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A PHRASE WITHOUT MEANING.

Under our political system, all offi-cials, for positions of importance, are elected by party. The people do not lect the President; party elects him. Senators and Representatives in Congress are elected by party. So are all the important officials of the states; and most of the minor officials, too. Party elects. The man elected is a party man. He is expected to support the policies of his party, and nearly always does so. If he doesn't, his political career is short.

Oregon's Representatives, to elected to Congress next June, will be party men, elected by party. The Senator to be elected next Winter will not be the choice of the people, but of one or the other of the parties. Yet we hear no end of talk about "the paople's choice"-as if that were po

There can be no "people's choice' under our system; for the people divide into parties, and one party or the other elects.

old leader East of the mountains this strength of McBride's may be divided with Hon. S. G. Cosgrove, as well as with Governor Mead, who, with all the prestige of possession of the office and a clean administration, will make the contest a hard-fought battle. The Gubernatorial fight will quite naturalat times become entangled with the enatorial fight. Even the Congres-Senatorial fight. to the Old World, where they sional contests, which are always the tamest affairs in Washington politics, will have important bearing on both the Senatorship and the Governorship. For Senator, Ankeny, the present incumbent, and Representative Jones are here. the chief candidates. Both men in

their respective positions have worked to good advantage for the Columbia Mr. William Randolph Hearst, leader River and that portion of Washington of the Independence party, which in which this city is specially inter-ested. With Ankeny in the Senate shown in several elections that it has command of a good many and Jones in the House, the Colum-bia River and its interests have been in New York, Massachusetts and elsewhere now makes it known through well looked after. his New York American that neither his party nor himself will support Mr.

TRUSTING THE PEOPLE.

"Why not trust the people?" somebody asks. "The Oregonian does not trust the people." .But The Oregonian The question loes trust the people. arises. Who are the people? It is the same judgment of the peo-ple that must be trusted. To arrive at that sane judgment is often a mat-

ter of infinite difficulty. The Oregonian confesses that it is rather tired of the cheap fling that it esn't trust the people, but has con tempt for their intelligence. It does rust the people, and has the highest onfidence in their intelligence. The great majority in the long run will act intelligently and do right; but they are

beset and bedeviled by charlatans Yet notwithstanding this stout and cheerful declaration, the Independence of one kind and another that many find the way a difficult one, and much party may not prove to be, very for midable. contention ensues.

Bryan will be sufficiently disquieted by The Oregonian has no contempt for the announcement to wish this party he intelligence of the whole people. many times it has contempt for would keep out of the field. President Roosevelt and Governor Johnson, the intelligence of part of them. It had contempt for the intelligence of however, will not heave any sighs over such as supposed they could extend and perpetuate slavery and divide the t. But Mr. Hearst's newspapers now sneer at Mr. Bryan as "the peerless This indeed is serious. For American Union-and for all who one.' how can true reconcilement grow in sympathized with the idea or purpose the soil of contempt? Both the old It had and has contempt for those who supposed and insisted that Treasury parties are sneered at in this declaranotes, which are but promises to pay money, are money. It had and has tion as "the moribund and divided agontempt for such as insisted on the free coinage of silver and professed to

Bryan.

elieve that an ordinance of the United States, declaring that silver and gold at 16 to 1 were of equal value yould make them of equal value and ause them to circulate under free colnage on equal terms. It had and

as contempt for all who suppose they facts come out in time of peace than an set aside the constitutional method to wait until war exposes them in f electing Senators and Representa spite of all efforts at suppression. tives in the Congress of the United s one of the unpleasant results of ac-And for the ten thousand tual battle to make rude disclosures other follies associated with these

various fundamental errors. glossed over in time of peace. But The Oregonian trusts the people It trusts them to turn down all fundamental errors and follies-such, for example, as the Democratic party of the United States has stood for these fifty years and more. Often it is out of patience with the Republican party for its stupidity and for its lack of nerve and purpose; and for many rea-sons it is out of patience with it now, and for the present wishes to disclaim responsibility, even as an adviser,

The people are to be trusted, of course, and must be trusted. But prophets, falsely so-called, are not to at. all costs. be trusted. This newspaper never has seen reason to trust the prophets or measures of the party of Jefferson Calhoun, Jefferson Davis and William ligence. Jennings Bryan. That party has had one genuine prophet these fifty years -Grover Cleveland-and it repudlated him.

THE UNDESIRABLE ALIEN.

ucational and Co-operative Union of

America, representing 2,000,000 farm-

phis urged upon Congress "enactment

of laws substantially excluding the

noney requirement, the illiteracy test

the picture is disclosing the disadvan-

just when they are on the verge of saying something interesting that does not augur well. The controversy over Foreign labor departing from the United States during the first two months of 1908 reached a total of the state of the Navy is one of those where it is much better to forget the common-law rules of evidence and let 109,151, while the entries for the same the witnesses tell what they know in period were but 32,260. The departure of this swarm of aliens is not an their own way. When all is said by inmixed blessing, for, while they have everybody who wishes to talk, then the perhaps improved labor conditions for committee can sift it and make a fair guess at the truth. Admirals the several millions who remain, they and have taken back with them sums of commanders and people of that ilk have their little private vanities and money which in the aggregate will self-admirations, which are apt to be reach vast proportions and which is wounded by an order to hold their lost forever to this country. Some of them may come back with revival of tongues, such as Senator Hale issued to Commander Kay. Once on their good times and others will take the places of those who do not return; but dignity, men of this stamp are likely to hold their tongues more strictly the money they have taken with them is gone from American circulation. This tendency of the cheap labor than the committee desires. An abler man than Senator Hale from Europe to remain here only long would conduct the investigation with less pomp and probably with better reenough to accumulate a small fortune which is to be lugged back to the na sults. From the reports of the proceedings one cannot avoid the suspi tive country has become so general of late that the drain is quite perceptible clon that Mr. Hale is much occupied with the contemplation of his own and it has provoked considerable discussion as to the value to the United greatness and forgets that the commit-tee was appointed to find what condi-States of this class, of labor. Along with this type of labor which comes tion our ships are in rather than to provide him with a platform to poss trooping in on the first wave of prosupon. Still his amiable preoccupation perity come the Mafia, the Black with his private perfections cannot Hand, the Herr Mosts and Emma keep some interesting things from coming to light. For example, it must Goldmans, and a lot more of World riffraff and scum. It is the presence of these undesirables and the be evident to everybody that the naval impossibility of ever molding into citiadministration is honevcombed with suspicion, jealousy and cross purposes. zenship shape the type that, in order o increase the size of the board, live Each officer seems to crave an oppor like beggars while here, that has tunity to tell terrible tales about caused a concerted move to be made colleagues. It crons out that most of to reconstruct our immigration laws them think all the rest are incompe with a view to barring out much of tent and perhaps none of them are wrong. It seems that the speed tests this cheap grade of immigration. An immigration convention held at for the vessels are deceptive, the armor plate may not reach far enough Tampa, Fla., last month adopted resolutions demanding enactment of laws that would "effectually stem the tide above the water line, and the appa ratus for conveying powder from th magazine to the guns is unsafe, of undesirable immigration," at the The vessels are tested for speed same time acknowledging the importwithout either armament, crew ance of bringing in "such carefully se stores on board. To a layman this lected agricultural foreign immigrants looks absurd. Nobody cares how fast as will enter upon our farms and build

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doubtless rally to the support of their offer inducements for good. flux from change to change. Even healthy, hardworking foreigners. W since the Monitor was invented can use millions of them if they will Captain Ericsson the construction of save their money while work is plentiwarships has been experimental for the most part. There has never yet ful and wages good and use it in purchasing a little farm or a home. But be have had a sufficiency of the class been a naval battle between two fair ly matched modern fleets and it is only that have no use for the country bea slight exaggeration to say that the youd the opportunities it offers for merits and defects of armored vessels them to make a "stake" to carry back are all guesswork. How they will be problem have in strenuous action is problem-atic. Our fleet disposed of the Spancan re tire in idleness to spend it. As for the atic. ish vessels as easily is if they had been Mafia, Black Hand and anarchists, we wooden. Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet should not only prevent their landing in this country, but some means should could hardly have made less resistance to the Japanese if it had carried no be found for deporting those already armor. Just how much the efficiency of warships has been increased by en-

casing them in iron remains to be determined. Perhaps the race between neavy artillery and armor-plate preection will end like that between the breastplate of the feudal baron and the peasant's bullet. Is it quite certain that the ship of the future will not go into battle, as the soldier does. without any armor at all?

Mr. Stubbs informs the lumbermen that they are not losing any money sota man, nor Theodore Roosevelt, one other man of pretty wide fame. It by their Inability to ship into certain markets from which the advanced lumber rates bar them. He bases his may be supposed that Mr. Hearst, statement on the belief that the trees are growing fast enough to recoup their owners for the time lost in wait The same kind of advice might ing. been equally appropriate had it been handed out to Vancouver, Gray or any of the other men who were first on the ground. What our lumbermen and timber-owners desire is the oppor-

The Independence party is going to nom mate its own candidate, and is going to voi for him with a strength and a heartiness him with a strength and a nearthead the been that is likely to be a revelation to older and sadder political organizations, it does not elect this candidate of its own this particular election, it is going to lay solid foundation for doing so in the next. tunity to spend a little of this money now tied up in growing trees. They are even unreasonable enough to wish to leave some cash instead of trees to their heirs.

Yet you may depend Mr. Castro should choose a more oppor tune moment for making one of his periodical demonstrations. What show loes his tuppenny republic stand for a irst-page story with China, the oldest and Japan, the "sassiest," country in the known world working up a firstclass sensation? Then there is Em-peror William and Lord Tweedmouth, not to mention the Balkan dispute and the trouble in Morocco. If the periodical revolutions of Castro's peppery country ever amounted to anything nore than a flash in the pan, would be more seriously regarded; but o long as there are real wars in pros-

> pect, the world has but little time for the imitation article which thrives so luxuriantly on Central American soil

The new shipbuilding plant of the

Willamette Iron Works in this city has scored handsomely in securing the work of building the largest and most expensive boat contracted for in the Pacific Northwest for more than a year. The contract for this fine steamer, which is to run on a Puget Sound route, was secured by the Portland firm in the face of close competition by builders in San Francisco and Seattle. Many years ago, before metal boats came into such general use as now, this city was quite an important ship and boatbuilding center, and the activity displayed at the numerous yards this Spring indicates that we are about to win back some of the los prestige.

Fifty million tons of potatoes were roduced in Germany in 1907, of which a large percentage was converted into alcohol. As a beverage it is

pire. Among statesmen and econo mists in Germany there are many who As to the investigating committee. advocate monopolization of the production by the imperial government its anxiety to know the truth appears both for purposes of revenue and for It has restriction of the abuses of sale and a way of snapping up the witnesses consumption.

> The new plan of balconies around school buildings at each story merits consideration. They would have numerous stairways leading to the ground and thus in case of fire the.

Cattle Bring Good Prices.

Robbery of Cigar Store and Unsuc-Second Annual Convention Is Held cessful Attempted Hold-up. at Albany. ALBANY, Or., March 11.-(Special.)-The second annual convention of the school officers of Linn County was held in Albany today. Sessions were held both forenoon and afternoon in the W. C. T. U. Hall and there was a large attend-atike of school divergence and school clerks ROSEBURG, Or., March 11.-(Special.)a cigar store owne Smokelu George Culver, was this morning ed of \$27.50, the thief picking up the which was lying loose. A suspect been arrested, but no evidence found George aftice of school directors and school clerks from all parts of the county. The con-vention dealt exclusively with matters germane to the schools, with a view to-ward securing uniformity of methods and an improvement in school work. The programme of the day was carried out as follows: s yet to connect him with the crim A hold-up was also reported to the The Andrew Heldrich, a faither of Eden-bower, reporting that he was held up and only by putting up a hard fight was he able to escape. He had 3600 in his pocket from the sale of some hogs. His face was considerably battered and cut. out as follows:

CRIME IS RIFE IN ROSEBURG LINN SCHOOL OFFICERS MEET

O. Presnal, of Orleans; "School Li-

C. O. Freenat. of Orienns; "School Li-braries." Miss Cornelia Marvin, of Salem, screetary of State Library Commission: "Higher Education in the Rural School." President P. L. Campbell, of the Uni-reraity of Oregon, of Eugene: address, by I. H. Ackerman, State Superintendent of Public Interpretion.

FINDS PANTS ON BACK PORCH

Thief Had Removed \$80 From the

BAKER CITY, Or., March 11.-(Special.)

He was avidently frightened and dropped

nothing but the money and left the trou-sers on the porch.

SENIORS IN CAPS AND GOWNS

Graduating Class at University in

Annual Swing-out.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene,

March 11.-(Special.)-Senior caps and gowns were in evidence on the campus today, as the class of 1908 made its first

Mrs. E. D. Kelly, Ploneer.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 11.-(Special.)-Mrs. Lucy Wattrous Kelly, wife of

and two great-grandchildren also

Mrs. Eliza Kernes.

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survive her

Pockets, However.

Public Instruction.

PUZZLED HOW TO GET MONEY

Myrtle Creek School Clerk Forgot to Send in the Levy.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 11.-(Special.) ROSEBURG OF, March II.—(Special)-The Myrile Creek school district is in somewhat of a quandaty to know how to raise money. The cierk of the school district at that place neglected to make the proper levy last Fall Finding out his the proper new hat this Phone do the mistake, he immediately sent to the County Clerk the levy, but it was too late the taxrolls being closed, also the ex-tended time. Just what arrangements will be made in the matter is uncertain as there seems to be no way for the Myrile Creek district to raise money exonding the district or by populat ubscription.

Charities Conference Delegates.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 11.-(Special. -Governor Meade has appointed the fol-lowing delegates to represent the state at the National Conference of Chari-ties and Corrections, which will be held in Richmond, Va., from May 6 to 13: Dr. J. M. Semple, superintendent o the Eastern Washington Hospital for the Insane at Medical Lake: Dr. A. P. Cal-houn, superintendent of the Western Washington Hospital for the Insane at Fort Stellacoom; Dr. W. M. Kellogg, pres ident of the State Medical Associa Superintendent F. S. Thompson, o State Training School at Chehalis perintendent L. J. Irwin, of the Reformtory at Monroe: Dr. C. H. Suttnor, o Walla Walla; Rev. M. A. Covington an Walla Rev. J. L. Covington, president and se etary of the Washington Children' Home Society; Dr. C. A. Smith, Scattle Dr. E. E. Hegg, secretary of the State Board of Health, Seattle; United States Senator S. H. Piles, Seattle; Dr. J. R. Focom and Judge W. H. Snell, Tacoma; eorge T. Doolittle, Spokane, Rev. F. W. Kentor, Blahop and Olympia.

Skylarks to Be Released.

TACOMA, Wash., March 11.-(Special.) skirts up out of the mud. The senior marched in a body to assembly, led by the president, James Cunning, and the vice-president, Cora Cameron, where they listened to Dr. Schmidt's lecture on Goethe's "Faust." -The Department of Agriculture has recinded its order relative to the libera ion of the English skylarks which D McCutcheon imported to release in and about Tacoma. This morning he received permission from Secretary James Wilson to liberate the songaters. Tomorrow Dr. McCutcheon will release the skylarks, DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST which are now at the Fannie Paddock Hospital. Some of the birds will be taken to McNeil's Island, others to Point Defiance and the remainder turned loose at Browns Point. will E. D. Kelly, died at the home of her son-in-law, Chief of Police Charles E.

State Grange Delegates.

son-in-law, Chief of Police Charles El Burns, at 6:15 o'clock tonight. She had been in feeble health for some time, and an attack of grip hastened her death. She was born April 7, 1831. In Livingstone County, New York, and was mariled to Mr. Kelly in 1852 at Grand Blanc. Mich. They crossed the plains to Oregon in 1833 and in 1856 returned by way of the 1sth-mus, again coming West to California across the plains in 1859, and from there to Oregon, where they have since resided. Mrs. Kelly is survived by a husband and hree children-Charles W. Kelly and Mrs. Maggie Burns, of Oregon City, and John W. Kelly, of Portland. Seven grandchil-dren and two great-grandchildren also OREGON CITY, Or., March 11 .- (Spe clai.)—The Patrons of Husbandry held a county convention and elected delegates and alternates to the state convention as follows: Delegates—James and Mary Shibley, Springwater; A. J. and Ella Shibley, Springwater: A. J. and Ella Thompson, Oswego: L. L. and R. E. Irwin, Barlow; T. F. and Inez M. Ryan, Oregon City; W. W. and Anna Everhart, Molalla. Alternates-Edwin and Sarah Bates, Currinsville; C. T. and Mrs. Dick-erson, Oswego; J. and Sarah Andrews, Barlow; R. S. and Mrs. F. O. Coe, Canby; J. W. Thomas, Molalia.

Protect Oregon City Schools.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 11.-(Special.)-The Board of Directors of the city schools has taken additional OREGON CITY, Or., March 11.-(Spe-cial)-Mrs. Eliza Kernes died this morn-ing after an illness of three months. She was been in Harding County, Ohio, in 1898, precautions to safeguard pupils in case of fire, and have ordered a larger gong for the Barclay building and new steps constructed on the exterior Eastham building. In all t the city school buildings the doors will be hung with butt hinges, so that they will swing both ways.

SILHOUETTES

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE

Former Inspector Bruin appears to be the Reuterdahl of our municipal ship of state. . . .

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The proposition to annex Milwaukie to Portland in order that residents of that suburb may secure a 5-cent fare on the trolley cars seems to be fair enough. . .

Most of us are rudderless craft, tossed hopelessly about upon the waves, without chart or compass or anchor, and always "Compulsory Attendance Law." Cyrus H. Walker, iruani officer of Linn County: "The Teacher." Stato Senator M. A. Miller, di-rector in the Lebanon public echonie, "Ex-change of School Books." F. D. Cornett, of within hearing of the breakers, until the slient boatman, whose name is Death, puts out from the shore and comes to ur rescue. antiam: "The School Board in School Gov-rnment." J. W. Mitchell, of Sodaville, and

Police Court Item.

Sing a song of sixpence. Then everybody buy, Four and twenty bounders Sopping up the rye. When the rye got in its work, The bounders couldn't budge; Wasn't that a saucy bunch To bring before the judge? . . .

We admire a man who does things much more than one who possesses them when they are done. That's why we differentiate between James J. F.ill and E. H. Harriman. -When Colonel W. F. Butcher arose this morning he found that his trousers, which he had laid on a chair by the side of his bed, had been removed and a search dis-closed them on the back porch with \$80 missing from them.

Another distressing eventuality of a prospective war in the Orient would be the recrudescence of Richard Harding Davis. . . .

The average woman tenders, her friendahip as indifferently as she gives aims.

A thief probably entered the house sorpe time during the night, and, after get-ting a pair of trausers from the Colonel's room and a pair from his non's room, went to the front hail to search them. Time drives a hearse. hem and ran to the back door, upsetting rocking chair as he did so. He took

No one will accuse you of being strawy. even though you do keep your troubles to. yourself. . . !

When a woman ceases to be attractive, you may depend upon her constancy,

No matter how small the flat may be, there is always room for domestic lars. . . .

He who is overzealous in protesting his nnocence is already half convicted.

appearance of the year in full regails. The pre-graduates, especially the men, were subject to some jollying on the part of the under-classmen, who were greatly amused at the manner in which the mas-Did you ever stop to consider what a wrinkled old heart John D. Rockefeller nust have? uline seniors endeavored to hold their

Great respect is due gray hair-particularly if it be premature.

Those who hear animosities confess their own defeat.

. . . Hard Luck.

A happy young chap had a snap,

Living off his father. But father bust-now chappie must Go to work-oh, bother!

The greatest loss we suffer is the loss f our illusions, and not all the experience of all the years that follow can compensate for them. . . .

The early coming of fair weather has averted neighborhood gossip. People will have no chance to make remarks about Winter lingering in the lap of Spring.

One really never realizes to what heights a mere human being may attain until he has heard an actor talk about himself.

The Rev. C. E. Cline should remember what the brethren have said about Dr. Day and stop speaking his mind. It's bad churchmanship.

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1. . . . Call Vice by the name of Folly and the world smirks good humoredly. Call Vice by his real name, and up go the hands in holy horror, yet always the first is the worse.

Hatcheries Operations.

are defective in construction, there is nothing to be gained by concealment of the truth. It is better to let the of many delinquencies which can be The shortcomings in our Navy which are so much discussed just now may be purely imaginary, and again they may The experts seem to tell different tales about them, varying all the way from enthusiasm to despairful criticism. What to believe the pub-He may not expect to know until the Senate committee finishes its

investigation, and perhaps, not then, Meanwhile it is just as well to maintain an attitude of suspicious ceptiveness, for it is a common failing of both military and naval boards gratify their pigheaded prejudices sold very cheap. The consumption of this liquor is about one gallon per Most of them would rather see a whole armada sink at the first shot than to admit that they have annum for the population of the em made a mistake or been guilty of neg-

gregations which have heretofore divided the offices and responsibilities of the Government. THE NAVAL INVESTIGATION If the vessels of the American Navy

o be kept under a firm rein.

THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY.

support Governor Johnson, the Minne

since he created the Independence

party, has abundant authority to say what it will and will not do. Now,

therefore, having declared some things

it will not do, Mr. Hearst's American

states one thing it will do, to wit:

Further, that they will not

is elected, but whoever he may be, he will be a party man. He will be a Republican or a Democrat, the choice of his party, not "the people's choice. Members of the Legislature are elected as party men, with a view to election of a party man to the Senate. Otherwise there would be no need of any distinction of party against candidates for that body.

We shall get a Republican Senator or a Democratic Senator; Republican Representatives or Democratic Representatives. But they will not be "the people's choice," but the choice of the party that may elect them; and after they are elected they will represent their party, in all political matters, not "The people's the ne pple as a whole. choice" is a phrase without meaning.

WASHINGTON POLITICS.

Washington politics, always spectac-ular and strenuous, this year promises to be more exciting than ever. Thre representatives in Congress and a Gov ernor are to be elected, and member of the Legislature will be chosen, primarily for the purpose of electing a United States Senator and Incidentally to attend to other needed legislation. Meanwhile fierce city elections have stirred the political blaze to white heat in Seattle, Tacoma, and in nearly every other city throughout the state. Th "line-up" for the battle of next November is already being made. The return of ex-Governor McBride to the political arena has injected into the Gubernatorial contest an element that will cause some unrest among politiclans all the way from Spokane to th That so keen an observer and clever a politician as McBride should at this time discern in the situation a up our waste places chiefly as settlers and homebuilders." The Farmers' Edssible opportunity for regaining the Governor's chair is a striking commen tary on the change of sentiment in Washington voters.

McBride was not the original Railers, at its National convention at Memroad Commission man, but he made that issue so prominent and gathered such strength behind him that the present enormous allen influx means of an increased head tax, a railroad interests were turned against him and he was defeated at the nomiand other measures." Publicity to this nating convention. But his campaign movement against alien labor is being of education on railroad commission given by the Immigration Restriction League, of Boston, and a number of lines had been so effective that it is extremely doubtful whether it would have been possible at that time to elect smaller societies throughout the counany man not committed to some kind try.

of a railroad commission policy. When McBride was making his campaign for his measure he invariably mentioned the old Oregon Railroad Commission law as a "poor, weak, nerveless thing.

Now that Judge Hanford in the decision has removed the spinal column from the Washington gent regulations against admission of every Old World Undesirable who can Railroad Commission law, the most raise the price of a steerage ticket to pronounced advocates of a stringent measure for regulating rates will America. The United States can still naval architecture are in continual they were not tried in California.

the vessels can go when they are of green. stripped bare. The important question is what speed they can make with the

load they must carry in action. In this particular an indolent theory has probably been permitted to triumph over common sense. Of course also if the armor belt is placed "around a fictitious water line," as one witness al-

leged, its value is fictitious. It is more comfortable for the construction officers to locate armor belts by theoretical rules while sitting in their swivel chairs than to go out upon the water and actually look at the ship, but it can hardly be so well for the Navy. Of course some difficulty will be ex- If the armor belt sinks under water perienced in attempting to carry out when the vessel is laden, then it af-

every plan for restricting this alien la- fords no protection. When a ball penbor, but, now that the other side of etrates at the water line the ship mus go down even in the calmest sea. On tages as well as the advantages of a rough sea a hole a long way above

cheap labor, there may be more strin- the water line might prove fatal. Some of this distressful wrangling in the Navy Department may be attributed to the fact that the rules of

children would seek escape through window exits to the balconies instead of rushing to inner doors and sages. Upon its face the new plan is a good one. Accidents might happen but once outside the building, the pupils would at least be measurably safe from the fire.

The Penrose bill attacking the free dom of the press has met the fate it deserved. It was reported adversely from committee and indefinitely post Never a very pressing danger it indicated what certain pollticians would like to do rather, than what any of them dared. Of course the Penrose attack will be revived from time to time in the years to come, but for the present it is defeated.

Poor Evelyn Neshit Thaw cannot be

appy without seeing her name in the papers. How it gets there is not im-Her glory as a martyred vicportant. tim of Stanford White has burned out and now she appears with a new hold in the divorce court. What Evelyn really needs to satiate her appetite for fame is an application of her mother's rubber shoe to the spot we all remem ber from childhood.

Why doesn't the Supreme Court of California restore the status quo: That decree should have directed that Schmitz be reinstated as Mayor and Ruef be re-established as boss. "Justice after as before.'

Governor Chamberlain will the in Eugene on the night of March 17 to present the colors to the Fourth Regi-ment. In spite of the day, the "colors" will not be a sunburst on a field

----By authority of the most important precinct court of Oregon, it has been declared legal for a principal to paddle a naughty schoolboy. Solomon's wise law has not yet been abrogated.

> As indisputable testimony that perpetual motion is not a dream, take the Mayoralty contest between McClellan and Hearst and the Ruef trial.

Circumstances considered, the Thaws will render the country a service if the new litigation be carried on before a referee.

In the interest of shortening the law's delays, California ought to tablish a special court for hearing affidavits.

No small number of Oregon timber land operators will regret now that

CARLTON, Or., March 11,-(Special.)-, Jargely attended auction sale of blooded A jargely attended auction sale of blooded stock was held at the Dralglea farm, near this place, today, About 50 head of shorthorn registered cattle were disposed of at prices ranging from \$159 to \$355 per head. Many of them were blue-ribbon animals that were exhibited at the Lewis & Clark and St. Louis Expositions.

Whirled to His Death.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 11.-(Spe ial.)-George Goodrich, an employe in be Coquille humber mill, was caught in he shafting and whirled to his death today. All bis clothing was torn off be fore the machinery could be stopped. The dead man was well known here, and hi death caused a great shock. He leaves i wife and ten children.

NORTHWEST BREVITIES.

Albany, Or. - A convention of the Social party of Linn County has been called 1 April 11 in this city, for the purpose of co-nidering the advisability of nominating Socialist ticket for the coming county ele-tion

Centralia, Wush.—The city schools o hehalis are closed, and all public meeting ave been performed on account of an ep lemic of diphtheria. This is the second tim within two months that such precaution tave been taken.

ave been taken. Pendleton, Or. --Holding that Les Teutsch purchassed an order of goods when he knew is was hopelessly insolvent, the Fablan Man-facturing Company, of Chicago, has rought suit against the trustee of the ankrupt estate to recover 3660. Spokane, Wash.--Attorney George K. Gil-uly, who was recently sentenced to the peni-ientary for forzery, has lost his wife in the bargain. Judge Suilivan has granted Mrs. Gilluly a divorce on the grounds that bere divorse on the grounds that ber divorse or the grounds that bere divorse on the grounds that

her husband is an indition drunkard. Pendletan, Or.—This city will be withou a telephone service from 10 o'clock Wednes day undit 7. o'clock next morning. One o the telephone operators was recently strick en with dipituleria and another with scaris fever an the office was closed for fumiga-tion.

ion: Aberdeen, Wash.—Three candidates on the tepublican ticket who met defeat in the rimaries Tuesday all take advantage of a lause in the primary law all seek to be laused on the ballot in the general election. The Attorney-General will be asked for an pinion on the question.

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was born in Harding County, Ohio, in 1898, and came to Oregon in 1870, residing in the Willamette Valley until her death. She is survived by six children-James and George Kernes and Mrs. Sarah Woodward, of Oregon City: Thomas Kernes, of Kelso, Wash.; Mrs. Ella Fields, of Pullman, Wash., and Mrs. Clara Nie-becker, of Napa, Cal. She leaves two brothers-Warfen Moore, of Manchester. Ia., and George Moore, of Marysville, Mo.-and three sisters-Mrs. Sarah Wickham and Mrs. Mary Charles, of Oregot City, and Mrs. Sophia Hoskins, of Ne

Thomas J. Shipley.

HILLSBORO, Or., March 11 .- (Special.) Thomas J. Shipley, aged 74 years, and a temporary resident of Banks, was stricken with apoplexy at the Commercial Hotel, in this city, and died as he was seated at the dining-room table today at

The dead man is a resident of McCoo Junction, Neb., and had been here about two years, visiting his children. He leaves seven children, his wife having died some years ago. He was a native of Fayette County, Peansylvania. The remains will be sent to Nebraska for interment.

Frank Burch, Land Lawyer,

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 11.-(Spe al)-Frank Burch, probably one of th cial.)-Frank Burch, probably one of the most noted land lawyers in Western Washington, died at his home in this city today at 11:30, after an illness of only two days. The cause of death is given as congestion of the brain. The funeral as congestion of the brain. The function will be held Friday afternoon from the residence. Mr. Burch has been a resi-dent of this city for the past nine years and during that time has made a spe-cialty of land cases, in which he has been very successful. He leaves a wife in this city and two brothers and four sisters in South Dakota.

W. H. McComas, Veteran Editor.

UNION. Or., March 11.-W. H. Mc-Comas, a pioneer of Union, and a vet-eran newspaperman of Eastern Oregon, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. S A. Pursel, of this city, this morning. Mr. McComas was editor of the Moun-tain Sentinel, the first paper published Union County Later and after the tain Sentines, the first paper published in Union County, Later, and after the death of Amos K. Jones, he edited the Oregon Scout for three years. For sev-eral years he was associated with the Haines Becord, and at the time of his Wares death was connected with the Wasc-News. He was born in Iowa in 1855.

John W. Gault, Ploneer

SPOKANE, Wash., March 11.-(Spe-cial.)-John W. Gault, who came to Spo-kane, from McMinnville, Or., about a year ago, died this morning. He was born in Missouri 64 years ago and crossed the plains in 1854. He fought in the Civil War, being Corporal in Company B, First Oragon Volunteers. A brother lives in Cottage Grove and a sister in Oregon City. Funeral services tomorrow.

Walter D. Curran.

OREGON CITY, March 11 -- (Special.)-OREGON CITY, March II.-(Special)-Waiter D. Curran died at 10 o'clock yes-terday morning of liver complaint, after an illness of four months. He was aged 40 years, 11 months and 11 days, and is survived by three daughters-Josophine, aged 16 years; Frances, aged 12 years, and Adeline, aged' 8 years. Curran was born in Ohlo and came to Oregon in 1891.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 12-(Special.)-The United States Bureau of Fisheries has arranged for the commencement of steelhead work at the Eagle Creek substation. Eggs will be taken and eyed, and then transplanted to Clackamas Station for hatching Superintendent O'Malley has gone to Superintendent O'Malicy has gone to White Salmon on an inspection trip George H. Talbert, who has been in charge of operations at White Salmon, has been transferred to the Potomac River, where he will assist in the propagation of shad in the East.

IN THE MAGAZINE SECTION OF THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN

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