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#### EXCHANGING PARTS.

most amusing incident in the tariff debate thus far is McEnery's attempt to exhibit Thomas Jefferson as high protectionist. The Senator om Louisiana is evidently rather ashamed of himself for deserting the ancient free-trade principles of his party, and feels the need of some plausible authority to justify his intellectual somersault. So he quotes that there ought to be a duty on the necessaries of life in order to render this country independent of foreign na-tions. Evidently the fond McEnery believes that the more we pay for what we est and wear the more we shall distress the wicked foreigner. He is also of the opinion that the higher taxes we pay on food and clothing the more we shall produce. Taxes, in the imagination of the raving standparter. are the one and only agent in the production of the necessaries of life. Rain, sunshine, human industry and ingenuity have nothing to do with it.

This species of madness is spreading rapidly among the Southern Senators. The spectacle of their mental aberration is a sad one, and might make us despair of the country were it not for the encouraging fact that a good many Republican Senators seem to be recovering their wits at the same time Upon the whole, therefore, the balance of sanity seems to swing fairly even. Just as McEnery, the Democrat, begins to rave over the way protection makes sugar cane grow, the Republican Bris tow of Kansas opens his mouth to wonder what possible benefit the sugar duties can confer either upon the Government or the producer if they are made prohibitive. In that case the trust will get the entire proceeds. If the work of grace should proceed until all the Republicans stand for a low tariff, we might easily reconcile our-selves to seeing all the Democrata transformed to standpatters. It would be quite in accord with most of their party history to adopt a demonstrated error as soon as their opponents had discarded it. That is why the Demo-eratic party is appropriately symbolfixed by an ass.

With the false theory of prohibitive protection, the Southern Democrats seem to have swallowed all the stale old fallacies which were formerly used to defend it, but which no well-in formed person now thinks of repeating. Thus Mr. McEnery bases his plea for a prohibitive sugar duty on 'the necessity for the country to become independent of any foreign government for the things it requires. This kind of talk has a strangely me dleval ring. In the face of all our efforts to promote international trade. with the growing perfection of our consular service, whose principal business is to open new lines of commerce. with the efforts made on every hand to build up intere se among the different nations of the world by steam, by telegraph, by international banking and by a thousand other devices, it is amazing phenomenon to hear a United States Senator argue for Chi nese exclusiveness. No greater misfortune could happen to us than to become "independent of foreign countries," since they can produce many things much cheaper than we can, and vastly better. On the other hand, we can produce some things cheaper and better than they, so that both of find advantage in exchange. But what is the use of opposing common sens to Senatorial twaddle on the tariff?

#### A PHASE OF THE "WHITE MAN'S BURDEN."

A phase of the "white man's burden" which was taken up by the United States as a result of the late war with Spain is noted in the menace of leprosy as existing in Porto Rico and shadowing our own people through the commercial and edu tional touch that exists between that Island and the cities of the Atlantic A thriftless, indolent people, without ambition either in blood environment, listless, unsanitary in their habits and homes, the Porto Ricans are an easy prey to this most loathsome and hopeless of all diseases. Utterly irresponsible for themselves or others, they go about freely among fellows, who in their turn not take the trouble to guard against contamination through association. Lepers in various stages of this bar-fling malady go whout the streets of Ponce, and hang begging upon the skirts of tourists, or, standing upon street corners, hold out rotting hands This state of affairs shows what Dr. Edward Ehlers, a European expert who has been studying eases prevalent in the West Indies. an alarming laxity" on the part. of the Porto Rican government. especially alarming when it is added that under present conditions it is possible for many lopers to emigrate and carry the disease to the United

Dr. Ehlers, however, may not, and probably is not, familiar with the reprobably is not, randilar with the re-strictions of our immigration laws, which require expert inspection of im-migrants for the very purpose of shut-ting out those who are afflicted with communicable or contagious diseases, of which leprosy is one of the most dreaded. It would hardly be possible for a leper to pass Ellis Island or any other immigrant receiving station of our seaboard without detection, if in any pronounced or perceptible stage of the disease. It might, however, exist. a lurking contamination, about his clothing or his unclean person without being discoverable, and thus

brought over by unsuspecting tourists our self-satisfaction and disinclinaapon the streets of Ponce.

While the menace to this country nay not be great-while indeed it may not be worth considering-the fact remains that it is necessary to institute such supervision and control of those whom Hipling character-

Our new-found suites peop We cannot make responsible citizens of children, but they can and should be controlled, both for their own safety and for that of their spon

### YOUR UNSOUGHT DUTY.

The magnitude and grave importance of the task imposed on the voters of Portland under the initiative and referendum may be discovered by the following brief summary of titles of the various measures for enactment or rejection on election day:

New charter, reorganizing throughout the administration of city affairs. Alternative plans for payment of new water main extensions.

Charter amendments proposed by

the Council under the initiative, and radically changing the present char-Charter amendments proposed by a

committee of seven under the initiative and submitted by the Council, making changes in the present charter. Regulation of electric wiring.

Prohibiting patented articles in pubic improvements.

Monopoly of liquor business for Gothenburg association. Excise (McKenna) ordinance for entrol and regulation of sale of liquor.

Crematory bonds, \$150,000 Market-street bridge bonds, \$459, Sherman-street bridge bonds, \$1,

Broadway and Larrabec-street bridge bonds, \$2,000,000.

Municipal ownership of electric light and power, \$2,000,000 bonds.

Referendum on the vehicle ordi-

The new charter profoundly affects the future administration of our city affairs, and it is undoubtedly such a proposition as the people as a whole should decide. But the entire matter is much complicated and entangled by various other proposals which will prevent a clear determination of the charter question through referendum to the people. It should never have been in this way left to them. All the average voter can hope to learn, or be expected to learn, about any charter is as to its general purposes and policies and to govern himself accordingly. He cannot and will not investigate details or particulars, and it is a gross abuse of the initiative when he is required to vote upon such special matters.

There are thirty-five measures to b determined by mass meeting, so to speak, at the polls. How can it be done intelligently, or considerately, or properly? It cannot be. No one can with honest purpose say that it can be Why, then, should any device devolving this heavy and undesired burden on the public be permanently approved, or continued without modification

## PORTLAND THE RAILROAD CENTER.

Building of the North Bank railroad Portland was a belated admission on the part of the Hill interests of the superior advantages of the Columbia River route from the interior over those presented by any of the routes to Puget Sound. The recent Hilldarriman deal, by which this city becomes the greatest railroad center on the Pacific Coast, is further recog nition of the superior natural advantages of this port over all other port in the Pacific Northwest as a traffic center for a vast region in which de velopment has just begun. enterprise in beginning this develop ment is, of course, entitled to some credit for the great change that has just fairly begun, but all of the enterprise and all of the wealth that Port land could throw into the project would have been comparatively useless had nature in the beginning failed to provide a location for the city at the foot of a down-hill haul through more than 200,000 square miles of wonder-

fully rich territory. Without in any manner disparaging the great natural resources lying around the shores of Puget Sound and in Alaska, a careful or even careless study of any official map of the Pacific Northwest will reveal the reason why Portland's location as a railroad center is so much preferable to that of any Puget Sound city. The down hill haul, of course, gives the Columbia River route an immense economic advantage over the routes across the Cascade Mountains. In addition to that, a glance at the map will show that the O. R. & N., North Bank Road, Northern Pacific and Great Northern, with their feeders now built, under construction, or under consider-ation, admit Portland into nearly all of the territory east of the Cascade Mountains that can be reached by the

Puget Sound people.

Being on somewhat better than even terms with the Puget Sound compet-itors in this immense trade field, our merchants have no difficulty in securing more than half of the trade of that great region. This percentage will, of urse, be greatly increased as the facilities are increased by the construc-tion of north and south lines through the State of Washington. In addition something better than an even chance in this, the only great trade field on which the Puget Sound cities have to draw for business, Portland stands alone in her position as a big trade center of the great Willamette Valley, a field in itself sufficient to support a city of 500,000 people, of the incomparably rich timber, dairy and stock regions between the Willamette Valley and the Coast, of the great fruit and mining region of Southern Oregon, of the immense Central Oregon co try, destined to equal in importance the Willamette Valley, of the rich Wallowa country, of the lower Co-

Portland has had a complacent mations that the Coast ports are fight-knowledge of these advantages and of ing anyone. We have, in Portland, a her impregnable position in the

lumbia and half a dozen other locali-

he had been in forced propinguity tion to make much noise about our its victims, who, it is said, are al- merits may have postponed the inlowed, even when suffering from the evitable recognition which is now be-disease in an advanced stage, to beging made of our merits. Portland has for many months been booming along on the high road to prosperity with a These recent developments can hardly fall to accelerate the pace at which we are moving. It now seems certain that we are entering on an eraof the greatest commercial and indus-trial development that the city and state has ever known. Much yet remains to be done, however. We must continue the work of deepening the river and bar, and at the earliest possible moment a well-directed, earnest effort should be made to catablish trade relations with Alaska. Until now we have apparently been too busy in other directions to pay much attention to that great field for exploitation, but with the assistance of the railroads, it will be far less difficult to get a foothold than it has ever been

ONE IMMIGRANT'S SON. William Lorimer was the son of ountry in the steerage when William was five years old. When Lorimer grew up and became a full-fledged soldier in the battle of life, he, of co had to listen to all that twaddle about "the rich are growing richer and the poor are growing poorer," and that there was no longer a chance for a poor man in this country, etc., etc. Lorimer, however, had no time for that kind of logic, and while the jawsmiths and idlers loafed and delivered marchistic and socialistic speeches, he buckled down to the fight, and by en ergy and good habits rose steadily from the position of jaborer in a pack-ing-house and driver of a horsecar to a seat in the United States Senate.

In the language of one of the new Illinois Senator's friends, "his life is clean, his habits clean and his language clean." Lorimer's record is an unanswerable rebuke to the socialistic argument, and it is a glowing example for the other "William Lorimers" who are still coming over in the steerage grow up in the only country on earth which presents opportunities where the packing-house laborer can reach the highest office in the gift of

#### NORTHWEST WHEAT CROP.

Reports from the most prominent heat-growing districts of the Pacific Northwest indicate unusually favorable enditions for the 1909 wheat crop. Not only is the grain in excellent condition. but there is also a large increase in acreage in most localities? The critical period in the life of the plant is ye to be passed, but an abundance o moisture during the Winter enabled Fall wheat to secure a good, healthy growth, which will enable it to with stand the hot winds that sometime create havoe in June. Fortunately for the farmers, and for all others wh are to such a large extent dependent on the prosperity of the farmers, the methods of wheat farming now followed are much superior to those in use a number of years ago when crop damage was so much more frequently

As a result of this better cultivation and better care of the land, the grain now withstands unfavorable climatic conditions which, a dozen years ago, would have meant almost total destruction. Oregon and Washington ave been developing fruit, gardening. dairying and other branches of the agricultural industry to such an extent that wheat is no longer the overshadowing influence in our commercial life. For all that, the millions which annually draws into the country from the Old World play a tremen aly important part in the prosperity of city and country alike. It is perhaps expecting too much to look for a con tinuation of the present extraordinary prices throughout the coming season, but it is practically a certainty that lculay will be experienced to narketing the crop at the highest verage prices that have prevailed for

Not only is the prospect unusually world's markets, but there is such ar abundance of ocean tonnage all over the world that there is very little prospect for high freight rates, and armer will, accordingly, secure this additional advantage in price for his wheat. The progress of the crop from now on until harvest will be watched with considerable interest by Portland for the coming season will be the first which this city has had an oppor tunity to participate to any noticeable extent in the grain trade originating along the Hill lines in the State of Washington. Whether the crop large or small, the changed conditions will enable Portland to handle arger amount of the cereal than ever

## ALWAYS THE RIGHT THING.

The climate of Oregon is erratic at imes, as witness the freak that it took last January, but it can usually be depended upon to do the right thing and to correct all mistakes. Rain that fell two days ago evened up the January score and extended the promise of abundance to fields, orchards, gardens meadows and pastures impartially.

The horticulturist went forth smilingly again to "disc" his orchard, the dairyman to renew his contract with the owners of milch herds; the farmer to take a fresh look at his growing crops and the good wife to transplant her cabbage and tomato plants. The rain was timely also as a check to an unseemly rush of waters in the Columbia and a "back-up" of the Wil lamette, and cut short the plaint of heat that had already risen after mercury had dallied a couple of days

in the vicinity of 80 degrees. The right thing? Certainly. That is what the matchiess climate of Orealike upon the just and the unjust, the growler and the apologist, the cheerful man and him who goes about with wailing in his voice. It is a climate that can be depended upon to bring strawberries in May, roses in June, cherries in July, apples, melons and peaches in August, grapes and pears in September, and apples for every month of the entire year in unstinted

The Spokane Review insists that the Pacific Coast Jobbers are fighting Spokane and intimates that should stand in with the inland city ties on which nature has showered and fight the railroads. The Spokan her gifts with a lavish hand. paper is slightly in error in its inti-mations that the Coast ports are fightfew agitators who like to atle up

to gauge the results of that trouble but the most of us are a peaceful lo and thus far have been able to gain our ends by peaceful means. Quite naturally, we shall enter an objection to any rate reductions in territory which has no water competition unless there is a corresponding reduction in our own territory, where we have such competition. The Spokans contention before the Interstate Commerce Commission, so far as the Portland rate was concerned, was illogical and un-reasonable, and it was not considered in the decision of the Commission. The ruling of the Commission is unantisfactory to Portland, but our ship-pers will find ways for setting it aside, or for nullifying its effect.

Miss Lucia Clay Carson, who, from the infancy of the University of Oregon, has been at the head of its English department and dean of women will close her official connection with that institution at the end of the present semester. She goes to Mills Col-lege, at Oakland, a school for young omen, founded many years ago by Mrs. C T. Mills, as president of that institution. The title carries the as tional field in which she has so long labored, though loyal friends of the State University will hardly concede the new station to be one of greater honor or importance than the vacated in order to accept it. Be this as it may, her many friends will re-joice with her in a change that promises to be pleasant and profitable and one that reflects credit upon her ability as an educator and honor upon her n

The people of the Middle West here tofore serone in the belief that they were well out of the earthquake some. had a rude awakening Wednesday morning when houses swayed, windows rattled, chimneys tumbled down The general panic incident to seismic disturbance ensued. The shudder of Mother Earth lasted from two to thirty seconds, the shortest time being sufficient to send people pellmell into streets or open spaces it wild alarm. The most serious resul of a succession of shocks that were felt throughout Illinois and portion of four other states was the loss of confidence of the people in the immunity from earthquake, of the solid cemingly fong ago completed section of the country so suddenly shaken by nternal forces. In other respects the damage was slight.

Some of the California papers are laiming that there will be a sufficient amount of wheat produced in their swn state this year to meet all de mands for home consumption. We trust that no mistake has been made in the estimates. During the eleven months of the current cereal year Oregon and Washington ports have en called on to contribute (flour in cluded) about 8,000,000 bushels wheat and may have to send down another million before a new crop is This is profitable business for us, but we would much prefer shipping the surplus of Oregon and Washington to Europe and keep the money here on the Coast, where it is needed for other purposes.

Citizens of any quiet residence dis-trict, especially of any suburban district, to which police protection does not extend except in name, are justified in protesting against the opening of a skating rink and dancehall in their midst. The Common Council falls in its specific duty when it refuses to recognize such a protest as valid and in the face of it passes an ordinance permitting such a place to be opened. There are indications that the applicant for a license in this case wi prove superior to the govern and not press the matter in defiance of the objections that have been filed against it by his one-time neighbors.

As a concession, perhaps, to the th teachers and pupils by the eds cational exhibit for the Alaska-Yucon-Pacific Fair, the public scho rill close this year one week earlier than the date fixed by the annue chedule. That is to say, they will lose June 17, instead of June 22 Strennoua effort will be made to cover he course of study in the shortene time and to bring the children through examinations for promotion with credit, All concerned are divided be tween anxiety upon these latter points and pleasure at the shortened period of confinement in the school room.

The Municipal Association has in-dersed Mr. Albee for Mayor. Judging the future by the past, this indorse ment ought to help some in the elecwas the Municipal Association date at the primaries? Or did be have a candidate?

What has become of those clarion ones we used to hear from various pulpits in support of certain candi-dates for Mayor? Has Brother Brougher lost his voice? Or is he just plain mixed up?

If Judge Webster will resign as County Judge, there will not be the slightest objection from any source to his absenting himself as pleases on his private or any other business.

One vaudeville circuit has eliminated the mother-in-law joke. This may have been out of regard for the mother-in-law; but more likely it was because there are no good mother-in-General H. C. Corbin, retired, who

used to have a thing or two to say about the Army, wants Army expenses reduced. But there is nothing ex post facto about his suggestion Easy enough for you to decide be ween Simon and that bunch of re-

formers; but what are you going to do about all those charter amendments and other things? President Taft has won a barrel of sauer krant in a raffle; and he will probably eat it. We have now a Pres-

dent who is equal to any crisis. A June flood during Rose Carnival week would be another great free attraction.

England will have her four new Dreadnoughts, though many get no

Pass the word to the tourist: effect an entrance; or it might be mercial world, and it is possible that trouble, and sometimes fall accurately land."

MR. DALY WRITES A LETTER. Here's a Redhot Rosat for Portland

From a Scattle Man. PORTLAND, Ore., May 27.—(Editor Oregonian).—Your moss covered daily is commenting on the fact that Harriman & the U. S. government has a last discovered, that Portland is real-

ly on the map, it is no credit to you or the citizens to publish the news it shows you up in a true light, slow, hack numbers the real genuine sleeping mossback, if your city ever gets any thing in the way of commerce the people has certainly get to wake up. In howeling about the progress of the city just figure up some of the other cittes on the const, publish the figures so the public can see where Portland stands, at the bottom of the list.

Better let the street railway co build you a new bridge for it is the only sure way the public will ever have of securing one and furthermore it will be a first class structure, not nomething chesp, such as the City of Portland would erect, providing Portland does ever erect a new bridge, of course that is one of the questions that a future population will have to contend with, after the long long sleep has ended.

has ended.

Let Harriana build his new bridge where he wants to, the city will neve aget one unless the R. R. Co builds it. Hecause the mossback would build bridges like they do buildings, cheap fire traps, cheap that is the slogan of Portland, there is a great hurra about the price of any building projected but sift it down, to actual facts, you will find out when completed that there is a product of something cheap. How about the new Court house, will it be any improvement on the old Noshs Ark you already have, but cheer up Portland will be a fing station between Seattle and San Prancisco, the Capital of Oregon is going to be removed to Seattle and San Prancisco. oregon is going to be removed to Se-attle, also the Columbia and Willamette rivers are to be removed and made to empty into Lake Washington, also there are hundreds of other small and large items that Seattle will relieve Portland of, sleep on you mossbacks Fortland of, sleep on you massbacks you are a loosing game, might just as well with draw & let a real city and real live real live people show you what they can do, as they have been deing for the past many years.

### C. S. DALY. Baron Rothschild's Gardens.

New York Heraid.
One of the prottiest sights imaginable at the present time is that of the gardens and hothouses of Baron Alfons Rothschild at Hohe Warte, in the outskirts of Vienna. The grounds are beautifully laid out and the training of fruit trees to be noticed them. beautifully laid out and the training of fruit trees to be noticed there is remark-able. The head gardener is a genus in his line and I cannot recommend visitors to Vienna a more pleasant way of pass-ing two or three hours than in going to see his artistic arrangements of plants, flowers and fruits. In the center of all this display of na-ture assisted by art stands an ideal villa, pageda-like, dominating all. Hurticultur-lats can take away many new ideas from

ists can take away many new ideas from a visit to the Rothschild gardens, for the originality displayed there is quite un-usual and makes the show unique. The gardens and conservatories are open once a week. The sum of one kronen, which is charged for this rare sight, is given to charity.

### Tolator's Industry Is Unchecked.

Kansas City Star.

A German tourist, who recently visited Telstoi, writes: "The venerable man makes heroic efforts to disregard the pain which is the natural accompaniment of the malady from which he is suffering, and when he can do so he takes long walks, knowing full well that next day he must pay the penalty in his armehair. His industry is unchecked. He is writing a history of the revolutionary movement of 1906-08 and labors diligently on his book entitled Unlidren's Wisdom. which consists of questions asked by children of their elders and the answers. He is writing also a treatise on Confuring and a book on India. His correspondence is tremenfous, but he directs it personally, and enjoys doing it." It personally, and enjoys doing it."

# John Jacob Aster and Pent Gas.

New York Dispatch.
Chionel John Jacob Astor has applion a patent for a machine which it imped will make possible the stillnation of peat deposits as a fuel for power. is said that Colonel Aster Intends to present it to the public, in the hope that it may be of wide general use. Colonel Aster is about to try out his invention at his own place, Rhimecliff-on-the-Hudson. He will erect a 150-horsepower plant and attach it to a stone crusher. If the peat gas succeeds in running this, it is botleved an interesting engineering adcance, with far-re-have been achieved. far-reaching effects,

Sleunk, in Salary, Second to Caruso Paris Correspondence N. Y. Heraid.
Leo Siezak, the notes temor of the Visons opera, who is to appear at the Metropolitan Opera-house. New York, next
season, will, it is understood, receive a
salary second only to that of Enrico
Caruso, and his contract prevides for
an increase in his compensation if he
makes the success that is anticipated.
Mr. Siezak, who is only 28 years old, has
worked his way up from the chorus. He
is described as als feet three inches tall
and strikingly handsome.

# lingful of Chickens Scarca Pinder.

Lancaster, Pa., Dispatch. In a runaway at Allentown, Pa., a bag containing live chickens was thrown from a wagon. A woman, picking it up, thinking it contained inanimate produce, was so frightened when the chickens began to cluck that she fell in a dead

Live Sunke in Postoffice Mail. Wilmington, Del., Dispatch, Employes in the postoffice at George town, Del., scattered when a package was opened and a large snake popped out. One girl went into bysterica.

# Afterwards.

Recinald Wright Manimum, in Smart Sea Sumedies it is the little things that last that make the picture when the model's Her smile, her voice, the way she taxed her head. Conneiling; when the memory is past of line and feature, then such trifles set Their dagers to the bracking.

Was just that ser: illusive, here and there, I know her quite ten Winters—laved her these pasts of the control of th

And yet, no soother was the story done Than I could scarce have told you if her hair Was black or golden. (There, I sometimes think. Lay half her charm; a man could look and Great draughts from all her prettiess, and

then
Go. and forget, and long to drink again;
Well, so tonight, five years since when me
said
Good-bye, without a hearthreak, were 1 sent
Da Vincis art to fetch that the smeanest
Must fleeting and distinctive back to me.
And paint so some spick carreas her dim
head,
o all the world would straight acclaim it
she.

Even so, my hand would full me utterly.

And yet I know her still; her laugh and frown.
The sweep or aboutler and the full of gown.
And how, at moments, her unwavering ayes.
A dimple darting like a bottorfly
About the Chesce in the pink and white Glad garden of her chesk; the leaping light, Lost in the titles between a smile and sign.
The perfuse of her hair, and her the results were pone at her Threat assumed new grace. grace, And that shy sadness her unconncious for Ware in its moments of untaught repose.

And that is all? It should be all, and yet This last remains: that I recall that I liave second as often her fallst memory, while she was ares ready to forgot!

HEAVY LOSS BY WATER METERS CITY Latter a Fad; Economy to Lay Mor-

Pipe Lines, Says Writer. PORTLAND, May 27.—(To the Editor.)—A few days since, I noticed a news report in The Oregonian about water meters, stating that the city of ficials had purchased 5000 of these eco-Sciais had purchased 5000 of these ecomomical devices at a cost of only \$22,116, or about \$5.50 per meter; and that
the Water Board, after due deliberation and consideration, had fully desided upon installing meters throughout the city in all the residences and
other places where water is used. I
should like to know whose "Ind" this
is, and if it is a wise one?

We have the gravitation system here,
with enough water at Bull Rus lakewe are told to supply 1,000,000 or more
people. If so, would it not be more
seconomical at this time to lay additional pipe lines, than to measure out

tional pipe lines, than to measure out water by meteral Basing the cost price of meters on the last batch of host purchased by the city, at \$6.50 each, for purchased by the city, at \$6.50 cairs, for \$6.500 houses—this is a how estimate of the houses now in our city—this would be about \$150,000 for meters alone, with the cost price of installation about the same, or a total of \$250,000. This, added to extra cierk hire, readers, measurement teners, all makers and a host terminal teners, all makers and a host ter-men, tappers, plumbers and a host of other factors, would bring the to-tal to about \$550,000.

less than before the installation of meters, which means a large reduction annually to be added to the \$380,600 for the cost of meters, above referred to. This meter husiness, it seems to me, is based on false oconomy, and the sooner the imposition is exposed the sooner the people will be relieved from an unjust taxation, which is benefiting only some Eastern corporations, and satisfying a few official faddists who have nothing to lose and much to learn.

PETER TIMMS,

650 Third Street.

# Students at Oriental Universities.

It is with something of a shock that we bearn that the enrollment of the Calcutta colleges is greater than that of Harcard. Yale, Princeton and the University of Chicago combined, and that, in addition to these 18,000 students there are over 0,000 boys numbered in the various high schools of the city.

Takte leads the riche.

Tokie leads the globe so everwhelming-In this direction that we could take the stire population of the city of Los Angeles without reaching the student en-

colonial of the Japanese capital.

More than 100.000 students are numbered in the colleges of Tokio, and the list represents practically every country of the Drient. The most algorificant feature of

Roberta Cor. Atlanta Constitution. The largest catch of fish yet recorded is that which is reported here to have been made by Sid Frican, Jr., of Atlanta, on his father's plantation near when 500 fish were caught at one

The Phelan plantation is located on the Film fitter, and there are a number of pools near by, caused from the recent heavy rains and rapid rise of the river. Mr. Phelan naw what appeared to be a school of fish in one of these ponds. He examined and found this was true and that the fish were being herded, as if were, by a large anake, which we swimming around them. He got a buck and let it down into the poind where the were the thicknet, and when he pulled up the bucket was full of fish. The were over 20, each about an inch or

## Bees and Sparrows Fight for Tree.

Bees and Sparrows Fight for Tree.
Durby Cor. Philadriphia Press.
A fight between a half dozen Engilets sparrows and a swarm of bees for the possession of an old tree on the lawn of Serril House, Main street, was witnessed by a number of interested spectators. The colony of bees swarmed around the tree and discovering a hole about so feet from the ground, flew in. The first of the army, which filled the air like a miniature cloud, had hardly entered the hole before the sparrows came out, ruffling their mack feathers and chattering with sager.

There were six sparrows living in the

There were six sparrows living in the tree, and for five minutes they put up a gallant fight for the possession of their home, but the bees were too much for them and after a time they slowly flow off, fighting to the last.

# Ratirond Company's Blacktist.

The management of the Chicago, Bur-lington & Quincy Railroad has conset the practice of suspending operating em-ployes for intractions of rules, on the ployes for infractions of the ground that such pupishment is an ineffectual means of discipline. Instead, the company has instituted a comprehensive system of renords which are at all times which

# Parmyard Scene at a Dinner.

Baltimere News.

In New York a wealthy man gave linner at a hotel to 50 friends at which dinner at a notes to be from a at which as farmyand soone was represented by quacking ducks, crowing rocoters and 30 incubator chickens, running loose in a wired enclosure in the center of a round table. The same man once gave a dinner at which kangaroo meat was a dinner at which kangaroo meat served at a cost of \$200.

## A "Gintleman" and Itla Clother

Kansas Ciy Star.

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Abourd the sleeper, the President reected, sars the Boston Transcript, upon
tr. Decley's and query: "How can a
intleman take off his clothes whin sita" on thim?"

ELECTION MATTERS

### Consolidation of Administrative Boards Provided by Amendment.

Consolidation of the water, health and park boards with the Executive Board is provided in a proposed charter amend-ment, drafted by the special committee of seven, appointed by the City Council, which will be submitted to the voters in to centralize in one board the administration of the various departments of the city government. The Executive Sound already has central of the fire, police and street departments, "lighting the streets, public buildings and public places in the city, the nurbor, the pound department" and all other departments and nunicipal offices connected with the city government. By the terms of this amthe water, besith and park beards, in their administrative capacities are to be administered by the Executive Board.

administered by the Executive Board. Under the proposed consolidation of these various departments, the Executive Board is such or the process with the factories of Election of Londo and constraint an additional pipe line from the bradworks on Bull Ston Elect to this city, including the purchase of necessary ground for additional reservoirs and the installation of water meters. With elimination of the water heard, the amendment further relieves the city of the payment to that heard of Elector annually be the water service new furnished the city. ter men, tappers, plumbers and a host of other factors, would bring the total to about Eulopide.

Mow long will the meters last! Some say iver years and some say less. Are we to pay Elécide every five years for out tod. Of having water measured out tod. Of having water measured with the which our detables a condition, in which our detables a condition of the water board operated the system? This except has a condition of the water board of the condition of the water heart will one of the water heart and a condition of the water board in condition of the water board in condition of the water board in the factory of the condition of the water heart will not encount to the far private and a condition of the water board in the factory of the condition of the water board in the factory of the condition of the water heart will not encount to the far private and the condition of the water board in the factory of the sale of meters of the carriers and the condition of the water board of the condition of the water board the city and will be condition of the water board of the c

year, increasing ion cost of all contemplated improvements, and at the same time prescribe as nearly as possible a water rate that will yield sufficient revenue to meet the estimated expenses of the department. Continuing section 200. as amended, provides:

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The Council shall not increase the expenditures proposed, nor decrease the water rates act not theorets, but it may reduce or smit any proposed times of expenditures or increase the rates to be paid for water. The Council shall be enlinence authorize the proposed expenditures to be paid only out of the water fand, and shall likewise fix the water rates for the ensuity year. In the case of any unforcesen or great emergency, the Council may be ordinance, at say time, on recommendation of the Executive Heard, authorize further expenditures to be made out of the water fund.

The Executive Heard.

The Executive Board is charged with the redemption of bonds heretofore termed by the water board, through the creation of a similing fund. It also will be reof a similing fund. It also will be required semiannually to publish a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements of the water department, including an inventory of the property, implements, and materials believely, to the water works, together with the condition and approximate value thereof.

Full control and authority over the health department also is conferred by this amendment on the Executive Board which is authorized to

Orient. The most significant feature of the situation, however, is not the bulk of numbers, but the elements below the surface. Ten years ago there were but two Chimese in the schools of Tokie. Today there are more than 5890. Chima besten by the force of Japanese arms and counting, is sitting at the feet of her conquerer in the effort to inchibe the secrets of her learning and power.

Georgian's Carek of 800 Fish.

Roberta Cor. Atlanta Constitution.

The largest catch of fish yet recorded is that which is reported here to have been made by Sid Phelan, Jr., of Atlanta. on his father's plantation near

In taking over the direction of the park department, the Encountry Deard also is authorized to appears and employ all necessary assistance in the proper care of the city's parks and benjevards. The amendment in no way interfered with the bond lesse of 190 for ELOO, no of park and houseward bonds, except that the expendi-ture of that sum shall devolve spon the Executive Board instead of the Park

### IN THE MAGAZINE SECTION OF THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN

FEATURES FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Disbanding of the Confederate Army. Great story of fact for memorial day, by Ida M. Tarbell, Pathetic struggles of the horseless and provisionless soldiers to reach their homes and locate their leved"

Uncle Sammie at the Cemetery, Great story of fiction for Memo-rial day by Charles F. Embree Its tender ending, its mingled humor and pathos, mal, strong appeal.

A page of thoughts by orators and poets, including Colonel In-gersoll's immortal "The Past Rises Before Me Like a Dream " an original poem, "'Unknown," by Sewall Truax, of Salem, Or., and other poems well worth preserving.

### HUNTING THE ELEPHANT, THE WHITE RHINO AND THE HIPPO

Wonderful big-game field in which Colonel Rossevelt is having as exciting adventures as those described by Winston Churchill.

#### BASEBALL AND HOW TO SPEAK IT

This is the topic of Wallace Irwin's Japanese School Boy's letter. It is a most delightful satire on the language employed nowadays in the great American game.