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A NECESSARY PUBLIC POLICY.

If we understand Dr. Jonah B. Wis aright, he has no doubt of the guilt of Ruef and doesn't wish him to escape; but he objects to the efforts and to the methods which the prosecution has employed to get testimony from him. There is, however, dispute on these points between the prosecution and the judge on one side, and Ruef and certain Jewish rabbis of San Francisco on the other. Dr. Wise enters his protest "against freeing any criminal as payment of his treachery toward his confreres." Again, there is a dispute about what was said in a conference between the prosecution and defense, in which "several gentlemen were brought to act as wit nesses"; and a statement made by two of these, which Judge Dunne deems a reflection upon his court and its dig nity, the judge declares false. Dr Wise has resented this; and incidentally he condemns the method of the

prosecution, which in the circum stances comes near condemnation of the prosecution itself, since in cases of this kind there is no way to testimony.

ceived to be the duty of judges to allow them, on flimsy grounds, or unless by real error the rights of the defendant and the ends of justice would be subverted. Once more, note the rea-The courts of California hold that the statute does not forbid corupt use of official power and influence, graft and blackmail, except or unless threats of "unlawful injury to be secured. Every other country on property" were the means of graft and earth has accumulated its auxiliary blackmail. But threat to take away a mere license, the courts hold, was not a threat of unlawful injury to property, since there was no vested right of se; and the Mayor, anyway, had the authority to refuse to renew the licenses of the victims of his grafting vstem. Do you not find the argument

ere drawn out to extreme attenua-It even sets aside Ruef's own ion? olea of guilty: Ruef was an agent of Schmitz in the business. In one particular The Oregonian

of their warships.

orrects itself. Dr. Wise had not exder our trade-restricting, trade-hampressed doubts as to the guilt of Ruef and Schmitz. But Father Yorke had pering navigation laws. These vessels are already carrying our freight at rates below anything that can be ac-"The facts" are, he said the lone so. other day, "that no one has been proved guilty." Again, "the people up here are beginning to realize that one story is good until another is told." pect is to maintain by subsidy a fleet of vessels which can be available for We are to infer, then, doubtless, that naval auxiliaries. With this end in Father Yorke will soon tell a story view, why not permit Americans to that will completely exculpate Schmitz and Ruef, and reinvest them, in the own and operate vessels on even terms with their trade competitors, and thus sight of the world, with the virtues reduce the cost of maintenance of this with which he clothes them-in his auxiliary fleet to the lowest possible own mind figure? If the long-overdue revision of our navigation laws and our tariff laws should fall to bring about this in-

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT.

crease in our merchant marine, there Mayor Lane, insisting that Portland would be more of an excuse for suba municipality, should establish and sidy paternalism. maintain its own electric lighting The Harriman trans-Pacific liners plant, says:

out of San Francisco are the finest American steamships afloat today, but Portland owns its own water plant, plies the people with better water at leas t than does any other city in the country, we can do this with water, why can't we it with light? General Manager Schwerin is undoubtedly correct in questioning whether the proposed mail subsidy will prov

Possibly we can; yet the problem adequate to pay for the hampering restrictions that accompany it. Some-thing more than a subsidy is needed are essentially different. Success with one, therefore, furnishes no assurance of success with the other. where the original cost of a vessel is

We construct our pipe lines and dis 50 per cent greater, and the crew extribution mains, and turn the water in. Gravity does the rest. Very few penses 200 per cent greater, than on vessels with which the American ship employes are required, only moderate must compete. The Gallinger expense on this score. The water desailed through the Senate under false colors, and there is a possibility that it livers itself.

But an electric light plant require may get through the House without a vast deal of attention. To keep it properly in a city covering forty an exposure of its uselessness; but some day there will be a change and square miles, so that the light may be delivered efficiently, the wires, circuits the Gallingers and Humphreys and all of the rest of the subsidy-hunters and henchmen will be forced by an outand lamps kept in order, and regular raged public sentiment to permit acsupply of current maintained, are requirements that take it entirely out of quisition of a merchant marine by the the class of works that supply water same economical system that is folbrough gravitation. Depreciation also lowed by every other enlightened nation. rapid, as wear and necessary

nanges of machinery, breakage, crip pling and loss of tools, weathering o t, poles and lines, and so on. Such neldents are enumerated, not for the purpose of asserting, or even of intinating, that municipal electric light ng would be economically impossibl at Portland, but to show that the prob nent em it presents is a wholly different thing from that of water supply.

This is as to public lighting; but the ity should go into the business of private lighting also; since it would pos ess a great plant and should make the most of it. This would require rigid supervision and inspection. and a further large troop of employes Here the competition with private es-tablishments would affect the rates

and revenues. If the city is"to go into this business a great water power will be necessary The Mayor speaks of Bull Run. Some water power is available there, no doubt How much could be deter mined by expert examination. not probable, however, there would be sufficient. A great auxiliary steam plant would soon become a necessityrequiring another large force of city

nployes It is asked why, since small town re able, so many of them, to supply their own electric light, why the large The conditions are dissimilar annot. Many of the small towns are content with incandescent lights. Again, the output for wages in the small towns is a brief period secure abnormal reproportionally less. In the public plants in large cities there will be and above that warranted by natural conditions must be wrung from the wages, shorter hours and con higher sequently larger and more costly staff (proportionately) of employes Undoubtedly the people of Portland sense of the word, these temporary conditions cannot last long. San Franfore embarking in such undertaking will desire full information as to the isco is credited with an army of 25, situation and possibilities, sources of power, cost of construction and equip-ment, including auxiliary steam plant to mast emergencies or supply deficiencies; and careful estimates based on general experience, of the ost of maintenance and operation There should at once he study, more over, by competent authority, on the part of the city and in its behalf. whether the charge per are ligh (\$5.30 a month, \$63.60 a year) required by the company now operating in Portland for renewal of its contract is excessive, or only moderate; and whether the experience of other cities situated as Portland is situated, would justify an expectation of getting a lower rate here, if the city should establish its own plant. It is an important matter; for if the ity shall undertake this business it probably will have from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 in it within a few years which it will be necessary to obtain by addition of the sum to the bonded deb of the city. If we are to think seriadvance. ously of establishing a municipal light plant, inquiry into methods, and careful estimate of cost and results, is a first necessity.

appeal to patriotism, it being quite for hours watching workmen raise a truthfully shown that we were in beam to the top of a skyseraper, on the holsting of a safe, or so common need of an auxiliary fleet for the Navy. None of the opponents of the ship-subsidy steal has ever questioned the place a thing as excavating for a base-ment or loading a ship. If a careful necessity of a merchant marine which could be used in war time to support census were taken it might disclose the fact that the present unemployed the Navy. The real question involved was that of methods by which it could do not outnumber the normal unem ployed more than two to one. matter of congratulation for the Pa-cific Northwest that Oregon, Washfleet by the common-sense method of ington and Idaho were not mentioned buying the ships where they could be in the list of states. bought to the best advantage. No

other country makes any pretense of An error of the Department of Combuilding all of its merchant marine serce and Labor in crediting Puget vessels, and but few countries build all Sound with February wheat exports bushels in excess of 600,000 The subsidy provided by the Gallin amount shipped is overlooked by the ger bill will not develop any new trade, for the reason that every trade Post-Intelligencer, and

paper leads its editorial page with a route of importance is already covered laudatory article on the greatness of by cheaper-built, more-economically Puget Sound as a wheat shipping port. operated vessels than are possible un-P.-I. will consult the statistics of the Puget Sound customs districts will learn that during the month February Portland shipped more wheat than all Puget Sound ports com omplished by a subsidy. It thus bebined. The Portland shipments, which comes plain that the best we can exwere exceeded by but two ports in the United States, were more than 500,000 bushels greater than those of coma, nearly five times as large as of Seattle, and nine times as those large as those of Everett. For the month of March, wheat shipments from Portland will be nearly three times as large as those from all Puget Sound ports combined.

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"Our banking system is the worst in the civilized world," said Andrew Car negle, in a recent address before the onomic Club in New York. . There has been much in evidence in the past few months which has tended to con firm the ironmaster's views of jour methods of finance. But why stop this economic criticism at banking? Mr. Carnegle is in a position to give some expert testimony on our tariff system. and if he should happen to be in a humor for telling the truth when discussing it, he could easily show that, in comparison with our tariff policy the banking system is resting on a pinnacle of unapproachable perbill foction. There will be some valuable additions to political economy literature when our Carnegles discuss with the same freedom from bias that

they now exhibit when the banking system is under fire.

The Washington Railroad Commis sion, having expended more than \$37. 000 of its contingent fund in a little over a year. Is now about to face a de ficiency. The \$35,000 appropriated for salaries is expected to last until Legislature meets again. Be tween the salarles and the contingent fund, the Commission has spent about \$50,000 since the last seasion of the The money has not all Legislature. been wasted, however, for it produced the information that it was beyond the power of the Commission to diver-

wheat from Portland to Puget Sound by a joint-rate order.

As a result of a family row between Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lloyd Osborne, the old Stevenson home in San Fran-cisco is to be sold. There were wonderful people and rare geniuses troop ing through the works of the dead novellst, but the master word-painter nover journeyed far enough into the improbable with the children of his brain to have a mother-in-law and a daughter-in-law dwelling in harmony

under one roof. The multiplication of condensed

milk factories and the establishment of meat-packing plants will soon make the Pacific Northwest a great livestock On the best authority we country. have the assurance that by reason climate and forage crops Oregon is the best livestock and dairying state in th Union. Now we shall have a practical demonstration.

white-breasted swallow has made its advent in Portland for the season of eration, but as the amount over 1908. He is a particular friend William L. Finley, the young naturalist, who tells about him in a popu cople who are neither capitalists not lar sketch published on page 5 aborers in the generally accepted We commend it to bird this issue. lovers, young and old.

WHAT THE STATE PRESS IS SAVING DR. WISE WRITES ON GRAFTERS Wants the Guilty Put in Jall, Remarks on Political Priests. Thinks Heney Has Bungled.

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proximity).

by Ruef & Co.

virtue and protestant piety of the whol prosecution, aided by a Judge in robe had been lavished without stint of tim

money or threat, is a sad thing. It leads

one of untrained ecclesiastical mind lit-tle informed of the viciositudes of the law to suspect that there is a lack of care

and capability in proportion to the blus-ter, and therefore tends to sadden one So much I really said, inferred and im

Inasmuch as you must read your news

paper as well as write it. I beg of you to

payment for treachery toward his con-freres, which was the patent policy of the prosecution. I hardly think this can be construed by even as mediocre a the ologian as you show yourself to be in

this instance as a remonstrance backed

by religious prejudice. I do not see how you, knowing as you do both my activities and propensities in matters pertaining to the public weal, can

place me in the same paragraph with

what you term a blatherskite. Allow me to object (not to the term, but to the

Now, if you will allow me to pass ove

ompetent to adjudge, and therefore elide

will state as shortly as possible the cason for my published statements.

First-The prosecution promised to con

haps still are ready to compromise with Ruef, a dangerous criminal, in order to imprison certain wealthy men who robbed their fellow-citizens under stress applied

Third-To further this end they brough

in several gentlemen to act as witnesses to a manifest understanding between the

defense and the prosecution, which, since

such things are against the letter and spirit of the law, could not be expressed or implied in a contract. They needed

men whom all parties trusted to hear

consessed of other idiosyneracies that un

fit him for judgement, just as certain newspaper popes at times lose that odor of infailibility with which they pomade themselves, and thereby weaken their po-

sition in the public trust and confidence. As far as I know, there is very little theology in all this, and you may be

nore keen than Augustine and more as

Eugene Guard. We think a preacher, priest or rabb PORTLAND, March 22-(To the Ediout of place in politics. Members of their tor.)-Your putting me outside of congregations or church, as is no doubt and order where a member of my the case in San Francisco, are hit hard is concerned, and shaking me up in th by the graft prosecutions and they my to their defense. Father Yorke pursued and concerned, and snaking me up in the same bag with a pricest from San Fran-claco, is an extreme proceeding which I hardly would have expected from you or any one connected with a paper that pre-tends to the metropolitan scope which The Oregonian plumes itself on. I assure the table to the second state of the second second tends to the second second second second second tends to the metropolitan scope which the oregonian plumes itself on. I assure Mayor Phelan, probably the best executive San Francisco has had for years with a vindictiveness that drove the lat ter into private life, because of a quar rel inside the church. The public los You that I am more than anxious to see Mr. Hency put the whole crowd of San Francisco grafters behind the bars, and that my reason for making an attack of the situation at all was as pure as, if rei inside the church. The public lost Phelan's valuable services on account of matters that were none of its concern, and now the grafi prosecutors are at-tacked because of reasons, no doubl, if the truth were known, that are not based upon sound and liberal considerations for the public welfare. not more lofty than, yours for taking a snap at me. I said that the affair had been bungled. You must admit that the finding of a grievous flaw in an indictment upon which the combined genius

Our Non-Partisan Governor.

Newberg Graphic. The result of state elections held in Oregon has quite often demonstrated that Oregon has quite often demonstrated that a lote of voters who pretend to be Re-publicans have preferred to have a Dem-ocrat for Governor rather than a Re-publican, although the Republican party has had at the head of the ticket men who were equally as good and in some in-stances much better men than the Demo-cratic candidates, and it is little wonder that Chamberlain, who has been elevated to the Governor's chair by Republican that Chamberlain, who has been elevated to the Governor's chair by Republican votes, has concluded that the same fel-lows will give him a boost into the United States Senate. We can really see no reason why he should deem it necessary to assume the hypocritical role of the so-called non-partisan.

Smaller Farms a Great Need. La Grande Observer

Swapping farms does not build up either a city or a country. The country has gained nothing if Mr. Jones from lows, buys out Mr. Green, and Mr. Green moves to California. If Mr. Green would sell Mn Jones one-half of his farm, this would mean swatches. and Jones one-hair of his farm, this would mean something. It would mean another home, and homes are what we need. We need more people in the valley, and more people in the cities. The cities furnish the markets for the farmers and requires payrolls to keep the cities growing.

Becau Republicans Won't Elect Republican

Forest Grove News. Governor Chamberlain says he is in accord with the policies of Roosevelt, and wants to know if as much can be said of all those in his (Roosevelt's) own your last paragraph, which I do not un derstand, other than the reference to m worthiness to represent my cause, which matter I do not consider your newspape of all those in his (Roosevelt's) own party. If the Governor thinks so much of the President and Republican party, why doesn't he come out for Senator on the Republican ticket, instead of stick-ing to the party that is 40,000 in the First - The prosecution promised to con-vict and imprison cortain individuals whom they allowed to escape by a loop-hole so apparent that it seemed impossi-ble it should have been left. Second-The prosecution were and perminority

Great State, With Fool Laws.

The Dalles Optimist. Oregon is a great state, and she has a bright future, provided we, the Repub-licans of the state, arise and wipe some of these damphool laws off the statuts books, and prevent the "reformers" from placing others there. If we do not d this, and get busy about it at once, it name of Oregon will be a stench in th nostrils of all the progressive people i the Union

The Pitcher That Goes to the Well, Etc.

Newport News. was more politics than oyster nnected with Governor Chamberlain's connected with Governor Chamberlain's visit to the Eay. It would be a vory nice thing for the Governor if he could step into Senator Fulton's shoes, and while it was the Republicans who placed him in the gubernatorial chair the possibilities of that party debasing itself by sending him to the United States Senate are very remote.

Puzzle - Who Was Last Democratic

Puzzle — Who Was Last Democratic Congressman? La Grande Observer. In view of the fact that a Democrat has not been sent to Congress within the last 30 years, and possibly longer, we called up several leading members of the party and without looking up their ancient his-tories they could not tell in what decade it was, or who the man was. One gen-tleman thought it was Whittaker, and we leman thought It was Whittaker, and we believe he is correct.

Yelp From One of the Vagabonds.

more keen than Augustine and more as-tute than Justin. Jerome and the mar-tyrs, but you find neither hereay nor re-cantation. for there is no taint of dog-ma, creed or article except a prayer for the speedy clearing up of the disgraceful situation by the sending of the criminals to jail and the stopping of blustering, in-sincere and ulterior methods. You have not for a long time had such a fine op-portunity of Milling two birds with one stone, and I hope you will allow me the courtesy and privilege of as prominent a place for my reply as you gave in the Kelsonian (Kelso, Wash.) If the little country sheets in Oregon happen to agree with the Portland Ore gonian they are quoted from A to Izzard, but if they happen to go contrary to that paper in opinions they are nothing but "vagabonds of journalism."

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O REGON National Guardsmen are highly commended in a report on the joint army and militia coast-defense maneuvers of 1907. The report is issued by the War Department from the office of the Chief of Staff and covers the maneuvers at Coast garrisons all over the United States. A perusal of the report shows that no other state organization in the country' is so highly spoken of. Refering to the work of the Oregon troops stationed about the mouth of the Columbia River from July 6 to July 20, the following statements appear in the War Department's report:

"The Oregon National Guard seems to be composed of selected men, there being in the ranks many civil engineers, electricians and mechanics. Their work throughout was faithful, energetic and intelligent.

"They were quite enthusiastic during the entire period and their interest seemed to grow from beginning to end of the coast defense maneuvers. "It is believed that there was not a

paper as well as write it, i beg of you to give me the benefit of meaning what I say. I said that Ruef should be in jail. I mean it. You say that I am by inference in doubt as to the commission of crimes in San Francisco. I never said it or inferred single case of disorderly conduct during the joint encampment.

"From the reports of officers no critic it. I am not in favor of setting Ruef at liberty to catch Calhoun, and I do not know whether Calhoun is a Protestant, Catholic or Mohammedan. I entered the protest against freeing any criminal as isms are to be found. Officers of the regular service expressed themselves verbally as perfectly satisfied, only regretting that they did not have more time and that the entire Third Oregon Regiment had not been detailed to this encampment.

"The programme of drill and exercises prepared previous to the encampment and approved by the War Department was found satisfactory in every way and the same was practically followed dur-ing the encampment."

That the Way Department's pamphlet is not one long pace of praise is to be meen by a casual glance at reports on the work of some other bodies of state troops. Referring to Georgia, for ex-ample, the following appears: "The progress made was very gratifying as regards drill, but sentries on outpest and interior lines did not seem to grasp the importance of strict obedience to orders." And this is the report on the state of Alabama: "The Alabama field artillery came without proper equipment or pre-liminary training. Some had pistols; some were weaponless. None of the militia here had muster or payrolls ready. Although the lectures took place as scheduled, there were too many ab That the War Department's pamphiet as scheduled, there were too many ab-sentees. The men to a large degree were slovenly of appearance and unkempt so that they producted an unfavorable im-pression upon all. Looked upon in the light of a body of recruits merely, they were very satisfactory material for developing.

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Commissioned officers will be shut out from participation in the National rifle matches if an amendment to the Army appropriation bill is finally approved. The amendment was adopted by the House according to advices received yesterday from the publicity bureau of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. The amendment in question is as follows:

certain significant conversation. Fourth-Their Judge, manifestly parti-san, and therefore unfit to sit in judge-"Provided. That the trophies and ment, did transgress and violate all the traditions of law and deconcy by de-nouncing two men of probity, well known and of better fame than his own, as per-"Provided, That the trophies and medals herein authorized shall be con-tested for only by the enlisted men of the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corpu'and the National Guard or organized militia of the several states, territories and the District of Columbia." jurers, thereby branding them with a stigma they can ill afford to bear. This was without trial or any process of law. Therefore this individual is petulant and

Final passage of this amendment which Congress has already approved. will eliminate all commissioned officer of all the services mentioned from pay officers ticipation in the National team match National pistol match. Last year the National pistol match. Last year the various competing teams were made up largely of officers. The Navy team had seven officers and five enlisted men, the United States Cavalry team ten officers and two men, the United States Infantry seven officers and five men, while the number of officers from state organiza-tions was nearly as great as the number of men. Oregon had five officers and seven enlisted men at Camp Perry.

The amendment will be opposed, as there are two sides to the question. Many military authorities declare that training of officers is more beneficia it gives them a broader, basis iction of large bodies troops Others contend that the training of the men who actually handle the rifles in event of war is the object to be carried out. The outcome of the fight that will be made on the amendment in the Senate

will be watched with considerable inter

est.

A canvass of the great industrial centers of the country, together with estimates from other portions of the United States, reveals something more than 1,200,000 men out of employ This remarkable showing made in the face of a record-breaking rush of laborers to Europe, the steer age emigrants leaving New York for the first ten weeks of 1908 reaching a total of 131,710. There are but four other cities in the United States credit-

ed with a larger number of idle men than San Francisco, the California metropolis being the only Pacific Coast city mentioned as having an army of inemployed. In the figures given in a New York dispatch in yesterday's Oregonlan, the Bay City is shown with 25,000 unemployed men. Private ad-

vices from Los Angeles and Seattle indicate that there is also quite a num er of unemployed men in those citles but, while there are a few in Portland who are out of work, the number is inconsequential in comparison with ther Pacific Coast cities. These unsatisfactory statistics serve

show the close relationship which in spite of their differences, must exist between capital and labor. Both are ommodities, the value of which regulated by the immutable law of supply and demand. Both, it is true, can at times set aside this law and for

Somewhat earlier than usual the

ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED.

against malefactors but through such or promise of immunity, as Heney has been accustomed to emboth at San Francisco and at He does, however, deny Portland. that he had made such promise or pursued such policy toward Ruef. But is virtually asserted that he did. Hence the controversy.

What seems specially to stir Rabbi Wise was the coupling of his name by The Oregonian with that of Father Yorke. But we fear, If we were to apologize to Rabbi Wise, Father Yorke would assert that an apology was due also to him. So we pass ove these interesting personalities, and come at once to the question of public nollay involved in the objection to promise of immunity to confederates for "treachery" to those higher up in orime. This seems to be the sticking point in the mind of Dr. Wise.

Such policy, or the practice of it has a repellant feature, certainly; but the state has always availed itself of the advantage, and always must, especially in cases of conspiracy to defraud or rob the public, such as Heney has been prosecuting at Portland and at San Francisco. It was only by use of this method that any part of the land frauds in Oregon, or of the mu-nicipal corruptions in California could have been brought to light. To condemn ft, in such cases, is equivalent therefore to a plea for exemption from punishment of greatest criminals; since the necessary testimony for disclosure of their corrupt and criminal

acts could be obtained in no other way The people are entitled to know the robberles that such men commit, and the authorities of the law are justified in offering immunity to such as may, by confession, furnish the necessary evidence for the state Such witnesses are odlous, indeed; but it is a mistake to allow detestation of them to turn public sentiment against the prosecutor who uses them, or to prefer the escape of the authors and chiefs of a criminal conspiracy to their conviction by this only means.

Here really is the root of this whole The notion entertained in so many quarters that it is persecution of riminals to induce their tools and also provides mail subsidies on Pacific confederates, by promise of immunity for themselves, to tell all they know about the conspiracy and the crime is els to bring his antique Ventura. good neither in law nor in morals nor erra and Sonoma out of the mud of in practice, but is quite tantamount Oakland Creek and receive fro to an effort to defend or excuse those Government approximately \$350,090 whom it is the duty of the officers of law to prosecute by every means Australian route, from which they in their power

Much is said about the blunders of sels that increased proflucers' profits When "flaws" are wanted one as another. It is the pro-of lawyers for the defense to The argument that all that all the set of the s those who drew the Schmitz indict- by carrying freight for less money is good as another. It is of lawyers for the defense to discover them; but it is seidom con- tion in the Senate was the customary how many ablebodied men will stand

UNDER FALSE COLORS

ism.

The Gallinger ship-subsidy bill, which slipped through the Senate on well-greased skids last Friday, was probably as mild a crime of its nature as the subsidy-seekers have attempted to commit under the guise of patriot-It was a kind of a burglar's employers could make money by meetjimmy, which opens up the crack ing the demands of the strikers, it through which the explosive can be would be settled instantly. But labor poured, or by which "purchase" can be secured for the crowbar to be used in periods of depression like that from later. In effect it is only an amendment of the ocean mail service law of 1891, and increases the subsidy of see ond-class vessels to the amounts paid ness and thus curtailing the purchasfirst-class ships under the 1851 iaw. It also provides mail subsidies on Pacific sooner both of these commodities get Ocean routes not affected by the former law. This will enable Mr. Spreckcerned, directly or indirectly.

-We suspect that estimates of unem loyed men in the United States, published yesetrday, are exaggerated; not per year by returning them to the with intent but because observers un onsciously magnify crowds. A gathere driven by more economical ver

ship in politics-all they want is Democrats in all the offices

000 unemployed, but only a portion of It is now stated that Moherly Bell this great number are out of work be has beaten C. Arthur Pearson in the cause of insufficient employment. Most fight for control of the London Times No shares in the company will be ofof them are not working because of a fered to the public, Mr. Bell having disagreement regarding wages. At the height of the rehabilitation period, found two members of the House of Lords willing to furnish the necessary when men and material had to be seured regardless of price, the cost of building, of Hving, or of conducting financial backing. The capital stands at £750,000, or about \$3,750,000.

any kind of a business in the Califor-Were the members of the Legisla nia city ran up to fabulous figures. These abnormal prices were all ture of 1907 making laws for the people or for the Title Guarantee & Trust Company? They drew their so long as the abnormal conditions remained, but, with the readjustment salaries from the state, and not from the trust company. But the trust comthat has followed the most active work of rebuilding the city, and also the pany had cause for congratulations when the "sure thing" was enacted. panic of last Fall, has come a proounced change, Lumber, coment and other building materials have suffered

declines price. Ocean In Lane County, it is said, arrange freights are less than half the figures nents are being made for a fusion reached about a year ago; but, with party on the basis of Statement No. 1 everything else tumbling in price, ar "the purpose being to oppose the Reattempt has been made to maintain publican candidates." Certainly. The wages at the old standard and in some sole mission of Statement No. 1 is to cases demands have been made for an oppose and defeat the Republican party.

The engineers' strike has fied up nearly 100 vessels at various Coast ports, and, while it is only the engiput the disorderly saloon out of busi-

neers who are striking, the retirement from service of every vessel means idleness for from ten to twenty men. It also means less repair work at the machine shops, less work for the freighthandiers, and a corresponding

loss in a large number of other indus-tries only indirectly affected. The strike will be settled-in time. tutional amendment increasing the pay of legislators from \$3 a day to \$10 a day? They will surely tell the voters during the campaign. as well as capital must "give and take" which we are just emerging. We cannot force a return of good times by

keeping both capital and labor in idle busy the better it will be for all con-

grounds. ering of three or four hundred casily passes for a thousand. On the matter

Grants Pass Observer.

Perhaps the exposures of his past record had something to do with Mr. U'Ren's retirement. He was bombarded rather heavily with accusations that must have hurt the feelings of a plous man and a natedot patrlot.

Top-Heavy With Brains. Dallas Itemizer.

One reason for the not cess of th Democratic party is the multiplicity of brainy men within its ranks and the different views which they must consequentiv take of National questions

Certainly; Send Him Along.

Lebanon Express-Advance. Many friends of Senator M. A. Miller rould be pleased to see him selected as as of the delegates to the Dymocratic conformable to Lindley Murray, Dr. Murray and the "King's English." National Convention, which meets in Denver next Summer. The Audience. T. A. Daly in The Catholic Standard and Times. I mak' not monocha mon' today, So few ees hear da tunes I play. Long time bayfore da sun ees shine I mak' dees street plan' of mine An' pull est out from ceety street To countra lane, where cool an' sweet Do morneeng breezh blow, an' where All theengs ees beautiful an' fair. Oh, here, I theenk, I goins find Bour peopla so good-beart' an' kind Dey weell he glad for hear me play An' notia tell he 'Gona 'way!' Like most a do dat I am meet W'en I am play een ceety street.

A Meeting.

We met by chance, and as we met She clauped me in a warm embrace: I seem to feel her clinging yst. With one soft cheek against my face.

She did not know my name, while I Ere then had never viewed her chan And yet she breathed a grateful sigh As round her waist I flung my arms.

The girl had not mistaken me For any member of her set. Nor did she care who I might be-'Twas at a skating rink we met--Chucago Record-Herald.

A FEW SQUIBS.

Lady (to caller)-"Tou won't mind my going on with my work while you're here, will you? Then I shun't feel I'm wasting time."--Punch.

I walk an' walk, but set ces queer I meet so few da peopla here; Ees only wan or iwo, but steel I look for more. I climb da heel An' travel down da hoita road. Da street nian ees heavy load. I am haygeen for feel da hesat. An' so bimeby, I stop an' set Ees shady place bayside da way. Oh I am madi I growi an' say: 'I mak' not moocha mon' today. W'at for you com'. Oh, foola mani Where no wan heast your street plan'?" Instructor (at night school)----"What proof have we that the earth is round?" Shaggy Haired Pupi---Don't need no proof. I'm willin' to believe the Jographies."--Chicago Tribuns.

Languid Lannigan---"After all is said, pal-monsy ain't everyt'ing." Dry Deegun---"T knows it frum experience--I wunst found a 55 bill near de center uv a prohibition state."--Puck.

Where no wat shows four street plan ? But den, w'at shows des happen ma? Firs theong you know des lectla tree Mak' funny noles where set star's. So like as eef eet clap eet's han's! Den gentia feengers sen da air Den gentia feengers een da air Des come and puil me by da hair: Ees som'theong een dess sweeta hreems Dat spaak to me an' coax an' tease An' den da sky, so wide, so blue. Est seem to smile and coax me, too, So all theongs heak, as eef dey as: "Com", let us have da music. Play!" "Reality." remarked the selfish Mr. Kad-ley. "T're been wondering what to give up during Lent." "Well." remarked Miss Pep-prey. "you might give up your seat in a streetcar occasionally."-Philadelphia Press

Mabel-"Jack proposed to me last night." Maila-"Poor fellow? So he did keep his cord after all?" Mabel-"Why, what do you nean"" Stolla-"When I refused him last ceek he said it would cause him to do omething desperate."-Chicago Dally News.

something desperate."--Chlcapo Dally News. "All de word's a stage." quoted Tired Tiffins "Chock full of sawmills, machine shops bolier factories, an' de like." com-mented his chum. "Too much realism Tif-fins, too much realism fer a fanciful man."-Louisville Courier-Journal. Mr. Staylate--"Of course you'll be at the shore for Easter week." Miss Tailence (yawning)--No." Mr. Staylane--'No.? Well, I simoly have to go.--' Miss Patience (brightening)---"Ohi must you? That's so; it's later than I thought."--Philadelphia Frees.

I play wan tune yes, two thee, four, Like wait I never do bayfore! I stop. Da sky cry: "More!" An' den I play dem evra wan agen. So, too. I left miy volce and seens. Da brease aay "More!" to evorytheeng. So all day long ees lika dat. Oh, 'Meticana man. I gat Som' curses an' some food to eat Wen I am play sen ceefy street. But here da sky, da breeze, da tree, Dey apgak Estalian to me!

Bo faw ees hear da tunes I play. But where ees reecher man dan 1 Dat play to breeze an' tree an' sky? Press. Vicar-"Well, Mr. Stoggins, how are you today?" Cobblet-"Very bad, sir." Vicar-"And what is the matter.?" Cobblet-"Ah. rir, it's my legs." They be wonderful bad!" Vicar-"Dear me! How long have you been take this?" Cobblet-"Why, sir, these legs, if you believe me. Two had 'em on and off for the last 30 years."-Punch. Woman's Home Companion. "Mother, may I go learn to swim?" "Yes, my derling daughter; Go to a correspondence school, But don't go near the water."

get two birds in line again, and till then I beg to remain as sincerely and disin-terestedly a well-wisher of public decency as your most excellent paper. Sincerely JONAH B. WISE. yours.

The Andience

I mak' no moocha mon' today

Learning to Suim.

place for my reply as you gave in the attack. You may on some other occasion

When We Talk Grammatically. Atlantic Monthly. The universal vogue of correct English would be little short of a calamity. The doubter has only to imagine the effect on

Every member of the two Portland battalions of the Third Oregon Infantry. battalions of the Third Oregon Infantry. the Field Battery and the Hospital Corpe-is urged to be present next Friday night at the annual inspection and review by Governor Chamberlain. Many spectatory will be present. Colonel C. E. McDonell will march his regiment in review fol-lowing inspection, and the ceremonies will be concluded with regimental and heatening deflic doubter has only to imagine the effect on the animation and interest of life, if we should wake up some morning to find every one saying "I shall" and "I will" in their proper places, the newsboy purged of slang, the racy brogues dislodged from the streetcar and the street corner, the hired man pronouncing according to Webster, and the 2-year-olds lisping-I beg their pardon, they would no longer lisp-uttering their thoughts in phrases conformable to Lindley Murray, Dr. Murray and the "King's English." battalion drills.

Company B has captured the penant in the Indoor baseball series by winning seven games straight. Company F and the Hospital Corps are claiming second place, each command having lost two games.

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games. A memorable event in the history of Eugene was the presentation of the regimental colors of the Fourth Oregon Infantry, last Tuesday. The presentation was made by Governor Chamberlain and the flag was received by Colonel George O. Yoran, on behalf of his command. The affair was an impressive one. Every officer of the regiment was on hand. Governor Chamberlain was accompanied by his staff and by Adjuitant General Finzer and Colonel James Jackson. At an informal banquet which followed the flag ceremonies many addresses were an informal banquet which followed the flag ceremonies many addresses were made on military topics and the officers of the Fourth demonstrated that they are up to the minute on military affairs. The new colors will get a first airing at the encampment this Summer pro-vided, of course, something more serious than an encampment doesn't loom up in the meantime.

the meantime.

The Fourth Oregon has issued a formal challenge to the Third for a rifle compe-tition with the new Springheld rifle. With the advantages of the Roseburg range at hand the confidence of the Southern Oregon men in their marksmenship is not hard to understand. Portland has no range above 660 yards. Nevertheless the challenge is being seriously consid-ered and may be accepted.

But Two Long Years Have Passed.

But Two Long Years Have Passes. Gervais Star. Many Democrata deprecate the holding of a conference by the Republicans, yet they themselves, only two years ago. held just such a convention and nomi-nated a state and county ticket. Wonder if they had forgotten 167

Departure.

Departure. Italy Hemperiy in the Stellar Bay. The hour soon comes, sweet friends, when 1 Shall quit this form of mortal clay. The call has come-I know not why: But still I go, and would not stay.

Above the night the star-world's gleam, And mocabeams kins the sliver sea. Ah. do I bear, or do I dream The signi voice that calls to me?

Between the worlds in love-lit air. The soui-way shines in radiant light. Your iender thoughts go with me there-Sweet friends, I go. Goodnight, good-night:

The death from typhoid fever of Senator Bryan, of Florida, a young and robust man, may serve to admonish some of our statesmen that life in Washington has its drawbacks. The man who thinks the baseball

season hasn't opened in Portland stayed home yesterday. If he had

contain a prisoner who can set type. The Democrats don't want partisan

The craft preservative may felicitate itself over the labor situation in the Oregon Penitentiary, which doesn'

taken a walk he would have noticed many vacant lots turned into athletic

ness, the liquor dealers themselves will undertake the task. Is this an assump tion that the liquor dealers are more powerful in securing law observance than the officers are? What do candidates for the Legis lature think of that proposed consti-

Officers of the law having failed to