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THERE STILL WILL BE DOUBT.

The automobile has been discovered since the Constitution of Oregon was framed; also the telephone; and rubher shoes have come into more general

But it is not clear that these and similar discoveries have superseded, or greatly affected, the fundamental principles of constitutional and representative government.

It does not now seem to be a pro found generalization to say, as our new prophets of polltics and of government are saying, that since we have the automobile, the telephone, the light and trolley cars, of all which the makers of our constitutional and representative system were ignorant, we therefore should pity their limitations of knowledge as to principles of government, and proceed to abolition of the whole system, under the new light afforded by the gasoline engine, the electric motor and horselem carriage.

Doubtless it is a great thing for a distinguished lawgiver or editor to be

assured the people that the admission of the cheap Cuban sugar would ruln the business and cheapen the article so that it would no longer be possible for the South to put it on the market except at a loss. That was the theory; the facts as

ompiled by the Department of Comnerce and Labor show that in the five years since the latest reciprocity agreement was negotlated, sugar imortations increased from approxi nately 2,000,000,000 pounds in 1903 0 3,000,000,000 pounds last year. Had the theory of the high tariff men been

ven approximately correct, this inrease of 50 per cent in quantity of sugar imported would have justified the predictions of the planters and the ugar trust, but with shocking perversity, the price of sugar advanced so that the value of the 1997 imports was \$67,187,685, compared with but \$37,593,266 for the much smaller proportionate amount imported in 1983. In other words, while the amount of

imports increased 50 per cent, the value was nearly doubled. A similar showing is made through ut the list and the figures, taken individually or collectively, offer the strongest possible argument in favor of reciprocal trade relations with any which produces commodities of which we are in need, and in reurn purchases the products which we have to sell.

THE BAILROAD LAND GRANT. Senator Bourne, our reports from Washington inform us, who has ac-tively supported Senator Fulton's reso ution authorizing the Department of fustice to prosecute suits for the reovery of railroad land-grant land, has written a letter to the Attorney-General, in which he expresses strong ap probation of the position of the department in resisting the proposed amendments to Senator Fulton's resoution; adding, however, that if the equities of innocent purchasers' could be preserved by the amendment without jeopardy to the Government's case, such amendment should be incorpo rated. He assures the Department it an count on his support in forcing the ailroads to comply with the terms of the grants, and states that he will help ecure, such subsequent legislation as vill afford equitable relief to purhasers in good faith from the grantee

ompanies. In the circumstances, this appears to be the right position for our delega-tion at Washington; since surely a way may be found and must be found or relief of those who have purchased he lands, in good faith, without colluion with those who were perverting or misusing the grant. Besides, it is a general interest.

Should everything be shut down and all rights lost, an incalculable number of persons engaged in the lumber business would be injured, many of them space. ruined, and the industrial progress o the country arrested for an indefinite

period. But a way ought to be found to say these rights and these industries, without abandonment of the purpose to force compliance with the terms of the grant, the greater part of which is still held by the railroad; or even to declare that misfeasance has forfeited it.

AN ANTI-RING TICKET.

It is an excellent thing that the Kentucky Klick of Portland has done. It has held a meeting and offered a complete Democratic ticket. The list of names constituting the ticket begins with Governor Chamberlain for the Senate, runs on down with a roster of candidates for such state offices as are to be filled by the June election, includes members of the two branches of the Legislature for Multnomah County, presents a full ticket for the county offices, and completes an artistic piece of work with the names precinct officers for the East and West Divisions of the City of Portland.

Heretofore the Kentucky Klick has been somewhat modest-more so than it ought to have been. Hence, it may be necessary now to explain to the able to push an electric button at his multitude of readers that the Klick is lawful and abolish the injunction desk, and get a gin rickey, or Scotch an organization four years old, that highball-an advantage which our hitherto has modestly withheld its power altogether. The organ of the trusts has completely lost the capacity merits and claims from the public, but to discriminate or else has made ur now boasts of having first brought out its mind not to use it. Apparently i Lane, Word and Manning and of havhas also lost the ability to reason. We ing wielded more influence in politics say this because every thoughtful person knows that once our laboring population becomes convinced that it than any other organization, It is composed of "white males," most of them born South of Mason and Dixon's cannot organize effectually it will go over to socialism in a body. The only line, or whose parents came from that section of invincible Democracy. The bar in the way of a Socialist party that will include virtually every wageorganization is a secret one, but has earner in the country is the confidence no wish longer to conceal its existence. Its officers are Mark O'Neill, presi of the workingmen that they can seure just treatment by appealing dent; S. C. Armitage, secretary; V. K. Strode, treasurer. Other principal members of the inner circle are H. B. their fellow citizens through their unions. Destroy this confidence and the Socialist vote will jump immedi-Nicholas, C. B. Williams, T. J. Thornton, J. B. Ryan, W. T. Vaughn, ately from thousands to millions. W. T. Burney, T. G. Greene, E. A. McPherson, Tom Word, Oglesby The Sun does not Roosevelt sees this. McPherson, Which practices the em to see it. saner statesmanship? Young, H. M. Barnhart, M. J. Malle H. Grindstaff, Alex Sweek and B. E. Haney-an array of solid statesmen SAVE THE SALMON. The Oregonian congratulates these Federal control of the salmon fish gentlemen upon having completed the Democratic ticket. Without trouble, ries of the Pacific Coast would seem without a single hitch, they will see it to offer advantages not available even by invoking the initiative and referen through the primary. This will be a simple formality. The Klick is not a dum. The disadvantages of the present system on the Columbia River and ring; neither is it a machine. Odious tributaries, where three states, Orecombinations of that nature are left gon, Washington and Idaho, all atto Republicans. Yesterday The Oretempt to maintain a separate set of gonian printed the full ticket. It exrules and regulations, is serious, but cited general admiration-not merely matters are even worse on Puget for the ticket itself, but for the smooth, aesthetic and absolutely repand British Columbia. Sound State of Washington and the provincial resentative methods by which it was

business create an uncarned increment in its value, but nature herself conspires to the same nefarious end. The of Commerce and Labor, is said to be calf actually grows in the night while favorable to the change, and there is the man sleeps, which land will not do. If it is a sin to buy land and hold it also a sentiment favoring it among the men engaged in the business, so

out of use, how much greater sin is it that the prospects for early reform along these lines is fairly bright. to buy a calf and not sell it at once If ownership of unused land is Representative Hawley has received

wrong, so also is ownership of any other property which is not immedithe assurance of the Department of Commerce and Labor that additional ately employed in productive industry. If it is wrong to fend off from the land range lights will be established at the entrance of the Columbia River and at those men who want to cultivate it, so Tillamook. The new lights will be of also is it wrong to fend off from any decided value to shipping entering the other kind of property whatever any body who wants to make it productive Columbia River at night. At the present time, with no range lights to Disguise it as they may, the theory of the single-taxers is that ownership direct them, pilots find it impossible to enter the river, and as a result vesmust be coextensive with use. Those sels not infrequently lose an entire day in waiting favorable opportunities who doubt this statement are invited to read Mr. Guilford's letter, printed to cross. There still remains to be today and see if they can make it provided a much more important aid mean anything else? to shipping at the river entrance.

for veal?

IRRATIONAL CRITICISM.

The mental condition of the New York Sun must be a matter of serious concern to its admiring friends. The subtle wit and delicate cynicism for which that paper was once justly famous have given way to a frantic habit of calumnious billingsgate which seems likely to make it infamous before a great while. The Sun has simply lost the power to see or hear

the phrase "labor union" without falling into a fit and foaming at the mouth with rage. Any person who ventures to speak of the unions with ommon fairness or exert himself to secure ordinary justice for their members must expect to be deluged with a flood of calumny, provided, of course, the Sun thinks him important enough to merit its unsavory attentions Evidently the Sun thinks Mr

Roosevelt very important indeed, for the tide of vituperation with which it favors him grows steadily in ferocity and volume. His sins, as a panic generator, a usurper of legislative authority, an encroacher upon the reserved rights of the states, have all been forgotten now in the baleful glare of his evil splendor as the friend and defender of the labor unions against the courts. All that Mr. Roosevelt has ever asked in the way of modification of the injunction power of the courts is a jury trial for workmen accused of contempt and notice with a chance to defend them-

selves when an injunction is threat ened. These are reasonable demands They can not be denied without mak ing the law "fair for one and foul for another," to quote the words of Mr Cannon. But the fact that the Presilent favors them is enough to make the Sun rave about his "duplicity" and "political hypocrisy" through column after column of its precious editorial

What the Sun and those back of it desire is to dissolve the unions and compel workingmen to forego altogether the advantage of collective bar gaining for their labor power. As an individual the workman is a helpless suppliant for his employer's grace; as a member of a union he meets his em-

ployer on equal terms. The destruc tion of the unions would reduce the laboring population of America to industrial slavery. Mr. Roosevelt sees this and as a matter of equal justice between the strong and the weak he wishes to rescue the unions from im-pending ruin. The growing abuse of the injunction power can end only in the destruction of the workingmen's

organizations, an outcome which no genuine patriot can desire. It is un-American to tolerate the prospect of an abjectly servile laboring class ground down and exploited by an oligarchy of millionaires.

The President has not asked for the egislation of the boycott. He has explicitly declared against it, as every person must who cares for equity in industrial relations. But the Sun

rages against his temperate proposals with the same ferocity as if he had asked Congress to make the boycott Improvement under Federal control. PAYING EFFECT OF RECIPROCITY. Secretary Strauss, of the Department e 1903, United States' Exports to

Cuba Increase 1231/2 Per Cent, United States Government Circular. Exports from the United States to

uba have increased 123% per cent since 1963, and imports from that island inreased 6112 per cent during the sam period. The total value of merchandland exported from the United States to Cube in the calendar year 1997 was \$52,500,000 against \$23,500,000 millions in 1903, an annual average of \$5,000,000 in the five years ending with 1903. The imports from Cuba in 1907 were \$92,500,000, against \$57,350,000 in 1903 and an average \$43,000,000 per annum in the five years

ending with 1963. The increase in imports occurs chiefly in sugar, tobacco, cigars, bananas, and copper. In the exports the increase occurs in a large variety of articles, but especially in manufactures of iron and steel, cars and carriages, cotton manu-That is the establishment of a branch factures, boots and shoes, lumber, coal coffee, meats, eggs, and breadstuffs of Cape Hancock. Since the return of shipping to the old South channel, it all sorts;

The principal articles forming the \$52,is very difficult for the North Head 500,000 worth of exports to Cuba are manufactures of Iron and steel amounting in 1907 to nearly \$9,000,000. against about \$3,500,000 in 1903; boots and would be inconsequential in proportion shoes, \$2,500,000, against \$750,000 in 1903; lard. \$3,000,000, against \$1,560,000 in 1903. lard compounds, a little more than \$1,-500,000 in 1903; eggs, \$1,000,000, against \$141,000 in 1903; flour, \$3,500,000, against It is said that the Waymire woman, \$2,000,000 in 1903; corn. \$1,500,000, against whose flagitious conduct should have held her in jail for a long term, is out a little over a half million 1968; coal, \$2,250,000, against \$1,250,000 in 1903; pipes and fittings, over \$1,000,000, condensed milk, nearly \$1,000,000; vegetables, \$1,500, 000, lumber, \$2,300,000; coffee (the product of Porto Rico, now a customa district of the United States, and therefor molested his person. Woman, from lassed as an export), \$1,500,000. the beginning till now, has been the source of all trouble. Dux foemina

The following tables show the prin cipal articles forming the trade of the United States with Cuba in the calendar years 1993 and 1907, respectively:

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all, to escape, what is to be said? T	Sugar, not above No.	
Oregonian, wishing to do justice. far as man's limited intelligence w	50 16 D. S. in color\$37,593,266 \$16,197,683	
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sure of the woman. In this case t	ha cheroots	
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dicated from the attempt upon his	m. Conner and 1,108,289 609,433	
15 III fair way to be next Governor	OF and regulus	
Oregon. Triumph of virtue may	ha All other articles \$03,794 3,305,131	

Oregon. Triumph of virtue may b a little slow, but it always will be com-DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CUBA

Things were doing, in the nearestal Lard Machinery, except locomotives villages on Puget Sound, Wednesday evening. At Tacoma, a burglar hold n and shoes n and sheel manu-actures avds, deals, planks, entered a store and exchanged suits 744.119 with a dummy standing in a window and at Scattle other members of the 980,468 1,277,471 1,515,757 same profession entered a Japanese restaurant and carried away a 200 214,521 624,783 481,595 free, green or raw. pound safe. Reasoning from the repu ogetables ipes and fittings tation which Tacoma bears, it is easy to understand why the inhabitants re-111.244 271.582 271.745 888 otton cloths fused to permit their peaceful slumbers to be interrupted by a burglan hemicals, drugs and who disrobed and robbed a dummy in ars and parts of. a store window on a principal street But there is some mystery attached to Pork, saited, or pickled the Seattle crime; not necessarily be 273,938 cause it was committed, but because furniture, of wood. Steam engines, loc the robbers carried away the safe and 334.848 left the building. This operation is 127,845 motives Paper and manufac-tures of entirely out of line with the Seattle 250,543 policy of never doing anything by manufactures halves. Perhaps, however, the thieve Hams 576,763 back last night, and took the 230.541 except cloth fullders' hardware, saws and tools 236.403 After suffering two or three times 366,325 322,383 from devastating floods this year, un-Apparintus for scienhappy Pittsburg is now menaced by 216,258 another. Its plight is the direct result of the destruction of the forests on the proprietary 9.432.004

the Allegheny and headwaters Monongaheia Rivers. By the ruin of their homes and stores the people Total domestic ex Ports Foreign exports... must pay for the senseless privilege they gave the forest destroyers years ago, and there is a prospect that more of us must pay a similar debt in the "Not separately stated in 1993. For a "practical" people same coin. have been strangely destitute of HARRIMAN LINKS OCEAN TO OCEAN. forethought in this matter of dealing with floods and forests. Reaches Goal First By Purchasing

the Effect of it. New York World.

POTPOURRI

BY NANCY LEEL

Never marry a temperamental man.

1. Knowitall-(After telling a story at

Mr. Cynic-"Huh, first time 1 heard

that story i kicked the slats out of my

ai na ha

. . .

The New Man.

Sister Sue is a learned M. D.,

Ma's sister a swell lady dentist,

So Daddy, dear gentle old Daddy,

Cousin Sue is all tied up in stocks;

MUST stay home and mend up our

Roosevelt's coinage of the phrase

applied to the ten-cent moving picture

In respectability dwells the very soul of

Mrs. Bon Ton .- "I must go to the cat

Her Rival-"Indeed, 1 supposed all the

Some women are hardly up to the

standard of a man, yel have been known

to sink several fathoms below the level

operation on me docs not prove suc-

Doctor-"Well, my dear man, you will

"Stick out your tongue," said the doc-

tor to a small lad. Whereupon he com-

plied. "Put it out still further," he de-

manded. "I can't," whimpered the

youth, "it's tied down at the other end."

Many women keep Lent by remaining

away from the theaters, and derive end-

less satisfaction from the money which

they have so religiously saved. It will

ultimately blossom forth in that love of

an Easter hat which they coveted

throughout the period of penitence.

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Some people believe that the bonds of

. . .

Patient-"Suppose, doctor, that your

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Distinctly Cattish.

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'strenuous life" can appropriately

Virginia is great on astron

Eliza has gained an A. B.

socks.

criticism.

cessful?"

show this afternoon."

entries were completed."

of a woman.

never be the wiser."

A girl with rag-time eyes can make a

ing at me."

man dance to her music

Star.

atte

cradle."

Sighed the languid Moon to the Morning Mr. Bryan when they denounce him for supporting Judge Parker "on the ground "Oh, little maid, how late you are!" of party fealty." No Populist in in "I couldn't rise from my couch," said country was more loyal to Populist prin "While the man in the Moon was look-

No sooner had the Kansas City con-vention finished its work than Mr. Bryan

made a statement charging that Judge Parker's nomination was "secured by crooked and indefensible methods," and that "Mr. Parker is as thoroughly com-

mitted to the side of the financiers as Mr. Roosevelt." Mr. Bryan also an-nounced that as soon as the election was nounced that as soon as the election was over he would "undertake to organize for the campaign of 1968.

the best way to promote this reorganiza-tion was to knife the Democratic ticket.

Had Mr. Bryan bolted Judge Parker's nomination he would have greatly weak-ened his influence and could have inflict-ed far less damage upon the Democratic ticket than he did by remaining reg but declaring that "a Democratic vie will mean little if any progress economic questions as long as the p remaining regular part: is under the control of the Wall street

My ma's a marvel of knowledge, With her it's a sort of dis Aunt Lizzie is dean in a college With any amount of degrees. Cousin Lou studies mineralogy, That's somethin' all about rocks-Populism And Daddy, dear gentie old Daddy,

grievance against Mr. Bryan. They will search his, record in vain for a single instance of disloyalty to true Populism.

KNOX LEADER SAYS ITS TAFT

Significant Remark of Representative

Dalzell at Vale Banquet.

Washington Special to New York Times, March 13. Representative Dalaell, of Pennsyl-vania, who, it is said, has been slated to put Senator Knox in nomination for the Presidency at the Chicago conven tion, created a sensation at the Yale dinner here tonight, predicting the election to the Presidency of Secretary Taft.

 $\substack{4,017,229\\2,522,710\\1,122,594\\1,094,588\\609,433}$ "There are some people." said Mr In foreign countries an engaged girl rarely sees her fiance till after marriage. Dalzell, "who favor the nomination o Vice-President Fairbanks, there some who favor Senator Knox, others who favor New York's (In this country the order is reversed. 421,083 Gov many married women complaining they rarely see their husbands after marriage. ernor, but the man whom eighty-five million people will sleet President of the United States next November is William Howard Taft."

For a moment the diners looked at each other in amazement and then wild cheering began. In the gossip which followed it was suggested that Dalzell had never for given the Republican organization o 2,610,2332,412,3332.374,210 Pennsylvania for electing Knox to the Senate instead of himself, Others re-garded it as the beginning of a grand band wagon rush to Taft. Politicians 2.340.892 212 21 1 080,87 1 628,01 1 574,529 1 467,10 1 1 1 66 1 072,06 regard it as the most significant speed of the year. Comment was particularly made on the fact that he omitted to mention Speaker Cannon.

1,083,914 929,209 Senator Depew followed the lead of Daizell and declared himself for Taft 907,919 845,229 "I am from New York," said the Senator, "and so I am for Hughes-in-structed for Hughes. But in my heart \$14,353

808,687 I am for the Secretary of War." 767,654

Not a Candidate, He Says. 710,666 PORTLAND, Or., March 19, 1968 .- (To 673,898 he Editor.)—To whom this does cor ern and others: I note in today's Ore cern and others: I note in ioday's Ore-gonian that I am a candidate for, of-fice. You're wrong. During my 24 years' residence in Portland I will state that I have never sought effice. nor do I ever expect to. I will state further that I am absolutely opposed to the direct primary law. I believe 668,693 622.238 611.049 further that I am absolutely opposed to the direct primary law. I believe the primary law to be an incubator for the incompetent and unworthy to enter politics. Can you believe for one second that any political convention (however rottien or machine-made) would have dared to place before the people of Oregon some of the men who were enabled to slide into office through the direct primary law? Yet The Oregonian has supported all of 611,550 $563,717 \\
 550,073$ 466,359 \$22,373,602 \$51,531,121 1,130,725 692,728 The Oregonian has supported all of them. W. H. GRINDSTAFF. The Oregonian is not wrong, nor has

matrimony are on a par with the clearing-house certificates. Teacher-"What is the past tense of it supported all the men elected to of 'I love' ?!" fice under the direct primary. Mr

Up-to-Date Scholar-"I divorce."

THE MORNING OREGONIAN, FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1908.

of the Weather Bureau Station

observer to sight shipping entering the river when the weather is hazy. The

cost of the much-needed substation

to the benefits accruing, and special

effort should be made to have it pro-

of our laws. It will be remembered

that this was the woman who broke

in upon Mayor Lane, addressed him in

facti. There was a judicial proceed

ing-proper inquiry into the whole

affair; and now, since indignation has

a most improper manner, and

That shows the insufficiency

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building.

BRYAN'S SUPPORT OF PARKER. It Was Great, and Great Was

The Kansas Populists are unfair to

ciples during the 1964 campaign than was Mr. Bryan, and none contributed more to the overwhelming defeat of Judge

Try to be sure of three square meals a day. length)-"Now, isn't that a dandy? Brand new, 100.

His followers generally understood that

and this they did most effectively.

Giancing at the pictures of the various musical artists who have appeared here recently, one at first thought wonders whether they represent temperamental creatures or advertisements for hair invigorators. * * *

Events vindicated Mr. Bryan's methods of procedure. Judge Parker was over-wheimed; Mr. Bryan regained control of the Democratic organization, and has been using the Democratic machiner; ever since to advance the principles of

The Kansas Populists can have no just Stays home and mends up our socks, My ma's a regular socialist

ancestors never possessed. But wonderful as this is, we cannot see that it should be used as an argument for o proof of a superior progressive intelli gence in these times, which can war-rant the change of constitutional systems of government, abolish the old principle of equal taxation, cut the tate university out of our educational sem. introduce a jargon about recall of officials, or try to force voters to elect men of political principles opposite to their own to the Senate.

Many discoveries have been mane in physical science, and more are to But the new discoveries in political and moral science have been mighty few, these many centuries discoveries been reserved through all the ages for a bumptions charlatanry in Oregon? We shall still doubt.

RECIPROCITY IN PRACTICE.

That eminent array of political economists who sail under the bannes of protection in its extreme form will find some interesting food for thought in a recent publication of the Burcau of Statistics showing details of our trade with Cuba for the past five years. When the recent semi-reciprocal agreement was perfected between this country and Germany, a prolonged howl went up from the "stand pat-To listen to their lugubrious wailings as ground out on the "Amerfean Economist" phonograph, the uninformed individual would get the impression that our foreign had been irreparably jured by the mild concessions made the Germans. These concessions were slight reductions in the tariff on a few articles of which we stood greatly in need, and in return for this, Germade similar concessions on products which it was very much to interest to dump on foreign shares.

When the reciprocal agreement with Cubh was negotiated, it met with a similar reception. Nothing, absolutely nothing, but ruin and destruction to ur trade, could result from this at tempt to give the Cubans a square ical by buying from them products which we needed, and the purchase of which enabled them to buy goods which we had to sell. That was highturiff theory and here are the facts Since 1903, there has been an increase 123% per cent in the exports fro this country to Cuba, while for the same period the imports from Cuba have increased but 61 % per cent. The Southern planters who fought vi-ciously to prevent the operation of the present reciprocity treaty, which beme effective about five years ago.

A SINGLE-TAX FALLACY.

omplied.

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for protection, and even should they succeed, they would probably find One fad or fancy, or whatever it may be, of the single-tax brethren is the Dominion government on one side, and the Federal Government on the beyond our comprehension. They teach other, interfering with local laws that that it is a terrible crime, the worst of might conflict with those of the higher crimes, in fact, to buy land and hold pewers

All of the trouble between state and it for an increase of value. But at state, nation and nation, or state and nation, would be averted and the inthe same time they teach that it is no crime to buy a horse or a house or a dustry vastly benefited by Federal con share of railroad stock for the same trol. Under such control there would purpose. If one buys a plece of land and simply lets it lie without use, he is a malefactor of the deepest dye, albe a cessation of the complaints that there is one law for the gill-netter and though, make the best he can of it, another for the trapman, and there the land is an expense to him. But it could also be a uniform rule for the

is virtuous to buy a share in a losed season throughout the entire factory and lay it away in the drawer. Northwest. It is no protection to the out of use, although the share is not salmon of either state, if the fisheran expense, but brings in an annual inmen on one side of the river are permitted to work their gear at a time when the authorities on the opposite Our fanatical friends who advocate

the single tax upon land values have lost the faculty of seeing things as side of the stream are endeavoring to enforce a close season. Federal control would also be more advantageous they are. They cannot perceive that one kind of property is exactly the for the reason that the Government same as any other kind, subject to the is always more relentless that the same rules of value increment and state in the pursuit and punishment of

equally just or unjust to those who violators of the law. It has always been difficult, if no have it not. The man who buys a calf ten days old inflicts a double wrong impossible, to keep the office of Fish upon his neighbors, because not only Commissioner clear of politics, and for does the development of the dairy this reason alone, there would be an

A Umatilla County farmer has begun suit to have a lease set aside on alleged grounds that he was so intoxicated when he signed the paper that he was unaware of its contents. He ought to go a step farther while engaged in litigation, and petition the court to appoint a guardian to prevent his running at large and absorbing intoxicating llouors. Individual responsibility seems to be losing its grip, when we read of such welchers" as this "morning after" repentant granger. Evidently the Chicago police force

has missed its calling. It should give Mr all its mighty genius to the production of "thrillers" and let others of a less imaginative turn attend to the prosate task of nabbing thieves and murder-To behold such lofty intellects ers. engaged in such a menial duty would be sad, even if they could do it suc-But brilliant as Chicago essfully. policemen are in the realm of fictitious

thieves they are failures

Joseph N. Teal, it is reported, is regis-tered as a Republican. This is sufficiently surprising, since his antece dents are known, and since, moreover he is on the true-blue Kentucky Klick a Democrat. This political mix-up is wonderful. It beats the mix-up of government of British Columbia find t impossible to arrive at a mutual plan babies at a church festival or county fair, when distracted mothers are not able to distinguish their own.

> In deciding to advertise itself hy staying out of the Rose Festival The Dailes forgets the maxim, "Out sight, out of mind." Absence in t Absence in this case will not make the heart of Oregen grow fender of our little sister up the river, as she will learn when someday, she has a festival of her own

If the daughter of Senator Elking becomes a Royal Highness, as now seems likely, her glory will be the envy of all her sister Republicans; but outshine her father's? We must not forget that he was the true inventor of the "immunity bath.

Disclosure of Mr. C. B. Aitchison's efforts as a lobbyist at Salem, for the measures required and promoted by the Ross Bank, will not be likely to help him in his efforts to be re-elected to the office of Railroad Commissioner

The objects of "the new system, o far as developed, are very simple They merely intend abolition of equa taxation, higher education and representative government.

Brooklyn (N. Y.) Eagle,

The purchaser of the Central of Georgia allway turns out to be E. H. Harriman The sale was made by the Southern Rail Company last June to Oakley Thorn was and Marsden J. Perry, who, it seems, were the agents of Harriman, and who received 5 per cent commission for the work. The sum paid for the stock was work. The sum paid for the stock was \$3,000,000, so the sum received as com-mission was \$150,000. The announcement of ownership was made through the Georgia Rallroad Commission. That body has been award of the real ownership for some time, but kept the confidence of the owners until the matter of the control of the Illinois Central road could be

Central Railroad of Georgia.

Light is thus shed on the great struggle for the possession of the Illinois Central. That road was a necessary link in a great plan. The plan was no less than railroad lines under one control from the Pacific Coast to the Atlantic Coast. The Central of Georgia will become the prop-srty of the Illinois Central. The Illinois 'entral, controlled by and united with th Union Pacific, will make the ocean to ocean route. Thus a great dream has been realized. Harriman is the first of literature, when it comes to catching the railway managers to bestride fl

continent. It was a dream also of George Gould. For a time it appeared as if would be the first to realize the drea especially when he got control of the Western Maryland. But the opposition he met with in making his connections with the Wabash in Pittsburg balked his plans Further progress was barred by the com-plications arising from the fact that the Western Maryland was a coal mine own ing railroad corporation. So Harriman reaches the goal first.

Dr. Coe In Against Statement No. 1.

BEND, Or., March 19.- (To the Editor, -My attention has been called to a news sport in a recent issue of The Oregonian. oting an interview with Mr. Kennedy editor of the Prineville Review, in which Mr. Kennedy said that, as a candidat nomination for representative from the Twenty-first District, I would in dorse Statement No. 1. Mr. Kennedy was

Mr. Kennedy was evidently mis-informed in regard to my attitude loward Statement No. 1, and wishing to correct the Impression which has go out through that report, I desire to sta that I do not inderse Statement No. I am a Republican and will vote for Republican Senator, with due regard t vishes of the majority of the Repu lican voters. U. C. COE

Pittsburg Dispatch. An Indiana paper supporting Fairbanks, says that no man bearing the name of Philander was ever elected President of the United States. True enough! Neither do we recall at present that any man named Charles was elected to that office.

Nebraska's Pintform Plagiarized?

Boston Advertiser. The Nebraska platform, ostensibly written by William J. Bryan, is as deliberate a piece of plagiarism as ever seen in politics.

tucky Klick for the suffrage of Demo crats. If the Kentucky Klick had no

Grindstaff's name was among the list

warrant to trifle with the sacred name of so sensitive and high-minded a citi zen, that is no affair of The Oregonian.

Politics Retarding Business Growth,

Wall Street Journal. This is the state of things: We have had our liquidation and panle. We have squeezed the water out of capitalization squeezed the water out of capitalization, We have got rid of a dangerous inflation. We have had a house cleaning in banking, Everybody now wants a return to "good times." Everybody is anxious for a re-viving trade, for the opening of factories, for the full employment of freightcars and for the maintenance of profits and wages. There is nothing which the premiand for the maintenance of profits and wages. There is nothing which the people as a whole are so cager about as that. There would seem to be no reason why their aspirations should not be gratified. Apparently there is no famine or other above and business conditions are above. abnormal business conditions except one thing. We now have money enough and credit enough and transportation facili-ties enough for a revival. What then is there in the way? Just this: Politics.

Typewritist's 113 Words a Minute.

London Cable Dispatch, The Prince and Princess of Wales, thile visiting the business exposition

at Olympia, had their attention attract-ed to Miss Rose Fritz, a New York typewriter. They closely watched her work and asked her to give them a sample of it. They watched her with the greatest interest while she faultlessly wrote 113 words in a minute The Prince read the matter admiringly and asked Miss Fritz to sign her name to it. She did so, whereupon the Prince pocketed the sample as a souvenir.

The Ruling Passion.

London. Tit Bits. Two nomen leaned over the backyard

(The same old fence) as the sun went down, cach told the other in confidence scandals she'd gather'd about the While

town, For women must gossip, or they can't sleep; They think that secrets weren't made to

keep: so they lean on the fence in the gloam-

Two women leaned over the garden gate In the evening glow as the sun went down.
Ther wondered what made their husbands so late
And they sneered at the minister's wife's new gown.
For women delight in a friendly that.
Without it their lives would be stale and flat;
So they leaned on the gate in the gloam-lag.

Iwo husbands come home from their golf-

ing game (From the office, they said) as the sun went down. Both ready and eager to hear the same Sweet scanduls their wives had hunted

of candidates submitted by the Ken-THINKS BRYAN COULD BEAT TAFT.

"Marse" Watterson Increases His Bet to \$1.50 on the Result.

Louisville Courier-Journal. This promises to be a hard year. If Mr. Taff be the Ropublican nominee-and it seems likely that in this the President will have his way-we believe Mr. Bryan will beat him. The Foraker schism makes Ohio a de-batable that

The power sense makes that a de-batable state. The colored vote of the North, which, lost to the Republicans, will mean the loss of the great states of the middle West, with New York thrown in, can scarcely be united on the Secretary of War. There is every reason to believe he will lose the larger part of the organ-ized inhor vote. But there rises before he will lose the larger part of the organ-ized labor vote. But there rises before him a greater factor still to be reckoned with; and that is the silent, business end of it-the money end of it-even predatory wealth-which will see in Taft the con-tinuation of Roosevelt, with a Republican Senate reduced to obridience, but in Bryan no danger whatever, a Republican Senate justified in its recalcitratery to stend a no danger whatever, a Republican Senate, justified in its recalcitrancy, to stand a stone wall between Bryan and the success of any of the Bryanized Roosevelt noi-cles. At most and worst, they will right-ly conceive that they only take chances with Bryan. With Taft, triumphant and backed by Rosevelt the soft backed by Roosevelt, they will have hnnce at all.

The Courier-Journal therefore increases that bet of half a dollar to a dollar and a half that Bryan will be the next Presi-dent of the United States.

A FEW SQUIBS.

"What position does the Alderman of your ward take in regard to Sunday saluons?" "Crustly at the side entrance."--Chicage Tribune.

Brown-Ves, dr; Doctor Jones cured m Minister-No. m; friend; Providence cure you, not the doctor. Brown-Well, maybe b did, but the doctor will charge for it-Judge.

Mistress (astonaded)--You can't read, Norsh? Good graclous: How did you ever learn to cook so well? New Cook--Shore, mum, Oi las it fuol hein' able to rade th' cook books.--Town and Country.

coop books.-Town and Country. "Come in, William," said the legislatoy's daughter as her limit suifor halted outside her pather's study door. "Father, I with to introduce my Bill in the house with hope that you will give due consideration to the same."-Ruilimore American. Sububa-No, ite's not using in Swamp-hurst now. He's been down in Florida in search of his beath all Winter and new he'd go back to Swamphurst for it. Sububas Why? Clitman-Because that's shere he for it.-Philadelphia Prose. Green-On the strangil of your assertion

Jost 11.-Philadelphia Press. Green-On the strength of your assertion, that you would trust Windle with your life, 1 loaned him kio and now 1 can't get 12 back. Brown-No, and, you mear will. Green-Then why did you say you would trust him with your hie? Brown-Oh, that's different Windle's a deadheat all right, but he is not an assassin.-Chicago Daily News.

The South Washington colored preacher amed after a long and rather dry theologi-at discourse on the subject. The Way of he Transgressor Is Hard," and after mon-Sweet scandals their wives had hunted down. For men, though they work, love gossip, and that's why their sives seek same-thing new As they meet and talk in the gloaming. The transpresent is lard, "and after mo phing his brow excilinged." Now that I have pointed out to rou sin and its penal what more shall I as hereither it. A the and drowsing colored lad on a front p who was robbing his eyes vigorously ag that I have A tired

The Knox Retort to Fairbanks.

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swittled.

Our friend, the lawyer and publicist, licket for Rallroad Commissioner as