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PORTLAND, MONDAY, AUG. 12, 1907.

DELIVERANCE FOR THE RAILROADS. played one railroad against another, for wer rates than other shippers could obtain, and then has played its pipe lines against railroads in general-wherever the pipe lines could be constructed. The rights for these pipe lines it has obtained through bribery of Legislatures, through seizure and use of the power of eminent domain, through hire of po-

power, everywhere. railroads, even the greatest of them, the sincere, honest men of today. have quailed before the power of this stock, at unheard-of prices.

may have been rarer than the public to do this as the faithful Zebedee? would suppose. Most of the rebates petitors, contended with each other for simple but exacting duty that it may Standard Oil business, and were played not be unprofitable to cite.

against each other by a monopoly One is fain to commend the demand chase of franchises, legislative action cal bosses, and miscellaneous corrup-

Under the system of secrecy in railroad affairs which has so long existed | decency to shun. the railroads could not trust each other and each has had to deal with the robber how it could; well knowing, nevertheless, that the robber was playing each and all of the railroads against for utterances from the White House, each and all. But the authority of the and it would seem that the accumula-Government, exercised through the interstate commerce law, will now be thing unusually rich, when the next pushed till all secrets are opened. An public address shall be heard. If no inspection as thorough as that to which other opportunity presents itself, Presiwill be necessary, in order to clean upon to make a final refusal of renomup this business and keep it clean. The ination, and on that occasion he should ernmental regulation and the official his many strong addresses. from the censure of the people also, covets, may find something in his final ple whose censure falls chiefly on the rail- refusal that will be racy reading for cause the public can't see the original to say what he thinks, and his thought of the union labor host—they will take son. Walter Wellman has to scoundrel and scoundrelism behind the and manner of expression have never their ungrudged holiday, and, if not

transaction. Help of the Government lacked force. He is not to retire from to abolish the conditions that make rebates possible, and even force the railroads to grant them, should be a boon to the railroads as well as to all legitimate business.

FOR AMERICA'S GOOD Now comes the sorrowful news that

John W. Gates, the most spectacular gambler that ever invaded the Wallstreet shearing pens, is to leave the United States forever and take up his residence in England. The departure one year..... 8.50 of Mr. Gates, like that of Richard Croker, Jimmy Hyde, Willy Wally Astor and numerous other prominent Americans, will be a matter of sincere regret to a great many Americans who are willing to live in America. This regret s not due to the fact that John Gates is a big, coarse, vulgar gambler, and Astor a nincompoop with an in-eradicable desire to become a lickspittle cans were not of a character that endeared them to their fellow-men to such an extent that tears were shed at the parting.

the European mind that these men are a typical Americans. The average European who moves in good circles of soci-Station.

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The American gentleman who believes that America is the best country on earth does not tarry long in the pean thus falls to get acquainted with dictions has always been the lack of the typical American, who is a credit information from beyond the shore line ion of the real Americans who travel movements regarding their crops. in Europe. A genuine American has as west, however, aside from an occa-great an aversion to being classed with sional message from the few steamers The Standard Oil Company has not tage in getting such men as those menbeen merely a robber of the public; it | tioned out of the country should be rehas also robbed the railroads through garded as an offset for the unfavorable appliance for shore communication, which it has robbed the public. It has sentiment they will create against real Americans.

In the opinion of a visiting evangelist, lately spoken in this city, that which is ports, and if more of them were pro-needed for turning the world into ways vided with wireless equipment, life and of righteousness and peace is less bab- property at sea would be much safer. bling about religion and more rightlitical bosses, through corruption of eous living, less confusion of tongues Municipal Councils, through division of and more simplicity of speech; less few years ago and was never heard moieties of spoil with venality in laudation of the saints of history and from afterward, been provided with tradition and greater appreciation of wireless instruments, help could have the efforts in the moral vineyard of been sent her, and some and perhaps the greatest of them, the sincere, honest men of today.

corporation. The business it could con-trol has been great enough to amount leave his nets "being a fisherman," and the crew were leaving in boats was to a prime factor in the table of earn- follow with his sons, James and John, picked up months afterward, too late ings, and rebates have been the method | the Master in his journeyings up and | for the information it contained to be or the weapon which railroads have down the coast of Gallies, a minister of any use for relief parties. Now that felt obliged to use to keep business in this city a few months ago, drew a the Pacific Coast Company has set the away from rivals. This, indeed, is pre- lurid picture of the fate of this man pace with their new steamers President sented by offending railroads as their who stuck to his nets, repeating again and Governor, and the advantages of excuse; not officially, perhaps, but by and again: "And so poor Zebedee was being in constant communication with admission as a fact. It accounts for lost." Most people of humane instincts the shore are so apparent, other lines the dealings of the Alton with Standard and reasoning minds will agree that it oil, recently uncovered; but this system has been in operation more than after these nearly 2000 years, and draw of life and property at sea, and will be thirty years. It is not now so flagrant lessons in morality and decent living, of inestimable value to the agricultural as it once was, for it has been checked from the examples that abound on industry on shore. The North Head in large degree by recent efforts of law-ful authority to stop it. But it still cording to the ecclesiastical estimate work, and with its direct cable comcontinues-unless, indeed, recent events noted was "lost"-whatever that doleful munication with Portland the service have caused its discontinuance. It was word may imply to the orthodox mind- could be kept up to a high degree of the main stroke of policy from the first but appears, as far as the meager recby which this colossus of robbery built ord shows, to have been a good man of its pre-eminence over everything his kind. Being a fisherman and havelse in the country; till people who had ing a family to feed on fish, or on the money for investment, or had the rage purchasing power of that staple of the of speculation, rushed madly after its ancient Galilean coast, he could not well afford to forsake his nets. That corruption of individual railroad two sons conceived it to be their duty of Mr. G. W. Taylor, read before a conofficials, through some division of the to abandon their father and his calling: plunder, was incidental to this busi- somebody had to look after the family ess is probable. But these instances livelihood, and who was so competent

If we must go back 2000 years for exgranted by the railroad men were prob- amples of human life and effort, from ably consequences of the competition which to draw lessons for the guidance The secrets were of mankind, it might not be amiss to well kept by all the parties, or by most | recall the fact that Zebedge a fisherof them, and only appear, or mainly man by occupation-realizing his reare seen, in their consequences, namely, sponsibilities as the head of a family the disappearance from business of the and finding that his nets needed mend competitors of Standard Oil and the ing, remained at his task, in faithful calities still is, the despair of this class fabulous profits made by the company. performance of the duty nearest to him. The railroads often did the work at while his sons, yielding to what aprates which left them small profits or pears to have been a popular clamor, none, but they kept the business away or an emotional condition, left him to from competing railroads. Thus, great do the work alone, Here, indeed, is Only through the destruction of such railway systems, like the Pennsylvania an example of individual responsibility trees-fair examples of which may be and New York Central, natural com- and of the faithful performance of a

against each other by a monopoly One is fain to commend the demand great enough to intimidate both of for sermons that, void alike of creed As a further weapon Standard and sensationalism, deal with men and Oil established pipe lines wherever motives that live in and govern the practicable, and used them to hammer world today. It is well to drop the the railroads still more. Rights for the plaint, "Alas, poor Zebedee," and pipe lines were obtained through purpoint to the Rockefellers and the Harrimans, the Thaws and the Coreys; the secured through employment of politi- Puters and the Schmitzes and others of the indecent or venal crew, as men whose methods it would be in the in- or clean up their old orchards terest of common honesty or common

NO FAREWELL TO ROOSEVELT.

politics; hence one need not expect the quiet, admonishing tones that heard when Washington delivered his farewell address. There will be no farewell about it Whoever may be the next President, Roosevelt will still be the greatest and most influential Amerlcan citizen. That he will retire is undoubtedly the wish of evil men, but their wish can hardly lead to expectancy.

THE WIRELESS WONDER

The local Weather Bureau, through its wireless station at North Head. yesterday received a message from a Government transport over 500 miles imately 1000 miles from the station where it was received. A few weeks that Croker was a thief, Hyde a fool less message from the steamship President, en route from Nome for Seattle, and at the time of the sending of the to royalty. The predominating traits message 1400 miles from North Head. In the characters of these exiled Amerno great importance, as it merely conveyed the intelligence that the transport was in fine weather with a slight northwest wind and all well on board. The regret over their leaving and It demonstrated quite clearly, however, aking up permanent residence in Eu- the value of the system at times when rope is due to the deep-seated belief in communication with the shore becomes matter of life or death. telegraphy has come into such genera use on the Atlantic that none of the ety knows but little about Richard passenger steamers are without the necessary equipment, and on many of the freight steamers the apparatus has been installed.

This enables steamers to summon assistance when in trouble, to report weather conditions to other steamers to receive delayed or new orders hundreds of miles at sea, and in many other ways facilitate the movement of commerce and add to the comfort and convenience of the traveling public Aside from its direct value to the mark that the land which gave him birth time interests on this Coast, the equipment of all of the steamers with wire less apparatus would be of inestimable value to the industries on shore in tioned, but his propensity to "bet a mil- which the condition of the weather is lion dollars" is the best known of his a factor. The Weather Bureau foreasts are years past the experimental stage, and are now regarded with the greatest confidence by shipping people as well as by farmers. Along the ruins of the Old World, and the Euro- cific Coast the weak point in the pre-

to his race. About the only Americans | A storm or period of bad weather apthat can be studied at close range and proaching from north, south or east is for more than a few days at a time are always observed by some of the sta-those of the type mentioned. It, of tions and the warning sent ahead to course, clears the social atmosphere to other stations which lie in the path of get rid of these un-American Ameri- the trouble. In this way shipmasters are cans, but it would seem that something given plenty of time to prepare for the should be done to protect the reputa- blow and farmers can govern their nen of the Gates-Croker et al. stripe as equipped with wireless, is not yet in the real English gentleman has to be-ing placed on a level with the disso-warnings, and usually it is very diffiremittance men who represent cult for the Weather Bureau to predict Great Britain in so many American with any great degree of accuracy discities. Perhaps, however, the advan- turbances which have their origin far out at sea. With all of the important steamers equipped with this modern there would be an improvement in the weather reporting service which would be of value along the entire Pacific Coast. Each year witnesses large increases in the number of steamers gaged on all routes out of Pacific Coast

Had the steamer Pelican, which sailed from Tacoma for the Orient a Taking for his subject the story of sage giving the latitude and longitude efficiency.

PEST OF CODLIN MOTH. It is stated that the most valuable paper presented before a horticultural society in this state for years was that vention of fruitgrowers in Medford a few days ago, the subject being the codlin moth. This moth and its disgusting progeny is pre-eminently the pest of applegrowing. Its extermination has been for years the orchardist's most earnest desire. Methods looking to a realization of this desire have been pursued with unflagging zeal by com mercial applegrowers. The old family orchard, mossgrown, unpruned and uncultivated, has been, and in many lo of orchardists, since a dozen trees thus neglected affords safe harbor for enough eggs of this prolific pest to infect clean apple trees for miles around seen in the old Lovejoy orchard, on the Clackamas River, a short distance orth of Oregon City-in conjunction with persistent and intelligent spray-ing, as directed by the State Board of Horticulture, can this pest of pests be controlled. This statement is but "Iter ation hammered on the ear," but it will be necessary to repeat it as long as old orchards provide safe harbors for the odlin moth and as long as careless farmers, to whom the apple crop is of minor consideration, neglect to destroy

The first Monday in September is the day set apart by statute as Labor day in this state. The date falls on the sec and day of the month this, year, and, Few occasions are offered these days pursuant to custom, Governor Cham berlain has issued a proclamation calling attention to this fact. The statute is not mandatory. That is to say, any one can work on Labor day who wants If no to do so without being subject to charge of misdemeanor, but no busithe National bank system is subjected | dent Roosevelt will shortly be called | ness of a legal nature can be transacted on that day. Hence bankers, county and city officials and other railroads ought to welcome the gov- be able to deliver the most powerful of horny-handed sons of toil will get a much-needed rest. As work is pressing publicity. It will deliver them from mies, who have accused him of thrice in many of the lighter vocations-that this extortioner and all others; and refusing a crown which they believe he of building and harvesting, for exam--some persons engaged therein will probably work as usual on that day roads and always first on them, be- them. Roosevelt has never been afraid As for the rest-the great rank and file

too tired from the strenuous exertion of the occasion, will report for duty Tuesday morning, September 3, glad in their hearts that it is over

An auto dealer rushing to the defens of the infant prodigies who drive big cars through our crowded streets as sures the public that there are a large number of these juvenile chauffeurs of both sexes, under 18 years of age, who are perfectly qualified to handle mobiles. There would be an equal dethese youngsters were qualified to handle locomotives, which seldom exceed the speed at which some of these auto mobiles are driven and have a clear outhwest of San Francisco, or approx- track to run on. But the railroad companies, who own the locomotives, do not intrust them to the infant prodi-The youngsters may get along all right so long as danger is not encountered, but the ability to think and act quickly and with good judgment emergencies, where delay or indecision means death, is found less frequently in children than in old experienced men. It is needless to mention that in automobiling it is when one of those emergencies arise that the accident happens.

Quantrell, the guerrilla, has been dis covered again, this time up on the far end of Vancouver Island, on the shores of Quatsino Sound. For the first fifteen or twenty years after the war the favorite places for discovering Quantrell, who was killed shortly after war closed, were through the Middle West and Southwest. In recent years he has been discovered most frequently in the West, his last previous discovery being at Walla Walla. The next tim he is discovered the discoverer should inquire after the wandering Jew. If half these stories of Quantrell are true, or any of them are half true, he and the wandering Israelite must have "met up" somewhere along the road.

The old practice of locating an indefinite number of settlers on the same claim is again being indulged in by some of the unscrupulous locators who are reaping a rich harvest from the large crop of victims who are filing on railroad lands. The only satisfaction which now seems possible for the unfortunates who are paying locating fees is that, so far as securing the land is concerned, the last man down has about as good a chance as the one who filed first. It should be noted that the Southern Pacific is still selling these lands to shrewd business men for a great deal more money than the victims of the locators expect to pay.

The slaughter of elk on the Molalia is the most wanton violation of the game laws in this state that has been reported for years. During but one month of the entire year, between September 15 and October 15, is it lawful to kill elk. The killing is then restricted to one elk for each hunter. In view of the fact that the elk is fast following the buffalo on the way to extinction, it may be regretted that there is even one month in the year, in which they may be killed. The necessity of killing elk for their meat has passed with other necessities of pioneer life.

The shifting current at the mouth of the river has worn a channel on both sides of the old breakwater placed at the mouth of the Willemette many years ago. As a result, the remnants of that old improvement, now several feet under water, are a continual menace to navigation, and should be re-moved. Had this old submerged piece of breakwater been out of the way, the City of Panama-Alliance collision would not have happened. So long as it remains there is liability of damage to vessels going in and out of the river especially if the craft are slow in answering their helms.

stor Balley of Toyes has paid \$150,000 for a farm on which three oil wells have begun spouting. The interesting campaign literature placed in circulation by the opposition the last time the Senator was a candidate precludes the necessity at this time of any one pointing the finger of scorn at him and asking "Where did he get the money," As the record shows, Senator Bailey always was partial to oil.

It is not necessary to place much credence in the assertion that the closing of so many gambling joints will compel a lot of persons to go to work. Never fear that these habitues of gambling-houses, turned loose on the labor market, will cause any depression therein, thereof or thereabout.

Governor Vardaman complains that the Republican vote in Mississippi decided the issue between himself and John Sharp Williams. Hooray for the Republican vote of Mississippi! It "gets there" at last. There are, in fact, several thousand white Republicans in Mississippi.

Theater bands playing in the streets, steam whistles, church bells, cry of hotel runners, of chapmen, hucksters, cabmen and all unnecessary noises, ought to be prohibited in this city, as such things are or should be in all cities that grow to importance. There are noises enough that are unavoidable.

Well; we are getting perfect weather again throughout the Northwest, and even if we shall be unable to hear from the outside world we shall be happy in taking care of the biggest and best crops we ever have known, and in minding our own business generally.

When General Manager O'Brien meets Harriman at Salt Lake this week he may do something toward neutralizing the influence of Stubbs et al. pointing out Portland's situation on the map. Now that whales are daily disport-

behooves Dan Moore and the O. R. & N. to get up a counter attraction at Clatsop and Ilwaco. Request from a firm in Yokohama for address of some concern in Portland that exports flour gives rise to the suspicion that Theodore Wilcox's pub-

licity bureau needs waking up.

Now if the telegraphic service should be shut off in toto, and we shouldn't get the baseball scores, would life be worth living?

It would indeed be indelicate for Governor Chamberlain to name his real first choice for United States Senator.

With Peary out of it for this season, Walter Wellman has the oppor-

THE NEW PAPAL SYLLABUS. "Catholie" Yet Discriminating Article on Its Contents.

New York Evening Post.

Those who have read of the excitement caused in 1864 by the syllabus of modern errore issued by Plus IX must wonder a little at the indiffer-ence with which the similar "Decree of the Holy and Universal Inquisition." just put forth by Pius X, has been generally received. It has not been even of cabling, the full text, in the thought worthy of cabling, except in bare summary. The full text, in French translation, was given in the Ultramontane organ, the Paris Univers. Plux IX uttered his warning against "the audacities of modern thought." Plus X directs himself particularly to the aberrations of exegetes of the Bible. His formidable list comprises no less than 65 "grave errors," some of which, it is said, are to be found, "de-plorable" as it may seem, even in Catholic writers. Looking at the Pope's imposing array, one is inevitably reminded of Browning's "Twenty-nine distinct damnations,

"Twenty-nine distinct damnations, One sure, if another fails."

No reader of the new syllabus can fail to be struck by the way in which its guns are pointed astern. The Pope is aiming at conclusions of historical inquiry and Biblical higher criticism which are a very old story to Protestant theologians. All these questions about the admixture of human error in the Scriptures, the composite nature of the Scriptures, the composite nature of some of the books of the Bible, the doubtful authenticity of others—in particular, the nature and date of the Gospel of John-have been fought over for years. Wideawake theologians have in fact, become rather weary of them, and have passed on to topics more alive. But here is the Holy See, through the inquisition, thundering away at them as if Ewald and Wellhausen and Welz-sacker and Harnack had never lived, and Cheyne and Driver and Toy and Briggs had not yet written. The infer-ence is pretty clear that Catholic faculties have not been able to steel themselves entirely against these investiga-tions. Indeed, the syllabus expressly states that the "errors" which it condemns are "more and more widely spreading among the faithful." It is to warn them in time, and to protect them against the unhappy consequences of an "alleged progress in doctrine," that the holy father, "on the advice of the very eminent and most reverend Cardinais," has judged it fitting to publish his list of proscribed errors

XI declares it a grievous error to hold that "inspiration does not extend to every book of the Bible, in a way to guarantee each in every part from all error." Error No. XV is to maintain error." Error No. XV is to maintain that "the Gospels were continually en-larged and corrected until they were definitely adopted in the canon"; and XVI, that "the narratives of St. John are not, properly speaking, history, but a mystical contemplation." Even "pragmatism" gets a blow in No. XXVI, where we learn that it is an error to believe that "dogmas are to be accepted solely for their practical effect on conduct, and not as a rule of faith." The very minutiae of celticism are included, as in No. XXX, where it is laid down that the Biblical phrase, "Son of God." cannot be explained as meaning the Messiah. So it goes on through error No. LVII, "the Church is opposed to progress in the natural sciences," down to the final error of all, that "Catholicism cannot adjust itself to true science without becoming a Christianity without downer." ity without dogmas."

Merely to give a few samples No

It is easy to see that the new syllabus is directed against dangers already existing within the church, not, as in the case of the syllabus of Plus IX, against those pressing upon it from the outer world. That is one reason why the present document has fallen rather flat. It is not a denun-ciation of political doctrines; no fresh arraignment of Socialism; no repeated condemnation of "Americanism," in the church. Such topics always create a stir, when Rome speaks about them But afnce it is nice questions of Bibli-cal exegesis merely, and the fine points of the higher criticism, the world will take but a languld interest even in utterance by the supreme pontiff. query has already been raised whether ne now speaks ex cathedra; whether he lays down matters of doctrine which Figaro, M. de Narfon, who is well Figsro, A. de Narion, who is well known to have close relations with influential Catholic prelates, declares that the papal infallibility is by no means involved, since Pius X is simply pointing out errors, not defining doctrines. One can understand, however, the mild amazement of this Catholic writer when he speaks of so remarkable an attempt by mere decree of the holy office to "solve most of the great controversies which exegetes and theoogians have debated for years past."

It is, of course, the spirit of free inquiry in historical questions that affects former opinions about the Bible, which the syllabus really condemns. It speaks frowningly of "historical arguments," and reproves those who set up any especial claim for the "scientific exegesis," of the Old and New Testaments. Some complacent Protestants may plume themselves on this new proof, as they will call it, of Papal blindness and intolerance. But are they so sure that their own withers are unwrung? Archbishop Whately was keen enough to perceive that what we call Catholic tendencies are really grounded in human nature, and that Protestants share them in their own fashion. We are all exposed to the peril of wishing to suppress those who do not agree with us. Protestant churches do not face problems in all respects the same as the Catholic respects the same as the Catholic Church, but their method of meeting them has not been essentially different They, too, have been known to be timidly short-sighted and uncharitable in these very matters of Biblical criti-cism. Certainly, those Protestant de-nominations that cast out Robertson Smith and Professor Toy and Professor Briggs ought not to be the first ones to throw a stone at the new Papal syllabus.

Professor Matched the Boss. Boston Herald. Boston and Cambridge people

earlier day remember well Professor Child, of Harvard, a scholar who was likewise a live man. President Eliot tells with great gusto a story about his faithful attention to city politics.
Professor Child always attended to
his duties as a citizen of Cambridge. One night he went to a ward meeting at which a boss began to put forth some of his warped ideas. The college professor was speedily on his feet and ing themselves at Newport Beach, it scathingly denounced the bess and his

After the meeting was over the goodnatured boss, just to show that he bore no ill will, met the scholar on the stairs and genially handing over a cigar, said: "Have a smoke, professor?" His antagonist straightened up, took the cigar, and said with great dignity: "Yes, I'll match you in any of your lesser vices."

> Everything in Keeping. Eugene Register

Birth of triplets is nothing for Portland to boast about at this time, since, under its marvelous growth, everything else is tripling in the metropolis.

Journalistic Amenities.

Hillsboro Argus.

This is the week for the Times' man, of the Grove, to relieve his stomach, and if he doesn't puke like a vulture, scaring intruders away from its nest, it will be

PUZZLING QUESTIONS FOR EDITORS Some of the Trials of the Overworked Country Scribes. Pilot Rock Record.

It not infrequently happens that the country editor is appealed to to settle disputes arising over the proper pronunciation of the names of well-known public officials-the name of the present Postmaster-General, the name of the Secretary of the Treasury or other members of the Roosevelt cabinet, in which changes are so frequent as to put out of commission such references as the World's Alamanac and last year's Congressional Record. Country school-masters frequently inquire of the ed-itor of the Record the name of some member of the President's family, and because of this we have become quite familiar with the names of the cabinet familiar with the names of the cabinet officers. We are sometimes asked how old Harvey Scott is, and if it would be perfectly safe for a man from the country to visit his den. The question has been asked if it were true that H. L. Pittock was originally a printer, and if so how in the world did he ever manage to save enough money to buy that block in Portland in 1855 for \$400, which he recently leased for 99 years, receiving \$30,000 as rent therefor the first year and each year thereafter during the lifetime of the lease—a snug increase over the first year's income. How did he do all this, starting as a poor compositor. In addition to buying a controlling interest in The Oregonian, which he still owns? Such questions are not hard to answer. They answer themselves. He spent less than he made and invested it. He did not drink whisky or gamble. He made it honsetly, and did not even impair his

The old saying that a fool can ask a question that a wise man cannot answer. no doubt had its origin in the Achilles puzzle. The dogma against the possibility of motion Achilles maintained by four arguments, the second of them is the celebrated Achilles puzzle. It is stated thus: "Suppose Achilles to run ten times as fast as a toroles yet if the formism as fast as a tortoise, yet, if the tortoise had the start, Achilles cannot overtake him; for, if they are separated at first by an interval of 1000 feet the tortoise will have run 100, and when Achilles has run these hundred the tortoise will have got ten, and so on for ever; therefore Achilles may run for ever without over-taking the tortoise." Such were his arguments against the existence of

Zeno had a faculty of asking hard ques tions to answer. He asked if a grain of corn, or a .0010 part of a grain, would when it fell to the earth, make a noise. Being answered in the negative, he further asked whether, then, would a measure of corn. This being necessarily affirmed, he then demanded whether the measure was not in some determinate ratio to the single grain; as this could not be denied, he was able to conclude, either, then, the bushel of corn makes no noise on falling, or else the very smallest portion does the same.

When the third schoolmaster, in one week, called on the editor of the Record, and commenced by saying: "I have a week, caned on the editor of the Record, and commenced by saying: "I have a question to ask which I wish you would answer," the question asked by Zeno popped into our noddle, only to give way to the Achilles puzzle or something harder. We are personally acqualited with the man, he having taught a school in the immediate neighborhood of Pilot Rock last Winter which time he have settled. Winter, since which time he has settled down to the simple life. "Proceed with your question," answered the editor, after bracing himself for something hard. "I would like to have you tell me," said the teacher, "what beats three of a kind?" teacher, "what beats three of a kind,"
"I was playing in a little game the other
night—I only lost \$7—and I laid down
three "\$s", but the other man with what
he called a "flush" took the pot. Now, what I want to know is does a flush beat three of a kind?" There are people in this world who held higher positions than do editors of country newspapers, one are asked a greater variety of

Dry Sunday in Pendleton

Pendelton Tribune. Sunday in Pendleton with the lid on was a glorious day. The parks were well filled with a sober and well-behaved class of our best citizens. There was absoluteof our best citizens. There was absolutely no drinking whatever, not even water being within reach of the proletariat. One or two of the most fastidious did much as any of 'em, so far—Judge, good Catholics are hereafter bound accept. A writer in the Paris the Umatilia, but as it was necessary to call out the street sweeping machines to clean their feet to enable them to get their shoes on, others desisted from engaging in such expensive luxuries. band concert was a decided success, many people being heard to remark that they never saw De Rapero conduct a program with such agility and nimble-ness. Out in the suburbs the merry hum of the combine kept the listening multitude entertained with its sweet music, and the beautiful and tender jargon of the driver contained many gems of purest prose screne. On the long stretches of the beautiful boulevards the automobiles kept up a continuous and merry honk, honk, affording great entertainment by climbing telegraph poles, jumping wood-piles and some of the more efficient chauffeurs afforded no end of amusement by running at full speed into basements and coming out on the balconies, taking parachute leaps to the ground. It was such a day as many people had dreamed of during the rampages of nightmares.

STANDARD OIL'S PENALTIES.

Tremendous Fine, but a Tremendous Offender.

New York Evening - st. "Gentlemen, said Matthew Arnold, when he appeared before the Income ax Commissioners who had accessed his profits from literature at 2000 a yeargentlemen, you see before you what ou have often heard of, an unpopular author. It is a plea of ad misericordiam which the Standaru Oil Company might well make. Fined \$29,000,000 on Saturday, on Monday it is buffeted by another Government report, showing once more that it is an oppressive monopoly, forcing the people to pay exorbitant prices for a necessary of life. One good newspaper friend of the Standard hastened to allege that it could no pay a fine of \$29,000,000 and continue to do business." The unfeeling Commissioner of Corporations, however, produces figures this morning to prove that it had ures this morning to prove that it had made net earnings of at must \$790.000. 000 In the past twenty-four years, "and possibly much more. Quite a com-fertable margin for incidental fines! Yet fines and adverse reports are not really so significant as the general rejoicing with which all such attacks upon the Standard are received. "Gentlemen, you see before you a highly unpopular Trust.

Granting that the verdict of the against the Standard was well and truly found; that no vitiating error, was co mitted in the trial of the case, there cannot be two minds, it seems to us, about the justice of applying the maximum penalty known to the law. The amount of the fine is tremenudous, but it is inflicted upon a tremendous offender. It is no exaggeration o say, as Secretary Garfield is reported as saying tus morning, that the Standard has for years conducted itself as if it were above the law. It has snapped its fingers at the punishments laid down in the statutes. They were for the little fellows. would think twice before damning a corporation with such untold millions at command. Now, to have men of that kind of arrogance brought up with a round turn, is undoubted a good thing. It makes for social justice, and so for social content. It helps people to believe that the law is, after all, equal. Sensi-ble men will believe that it is, in intent at least, even if Judge Landis should be reversed for error; Lough; of course, his reversal now would embitter many against the courts

NEWSPAPER WAIFS. "Does Jones always speak the truth?" "T

don't know. I never tried to borrow money from him."-Detroit Free Press. Gerald-Why did you accept me, if you didn't expect to marry me? Penelope-I wanted to break it to you gently.—Puck.

Jodd-When I want to get rid of my wife for a few days, I just send for my relatives. Todd-But how do you get rid of your relatives?—Life.

Bacon—Are you doing anything to relieve the sufferings of your neighbors? Eghert— Yes, I've just sold my phonograph!—Yonkers

"How did Jones make all his money?"
"Judiclous speculation." "And how did
Brown lose his fortune?" "Dabbling in
stocks."—Cleveland Lender.

Bertie-Well, mother, I don't care what you say. I think she's a regular brick." Mother-Very likely. She certainly seems to be throwing herself at somebody's head.— Punch.

Punch.

Little Edna—What is "leisure," mamma?

Mamma—It's the spare time a woman has
in which she can do some other kind of
work, my dear.—Chicago Daily News.

"My husband's attention to me when I am
away is unremitting. I get a letter extent
day. You don't hear so often, Mrs. Jones."

"No, my husband's attention is not of the
unremitting kind. He always encloses a
check."—Baltimore American.

Gunner—There goes old man Griddlestone. He has started more feminine jaws
wasging than any man in this pari of the
country. Guyer—Great Jupiter! What scandal was he mixed up in? Gunner—None!
He is a manufacturer of chewing gum.—
Chicago Daily News.

Burglar Trust Manager—You will be re-

Burgiar Trust Manager—You will be required to turn night into day; to throw anide all sentiment; to enter the houses of the best families regardless of their feelings: to act the hypocrite, and, if necessary, to go to jail. Applicant—Um. Yofi don't want an ordinary burglar. What you want is a newspaper reporter.—Life.

Professor (to graduating class in college)

-Young man, there is one more question I
would like to ask, and that is, what books

New York Sun, KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 3.—(To the Editor.)—After looking at every chance for Democratic success in 1908 I figure up the situation as follows:

With the prosperity wave on band, the great expansion and progressive conditions of our country, the large independent Democratic vote, I see no chance to win even with anti-trust, municipal or Government ownership or tariff reform nailed to every plank of our platform.

The 600,000 defeat of 1896 was fol-

lowed by one of 800,000 in 1900, and increased to 2,000,000 in 1904. The scarcity of Presidential timber is in sight. A "has been" who led us to defeat for eight years is again asking to be "redecorated" and brought out for 1908 or means our defeat by 3,000,300 or

That's all.
J. L. WOODS MERRILL,
The Original Parker Man.

-From Chicago Inter-Ocean

