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AWAY WITH POLITICAL JEGGLING!

These observations of the Pendleton East Oregonian may be worth a remark-these observations, to wit:

Why are The Oregonian, the Pendleton Trib use and other papers run by oil members of the Oregon political machine opposed to State-ment No. 1 and the popular election of United States Senators? Have the voters ever asked themselves the question, sincerely? Why should these manipulators of the old ma-chine tear the people? Why are they op-paed to the people's rule? Let us get into the subject earnestly and see just why they

fear to trust the people. Now first let it be remarked that York master of high finance have for The Oregonian is not, never has been, a member of any political machine, large number of plutocrats. It is just old or new. These forty years it has forth into the light of day so that the opposed the Republican political machine, and often has censured and country may see how they look. even denounced it. The Republican plutocrats are fighting a bitter fight machine was a Mitchell machine, all with Mr. Roosevelt to obtain permathese years. Even Democrats have nent control of the Government of the sneered at The Oregonian for its op-United States. It is a good thing for position to the Mitchell machine, and everybody to understand exactly what labor. repeatedly have joined with the they intend to do if victory should nerch upon their by · Street defeating The Oregonian and others opposing the Mitchell machine. The triumph of the Republican machine, directed by Mitchell, over The Oregonian, gave no greater delight to any than to the Pendleton paper and other Democratic organs. Such has been dom. the polltical history of Oregon, this many and many a year. The Republican-Mitchell machine always had a large Democratic element in it. Twice this Democratic element, with the ap- gard to labor sweeps away a cloud of proval of the Pendleton paper, gave Mitchell his election to the Senate over the protest of The Oregonian. Repeatedly The Oregonian beat the Republican-Mitchell machine; yet its Democratic sympathizers helped it out. This is' history, known of all men.

Portland has grown somewhat since 1880, but the change would never have which, in the language of the younger been suspected had one judged the Rockefeller, most of our people must growth by comparing the ancient scrap heaps which of late have been in the passenger trade between this ity and San Francisco with those of nearly thirty years ago.

longer a government of limited pow-

friends are robbing us? Thaws with their Evelyns and their GROWTH OF THE NATIONAL INSTINCT. retinues of insanity experts. Some of The article on "Working Hours of it provides means for our Stanford Women," printed on this page, is a

Whites to fit up their chambers of statement of ideas in fermentation in mirrors and procure women victims the general mind. One point, howfor their orgies. Some of it furnishes ever, misses notice. It relates to the forth monkey dinners and bridge relative functions of the states and of whist parties. One fraction keeps he General Government. Appeal to Wall street going, and through Wall the Supreme Court of the United street flows finally into the banks of States of such matters tends to show Morgan and Standard Oil. Another how the functions of the states are fraction of what is produced in Amerbeing lost or absorbed in the central ica by those workmen whom the plugovernment-showing, moreover, how tocrats have determined to harry into he people are appealing more and submission goes to purchase fitled more to the central government as a husbands for our "American queens." neans of establishing large general Gladys Vanderbilt could afford to pay deas, not merely of politics and of five million doffars for her bedraggled conomics, but of humanitarian prinremnant of European aristocracy. uples deemed essential to the general Some pay more, some less, but all welfare. The idea is growing that the titles come dear. This, then, is what Government of the United States is no we are coming to in the United States

if the plutocrais can carry out their ers, but may cover all local condiplans. We are to become a Nation of degraded industrial serfs forever This is a vindication of the princislaving at the starvation point under ples of Hamilton, against the princithe iron law of wages, while our suples of Jefferson; though even Hamperiors and rulers riot in sensual luxlton did not go so far'as to contend iry on the products of labor. Monkey that the police powers of the states, dinners and titled European husbands the laws for regulation of public are the glorious fruit of those injunchealth, and for direction of industry lons, Supreme Court decisions, annulon sanitary and humanitarian princinents of righteous laws and military ples, should be formulated or intersuppressions which are alding Mr preted by the Government of the Morgan and his fellow magnates to United States, against that of the

accomplish the revolution they have states. But it is becoming evident, from planned and reduce the American incidents pouring in on all sides, that workingman to submission. Is this Jefferson's principles or theories of the kind of a revolution we want? Is government are practically obsolete. this what America stands for? The working classes of the country, once sticklers for local authority and

WORK FOR NEEDY MEN.

power, are looking more and more to Except in the business districts and the central government for support of their claims and for promotion of some of the near residence districts of Portland, few streets have been their objects. It is an appeal from paved or even treated with macadam. the focal conscience to the general conscience of the Nation. With ap-It is useless to scrape and haul mud proval, or at least with consent of the off the unpaved streets. More will be formed at once. What is needed is people of a state, the General Governrock bottom for the streets, and then ment takes hold of the problem of ellow fever in New Orleans, or of busuch surface as cost of improvement and other conditions will permit. oonic plague in San Francisco. The

But this can be done only in regvery proposition would have made ular and due form, under the ordithe early Jeffersonians stare and The party nominally descended nances of the city. It cannot be effected by employment of men out of from Thomas Jefferson, now finds its leader in William J. Bryan; yet work, for whom relief may be intended. The cost of the improvement Bryan's measures of supervision and must be estimated, the assessment control by the General Governmentmade and the work conducted in a would practically cut the states out, legal and orderly way. This is work Truth is, all forces, industrial, social for contractors, not for common laborers, who can't walt for all the red and political, are working all the time

tape to be unwound and wound up for a consolidated nation; not conagain, and who, even then, would sciously, perhaps, but all the more surely because it is largely an unconhave no means of doing the work. But we believe the city should help the the unemployed. It can do so directquestion of woman's working hours, ly, and at once, simply by putting takes an appeal to the conscience of

squads of them at work clearing up the park lands in the western part of the city. If the city is to do anything it should buy the tools and offer needy The recently reported interview men work at grubbing, logrolling and

general clearing. This is practicable, and it would be useful to the city, with Mr. J. P. Morgan on the labor outlook may not be true, but it is aptly imagined if it is false. Mr. Gomwhile lending help to men in need. pers is entirely right in saying that But there would be no use whatever the thoughts attributed to the New

of putting them at work shoveling mud off the deep back streets, Within a long time been in the minds of a week there would be deeper mud under it. Those streets ought to be as well to have these thoughts haled improved. But it can be done only in the legal and regular way. It is The sheer waste to try to remove the from them. But it wouldn't be sheer waste to buy tools and set at work on the park lands men in distress and willing to help themselves by their

HOPS, BEER AND PROHIBITION

making gains throughout the country American Beauty rose, to produce and is checking an increase even Rockefeller, most of our people must where it is not causing a decrease in live in misery and die in despair? the consumption of beer and other What becomes of the wealth we are liquors. The other potent factor in all working to produce and of which the situation is a hop production largely in excess of requirements. But Mr. Morgan and his aristocratic a limited knowledge of trade or math-Some of it goes to produce our ematics is necessary to admit of an understanding why hop prices are

> Notwithstanding the utmost efforts of the School Board to provide room for the pupils of the public schools, every building in the city is crowded to its full capacity. Principals are driven to their wits' end to provide seating accommodations for all who apply, and teachers are taxed to the utmost to take care of the large classes that are assigned to them. Contracts for a new building of eight rooms at Richmond have been let, while six rooms are to be added to the new building at Arleta, and a like number to the Shaver building. These, when completed, will relieve the pressure somewhat, or they would relieve it were they now ready for occupancy. By the time they are completed, however, the chances are more than even that the pupils will be here to fill them, as other rooms are now filled, to their capacity. This is, however the last thing that the city should complain of, since there is no surer evidence of its permanent and healthy growth than is found in the increase of its family life.

The promotion of General O. O. Howard, retired, to the grade of Lieutenant-General is gratifying to a multitude of the people in Oregon, who for several years halled this vallant soldier as a fellow-citizen. General Howard was for a number of years a resident of Portland, and with his soldierly bearing, earnest, serene countenance and empty coat sleevethe latter a token of his presence on the firing line at the battle of Fair Oaks-was a familiar figure upon the streets. He has earned the honor, not only because of his years, but be cause of his gallant service for his country in war and his benign influence upon educational and reform movements during long years of pence.

Epitomlzed from press dispatches

ublished yesterday: Five thousand men back to work in South Chicago rolling mills; same number resumed operations at the National Tube Works, Lorain, O.; 1000 operatives of the Gorham Manufacturing Company, Providence, R. I., who have been on short time since Thanksgiving day, began on full day; tube plant at Zanesville, O., employing 700 men, resumed work; big cotton mill at Biddeford. Me., will resume full time next Monday with 4000 operatives. The industries of the land are fast returning to normal conditions.

The many friends and acquaintances of J. Hamilton Lewis, in Oregon and Washington, can deeply sympathize with the gallant Colonel for the unusual amount of publicity that has recently fallen to his lot. It will comfort them, however, to know that the gentleman with the sun-kissed whiskers and the Chesterfieldian air has always borne up bravely under such onslaughts. The only keen suffering he has been called on to endure has been when the newspapers failed to say something about him.

Human nature is much the same in great many features and creatures. No sooner does one vaudeville manager put out a good "turn" that strikes the public fancy than a rival follows up the successful lead with

WORKING HOURS OF WOMEN MONEY. NEEDED FOR CHARITIES Contributions Asked from Public to The Oregon Case Put Up to the Su-

During the last months more than

No effectual relief can come from

money is needed now. THE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

By Thomas N. Strong, Edna Timms, I. N. Fleischner, Charles E. Ladd, An-drew C. Smith, Mrs. E. B. Colwell, G.

G. Gammans, A. J. Montgomery, J. C. Robinson, directors.

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licep Up the Work. preme Court of the United States. PORTLAND, Feb. 11 .- (To the Pub The Outlook, Feb. 8. lic.)-The directors of the Associated For the first time in its history the

Charities, at their regular monthly meeting today, decided that it was United States Supreme Court has recently been called upon to decide the necessary to make an appeal to the right of a state to regulate the workpublic for more liberal subscriptions ing hours of adult women. A law of Oregon limits these hours to 10 in one day than have been coming in, and accordingly decided to lay before it the folin factories, mechanical establishments lowing facts.

and laundries. Curt Muller, a laundryman, attacked the constitutionality of 700 different people have been kept from starvation by this association, and during the month preceding nearthis law, which was, however, upheld by the Oregon Supreme Court in 1906. The decision of the Federal Supreme ly as many more, and some of these have had to be continuously helped. This list includes familles and single men, Court, to which the case was appealed, will substantially determine the constitutionality of all laws restricting many unemployed laborers and others of the different classes and occupations women's working hours in the United aught by the hard times, and the help States, Such laws have been enacted furnished has varied with the need. The financial strain has been heavy the work costing \$1577.41 in December in 19 States, the earliest In Massachusetts in 1874, the latest more than generation afterwards. These laws and \$3024.63 in January, and it threat-ens to continue at about the same rate for a month or two longer. Had are not the result of an ophemoral public whim, but a deliberate public purpose. One of the leading members t not been for money saved up from bequests, this association would have of the Boston bar, Mr. Louis D. Brandeis, generously volunteered his servhad to close its doors, and unless am de subscriptions are made it will have ices as associate counsel in arguing 0 do 80 yet. at Washington this Oregon case. Mr. Brandels also submitted a brief which any official action by the city or coun-ty, as experience has demonstrated that is of extraordinary interest, in that it no city or county can, by any appro-priations within its power, boister up brings before the Court the actual facts at issue in this case-that is, the the labor market, and any attempt to do so only increases the congestion in the city and makes the call upon chareffects, physical, moral and economic of regulating women's working hours. The publication of this brief marks a significant change in the defense o labor legislation. Hitherto cases in itable associations the heavier It is, therefore, incumbent upon the public-spirited citizens of the city to constitutionality volving of statutes be generous and give liberally, and if anyone is missed by our canvassers, let him send his contributions direct to the office at 305 Jefferson street. The

volving constitutionality of statutes restricting women's working hours have been argued almost wholly upon their legal merits. Citations and ar-guments of counsel have been con-fined chiefly to the legal right of states, under their police powers, to enact necessary health measures, even if such restrictions busefues with the If such restrictions interfere with the "freedom of contract" guaranteed by the fourteenth amendment of the Fedrai constitution. This right of states to restrict individual freedom in the interest of public health and welfare has been explicitly upheid by the highsupreme Court is and by the high-exist state courts and by the Federal Supreme Court itself in important de-cisions. The real question at issue, therefore, in uphoiding the constitu-tionality of laws limiting women's working hours is no longer in the main a legal one, but rather medical and social Argument no longer to be a social argument of the social argument of the social social social argument of the social soci

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nd the mill value of



BY LILIAN TINGLE.

The late Sir Henry Thompson says in his "Diet in Relation to Age and Activity" that for many years it was his custom to keep an alcohol lamp with a full tea equipage by his bedside, and, on awakening in the early morning, to make for himself a large cup of tea with a liberal allowance of milk, and to drink it slowly in bed. He found this a pleasant and healthy way of beginning the day, and as he was past 50 years of age when he died, tea drinking, for him at loast, cannot have been the baneful nerve-destroying, life-shortening habit that some people would have us believe.

The early morning cup of tea, as well as the reatful and sociable afternoon cup. is, an English habit that is usually found very pleasant by American visitors. Indeed I know of one American college proessor who makes ten every afternoon in his laboratory, explaining to curlous observers that he formed the habit while n England and finds it impossible to weak. The interesting thing about it is that he was in England only three weeks altogether. But that just shows, of course, how insidious this tea-drinking

business is: W 10 1

If you should happen at any time to stay a day or two in England and fall under the same spell, you are confronted on your return with the difficulty of finding the traditional velvet-footed, perfectly trained maid to make and bring to you the early cup of ten. The afternoon ten comparatively easy to manage, but half the charm of the bedside cup, unless to exceptionally vigorous people like Sir Henry Thompson, lies in its magic ap-pearance before you, already at your awakening.

But it now would seem that some inventive genius has found a solution of this ifficulty, so that no matter though you tre your own maid or that the lady you employ in such a capacity has packed her trunk and departed, with or without words, at a short notice, you need not lack your morning comforter and stimulant. Just read this advertisement, taken

from the Times: "The clock that bolls water, makes tea, etc. You set the clock and the rest is ione for you automatically. Wakes you, lights lamp, boils one pint of water, (you remember that it was a large cup of tea that Sir Henry Thompson found so beneficial) pours out, puts out lamp. and sounds gong when tea is ready, without human ald."

 (a) (a) Now that is a clock worth having, it seems to me. Probably with a little training, and kindness and encouragement on your part, it could eventually be taught to get a complete course dinner, serve and walt at table, answer the phone, wash and dress the baby, sweep and dust a room, open the door for visitors and do the family washing, leoning and mending. all without human aid. If the tariff on such clocks is not prohibitive I think I shall write to London and get the makers to send me a nice, promising, intelligent and ambitious one and see what the higher education will do for it.

4 5 7 If you begin talking about tea. 108 wholesomeness or unwholesomeness and your favorite kind and method of making It, some one is sure to remark that really lumber was cut in the United fine ten is not to be obtained outside States last year than in any other year in its history. The enormous amount of 37,356,736 board feet was produced, to these countries if you want to task to the second to the best way tea in perfection and learn the best way

It again. A further list of words which should be spelled, according to its ideas and those of President Roosevelt, was is-those of President Roosevelt, was isand social. Argument no longer cen-ters on the question whether a state may enact such statutes, but whether, as a matter of fact, such statutes are reasonable health measures, necessary for the public welfare. It is in em-phasizing this important distinction, and in having brought before the and those such today. This second such today. This second second

pair the child-bearing functions of the workers, the mothers and future moth-ers of the race; they injure and even destroy homes, and are responsible for hosts of neglected children; they thus, in a double sense bring evil upon fu-ture, generations with cumulative force. The brief sets forth the beneficial be justified in attempting to anticipate the decision of the Supreme Court on this momentous case. On questions of this character, however, its decisions

gon. Mr. Brandels marshals authori-ties in order to set before the Court the "facts of common knowledge" on which legislation of this sort has been hased. These authorities show that long hours of labor for women in mechanical pursuits have ill effects on the health of the women employed (to a greater extent than such hours have upon men), on their safety, and on their morals-causing and increasing drunkenness, for instance; but, what is still more serious, these hours of work are a menace to the general welfare, for they insidiously and grievously im-

have not always been strictly uniform. This case, however, as argued, lins-trates the fact, which Judge Amidon stated in an address last Summer, that many of the questions which come be-fore the courts in the form of consti-tutional questions are really questions in the interpretation of human, living conditions Less Than \$700,000,000. Forest Service Circular.

There was for a time a sub-political machine, known as the Simon machine. No more was The Oregonian a member of it. It was the opposition of The Oregonian to the Simon political machine that beat it, in its turn.

As to matters of the present time. The Oregonian opposes Statement No. 1 because the statement is an impos-It is merely a cheat. The Constitution of the United States pre-scribes the way or method of election of Senators. This bogus statement proposes to supersede the constitutional method. It proposes to make a candidate for the Legislature prom ise in advance to violate the Consti- clamoring vainly. tution which he is to be sworn to sup-Then again, the assertion that the bogus statement is merely to require ratification of the people's choice is ridiculous pretense. The method does not ascertain the people's choice. It puts up men the people do not want and will not support. and then declares the result "the peo ple's choice." If is a mere juggle of are united into one great system, and partyism and of deceptive politics.

The Oregonian hates indirection, Mr. Morgan and a few of his fellowfraud, deception, bosh and humbug. This is its objection to a proposition that asks a candidate for the Legislature to make a promise to violate an oath he must take after he is elected, and to do it under pretense of obeying the wish or order of the peo--when the people have not wished or ordered any such thing. It is but a juggle;-and away with jugglers in politics, as in all other things!

It has been so long since Portland has had an opportunity to feel grateful toward Mr. Harriman for anything that the appearance in Portland harbor of the fine Frisco liner Rose City is almost sensational in its novely So much time has elapsed since Portland has had a modern steamer on the route that no small share of the passenger business has been driven to the railroads, or, where the sea trip Senator, which is a fairly good craft,

real or imaginary interview accurately states their purpose with regard to the labor unions there cannot be the slightest doubt. They will break up the unions if they can and reduce the dition of the hop market, and the poslaboring man to abject industrial serf-His will is to be abased, his having on prices, sends The Oregonian manhood bestialized, his power to resist annihilated.

These figures, which were The clear and definite statement of compiled by the New York Hop Re porting Company, show the tax for the plutocratic programme with re-1907 to be \$60,110,595, compared with cant and enables us to think to the \$57,168,288 for 1906. The correpoint upon industrial matters. For spondent, in presenting the figures "This doesn't look as if the one thing, we see exactly how much prohibition wave had established a sincerity there is in the protestations of the plutocrats that they want a high-water mark," and requests us to high tariff because it keeps wages up. 'publish the figures, so growers may see that their difficulties come from Mr. Morgan's steel trust is the greatest beneficiary of the tariff, and we short sellers principally." The Oregonian has no expert knowledge of now know precisely what Mr. Morgan thinks about wages. If possible he the conditions responsible for an increase in the barrel tax on beers in will force them down to the starva-1967 over that of 1906, but would tion point, and so will every other magnate who fattens upon the profitventure the opinion that the prosper able decelts of Dingleyism. They love ity which ran rlot until near the close the tariff because it fills their pockets; of 1907 undoubtedly had some effect in increasing the consumption of if it really raised wages, they would

be the first to denounce it. The gen-uine effect of the tariff upon wages is plebelan beer along with other higher-priced luxuries. beautifully shown by the present state This might easily be possible and at the same time admit of the prohlof things in this country. We have Dingleyism in full bloom and at the hition wave inundating much new ter-

same time every city from the Atlan-tic to the Pacific is filled with men alone in the belief that the spread of clamoring for work to keep them prohibition is affecting the hop marfrom starvation and for the most part ket is shown in a Salem dispatch in vesterday's Oregonian, which says Not only the tariff law, but most of that nearly 1500 hopgrowers have our other industrial laws have been signed telegrams to Senator Fulton enacted at the dictation of the pluto-

asking him to oppose National legis crats and for their class benefit. This lation intended to aid in enforcement of prohibition laws. Beer is undoubt legislation has been so neatly contrived and so serviceably interpreted edly the least offensive of any spiritby the courts that now in the larger uous liquors, and will never be entirely eliminated from the list of beverages industries of the United States there is no such thing as competition. All used by Americans.

An increasing population and inthe control of the system belongs to creasing wealth might easily admit of a slight increase in the beer output conspirators. Through their hands for an indefinite period, but it seems quite plain that the increase in the the products of labor must flow, and, beer output has not been in keeping if they have their way, labor will receive for creating those products just with the increase in hop production. what Mr. Morgan is willing to bestow, "Short selling," of which our correand not a cent more. What Mr. Morspondent complains, cannot hold gan is willing to give is no longer a down a market if the supply is insufmatter of doubt. It is barely enough ficient for the natural, legitimate deto keep the workman alive. The la- mands. The Oregonian has at variborer is to be dragooned into submisous times in the past six months sion by grinding poverty. If Mr. Morprinted the best obtainable statistics gan has his way the self-respecting covering the hop stocks on hand. American workman will soon be no These statistics, which have com-

more than a memory. from growers, buyers and brewers, do not show any wide degree of variance We produce enormous wealth in this country, but it flows from all di- on the available stocks. They nearly rections into the possession of a few all show a heavy surplus above immeindividuals; and how are they using diate requirements, one well-known It? What is the final and highest expert on the subject in yesterday's product of all this toil, this sweat and Oregonian presenting figures which hunger? For what lofty purpose are disclosed an excess above require our workingmen mangled on the railments of \$7,000 bales.

roads, mutilated in factories and Even in these stocks on hand can was desired, to Puget Sound, With burned to death in coal mines? What be traced the influence of prohibition, Rose City alternating with the is the ultimate flower which crowns for the manner in which it is spreadand justifies the cruelties of our plu- ing may well cause brewers to decline the occan route may regain some of | tocratic regime? For what great end | to purchase hops except in "hand-to its lost popularity, and induce the do multitudes of children in New mouth" quantities. From the entire great mogul of our land and sea transportation to provide two or three more Rose Cities, or similar fine craft. Sit at their desks? What is this vertible. One is that prohibition is

ething similar Mrs. with her science of healing, has built up a

A Eugene correspondent, taking exception to recent editorial comment large and respectable following which in The Oregonian regarding the conis assuming such formidable propor tions that an imitation bearing the sible effect which prohibiliton may be brand "Christian Psychology" is being staged by another religious denomsome figures on the barrel tax on ination in New York.

> A grand total of 18,681 children is reported for public school work in this city at the beginning of the present term, as against 16,624 last February. This corresponds with the activity of a home-building period un precodented in the history of Port-land, and is a record of which taxpayers, even while they squirm at an increased levy for school purposes, may well be proud.

The Prince Helie de Sagan, whom Count Boni Castellane mistook for a suspidor, was awarded 20 cents' damfor the assault, and Boni was fined \$20 for his misconduct. If the amount awarded Prince Helie was based on the ad valorem system, he must have been quite severely damaged in the encounter.

The Australian liner Yeddo, schedaled to sail from San Francisco for the antipodes on Friday, will go out with but 1500 tons of freight, although she has a capacity for 6000 tons. And still the subsidy seekers shrick for facilities for reaching forelgn markets.

Isn't observance of the first day of the week, after all, a question of geography? In New York City the advocates of woman suffrage will hold a parade next Sunday, while in Winnfpeg last Sunday the police raided a synagogue and broke up a wedding.

Belated National honor to General Oliver O. Howard will please the entire Pacific Northwest, where the dis tinguished soldier's service in putting down the last serious Indian uprising is gratefully remembered.

Now that Mr. Burns has qualified himself for the position of noted American, he must drop "Tommy." The popular diminutive is applicable only to feather-weights and presidents.

Even if the "big dipper" should upplant in the popular mind the "big stick," the new symbol will never carry with it a suspicion of femininity in the Rooseveltian make-up.

Demand for the parcels post may now be said to have been lifted out of the realm of academic discussion.

The road to the United States Atorneyship for the District of Oregon is not only steep, but rocky.

His Kansas City speech gives color to the rumor that Taft has lined up with Roosevelt.

conditions.

The Verdict in the Hall Case. Medford (Or.) Tribune.

The immunity bath for many is the price the Government is compelled to pay to secure a conviction of almost any kind among higher class rogues, whether it is the land fraud or the secret rebate that is to be punished. To convict Hall a dozon or so defendproducts ants secured freedom from prosecution for turning traitor to the man who had shielded them from previous prose-

cution. A dozen confessed perjurers and law-breakers are bribed by immunity promises to betray their partner in guilt. It is a high price to pay for one conviction to let a dozen escape, yet the conviction could not be obtained otherwise, and so perhaps the end justifies the means. In Oregon fault is found with Mr.

Hency for letting big business men escape to punish politicians. In Califor-nia, fault is found because he let the increased 186 per cent. Louisiana is the foremost yellow pine state, with Texas, Mississippi and Arkansas followpoliticians escape to punish the big business men. No matter what course ing in order. Washington produces by he pursues to obtain convictions, the same crowd will find fault. fir.

The Oregon Experiment. Muncle (Ind.) Star.

Government by party is a system based on the idea that public office is a thing to be conferred by representa-tives of the people in response to the promptings of political convictions. Government by self-seeking and selfand nominees is a system proceeding on the theory that public office is a prize to be picked out and won by the man who wants it most and will work hardest for it. It is not strange to find direct primaries advocated those who hate all parties alike and who are attracted to politics solely for the power it gives them-a power that is held in check by party organization, corps d'esprit, government, discipline, principles. The result of the Oregon experiment is deserving of study in principles. framing primary laws for Indiana and other states.

No Politics.

Umpqua Valley News. Did you ever notice how many of the Democratic papers harp on the "no politics" theory? This is a little Democratic "joker."

At the Comedy.

Arthur Stringer In "The Woman in the Rain." Last night, in snowy guwn and glove, I saw you watch the play Where each mock here won his lave In the old unitfelike way.

("And, ob, were life their little scene Where love so smoothly ran. How different, Dear, this world had been Since this old world begand)"

(And down the great dark curtain fell Upon their foolish play; But you and I knew-Oh, too well;-Life went another way!)

was \$621. of preparing and serving it, and that none In addition, there were 151,388. duced 11,858,260,000 shingles, valued at \$24,155,565, and 3,812,807,000 little, valued at but the Chinese or Japanese really appreciate its virtues.

\$11,490,570. On the whole, it is safe to say that the present annual lumber cut of the United States approximates 40,-Having heard this sort of talk all my life, I approached my first cup of tea in Japan with an interest almost amounting 000,000,000 feet, and that the total mill value of the lumber, lath and shingles to reverence. It happened in Nagasaki each year produced is not less than \$700,000,000. These figures give some idea of how wast is the lumber industry and how wast is the lumber industry and how great is the demand for its to stop to send a cablegram and attend

to other matters and seeing that the rest A glance at the kinds of lumber proof the party (it was a purely feminine one duced shows very clearly the passing of white pine and oak, one the greatest softwood and the other the greatest and inclined to nervousness), were afraid of not having time enough for the trip hardwood which the forest has ever grown. Since 1899 the cut of white pine has fallen off more than 40 per summoned up all my courage and told them to go on without me.

off more than 36 per cent. Today yellow pine leads all other woods in amount cut, while Douglas fir-and this will be As the dust of their rickshaws disappeared, I felt for a few moments very much alone in Japan; but I knew the a surprise to many-comes second. Since 1899, the cut of Douglas fir has words "yen," "sen" and "Mogi," and when my cable was sent off I decided that there was no reason why I should lose all the fun. So I picked out a atroug looking coolie from the wildly babbling far the greatest amount of Douglas crowd that surrounded me, got another sturdy one to push behind (we had to go a long way up hill and, well, naver mind what my weight is; I think myself, two coolies give style to a rickshaw), and

Observe: Thousands of workingmen are idle in the great iron and steel and allied industries. The business of the railways has fallen off one-ibird. All constructive off we went at a ratiling pace. It seemed a most romantic thing to be sitting, all in white raiment like a "takeundertakings dependent upon iron and steel supply are in a state of either em-barrassed and sickly operation or of coma-kodak-with-you" girl, behind a real live blue-clad, brown-legged, bowl-haited rickshaw coolie, and looking down on the plete suspension. In the face of this disastrous situation

wonderful panorama of town, harbor and In the face of this disastrous situation the giant monopolies that have control of our ore beds and of from and steel produc tion grimly reduce the output, discharge workmon, and keep prices at the top notch. They are as ready (with tarify aid) to skin the consumer in the time of his adversity as in seasons of prosperity. They might revive business by reducing ing "little makis from school" that slood at gaze, as we passed. The climax of might set idle hands at work. But a enjoyment was reached when the steep enjoyment was reached when the steep eacent ended and the road began to wind

downwards between groves of bamboo Another Objector to Statement No. 1. and camphor trees. There was a teallouse PORTLAND, Feb. 11.-(To the Editor.)just like the pictures, and a little girl When C. W. Hodson stated that he would who apparently had stepped straight out next No. 1, he showed that he was of the first act of "Madame Butterity" tonest, and that he is not going to do was inviting me to rest and refreshment that which would require him to vote for a Democrat for United States Senator. His objections to Statement No. 1 are to bring me. She came back, with many to bring me. She came back, with many smiles, a hideous yellow and green legitimate and merits the consideration of every Republican in the State of Ore-"foreign" ten set, cups with handles and Now is the time to put a stop to business. JOHN SHATTUCK. tea with cream-cream of the cannod

A FEW SQUIBS.

"It's no disgrade to be poor." "I can remember a time when it was no disgrads to be rich."-Louisville Courfer-Journal. Dad-I wish I could be a little boy again, tike you, Willie. Willie-I wish you could, dad-only littler, of course-Judge.

Nodd-There was to be a meeting of my creditors today. Todd-Well, wasn't there? "No. They unanimously agreed that they gouldn't afford to spend the time."-Life.

Hitter-This paper states that it is only a matter of time when the automobile will reach this poor man. Upp-You but it will reach him if he don't get out of the road as soon as he hears the first "honk, honk!"-Chicago Daily News.

Scotch keeper-That's a very line car, you have got Chanffeur-Oh, it sin't a bad car. S. K.-She wild be a verra powerty car whatsver? C-Oh, no; I wouldn't say that. S. K.I wass not judgin' by the size, i wass judgin' by the smell"-punch.

milk variety. Alast for my dreams of real Japaness ten in Japanese style! But I cheered up when she inquired, in pantomine, whether wished to offer refreshment to my coolles. I made gestures which she correctly interpreted as "Hang the expense Give them anything they want." and then I sat back, feeling like a small benchcent tin providence, to watch my faithful rickshaw boys make and drink their ten with proper Japanese appreciation and erremonies. And then I had another shock. It was "Belfast ginger ale" that they called for: and they drank it gurgi-

ingly out of the British manufacturer's bottles!

That is what one gets for cherishing ter Ideals.

For you, who saw them gaily win Both band and heart away. Knew well where dwelt the mockery in That foolish little play.

("If love were all-if love were all." The viols sobbed and cried, "Then love were best whate'er befallr" Low, low the flutes replied.)

And you, last night, did you forget, So far from me, so near? For watching there your oyes were wet With just an idle tear?