view, it seems to be a case where

be prompt renewal of the trouble.

Unless

men for which Mayor Schmitz is fa-

It would not have been practicable policy of France. But the possibility that France may be forced by politi- nor desirable for the Government to cal and military exigencies to cast her undertake to forbid the sale of timot with Germany is not unbelievable ber lands by the persons who and may become a necessity of her na- chased from the Government. Large lumber companies could not afford to tional existence.

These are some of the reasons urged build mills if they depended upon the against a scheme that will deprive timber owned by their members, or England of her insularity-and by so upon the purchase of logs from the doing will open a way for attack at men who bought the land from the er most vital point. There is little Government. Acquisition of tracts of beyond vague possibility in the dan- timber of reasonable magnitude is esger thus outlined. Still, since all Eusential to the successful manufacture rope is in constant ferment, and its of lumber upon a large scale. But it greatest nations are little else than is not necessary that concerns like the great military camps, it will be the Weyerhaeusers shall acquire immense part of prudence, as this writer sugareas of timber widely distributed. gests, to view without sentiment the The Government could have very military danger to England of con-necting herself by a tunnel under the ber land that no one person or comchannel that separates her from this pany should over be permitted to own turbulent mass. The prudent nation, more than a specified area of such lands. There is good realike the prudent man, foresees evil son why a lumber company should be and hideth therefrom, while the simpermitted to buy timber land enough

in the vicinity of its plant to insure M a supply of logs. There is no reason Advices from Washington on the why one company should be permitted to buy up all the mills in the country and control the lumber output. It is true no such situation has yet been realized, but the tendency is in that direction. Probably every lumber company on the Coast would sell out to Weyerhaeuser tomorrow if it could get its price. It is not only the right, but the duty of the Government to prevent such concentration of holdings.

than is reflected in the dispatches, it If repeal of the timber and stone act is difficult to see where the situation is a necessary step in the effort to has been changed so that it in any stay the progress of timber monopoly. way improves the matter from a San then let the act be repealed, and in Francisco standpoint. At a long-range due time a better act passed, protecting the people from the exactions of a big stick won out over the big bluff, lumber trust. and, if such is the case, there will

As Senator Dubois puts it: "If the passport provision of the bill means Any honest man who serves land fraud interests for enactment of laws the expulsion of the Japanese laborers, in their favor exposes himself to severe public criticism. The criticism it would not be satisfactory to Japan. inevitably is unfortunate for him. Rep resentative Freeman, of Multnomah County, so exposed himself by endeavoring to insert in a bill in the House last Thursday an amendment, agreement with the Japanese governsought by holders of fraudulent land ment "that will insure the continuance certificates. The amendment, Mr. Freeman admits, came from their at torney, then lobbying in the Capitol Through Mr. Freeman's efforts, the the alleged "present policy" of withunder such conditions is a farce and holding passports is that it is not en- House admitted it into the Connell bill, and thus passed the measure. But shortly afterward the House pouring into the Pacific Coast regions from north and south and west in threatening hordes. It is a continu-Agent to reconsider the bill and to expunge Mr. Freeman's amendment Then, with the amendment omitted, the House passed the bill a second time. This is the record. It is made still more unfortunate by the fact that ment originally was "may," from which it was changed by Mr. Freeman before the amendment reached the reading clerk. The original paper, still dishonest motives in this matter. But it considers his conduct decidedly in discreet. Aside from the present diswith the amendment in the House, Mr. Freeman put himself in a position difficult for any man to maintain before the public by acting as sponsor for the land-grab element that sought enactment of the amendment.

Unlike the power and facilities which make rapid transit possible, the law of gravity remains the same as when Newton first took notice of it. engineer on a steam railroad in England demonstrated this fact at a cost of forty lives a few months ago, when he swung his train around a curve at recounts the dangers that shadow the are in no frame of mind to agree to Saturday, where a heavy electric train

French-Castillan-Californian Lawyer, Powerful Forces at Work to Thwart

### His Corporation Programme. New York Journal of Commerce The gravest development of late has

been not the continued selling of seurities, not the reckless war screams of sensational newspapers, not the decrease in the banks' reserves, but the manifestation on the part of our leading financiers, through their aired satellites, of a headstrong determination to wreck at all hazards the Gov ernment's plans for uprooting corpo rate wrongdoing. The vituperation. the calumny, the spite that is being vented without restraint may have consequences the President's enemics ave not deliberated upon. Forces are at work-forces that the

average citizen thus far knows nothing of-which threaten to split the country into two distinct factions namely, the great body of the people headed by President Roosevelt, on the one side, and what will perhaps be termed "the Wall street crowd" on the other. If the elaborate plans laid, at enormous cost and not a little ingenulty, by the President's powerful detractors are put into execution with the vigor and ruthlessness proposed, a clash is inevitable. This is the sub-ject influential Wall street men are discussing in the club and bank parlors. Every day brings a more riolic, though usually disguised, attack upon the administration, not, it may have been noted, for what has been done, but for what imaginative correspondents, duly schooled, allege

Delmas is in his 63d year, his birth-day being April 14, 1844, and his ex-perience at the bar dates from 1868, is in contemplation. During the week all sorts of wild when he was admitted in California, so that he has been practicing nearly guesses were indulged in respecting 41 years. After beginning his work he took the Yale law course, and did not get his sheepskin there until 1869. the ideas that are forming or will form in the brain of the President befor next seasion of the Congress. It can the be stated authoritatively that nothing Hoge not in line with the President's presmas is so well preserved that he would pass in court as 53. As he is smoothent policy is under consideration, although it can be added that no agitation inspired by the men whose reputations may be impaired in the reforming process will intimidate the Presi dent into swerving from the path he has mapped out. The country is entitled to judge the administration on what has been already done-and surely there has been no lack of material but mischief may follow malicious efforts to condemn its head for his socalled "intentions." Even the Industries that have engaged most attention heretofore are ready to admit that the result has been beneficial in every respect.

On Saturday a prominent officer of one of the largest railroad systems in the country, in making what styled "An Appeal for Fair Play," made this admission: "I am heartily iri favor of the regulation of the rail roads by Federal and state authority and regard the legislation thus far enacted in this direction necessary and wise." If past legislation has 'necessary and wise," why should there be hysteria regarding a continuance of the policy that brought it about? No one has attacked large orporations per se, but the people are chind the Government Jn Insisting that corporations and trusts shall con form to the common law of the land and to ordinary standards of honesty and morality. As soon as the public decide this end has been attained, the demand for investigations will cease and no President, however powerful, will be able to override the verdict of the public.

LIFE IN THE OREGON COUNTRY

Screnity Undisturbed.

an unbroken record of acquittals. It has always been Deimas' skill as a Yakima Republic. The honest public servant does not need pleader that brought him victory. in the Thaw case he was added to counsel to make the final plea to save to fear the newspapers, not even the worst of them. Thaw's life. His last murder case, 20 years ago, was won by basing his ar-gument on the unwritten law.

## Passes for Officials. Cottage Grove Western Oregon. Now dignified legislators proceed

Delmas has been called the "expert on the unwritten law," and in one way mder Colo he deserves the title. As advisory, ounsel at the time Truxton Beale and Tom Williams were arrested in Francisco for shooting Frederick Mar-riott for an alleged slander of Marie riott for an alleged slander of Marie Oge, Delmas advised reliance on the unwritten law, and it brought the men acquittal on the criminal charge. this was an assault, and not a murder for damages in the civil courts. Undoubtedly, Deimas got into the

WALL STREET AND ROOSEVELT DELPHIN M. "NAPOLEON" DELMAS RAILWAY COMMISSION APPOINTEES

Chief of Thaw's Counsel Corps.

North American.

face of Napoleon, for his remote an-

blue sky of Italy and the air of the

Riviera. The name of Delmas' mother

was Coralic, and of his father, An-

speaks Spanish as well as he does

force, the qualities a great lawyer most

Naturally, the average New Yorker finds it hard to understand how a law-

it can be done. He was a great law-yer at home in California, and is prov-

ing himself a peer of the best in the

year of his marriage to Pauline

But while nearly 63 years old, Del

Perhaps Delmas' greatest charm in

torney, oven in the most heated argu-ment, he makes a peculiar old-time curtacy, and refers to him as "the

It is not supposed that Delmas use

these words because unduly impressed with the grandeur of the office. He was once a District Attorney himself.

back in 1868, but it was out in Cali-

In examining a woman witness, as

will cases, or in struggles over the division of landed properties. These are the cases that in California bring

But in his youth Delmas became famous for his conduct of murder cases. He has had 14 trials, and holds

and

the largest fees.

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verage criminal lawyer.

learned District Attorney."

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metropolis.

Delphin Michael Delmas, Thaw's

### Eastern Oregon Farming Interests Should Also Be Represented.

PORTLAND Feb. 17 .- (To the Editor.)-The Portland Journal states that the State thef counsel, comes honestly by the Board authorized to select the Board of Railroad Commissioners has divided up the duty by allowing the Governar in select a man agrecable to himself, the cestors on both sides were kin to the Bonapartes. He was himself born in France, and then brought up in the France of America, that sunny land on the Western coast that has the Bonapartes. He was himself born in ity.

It is to be hoped that this It is to be hoped that this statement is not true, and it is very probable that it is not true. If this "give and take" plan of selecting the Railroad Commis-sioners were adopted it is probable that the 400,000 farmers and producers who dig up all the wealth out of mother eacth would be ignored entirely. For rumor gives the appointment in the First Con-gressional District to a lawyer or an edi-tor of that district. Governor Chamber-lain is to select his man from his politheat cabinet, and Mr. Steele's man is to be the man the Portland shippers select. The Legislature certainly never intended that this very important board should be selected in that way. Recognizing that tolne-names that Napoleon might have chosen himself. The name "Delmas" is of Spanish origin, and Mr. Delmas himself thinks his remote an-cestors were Castillans. The lawyer It was in the Santa Clara Valley, the garden spot of California, that Delmas played when a boy. He there went to school, graduating from Santa Clara College, to later finish his law course at Yale. But that valley, with its mountain lackground and with the selected in that way. Recognizing that the Legislature had not the time to in-quire into and pass upon the qualifica-tions of applicants for the office, it passed Bay of San Francisco lapping its shore, is such a boyhood home as must instil the duty over to three trusted state ofindependence, strength, courage and the unity over to three trusted state of-ficials, and certainly expects them as a beard, and not as separate individuals, to jointly and severally inquire into the qualifications of all applicants for the important office and to jointly, or at least by a majority vote, select the men beat fitted to discharge the duties of the office yer may become great in any city but New York. Delmas has proved that office

The intention imputed to Treasurer o allow the commercial interests of Portland to dictate his choice of a Commisslotter is also equally erroneous. Port-land has large interests, of course, and nobody denles it. But what about the vast country east of the Cascades and its great and growing interests in producing millions of tons of wheat, wool, ores, lumber, fruit and fivestock? What about the independent local lines of rail-road projected and being built to further develop that vast territory large enough to take in a half dozen Williamette Val-leys? Are these vast interests of Eastpass in court as 53. As he is smooth-shaven and very particular about his appearance, women usually imagine him less than 59. It is not abstemiousness, that has kept Delmiss young, for, while always nettice with a bunkering for outdoors.

active, with a hankering for outdoors, produce and make profit in doing so. But Delmas has been a good liver. He knows good whisky from bad, and his wine cellar at Casa Delmas, in his home county of Santa Clara, is famed for miles around.

who produced it gets what is left. The bare statement of the case shows court is his manner, which dates back that the interests of the farmers, pro-to the day of the beginning of his ducers and settlers on the new and re-practice. He has none of the brusque, mote regions of Eastern Oregon are ten blunt ways so inseparable from the times greater in this Railroad Comm than the interests of the Portland ship-When he speaks of the District Atpers, jobbers and wholesalers.

F. L. YOUNG.

# Snow Makes Mr. Allison Cautlous.

Washington (D. C.) Dispatch. The unceasing snow flurry revived in the Senate cloakrooms the story to illus-trate the veteran Senator Allison's never-trate the veteran Senator Allison's neverailing caution and conservatism of con duct and statement. The Iowan was making a speech in urgent advocacy of appropriation to be immediately available for removing the snow from the streets

he questioned Everyn, Deimas conduct is scropulous to an extreme, almost chivalrous. He talks to women like a born Southerner. It is doubtless a manner inborn, traceable to his French In the West, Delmas has not for many years been known as a criminal amost impossible. It is still snowing, I

in a city the size of San Francisco. He was often in court, mostly in great. Will cases, or in struggles over the will cases, or in struggles over the size of San Francisco. Spooner

"I make no predictions!" promptly re-plied Senator Allison, "but I have just been informed that it is still snowing."

## Dr. Woodsow Wilson's Double.

Kansus City Star, Dr. Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University, has a double who occasionally makes his appearance in unexpected places. Two graduates en-tered a barroom in Boston recently, and came face to face with a man whom they thought was more accustomed to a classroom than to such a place. The

threatening hordes. It is a continuance of the present policy of making people who are coming into closest At the same time, it would not be the vital word "shall" in the amendat all surprising to learn that Mayor water in a ditch can investigate a to," and Mayor Schmitz' abandonment reading clerk. The original paper, still of the position he originally took on in existence, shows "may" crossed out suitable penalties be attached, there would not be complaints enough to forced situation. There is not much nian has not ascribed to Mr. Freeman tion of the meaning of a treaty which provides that all subjects of Japan discreet. Aside from the visiting or reeiding in the United pute over facts connected

States shall enjoy the same privileges, immunities and exemptions in respect to travel or residence as may then be of "residence" seems to be the point no necessity for a system of records att issue in the San Francisco case

laborers from the

The administration plan, which was

delicate position. The protests from

California will continue if his "discre-

tion" is not speedily invoked to rid

that state of the Japanese, and a per-

Japan if he heeds the demands of the

Californians. The sensation of the fa-bled individual who got between the

devil and the deep blue sea may yet

be experienced by some of the active

participants in the settlement of the

TRUSTS IN LUMBER.

and stone act is that the administra-

tion of the present law affords oppor

tunity for epeculators in timber lands

to acquire large holdings, which, pass-

ing from smaller tholders to larger.

time would virtually hold a monopoly

has been the trend of events in the

last few years. Timber lands have

been taken up by individuals with

money furnished by speculators, and,

as soon as title was secured from the

long as the lands are owned by the

of the hands of the people into the

Repeal of the timber and stone act

hands of a few wealthy timber barons

would at least put a stop to the tim-

ber land grabbing. No one would ad-

vocate a policy of permanent with-

law would be only for the purpose of

staying the depredations until a bet-

While this seems at

drawal of timber and timber lands

They have been passing out

the

Government they are owned by

vast timber corporations, which

One reason for reneal of the timber

exclude Japanese

Japanese muddle.

and at this time it would appear that comething more than a new immigration bill was needed to quiet the uproar. The treaty under which we are now working with Japan was either made to be respected or else it is worthless. If the latter is true, something betwith grave apprehension. A writer in ter should take its place. Unfortunately a mile-a-minute speed. It was again a late number of the National Review for Mayor Schmitz, his constituents illustrated on the New York Central

which has caused all of the trouble

ts a higher rate than is exacted n ports where there is no bar pilotcharge. Astoria takes issue with does not know why he levies the ential, and, if he would remove it permit the service at the mouth he river to drift along in its presfree and easy manner, everything dd be lovely, With Portland, as th the shipowners, it is a condition and t a theory which confronts. Our opers, who pay-the freight, have tested against the differential se proteste have been met with calm announcement that, when tain requests made by the shipownare complied with, the differential The shipownershe removed. The shipowners-Astoria, Portland or St. Helensthe arbiters in this case, and all arguments endeavoring, to make change their views until We age our conditions to fit their WS and waster

he Port of Columbia bill, now he the Oregon Legislature, was ned and is being urged for pageage people of Multnomah and Cothe bia County for no other purpos to improve the tug and pilot vice at the mouth of the Columbia er, so that it will meet with the apval of the shipowners on whom we dependent for tonnage. As stated Representative Campbell in his the House Friday, the price wheat is not established at Port-Tacoma, Salem, Pendleton or illa Walla, but at Liverpool adon, the world's markets, and the e in all lands which export wheat the Liverpool price less the freight Liverpool. It is not only the wheat ually shipped that is affected by s differential, but, as the Liverpool forms the base for all prices, ry bushel grown in this territory affected by the freight rate to Liv-

But while wheat has in the pa m the overshadowing factor in our p water traffic, the lumber trade growing so rapidly that every lum-rman or anyone directly or indicily connected with the lumber busss is interested in having a good and pilot service to facilitate the ements of shipping coming to our its for cargoes of our greatest sta-The opposition to the bill from atsop County receives a well marit rebuke from the Rainler (Columbia unty) Review as follows:

he editor of the Astorian appears to broken up over the introduction of the t of Columbia bill; and especially over fact that Columbia County is included The port district. Why is not columbia only fully as much interested in just and somable rates for pilotage and towage Clauses, and, proportionately, as Mutno-an? Rathier is the second lumber port in St. Helens and one at Prescott Of course, it is to the interest of Clatsop County to ntinue the present cluck system it will the benefited by any new law looking to wer rates. As for Columbia County, its and the set of the set

project, tion of the risks involved in a scheme Japan. that will, if carried out, deprive England of her insularity. The proposi- approved by the Senate, contains a sixty injured, some of them since dyshipowner, and assures him that tion involves a submarine tunnel, proviso authorizing the President to ing. We are living in a fast age and twenty-six miles long, effecting combetween England and United States at his discretion. This tation lines, but the wholesale loss of munication France that is now possible only by certainly places the President in a very surface transit across the English

> The channel scheme is "an old that it Twenty-three years ago it new.' obtained such standing in Parliament haps louder outcry will be heard from that a joint committee of the two ouses was appointed to look into it. After taking the fullest evidence and obtaining the best military opinion. procurable, it was decided that govrnment sanction of any submarine ommunication between England and France was inexpedient. Upon this showing the channel tunnel bill was reected in 1884. This bill has recently

been resurrected and again the British people are asked to weigh carefully and dispassionately the arguments for and against the scheme, Your true Briton is exclusive. He s disposed to be friendly, but not exuberant, when it comes to practical

demonstration of international friendship. He remembers that a friend today may be an enemy tomorrow, and of the lumber of the country. Such he is not disposed to take any risks by being caught off his guard. flects that alliances may be transfent; hat no man can pretend to cast the noroscope of Europe for a decade, or even for a year.

Government, the title passed to the man or men back of the deal. The With what seems excess of apprenension, the writer of the Review's artimber and stone act did not contemticle asserts that all signs and omens plate accumulation of vast areas of timber land in the hands of a few men, but such has been the outcome of point to the approach of a period of conflict throughout the world. In support of this statement, he cites that its operation. As pointed out in these for two years France has lived under columns several times in the past two or three years, the danger is that we the constant shadow of a war with chall have a lumber monopoly as we

Germany; that there is not a minor state in Central or Northwestern Eu- have an oil and a coal monopoly. Se rope that does not feel the pressure of the German Empire; and that the great question of the expansion of that people. empire is still unsolved. Adding to this the fact, known to every student of statistics, that periods of great gold production are in some strange way and for unknown reasons periods of

war, and that the present is a period of unexampled gold production, he assumes that his case is proven and from public use, and any repeal of the that there is good cause for England to "look te her moat." It is admitted that the military dan-

ter system of management can be inger of the channel tunnel would be augurated.

The act proposed by the Govern small if the British people were trained in arms and organized for war nent does not seem to promise pro in the way that the large nations of the tection against monopolistic conditions Continent are trained and organized. The plan is to retain title to the land But the British army today is small. in the Government and offer the tim-ber only for sale, and to the highest weak and ill organized, and may not be available in England in an emerbidder. gency. The mouth of the proposed glance to offer equal opportunities to tunnel will open near deep water, and all, it does not in fact, for only ownstate During the past year as many as ships have been taking lumber at the ac time at this port, and there were two ere of mille could bid upon the tim placed for striking at London or Chatham, or for taking Dover in the rear. The British fleet would be of little

the Government were to offer timber for sale on the Santiam, the Curtis will make charges lighter will be and in case the raiding force had con- Lumber Company would be the only sent to an asylum, he ought to be mad. mook Heraid.

and urges careful considera- a treaty such as would be desired by left the rails at a sharp curve while graft the corporations. No w running at terrific speed. Sixteen

ple were killed outright, and about demand high speed on our transpor-

life which is now going on through open defiance of the laws of nature and the dictates of common sense is pretty certain to result in a slacker ing of speed on dangerous curves and of stricter accountability being demanded of the men, responsible for the

speed of these flying Juggernauts. The fire insurance companies have paid \$1\$0,000,000 in claims to the San Francisco sufferers by the earthquake, and the gross loss of all kinds through the dienster is estimated at \$1,000 -000.000. That irrecoverable \$820,000,000 is what made the blow one from which the Bay City will not recover during the life-time of the present generation. It

is a loss, total, complete and stagger ing in its immensity, but despite its proportions, it failed to vast the spirit of the wonderful Califorfinally accumulate in the control of nians.

> The establishment of an institute for the feeble-minded is not a question of policy-it is a matter of ne cessity. The state must take care of those unfortunates who, though without power to properly care for them selves, multiply and replenish the earth with their kind. Society not only has a right to protect itself, but it has a duty to perform which it cannot ig-An institution for the feebl minded should be provided for by this Legislature.

Slides and washouts disturbed the erenity of the press east of the mountains and in the non-arrival of ready prints many were reduced to the half-shell on plain white. The Grass Valley Journal, however, went the limit in a way to warm the cockles of the heart by a fresco of black on bright green. Now that Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Buckley have taken in the wash, all is serene again.

The Chicago woman suffragists have started out on an entirely new line of campaign by getting the pretty vomen interested. Far he it from us

to make any remarks about innovations.

The other Thaw lawyers want again to put Delmas out. They may contrive yet to send the deluded young avenget to the murderer's chair,

Yesterday's glorious weather forefirst tells an early adjournment sine die of avery Box Stove and Spittoon Club in Oregon.

ber, and usually one company would be in command of the situation to California appears to think that it s an island entirely surrounded by such an extent as to shut out compe tition in the bidding. If, for example, Japanese.

If Harry Thaw is declared crazy and

nel Bob Veatch said, "Oh, hell."

### The Faith That Moves Mountains. Drain Nonparell.

Since the school at Drain makes the best showing of any normal in the state. it is almost certain to be, one of the two selected.

#### Last Warning. Jefferson Review

Otto Shultz says the next couple he

finds on the schoolhouse steps at night, he will sure publish the names. The two es he found there on Friday will either have to change spooning place or watch more carefully

#### An Oregon Movement Once More. Irrigon Irrigator.

The way the freight is now going East over the O. R. & N., through Irrigon, shows that there are some freight carr and a lot of locomotives in this country. Yesterday about 300 cars passed here mostly lumber.

#### Welcome to Old Yamhill. McMinnville News Reporter.

Perhaps nowhere in the county are th frogs any more merry than at St. Joe where they are busy screnading the pasengers on all railroad trains that enter The frogs are apparently blo Yamhill. ust as happy as the larks, although thei Spring songs may not be as musical

### They Recouped.

Jacksonville Times.

When the County Assessors of Jackso and Josephine Countles raised the rail-road assessment from \$4000 to \$12,000 per mile, and the grant timber lands to \$7 per the rallroad company prom the tables on the taxpayers raising the fruit rates from Ashland, Medford and Grant's Pass more than 50 per cent.

# Novel Way of Killing a Cougar.

. Eugene Register. One day this week Jack Runk, who lives car Lorraine was driving to that place with his wife in a buggy, when they no ticed a half-grown cougar run across the road. Mr. Runk got out of the buggy, and, giving the lines to his wife, went after the animal and soon had him treed on a small tree near the road. He got a hatful of good-sized rocks and went to pelting the snarling varmint with all his strength. He proved a veritable David at stone-throwing and soon had the big cat hors de combat.

#### Editorial Amenities

"We do not know what the Lord lets some people get hold of a newspaper for, anyway." is the way the Salem Capital-Poster puts it. And we have often thought the same thing, only in larger type, when reading and trying to undertype. and the maundering rot, in double-col-nn doses, of the Capital-Poster.-Irrigon Irrigator.

Baker, you're a dandy. What do you suppose the old soldiers of this county think of you, anyhow? The people who faced the shot and the shell and the privations of hard service, when such suckers as you were getting shot is the back in running away, or hung to the closest tree for describin. No, sir, the edi, tor of this paper is not "bumming on the Government" nor on any one else.-Tilla-mock Herald

Thaw case through Truxton Beale, who was present when White was murdered, and at the dinner just before in the Cafe Martin, when Evelyn say White and wrote to her husband: "The B. (blackguard) is here.'

But in seeking knowledge of Del as, the Thaws went to Supreme Court Justice McKenna, at Washington, Mc Kenna has heard Delmas argue many cases in California, and had the high est opinion of his wonderful abilities It is said that if Delmas wins th Thaw and keeps him from the case for

death chair his fee is to be \$100,000.

# Beside the Camp Fire.

The Outer's Book. Night seems but warp and woot of many

mounds That blend their voices as the darkness fails; The hum of myriad insect wings resounds And solitude is filled with mystic calls. Each throbbing note of mournful whip-poor-

will. Each hurfilng cry of loon out on the lake, Intensity the fanctes strange that thrill And fill me as I lie but half awake.

The waves lap time upon the sandy shore, The camp fire's crackling embers fall apart and fade to ashes gray; while more and

more The forest's makic charm steals o'er my heart; Till, lulled by all the voices of the night. I dream heade the camp fire's dying light

young men were about to leave in a and mistake they had made, called them San back and "took something" with them. On another occasion the double ap-peared at a Yale-Harvard football game, where he was cheered heartily until the truth was learned.

#### Tencherst Wages 95 Cents Working Day New York World.

The Educational Review has discov ered that In 64 American citles school teachers' wages average 95 cents a working day, while the bricklayers' average is from \$5 to \$5.50 and the hod-carriers' \$2 to \$2.25. It does not entirely destroy the force of this com-parison to say that few teachers could ay bricks straight or carry a hod for eight hours. Beally, in a way, it does take something of preparation and spe-cial gifts to frame up a child's mind. NO1 as it does to raise up the walls f a house

### Guests Drive Rockefeller Away.

Augusta (Ga.) Dispatch in N. Y. Times. John D. Rockefeller has left the Bon Air Hotel, where he had been stopping for two weeks, because the guests at the hotel interfered with his privacy. He nas moved across the Savannah River into South Carolina. The Bon Air at-tracts many visitors during the Winter, and a crowd followed Mr. Rockefeller almost everywhere he went.

### Make Everybody Happy. McMinnville News Reporter.

To the Oregon Legislature: Give verybody a big salary and let the copie foot the bill. The people are secoming much like the boy's frogshey are getting accustomed to being skinned and rather enjoy it.



