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THE WIDE, WIDE SEA at states, whose judgthe politics and poliountry, a great deal is days about the direct the tendency of the deonclusions of the arguunfavorable to it.

is found by experience that the primary law is the negation of rep-Therefore, esentative government. throughout the country the idea of the primary law, during the last year or two, has lost ground. To the great states its consequences are becoming known. They will not have it. Gov-ernor Hughes, of New York, a man admirable ideals, is endeavoring to push it in his state. But the very element or body of the people who have supported him hitherto, and who re-elected him by strenuous efforts, at the end of a contest that greatly reduced his majority, oppose him in his advocacy of the direct primary. Such men as President Schurman, of Cornell University, and James Wadsworth, leader in the Legislature, who have stood by Governor Hughes throughout, oppose him in this, beaus, as they clearly see, it is not a ent in the direction of real re-

direct primary, it is found lestroys party and the funidea of representative govbut eliminates men of charter, independence, distinction and who refuse to nominate themselves for office, or take pledges to On the other hand, it get office. opens a door to an ambitious mediocrity, and to men of semi-mediocrity, who never could obtain consideration under any system that was representative; for such system-though it make mistakes-is obliged to consider the standing and worth and ability and capacity of candidates, in order to have hope of electing them. Under the primary system some upstart, whom the great majority of the ecople, including the whole body

the responsible citizenship, would not want, may get a meager plurality; and claiming the nomination, then h will expect his whole party to vote for him. But they will not do it. gorge rises at it. It has been tried repeatedly in Oregon, as to high offi-Once it was swallowed (when there was a meager majority for Bourne), but it never will be again. Of course, the consequence is, always will be, the election of the candidate of the opposite party, whom the majority doesn't want and whose principles are opposed to its own, yet m it accepts as the lesser evil Under the primary system inferior

men only, from the majority party, would have nominated Bourne; no on would have have nominated Cake. Men of some modicum of brains and judgment, assembled in convention, would have positinated candidates of representative character. It will be said, of course, that Furnish, nominated under the convention system, was defeated. The was done by the pollticians, in various parts of the state whose plans were broken up by the convention. It was one of the accidents of politics, that disgruntled and revengeful politicians can sometimes produce, but seldom repeat. It thers, bent Furnish, because they seemed to think he had no right to

butt in. ites men to nominate themselves whom no convention ever would nominate. Men of mediocrity or be- Columbia River will feel pardonable low mediocrity, common-place men who, under normal conditions never would be thought of, nominate themselves, and through the favor of personal adherents or factions, or exenditure of money, manage to get pluralities. Then, because known to The minority party has no responsibility whatever. It has no candidates in the primary, but a clique nominates sent out of the United States. his candidates for the election, who get the whole vote of the minority party, and the votes of the disgruntled men of the opposite party, who are in frame of mind to vote for the devil himself, as means of expressing their disgust.

In Oregon "Statement One" com pletes the farce. Men who couldn't possibly get nominations for the from any convention wherein their merits or demerits would be weighed, nominate themselves; and men with the aid of a few adherents of their own party and the support of the whole strength of the opposite party, obtain nomination and In our state they expected ection. ne accident to relieve them from the pledges they took to get the pofillon; but that fortune was denied. They were forced to keep pledges were inconsiderately made; they keep them with loathing, and give utterance to cries of repentance and despair as they keep them, and even beg the Senate of the United States reverse the action of their own Yet next time others, shallow folly. nd vain as they, will stand ready to take the same pledges, in the hope of setting, through this method, into for which the representa tive judgment of members of their

own party would never name them. would not be serious, or so serlous, if the system carried into the egislature, or brought forth for the ading offices in the state or National Government, men of high abiity and capacity. But it never will. cominate himself and push his own 47 per cent. The heavy gains that fought more bitterly than any others, the mourners go about the streets,

system requires. Of that there has been abundant demonstration. men best fitted to serve the state and honor also to themselves, never will sides, you get Legislatures whose party being cast off, there is no re- port. sponsibility on that side. pecting to return to the Legislature, there is in them no sense of respon sibility to the state. And the tax-payers of the state, in the log roll of the session are sold or traded out of their boots. Under restraints of the party system there never could have been such profligacy in the Legislature, ich excesses in the appropriation bills, such creation of additional and iseless offices and increase of salaries offices heretofore existing, as are vitnessed now. The primary law and Statement One have dissolved the maority party in the state and have done this business. The minority party is responsible for nothing, but gets what olitical advantage is derivable from

the situation. If direct primary and direct legislation are so excellent, why retain any pretense of a representative system Why have an elective legislative body? The very fact that we have a legislative body and continue it is confession that representatives of the people, chosen by them from knowldge of their worth as citizens, are better qualified for judgment as to public measures than the whole body, who cannot give time to examination and study of the various problems, and have no means of doing so.

There is a reaction all over the country against the system, emplified in Oregon. The instance or example we afford is enough. Our state seems to be undergoing cruclfix-

ion for redemption of all the rest. The first Legislature of Oregon, elected under rigid enforcement of the primary law and Ctatement One, has been an immense success in one didection-namely, prodigality of ex-penditure, which will make everybody's taxes next year much higher even than last. The faces of the taxpayers all over the state, as they leave the office of the tax collector, are a Next year they will be even study.

OUR SHRILL VOICES.

The elegant Harry Chatfield Taylor, besides writing a life of Moliere which nobody could read, has recently conferred another favor upon the American people. He has permitted George Riddle, of Boston, to expound his views of the American voice in the sumptuous Taylor parlors not so very many miles from Mr. Armour's stockyards. Our voices, Mr. Riddle contends, are too shrill and too screechy. All of us, men and women, are evolving into high sopranes, much to our physical and moral loss. Besides that, the process is wrecking what minds we originally had. Mr. Riddle sagely and truly says that high pitch does not necessarily mean force. A man may ahrick Insistently without convincing his hearers. In fact, his shrill one will weary them, while if he had pitched his voice lower he might have converted them.

Everybody has listened to orators who thought they were taying great emphasis on what they said, but were in fact merely rasping upon the sensi-bilities of the audience. It is a wenkness to scream when a low tone could be heard as well and would be more agreeable. We all know the fascination of a smooth, gentle and yet powerful voice. It is one of the greatest as well as one of the rarest charms the orator can possess. Women shrick more than men do among us, yet we all do it. Henry James had a series come to the front. No convention of articles in the Delineator not long ago in which he set forth our vocal counsel to the young which apparently none of them heeded. Perhaps is something in the climate the United States which causes us all o speak shrilly and orate in screams. What can it be?

PORTLAND STILL GAINING.

Bulletin No. 7, Series 1908-1909, insued by the Department of Commerce and Labor, was received in this city This bulletin, issued yesterday. tains the lastest statistics on exports didn't destroy party, nor basis of as- of domestic breadstuff; from the sociated action. Lowell, Geer, and principal customs districts of the of domestic breadstuffs from the United States. It is especially interesting to the Pacific Northwest where breadstuffs form such a large proportion of the tonnage that goes foreign dition of a very different kind. It from Portland and Puget Sound. The current number of this bulletin makes a showing which every friend of the In January wheat shipments no other port in the United States, except New York, made as good a showing as Portland, and for the seven months ending January 31, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Galveston only shipped more than was be unfit, they are defeated, of course, sent out from Portland. For the seven months this city has exported more than one-tenth of all the wheat

> At the farmers' convention at Spokane, a few days ago an attempt was made by some enemies of the Columbia River to discredit the prestige of the port by misleading statements in- made in the great seaports of the natended to convey the impression that tions have the same effect as victories. Portland was losing ground in the shipping business, while Puget Sound was gaining. In refutation of this attack, these latest official figures of the Government are of striking sig-They give the months' wheat shipments from Portland as 5,961,275 bushels, compared with 7,698,793 bushels for the same period last season, a decrease of 22 per cent, while the crop was 33 per cent smaller than its predecess From Puget Sound, the Government | raves against the peace which depends figures for the seven months are 4,-090,086 bushels, compared with 9,-526,689 bushels for the same period last season, a decrease of 57 per cent. For the same period, Portland exported eight times as much barley as was sent out of the Puget Sound ports, exports of this cereal from Portland being greater than from any

other port except San Francisco. In the grand total value of all breadstuffs, Portland also made a remarkable showing in the face of the short wheat crop. The value total for the seven months ending with January, this year, was \$7,578,817, compared with \$9,636,240 for the same period last year, a decrease of 21.3 per cent. The value of all breadstuffs exported from Puget Sound for the seven months declined from \$13,570,- and England is out of the question. 930 last season to \$7,134,808 for the For no man who respects himself will same period this season, a decrease of closely akin. Kindred nations have

candidacy by the means which this Portland has made over Puget Sound We shall never fight England again has ports are due to elimination of the for the reason that at last we under-The differential which was formerly levied stand the English and they understand throughout next season, when we shall

PRESIDENTS AND THE PRIMARY. The New York Independent endeavors, in a review of the movement for direct nomination and election of United States Senators, to show that it is justifiable to avoid the plain mandate of the Federal Constitution in this important duty, since the people have themselves established a clear precedent by the ingenious manner in which they have made the electoral college a merely nominal institution and themselves now elect the President. Says the Independent:

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The Constitution provides a definite way for the election of a President. The states must choose electors, just as they choose members of the Legislatures. These electors are supposed to use their wheat independent judgment in the choice of a Fresident. But they do not, for there have been both an indirect and a direct nomination of President. The parties, unrecognized in the Constitution, have, by their own machinery, selected candidates. Then the people, by direct nomination, though not nominally such, vote for the condidate they choose, while on paper it is a vote for electors. The electors are piedged, tied, to vote, when they come together, to do just as they have been directed to do by the people. They have no choice. They are supernumerary and useless, and continue to meet solely because it is in the Constitution that they must. We have got around the Constitution, and the people choose instead of the electors.

But the so-called popular nomina tion and electio.. of Senators through the direct primary is on an entirely different basis, and has no parallel in the electoral college. In the one case the candidate is self-nominated. He has no call from the party or the people to run for Senator. He calls himself. Others call themselves. is no opportunity for selection by the people except as between these selfnamed candidates. There is no alter-native. If we had candidates for the Presidency of the United States inviting themselves to run before a Na-tional primary—using the machinery of the primary on their own initiative to gain and possess that great placewe should see the direct primary nom-Ination of Senators extended to the Presidency of the United States. Do people want that kind of President?

Now we have a "boss-made" President. We always have had. He is nominated by a convention of one of the great parties-a boss-ridden, polltician-infested, steam-roller convenare named in the several state conventions-in the abhorred and detested state conventions. The people have no alternative but to vote for these candidates, and to elect one of them. Is the electoral college reduced and degraded in its function through this method any more than the people are? They ratify what some political convention has done just as the electoral college ratifies what the people do. What is the dif-And the electors always vote for the candidate of their party, never for another.

THE RETURN OF THE FLEET. The great war fleet has circumnavi-

gated the globe and now it is coming home again covered with glory. The sailors have danced with the girls in a hundred ports and the officers have been banqueted in a hundred halls The ships have touched at Japan and China. They have visited Australia and the isles of the Southern seas. They have gone through the Red Sea and the Suez Canal. They have anchored at Gibraltar and yesterday they were only a few hundred miles from home. The sailors have seen the world and the world has seen them, and the lesson of it all is thoroughly lesome. In spite of see no good in anything that savors of warlike display, the voyage has not been for the purpose of stirring up strife. Its message has peaceful. It has dispelled ignorance, It has taught the world much concerning the resources and the spirit of the United States. It has shown that we are a strong nation, able to defend our rights, but by no means arrogant in asserting them, and that our resources are superabundant. If we can spend the millions necessary to send out this monthly by the Government, con- great armsda on a pleasure trip around the world, how much more we must have in reserve at home.

In this voyage the United States has been calling on its neighbors in Europe, Asia and Africa, to say nothing of Australia. The call has been made with a certain pomp, to be sure, but what fine lady fails to put on her best array when she goes a-visiting? There is a time for pomp, as there is for most other things. Nations, like men, are respected a good deal for what they can show. Hidden merits are useful, but they are not likely to call out much consideration unless they are advertised by something that every-body can see. The peoples of the Old World learned more about the United States during the Spanish War than they had in the preceding hundred Travelers on the Continent are received in a very different spirit from that which they encountered twent, years ago. Victorious arms win the reverence of the world and displays of power such as the fleet has They produce the consequences of war without its waste and suffering.

More wars arise from ignorance than from any other cause. The better the nations know each other the less they are disposed to quarrel. Each finding the other strong, be comes cautious in contention. Ac quaintance promotes commerce and commerce weaves bonds of interest which make war more unlikely every year. Kipling in his wild manne on trade. He calls it "the peace of Dives" in scorn, but after all the peace of Dives is a great deal better than the war of savage ignorance and hate. There may be nobler motives for refusing to fight that, the fear of injurin; trade, but there are none more effectual. Trade grows from mutual understanding, just as wars arise from mutual lack of it. When two nations know little of each other they are prone to ascribe every act to the worst motives, suspicion is rife, each is eager to get the advantage of the first blow No intelligent person in this country is now inclined to distrust the motives of England when she advances any proposal. Nobody is scheming to get in the first blow, because we all kn that war between the United States gon, will call the Legislature of 1969 It is impossible not because we are

against this port. As that differential us. To this end the bonds of trade to bring honor to it, while bringing will never be re-established, this port the interchange of citizenship, the will continue to show gains, not only union of families, have all contribengage in this dirty scramble. Be- for the remainder of this season, but uted. In the course of time it may be that we shall become as closely remembers are responsible neither to have the assistance of the new North lated to many other nations as we are party nor to the state. The tie of Bank road in drawing wheat to this now to England. The voyage of the of what constitutes commonsense govfleet has probably brought that time | erament.

measurably nearer. In the mighty ships with their officers and sallors the world has seen an epitome of the United States. From the symbols of power and the tokens of friendliness it has deduced the condition of the country and learned the spirit in which we are ambitious to use our resources. The fleet went forth in warlike pomp to preach the gospel of Some will say that it is a peace. strange way to preach it, but there is no other so effective. Strong men who know each other's strength are not likely to quarrel on trivial pre-

The great Cunarder Mauretania is already fulfilling her mission as an advertiser for the line whose houseflag she files. With the annual tourist season fully two months off, this imense ocean scorcher on her latest trip to New York broke several rec ords. Among these new records established was a day's run of 679 knots equivalent to more than 32 1/2 land miles per hour. What this remarkable speed means can be understood more fully when it is stated that if it could be maintained between Portland and San Francisco, the trip by water could be covered in a fraction more than twenty hours. The Germans have stated that the big British Lyers Mauretania and Lusitania are not the "last word" in high-speed ocean steamships, but the records made by these vessels will certainly force their competitors under the German fing to develop torpedo-boat speed in big ocean steamships or else knowledge defeat.

Our Seattle friends who are in Portland today in the interest of Alaska-Yukon fair should and will receive a cordial reception. The interest of Portland in the success of the Seattle fair is in degree fully as great as that of the city which will be held responsible for the success or failure of the enterprise. Both Portland and Seattle will attract large crowds that will take advantage of the low rates to the exposition and come West to see the country. Both cities have a mutual interest in making the Incentive for these visits as strong as possible, and by getting together and talking the matter over in a friendly neighborly manner, much good can be accomplished for both cities, as well as for the entire territory on which both are dependent for their existence.

Oh, well, as to Chamberlain's man Finzer,-what-do-you-call-himthingumbob, thingummy, sword-bearer, swashbuckler, adjutant-generalnever mind the name; -don't worry about his appointment to office life. The next Legislature may undo the act of the present one. We shall get "the will of the people" on Mr. Finzer later. Meantime let him strut in his epaulettes. Doubtless he is good as another as a tin-sword man. should an emergency occur, don't expect anything of a mere office-holder,

Cuba is enacting a law to forbid and prevent foreigners to hold property in the Island. Americans, English. French, Spanish and Germans hold property in the island, valued at \$2,000,000,000. It is the intent of the Cubans to push these owners out and to confiscate their property. You may expect America's military and navai order. But the next time we go to Cuba, we shall stay there.

In making what it calls "an insurance department," members of the Legislature are said to figure a revenue to the state of \$25,000 to, \$30,000 a year above the expenses of the office. How shallow this is! Of course, these profits, as well as the salaries for the new officials, will be taken out of the owners of property who must insure it. But, any excuse is enough, when more offices are to be

The Columbia River Sun is published at Cathlamet, where the sun doesn't shine. But that's nothing. There's a Hillsboro Argus that has no more than two eyes, same as the rest of us; and the Lebanon Criterion, that by no means sets itself up as a judge. You see, you must not be misled by names.

While deprecating delays caused by open draws, it is well to remember the | in the sennit. river was here before the city and the river gives the city large part of its Yet a way should be found to life. make bridge-tenders use wisdom or get men who have it and know how to apply it.

Next Monday the entire State of Oregon will start in on a two years' campaign of saving money to pay for tl.: unprecedented extravagance of a Legislature that expressed the will of the people.

Taxes to be paid next year, on account of the extraordinary expenses now being incurred or authorized, will much exceed those of the present year. But get ready to pay up. Before it is everisstingly too late.

the Legislature might pass a bill his I. O. U. for the difference, If the adjournment resolution isn't escinded-there's no telling with this

Legislature-Oregon can begin

We will then know the worst. Cheer up! Don't worry about your taxes. Next year you won't have any taxes to pay, for very likely at this rate, you won't have anything to pay

draw long breaths late this afternoon.

It is reported there will be an advance of prices in every barber shop of the state, on account of the long crack in the bell, the trouble will at once faces produced by payment of taxes.

No future historian, writing of Ore a deliberative body.

The taxgatherer is in the land, and

POLITICAL DRIFT IN OREGON.

Needs a Doctor, Too.

Eugene Register.
Until Chamberlain is sworn in as United States Senator, a woman, Mrs. Shelton, will be Oregon's Governess. With addition of a wet nurse, Oregon's juvenile political condition ought to be in a fair way for receptive knowledge

> The Real Oregon Method. Rainfer Review.

The commander on one of the battle-ships now completing a voyage of the world was courtmartialed and will be world was courtmartialed and will be dismissed from the service for being intoxicated at a public reception. They should have followed Oregon's exam-ple and elected him to the United States

The Limit.

Roseburg Review.

This Oregon Legislature is certainly the limit." In the face of the positive statement of Judges Hamilton and Harris that there is no need for another Circuit Judge in this district—and they know the conditions far better than anyone else—the Senate immediately passes a bill providing for one, and it saying: is said the House will do likewise.

The Great Farce of 1909.

Gervais Star. The election of Chamberlain to the United States Senate; a number of protesting Legislators; a Legislature without a peer as spenders; the veto farce of Governor Chamberlalu; emergency O. K .- ed when the Governor pays personal debts, and other bad fea-tures are enough to kill the initiative and referendum. Poor, useless urendo.

Fine Way to Commit Suicide.

Pendleton Tribune. Pendleton Tribune.

The State of Oregon just now wants capital and is inviting capital to her doors daily at the expense of maintaining a publicity bureau handling ions of advertising matter, yet the Legislators are exerting their influence Oregon to build railroads would be suicidal to the advancement of this as to society.

All Out for Personal Ends.

Woodburn Independent.
Instead of being a dignified, hard-working body, laboring in the interests of the people of Oregon, the Legisiature seems to be an aggregation using the Legislative halls for salary-grab-histories and steady seems in process. Instead bing and spewing purposes. Instead of displaying statesmanlike qualifies, the large majority of the members have made abominable shows of themselves in swinging cudgels in purely personal affairs. . . With some personal embers of the Legislature it was any way to circumvent the Governor, the real champion (!) of the people, and burden the people with an extra load

Beware! The Officers Will Get You

Salem Capital Journal. The Senate will, be asked to pass H. No. 272, that will make it absolute-a crime for a man to give a friend drink of cider in his own home if it has the slightest taint of fermenta-How much more of hy tion in it. pocrisy and sumptuary legislation will the people of Oregon endure at the hands of those who are unwilling to leave it to the people to decide what they do want? The original local op-tion law was put through on an entire misunderstanding of the subject. It was not known by the people gen-erally that they were enacting a drastic prohibition law.

Giving Away the People's Money.

Polk County Itemizer. The Legislature has agreed by concurrent resolution to adjourn Satur-day afternoon at 2 o'clock, for which all taxpayers will be really and truth-fully glad. Today's dispatches state that this session is even likely to excoed the \$4,000,000 expenditure predicted at the beginning of the session. Their one aim has seemed to be the creation of entirely useless offices, and the giving away of the people's money. forces to go to Cuba again in a short time. The world will expect us to discipline the brat and to hold it in thing that could happen to Oregon. Tuesday the House appropriated \$1,-739,000 and the Senate \$726,000. We look with dread to the two days yet to come, and rather expect they will reconsider and pass every appropriation bill they possibly can.

Oregon's Great Senatorial Team.

Reported for the Dallas Optimist, by Old Man Bennett, Pritty soon now, owing to the perfeet work of our legislatoors, we will have a grate teem in the U. S. Sennit-Bourne and Chamberlain. Perhaps no state evver had a grater teem in that honorabel body. One of em, Mister Bourne, will be too bizzy attending to his own bizziness to do ennything for his feller Oregonians, and Mister Chamberiain as a demmocrat from a repub-lican state will cut about as much let in the sennit as Sim Dipp wood—not quite so mutch, for Sim would take a drink now and then with his feller sennitors and thus warm up to em, wile Mister Chamberlain's well known temperance proclivities—his founded-on-a-rock prohibition views, whereby and whereon he spurns the flowing bowl with a spurn beautiful to behold -such views will make him unpopular

Makes One's Ginger Rise. Albuny Democrat.

The Democrat remembers only a few years ago when the Oregon Legislature was severely criticised for going above \$1.900,000 in the amount of ap-propriations, and it was not many years ago either; but now almost at a jump the \$4,000,000 mark is reached, if no passed, and the population of the state has not begun to have increased sufficiently to justify it. The Legislature is state in its extravagance. The people might just as well make another test and fight it out. By only a small ma-jority the University of Oregon appropriation bill was passed, and it was a tame affair compared with some of the appropriations of the present The Legislature has gone too far. It has been done in the custom-ary trading method. Different counties have pet measures in order to by which a taxpayer can offer his secure their passage have traded right who weighed 250 pounds, could not property in payment for taxes and give and left and by enough of such doings have entered an alleyway a few inches old bill has been passed regardless of its merits. That is enough to make one's ginger rise to the highest heat.

> The "Crack" in the Liberty Bell. SATSOP, Wash., Feb. 18 .- (To the Edi or.)-I see by last Tuesday's Oregonian that the Liberty Bell at Philadelphia may not be shipped to the Pacific Coast, on account of the cracks increasing in it. In circular saws that are cracked, if a hole is drilled at the end of the crack, the latter will not spead any further. The crack in the bell is likely to be caused by the expansion of the rim by heat and cold. crack in the bell, the trouble will at once K. FLYTE. be stopped.

For Five Years Girl Poses as Boy.

Kansas City, Mo., Dispatch. Mabel Davis, aged 18, who has been traveling around the country for five years posing as a boy, was arrested, charged with burglary and larceny at WOMEN FLOCK TO BAD PLAYS.

New York Manager Says Their Patronage Makes Indecency Pay.

That powerful theatrical interests are behind the move to free the stage from immoral plays was made plain last night when Marc Klaw, one of the chiefs of the theatrical syndicate, and Charles Burnham, president of the Theater Managers' As-sociation, handled the subject without gloves at the reception of the En-tertainment Club, held in the Astor Gallery in the Waldorf-Astoria.

The managers were the guests of honor, and their talks were the feature of the entertainment which followed the reception proper. Among the guests received by Mrs. Reswell D. Hitchcock and other members of the club were Sir and Lady Caspar Purdon Clarke, Mundil Bey, the Turk-ish consul-general; J. Burton Fox, George William Chester, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cleveland and the Rev. George

In his speech, Mr. Klaw raised much merriment by snying that "the theater needs the support of society people. but it wants them in front of the footlights." He then branched into a ser-ious discussion of questionable plays

"But where society can do its great-est good to the stage is to turn its back upon indecent plays. I am not taking up the question now of the mor-ality of plays. It is a very broad ques-tion as to what plays are moral, immoral or unmoral. But the question of decency, it seems to me, ought to be very easily settled.

The question and conflict of the sexes will be a theme for literature whether it be on the stage or in books so long as this old world goes round, but it should be approached, on the stage at least, with great tact and discretion. I know the law cannot reach them, but the managers themselves and society can do much to suppress them.

press them. "I also know that we cannot always serve baby food at the theater, that it is a place for adults as well as chil-Legislators are exerting their influence dren, but there is a dividing line beto counteract this advertising by inviting capital to stay away. The passage of an act to enable the State of Oregon to build railroads would be

> Mr. Burnham took up the question from another angle and proved by box office figures that suggestive or sensational plays are invariably money makers, whereas the clean and whole some sometimes starve to death.

> "Let but the word be passed about that some play announced for produc-tion is broad or indelicate, and the whole town runs wild about it," he said, "while some play of merit, bright and entertaining, has a hard struggle for existence, and sine times out of ten is lold on the shalf of oblivion. ten is laid on the shelf of oblivion. the women who make up our audience are more to blame for this state of af fairs than the men. For no play can exist that is not patronized by the women. For they are the leaders of n, always have been, always will be, at the theater.

"When the much-abused 'Sappho' was being presented in this city a gentleman came to the box-office and endeavored to secure seats. Owing to the tremendous demand he was unable to do so and finally made the ticket seller promise to save him two for the coming week. 'For,' said he, 'my wife is making my life unbearable by her cessant desire to see this play." "The play was taken off, and during

the weeks that intervened before it was put on again, he called about every day to see what the prospect was of gratifying his wife's curiosity to see

Finally, on the morning of the night when it was again presented, he called at the office and most apologetically said: 'I am sorry to have given you all this trouble, but my wife says that if the police are going to allow the play to be given, she doesn't care to see it, as it cannot be so bad as the papers have said.' Her curiosity had

"A few years ago we presented at Wallack's an adequate performance of 'As You Like It.' It played to \$200 a most popular stars on the stage gave 'Romeo and Juliet' to \$200 a night, while the farce of 'The Cuckoo' played to \$1800 m night.
"Even in the palmy days so affectionately referred to by some of our

critics the conditions were similar. Lester Wallack presented the standard comedies to \$300 a night, while the farce of 'Forbidden Fruit' drew three times as much. gave 'The Merry Wives of Windsor anything but paying patronage, while the production of the salacious farce 'Pink Dominoes' would make enough to pay his losses on Shakespeare theater is what you make it, manager, to be successful, must cater to his audience."

New Wheat Grows in Six Rows.

Winnipeg, Canada, Dispatch. R. J. Taylor, who lives a few miles north of Carlyle, Saskatchewan, is in possession of 40 pounds of a new kind of wheat which he hopes will increase greatly the yield of the West. The striking feature of this new variety is that it grows on the hoad in six rows instead of the usual two.

Not One Death in 42 Years.

Trenton, N. J., Dispatch. In the family of Robert W. Jaggard and wife, who have just celebrated the 42d anniversary of their marriage at Backwood, N. J., there are eight chil-dren, all married, with 13 grandchiland there has never been a death in the family.

Earthquakes, a Flood, and Wagner. New York Press.

President Fallieres, of France, who dislikes music, but who is compelled to attend all benefit performances which are given at the Opera in Paris, said recently: "Two more earthquakes and a flood and I will know all Wag-

Thichs Fntness as Innocence.

Rochester, N. Y., Dispatch. In making a plea for his client, a lawyer at White Plains, N. Y., produced

map to show that the said client, who weighed 250 pounds, could not wide because he was too fat Negro Can Only Speak Dutch

Baltimore News.
A negro, unable to speak any lan-

guage except Dutch, applied to the Provident Association in Oklahoma City for aid for himself and family. He was born in Holland and came from that country several weeks ago.

John Vance Cheney, Atlantic Monthly. Earth held to him, the rough-hewn form, Looming through that unnatural storm, Hinted the rude, mixed mould Ere chaos loosed her hold.

A lone, wind-beaten hilltop tree, His that pathetic majesty; Forlorn even in his mirth, His roots deep in the earth.

Earth's is he yet. When from the hill The warm gold flows, and hollows fill. The sunlight shines his fame. The winds blaze Lincoln's name.

Ay, Earth's he is; not hers alone. Blood of our blood, bone of our bone. Love felded him to rest Upon a people's breast.

Life's Sunny Side

"I reckon you have to watch your pockstbook, an' overcoat, an' watch, an' so on, pretty close, don't you?" a Western visitor to New York asked a friend, a native of that metropolis, as they starting out to view the city, and, despite the citizen's assurance that no more than ordinary visilance was required, the Westerner proceeded "to keep his eye skinned," much to his friend's amuse-

Presently they entered a cafe for luncheon. The New Yorker was discoursing garly upon the greatness of his native city, when he observed that the other had an expression on his face much like

hat of a cat watching a mous "What are you watching so closely?" "Just keepin' an eye on my overcoat,

The New Yorker laughed. "Oh, the coat's all right. I'm not wor-

ying about mine, you see, and they are langing together. "No, they ain't," the Westerner drawled,
"Mine's still there, but yours is gonefeller walked out with it bout ten min-

utes or so ago,"-Philadelphia Record.

James B. Laughlin, a wealthy collector of Pittsburg, recently discovered a hoax in his gallery and compelled a dealer to refund the \$550 that had been paid for a

Afr. Laughlin, as this episode shows, is a connoiseeur of no mean ability. At a recent dinner he pointed out very brilliantly the limitations and the shallow-

ness of "court painters."

"A movement was on foot for the alliance of King Charles of Wurtemberg and the Grand Duchess Olga of Russia. An emissary of the Russian court came to the young King, laid certain proposals be-fore bim, and submitted a portrait in oils

of the royal lady. King Charles, after a close scrutiny,

"This portrait flatters overmuch. The eyes are too large and brilliant, the hair too abundant, the complexion too flowerlike, and the neck and arms too beautiful altogether."

"But, Your Majesty, said the astonished Russian, 'you do not know the Grand Duchess."

"No," said the King, 'but I know court painters."—Washington Star.

Will H. Hayes, who was chairman of

Will H. Hayes, who was chairman of the Republican Speakers' Bureau during the recent campaign, dropped into town the other day and was loafing about the lobby of the Claypool Hotel.
"Helle, Hayes," said an acquaintance, "what's doing in politics." "Politics, politics," replied Hayes, "what do you mean by politics? I've forgotten the meaning of the word. Fact is, the last election disclosed the fact to me that I am not a politician, but just a plain I am not a politician, but just a plain lawyer. And you bet that I'm working at it."-Indianapolls Star.

President-elect Taft tells a good golfing story. A political friend of his invented a plan whereby he kept his 8 or 9-year-old son from shocking his mamma by repeatson from shocking his mamma by repeating swear words and slang, a practice to
which he was rather addicted. Every time
the little fellow used a naughty word the
father gave him 5 cents on the promise
not to use it again. The friend had great
faith in the power of this system until
one day recently, when he was chatting
with half a dozen guests before dinner.
His home adjoins a golf links, and little His home adjoins a golf links, and little

Willie, who had been out walking near them, with his nurse, burst into the drawing-room, his blue eyes dancing with en-thusiasm, his pink cheeks buiging in a triumphant smile. "Oh, papa, papa!" he cried, "I've just heard a new one that's worth a quar-

ter."-Judge. A clergyman went to have his teeth fixed by a deutlet. When the work was done the deutlet declined to accept more than a nominal fee. The parson, in re-turn for this favor, insisted later on the dentist accepting a volume of the reverend gentleman's own writing. It was a disquisition on the Psalms, and on the fly leaf he had inscribed this appropriate

"And my mouth shall show forth thy praise."—Harper's Weekly,

"A dangerous neighborhood you're living in, Colonel," said a newspaper man to Charles Edwards, of the Democratic Congressional campaign committee, a few nights ago, in Washington, highway robberies there in month. Aren't you afraid that somehody will hold you up and go through you some night?"

"Should say not," said the big Texan. "Why, Ah've got so few means on my pussion at the present time that the robher who goes through me will get hisself in debt."-Washington Star,

Costs \$20 to Refund 20 Cents.

New York Tribune. Mary Betts, of Brooklyn, has left her mark on the heart and brain of the sinking fund commission without mean-ing to do anything of the kind. Mary ing to do anything of the kind. Mary had some sort of an account with the city, in the settlement of which the city failed to pay her within 20 cents of the amount due. The 20-cent account has been rattling around like a very little pea in a very large pod in the finance department for the last three months, and Thursday, flying red tape, red and blue venchers, seals, red and black check marks initials, etc., that little bill for 20 cents danced red and black check marks, thillals, etc., that little bill for 20 cents danced a cancan, so to speak, on the big mahogany table at the session of the sinking fund commission.

"How henest we are?" exclaimed the Mayor, when he heard the story of the 20 cents due Mary. "Yes," said Deputy Controller Phillips icily; "yes, we are

very honest, and that's all right, but it has cost us about \$20 worth of time and red tape to refund that 29 cents." "Fine system." said the Mayor, looking over at the Controller, who said nothing.

Cheup Skates and Cheap States. McMinnville Register

"Oregon is no longer among the cheap-class states, the present Legislature having about demonstrated that she is a four-million deliar one," remarks the Salem Statesman. Very true, but the cheap-class skates that comprise her Legislature have also pretty thoroughly demonstrated their unfitness for anything else besides increasing salaries after salaries in spite of objections. payers.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Chicago Tribuns.
A soft answer never has a sting in it.
self-estsem does not develop self-reliance. Courage is simply the conquest of our ara. Knowledge is power only so far as it is

Kicking ceases to help when it becomes a Sulf-depreciation soon ceases if it be not contradicted. You can complete a good work, but you can never end it.

Conscience is simply our sense of moral colal responsibility. No man bears his burden better by adding your blame to it. Life is pretty sure to be tragedy to those ho take it only as a play-

The far-off vision comes half way to those who follow it faithfully. Idleness makes the hours wearity long and the days weefully short. He can never know any deep for who an laugh at the serrows of another.

The proof of an education lies in a mind so tilled that prejudices gain no root. The only way to got all the happiness in life is to give for the happiness of all. The devil is worried by the people who work for the good, not by those who worry over him.