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PRUDENCE AND TRUTH.

The population neither of Portland, nor of Seattle, nor of any other city, is to be increased or made actually greater by persistent exaggeration. Such exaggeration is always harmful for it leads to extravagance in many ways; and the time soon comes when the actual truth is known, bringing confusion and disappointment with it. If there are any better indicia of a city's population than its annual school census, carefully taken for the purpose of getting largest possible benefit of the school fund, and its registration of votors for elections of local, state and National importance, would like to know what they

The Oregonian itself is a "boomer" and there is no business that more strongly desires a big city. But it wants no misrepresentations; it wants truth now, and no disappointments horeafter. Bosices-and this is the principal reason why The Oregonian has made its present protest-such exaggerations are used as a basis for support of all kinds of municipal extravagance-not only in current administration, including increase of the number and pay of officials, but for the burdening of the property of the city with a tremondous and excessive bonded debt. Where is prudence in this matter? Here, as always, on the side of truth, not of exaggeration.

We shall not make the population and wealth of Portland actually greater by extravagant "claims," but, We shall by such policy multiply official expenses beyond needs, and give prodigality the opportunity it seeks. Officials of all departments are clamoring for "more money," on the basis or claim of a larger city than we have. Protest, on the side of prudence, of truth and of economy is in order.

Truth is truth, and from any point of view preferable always to error Since The Oregonian's principal object is to check the effort for official waste and increase of the public debt. it knows the effort will obtain public appreciation and recognition, too, now or hereafter.

Two cities will not get ahead by "claiming" and lying against each Neither of them will. Portland and Seattle seem to be making logics of each other. Here is the Seattle Times of Friday last making claim for its city of a population of 275,463. At the same time it tells us hat the school population is 36,000. But Portland's school population ex-We are told, further, ceeds 34,000. that Seattle's property valuation is But that of Portnow \$175,000,000. tion bear any relation to either of a deal with his invalid successor by these comparisons? Even though which he (Mead) was to name cer-

newcomer and impress him with the growth of the city; but a slight study of the details of the more than \$10,-990,000 worth of permits issued last venr presents in the dwelling-house permits an even more striking evidence of the city's growth. These permits were 2543 in number, and the valuation was \$4,928,150, an average of a fraction less than \$2000 each. Dwellings coating an average of \$2000 each are not huddled close together, but, if they had been, and the average had been a new dwellingfor every fifty-, these new dwellings last year would have covered 318 city blocks.

is extremely doubtful that they averaged five dwellings to the block, but at that figure more than 500 blocks of new territory were added to the "built up" portion of the city.

These figures do not include the big building move on the peninsula at and selow St. John, at Linnton and other suburbs of Portland. The record year of 1908 began under adverse circumtances. The new year begins with t flattering outlook that we have ever enjoyed; and, with the large amount of construction work ready planned and financed, 11 is practically a certainty that 1909 will excel all previous records in building operations to an even greater extent than 1998 distanced all former efforts. -

INEFFICIENT AND IDLE MEN.

It is seldom, in a new country like the Pacific Northwest, that men who want to work have excuse for being 'out of a job" for any length of time But forecast is necessary, and men of forecast can usually assure themselves of continuous employment. If men yould not leave one place till assured of another, few would ever find it necessary to be idle. The wise man, who must live by his labor, does not ut himself off from his employment and take the chance of getting so Men hing else when he may want it. f families, as a rule, do not do this. They realize they must do their best keep the children fed and clothed. o it is, as Francis Bacon said, that he who has wife and children has

given hostages to fortune. A member of the Society for Improving the Condition of the Poor, in the City of New York, recently estinated the homeless men of the city working Yankees have been unable at 30,000. But of these, he says only a small proportion would work, if they had the opportunity. The great majority belong to the vagrant class. So in Detroit, when 2500 men went to the City Hall and asked the Aldermen to do something for them. Work n a canal enterprise was offered, but only a few "showed up," most of whom insisted on being bosses and

imekeepers, and declined to use the There are able-bodied men begging n Portland today, most of whom are f the shiftless, vagrant, non-working A prosperous country always ILSS. offers opportunities for work, and this The ountry is highly prosperous. problem is how to get men to do itmen who will do it intelligently and

well, and stick to it. It is a difficulty ncountered by every employer. Trustworthy and efficient men need not be For all such there is plenty of idle. work and always will be. As for the inefficient and untrustworthy, they merely obstruct the work of the employer.

THE MEAD-COSGROVE DEAL.

We have from Olympia some detry. tails of the famous understandingnow clearly a misunderstandingto state patronage between Governor Mead and Governor-elect Cosgrove; but we shall probably have to worry along without the facts until a statement is forthcoming from Paso Ro

stages of completion, are quite natur- they were, in fact, collected illegally ally the first to catch the eye of the was not decided, though this was the issue out of which the suit arose. The case was therefore decided

upon a side issue-the question whether the state is the proper party to recover the money. The real question, whether Dunbar should repay, is farther from solution than for the suit has been dismissed. and only by the bringing of another suit can the question be again pre-

PANAMA CANAL BENEFITS.

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sented.

A decidedly important feature of the Panama Canal that until now has attracted little or no attention on the Pacific Coast is the possibilities it will offer for colonizing the farming regions of the Pacific Coast with European agrarians. The opportunities for an immense traffic of this nature have not est ped the watchful eyes of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company. A San Francisco dispatch says that agents of the big German steamship line have already been in consultation with the Department of immigration concerning facilities for handling large crowds of immigrants at the Bay City. The advantages of business of this character are many and great.

The crying need of the Pacific Coast States for years has been more people

-not of the kind that crowd into the cities and intensify the struggle that is always a feature of urban lifebut good hard-working agriculturists are indifferent to union rules, walking delegates or any other of the unprofitable factors and features of ity life. Immigrants of this class have been pouring into the Atlantic cuboard cities for years; but very few of them ever get as far west as Chicago, the distance being so great that they are unable to attempt it when they first come to the country. Later, becoming settled in a rut into which they fall soon after landing. they remain there. Thousands these farming and gardening immigrants have been scattered through the worn-out farming districts in the New England States, and by practic-ing the thrift, self-denial and intense farming mothods that are a necessity in the Old World, they have made successes where even the frugal, hard-

to hold their own. immigrants of this class the Pacific Coast States offer unlimited opportunities, for with only a fraction of the effort that is necessary in order to wrest a living from the worn-out

soil of New, England, they can soon become independent in Oregon and Washington. With a direct steam-ship service by way of the Panama lanal, European immigrants could be anded at Pacific Coast ports at a cost not materially greater than that inurred in reaching New York.

The steamship companies making low rates would thus aid in building up this new country, and s a reward would secure a large traffic at profitable rates on European-bound cargoes of freight as well as on passengers who would much prefer going direct by steamer intead of by the present route. The Pacific Coast States will continue to grow at a rapid rate without assist ince from the Panama Canal, but eviience is accumulating that it is cerfain to be a highly important factor in the industrial and agricultural de-

elopment of this portion of the coun-

THE ANGEL IN THE HUMAN HEART. The impulse of humanity denomnated by Whittier "the angel of the human heart" sleeps lightly-so ightly that a shock of disaster, whether it breaks upon the sunny shores of the Mediterranean or upon the western border of the American

ontinent, awakens it into instant life

world, full-handed, comes to save, or

and bring succor to the living.

angel's hand.

veracious labels must be better for buyer and seller both.

Roosevelt of late has become the object of much savage criticism, even in quarters where he once received adulation. Such changes are not un It is an old remark that common. he who builds on the vulgar heart has a habitation giddy and unsure. Roosevelt, it is probable, will not have harder luck than Washington. The

Aurora was a newspaper published at Philadelphia. William Duane was its editor; Jefferson was its mentor and inspiration. On the day after Washington retired from the Presidency

"The man who the Aurora said: the source of all the misfortunes of our country is this day reduced to a level with his fellow-citizens, and is no longer possessed of power to mul-tiply evils upon the United States. Every heart, in unison with freedom, ought to beat high with exultation that the name of Washington ceases from this day to give currency to political iniquity and to legalize corrup-" That was pretty stiff, wasn't Duane was one of the editors tion." through whom Jefferson had been prompting attacks on Washington for Roosevelt is not likely to fare years. worse than Washington did. The extract quoted above may be found in McMaster's History.

Mr. James J. Corbett has expressed a willingness to fight "Mistah Johnsing." who recently became champion bruiser of the world by reason of the poor foot-work and inability of Mr. Burns to land on the Johnson features. "I will fight him if Jeffries won't," says Corbett, "not because I aim to fight a black man, but to wrest the title back and then arrange it so that by no possible future move any black man could ever regain it." Noble, self-sacrificing Mr. Corbett. And it all seems so easy. Yet there is that un-comfortable thought that perhapsjust perhaps-"Mistah Johnsing" might place that bunch of knuckles which adorns his long arm, like a sugar-cured ham attached to a cap-

stan bar, on the particular part the Corbett anatomy where one Robert Fitzsimmons landed a solar plexus before the color line became trouble-It will be a great day for some. Pullman's whisk-broom artists Mr. when Corbett fights Johnson, providing there is any Corbett money to be covered.

A Los Angeles thief stole 100 tons of coal between 11 o'clock P. M. and A. M. the following morning. In view of the weather reports that have been coming up recently from the sunny southland, this fuel was probably the most valuable commodity in Los

pal stock-in-trade in the City of Angels, may be all right to sell to the tourists, but its heating qualities are eficient when a cold wave strikes the land of perpetual Summer which we read about in the guide-books. Our local police force should feel en-couraged by this exploit, for none of the numerous criminals who are win tering with us has ever got away with 100 tons of eqal. This shows that there are even poorer criminal-catch-ers than our own. "finest."

The severe criticism of a recent grand jury regarding Mr. Briggs, the autocrat of Kelly Butte, and his friends the County Court, seems to have been fully warranted. It is a strange proceeding for the County Court to retain the custody of the prisoners after the law (indorsed by referendum) provides that the Sheriff shall have charge of them.

even more strange that a criminal, serving sentence which does not expire until January 9, should suddenly appear from Kelly Butte just prior to publication of the singular circumstances surrounding the death of a

Unlucky Geese

North Ajax Cor. Condon Globe. P. Workinger made a lucky shot and bagged six wild geese just in time for Christmas.

Grand Free Gift Distribution, Perhaps. Rainier Review.

We hope during the coming year that we will be so prosperous that we will be able to give every one of our readers a gold watch for Christmag.

Light Wanted.

Brownsville Times. If the lasy, lousey, low-down can-didate for the Penitentiary who stole a lantern from Harry Parks' bugsy Sunday night will return same to this office he will be suitably rewarded.

Find the Horn: You'll See the Notches. Corvallis Times.

Frank Brown produced the evidence and induced Clerk Moses to give him \$2 for killing a coyote.- The notches on this coyote's horn indicated that he had slaughtered 50 lambs. Every time a coyote kills a lamb he always cuts a notch in his horn.

One Busy Newspaper Man. Jefferson Review.

The Review editor owns a fine Shep-herd dog that we want to give to a party looking for a whole lot of trouble. We have only had him a few months, but he's cost \$3 license, two suscribers, a scrap, and more precincts to hear from. Apply for the beast when Mrs. Review is not at home, and thereby avoid more trouble.

Never Too Old to Learn.

Plaza (Wash.) Cor. Pendleton Tribune Fairview public school has a pupil in attendance whose age is 64 years. That is Joseph Schmidt. He is learning to pronounce the English alphabet and has made fair progress for the lust four weeks. Mr. Schmidt is a successful inchelor farmer and old pioneer of this locality.

Wholesnle Matrimony.

Hood River Glacier. A triple wedding in the family of R. L. Dushiell is to take place at Cedonia, Wash., for New Year's eve, in which two sons and a daughter of a ploneer rancher will be among the principals. The names of the couples are George Dashtell and Miss Walker. of Waverly; Robert Dashlell and Miss Myrtle Myers, of Cedonia, and Clara Dashiell and Sydney Singleterry, of Kettle Falls. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. William Carpenter. The Dashiell family crossed the plains in an early day from Indiana to Oregon and later moved to the Columbia River valley, in S County. Miss Walker's parents Stevens at Waverly. Miss Myers is a resident of Cedonia. Mr. Singleterry is a resident of Kettle Falls.

Green Doctor Knows His Business

Rabbitville Cor. The Dalles Optimist. Our new doctor had a case of appendicitis the yother day, the victime being a sheepherder. He cum into town and told dock his appendiciter had sum forrin substance intwo it, he thought mebbe sum sheep dip, wanted dock to opperate ontw and But when dock found out that the feller only had a dollar 75 dock told him to not bother his hed about if but to save up his munney ontil h got ten \$ and then he wood pronounc it appendicitis, but that it was no unsidered perfessional for to pro nounce that a man with only I enty-five had the appendicitis. In such a weakened condition of a man's finances nothing worse than the belly ake cood be rong with him.

Some White Champions Still Left.

Portland Advocate. Why do some of the old has-been white sports and prizefighters and their sympathizers kick so hard be-cause Jack Johnson, a colored man, is the heavyweight prizefighter of the world? Why begrudge the negro race that little mark of distinction when white race have so many cham- ers having the most to do with feeding plons? For instance, the champion grafter, the champion dynamiter, the inmpion safeblower, the champion night rider, the champion holdup man and bank robbers. Now, with all this army of champions, why begrudge the colored race a big champion prize-fighter? But what if you do-we have of it and you will have to do some stand as they are for that class of game, and prohibit any one using a dog, that in tall fighting to take it from us. That's #IL

tell the exact truth. In the long run LIFE IN THE OREGON COUNTRY WHY PURCHASE THIS BLOCK! Objection to One Fenture of Modjeski Bridge Plan,

PORTLAND, Jan. S .- (To the Editor.)-I have noted the numerous newspaper publications about the proposed new bridge which many of the East Siders wish built across the river, beginning at Broadway as the east approach, with the western terminus somewhere about Seventh and Jonnson streets, near the railroad depot. All

of which "looks good to me" with one of which looks good to me with the exception, as follows: The report pub-lished as embodying the advice of Ralph Modjeski, as well as a sketch purporting to be made by him, advises the city to purchase the block bounded by Johnson, Irving, Sixth and Seventh streets as a stopping or starting place for the approach to the bridge, which, by the sketch, after crossing the river, runs almost due southwest four blocks before striking Seventh street, which It then follows due south about three locks, or to Seventh and Johnson rects, where Mr. Modjeski, instead streets.

of allowing the road to continue by casy and straight grade up Seventh street, turns the approach at right angles on to the block he advises the city to huy, from whence traffic must again turn at right angles up Sixth street. To the writer there appears no reason under the sun for diversion of the traffic from a straight line up Seventh street to the proposed cated block, unless it is to provi-resting-place for pedestrians provide

teams before beginning that body-and soul-wearying climb of a 4 per grade to the bridge. It would tainly aid in the congestion of an already congested district in front the depot, as any one may see who w take a walk down there about the ar rival or departure time of trains, whereas traffic going straight out Seventh street may turn aside either east or west on any of the thirteen streets WBahingto between Johnson and Washingto streets without crowding or interfer ence with each other, as will certainly occur if they are forced to take to Sixth street, already congested by rea son of travel to and from the depot. Of course the city would have to pur-chase, either with or without condemnation proceedings, the block named together with the "shacks" which now cover it at prices which we may safely assume would well remunerate the present owners, and which prices would probably be about three times

the real value. Or, perhaps the own ers of property fronting on Sixtl street, linggining in their simplicity that more traffic on Sixth street would further enhance the value of their holdings, have by argument and many implorings afflicted Mr. Modjesl with astigmatism of the left or Sixth Modifesik

street either, case there can be no good

or valid reason for the advice so free-by given that the city shall add an-other half million dollars to an ever-increasing burden of expense by the purchase of this block and buildings to go with the proposed bridge. We want and need this bridge, but we do not want or need any parks, drink fountains, peanut stand or peddler drinkins cations furnished by the city free with nor do we wish the building o a bridge made prohibitive by sad dling it with a lot of useless and tre sly expensive real estate pur chases for approaches at either end. W. J. MANDERSON.

PRESERVING GAME FOR HUNTERS

Dogs in Getting Upland Birds, and Arti-

ficial Feeding of Water Fowls. PETALUMA, Cal., Jan. L-(To the Ed itor.)-Having a deep interest in anything tending to better hunting and fishing conditions in Gregon, it being one of its greatest assets, I have losi no chance to keep in touch with all phases of this matter, in reading The Oregonian of late. So far, in these communications I have officed no complaint about artificial feeding of water fowls in preserves, Without wishing to stir up sectional sirife, it must be admitted by any one at

all familiar with the facts that compara tively no duck-shooting is to be had in the Willamette Valley of late years, and while it may be due to other causes, the

SILHOUETTES

WHERE are the resolutions of yes-terday?

. . . My idea of the lanksi man in the world is the fellow who plays chess in the afternoon.

1 B ... B ... B. My one claim to fame is that I've a friend in Naples, where the preza dispatches come from.

A Chicago capitalist and his bride are to take their honeymoon trip in a bal-loon. Many people find themselves "AP in the air" shortly after marriage,

Elbert Hubbard at long intervals mays something worth while. He talls the story that recently he was lecturing before 1000 attentive inmates of a state insane asylum, when one old woman came screaming down the aisle waving her arms frantically. "My God! I can't stand this nonsense any longer." "That." said the superintendent, "is the first sign she has shown of returning sunity

New York has a hospital for sick fish. patronized presumably by suckers.

Carrie Nation recently made the state ment that next to whisky, tea is the worst drink in the world. Evidently Carrie never tried putting absinthe in her beer. . . .

The dealers say that women's hosiory will be "louder" than ever next Summer. The purpose is evidently to make it unnecessary when a man reaches a street crossing, to observe the signboard, "Stop. Look and Listen." 1.14

One divorce to six marriages was the record of Portland in 1908. The New York record is one to five: Portland will have to do better if she wants to keep up with the march of progress. . .

"Death Valley Scotty" says he's going to enlist in the Marines. It's all right for him to tell that to them, but the rest of us who know Scatty, insist on being STOWN.

It seems that Portland will have to worry along without Evangelist "Billy Sunday. Still there are a number of other good shows scheduled for the Winter.

The dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai by the new Chinese regent indicates that the hand of Most Honorable Friend Nippun has lost none of its cunning.

In view of Judge Taft's well-known gastronomic reputation, that statesman promises to eat his way into the hearts of his Southern countrymen at the forthcoming 'possum and yam banquet which the people of Atlanta are to tender him.

I am pained to observe that Calvin Heilig neglected to build his regular weekly theater last night.

The heroic work of King Victor and Queen Helena at stricken Messina proves that the designation "nobflity" is not a misnomer in Tinly, at least.

Pronunciation of "Suffe."

PORTLAND, Dec. 28-(To the Editor.)-A says "suite." pertaining to apartments, is pronounced as "suit," pertaining to dothing. B says it is pronounced "sweat." A says "aweet" is a pronunciation used merely for effects, etc., and is not proper. Which is correct? H. C. J.

B is correct. Best usage demands the French pronunciation, "sweet."

Does it occur to this correspondent that such disagreements as A and B had may be settled instantly by consulting Webster or the Century Dictionary? Either of these publications is authority, in the office of The Oregonian

United States Senators.

SCHOOL GIRL

Angeles, Climate, which is the princi-

Seattle does make an extravagant estimate of her population, is that any good reason why Portland should do the same?

Reason and sense and judgment and truth should still be factors in human And administration of public affairs should be business administra-

tion, on a reasonable basis. This city and county should not double up their debt, nor double the number of their officials and their salaries, on the basis of an imaginary population. Nor can any sen ble owner of property think so:

RECORD YEAR IN BUILDING.

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Portland's building record for the year just closed makes a remarkable showing. The official figures place the number of permits issued at 4851. with a total valuation of \$10,411,951. This is an average of more than \$21,-400 for every day in the year. De spite the magnitude of the figures, they do not fully represent the amount expended for building purposes in this city last year. Plumbing, plastering, heating, and other finishing contracts were very few in number, and the aggregate expenditure for this class of work would at a conservative estimate bring the total up to more than \$12,000,000 for the year. When it is considered that Portland entered the year 1905 under the financial cloud which enveloped the entire country in the closing months of 1907, the full significance of this enormous growth can be better understood.

The panic of 1907 came so sud-denly that building undertakings already planned and financed were sufficient in number and volume to hold the permits up to very satisfactory figures until well into 1908. The

worst of the slump was not over until April, when the decrease as compared with April, 1907, was more than \$540,-000, and it was July before the pendulum swung the other way, and an increase instead of a decrease was noticeable. Comparison of the totals for the entire 12 months of 1908 with the 12 months of 1907 is, of course, accurate and fair, but it is easier to understand the phenomenal growth of the city at the present time by taking the figures of the first six months 1907 and the last six months of 1908.

The six months from January ie inclusive, in 1907 showed the highest valuation of permits ever issued in this city in six months, the total being 2043 permits with a valuation of \$5,695,711. This figure was reached during the crest of the wave of prosperity which followed the Lewis and Clark fair; but so complete has been Portland's recovery from the panic of 1907 that the closing +'s months of 1908 showed totals of 20.1 permits for \$5,524,341. The reason so slight a decrease in the total value, while there was an increase in the number of permits, was the heavy decline in the price of building materinis and labor, as compared with the prices ruling while the boom was on in the first half of 1907:

state has no right to recover them, The large number of business strucsince they were not paid by the state. tures for which permits were issued in 1908, and which are now in various | but were paid by individuals. Whether

tain Cosgrove partisans when the time came for the present incumbent to "deliver the goods," he had a few of his own friends to care

for, and he decided that Cosgrove's friends might wait. It is all no great matter except as

the little controversy throws light on a most extraordinary situation in Washington affairs. Mead was Governor, and was beaten for renomination and re-election by Cosgrove; then Cosgrove was taken sick, and went to California apparently in a dying condition. Mead, supposing dying condition. that as incumbent he would hold of indefinitely, and desiring that Cos-

when Governor Ferry went to Cali-fornia for his health and Lieutenant-

ad interim.

ing and writhing, in the sea, vessels grove enter into no plan or scheme aden with the bounty of the worldto turn over the office to Ideutenantthe hand of the angel upon the helm Governor Hay, arranged to placate the -are steered for the devastated city. Cosgrove element by carrying out cer-San Francisco is shaken to her very foundations and riotous flames leap tain Cosgrove plans. But now, alas!-Cosgrove is getting well, or at least high, as in ghoulish give at their conwell enough to assume office at or quest over her, but while they still tear the time his term of office is to their power unchecked, rage, begin, and Mead's enthusiastic purawakened angel is on the wing bearose to help along Cosgrove's ends ing relief from the four quarters of grows cold as the prospect of his the globe. Enceladus moves uneasily filling Cosgrove's shoes wanes. in his living tomb, Southern Italy

Governor-elect Cosgrove has lately proposed, it seems, to take the oath office at Paso Robles, if he should be unable to go to Olympia. Desirable as it may be from the standpoint of the state's pride and welfare that he supplant Mead as speedily as possible, Mead would be justified the guidance of the awakened angel in refusing to turn over the office of and relief comes leaping over the Governor until his successor, duly qualified, should come to Olympia. waves, bearing such healing as she may to those still within reach of her It is certainly not seemly that a Govmagic touch. ernor of Washington should be sworn and attempt to take office at Paso

It does not take the reverberating choes of a mighty convulsion of Na-Robles, or in any other place outside ture to awaken the angel in the huof Washington or its capital, and The man heart. Witness the prompt re-Oregonian thinks it would likewise sponse when Chicage and Baltimore be unconstitutional. Governor-elect shrivelled in the hot distress of great Cosgrove should make every effort conflagrations, and when Johnstown onsistent with a prudent regard for and Galveston were devastated by on his health and safety to be at Olymrushing waters. When the stress is pia on January 11, the date of inaunighty the response is correspondingguration, or very soon thereafter; and ly far-reaching. When it is less the there would then be no objection to awakened angel does not withhold its an arrangement to turn the office over hand, but promptly ministers to the lesser needs of those whose cry it is to the Lieutenant-Governor as acting Governor, which indeed was once besure to hear. fore done in Washington in 1891

A GOOD LAW.

Governor Laughton became Governor It is cheering to begin the New Year with the assurance that the Federal Meanwhile, there is general satisfood and drugs act has been a success faction over the pleasant prospect of Dr. H. W. Wiley, of the Department Governor Cosgrove's early recovery. of Agriculture, says so, and he is in a situation to know all about it. He is the man who has been chiefly instru THE DUNBAR FEE DECISION. There seems to be some misconception as to the point of law decided

mental in enforcing the act. Indeed his activity has centered the wrath by the Oregon Supreme Court in the of the adulterators upon his head, and if he retains his office another year it Dunbar case, which was dismissed by ill not be by their favor. Still, Dr. that tribunal last Tuesday. Former Secretary of State Dunbar has been Wiley says the act has improved the morals of those who deal in food and quoted as saying that the court de-cided that he had a right to the drugs. What they sell is purer, tastes better and is more nutritious than the money collected by him as fees. That stuff we used to get before Congress is not correct. The court did not pass interfered with their right "to do busiupon that question, but left it for deness in their own way." This result ought to be satisfactory all round. termination in future litigation. What the court did decide was that, even if No decent merchant wishes to poison the fees were illegally collected, the people even if he makes money by it. The next natural step in regulating the food trade is to make all labels

accused by a guard of brutally asand action. Through its impulse the saulting.

if this, by the magnitude of the dis-As if the miseries of the wretched aster, is impossible, to bury the dead victims of earthquake, fire and tidal The wave in Southern Italy were not acute hungry are fed, the shelterless are housed, the wounded and the sick are enough, the reservoirs of the skies been opened and the people, have ministered unto and the dead are laid famished, maimed and shelterless, away by the impulse that guides the nave been deluged with rain. The

pity of the pitiful as well as the Mount Pelee emits smoke and lava bounty of the generous is the tender and the fair city of St. Pierre is entombed in his fiery gorge. Before the tottering walls have ceased to fall or deht which humanity owes and fis making hasts to pay to these af-frighted, impoverished, wounded and the molten stream has lost itself, hissdrenched Italians.

> That proposed effort to amend the local option law will at least give opportunity for some lively debates in the Legislature. Nothing but a normal school bill can stir up more discussion than a local option amendthe ment.

> > Pendleton according to The East Oregonian, thinks it needs a local weather observatory, as its "stockmen and wheatgrowers are vitally affected by the sudden climatic changes that Pendleton should get a baroccur." ometer.

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A real live count has been jailed in Francisco, penniless, and charged with forgery. His countrymen in Germany will be unable to believe this finish in the American land of his heiresses. _

Governor Chamberlain perhaps would favor an amendment to the Statement One law, obliging Legislaors to elect nly Statement members Speaker and President. Why not?

Congress will assemble again today. and Roosevelt's message in reply to the House is due. It ought to get storms of applause from the pit.

What's all this talk about a colored man being the champion bruiser of the world? Jim Jeffries, white man,

If this pace keeps up very long the Legislature will find it necessary to appropriate money for an addition to the penitentiary.

This Chinook rain is bringing warmth from the south again, making Midwinter just like Springtime.

French physicians, expert in appendicitis, say only well-to-do people have it. They need to be,

"Pompadour Jim's" gorge rises to find the nigger in his class. John L. is yet to be heard from.

Jim Finch says he won't hang for two years yet. Ho is a lawyer and ought to know.

England's old-age pension law isn't marker to the civil-service laws of this country.

Republican and Democrat the Same."

Allentown, Pa., Dispatch When applicants for naturalization were called up before Judge Trexler tere, Frank Ponni, an Austrian, was irst presented.

How many political parties are there?" asked the Judge. "Two, Your Honor," replied Ponul. "What are their names?"

"Republican and Demograt."

What is the difference between these parties?"

"There is no difference at all. Your "There is no difference at all, your Honor; no difference at all." "You'll pass," said the Court. And Prothonotary Plumer adminis-tered the oath.

Costs Cuba \$5,000,000.

Ealtimore News. It cost Cuba a little more than \$5. at cost of the pacified by an American Army, and Uncle Sam is going to collect avery cent of the money. Possibly the expense of going on a jamboree may finally persuade the dons to get a steady job and stick to it.

Not Sportsman, "But Great for Golf."

Washington, D. C., Dispatch, Count Bernstorff, the new German Ambassador to the United States, says foods .- Augusta Chronicle. ie is not a sportsman, but "is great for It is to be hoped that Cleopatra and Ferero will not meet in the next world, although we mean no reflection

A FEW SQUIDS.

"So your son is now a soldier, hey, Uncle Ben?" "Yes, sah; he's done jined de ma-Icious corpse, sah."-Ealtimore American

Well, at its worst, history is only like those newspapers in which every Police Court heroine is young and beautiful-New York Tribune.

a fat, ugly, mannish woman, whose only attraction was her wealth, it is now up to the historians to deal Salome

a blow by showing that her charma consisted mostly in bony shanks .-- Detroit News.

as that?-Washington Star. Perhaps history got its idea of Cleo

Joakies-"Yes, Samson. Don't you know Samson? That's my little Skre torvier my wife hims--" Coakley-"What't that they little purp? Inn't that rather siliy?" Joakiey -"Oh. I don't know: you see, he'd be noth-ing without his hair."-Philadelphia Fress

The young housewife was engaging her first cook. "Of course," she said. "I don't want to have any trouble with you." "Thin it do be up to yersif, ma'am," replied the hitchen lady. "If yer make no complaints O'll make no trouble."-Thicago Daily

An crange cucumber, or cucumber orange, is a combination rateed by Howard S. Hill, a cucumber-grower of Gardiner, Mass. The new fruit, or veg-etable, resulted from an experiment News. The Mother-"My little boy was rude, I know. I am afraid he is awfully spoiled." The Stranger-"Don't mention it, madam. It is beiter that he should be spoiled than that his young life should be embittered by the thought that he is different from all ather American children."-Life. tried several weeks ago by Mr. Hill, who transferred the pollen from orange blossoms in his hothouse to several cucumber flowers.

and furnishing the grounds for upland game, think they have just cause for plaint, and any laws that do not seem fair to them will get as little respect as those in the past have received. While I am as fond of a dog as any

a very few years there would be game enough for all, and tame enough for the most indolent so-called sportsman, to

that class of dogs are kept in cities and

If hunting contests by the sporting, as

well as other clubs, were more strongly advocated during the closed season, for the enemies of protocted game, a great

advantage would result, and make pleas-and outings as well. This has proved very successful elsewhere. Any legislation tending to put a ban on boys fishing up to, say, the age of 16 or 15, is going to swamp the juvenile as well

as other courts with fruitless work, and do no good to any one but a select faw. Any pleasure that is more beneficial than

fishing, from any standpoint, to the grow-ing youth or child, has yet to be found, W. E. GUNN.

Ferero's Cleopatra.

Italian professor says Cleopatra was fat and pudgy and that Antony was after her for her money. Hush! Is

this historical muck-raking never to

on the lady by this remark .- Phila-delphia Inquirer.

So Cleopatra was homely, after all

Cleopatra having been disposed of as

patra's beauty from the society editor's

eport of her marriage to Mark Antony

Advent of Orange Cucumber.

Boston, Mass., Dispatch.

-Toledo Blade.

cease?-Cleveland Leader.

towns.

SCIO, Or., Dec. D.-(To the Editor.)--Will you please tell me through your pa-per how many Senators are in the Senate at one time, how many are elected at once, and how often, from one state? ons, I should be willing to dispense with that part of the pleasure of hunting up-land birds, and think if the laws were to

There are two Senators from each state in the Union, making a total of 92 Senntors, except when there are temporary vacancies. Senators are elected for a term of six years, at intervals of two or say nothing of the saving in lawns, as well as other economical and sanitary ad-vantages to the city people, as most of four years in each state.

Information Concerning Argentina.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 28.- (To the Ediitor.) Please inform me from what source I may obtain information regarding Ar-gentina, South America, particularly the natural resources of the country. W. L. E.

Write to the Bureau of American Republics, Washington, D. C. John Barrott is at the head of ft.

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FORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(To the Edi-tor.)—I am trying to learn to use cor-rect English and take the editorial columns of The Oregonian largely as a model. In an article Saturday, head-

ed "Speedy Justice," occur the words "different purpose than." Is that good modern English? TYPEWHITER.

The Flower and the Fruit.

New York Sun. Our wise and reversed contemporary, The Oregonian of Portland, speaks thus So Cleopatra was homely, after all This is, indeed, a sad blow for these extensively-advertised Egyptian skin rudely of the candidate for Postmaster of that city:

Nobody in Fortland thinks him actually fic for so important a place. He is not named for his finess. That is not for a memeric considered by his promoter. He is named because he is Bournie's particular today and factorum. Our statesman of Fortland wants ind must have his man.

Why this bitter speech? The Hon. Yong this interest appendix. This bright consummate flower of the Oregon gar-den of whitmins. He has been approved by "the people," at least, he has man-aged to get himself chosen Senator. Popular primaries have produced him. To be act to be accessed if not thank. Is he not to be accepted, if not thank-fully, at least contritely? And like

master, like man.

Live Owl for a Subscription.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dispatch. A man inquired of the editor of Trev-arton (Pa.) Times if he would accept a live owl in exchange for six months' Statements are being published to the effect that there was nothing in that story about Mark Antony and Cleo-patra. But why dig up so old a scandal subscription to the paper. The oddiar responded: "We have no precedent for refusing, and if we can find a man who out of an owl and wants one, we'll do 11."

Wedding Blug in Turkey Dinner.

Albany, N. Y., Dispatch. Mrs. Lena Kroppelt, of New York, lost her wedding ring while stuffing the turkey for dinner. During the meal her husband struck something hard, which proved to be the missing band.

Knocking the Puritum.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. A Boston paper refers to William tha Conqueror as an carly filbuister. It might feel burt if the Mayflower were called a little tub of the 17th century.

Cleverton (who has hired a taximeter can to propose in)-"Say Yeas, darling?" Miss Calumet-"Give me time to think." "Heav-ens! But not in here! Consider the ex-panse?"-Life. pense!"-Life. An unfortunate misunderstanding-''I had to leave my last situation because the mis-sus said they were going to lead the sinful life, and they wouldn't want any servants about the place."-Punch. Parmer Greene-'Did Josh Medder's son learn much at college?" Farmer Jones-'Was-al, I don't like ter say. All I know is that he'd no sconer got back home than he was spiected as a juror on a murder trial."-Judge.

rial."-Judge.

trial."-Judge. "In Egypt the priesthood was held re-sponsible for the rise of the Nile." "Yea," answered Senator Sorghum. "We hav changed all, that. Now the leaders of the people merely take credit for prosperity on general principles."--Washington Star.

has not been "licked" yet

trembles and sways upon her rocky foundations and her fairest cities go crashing to the earth. Scarcely have the walls of the smitten people risen upon the troubled air before the ships of commerce and of war, forming a mighty relief squadron, move under