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THE PANIC THAT FAILED. \ The Socialists have a theory that believe, in other words, is determined for us by the way we make our several livings. Without in any manner idopting such a sweeping statement, we can not deny that it contains elements of truth, and if a cogent illustration of the fact were desired it perversity. might easily be found in Wall street. The views of Wall street upon every possible topic are imposed by its inveterate employment of gambling. "Values" to its mind are the fanciful ter skelter, to shares of stock. "Pros-When the wheel discussed. gambling is lucky. blers, like those of other human be- popular tongue, but it does save him ings, are never their own fault. Just form doing some very foolish things. Wall street is experiencing finan-

Matson, whose days may Allah pro-That is, their economic condition is cruel bear-chaser." the same; and therefore, quite naturally, they have adopted the same po-My, has become hysterical and populist, while he clearly indicates, though Times have become calamity howlers.

And we fear it is true. In the giddy, gibbering days of kotas, was in debt to Wall street. Whatever cash the railroads left to the farmers after their crops were marketed had to go to New York to pay interest on mortgages. Banks and pocketbooks were alike empty; was hard to get; were falling down the steep declivity of prices and the wolf stood perpetually growling at the door. urally the Kansas farmers bethought m of ways to get money more plentifully. Some of them desired the government to print money on neat

little slips of paper and shower it like just and unjust. Others prayed Uncle | thinking minds. Sam to make sixteen ounces of silver equal to an ounce of gold by his omnipotent mandate. But Uncle Sam stonily refused to brighten the life of the Western populists by either of passion. these facile tricks, and gloom settled exclude fairness and balk deliberation.

upon Pharaoh's Egypt. went to work, and despite the The populists began to pay off mortgages. Interest ceased to flow to chase and sale of the souls of men. Money piled up in the country banks. The golden years treatment of Small has been, it was not

street at their doors begging for loans. his fellow-Christians carried out, for ed to be the creditor of the West, from the country banks.

of interest has made money scarce in the matters of buying shares has also self in debt without chough money to the "depreciation" except in the fend Judge. visions of fancy; but the shricks of the Wall street gamblers are thundering up to heaven with a shrillness and volume which Mary Ellen Lease could never begin to produce. They, too, money," or "a more flexible curdebtor class is prone to want dishonest money to help it out of a scrape, and Wall street is now a debtor on a vast scale. It has shamelessly proposed an issue of flat money. No less a personage than Mr. Leslie M. Shaw, late Secretary of the Treasury, now safe in that paradise of good treasury officials, a New York trust presidency, has formulated a scheme for issuing flat money. He disguises it under placating epithets, but it is the same

old trick Thus the wheel of fortune turns and time brings in his revenges. Wall street has our sincere condolences in its sorry plight, but we decline to be frightened. It is a little dot on a little island and the United States is very big. It has a good deal of wealth, but the United States has a good deal more, so much more that the ups and downs of the gamblers are imperceptible in the tremendous ocean of our fortunes. Their screams are pitiful, but the country is too busy and prosperous to pay much attention to them. The country banks are full of money, everybody is working for high wages, the railroads can not begin to do the business that offers, and their dividends exceed all precedents. the circumstances it is really impossi-ble for us to feel the least b't panicky, much as we should like to do so out of sympathy for Wall street and its sad predicament.

MORE OF VARDAMAN.

Perhaps the most unaccountable of all human passions is the craving for notoriety. The knowledge that they are being talked about affords to some men a pleasure more exquisite than they could derive from the assured pared with what might be saved by salvation of their souls and the certain cutting the corners, as the master of prospect of heaven. What causes all the Queen Christina was apparently the more wonder is the fact that it doing. The loss of the ship at this makes not the slightest difference to time is particularly unfortunate, not them what the talk is. If they are only because a fine new vessel has belauded they grin with satisfaction. been destroyed, but because she was If they are abused they grin just as much needed to relieve the congestion every man's opinions depend entirely broadly. If they are ridiculed it is on the Portland wheat docks and was upon his economic conditions. What all the same. This passionate desire also chartered at a high rate that for attention from their fellow-men induces some misguided persons, like ative to her owners. Reasoning from Guiteau, to commit assassination. Others it begulles into actions which are merely absurd. In all of them it against the Columbia River. The is probably half a disease, half moral Queen Christina, like the Telius, re-

We do not suppose that Governor Vardaman's craving for notoriety will and it would be a violation of all preever make him shoot a President of cedent to charge the loss of either of the United States, as Guiteau and them up against a Washington or a Czolgosz did. He is so situated in life California port. figures which it attaches, almost hel- that his actions, even the silliest of them, are done in the sight of the pubperity" prevails on those days when lic and are bound to be more or less This will probably save then there are hard times and some- tain persons of a temperament similar body has to be blamed for it. Of to his have been urged by ungratified course, the misfortunes of the gam- longing to hear their name upon the

To insult the President is becoming cial stringency, with a corresponding quite a fashion among these seekers state of the liver, and it blames Mr. for easy fame. Nothing else that they Roosevelt; exactly as a bad little boy could do, short of murdering some kicks the dog when he stubs his toe, person of distinction, would bring and with no more reason. them, so conspicuously into notice. We have been amused and edified The notice is brief, of course, but that by an article in The Saturday Evening | does not matter. When one translent Post which discourses with infinite wave of infamy or absurdity subsides wit and wisdom upon the pending it is usually possible to think up some plight of the Wall street gamblers. The venturesome writer, Mr. C. H. ing. Mr. Vardaman, by hook or crook, manages to keep people talking about long, has the temerity to remark that him most of the time, and, although these gentry are today in the same what they say is not much to his boat where the Kansas farmers found credit, still he is satisfied. He will not what they say is not much to his themselves some twenty years ago. meet the President "Because he is a

We must not hastily assume that this reason is disingenuous. Mr. Varlitical opinions. Mr. Matson refers to daman has just sense enough to atthe breezy times of populism. With tach great importance to a trifle of unparalleled audacity he declares that this sort, and he may really suppose Wall street, forsaking safety and san- that Mr. Roosevelt's bear hunting justifies the boorish insolence of the Governor of Mississippi. No doubt if Mr. he does not say so, that the great cor- Roosevelt were shooting negroes inporation organs like the Sun and stead of bears, he would receive Mr. Vardaman's delighted approval. One's Oh, what a fall that has been if it is taste in matters of this kind is largely a matter of education and habit. But does it not sound incongruous to hear populism out West, Kansas, to say a defense of bears from a man who nothing of Nebraska and the Daand murder?

SOME SMALL BUSINESS.

Whether one likes or dislikes the Telegraphers' Union, it is difficult to question of his honesty or dishonesty Outsiders have nothing to do with it. But the condemnation of a man unheard, no matter whether it occurs in a position to know whereof he speaks, a court of justice or a meeting of a free seling by the farmers, who the gentle rain from heaven upon the labor union, is abhorrent to all right- now marketing wheat at from 90 to 94

There is an excuse for Small's mistreatment by the men whom he had disappointed. They acted under the upon the land as night descended To hiss him from the platform when he rose to make his defense was cruvery strong play, who occupies himself with the pur-

Still, cruel and abhorrent as the continued to circle, and a day arrived so bad as would have been a deliberwhen the despised farmers of the West ate, cold-blooded plot to deny him jus-

The plain truth is that New York has cannot be consed to be the creditor of the West, osopher Abelard. The excuse is often yellow fellow-man who buys Mr. and is borrowing money right and left advanced for such deeds that those who committed them merely acted ac- far, the problem cording to the spirit of their time and price of wheat to the farmer and de-The cessation of the golden stream Wall street. To the same result the is contemptible sophistry. The "spirit naman would soon leave Mr. Thomsen increasing canniness of outsiders in of the times" is composed of the spirits in the condition of one F. Augustus the matters of buying shares has also of the men who are then living. Each Heinze, contributed. A share must be worth of them contributes his share to it something in order to find a purchaser and is in his degree responsible for the now, which is of course very, very resultant. If an age is cruel and wrong, but it seems undenlable, All wicked, it is because cruel and wicked of a sudden Wall street has found it- men are then dominant in the world. To say that men are bad because they meet its obligations, precisely what live in a bad age is to reverse the true happened to the Kansas populists in the long and long ago. And the same lidity of the moral law. Those of us wearing this bushy topknot—viz., t results follow. Stock values crumble who expect to plead at the judgment just as farm values crumbled in the bar of the Almighty that our sins are days of greenbackism. Of course, the the result of our environment may rest stocks produce their dividends now assured that the accusing angel will exactly as the farms produced their demur to the plea and that his demur- dressed in her own time-not the time crops then, and nobody suffers from rer will be sustained by the Presiding of

MORE RECKLESS NAVIGATION.

Another fine steamship, valued at more than \$250,000 and much needed want an increased "per capita of Portland to Europe, is pounding to at this time for carrying grain from pieces down on the California coast. est victim of reckless navigation, was a much more valuable ship than the Tellus, wrecked near Grays Harbor top." several weeks ago. She also had a highly profitable charter out of Portland, and for that reason there is less cause for suspicion of foul play than there was in the case of the Tellus, But the Queen Christina was apparently wrecked on a smooth sea, while in full control of her officers. The ufficient excuse

The California coast is strewn with uncontrollable desire of shipmasters to hug the coast, regardless of the weather. Such a practice is highly dangerous when it is followed by men who have a perfect knowledge of the rents; but when it is indulged in by the navigators of tramp steamers who are unfamiliar with the coast, it becomes much more serious. It is, of money anyway, so he might as well be course, quite fortunate that there required to pay it directly into the were no lives lost on either of these inexcusable and unnecessary wrecks, but this is in no degree to the credit of the navigators who sent the ships to their doom. If the master of a Tellus, or in a fog on a smooth sea, as salling under such masters have been taking terrible chances with their lives

in sailing where there is real danger. In following a safe course, well clear of the land, between San Francisco and the mouth of the Columbia River. there would be at the most a loss of but a few hours on the voyage comwould have proved highly remunerprecedent, we may expect the foreign underwriters to charge this loss up cently wrecked on the Washington coast, was headed for the Columbia cedent to charge the loss of either of

A SEATTLE PHILANTHROPIST.

It is refreshing in these days of sordid, selfish rush for the almighty dolof fortune stops at the wrong mark, him from those excesses to which cer- lar, occasionally to find a bright and be very greatly increased by November shining example of real philanthropy 30 next. By the latter date Oregon which teaches us that the milk of human kindness has not dried up nor of their crops and at very profitable suffered undue dilution at the pump. In the bright role of a philanthropist, Mr. Moritz Thomsen, head of the big Puget Sound milling trust, towers Eastern money comes here and into above the common herd like a tail man in a crowd at a dog fight. It was Mr. Thomsen, who was one of the original discoverers of the alleged fact that the Eastern Oregon and Eastern ing for prosperity in Oregon. Washington farmers were not receiving enough money for their wheat It was he who prevailed on the Washington Railroad Commission to order in a joint rate-not, as the narrowminded, selfish business man might higher to the farmers.

Herein we find a sacrifice which osts money, for with nearly all other millers in the Pacific Northwest there has always been a disposition to buy wheat at as low a cost as possible. Of course there are rude individuals who will question the sincerity of Mr. Thomsen's interest in seeking to advance wheat prices. Even some where the Puget Sound milling trust has no competition greeted Mr. Thomsen's expressed desire for higher wheat prices for the farmer with a derisive "Ha, ha," which must have been painful to such a sensitive na-

But Mr. Thomsen's interest in advancing wheat prices for the farmers did not cease witl. his wonderful testimony at the joint-rate hearings Within the past ten days he has again withhold a passing comment upon the appeared before the public as the fortunes of ex-President Small. The farmer's friend by making an elaborate prediction that wheat was certain lies between him and his co-unionists. to sell for \$1 per bushel in the Coast markets. This prediction, coming from a man who is supposed to be in a church synod, a political convention, of course has a tendency to prevent cents per bushel. Mr. Thomsen is not yet ready to ay them the \$1 per bushel, but he has their interests so much at heart that he will surely give smart of failure and in the heat of them that figure later on. Envious Such conditions naturally critics of phllanthropy will, of Beveridge. course, get out their hammers again. They will say that Thomsey is predicting dollar wheat in order to But not for aye. Unlike Wall street elly unjust, and it will seem to many check the selling for export until the in its season of tribulation, the farm- persons to justify the taunt so often Oriental demand for flour improves made that ingratitude is the principal and he again enters the market. If sending our Navy to Pacific waters is plundering of the railroads, the trusts characteristic of laboring men. One these predictions were taken seriously, and the money sharks, they did finally of the most effective speeches in that these predictions were taken seriously, begin to lay up cash. Heaven sent very strong play, "The Undertow," decline comes he would have immense great harvests, so big that not all was a statement of this very truth, or stocks pressing on the market and could be stolen by any legal or illegal supposed truth, by the capitalist hero thus be enabled to buy at a low figure. any business with the Administration

milling will cost him more than it is

now costing him is effectual answer to

any insinuations that he is insincere

in his predictions of dollar wheat. It

solicitude for his fellow-man will not Thomsen's flour. If it should go that could not have done otherwise. This creasing the price of flour to the Chi-

> The general public is in sympathy o some extent with the managers of the big department stores of Pittsburg on the question of "pompadours worn by the girls behind the counters With the reason given for the order wearing this bushy topknot-viz., that It required too much of the girls' time to take care of this mass of hairthere is little sympathy. It is presumed at least that the girl's hair is

of her employer. Hence, plainly speaking, it is none of his business how much time she takes for the task. It is only when the pompadour is considered as the disfiguring mop that it is—a perpetuation of a fashion set by one of the most noted courtesans of history, and withal suggestive of untidiness to a degree—that this fashion of halrdressing is justly repro-The Queen Christina, which is the lat- bated. However, the Pittsburg department store girls won out in this contest, so the pompadour is still "on

Prosecutions for gambling have always been directed against the proprietors of gambling-houses. This has been found advisable for the reason that the patrons of a gambling-house must be depended upon for most of the evidence necessary to secure conpresence of fog will hardly offer a viction. Since, however, public officials are generally lax in enforcement of gambling laws and the private citiwrecks caused by wild and seemingly gen finds it necessary to emple; a private detective to secure evidence t might be well to try the expedient of cuting those who patronize the prosecuting those who patronize the gambling-house as well as those who conduct it. A few heavy fines or coast, with its varying tides and cur- terms of imprisonment imposed upon patrons would be an effective deterrent. The man who patronizes a gam bling-house is certain to lose his county treasury.

County Assessors need not worry too much for fear they will place too high a valuation upon railroad property. vessel has no better knowledge of The valuations have been too low for navigation than to wreck his ship in so many years that there is absolutely fine weather, as was the case of the no danger of injustice. Besides, if one of the railroads should take a nowith the Queen Christina, the crews tion to go to law about an assessment and should undertake to prove the rate too high, there would be a splendid opportunity to find out just exactly what the roads actually cost and ow the construction money was actually spent. These are facts which the people have been anxious to find out for some time. It would be worth some trouble and expense to get the railroad builders on the witness stand, under oath, and subject to cross-examination. We might find out a few things to our advantage.

The American citizens who have been in jall in Russia should have remained at home. The Russian government is a tyrannical institution and may soon collapse by the weight of its own iniquities, but it is not at all clear that the collapse is to be hastened by the interference of outsiders. We are prone to protest against the arrogance of the Russian anarchists who come to this country to exploit their theorles on government. It may be that the Russian government regards interlopers from this country in the same light as we view those who come over from Russia to enlighten us on the best method of running a government.

That \$71,000,000 of bank in Oregon on June 30, 1907, should farmers will have marketed the bulk prices for everything except hops. The greater part of our crops goes to Eastern markets, so that in return the pockets of farmers and shippers, When the harvest money has found its way into the vaults of the banks, the figures will show a still better show-

"Little boats keep near the shore but larger ones can venture more," ts a rhyme which is not at all applicable to the methods of the masters of a good many "larger" boats which have infer, to enable the Thomsen mills to been hugging the shore of the Pacific. secure raw material at a low price, but Steamships require water to float in, in order that the price should be and the frequent attempts to take them overland at various Coast points have always met with failure.

In a speech in the Philippines Mr Taft remarked that the next time he visits the islands it will be as a private This was taken by some to citizen. mean that he will not be a candidate for the Presidency. No such infer-ence is necessary. Of course Presithe farmers in the charmed circle dent Taft would not go to the islands personally. He would send his Secre tary of State.

Dairy and Food Commissioner Bailey says that in Holland an acre of land supports more than three cows Notwithstanding the superiority of Oregon soil and climate, it is difficult to get the farmer in this country to believe that one cow to the acre can be maintained. It is less a question of soil than it is of management.

While official figures of the gold output in Uncle Sam's domain last year are gratifying-\$94,000,000 is not to be sneezed at-the precious metal as a source of National wealth is not comparable with the modest and lowly American hen.

To international questions attaching to the arrest of William English Walling at St. Petersburg there is added the interesting personal fact tha prisoner is a fellow-townsman of Vice-President Fairbanks and Senator

Ambassador O'Brien has been conspicuously honored by Mr. and Mrs. Mikado with an invitation to lunch. In this new light, the necessity for not so apparent.

If there shall be a second elective term, and if you should want to do But Mr. Thomsen's solicitude for a during that period, it looks as if you joint rate in order that his wheat for will have to see Senator Bourne.

Somewhat boastfully, President Roosevelt reports having eaten 'possum in the canebrakes. If this doe beheld the haughty magnates of Wall lice, such a plot as St. Bernard and is to be hoped that Mr. Thomsen's placate the colored voter, what will?

Good Advice That Applies to the Press to Large Places and Small.

Pilot Rock (Or.) Record. A newspaper in order to receive the instinted support of the community in which it is published must be an active, living part of that community. This requires years of earnest honest effort, which spells work. It must own its own printing office, paid for out of the earnings of its own business; it should own its own building and the proprietor or proprietors should own his or their own nomes. Such a paper should be a taxpayer-not a taxdodger-able to hold its head up when discussing city and county affairs and discoursing on matters rural-

The trouble with the newspaper business is that there are too many of them being founded on wind, and their "hot air" vaporings are taken at their full value by the general public. The man who comes to a town with a sultens and runs a newspaper on an overdraft. is looked upon by the careful advertiser as no fixed part of the community in which he lives and at most destined to prove a brief sojourner and he will hesitate to encourage his stay, lest his overdraft might precipitate a bank faflure. Such a newspaper quickly degenerates into a scold; begs support; makes political deals; will favor or oppose prohibition; will stand in with gamblers and pickpockets; is practically without influence or standing; despised by its friends and shunned by its enemies; okes out miserable existence for a time and finally dies without a tear being shed on its bler. A man who has made an absolute failure of everything he has turned his attention to, including politics, makes the mistake of his life when he imagines he can place a daily newspaper on a paying basis in this utilitarian age, backed by his personality as his sole stock in trade.

> Why Not Jones for Speaker? Walla Walla Union.

If it is true that Speaker Cannon has said that he will not make Representative Wesley L. Jones chairman of the committe on rivers and harbors, why not make Jones candidate for Speaker against Can-non? That would be a much better position. Since the days of "Czar" Reed, the Speaker of the House has been the most powerful man in the Government of the United States. Speaker Cannon is not in accord with the Roosevelt administration on many important issues. He is a candidate for the Presidential nomination in op-position to Secretary Taft, the admin-istration candidate. As the adminis-tration candidate for Speaker, Mr. Jones would have a splendld show to His friends will readily concede that Mr. Jones is one of the ablest and most popular members of the lower house, and as a candidate for Speaker he would have an excellent chance to win. Why not "Czar" Jones at the next session of Congress? That would beat a forlorn hope for the Senator

King Alphonso In Henpecked. Madrid Dispatch.

Queen Victoria of Spain, is losing the great popularity which was hers. Only recently her husband's people idolized the queen and courtlers and nobles highly admired her. Now she is fast become of the least loved of sovereigns.

The Queen has plainly shown the nu-merous members of the royal family that their society is not congenial to her. She has done away with the dinner at which the King met all his relatives each day. From time immemorial all of the royal family and their suites have lived in the palace; now the Queen's exclusive ways ace atmosphere so frigid for them they are leaving it.

Many stories are affoat even among the ecopie about the queen's flery temper and he condition of subjection to which she has reduced King Alfonso. All Spanish diplomats who have served in England say the Queen inherits her hot temper, that her mother, Princess Henry of Battenberg, ruled the English court in Queen Victoria's time and oppressed her husband until he became the merest lay

Big Winnings on Baseball.

Pittsburg Dispaten in New York Times.
"Shad" Gwilliam, the Pittsburg sporting man, r.ade a fortune on the baseball series between Chicago and Detroit for the world's championship.
The night before the series opened, at the Auditorium Annex, in Chicago, Gwilliam bet \$50,000 to \$42,000, mainly with Detroit men, that Chicago would capture the series. The only bet he did not win was for \$5000 that Chicago would capture the first game. was a draw, the money was taken down. In the world's championship series between Boston and Pittsburg, william lost \$29,000. He won \$10,000 when the Giants beat the Athletics, and ost \$30,000 when the White Sox defeated the Cubs.

Newspapers on Our Warslips. Washington (D. C.) Herald.

It is not generally known outside of the service that many of the ships of the United States Navy have their own newspapers, published on loard by the jackies. The Kentucky Budget is issued on the battleship Fentucky, the West Virginia's bluejackets read the Ditty Box, the Pelican is the official organ of doings aboard the Louisiana, the Buckeye caters to the sailors on the Ohio, and the Wisconsin's crew is proud of the Badger. All the news of the ship and its company is condensed into these little sheets, and many an issue con-tains witty sallies at the expense of some comrade or a ditty descriptive of ome feature of ship life.

Big Bear Marked "T. R." Black Duck (Minn.) Dispatch in N. Y.

Had President Roosevelt come up here Had President Roosevelt come up here on his hunting trip he would have found a glant black bear waiting for him, with the initials "T. R." in white hair plainly showing on his right side. The bear was killed by Henry Savage, a homesteader. An examination showed that the bear had been through a fire in its infancy and that white hair had grown in where the original black hair had been burned off. The initials "T. R." are as perfect as though put there by a paint brush. paint brush.
Savage has refused \$5 for the skin, which he will send to the President.

Knows Him by His Walk.

Philadelphia Dispatch.
William H. Green, of the G.-A. R., had not seen Blair H. Galloway, of Indiana. for 19 years until they met recently in Philadelphia, but he knew him by his walk.

Washington Star He went out West and shot up towns And took ferocious drinks; Through various grafters' ups He followed all the kinks. Until to jall they took This rogue. And while his heels he cools He's going to write a book!

For Art's Sake.

The publishers all wish to get Material from his pen. He's scarce grammatical—and yet They call and call again. He said his goings on were just An effort to secure

HOW TO MAKE A NEWSPAPER PAY. APPLE TIME IN NEW YORK STATE. What Has Been Done to Encourage

the Use of This Fruit. Syracuse Post-Standard

The time has come to eat the Oldenburg, the Hawley, the Pound Sweet and the other delicious Fall apples, and to pick the later varieties for Winter use Good prices are being realized in Nev York State. Some growers are reporte as having refused \$3 a barrel for Bald Greenings, strange to say, even higher, being scarcer. A Missour agricultural paper figures that at thi rate the consumer will pay \$7.50 per bur-rel for his fruit, and advises the grower to be moderate lest the market be charged more than it will stand.

That would defeat the object of Apple Consumers' League, one most adroit organizations of i its since Adam. The editor of the Rural New Yorker founded the league. He had been in a New York restaurant an asked for baked apples. "We ain't go none," was his reward. In addition to calling the manager to his table and hauling him over the coals for such a grievous lapse of duty to a patron, the editor founded the Apple Consumers League then and there, the only duty o membership being to eat two apples pe diem and to call for apple sauce, apple, fried apples, apple butter, bake apples, apfel-kuchen or some other for of apple delicacy whenever you sit down at a public table, and if the delicacy can't be had, find fault with the proprietor. This simple unorganized work o elleves, increased the consumption apples fully 20 per cent. "Eat apples It is more patriotic than to eat the for eign orange or banana!" exclaims the league, forgetting that the banana and the orange are also American fruits. Apple day will be celebrated in New England this Fall on the third Tuesday in October. New Hampshire set the fash-lon two years ago of taking children from the towns out into the country or free trolley cars to see the apple-picki and view the beauties of Nature. La year the day was celebrated with me morial services at the grave of Des Thompson, at Woburn, Mass. It was no who first called attention to the apple known as the Woodpecker at which had come up as a seedling on the farm of John Ball, at Wilmington, Mass., in 1740, and had been cultivated for nearly half a century in that locality Colonel Baldwin made the apple commer cially profitable and widely famous. ... is the Baldwin apple of today, the first of American fruits.

AFTER A LAPSE OF 14 YEARS. Mysterious Stranger Drops in Hillsboro Merchant and Pays Up. Hillsboro Argus.

On Monday a tall and well-dressed stranger walked into the Schulmerich Bros, store and remarked that he was "ready to pay for those shoes, now." Herman Schulmerich carefully sized up the stranger and informed him that so far as he was aware there was no account against him, but the man persisted that he owed the firm a balance of \$2 on a pair of shoes pur-chased 14 years ago. "I'm sure of it," said the man, and he counted out the money, remarking: "It is a pleasant October day," and went out in the street, where he produced a camera and took a view of the store. He did not reveal his name and seemed in good financial circumstances. The meeting of the obligation was that he went East shortly after he bought the shoes and had just returned to the

Mr. Schulmerich is hoping that some of the other old-timers in indebtedness will be taken with a spasm of honesty and imitate the mysteriaus but onest stranger.

Actress Drives With a Pig. New York World.

Miss Gribbin, actress, amazed Central Park crowds by appearing in an automobile accompanied by a fat porker. plg sat on the seat alongside the young soman, occupying the position formerly graced by a millionaire, and he appeared greatly to enjoy the outing. Miss Gribbin is prima donna of the Hippodrome, where a Pittsburger fell in love with her. He immediately began paying the actress violest court. He gave her many pres-ents, but the two finally quarreled, with the result that Miss Gribbin took the pig afterward for an airing in place of her erstwhile sweetheart. Miss Gribbin said: There are some nice things about pigs. They can't talk and they are not a nite worse appearing than certain men of my acquaintance. Besides, when you get tired of a pig you can have him served for dinner." The pig was Phoebe, a Hippodrome performer,

Sudden Strenk of Economy in Texas. Baltimore News Hotelkeepers at the state capital of Texas say that business has fallen off since unti-free pass legislation, as members of the Legislature and politicians in general do not travel as freely as before.

CUBBENT COMMENT.

While everybody is inclined to complain of high prices now, 20 years hence we may be talking about the good old times of 1907.

Toledo Blade.

Senator Warren, according to a Western paper, is also of the opinion that the American people may jam Theodore Rousevelt back against the wall and force him to take the nomination. We await with confidence the spectacle of Mr. Warren being shown.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Bishop Moore says that Methodist ministers should wear well-tailored clothes and collars that fit. The collar part may be arranged, but the average Methodist minister hesitates, at his present salary, to go into debt to the tailors.—Omaha Bee.

It is stated that Great Britain will send a fleet of five warships to Esquimait early next Spring. It is not known whether they will remain on the Coast for a long period, but they probably will. The British, like some Americans, have just discovered that the Pacific is a big ocean and that things may be doing on it some day.—San Francisco Chronicle.

The so-called stringency in the money merket is not the result of agitation or discussion affecting the credit of either governments or corporations or the earning prospects of the latter. It is merely that capital has been on a little spree, and that the resulting nervousness and had temper will be followed naturally by a resetoration to normal conditions.—Evansville Courier.

There are some citizens who would prefer that the Chief Executive take his outing in a less strenuous manner and go in for milder forms of relaxation than the killing of bears. But these citizens reckon without the essence of the President's temperament. He must do things this way or lose his individuality. It is his way—Washington Star.

"Rear-Admiral Evans," said Secretary Metcair to an inquiry, "has the confidence of the President and myself, and the American people have nothing to fear in intrusting their splendid ficet to his care during its long critise to the Pacific." This ought effectually to settle the talk of shelving "Bob" Evans. He may not be popular with some of the dry-land saliors, but his ability as a seaman is unquestioned.—Boston Advertiser.

Professor Bart G. Wilder, the eminent anatomist and neurologist, says that if he were president of a college he would rather lose a donation of \$10,000,000, or any other sum, than abandon collegiate athletics. There is little room for question that rational athletics will be found heneficial by students, as by anyme cise whose work is confining. It does not pay to cram the head and let the body go without the exercise that is needed for health and vigor. The objectionable point is reached when the student goes in for athletics too exclusively and neglects his studies.—Indianapolis Star. Professor Burt G. Wilder, the eminent anatomist and neurologist, says that if he were president of a college he would rather tose a donation of \$10,000,000, or any other sum, than abandon collegiate athletics. There is little room for question that rational athletics will be found beneficial by students, as by anyone cise whose work is confining. It does not pay to cram the head and let the body go without the exercise that is needed for health and vigor. The objectionable point is reached when the student goes in for athletics too exclusively and neglects his studies—Indianapolis Star.

Prances Hodgson Burnett has assumed the editorship of the Children's Magazine and has written a letter to the readers of the magazine in which she says that a little fairy at her christening bestowed upon her a curious gift. The gift is that one part of her shall never grow up, and that however many years she may live that part of her will know what will interest children, what will make them happy, and what will make them sad.

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URLICATION in book form at Lon don, England, of the "state" let-ters of the late Queen Victoria, is nsidered by competent judges over the Atlantic, to be the greatest literary event of the past 59 years. Obviously, all the Queen's love letters to her husband and other letters criticising living statesmen have been emitted.

The letters show very plainly woman's likes, and dislikes. The Queen distrusted the great Lord Palmerston and speaks appreciatively of the friendship of this country. Her confidence in Lord Melbourne is again reiterated. Probably it was the Premier's suavity that impressed the Queen's girlish mind. After the coronation, she is recorded as having written to Lord Melbourne as follows:

"You did it beautifully; every part with so much taste. It is a thing you cannot give a person advice upon. It must be left to a person's own judgment."

The Queen held duty to be her first alm, yet she greatly preferred the quiet of country life to public appearance. She wrote in 1852; "The great deal there .s to do, and the importance of everything going on at home and abroad is unexampled in my recollection, and very try-ing. I am every day more convinced that we women, if we are to be good women-feminine, amiable and domestic—are not fitted to reign." In this spirit the Queen exhibited the passionate dotermination to realize her ideals of sovereignty. sisted upon being consulted in the very smallest matters.

King Edward personally supervised the printing and editing. The book is having an immense sale.

How like a dream of the past it is to hear that two of the great-granddaugh-ters of Robert Burns, the Scotch poet, have just finished a short trip through Scotland, and more especially Edinburgh, which Sir Walter Scott, the novelist, called "mine own remantic town." The young women tourists in question are Miss Margaret Constance Burns Hutch-inson and Mrs. Anne Burns Scott, grand-daughters of Lieutenant-Colonel James Glencairn Burns, who was the fourth son of the poet, and was called after Burns' friend and patron, the Earl of Gien-cairn. Lieutenant-Colonel Burns, on his retirement from the British army on a pension, settled at Cheltenham, England which ever since has been his family

Miss Hutchinson and Mrs. Scott of course visited all the old homes and haints of "Bobble" Burns, including Dumfries, where he died: Ellisland, where he farmed; Mossgiel Ayr, Kilmarnock, the Tressachs, Glasgow and Edin-burgh. The younger of the ladies, Miss Hutchinson, bears a striking resemblance to the portrait of Burns by Nasmyth, whilch that artist painted when Burns re-sided in Edinburgh—a work which is now one of the treasures of the Astional Gal-lery of Scotland. Mrs. Burns Scott has spent most of her life in Australia, and this was her first visit to Scotland.

An English tourist once asked a Scot; "Who is Bobble Burns?" "Our national Poot," said the Scot. Never heard of him? No? That's e. Did you ever hear of Scotch

"Rather," replied the critic, knowingly.
"Ch, then, there's some hope for you yet," said the Scot, consoningly.

It does not look as if Rudyard Kipling, who is now touring British Columbia, will deign to cross the border to see us this trip, unless his plans change. Exp-ling, who brought on his head the wrath of all Canada because he described that land as "our lady of the snows," is un-derstood to have a favorable opinion of the Oregon country, gathered from observations made when he fished in the Clackamas River and made a good

How different might have been the history of Oregon if such a discriminating English fisherman as Kipling undoubtedly is, had been sent here as advance agent in the early days when Great Britain and the United States were quarwondered if Oregon was worth annexing to their empire, and they sent a secret agent over here to spy out the land. With disastrous results he fished in the Columbia River.,
"Cede the d—n country," read his report, "the salmon won't rise at a fly."

Hall Caine, it is believed, is the wealthiest novelist and playwright in the world. In theatrical royalties alone he has re-ceived up to now \$450,000 from England and America, and the huge sale of his lovels must bring him in a much bigger income.

Mrs. George Bernard Shaw is a wealthy woman in her own right and is several years younger than her author-husband, At the time of the Shaw marriage, the At the time of the Shift marriage, the London newspapers got a good deal of "copy" out of the incident. The misogynist has become a benedick! The Socialist would soon be a Conservative! For nothing is so disturbing to the Socialistic viewpoint, they argued, as the acquisition of a bank account—whether by marriage or some other form of servitude. But the years have passed on, and though Mr. Shaw has accumulated a bank account, he is as much of a Socialist as ever. Mrs. Shaw is one of the busiest women in London. But hers is not the sort of work that brings her uch in the public eye. Publicity of any kind she avoids with something like "Mr. Shaw does the talking in our family," she reminds

viewers.

How many people among the audiences who enjoyed the Faversham's fine presen-tations of "The Squaw Man," at the Heilig Theater, knew that the book of that name is written by Julie Opp Faver-sham, wife of the star? I'cs so, "The Squaw Man" was adapted from the play by Edwin Milton Royle. Mrs. Faversham has quite a marked literary talent, and said to be a protege of Ella Wheeler 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

Criminal proceedings have been begun in Russia against Maxim Gorky on ac-count of doctrines enunciated in his latest novel, "Mother," which the police have confiscated. Gorky is in Naples.

"The Old Peabody Pew," a Christmas omance by Kate Douglas Wiggin, will e published in an illustrated holiday edition before the month closes. The publishers report that the advance or-ders have already required the printing of two editions, making the total, 25,000 coptes.

10 2 50 50 0 The posthumous edition of Fiona Mac-The postnimous ention of Fiona Mac-Leod's "Hills of Dream and Later Poems" is soon to be issued by William Heine-mann, the London publisher. It will differ materially from the volume which appeared in 1896 under the same title, and it will contain all the poems written by William Sharp under his pseudonym William Sharp under his pseudor Fiona MacLeod, with the exception one or two lyrics which he discarded