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makes this sacrifice of titles, and Miss Elkins makes good by marrying him, the whole world outside of the royalty worshippers will be pleased. After the outcome will prove that even a third foreigner can experience the sensation of real love, and it will also prove that some American girls can love a foreigner who does not dangle before her eyes the cheap bauble of a title.

REMEDY FOR OUR WOES. From Mr. W. R. Wheeler, of Oregon City. The Oregonian has a letter today which seems to call for a word of comment.

It is true also that many more, intelligent industry, by economy and sobriety, have accumulated something, and even a competence; though only a small proportion anywhere have much wealth.

A complete vindication of the whole course of The Oregonian on this subject was furnished by the explanatory and pathetic remarks of the members. It was "up to the members" to decide what they would do—whether they would retract, resign or "explain" and go on through the editorial.

Much has been said by The Oregonian about the singular situation during months past—the one great object being so to impress the lesson of this mistake that the people might have been wanting to make the lesson complete is supplied by the remarks of members who voted for Mr. Chamberlain against their own will, and, moreover, against their own knowledge that they were voting against the largely dominant political sentiment.

THE IDAHO STOCK RANCHERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, at a three-day session at Pocatello, Idaho, adopted resolutions heartily endorsing and approving the forestry policies of Gifford Pinchot. The National Woolgrowers' Association, which held a convention at Pocatello a few days earlier, adopted resolutions denouncing the policies of Mr. Pinchot.

THE NEW APPLE BOXES. The protest of "Better Fruit" against the Porter bill in Congress is well advised. The purpose of the bill is to change the size and shape of apple boxes. It ordains that each box shall contain 2564 cubic inches, while the Hood River growers use one which contains 2172.5 cubic inches.

Why there is so much to praise in California's effort to forbid alien directorships in corporations. If foreign corporations do business in California simple justice seems to require that the people who own them should choose whom they please for directors.

TAFT GOES TO PANAMA. In going to Panama Mr. Taft's object is to get near the source of closest possible information as to the status of the canal. He is not an engineer, but he can judge better when he sees with his own eyes.

The old Kalama railroad ferry was a brief period of rest after its retirement from regular service, and has now been put to work again in ferrying trains across the river, while landslides and washouts had made it impossible for them to reach the new bridge at Vancouver.

John D. Rockefeller has added another \$1,000,000 to the endowment fund of the Chicago University, making a total of \$25,000,000, which he has placed to the credit of that city institution. A Chicago dispatch conveying the news says that the institution is now for the first time in its history self-supporting.

ANTI-JAPANESE BILLS. There is a fair prospect that the President's intervention may mitigate the ferocity of the proposed legislation against the Japanese in California and perhaps prevent it. Mr. Roosevelt points out that the treaty which has negotiated with Japan will accomplish all that is desirable if its operation is not thwarted by hostile action.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON now wants a joint committee to confer with Oregon upon the subject of "boundary line, and other matters relating to which there are differences. It is well to confer upon the subject of fishery legislation, but the boundary line issue has been settled by the United States Supreme Court, and settled right. Oregon has nothing to discuss in that regard.

Over in Washington there is talk of inducing Oregon to enter into a treaty regarding boundary and fishery questions lest the Government step in and establish Federal control of fisheries. But this may not be such an altogether unwise thing. There might be worse things than Federal control of fisheries. Extermination of the fish, for example.

John W. Gates denies the story that he had been bitten by a bulldog and was in danger of rabies. Nothing has been heard from the bulldog on the matter, but this may be another case of the old rhyme which tells of a dog-bitten man of the Gates type, and ended with the statement that "The dog it was that died."

Very heavy wind last night, not equalled probably since January 10, 1860. Doubtless also heavy at sea, all along the northern coast. Bad night for the mariner; for, as in "Othello": If it hath rained so upon the sea, What else of oak, when mountains meet on Could hold the moisture?

CHARGE NOT TO BE PRESSED. Wakefield's Alleged Violation of Eight-Hour Law Dropped. Contractor Robert Wakefield will not be tried for violating the eight-hour law. Judge Gantenbein, in the Circuit Court yesterday afternoon, sustained the demurrer of W. Wilbur, Wakefield's attorney, to the indictment.

DEFENDANT IN THREE SUITS. Separate Actions Against G. W. Waterbury in State Circuit Court. Three suits against G. W. Waterbury have been brought in the Circuit Court. One was decided by Judge Cleland yesterday. It was brought by J. T. Wilson, a local auctioneer, to recover \$11,000 for a local auctioneer, to recover \$11,000 for a local auctioneer, to recover \$11,000 for a local auctioneer.

HUSBAND PICTURED AS BRUTE. Mrs. James Peterson Says She Was Victim of Cruelty. Judge Morrow is trying the contested divorce suit of Kate Peterson against James Peterson, the charges being desertion, preceded by drunkenness and cruelty. The woman says that her husband was a brute and a brute.

DECLARES WOMAN IMPOSTOR. "Mrs. Smith" Writes Judge Webster Regarding Claim of Mrs. Egan. A sequel to the recent suit of Mrs. Christina Egan in the County Court, in which she laid claim to the estate of Charles Peterson, Portland, is that Mrs. Smith, writing to Judge Webster, declares that she is the impostor.

Dispute as to Who "Salted" Mine. With a claim for \$300,000 damages because they allege that their Clackamas County gold mine was "salted" to induce them to purchase mining machinery. F. M. Swift and F. J. Richardson are suing the Hydraulic Gravity Separator Company, Augustus Walker, D. J. Forster and others, for \$300,000 damages.

Murdered Man Left \$2944 Estate. The estate of Harry T. Butterworth, the St. John, Jewett, who was murdered last year, has been appraised at \$2944.37. J. P. Jaeger, E. J. Jaeger and W. H. Turk filed their report with Judge Webster yesterday. It shows that there is a prosperous financial condition as the result of the operations of the past.

Canning Company Prospers. ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.) The Astoria Canning Company, which was organized last year, is prospering. The company has a capital of \$100,000 and has a net profit of \$10,000 for the year.

Recognizes Claim for 1864 Male. A claim for \$250 for a male appropriated by a Union Army officer, 44 years ago, from J. R. Wyleck, of Baldwin, Iowa, has finally passed the House. The officer took the male in 1864, and the claim was made in 1908.

LESSONS OF SCIENCE AND EXPERIENCE. Disease Is Propagated by Protection of Weaker Types. (From "Government or Human Evolution" by Edmund Kelly, late lecturer on Municipal Government in Columbia University.)

The most impressive action of natural selection is that which operates by the destruction of weak by strong animals in search of food; and the most obvious fact in connection with this so-called predatory system is that civilized man seems to have protected himself from it altogether. From this fact the conclusion is generally drawn that natural selection, in so far as it consists in the destruction of the weaker individuals of mankind by other animals, does not operate on man at all.

And yet, notwithstanding the immediate advantage which would accrue to the race as well as the individual by the crushing out of syphilis, this is the one disease precautions are refused to take; and this not so much because they are difficult, as because they are deemed to be immoral. Here, therefore, steps in the individual, who, by his efforts which intelligence would otherwise make, in the one single instance in which intelligence would be benefited, the individual has succeeded in preventing such a benefit, sacrificing thereby both individual and race.

RETURN OF THE BIRDS. Judge George's Experiences With His Free Lunch Counter. PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—(To the Editor.)—In last Sunday's Oregonian, William L. Finley believes that he had returned year after year to his free lunch counter under our windows and out of reach of cats. Last Winter we fed a flock of juncos, or snow birds, and along with them was a pair of blue jays, and a pair of white-throated sparrows.

NEVER WITHIN THE ESTIMATES. Public Enterprises Always Cost More Than the Engineers Figure. Senator Hopkins' bill to raise the limit of expenditure upon the Panama Canal to \$50,000,000 is based upon the latest estimate of \$44,000,000. Under the act of 1902 was \$14,000,000. When the lock type was settled upon provision for \$190,000,000 was made. Upon the estimate of Colonel Goethals, that probably the most effective and economical of the men who have been in charge, this limit is now raised to the sum named in the Hopkins bill.

End of Timber, Petroleum and Coal. Baltimore News. Professor George F. Sway, of the National Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources, says the timber and petroleum supply will be exhausted in 40 years and coal in less than 150.

Three Brothers Marry Three Sisters. Indianapolis, Ind., Dispatch. When Perry F. Fields and Miss Amy Nash were married at Washington, Ind., the other day the third brother of the Fields family took for his bride the third sister of the Nash family.

Big Prize to Pay. Eugene Register. After all said and done, regret as much as we may that Republican Oregon should send a Democrat to the United States Senate, the election of Chamberlain is the first time since the most valuable lesson to pay for its political folly. It is the first lesson that in this state needs to be cured of its political laxity in political affairs.