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INVERTEBRATES IN POLITICS.

Yesterday the House, by a close vote, sed to third reading the Brooke bill making it a misdemeanor for a candidate for office to take a preelection pladge. Three of the mem-bers who had been entrapped by Statement One voted for it. Therd were fifteen absentees. The bill may pass or may not.

It is directed against the foolish pledge that has elected a Senator in opposition to the dominant political sentiment of Oregon. It is, indeed, a sore subject. It chafes like an ulcer or carbuncle under the saddle or collar of a poor, overworked animal. While, however, The Oregonian makes no objection to passage of the bill, it can see no need of it. For it rests with the candidate whether he is to make pledges, or not. His right way is to say to everybody, "Go to."

It is puerile, too, to suppose that the Senate, on the protest of members that were "forced" by their pledges to vote for Chamberlain, will refuse to seat him. Why did they take the How were they forced? In pledges? the first place they needn't have taken the pledges; lastly they might have erted their right to repudiate them if they would, on the ground that the pledges were a mistake, were contrary to public policy and to the sys-tem of election of Senators established by the Constitution of the United True independence, having States. realized the mistake, would have done this. But it is simple bosh to deny the responsibility and to try to unload the weakness of the members of the Legislature on the Senate of the United States. Men should be men. A large of members of the Legislature realized that they had made a mistake had gone wrong; and they acknowledged it by their plaint or protest, when they came to vote. But they hadn't the courage to right themselves. There is a remedy, how-ver, in future Men needn't take pledges courage. that put them in such a hole; and in fact, there is no need of a statute to stiffen the backbone that every man ought to stiffen for himself. Invertebrates nowhere have high place in the organic world; and for invertebrate existence there is no use whatever in politics, or in other work of the human race.

THE LOAN SHARKS.

The world can endure long hatpins a great deal better than it can tricky loan sharks. Hence Assemblyman Farrell did marvelous wisely when he diverted his cerebration from the former subject to the latter. May his proposed law wither the shark into iry nothingness and waft him away

oan sharks and employers who could. release them from slavery by a single To a great many young men word. one lesson of this kind is enough to ing green turtle soup. last a lifetime. If they could once get clear of the shark's power they would rangement by which the Pullman Comstay clear. Here is an opportunity for the exercise of beneficial charity and the creation of good feeling between employe and employer which it is discouraging to see neglected. Although it is said that laws like Mr. Farrell's have clipped the business of the loan the big restaurants where tips are freshark in Massachusetts and other states, still we shall not expect it to often compel the waiters to pay for remedy the mischief entirely. On the their positions. The management not other hand, it can hardly help doing

some good, and for that reason it ought to be given a fair trial.

MORE ABOUT "PLEDGES."

Inclination of the House to pass a statute against "pledges" is nothing. "The pledge" has no being or standing at all, unless men are weak enough to take it, and then too little strong to correct their weakness or mistake. "The pledge" has no standing in law. It has standing only in weak human Men wishing to be elected nature.

have been willing to take any pledge, even to abandonment of all the prinvicious. ciples of their lives. Will they continue to do so? Men of judgment will not. But doubtless there are others. Yet what's the use of a law to de-clare pledges illegal and immoral? Candidates for office can make that a iaw unto themselves and for themselves; as men wishing to abate the evils of intemperance can make a prohibition law for themselves. None of these things needs statutory law. They are like religion itself, which needs no enforcement except through reason and conscience of the individual.

In fine, or to conclude, don't make fools of yourselves with "pledges." Don't take pledges which may require you to violate your own convic-tions and the whole principles of your lives. Bes'des, it is contrary to the entire spirit and purpose of the repre-sentative system for a candidate for public position to pledge himself to some of the people-a small fractionfor certain purposes, and to ignore the just demands of all the rest, especially dy of his own party. The the great remedy is not in statutory law, but in personal sense of responsibility and in Tacoma. individual character.

OPPORTUNISTS.

Now of course "George" will be a protectionist. Because Oregon has a for the same period were 1.805,562 great many productive activities, and bushels. Here we have a total for products of these activities, that call for protection. As an opportunist "George" will be equal to the occasion. Not again, never again, for years, will you hear from the organs and orators of the great Democratic party of Oregon an argument in opposition to the saving principle of protection. Oregon has lumber and wool and prunes and hops and ores. Our George will be forced to stand up for protection of all these. The argument for free trade, or freer trade, therefore, will fall, as heretofore, on The Oregonian, with somewhat greater odds against it, but still it will not give up. This journal, beyond its primary duty of supplying the news, has for its leading function the exposure of humbugs-like those of Socialism, the silver craze, Coxey army claims, irredeemable paper currency, attempts to fix the rate for use of money (usury laws), relief of labor by employment of idle men by city or state, sale of

of the kind. But opportunists in politics, men who are looking for temporary advantage for themselves, don't think for a moment of underlying principles. They are anxious merely to be elected. be accurately gauged, but the latest But, you see the new Democratic Senator from Colorado, is an opportunist of another kind. He is no be-These liever in the paternal system. As a representative of Dave Moffett and strength of the American markets most of the leading corporations of compared with the foreign markets. Colorado, he has "views" that wouldn't So long as Australia and the Argentine suit this play in Oregon. His motto is, Get all you can, and the devil take the prices foreigners seem willing to pay, there will be some hesitancy on the hindmost. In his speech acknowlthe part of the foreigners about paying edging "the honor of an election," he attacked the policy of conserving the American prices; but, until there is a radical change in the domestic situnatural resources of the country, and ation, there will be no cheap wheat in of Government's aid and protection to interests of any description. He dethe United States, especially on the manded for everybody a free hand in | Pacific Const. exploitation of natural resources, and declared that "we should not make mollycoddles of our descendants by smoothing out of their pathway committee of the Oregon and Wash-ington legislatures is a long step in rough places and removing all diffi-culties and storing up uncarned treasthe direction of Federal control of our ures for their spendthrift enjoyment fisheries. At the Seattle meeting (in and dissipation." the language of Senator Bingham) Here is another kind of opportunist; 'One thing of great importance was one who is no believer in protection decided upon. That is that legislation will hereafter be enacted in behalf of or in paternalism. Let them take who have the power, and let them keep the fish instead of the fishermen." As But isn't this the polley who can. any legislation which tends to protect also of tariff for protection? Extremes the fish is naturally in the interes meet, in many a way in this world. of the great army of consumers who are already regarding with apprehen-

employes who have been swindled by sweet visions of little children rejoicing in new shoes which thrilled the soul of the tip-giver have changed into visions of a fat magnate engulf-

Doubtless there is a regular arpany extorts from every porter and conductor a percentage of the tips he gets. If there is not yet there soon will be. The Pullman Company is not quent and important the proprietors only gets its service free through the mistaken generosity of a stupid pub-

out the insufficient wages of a hireling; it is a question of increasing the profit of a rich corporation. If waiters are only half paid there is some reason, though not a very strong one, for giving them enough in tips to enable them to keep out the wolf; but when tips amount to so much that they not only pay the full wages of the waiter but make a considerable revenue for the hotel besides, they are no longer rational. They are absurd or

WHEAT MARKET SOARING. Wheat sold in Walla Walla last Saturday at \$1 per bushel, the highest price reached in twenty years. Making the usual allowance for warehouse charges and freight, this would be equivalent to about \$1.12 per bushel at tidewater. That figure has not yet been officially reported in Portland this season, but choice bluestem has niready sold above \$1.10 per bushel in Portland. The most striking feature of this remarkably strong market is that the prices reached are far above the Liverpool parity, and it is essen-tially a home demand that warrants such unusual figures. The extent to which domestic requirements are tak-ing up the remaining supply of wheat

Paolific Northwest is shown in the California shipments. During the month of January there were shipped from Portland to California ports more than 400,000 bushels of wheat, while nearly 170,000 bushels were shipped to the same ports from Seattle and

For the seven months ending Sunday, the total shipments from Portland to California ports (flour included) were 2,704,455 bushels, while the Puget Sound domestic shipm

seven months of more than 4,500,000 bushels going out of Oregon and Washington ports to a domestic market, which ten years ago was one of who subscribe for the Supreme Court reports. As it is now, Oregon attorthe big foreign exporting wheat mar-kets of the country. With more than six months to elapse before there will neys who want prompt information be new wheat in this territory, stocks have been cleaned out to such an expublications tent that there is no more wheat available for export, and the only effect an advance in the foreign market would number of vacancies in the ranks of have locally, would be to force the California buyers to pay higher prices next Spring. Advancing years and a for the stocks which they must have. rigorous Winter have combined to This strong local situation is of make the death list much greater than for many seasons. The latest of these ourse largely due to the short crop

and heavy early movement, but the ploneers to leave forever the comcourse of the Chicago market, taken monwealth they helped to build were Salmon W. Crowder, a ploneer of in connection with the statistical position of the cereal, certainly tends to 1853, who died at Albany Sunday; Mrs belief that the domestic demand east Susan S. Griffith, of 1852, who died at Salem Sunday, and F. M. Sharer, of the Rocky Mountains may also be a powerful factor in keeping prices up who came here in 1852, and died at to the dizzy heights to which they have Wilsonville last Wednesday. municipal or state bonds as a method soared within the past two months. The American visible supply, posted

of public prosperity-and everything yesterday, showed a decrease of 1,989,-000 bushels, and with a total of 44.-\$86,000 bushels, it is barely sufficient to supply the home demand for six Government report showed unusually small stocks in farmers' hands

FEDERAL FISHERY CONTROL.

The agreement reached by the joint

ermen who have no

permit fishing to be carried on without regard to future consequences.

It thus becomes quite natural and appropriate for the Government to assume control, provided the inter-ested states are unable to agree between themselves as to the best methods of protecting the industry. If the fishermen are dissatisfied with Joint control by the two states, it is highly probable that they will be obliged to submit to Federal control, and the industry will hardly suffer by the change.

The New York lemon importers who

are endeavoring to secure a suspension of the duty on the sour fruit from Italy say that the recent earthquake lic, but actually makes money out of will force 250,000 laborers to leave it. It is no longer a question of eking Sicily and Calabria for the United As the death loss is said to States. approximate 150,600, it is apparent that there will be quite a shortage of labor for repairing the havoc wrought by the earthquake. The great horde of allens that may be driven to this country can all be assimilated here if they will abandon their favorite practice of huddling together in the cities and instead scatter out into the country. The fear of repetition of the earthquake may prevent many of them from going back with their fortunes, which they will accumulate here, and this will prove an economic gain for this country, as there is an unlimited amount of work along their particular line of agriculture and

fruitgrowing.

sions seems to be 'a good one. The

counted.

LOOKING TO NOVEMBER, 1910. Snags Ahead in the Way of Hofer's

Candidacy for the Governorship

BALEM, Or., Jan. 29 .- (To the Editor.)-In looking over the Capitol Jour-nal of this city, January 21. I find the following words: "Speaker McAr-thur and President Bowerman both oted for the regular nominee fo inited States Senator in June and it the Legislature. These two sterling young Republicans have not engaged in destructive mad-house, bull-in-the china-shop politics." Furthermore,

china-shop pointies Furthermore, our friend Hofer says: "The type of Republicans who are appearing, and around whom the Republican party will grow strong and healthy as a po-litical organism are such men as Mo-Arthur and Bowerman, Rusk, Sinnott, McCue Faton Patton and others. It McCue, Eaton, Patton, and others, It is in this new leadership that the Re-- It publicans have hope.

Now I take no exceptions to any of these assertions; but how in the name of common sense can our friend Hoof common sense can our friend Ho-fer, of the Journal, square himself with McArthur and Bowerman? For in the Journal of January 8 the following words appear: "The machine wants McArthur and Jay Bowerman at the head of the two houses, because they are young, weak, feeble and non-re-sistant to the grafts of the machine." Furthermore, he says, "McArthur and Bowerman are the machine candidates and no honest, decent representative of the people in the general Assembly should be found backing the machine

nould be loand backing the marking programms." Now when our friend Hofer has proclaimed himself as a candidate for Governor of Oregon and comes across the many friends of McArthur and Jay

the many friends of McArlhur and Jay Bowerman, he will explain this attack on them as one of his "Brain Storms," similar to the one he had when, before the Rivers and Harbors committee, he Secretary Straus still insists that the Japanese are leaving in much told Chairman Burton that if Congress did not want to help buy the locks we would buy them ourselves and ask no greater numbers than they are arriving in the country, and substantiates his assertions with official figures. odds.

Perhaps there is something wrong Now, we up here in Marion County feit very badly over Hofer's Indis-cretion; as we had been grooming him with the count on the yellow men that slip into the country. The small boy who was engaged to count the pigs for two years to run for Governor Dext election, but if we can't explain things with McArthur and Howerman, our cake is dough. Then we will switch as they passed into the pen, in an-nouncing his inability to keep the with McArthur and Bowerman, or cake is dough. Then we will switch off on to Tom Kay. Then we know we will have the Governor from old Mari-on. The Democrats have already of-fered to bet Tom will be the next Re-publican nominee for Governor, for about 15,000 Democrats will register as Decublican and nominate Tom, and count accurate said that one of the pigs ran around so fast that he could not count him. It is possible that a number of these yellow men who mysteriously appear in the Pacific Coast cities and towns are similar to the about 15,000 Democrats will register as Republicans and nominate Tom, and then turn around and beat' him with another. I have been told that this is the programme, but we up here in Marion are calculating a good deal on "Our George" helping Tom, as Tom has always helmed him. small boy's pig, and slip into the country so fast that they cannot be The plan of printing advance sheets of the Oregon Supreme Court deci-

always helped him A. M. LA FOLLETT.

MORE WORDS TO BE SIMPLIFIED

silent "e" omitted in certain shore symp bles, as in missil, examin, definit, activ, etc., and with preterit forms in ed changed to t, as in dropt, dript, crost, wisht, etc. The third list, given out yesterday, in-cludes general rules covering four classes

First-Omit the "a" in words having es pronounced as short e, as in hed, sted. heith, relm, etc.; omit the "e" in words having ea pronounced as a before r, such

in the second list. Third-In words ending in the unstressed "is." the c 1 suffix "ice," prenounced "is," the c changed to a and the e is omitted, as cornia, crevis, lattle, notis, servis, arti-

Fourth-In words ending in ive or rve with the e sllent, the "e" should be omit ted, as in delv, twelv, solv, resolv, carv.

serv, reserv, etc

OFFICIAL SALARIES. But Appeal to a "Statement One" Leg-Islature Is Uscless.

From the Astorian. No official in the land is underpaid when he voluntarily assumes an office, other by election or appointment, knowig the compensation that goes with for the term he accepts it for. And there should be no concessions made after he has acquired it. Such a system would And soon put the salary scale in an intermin-able mess. Some merr would want it raised constantly, others (a few rare souls) might want it lowered, in justice to their economic theories; and there are the critics; at least, in so far as their

"The Easiest Way"

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE.

Great White Way," is in the threes of a

new sensation, to-wit, the presentation of Eugene Walter's new play, "The Eas-

produced at the Stuyvesant Theater, and

has met with the universal approval of

opinions have reached the Const. The

most representative writers agree that it

Frances Starr, an ingenue actress who

was aforetime a member of the Alcazar

who sprang into National fame in "The

Much is said in the reviews concern

ing the production the gray-maned David

has given the piece, and he is given the

lion's share of credit, as usual, ignoring

the fact that the genius of Eugene Wal-

Only a few years ago Mr. Walters was

a Seattle newspaper man of no definite

attainments and smaller prospects. Ho

was tolerated in the Puget Sound city by

many and by others was debarred from

the ordinary consideration given those

who write about vain people that seek

The pluy concerns a weak young woman who has been unhapply married and in extremity seeks the etago as a means of livelihood. Her abilities are mediocre,

but through the tangible influence of a broker who has been attracted to her pretty face she becomes something of a figure in incatrical affairs, and stars with

some degree of success. Naturally, she accepts the patronage of the rich man, with all that such a deal in woman-flesh

means, and prospers exceedingly. Then comes into her life the love of a decent man, who is fool enough to be-lieve in her despits der pitifully com-

lesans on the street and the good women who would not help an erring girl to find the straight road, for all the devotion

they 1 sy the Magdalene, will attend the theater and giont in lassivious delight over this nasty discussion of dirty linen. The theater is no place for such things.

Playgoers do not enter a theater with an idea that they are to see a morni-pointed. They demand a tale adorned but no morals, please. The average in-

telligence of people who patronize the-aters may be high enough-that is matter for discussion-but it is fully determined

in the minds of the experienced and dis-cerning that they do not want their morals handed to them from over the

ootlights: Mr. Walters has probably written an Mr. Walters has probably written in

Something is very rotten in the the-strical state of Denmark, but that's no

concern of yours nor mine so long as the greatest successes are the ones which small to high heaven and should, but do not, bring the blush of shame to the

face of such innocence as the twentieth

Asks Letter-Carrier to Change Boots.

Baltimore News, When a rural letter-carrier operating

car Summer, Mo., found a pair of boots

ranging over the mail box with the note

ntury vouchsafes this latest generation

ings.

as New York best represents It,

they sustain Miss Starr.

lent Way."

HW YORK, or at least that portion

of the Metropolis that is interested

in the ophemeral things of "the

The same is being nightly

to their economic theories; and there are these who might want to serve the people unhampered by any sort of salary, but these folks are mostly dead. There are certain offices in the land that are underpaid, when the weight and hazard and scope of the duties are honestly estimated (along with the dig-nity), and these should be provided for, but always with a view to the succession; the incumbent has no right to ask anyis a great play, admirably acted by Miss Stock Company at San Francisco, and Rose of the Rancho," under the David the incumbent has no right to ask any-thing. He took the place knowing what it was worth, and self-respect should Belasco management. Of course, there are others concerned-five others-but they do not much concern, except that keep him shent

keep him silent. Raise all salaries that are not ade-quate, and fix a salary for every public function and trust, but do it with regard to the next man in office, and let the in-cumbent go after the place again if he wants the benefit of the increase. The advantage of such a rule would be to make the incumbent so zealously atten-tive to the office, its duties and pairons as to insure the subsequent election or ters made the play. This is to be ex-pocted from a decadent public and press as to insure the subsequent election or appointment.

HOW SHE WROTE "UNCLE TOM."

Inspiration of Great Slavery Story Came to Mrs. Stowe in Church.

New York Times, January 27. How "Uncle Tom's Cabin" came to be written by Harriet Beecher Stowe was told by her son, the Rev. Dr. Charles Ednewspaper notoriety, meaning all others who are not engaged in the business of writing for newspapers. Suddenly he disappeared, and was heard of no more until he suddenly sprang into prominence as the author of "Paid in Full," a force-ful drama of contemporaneous life, which uncontext actions are some the state of the suddenly action to the suddenly sprang to the state of the state of the suddenly splane in the state of the state ward Stowe, to the boys of St. Joseph's Mission at Great Jones and Lafayotte streets, last night.

properly enjoyed a great vogue from one end of the country to the other. Then the anoba began to speak of Eugene Walthe anoise began to speak of Lugene Wal-ters in terms of friendly intimacy, and these who had touched his garments in the days of his obscurity exaited them-sulves greatly. Following "Padd in Full" Walters wrots a piece called "The Wolf." which missed fire, but now he returns with his latest effort, "The Easiest Way." and sets the country by the ears. The class set of the case of the set of

"A few days later she wrote to Gamaltel Balley, the publisher, telling him her plan of the story, and he agreed to pub-

lish it as soon as written it came out in weekly installments in the National Era, published at Washing-ton, D. C. The paper long since disap-peared. The story ran from June, 1881, to April, 1802, in which latter year it ap-peared in book form in Boston. It gave the country an electric shock. Nothing peared in book form in hoston. It gave the country an electric shock. Nothing like it ever was known in America. First copies of the book reached Oregon early in 1852. Even here the sensation it cre-ated was profound. People that year and the next talked of nothing else. Yet as a story or novel it has small literary merit. The public conscience on the slavery constion was such that the book was like question was such that the book was like flame to tinder

Burles Her Pet Dog Amld Roses.

Press. After the body of her pet buildog had ain in state in her home two days, Mrs. William El Benton, widow of a wealthy restaurant proprietor of this city, burled the animal with solemn funeral rites. The body was placed in a certly coffin, lined with satin, and was borne to the

grave by four palibearers. The coffin was covered with a blanket of roses, and when the grave was filled in it was surmounted with a pile of In a way astronomical which a photo fowers. Mrs. Benton endeavored to ob-tain musicians to play a dirge, but her request met with refusal. Every local bandmaster drew the line at furnishing

Finds Nurget in Goose's Craw.

Daily Alaskan. Mrs. Ulmer killed the goose that was

profilt' Mr. Walters is underliably a gentus, a man who caught himself on the last round of the ladder and saved his talents for something worthy, let us hope something worthless people. Mr. Belasco has undoubtedly given the play everything that money and purpreparing to lay the golden egg. She fidn't know it, however, until the wellplay everything that money and pur-chused brains could devise, and little chased brains could devise, and little Miss Starr and her associates in the cast have acted their best; but what of h? sposed fowl was dead and done for. In its dissection at the Callorman establish-ment a nugget was found in its craw. This goose was raised by Bill Matthews The public tasts makes anything prosperous that splatters mud on clean the It seems to desire more than all and had been roaming about the beach in search of provender. Mrs. Ulmer is to have a pin made of the nugget. the naked sex problem flaunted continually in its face. Women who draw their sacred skirts aside to escape contact with the cour-

footlights

reason it may be sincerely hoped that the successor of Mr. Burton as chairman of that committee will be a man

fis, etc.

"ice" to Become "is." New York Times.

type would need to be set but once and the work of the court reporter would not be increased. The only The Silent "e" and "a" to Got the Suffix additional expense would be that of printing a few hundred copies on cheap paper, and presumably the cost of this would be paid by attorneys

New York Times. The Simplified Spelling Board has an-nounced further additions to the list of words already simplified, and in the new list are published rules for words of vari-ous ending. The first list, issued on March 21, 1996, contained the famous 300 words. The second list, which came out on Jan-uary 30, 1998, included words with the silent "e" omitted in certain short sylla-bles, as in missil, examin, definit, activ.

as to Supreme Court decisions must get their reports from Eastern law There will be an unusually large

the pioneers at the annual roll call

having ea pronounced as a before r, such as harken, hart, harth. Second-Omit the "e" in preterits and participles ending in ed, but pronounced "d" with the "e" silent, as in armd, burnd, raind, compoid, repeald. This sim-plification is parallel to that already adopted in forms like gropt, dript, etc.,

There are few if any committees in ongress in which the people of Portand and Oregon have a greater interest than rivers and harbors. For that

Minimum at Oreni Jones and Intagones arrects, last night. "My quather's brother, Charles Beech-er," said Dr. Stowe, "worked as a clerk in New Orleans. One day a man in the store made the very remark attributed to Simon Legree in the book: I don't bother about sick niggers. I work them into the crop and buy new niggers with it." "One day, while at communion in church, my mother saw viridly the whole scene of Uncle Tom's death before her mind's eye. She burst into tears, went home, and wrote that part of the book first. When she read it to her children, one of them cried: "Oh, mamma, slavery is the most dreadful thing in the world." "'A few days later she wrote to Gamaltel

Peoria, Ill., Dispatch to the New York Press.

lieve in her despite her pitifully com-placent past, a poor man with a meager income. She believes that his love is something high and fine, which it is, but most properly declines to marry him be-cause he cannot produce the compensa-tions her paramour brings. Then she does the naturally mandlin and immoral thing, and declides to inave her patron and shift for herself until the man who wants to marry her is able to buy her the fooliah frippertes which lazy and immoral women demand. She inds this far from beer and skiftles, and nds this far from beer and skittles, and limitely, as is to be expected, rejects er honorable suitor and returns to the man who pays her price. In the end both men desert her, as is also proper, and she goes her natural way; the way of the woman who walks the streets and hawks her smiles, the most ancient pro-

ssion of womankind. The dialogue, situations and stage settings of the play are unusually important if advices he true, the acting no less so, but after all this is said, what doth it profit? Mr. Walters is undeniably a nusis for a dog's funeral,

utterly, for he is altogether unlovely. One of his favorite pastimes is to beguile the young and lightsome city employe who wishes to spend more money than he carns. The loan shark charmeth wondrous sweetly, so sweetly that the employe in the simplicity of his tender soul thinks he is getting money for nothing. The fifty or sixty per cent a year which he promises to pay seems like some far-away shadow of evil which can never actually draw near and smite him. But it does draw near, and it smites diresomely. Th final effect of the contract with the loan shark is that the employe becomes his boud slave. The more he pays the more he owes. Strive as he may, his debt never grows less, and if he ever threatens to rebel the shark subdues him with a menace of publicity.

It is the same way with all sorts of people living on salaries. The shark takes advantage of their necessity or their folly to entangle them, and once in his power it seems as if they never could escape. The contract which holds them is usually illegal and might be defeated in court, but they are afraid to take advantage of the law for fear of exposure to their employers. Some firms have rules that employes who get into debt will be discharged. Financial difficulty of any sort lowers a man in his employer's esteem. Investigation has shown as a matter of money has gone to a poor man who fact that salaried persons who have borrowed of sharks will submit to all degrees of outrage rather than permit their trouble to become known. Mr. Farrell's bill contains two sections. each of which appears to be desirable. The first makes assignments of ealary illegal unless the employer indorses This applies to all sums under them. \$200. Since the original sum bor-rowed of a loan shark is seldom large, it seems as if this provision might put an end to a goodly fraction of his of the hotelkeeper, Pullman Car Combusiness by depriving him of his security.

We must remember, however, that his principal security is not the formal assignment of salary but the dread of exposure which haunts his victim. than he deserves. Very likely many of these assignments are lilegal as things stand, and Mr. Farrell's bill would not make them | Carlton Hotel and one of its employes any more so. What is needed is rather a change in the attitude of the tip as it works out in practice. The employer such that the employe will not be afraid to take the benefit of his legal remedy against the usurer. The mischief is one of those psychological affairs which legislation is almost powerless to deal with. Still Mr. Farrell's bill looks in the right direction, and if it will help in the least degree it his astonishing genius. It was supought to pass. His second section provides that assignments of salary made by married men shall not be legal un- shoes for his children with them; less the wife concura. This also appears more effective on its face than it is likely to prove in practice. If a him to disgorge them and their final man is afraid to test a contract in resting place was the maw of the court it makes little difference whether it is legal or not.

It is a great pity that some medium cannot be devised which should cre- all accounts was quite as rich as it ate a mutual understanding between ought to have been without them. The flicting state laws and lax regulations early Spring.

TIPS.

ion the shortening supply, the work The person who bestows a tip of the committee will meet with un-usually comforts himself for the shame qualified approval of the people. The and grief of submitting to the holdup only possible exception to this approval will be on the part of that element with the beautiful thought that his among the fish would starve without it. "The porters objection to "killing the goose that and waiters are so poorly paid that inys the golden eggs. one's conscience really compels one to To this class, any legislation which give them something." So one sub- in any manner affects their rights to mits and shells out. The truth of the catch every fish that enters the river will be distasteful and will meet with matter seems to be that conscience is sadly misled in this little piece of opposition. It is this desire to fish in season and out of season, and with benaficence. The waiter, porter, or what not, gets the tip but he does not keep all kinds of destructive gear, that has it. His possession is but a transitory phenomenon. The coin very soon forced the two states to get together for mutual protection, and to ask the slides out of his hand into the pocket Federal Government to sanction their

agreement. Nothing could be plainer pany or owner of the restaurant. The than the necessity for identical laws on both sides of the Columbia River. kindly intent of the person who bestows the tip results merely in adding With an agreement that such laws will be impartially enforced by the reto the income of some individual who spective state officers, it will be a diffialready has more of this world's goods

sult matter for the conflicting fishing The London News gives an account of an unpleasantness between the interests to evade them. A Seattle dispatch, announcing the terms of the 'treaty" agreed to by the Oregon and which throws a brilliant light on the Washington committees, says that the only objection to the plan; if there is any objection, is expected to come employe seems to have been one of those amazing characters who take from the gillnetters. These fishermen have in the past

hats in hotel corridors and remember to whom the hats belong. Naturally strenuously opposed all fish legislation that was not favorable to their is almost an admiring public gave him many own method of taking the fish, and they may continue on the same lines. tips partly in gratitude for getting back its hat, partly in admiration of At the same time, if the gillnetters are not anxious to bring about actual posed that the employe put the tips Federal control of their business, it into his pocket and ultimately bought might be well for them heartily to supit has been shown in court that his port the proposed treaty. The Government is already pretty heavily enemployer, the Carlton Hotel, forced gaged in the fishery business. It is operating hatcheries in various parts greedy corporation. The walter reof the country, and is continually enceived no benefit from the tips. They gaged in work for perpetuation of the industry. To a degree the effect of enriched a hotel company which from some of this work is nullified, if con-

who has a personal knowledge of the important projects under way in this "bullish" statistics guite The United States Senate territory. naturally account , for the great eained two very useful members in Senator Burton and Senator Jones, but the Senate's gain was a distinct loss to the river and harbor committee of the House. the prices foreigners seem willing to

> The Oregon Timberman has just issued its annual number, covering in exhaustive detail the lumber and timber business of the Pacific Northwest. The publication is handsomely got up and contains a vast amount of interesting and valuable statistical matter on the great industry which it represents.

Well, if Stephenson, of Wisconsin, did get his nomination in the holy primary by excessive expenditure of money, didn't Bourne, of Oregon, get his nomination in the same way? How do yo . expect to get purity in politica under the reform system, if you don't buy it?

If Mr. Harriman reads the Oregon newspapers-and it is said he do he sees some things occasionally that should mightily interest him. Everybody out here knows just what Mr. Harriman ought to do.

"Let the Oregon Legislature try to regulate the height of the heels of women's shoes if it dares," jeers the Chicago Tribune. It dares, Representative Farrell is about to introduce a ten-inch heel bill

If the Legislature repeals all the laws the people enact and the people repeal all that the Legislature enacts, we may hope to escape the perennial pest of useless legislation. Let the good work prosper.

If Binger Hermann cannot get his trial put off in order to take a pleasure trip to Europe it looks as if the judiciary were beginning to lose its spect for the better class.

Mr. Taft is pleased to learn that a ock canal will do after all. The canal-builders who write for the New York papers will continue to disagree with him, however,

There is no likelihood that Roosevelt will accept the princely offer to join a Wild West show. He isn't acustomed to sharing honors with other performers.

If the Legislature falls us, let the initiative be invoked to put at least three tines on hotel table forks. Everyone cannot eat peas and "sich" with a knife.

Just as if the Republican party could be more "ruined" by any mea ure or any action, than it is ruined already!

If there is a groundhog in Oregon he can earn fame today by forecasting an | There's nothing beats the lazy hen.

in a pamphiet of 16 pages, containing authorities from a great number of well-known writers, from Shakespeare to Lan-dor. Samuel Adams is cited for spellings like "armd," "burnd," "informd."

"The board announces." says the cir-cular, "that the two lists of simplified spellings already publisht have been almost unanimously approved by the sup-porters of the cause. An alfabetic list of all the simplified spellings thus far amended is promist.

Location of the North Star.

BROOKFIELD, Wash., Jan. 30 .- (To the Editor.)+.A. B and C maintain that the North Star is that which is in a line about due west from handle of Great about due west from handle of Great Bear. In a chart published in The Ore-gonian about a year ago, it seems to be my recollection it was placed at the end of Ursa Minor, and an arrow placed from Ursa Major indicated same. Will you please publish which of us, or whether any of us, is correct? A. J.

You are badly tangled. Draw a line

through the two stars in the "side" of dipper opposite the handle. This line will always pass through the North Star.

MAX MULLER'S HENS.

Max Muller, one cold Winter day, Reviled his fowls, that did not lay.

Blasted pullets and "cussed" the Anathematized his numerous flocks.

And vowed he'd sell them all for soup, For lack of business in the coop.

He'd fed them onts and fed them wheat Chopped-up barley and scraps of meat,

Condition powder and oyster shell-All the diet they liked so well.

He'd use trap nests and all of that-They just lay 'round and put on fat. While eggs went up to fifty cents,

His pocketbook was full of dents.

The fowls took note of what he said And held a meeting in the shed

Attended by the Cochins Buff Black Minorcas and Game birds tough.

Rhode Island Reds and Plymouth Rocks And fat old Shanghals wearing socks.

A Rose-Comb Leghorn took the And said Max Muller made her sore.

He must not think they tried to shirk, To shell out eggs they had to work.

The feed was plenty, and was go He treated them as hen men should, But one important item lacked-

They needed corn that had been cracked-

And thrown into some chaff to scratch Till then of eggs he'd get no batch. For hens can't lay and lie around-They pay their way by scratching ground.

Max stopped to listen and got wise Scratched his head and rubbed his eyes;

Revised the poultry bill of fare His troubles thence were light as air.

Of all the frauds on poultrymen

W. J. C.

Singing a Different Tune Now. Baltimore News.

George Bernard Shaw's sister, Mrs. In-inda Frances Butterfield, has been granted a divorce from her husband, Charles Robert Butterfield, on statutory grounds, in London. At the time of her marriage, in 1987, Mrs. Butterfield was a professional soprano vocalist, known as Miss Con-stance Barclay, and her husband, a tenor, singing under the name of Cecil Burt.

By Mistuke, Tears Up Real Money,

Washington (D. C.) Post. At a recent rehearsal in New York Miss Mena Blake tore up a roll of real money which the stage director had mistakenly handed to her for stage money. The rehearsal was called off and some time was spent pasting together the fragmenta of greenbacks.

"Hands Up," and Only One Hand.

Mr Walters has probably swritten an absorbingly interesting story, which if printed in the language of the scurrilous sheets which pander to the debased would be passed over with scorn and a hurry up call for disinfectants and smal-ing salts would go forth. Yet, dress this sort of corruption in the Belasco sarb Pittsburg Dispatch, When a brakeman on a Pennsylvania sort of corruption in the Bolasco garb and produce it in an ornate theater, and the most virtuous will join the attending Railroad passenger train near Altoona, Pa., ordered a tramp stealing a ride to throw up his hands he noticed that only one hand was raised, and was about to the most virtuous win join the attending to do honor to the genius which makes filth adorned the one thing most to be desired to induce our sons and daugh-ters and our gentle womenfolk to at-tend the theater. shoot when he found the man had but

Pautry Shelves Rule Paper's Size,

Kansas City, Mo., Dispatch. In reply to a subscriber who com-lained of the unwieldy size of the Lawrence (Kansas) Journal's pages, the ed-itor said the paper was 52 years old, and, as most of the pantry shelves were inde to fit it, no change could be considered.

Elderly Unkissed Man, a Wonder.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dispatch. David Hawkins, of Metamora, Min aged 79 years, says he never has be kissed, never swore an eath, never to Minn chew of tobacco and never smoked a pipe or cigar.

Breeds Duck Without Breastbone.

Hartford (Conn.) Dispatch C. A. Wintzer, of Brooklawn, Conn., says he has succeeded in breeding a species of duck that is without a breastbone and hence is easy to carve.

An Epicurean Ilhapsody.

New York Frees. There's nothing in the wids, wide world That's quits so sweet as jam. To sharpen jaded appetits There's nothing that's so piquest quits As thin-sliced pottod ham.

if forth should go a stern decree That bread and cheese slone Was for our human diet fit, I'd daily sup on that tid-bit, Nor long to pick a bone.

The stearn is in my nostrils yet Of all the soups I've sipped-Tormato bisque clear concomme, Oxial and creativy beam pures, With generous indle dipped.

More off than patties, pudding, punch, Has ple my palate cheered; All festive loys epitomized In kimaly pio might be comprised, By twenty kinds endeared.

"And what the moral of your song, O Epicure"" you say. I would not give a grain of sait For him with isoper so at fault He thankiese dines each day.

Detroit (Mich.) Dispatch. When a woman, pleading at Port Huron, Mich., that she had bought a railroad ticket and lost it and had no more money, was arrested and searched The Eternal Feminine,

Illustrated Bita. I's either this or else i's that, He lays the law down plunin There's nothing of the diplomit, I's pretty sure, about him. He hardy credits you with sense, To differ shows you're vary dense. He thinks it quite a great offense If you should even to doubt him o and fiat.

No cort of reason will be deign To give, that he may make it plain. He cannot help your lack of brain, So don't you get him nettled. His declaration short and graff you may imagine is a bluff. But still he says it. That's enough; The matter should be cortised

I've done all that a woman can Since first our married life began To scotte and please the lordly man, And how to his dominion. I would not wish to be unkind, But ohi I'd love to take and hind And gag him, and then free my mind By giving my spinion.

expected, but merely added "I can't help R."

of theater patrons

Woman's Hair "Rat" Hides \$52.

352 was found concealed in the "rat" in

her hair.

