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SENATE AND PRESIDENT.

In making his fatuous attack upon the President Senator Culberson, of Texas, hoped to kill two birds with The attack charged Mr. an stone. Roosevelt with malfeasance in permitting the steel trust to acquire the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company a little more than a year ago. Texas is a state where trusts of all sorts are extremely malodorous and any assault upon them, whether feigned or genuine, is likely to be highly popular. Hence by the more act of accusing the President in the premises the wily Senator from Texas foresces that he will heap up treasures at home in the comfortable form of votes. But he discerns another advantage. The time spends in wrangling with Mr. Roosevelt is just so much deducted from the time that can be spent in nsidering legislation. The motto of the Senate is "Anything under heaven to avoid meeting face to face the remedial bills which the President has urged upon Congress." If the bills ence come up for real debata some-thing must be done with them. Senators must either openly oppose them and confront a storm of public wrath or agree to them and offend those dear interests which they are appointed to serve.

Hence these petty quarrels with the President which accomplish nothing but a waste of time. The hullaballoo over the Tennessee Coal & Iron transfer is perhaps the pettiest and most contemptible of them all. Certain magnates who had been requested to take over the securities of that moribund corporation went to Washingion and inquired of the Government's law officers if it could be done legally. They said it could, and upon learning their opinion Mr. Roosevelt urged the magnates to complete the transaction since it would save certain banks from failure and lessen the pressure of the panic. This happened more than a year ago, as a writer in the Chicago fribune pertinently states in discussing the subject, and Mr. Culberson has known all about it ever since; but he has not made the slightest obection until now, when he can use the trivial affair as an excuse for holding ap the public business. He and his fellow servants of Wall street, if they would speak their real minds, blame the President for doing his constitutional duty, not for neglecting it. If he had been willing to pass the term of his office in ineffectual forgetfulness of his obligations to the people Mr. Culberson would not have made the slightest objection. Mr. Roosevelt might have broken his oath of office a thousand times over without resach from the Senate, if he had

The Oregoniam on for six weeks more? Well, we'll all take the risk, because we don't control the operations of nature "under trol the operations of nature "under" that inverted bowl we call the sky." "TOREIGN HOLDINGS." public charity. Perhaps Judge Lowell, of Pendle-

on, who complains that foreigners

FAILURE OF DIRECT PRIMARY LAW. have the right to hold real estate and (From an editorial in Chicago Inter-Ocean, January 11, 1909.) other property in the United States, and who expresses the hope that the Governor Hughes has asked the Legisiature of Oregon will, "in its wisdom," devise some way to abate the New York Legislature to pass a direct evil in our state, may have some idea primary law. He uses the familiar

how this can be done, and perhaps he arguments: It will strengthen and will send a memorial to the Legisla- dignify party leadership. It will secure a more active participation of Foreigners undoubtedly own a lot voters in party management. It will of property in Oregon. By foreigners just now we mean aliens, not cltizens guarantee a respect for their sentiments. It will increase the official sense of responsibility to the people. of other states. But we think it always has been the policy of the Unl- It will banish corruption. ed States, and of other civilized na-A dream that experience shatters! tions, to protect the property of In what Northern state do we see

allens, and their right to hold propthe direct primary law ushering in erty, within their territories. The this golden age-ushering in anything save a reign of confusion huriful to this right and the principle that susthe Republican party, injurious to the Both are recognized in the public interest, and advantageous only Constitution of the United States. to self-seeking politiciaus? Not in Foreigners - aliens - doubtless do Illinois, most assuredly. Not in ewn much land in Oregon. We could Oregon, where the spectacle of the enwish they owned less. But their propforced election of a Democratic Sena-

erty must be treated precisely as that tor by a Republican Legislature is of our own citizens. Oregon a long soon to bear witness to its mischlevtime ago passed an act that proousness. Not in Wisconsin, where the hibited Chinese from owning any mining ground in the state. The law Republican party has resolved itself into the mere partisans and opponents was worthless. Bonds of various kinds, amounting to untold millions of one man. The only states in which the direct on property in the United States, or primary has not had such disastrous on the faith of municipal, state or National Government, are held in results are certain Southern states. Why? Because the direct primary foreign countries, or by aliens in our gives them what it takes away from Northern states-two parties. Only It may be supposed the Legisby means of a direct primary could lature of Oregon will not attempt to dispossess the owners of these "for-Democrats of Mississippi, for the eign holdings"-though the Legislainstance, constituting the entire electure of Oregon is almost a world's torate of the state, be split into opposing factions functioning practically as independent parties, and thus giving It the benefit of bi-party government.

But where a state already has a bi-Senator Tillman prolongs his yawp. party form of government. where But Senator Tillman now is-nothing. there are two parties, well defined and It's a plain story. The law gave the girded up for the important public citizen the right to enter land at \$2.50 service which devolves on them under our system of government, state and an acre, which he might hope to sell National, what insanity to adopt a soon or at once at \$50 an acre more or less. The obscure citizen might do method sure to promote factionalism, t, without much criticism, but the inefficiency and confusion, and to break down the barriers between the United States Senator could not. For in fact it was opportunity for robbery parties while widening the internal of the public domain, which obscure breaches!

There are certain ideas which are nen could take advantage of, and mmense numbers did. If they kept fundamental premises of sound within the terms of the law they "got away with it." It was condoned. political thought in America. One, and a most important one, is the ne-But since it was robbery, it didn't cessity of government by two strong come Senators of the United States parties. There is no plan for change to engage in it. Still less did it bethat should not be submitted to that ome them to prevaricate and to be touchstone. If its plain result is to

"disingenuous" about it; and these break down that system where it ex-things are what Senator Tillman ad-ists, that fact stamps it as unwise and un-American There is a morality always above The direct primary does this in and beyond the law. "Law honesty" every state of the Union where there sever satisfies high ethical principle. are two real parties. It substitutes Obscure individuals may find shelter chaos for an orderly system, confusion under it. They may pass without seath or hurt. But a United States for definite party programmes, noise for performance. No amendment can Senator must, in the first place, hold make it do otherwise. These evils himself above the defendant's plea, inhere in it. Let us look the facts in the face that all that he has done has been strictly within the law; and in the and find in them a newer reason for

next place he must not try to cover | reaffirming our faith in the sufficiency of American representative governand defend his action by false reprement. Senator Tillman is in the position

of a Senator who does such things. HANGING FOR TRAIN BOBBERY. Yet he continues his excuses for him It is reported that un effort will b self; and he continues his attacks on ade to pass a bill at this session of others, for his own exculpation, day the Oregon Legislature making train after day. He counts that day lost robbery, with display of firearms, a which does not afford him opportunity capital offense. While hanging would for a fresh diatribe. But all his pronot be an inappropriate punishment, tests do not change the state of the such a law would be unwise for the reason that the severity of the pen-He had no right to be trying to alty might make convictions difficult. make profit by obtaining from the As it is now, the fact that hanging is United States land for less than it

in 1862, and then more snow; and so on for six weeks more? Well, we'll all take the risk, because we don't con-trol the operations of nature "under" bring up to lives of usefulness, in- gain when 1909 returns are all in. cluding their ability to support him Perhaps the best feature of this big when he is old, without appeal to building movement in Portland lies in the fact that there is an immediate

and pressing demand for all of the structures built, and quarters are already engaged in many others for which contracts or permits have not yet been issued

Eastern papers are commenting exensively on rumors that the proposed duty of 5 cents per pound on coffee is round million of dollars. This amount part of a gigantic piece of high finance in which the Brazilian coffee surplus, which was recently, "valorzed" with a loan of \$75,000,000, figures extensively. According to rumors In circulation, levying of a duty of 5 ents per pound on coffee would be followed by the speedy transfer of the naintenance.) for each year, it immense Brazilian surplus to this country, where it could be landed before the new duty became effective. As the surplus available for shipment amounts to nearly 12,000,000 bags, and the duty at 5 cents per pound would be about \$6,60 per bag, it is plain that there are practically unlimited opportunities for the speculators who are in on the deal. The most suspicious part of the transaction lies in the fact that as yet Brazil has enfrom north to south. Of course the proered no protest against the proposed duty, thus giving the impression that not call the proposed road an "automobile highway:" yet the scheme is an emenation from the brain of the automobile devotee there is collusion between the valorization promoters and the men who are working the American end of the ours and simple. game.

The Washington beach north of the Columbia River has claimed another fine ship, the French bark Alice, from London for Portland, going ashore Thursday night. In the absence of official statements from the officers of the vessel, blame for the disaster cannot be fixed; but it is hardly probable that it can be classed among the unavoidable accidents. The bottom of the sea as the Columbia River is approached offers better soundings than can be secured at any other point along the coast, and the careful master who keeps his lead going should have no difficulty in locating himself several miles offshore. In thick weather there is, of course, always danger if a vessel approaches too close, but the prudent master keeps

far enough offshore in such weather avoid being placed in danger by a sudden shift of wind. Unlike the Lamorna, King David and Pass of Melfort, recently wrecked while endeavoring to enter Puget Sound, there was no loss of life from the Alice disas-

The long-expected and much-advertised flood of wheat from the Argentine and Australia has at last put in an appearance, and this, week's recelpts from these countries totaled 2,368,000 bushels, of which the South American country contriluted 1,320,-000 bushels. This is a heavy increase ver last year for Australia, but durng the corresponding week in 1908

the Argentine shipped 2,008,000 bushis. Before the bears become too energetic in their campaign to force prices down on the strength of these shipments, it might be well for them o remember that a rapid movement

or an early movement of the crop can do nothing toward increasing its dimensions. The Argentine and the Australian crops are both as large as they will ever be this year, and the dimensions of the weekly shipments now will not change final results.

The snow storm began a week ago Tuesday. Snow has been lying on the streets without disturbance except by the elements for more than ten days. The City Council has a session after the only penalty for murder causes the first week, and at the suggestion juries often to acquit or disagree when they would convict if there were also propriating \$3000 for cartage of snow from the streets, and the Mayorour great business Mayor-delays signing for two days, until the chinook makes its appearance and fills the streets with slush and brings about a condition which proper and sensible administration of affairs would have avoided. It is a reproach to Portland that the snow should have cumbered the streets all this time, thus contributing greatly to paralysis of business and the discomfort of the public. "Reform" is a wonderful thing.

New York Evening Post. Nearly sixty countles of Ohio have voted out the saloons, by an average ma-jority of close to 1000. Nine countles have voted "wet," mostly by very small There are several matters that will affect taxation materially, which will call for legislative action at this time. A have voted "wet, mostly by very simil-majorities. The campaign has demon-strated that the __ponents of prohibitida have no class of voters outside those dh-rectly concerned in the traffic upon which they can absolutely depend. The mining districts in counties like Perry. Hocking and Athens were considered doubtful, but the ministers thomselves furmished a scalp bounty bill will be proposed which, should it become a law on the lines now set forth, would call for very large appropriations from the state treasury. Large appropriations for our state colleges will be asked for. So far as we can learn, the appropriations which will be asked for for the next two years for the state colleges, will be not less than a

will increase from year to year, if the natio of increase of the past is a criterion, until the state colleges will become an unbearable burden. When we consider that the state colleges are now costing the taxpayers from \$200 to \$400 per stu-dent (counting the cost of buildings and seem that the present is a most ausplcibits moment to call a name compare the average cost per college student, say \$200, with what the state pays for the public school pupil, an amount less than \$107 This is a matter that should be grously considered by our legislators. Our public school is a necessity; the col-lege a luxury. Can we afford to pay touble for the luxury what we pay for the necessity? The Legislature will, also, be asked to provide for the building of of certain countles would oppose prodbition, but only in a few localities has an automobile highway across the state this been the case.

Nor has the temperance wave been broken in these sections which habitually give Democratic majorities. The "dry:" list now contains something like half the notors of this across-state highway do counties which gave majorities to Judge Harmon a month ago, including Monroe, These are three features which, if given which has never given a Republican mafull ewing, would bankrupt the state treasury. In each instance, the benefit fority in its history and yet went "dry" by hearly 1900. In the Seventeenth Con-gressional District, which gave a Demoto accure, and each instant, the tentors to accure, and each measure is meritous to some extent, will be enjoyed by but a small fraction of the people. A safe rule for the legislator to adopt is, to vote for no appropriation of public money to purratic majority of over 7000, every county out one has voted "dry" by good majori-les, and that one is almost wholly "dry" lready under former township option poses which are not general in their charaw. The river towns were to be ad-erne, but twelve of the fourteen counties in w. The people will willingly tax thomselves ouching the Ohlo have already voted for purposes that can be enjoyed or is of benefit to the great mass of people. But ry." The relation of the liquor ques-n to Judge Harmon's candidacy was juliar. There was absolutely nothing But in his career to mark him out as an ac-ceptable candidate for the liquor interests, yet they opposed the re-election of Gov-ernor Harris, who had signed the local option bill. Various liquor organizations officially or unofficially declared for Har-more though he completionally declared for Harmon, though he emphatically denied that

mon, though he emphatically denied that he had asked for this support or given any pledge whatever, direct or indirect. It is a striking tribute to his reputation for veracity that, under such chrom-stances, the temperance Democrats of he rural districts stood by him and made his election possible. The Anti-Saloon League officials who opposed him, now admit that they know of no reason to an-ticipate any unfavorable action by him. It is now freely predicted that the next Legislature will submit a state-wide proalbition measure to popular vote.

TAX ON INTANGIBLE PROPERTY

New York Gathers a Large Revenue From Indirect Tribute.

Indianapolis Star.

The State of New York received from I sources in its inst fiscal year the sum f nearly \$52,000,069; but of this some \$18,-09,000 arose from the sale of Eric Canal conds and kindred sources. The amounts lerived from taxadion of various sorts present an impressive showing and are as

follows

pecial tax for judges, sten-ographers, elc. Tax on corporations. Fax on organization of cor-porations transfors of decedents on transfers of stock..... on trafficking to liquors. on mortgages Fix on racing associations... Tax on land of non-resident

The Commerce is the second sailing vessel to make the Strait from off Flat-What was almed to be proved in a retery since January 1, the schooner Spo-kane, which recently arrived, being the first. Almost every day since the first of the year such strong winds have prent article was that a scientific applicaion of modern revenue-raising methods night reduce direct taxation upon our comes, factories, stores and other tanvalled off Flattery that sailing vessels have found it impossible to enter. On occasions the wind has reached a velocity of 76 miles an hour. It is likely that

Borlbuer's Maguzine. The first days in the streets of London bring so many impressions that it is as confusing to remember them as to recall, in their proper order, th changes of a kaleidomoops. It is an parent that the men are heavier ber than with us; apparent, too, that this is a land of men, ruled by men, obe dient to the ways and comforts an prejudices of men, not women. Her the male bird has the brilliant plumage and Athens were considered doubtern the ministers themselves furnished a heavy "dry" vote, as did also the labor-ers in many of the smaller manufacturing ers in many of the smaller manufacturing

centers. It was supposed that the farmers of the state could be heavily influenced by the fear of increased taxes if the \$1000 sa-loon license should be given up, but the farmer vote invariably goes heavily farmer the saloon. The rapid spread of the trolley has made the farmer's boy more then aver a frequenter of the town more than ever a frequenter of the town, nice-looking girl to wear a white flam while the increased tax has driven the saloons in the smaller places to a more hat with a bunch of small feather saloons in the smaller places to a more vigorous quest than ever for profitable trade. The connection of the saloon with gambling and with immoral women, as profitable adjuncts, has made the danger to the unwary bay from the farm much greater than was encountered in the average drinking shop of a generation ago. It was supposed that the large German element in the rural population of certain counties would oppose pro-Victoria came to the throne their less vagaries of custom were noticeable A well-dressed lady is described as

wearing in those days, "a blue satta robe, a black violet mantlet liked with blue satta, and trimmed with black lace, and an emerald green hat trimmed

with blonde and rosci, as well as rib-bon and feathers?" "The complexions of the English have often been exploited for our benefit. The damp elimite and the exercise out-of-doors produce the red, they sur-fact on examination it proves to be not But on examination is proven to be not the red of the ross, but the red of raw beef, and often streaky and fibrous at that. The features are large and the face high-colored, but it is not a defimite pink, it is a coarse red. At a distance, the effect is charming, brigh information, but close to, often rather unpleasant. Here the features of the women, even the features of the beau-tiful women, are molded: while the features of our beautiful American women are chiseled.

JOAN OF ARC TO BE CANONTZED. Most Romantic Figure in History Will

He Saint Joan.

Re saint Joan. Now York World. On April 15 next Joan of Ars will be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church, thus fulfilling after nearly five centuries the prophocy of the English soldier who when Join was burned at Rouen cried out: "We are lost; we have burned a minit" All sold, the Maid of Orleans is the most remantic figure in history. It

most romantic figure in history. It is probable that more books have been made about her than about Mary Queen made about her than about Mary Quern of Scots. The publication within a year of lives of the Maid by Anatole France and Androw Lang testifies to her abiding interest for the historian. Of her standing in popular fame an idea may be gained from the discip-lining of a school instructor in France for "speaking unbecomingly" of Joan in a criticism of a schoolboy compo-sition.

Controversy over Joan has mged through the centuries. She has been alternately calumniated and defiled, alternately calumniated and defiled, denounced as a sorcereau and acclaimed a saint. Voltaire heaped ridicule on her. Michelet idealized her. Schiller glorified her. The embers of the strife hr is been stirred anow by M. France and Mr. Lang. How a modern allenist would regard her visions, what verdict he would render on the "volces" which impired and guided her, it is unneces-mary to say.

Impired and guided her, it is units sary to say. But for the girl of 17 in white armor who sacrified herself on the altar of patriotism, the brave-heartied peasant has whose high courses and strong spirit saved France from her fors and gave the Dauphin a crown, the world at heart must always cherish a chival-rous affection. To the historian John Richard Greet, Joan was "the one pure figure which rises out of the indirect tribute levied upon the earnings of great corporations which often do a tremendous business and plue up enor-mous profits with very list.

Straits of Fuca. Tacoma Ledger, January 13. A Portland dispatch to the Ledger, dated January 10. reads: "The Colum-bla River is entirely closed to naviga-tion by lee jams stretching from shore to shore. The steamship Allinnee, which alled from Portland tion by ice jams sitercoming from short to shore. The steamship Alliance, which sailed from Portland for Cose Bay this morning, is fast in the ice between the mouth of the Willamette River and St.

Holens. In the local columns of the Ledger on the day of the publication of the Port-land dispatch appeared the following: "To load general freight for the Ha-Ban Islands, the American-Hawalian Steamship Computy's liner, Mexican, grived in port Saturday evening from lown Sound. She will take 150,000 feet Sound. She will take 150,000 feet aber and about 1500 tons of general

Trengut." There is frequently a marked differ-ance between a deep and safe sait water port and a port dependent upon the varying moods and depths of a river.

That Terrible North Coast.

Tacoma Ledger, January 13. Port Townsend, Jan. 13.-(special Disatch to the Ledger.)-More than ordinary interest is attached to the coming of the chooner Commerce, which is reported in schoolner commerce, which is represent in the Strait tonight, for the reason that she is the first sailing vessel to make port in the past nine days from outside the Strait. The Commerce is en route here from San Pedro, and will probably bring a story of severe weather off the coast. The Commerce is the second suffing

when their money is appropriated for purposes which benefit but a comparaively few persons, they pay such a tax grudgingly. NEWS FROM TACOMA. Sailing Vessels Unable to Enter the

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TILLMAN'S PREDICAMENT.

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is to assume that it is the whole of the Government and usurp the powers both of the House of Representatives and the President. With the former body it has succeeded better than it could have expected at the outset. The Lower House, properly so called, is no longer a factor of first importance in the Government. In trying to take over the constitutional power of the President the all-engrossing Senate has found a more difficult task. In some administrations, when the Executive was weak or complacent, it has absorbed everything and established complete harmony such as reigns between the lion and the lamb | taken premise that all children who when the latter is inside; but with a are born are blessings to the state. President like Mr. Roosevelt, who has has introduced a bill providing that ideas of his own and a determined will to back them, the Senate does not find children shall receive a pension of \$25 it so easy to plifer his preragatives. per month. Stupidity and assumpti Then a howl rises. Whatever the President does is an usurpation of Why should the state pay for what nome Senatorial power. Every one of it already has in over abundancehis acts infringes on the Senatorial children who come into life at the dignity. If he makes a treaty as the behest of a selfish animal instinct Constitution commands, the Senate rejects it because its members were not invited to have a finger in the ple. of two-thirds of the social and eco-If he takes the advice of his law officers the Senate threatens him with Impeachment. The truth is that a Aid Societies, and Baby Homes and President who does his duty as the the records of Juvenile Courts, Chief Executive of the Nation must through all of which parental irrealmost by necessity quarrel with the sponsibility stalks in moral naked-Senate, for that body will never be satisfied with the power that justly placing a premium upon fatherhood belongs to it. It wants the President's that does not recognize the duty of also and is always ready to fight to caring for its own! The egotism of get It.

ought to be made. Eager as the Sen- mation reached the paternal distincato has always been and still is to tion (numerically considered) that enengross the power both of the Lower House and of the President, it sub- It mocks at the finer sensibilities that mits to the Supreme Court with ex- find expression in parental respo emplary meekness. This is all the bility and honest, self-respecting stranger because the Supreme Court pride of posterity, contributes to the is the only department which has ever pauper spirit aiready rampant, and really encroached upon Congress. So seeks to make merchandise of an infar as the Constitution goes, Congress stinct that if not sacred, is gross to has just as much authority to annul the last degree. a court decision as the court has to annul a law of Congress; but this has | can only be just to himself, his chiljudiciary veto its acts one after an- supporting members of society, other without a word of protest. Very when it will wish its laws to stand. look trivial.

chinooks. And when she

was worth. True, no one else had the right; but Tillman was not be overlooked. Then his denial was not true. Other Senators have made denials, against the truth and the proofs; and it always has gone hard with them. It always will, and it always ought. Truth must be roquired in high places-else it never can be expected and enforced among influence of anger, jealousy or other people of humble condition.

AN IMPERTINENT DEMAND.

There is a member of the Legisla ture of California who, upon the misany man who is the father of twelve could hardly go farther than this merely? Why put a premium upon irresponsible parentage, itself the root nomic evils of the time? Look at the ness, unashamed, and then talk of such a proposition, coming from a To this statement one exception man who had already in his own esti-

titled him to a pension, is disgusting. The father of a numerous progeny

been forgotten and the sublime Sen- dren and the state by bringing his ate sits by in all humility and sees the family up to be self-respecting, selfwith educational equipment that will likely this docility under discipline is fit them to discharge the duties of accounted for by the fact that, when | life, as these come to them according Congress acts at all, it acts under the to their station in the industrial and goad of public opinion and is glad professional world. The man who rather than sorry to see its laws brings up his children, whether two annulled. But the time may come or twolve, on these lines, may well be accounted a good, reputable and use-Then possibly we shall behold a ful citizen. Such a father does not hindy between the Senate and the ask a pension or any special commen-Supreme Court that will make its dation, being satisfied with the simple present difficulties with the President | fact of duty honorably performed to-

ward his own and to the state. to the others-the irresponsible class

not they would convict if there were also proach from the behoof of the in the class of humble and ob-greedy interests. which this is true is relatively small, that he had "undertaken" to get but in the case of train robbery, where land shows that he feared public no killing occurs, it would be very criticism; and moreover, the denial difficult to get a jury to convict if hanging were the penalty.

Train robbery, or robbery of any kind, is a crime for which there can be no possible excuse. It is an of-fense which cannot be excused upon the plea that it was done under the passion. It is always a deliberate act. The penalty should be severe and when once imposed it should not be

lightened by the granting of a pardon. Certainty of punishment is as much of a restraining influence as severity of punishment. If hanging were the penalty prescribed, there would be no certainty of conviction.

PORTLAND'S BUILDING RECORD. Portland's building operations for

the month of December and for the entire year 1908 make a remarkably favorable showing in comparison with other cities, especially the cities which in volume of building operations nearest approached Portland. For the month of December there were but seven citles in the United States that showed greater building returns than Portland, and of these Denver, with a gain of 401 per cent, and St. Lo with a gain of 245 per cent, were the only ones which made a more favorable showing of gain than the 193 per cent credited to this city. Los Angeles, with permits nearly \$300,000 less than those of Portland, gained 65 per cent, and Seattle's gain was but 25

per cent, the average gain for forty of the principal cities of the country being 93 per cent.

These figures are taken from the compilations of the American Con-tractor. Bradstreet's figures for the entire twelve months of 1908 make a still more favorable showing. In a list of seventy-two of the principal cities of the United States, Portland stands eighth in volume of permits, Detroit and Kansas City . capturing sixth and seventh places with permits at \$250,000 and \$40,000, respectively, in excess of those of Portland. In percentage of gain for the twelve months, Kansas City, with 9.7 per cent, and Chicago, with 16.8 per cent gain over 1907, were the only citles which exceeded Portland's 9.3 per cent gain. For the year the Portland permits were greater than those of Los Angeles, Denver, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, St. Paul, New Orelans, Buffalo, Omaha and many

other cities much more pretentious than the Oregon metropolis. The decrease for the seventy-two cities was 6 per cent, and the value of the Portland permits was one-A8 twenty-fifth of all issued in the sev-

enty cities exclusive of Chicago and chinooks there is universal joy. Sinsh, that the state is compelled to care New York. The record, in spite of self again. But don't chinook too indeed, for a day or two; and then for their overplus of neglected chil- the unfavorable circumstances which fast and too much. were in evidence at the opening of the normal condition. But suppose dren in ways shown by the records of were in evidence at the opening of the temperature should fall suddenly, philanthropic, reformatory and puniat this stage of the thaw and slush, as live institutions without levying a prominence of Portland throughout ris Haas of the Calhoun the

Dr. Bigger, family physician for John D. Rockefeller, announces that the oil king will live to be 100 years If the shade of old Croesus old. keeps in touch with earthly things, this ought to make him shiver, for John D. Rockefeller at the age of 100 will have money enough to pay \$29,-000,000 fines and endow oily universities every few days without impairing his principal.

Cranks are trying to get Oregon's Statement One into the primary law of California. You just watch how they will be turned down. A Legislature in Oregon, five-sixths of whose members are Republicans, electing a Democratic Senator, through this fool scheme, will be enough for California, and for all the rest. No other state will be anxious to join "the fool of the family."

Mr. Harriman has let the contract for the tunnel by which the Union Pacific will enter Tacoma. The contract for the line by which Central Oregon will be given transportation facilities has not yet been awarded.

It may be suspected that those Callfornia floods will not occupy any prominent headlines in the immigration literature of the land of sunshine. However, those who live in glass houses shouldn't throw snowballs.

New York (Manhattan) hast year erected huildings of the value of \$104,602,710. For Chicago the figures were \$62,827,220. Only great and permanent buildings, not cheap suburban structures, included

Senator Tillman recognizes the need of a new and elaborate vindication of himself every day. Real news nowadays is a little dull and slow, and the press reports are indulgent to Tillman

Some criminal out on 26th street was arrested for failing to clear his sidewalk of snow. Served him right. He was the only man in Portland who let the snow remain on his walk.

Hail the chinook! Oregon is her-

What will be the name of the Mor-

sided.

There is frequently a marked difference between a port that is accessible at all times and one that is storm-embargoed for nine days at a time. The Indiana state and municipal Alliance was detained by the los less than 24 hours, and three sailing vessels arrived at Portland from sea between

January 1 and January 10.

Less Waste or More Taxes.

Pittsburg Post. People speaking the English tengue will readily admit that the two countries of the world which have made the greatest advance in the art of governing them-selves are the United States and Great Britain. It is profoundly significant that in each of these countries at the present time the problem of increasing public revenues, or, to put it better, of bridging the growing gap between income and out-lay is pressing. The average American ill admit with a sort of proud pessimism at we have more graft to the square in than any civilized country in the orld. There may be less corruption in corld. administration in England, perhaps, but any saving here is more than eaten up in the enormous tribute in pensions paid to

casts and privilege. Either the English, and the Americans, too, will have to pay heavier taxes than ever, or some cuiling down of expenses will have to be accomplished. It is ru-mored, for example, that our coffee will have to pay duty, while in England, and en in Germany, other sources of reve-is even more burdensome, are being sug-sted. Those woolly-minded folks "who take no interest in politics" cannot make sheep of themselves and hope to live in

Translation Time at the Restaurant.

Tit-Bits. First Customer (after looking at bill of fare)---I'll have roast sucking pig, mashed potatees, and cauliflower. Eecond Customer---Give me toad-in-the-hole, scarlet runners, and turnips. Third Gustomer-Cold heef, without horseradish, cabbage and a glass of

Walter-Yessir.

Glides to the speaking tube and yells, breathlessly: "One pig mashed colly toad scarlet turnips cold beef (without bit of celery. Fifth Customer-Calf's head without

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. A note of encouragement for Eastern Kentucky is discernible in the call for a

Lord Strathcons, aged \$8, known as "The Grand Old Man of Canada," de-nles the report that he will resign the position of Canadian High Commission-er. He says he desires to "die in har-

is disposed to pass on her, la form

pound on coffee, as one of the features of the new tariff bill. The argument in sup-port of the proposition is that this tax would yield a revenue of about \$46,000,000

would yield a revealed of a point should be a year and would thus offset the loss that would result from lowering the duties on sugar, tobacco, hides, from, steel and wood. So far as the consumer is con-cerned, this argument is of a piece with the street vendor's statement that what

Civilizing Eastern Kentucky,

pelped, as much as the Chinese, the Hin-

Two Essentials.

Pittsburg Dispatch. The Mikado assures Japan in Ms ad-dross to Parliament of two things-peace

in the other.

dus or the Basutos.

The figures given by Governor Hughes are very instructive along this line, and SPORTSMEN'S LAWS BARBARIC. may serve to show us what sources of revenue are ignored by the

207,535,49

8,605,591.46

347,442.81

17,225.55

Episcopal Bishop Holds Some Forceful Opinions on Killing Deer.

Sources of revenue are ignored by the indiana state and municipal practice property of oversy kind is groaning under the burden of direct taxation.
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Tou doubless remember that Russell Sage, when alive, had a reputation for stinginoss, and belleve that he didn't have much fun in life. Easting an apple for inneh, wearing a straw hat two seasons and a suit of clothes until it wore out the annual staughter of dear. "Since i badly wounded a deer without doesn't appeal to many people, with out money, as a part of a good time. It seems for a good time. It seems for a good time. It seems for a solution in the tasten. The whole season of a grane to the barbane.
The whole season of a grane in was the preserve grane for searce if is sport enoitable to the barbane it is sport enoitable to the barbane it is sport enoitable to the barbane it is sport enoitable to for foud, and preserve grane for a good time, it seems of the season, many of the barbane it is sport enoitable to be with regard to the food supply.
The wealth Russell Sage, perhaps had the him was one long-frawn-out spresor ing rath, and there server host money. This contrast is human three has a more for the season, many of whom know is a further work of the state out of our work. And there show the term is the barbane in the state out of our work. And it ought to be impossible to a barbane is a more for a good time, it seems the barbane is the source out the barbane is the barbane is the barbane is the state out of the state out of the season many of whom know a spin without becoming a meshen predices. The present grame to the barbane is the barbane barbane is the barbane barbane barbane barbane barbane

 striking example right in the Sage fam-fly. The wealth Russell worked so hard only as she gives it away, as she is doing with a lavishness never equaled by any other woman, and only surpassed by a few man of greater wealth.
Coffee Tax Not Favored. Omaha Bes.
There will be no popular approval of the proposition now being considered by the Ways and Means Committee at Wash-ington to impose a tax of five cents a pound on coffee, as and of the formula. This contrast in human nature has a striking example right in the Sage fam-fly. The wealth Russell worked so hard

Business Booms.

Philadelphia Lodger.

Philadelphia Ladger. "How are things in your line?" "Well," replied the Fool-Killer, "for a while after the close of boating, business was a little slow, but the hunding meason helped out sears, and there's lots of delightfully thin loo to skate on now." to shate on now."

A FEW SQUIBS.

he made on peanuts he lost on bananas. This shifting of the tariff duties would simply cause the consumer to use the "The I understand you to may that all runn-selling has been stopped in your town." "Not all all. I merely shill it was strictly prohibited."--Philadolphia Press. savings in one pocket to pay the losses

Hook-Birtheide desn't believe in hiding his light under a bankal, does he? Nye-Nor he has an item if he did the whole world would be dark.-Philadeiphia Record,

Steat mass meeting of delegates from 42 counties to consider the redemption and parification of that feud-swept, gun-carrying, whisky-drinking section. There billities to preserve ds odder one. Chingro Daily News.
Jim tregarding damage dons to church by frem-Good job is wan't a fastery. Blill Blil --You're tight, main. Only one man tust of out of work, and he draws his moneyr. De Punch.

Old customer-I want a nice home-rr wine. Florist-Mere's a wellinewer. Old tomer-Don't need it. Have two plain, cle-aged daughters.-Baltimore American

Professor Stone-To the reologist a flos-mand Mars or so are not constict as any time at all. Man in the Audiance-Great Scott And to think I made a temporary loan of 12 to a man who holds such viewat-Fidhadel-phia Inquirer.

No Publicity to These Contributions. New York Evening Mail. If Santa Claus is a Democrat, as the Allentown Call would have us believe, how about publicity of Christmas con-tributions?

brain sauce. Walter-Yessir.

Stratheona, Canada's Grand Old Man. London Telegraph.

Shouts down speaking tube: "Biscuit for puppy with small salary and calf's head without brains." are people laft who feel their responsi-bilities to preserve a decent measure of civilization. And they desarve to be

comfort from wolves. It is fight or got eaten alive. Not much of an alternative, but worse things are in store for those who fall to take the best of these quickly.