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# PORTLAND, TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1909.

# A NECESSARY DISTINCTION.

Some one says: "The Oregonian lives in the past. It is reactionary. would stop human progress. It would bind us down to the rules and ways of antioulty."

Friends and men and brethren, you who are trying to push all modern fads and flighty notions to adoption as first principles, don't make that mistake about The Oregonian. This paper is "modern." in every proper sense of the word. They who don't think so-they who think they are more "modern" than The Oregonian -will find their mistake, if they try to supersede it, or cut it out, or do without if.

But the present owes most of what it has, or what it is, to the past; and The Oregonian shows those who read it that modern notions or whima, though they may have in them an element of leaven, for the germination and development of ideas for the present and future time, nevertheless, must be restrained-must not be held or pushed so presumptuously as to cut men loose from historical experience, and, through mere desire of innovation, cause them to reject all the chief heritages of the human race, written in the constitutions of states and evolved from experience with the problems of society and government, these many ages-

But don't suppose or imagine for a moment that The Oregonian-though adhering to these principles-is not sensitive to every suggestion or movement of a rational kind that promises improvement and progress, or that It is not as ready as any for adoption of such. But it doesn't accept every shallow innovation for a measure of reform.

In Oregon we have gone too far. The Oregonian itself a few years ago conceded too much. That was be-cause, on the one hand, it saw it was age till they are interpreted by the movements of those that follow; and useless, for the time, to resist the movement, and on the other because it a mistaken belief, expectation or hope, that there was or would be so much consideration and self reety as an organism is scarcely less a straint on all sides that the new puzzle than the origin of life itself. methods would not be pushed to extremes, but would be used only on rare occasions for remedial purposes That was a fallacious hope. Individuals, and groups, it is found, seize the opportunity to push their vagaries of every description-keeping the state in continual agitation, uncertainty and He has been in Congress ten years. He uproar. A means provided as a check or remedy now is insisted on as a means or method of complete superhas taken a position among the leaders humor, native good sense and gentle sedure of the fundamental law, with authorization of attack on the muniments of property, and on rights in general, which constitutions are orined to establish and to preserve Hence it is necessary now to be continually on guard against social and political revolutionaries, who find nothing to restrain them, and who are continually sharpening their knives against their country and its laws. Oregon is an unfortunate example: unfortunate for herself, yet an ex ample for the fortune of others. What Oregon has done checks the progress of this revolutionary and destructive action in other states; since others note the example and, take warning from it. A written constitution is necessary for a state. But Oregon has none, in fact; scarcely even the shadow of one. Now it has come pass that when a judge on the bench pronounces against an act for its unconstitutionality, as Judge Galloway lately did in the matter of the Crater Lake road, he is denounced for the act, is told there is no constitution that courts or citizens are bound to observe, and that these old fossil or mossback regulations are of no account anyhow. We shall put Oregon on a sane basis again, after a while. It may require less time than some think; for there is a spirit of recovery in the public mind that sometimes moves as fast as the revolutionary action that has preceded it. Nothing in human life, nothing in the constitution of human society, is fixed and settled, in perpetuity. Of human institutions the Roman Catholic Church comes nearest that definition or distinction, but it claims divine ordination, yet still moves with the spirit of the ages. No one expects human laws and institutions to be absolutely fixed or unchangeable. But radical and revolutionary methods, reversing first principies, of government, and opposed to human experience, through methods of innovation, are not methods of reform. The distinction never should be misunderstood.

for the wheat consumers who were The locating engineers had dodged the ties of Europe than any other savant seeking to reduce the pressure on their Bitter Boots, but the detour added ocketbooks caused by the abnormal many miles to the length of the road carcity of wheat stocks in the United and levied against that particular di-vision a very heavy fixed charge which States. The sentiment among farmers s practically unanimous in favor of recould have been avoided by going ention of a good, stiff duty on grain. through Lolo Pass. To this feat of It is also unanimous in favor of admit- | primitive engineering Spokane owes an

mysterious compound, whose move-

ments puzzle the wisest. Public opin

habit, and therefore are almost wholly

that seeks suddenly to exact of the

ance or self-restraint than it is capa

Attempts to prohibit sale and use of

where there is no demand for drink-

it operates advantageously. But where

it is not so supported it operates as an

instrument of equivocation and black-.

customs?" asked Horace, two thou-

sand years ago. It is a question for

temperament of the community are

should be; but it is not always done.

application of these laws is the

subtlest study in the world. We know

little of the moving forces of our own

Ferrero's great book on Rome, now

to brilliant use of this method. Soci-

REPRESENTATIVE CUSHMAN.

The loss of Representative Cushman,

should his death unfortunately occur,

will be difficult for the State of Wash-

ington to retrieve. Cushman has a

unique and very interesting personality.

of the lower house, through his genial

the talk of the world, owes its celebrity

In all lawmaking the temper and

to be considered;-certainly

every stage of human society.

"What can laws avail without

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ting grain bags free of all duty overwhelmingly large portion of her The people are with the farmers on prestige today. The matchless water the free-bag question, but the parting power of the city and the country of the ways comes with the demand tributary would naturally have called that grain also be admitted free. Perfor the existence of a city at that haps the most peculiar feature of this point; but, had the mad rush which inconsistent attitude of the farmers the Northern Pacific is now making to lies in the fact that the only time it get a line through Lolo Pass taken has ever been possible to import wheat place when the road first came West, into the United States, with or without Lewiston, and not Spokane, would to. paying duty, was when farmers' sup-plies had been exhausted and there day be the metropolis of the Inland All of the wonderfully rich Empire. was no more wheat for sale in the country in the Clearwater would have inited States. The tariff question been settled and developed and would throughout is an admirable illustration today be turning out an enormous

of the difference it makes whose ox is traffic for the rallroads, and the large connage now moving out of the great Coeur d'Alene mining district would be ONE FUZZLE ON ANOTHER. out over a water-level haul. Whether one thinks of society as an

Traffic moves in and out of Lewisorganism or as an association of orton over water-level grades. It can ganisms, makes little difference. It is neither get in nor get out of Spokane except over heavy grades. Portland's particular interest in this railroad storm center at Lolo Pass lies in the on is scarcely ever conscious of itself. fact that the building of the road and The reason perhaps is that the vast majority of men and women are actuits radiating branches among the tributaries of the Clearwater will add ated, as to their words and deeds, by more miles to our rapidly increasing inacquainted with self-direction and system of water-level transportation The commercial map of the Pacific self-restraint Legislation, therefore, Northwest would have today presented a strikingly different appearance had public a greater capacity for self-guidthe railroad engineers followed the cannot but prove ineffectual. pack trains over the easy grades thirty ears ago. It requires no deep knowledge of economics to understand that lquors furnish a good illustration of the effect of these overdue changes this principle; for, in those states or will be in evidence less than thirty cities in which prohibition is supported public opinion-in other words, years hence.

# WORSE THAN CHINESE AND APES.

After all, it does not require much ense to make a racket. Strain his throat as he will, a man cannot yell as oudly as a pig can squeal. The wellconsidered bray of a donkey surpasses the peal of a cannon firecracker. In the matter of noise, the mightiest efforts of the hoodlum and the idiot are but futile compared with the easy feats of Nature's untutored children in the

Hence the blunder of enactment of laws that are "misfits," and merely sty and barnyard. The Chinese are the only people in neglected. Likewise the assertion of the world who celebrate their festive the equality of men. It is a fine thedays as we do-that is, by deafening ory, does honor to the goodness of hu-man nature, and seems to have in it a themselves with crude din. If the apes in the African forests had firecrackers, progressive principle. But it will not doubtless they would use them much work out." It breaks down at all atas we do. Those enlightened beasts tempts to make practical application imitate our celebrations in all other of it. For men are not equal; they respects, or we imitate them. Certainare most unequal-in talent, in staly, if we have not taken our fashion of tion, in opportunity. Tennyson's line, commemorating the natal day of the so incapacitated that it would require In "Locksley Hall," is an everlasting country from the apes, we have boranswer to the futility of this claim of rowed it from the Chinese. Both the equality:-"Charm us, orator, till the material of our festivity and the fashlon is no larger than the cat." Even man, therefore, do what he ion of using it come from the almond-eyed Oriental. Seeing how deeply we will, can't escape the laws of natural despise him for his useful qualities, it evolution; and human society is govis rather surprising that we should arned by them. But the discovery and

> most disagreeable. HISTORICAL JUSTICE.

condescend to imitate him where he is

The discouraged brethren who say here is no such thing as justice in the world meet with a fact now and then which rather upsets their conclusion,

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though, as a rule, they will not admit To be thoroughly and perpetually discouraged is a tuxury which a man who has once experienced it is often reluctant to renounce. The review of the life and work of Thomas Paine, published in the London Times on the hundredth anniversary of his death, was an instance, in point, Paine's memory has been subject to unmitigated obloquy for a full cen-Those who knew the truth tury; about his noble life and important influence on the course of events, both in the United States and France, has

THE CORPORATION TAX. we have produced. His work in the

THE MORNING OREGONIAN, TUESDAY, JULY 6, 1909.

President Lowell, of Harvard, won-

dered the other day why it was that

scholarship was not more honored in

our colleges. Neglected as learning,

always. Suppose somebody

atoned for every fault.

work.

years.

people.

ing to work after a debauch in town,

labor at a state institution for a few

that precept. The manner in which

of his competitors were involved, was

ing "how to keep the good," no one

go of anything that answered that de-

scription. The principal complaint which the world has against Mr. Rock-

highest rank.

### Reasons Why It Should Be Rejected fundamental theory of heat was of the and Stamp Taxes Substituted for It.

The following careful and temperate statement of objections to the corporation tax is presented by the Chicago Tribune

is in those sanctuaries of the intellect, (1) It would mean inequality in taxait is still more neglected outside them. tion. A corporation carrying on a par-ticular business would be taxed, while Eminence in literature, mathematics, theular business would be taxed, while a partnership or individual carrying on the same business would be exempt. A man like Mr. Carnegie, with his for-tune in bonds, would escape, while the incomes of thousands of small physics and so on, will be esteemed by college boys whenever their parents set the example. As long as we ignore our geniuses while they are alive and hasten to forget them as stockholders in big and little corpora-tions would be cut down. (2) It would be double taxation in soon as they are dead, we cannot ex-

pect college boys to think brain work is of any great value. They are more the case of corporations which are taxed by states or municipalities on account of the special privileges which likely to accept the opinion that brains are of less consequence than money the National Government did not con because money can buy them. It can fer, but which it is now proposed to buy them, as a matter of fact, sometax imes and for some purposes, but not

(3) The tax would be inimical to the interests of the country in that it would discourage the use of the con-venient corporate methods of carrying should propose to celebrate the next birthday of Simon Newcomb with poems, tin horns and firecrackers. Every citia business. The business of the coun tions, not merely by the great ones which are in the public eye, and with which are in the public eye, and with which the public is sometimes angry, but also by tens of thousands of smaller ones which never are com-plained of and which should not be specially tayed because thou do bust zen of the United States would smile. In France, however, and in Germany, oo, such proposals are made and carried out, time and again, every year. To be sure, they do not use firecrackers and horns, but we are a youthful people, and if we do such things at

specially taxed because they ness in a particular way. (4) That while the Federal super-vision of corporations engaged in inmust be in the manner of exuberant childhood. Simon Newcomb is our greatest living man of science. terstate commerce, which has often been urged by President Taft, may be desirable, anything which looks in the direction of Federal supervision of corporations doing An intrastate or purely local business is not desirable. They should be regulated, if they need regulation by the stress that which He has been honored and decorated by almost every learned society in the world. Why would it be unbecoming for us to make a little fuss over him here at home before he is dead? Some people say that our negregulation, by the states that created lect of all distinguished men except

politicians is a defect in our civiliza-(5) The tax would not yield revenue tion. It indicates a narrowness and luring the years of deficit. While the President is convinced of its constitu-tionality, the question would be taken perhaps a grossness in national life which we may outgrow when we have into the courts and would not be dis passed that obstreperous youth which posed of offhand. we are always talking about as if it

(6) Senator Aldrich says the tax will excused every folly we commit and he only a temporary one, for its con-tinuance would destroy the protective system because of the great revenue it would provide. It is harder to repeal such a tax than to impose it. Congress would be reluctant to surrender a tax The cause of temperance received another good boost up in Morrow County last week, when a paroled conose proceeds ministered to Congresvict, after filling his worthless hide

which extravagance. These are some of the objections to the corporation tax. To stamp taxes, which would bring in revenue at once, because their constitutionality is unwith whisky, started to shoot up the town. Ione, scene of the disturbance is in the center of the wheat belt, and because their constitutionality is un-disputed, there would be no popular objection. They would take care of the deficit which would come in the wake of the Aldrich bill. They would be widely distributed, equitable and un-felt. They should be substituted for the concornition tax. at this season of the year there is always a good demand for harvest labor. The presence of too many lowclass saloons in the adjacent towns has not only prevented the farmers from keeping their help on the farms with any great degree of regularity, but it has also been the cause of a

That the tariff bill will not produce enough revenue is Senator Aldrich's fault. He has loaded it down with great many of the laborers returnprohibitive duties. If they were lowered importations and revenues would several days of rest before they could se. To that he and the Sena-majority which stands behind increase; As for the drunken convict torial him will not consent. So there has to who started the trouble, his surplus energy should be directed to hard be some new tax.

# Millionaire Vanderbilt's River Palace.

American Register, London. Alfred

Alfred Vanderbilt's new houseboat, which has been bullt at Oxford, has been "We need to know how to keep the good and forget the wrong," said John conveyed to Shiplake, near Henley-on-Thames, and here the American million-D. Rockefeller to the Cleveland Sun-day school scholars. The great diffiaire will entertain his friends for the culty encountered by the lawyers who various regattas that will take place on the upper reaches of the Thames during the next two or three months. recently subjected Mr. Rockefeller to a rigid cross-examination was in getting him away from the latter part of

This new river palace is, it is claimed, the finest craft of the kind ever constructed in England.

he could "forget the wrong" which he The boat and its tender are 132 feet was charged with doing whenever any ng, 17½ feet in beam and nearly 25 feet lgh. The main saloon is paneled with high. stoical in the extreme. As for knowolished mahogany, and lighted, heated and ventilated electrically. There are four bedrooms, each with a bathroom. ever accused the Oil King of letting The dining and smoking rooms are on the top deck, with portable paneling for dismanteling when negotiating bridges. The tender is equipped with the most inefeller is that he has kept too much genlous French cooking requisites and men an elaborate hot water system. The boat will be furnished lavishly, but fed. of the "good" and forgotten the "wrong" he has inflicted on other men don't hop around an sing over their

the bedrooms, like the exterior, are paintivory-white, All the ground

# "MR. DOOLEY" DISCUSSES THE TARIFF QUESTION

Apatite, hogs' bristles

Well, Sir,

eggs, stilts, skeletons, turtles

ys can tell ye'er wife to go down 'an' ordher th' biggest peach basket in th' window, fr. Hinnisy, me boy, fr'm now on yachts can be imported free. Here

walls iv Congress hall has resounded with th' loftlest sintiminis. Hinnery Cabin Lodge in accents that wud melt

th' heart iv th' coldest manufacturer iv button shoes has pleaded fr free-

dom f'r th' skin ic vows. I'm sorry to say that this appeal fr'm th' cradle

iv our liberties wasn't successful. Th' hide iv th' pauperized kille iv Europe will have to cough up at th' customs

house befure they can be convarted into brogans. This pathriotic result was se-

ured be th' gallant Bailey iv Texas. A

fine lib'rat minded fellow, that lad

Bailey. He's an ardint free thrader, mind ye. He's almost a slave to th'

historic principles iv th' Dimmycratic party. Ye bet he is. But he's no blamed bigot. He can have principles

"Says th' Sinitor fr'm Louisyanny:

It is crushin' out th' lives iv our pe

tariff on lathes. Fellow Sinitors,

ple. An' wan w th' worst parts iv this divvlish injine iv tyranny is th'

long,' ne says, 'as I can stand, as long

as nature will sustain me in me pro-

test, while wan dhrop iv pathriotic blood surges through me heart, I will

Fr'm me arllest days I was brought up

around, don't Virginya get none? How about th' mother iv Prisidenta? Ain't she goin' to have a grab at annything?

talk here ontil July Fourth, nineteen hundherd an' eighty-two, again th' proposed hellish tax on feather beds

proposed neither tax on feather bens onless something is done fr th' tama-rack bark iv old Virginya.' "An' so it goes, Hinnissy. Niver a sordid wurrud, mind ye, but ivrything

4 will

Gintlemen, I do not ask, I rights f'r me commonwealth.

to look on it with pizenous hathred. At

an' he can lave thim alone.

After Reading the Principal Items on the Free List, the Archey Road Philos opher Enlightens His Friend Henessy on the Patriotism of the United States Senate.

"Well, sir," said Mr. Dooley, "'tis a | wurruks to a grand wurruk thim Sinitors an' Con-gressmen are doin' away undher th' majestic tin dome iv th' Capitol thryin' wurruks iv art more thin 20 years old kelp, marshmallows, lifeboats, silk-worms' ergs stills skeletors inclus kelp. worms' egg: an' leeches. majestic tin doms iv th' Capitol thryin' to rejooce th' tariff to a weight where it can stand on th' same platform with me frind big Bill without endangerin' his life. Th' likes iv ye wud want to see th' tariff rejooced with a jack plane or an ice pick. But th' tariff has been a good frind to some iv thim hovs any it's a frind by finds how boys an' it's a frind iv frinds iv some iv th' others an' they don't intend to be rough with it. "Me Congressman sint me a conv ty

an' there. Ye've given up smokin'. Whin ye'er wife come to ye an' told ye she was goin' to buy a new hat ye've said: 'Hadn't ye betther put it off till we see what we have to pay in jootles on that new six thousand hersepower, teorbin wacht that Congressman sint me a copy iv tariff bill th' other day. He's a said: Ine fellow that Congressman iv mine. He looks afther me inthrests well. He He looks atther me inthreats well. He on that new six thousand horsepters, knows what a gr-reat reader I am. I toorbin yacht that ye so foollshiy ordhered whin ye were in England vis-tin' Andhrew Carnaygie.' Well, sir turyin' it f'r a week. 'Tis a fine piece v Summer lithrachoor. I'm in favor iv iavin' it read on th' Foorth iv July instead ly th' Declaration iv Indypindon yachts can be imported ited it is if ye don't believe me: 'Yachts free iv jooty.' Thim simple wurruds will bring a new hope to manny & will bring a new hope to manny & ance. "Iv coorse low cordid people like ye,

Hinnissy, will kick because it's goin' will bring to cost ye more to indulge ye'er taste in ennervating luxuries. Ye'd think th' ye'er wurr in ennervating luxuries. Ye'd think th' way such as ye taik that ivrything is taxed. It ain't so. 'Tis an insuit to th' pathritism iv Congress to say so. Th' Republican party with a good deal iv assistance fr'm th' pathritotic Dimmy-crats has been thrue to its promises. Look at th' free list, if ye don't believe it. Fractically ivrything nicissry to ex-istence comes in free. What, f'r ex-It Practically refyrining industry to ex-istence comes in free. What, f'r ex-ample, says ye? I'll look. Here it is, Curling stones. There I told ye. Cur-ling stones are free. Ye'll be able to buy all ye'll need this Summer f'r

practically nawthin'. "What else? Well, teeth. Here it in th' bill: 'Teeth free iv jooty.' is in th' bill: 'Teeth free iv jooty.' Undher th' Dingley bill they were heavily taxed. Onless ye cud prove that they had cost ye less thin a hund-herd dollars, or that ye had worn thim f'r two years in Europe, or that ye were bringin' thim in f'r scientific purposes or to give to a museem, there was

an enormous jooty on teeth. "What other nicissities, says ye? Weil, there's sea moss. That's a good thing. Ivry poor man will apprecyate havin' sea moss to stir in his tea. News-papers, nuts an' nux vomica ar-re free papers, nuts an' nux vomica ar-re free. Ye can take th' London Times now. But that ain't all be anny means. They've removed th' jooty on Pulu. I didn't think they'd go that far, but in they we the production of the second teaching and t spite iv th' protests iv th' Pulu oundhries iv Sheboygan they ruthlessly sthruck it fr'm th' list iv jootyable aricles. Ye know what Pulu is, of coorse, an' I'm sure ye'll be glad to know that an' I'm sure ye'n de Bue or soop is on this refreshing biv'rage or soop is on th' free list. Sinitor Root in behalf iv th' Pulu growers iv New York objicted, but Sinitor Aldhrich was firm

raise me voice again a tariff on 'There was a gr-reat sthruggle over canary bur-rd seed. Riprisintatives iv onless,' he says, 'this dhread imply-mint iv oppressyon is akelly used,' he th'. Chicago packers insisted that in in. Chicago backers insisted that in time canary bur-rds cud be taught to ful mollasses iv th' state iv me birth, at pork chops. Manny Sinitors thought he says. "I am heartily in sympathy with th' that th' next step wud be to take th' jooty off cuttle fish bone an' thus sthrike a blow at th' very heart iv our thus Sinitor fr'm Louisyanny,' says th' Sin-iv our itor fr'm Virginya. 'I loathe th' tariff.

protictive system. But Sinitor Tillman, who is a gr-reat frind iv th' canary bur-rd an' is niver seen without wan perched on his wrist which he has taught to swear, put up a gallant fight f'r his protegees an' thousands iv canary bur-rds sang with a lighter heart that night. Canary bur-rd seed will be very cheap this year an' anny Amer-ican wurrukin' man that keeps a canary bur-rd needn't go to bed hungry. There ought to be some way iv teachin' their wives how to cook it. It wud make a nourishin' dish whin ye have whetted ye'er face on a piece iv cuttle fish bone. It is bither f'r th' voice thin corned beef an' cabbage. I'm sure that th' reason American wurrukin'

THE TAXI-TYPEWRITER.

ence at his leisure.

writing machine.

was to start the ro

to spend money on It.

that he could.

wanted to buy a machine and wr

One hotel corridor the other day was

The presence of the taxi-typewriter in

the hotel corridor has much the same ef-fect as the various shows at Coney Island.

Just because it's there folks are tempted

walking through a hotel the other day and they saw one of these devices.

"Can you write on a typewriter?" she

asked, and the young man replied proud-

sons who hire the machine because

pays th' tax, annyhow.' ' Vell, sir, there are a few iv things that are on th' free list. "He does," said Mr. Dooley, "If he things that are on th' free list. But there are others, mind ye. Here's some (Copyright, 1909, by H. H. McClure & Co.)

tting ou

York

done on th' fine old principle iv give an' take." "Well," said Mr. Hennessy, "what wurruk is because they are improperly diff'rence does it make? Th' foreigner

### INCONSISTENT TARIFF TINKERS.

The Oregonian has always been opthose days. Steamboats followed the posed to the tax on grain bags. water-level grade up from Portland, As was stated by Senator Jones in offering | and batteaux and the pack train folhis amendment placing them on the llowed the water courses down to meet free list, the cheap labor employed in [ the steamers at Lewiston. The line of the manufacture of these bags at Calleast resistance was followed because cutta makes it impossible for us to the facilities for doing otherwise were meet foreign prices with Americanmissing. The pack trains were still It would require a most made bags. running from Lewiston up the Lolo onerous and almost prohibitory duty to trail and through the easy grade of shut out the foreign bags, and the bur-Lolo den is already excessively heavy with-Northern Pacific engineers made their out increasing it. The subject, howfinal locations for the road to the ever, offers an interesting side light on coast. the inconsistencies of the entire tariff scaled the Rocky Mountains at Mullan For example, it is recalled question. Pass, where it was impossible to avoid that a few weeks ago effort was made an expensive switchback, and later a to secure admission duty free of Catunnel, and they seemed afraid of the nadian grain. As there are a hundred Bitter Root grades leading in and out consumers of grain to every one buyer of Lolo Pass.

of grain bags, it would naturally se The main line of the first northern that "the greatest good for the greatest | transcontinental railroad was accordnumber" would require co-operation ingly swung away to the north, and, of farmers in securing free grain, just skirting the eastern slope of the Bitdesire to secure free grain But it is, of course, not on rec-Lake, it made a detour of the lake and ord that Senator Jones made a plea then again swung south to Spokane. Gibbs is better known in the universi-

persistence. Cushman has a reputaa as a "funny man," but he has not lost prestige or influence by it, because he has had the rare judgme o refrain from relying on witty speeches or sharp repartee to make a reputation. He has risen to speak only on infrequent occasions in the House, but he has never falled to be heard, for he always had something to say, and he said it well, even bril-Withal, Cushman has had a liantly. real desire to render solid service to his district and to his country, and he has succeeded.

Cushman was in Congress long enough to gain an important stationa place, indeed, as can be secured only by experience and capacity. The southwestern district of Washington can hardly hope to do so well in his successor.

# AGAIN THE WATER-LEVEL GRADE.

such

When the locating engineers for the Northern Pacific Railroad were running lines through to the Pacific, about thirty years ago, they were much less particular in the matter of grades and curves than the men whose names now adorn the engineering department's payroll. The early engineers may not, as is sometimes charged by their successors, have run their lines around nation which he served so well has large stumps in order to avoid the work of grubbing them out, but they paved the way for a very heavy and unnecessary fixed charge that could have been greatly lessened by a little more care in selection of the route. It was a new, wild country that lay through and beyond the Rocky Mountains and the Bitter Roots when these lines were run, about thirty years ago, and neither the engineers who made died on that date, a hundred years ago. the locations nor the higher officials In spite of the increased attention who approved them had the faintest we pay to the fame of our great men, onception of the vast changes their Americans have not yet reached the line was destined to make on the compoint where they can properly be called a nation of hero worshipers. mercial map of the West. Lewiston, Idaho, at the head of nav-With the exception of one or two igation on the Snake River, was a statesmen, like Lincoln and Washinggood, solid town many years before ton, the departed great are treated Spokane Falls, as the Eastern Washington metropolis was first known, was

with scant honor by us. Their memories do not perish, to be sure, but anything more than a crossroads setneither can they be said to live a tlement. All roads led to Lewiston in very vigorous life. Thin and wan is the existence they drag out within the covers of school books. Once in a while a historical novel galvanizes them into a fantastic semblance of activity. For the rest, they sleep in peace, and if their deeds do follow them, it is not with much of our help. The Springfield Republican thinks we are doing better than we did years ago, in the matter of commemorating Pass into Montana when the our departed heroes. Perhaps we are but we can do a good deal more of it without incurring the charge of idol-But the engineers had just atry. On the spur of the moment, without consulting a cyclopedia, how many readers of this discourse can tell who Joseph Henry was? Not many, one ventures to predict, and yet the world accounts him one of the greatest genluses yet born on these rockribbed shores.

All who remember who Willard Gibbs was and can answer at once without referring to the book, may raise the right hand. ter Root Mountains to Pend d'Orellie No hands are visible, or, at most, but one or two. For all that, Willard

reason to think that prejudice and The output of cheese at Tillamook malice had gained a permanent vic-tory over justice. Now comes the this year is expected to reach a total value in excess of \$500,000. Cheese is highly conservative Times and gives not very bulky freight and \$500,000 worth would not afford very much an account of the impetuous radical which appreciates all his good points traffic for a railroad. Viewed from another standpoint, however, the value and shows that many of his supposed bad ones were imaginary. The of the business is somewhat different. Springfield Republican wonders a litfor \$500,000 can buy a great many tle that such a tribute to such a man train loads of freight which will be should have excited no protest among shipped into the country. the conservative classes of Great Britain, but upon the whole, there is good reason to believe that thought three miles from Vancouver, B. C.

and its expression are somewhat less hampered in England than they are here. A man who takes the unpopular side in a British periodical runs less risk of indiscriminate abuse than he would in this country. The article in the Times indicates

that the public is no longer satisfied with the estimate of Thomas Paine which was furnished by his enemies. For a long time it was deemed almost

It's a new thing for taxpayers to have a representative as Mayor of irreligious to tell the simple truth Portland. Yet those citizens who vote about this most maligned man. Even the taxes, but pay them not, should today there are people who speak his not take it sorely to heart; they need name with bated breath, as if it were prosperous taxpayers. as near blasphemy as it is to mention the devil, but in the main prejudice Although the bigger the city the has relented astonishingly, and the higher the cost of living, cities like to

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be big, with consumers of food and reached the point where it is not raiment in their census, rather than afraid to treat the memory of its with producers of those articles in the benefactor with common decency. In country. the course of another hundred years we may possibly pluck up spirit to cel-Mr. Harriman's disease is now said ebrate his anniversary properly, into be "partial paralysis of the legs." stead of neglecting it as we did on the And Mr. Harriman has not been weareighth of June. "Only here and there did anybody in the United States ing out his legs where he ought to build railroads, either. seem to remember that Thomas Palne

> The Sunday preachers prayed for a safe and same celebration and then it rained and wet the firecrackers. The weather is doing a lot for prayers this year.

Binger Hermann is now boomed for Mayor of Roseburg. That ought to induce Mr. Heney to tell whether he is going to prosecute Binger or not.

It begins to look, for President Taft's sake in the tariff mess, as if Bwana Tumbo ought not to have hied away to the lions and the giraffes.

There is plenty of rain. If Colonel Hofer can bring rain by praying for it, everybody should be encouraged to try. Since he can bring it, who can't?

Few care when the "grown-up boys" who celebrate, blow off their fingers or their heads; they meet that end too seldom.

When lamenting yesterday's weather just make yourself happy with the thought that you were not at the beach.

It always knows when to rain in Oregon; this time it shut off most of the firecrackers. Trust the rain.

The old settler's rule, never cut hay before the Fourth of July, has had another vindication.

rooms are provided with bay windows. Official Spanking for "Kid" Sinners.

# New York Times

Although she said that she had whipped her son already, Mrs. Kaufman, of 235 East Eighty-first street, told Justice Oimsted, in the children's court, that since it was his senterce, she would be wery glad to spank the boy over again in court. She retired to a private room with 15-year-old Samuel and a strap, and when she returned to the courtroom both Samuel and the strap were the worse for A rich placer gold strike is reported wear. The occasion of Justice Olmsted's sentence was that Samuel and two younger boys had been caught playing There must be something wrong. No steamship company can make money craps in the street and Samuel had ad-mitted that he took 10 cents from his transporting gold rushers three miles, mother's purse without her knowledge in order to finance the game. He said he didn't think it was stealing. George Kardraus and Morris Rosenbaum, the and who ever heard of a mining strike news emanating in that part of the globe without the steamship companies being the chief promoters of the other youthful gamblers, also got whipings in court. To end up the ustice Olmsted saw to it that four r To end up the day

boys caught selling streetcar transfers were whipped by their parents.

# Dollar a Month for Food.

Boston Dispatch to New York Herald. One dollar a month is all that is necessary for food, according to experi-ments conducted by the Gluten Club of Amherst College students which have just been completed. Even Dr. Horace Fletcher could not reduce the cost of living below 30 cents a day.

Lawrence Roberts, of Ulica, N. Y., is esponsible for the experiments, which enlivened by the sight of a young man gravely copying off the written manuhave been conducted by 12 students. The diet consisted of gluten, mixed with water and cooked in many different styles. Sometimes they enriched the gluten preparations with milk.

There were gluten cakes, soup of glu-en, water, onions and beef bone marrow. giuten potato mash and sweet gluten cakes, scrambled eggs, coffee, ice cream, gluten bread, gluten tortoni, and steak cooked in gluten crumbs, with many other fancy dishes added, the expenses averaging about 4% cents a day a man.

# Lightning's Queer Pranks in Indiana.

South Bend, Ind., Dispatch, Thomas Himebaugh, plowing near War-saw, Ind., was overtaken by a storm. Lightning killed both his horses, tore his

A-tellin'

llin' myself: "You sinner, I guess you're a Wicked Trust!" whites and the Indians on July 22, 1779. The whites were defeated.

## A SERVANT AS MASTER.

### A Dime in the Slot and Use It for 30 Electricity May Soon Occupy That High Minutes. Position. New York Sun.

John L. Mathews in Hampton's, The new taxi-typewriter scheme has all Electricity has escaped from the facsorts of possibilities. If a man happens to be lazy he can have the machine wheeled up into his room in the hotelory and has entered the home. All over America are houses to which coal is a stranger; houses in which the lighting, these pay-as-you-begin typewriters are to be found chiefly in hotels-and then he can go to work doing up his correspondthe cooking, the ironing, the heating is all done by the electric current. These

houses are fast increasing in number. There are many men who do not care to lictate to hotel stenographers and they All over America are farmers who have on their land small brooks which, harwould ever so much rather write their own letters, but hitherto they have been unable to get conveniently the use of a nessed, will supply this power. But most of us become the tenants of some big orporation owning a waterfall grabbed

Not all of them can make use of the infrom us-perhaps 200 to 300 miles away. We have never seen the fall, but we can tap the siender wire by our gate and genious scheme of the penniless young man who got his start as a secretary by getting a man to dictate letters to him and then making the rounds of the typedraw from it-at a cost reaching \$100 to \$250 a horsepower year for small userswriter company offices pretending that he the current which in a moment heats the bathtub of water; which heats the irons; a letter in each office as a test of the mawhich brolls the steak; which lightens china he was supposed to be trying out. The thing makes it appeal, too, to authe housewlfe's labors and takes fire and soot from the house. thors and writers who haven't the price

On the farm in Germany-and soon it for 10 cents it is not so cheap as hiring a will be true here-electric traction mo tors tapping wires close by, drag plows machine at \$4 a month, but then it can be put aside when not wanted, and is not costing money when it isn't in use. across the fields and harrow and har-

vest as well. Electricity in New York and Wisconsin already milks the cows, runs the churns, works the butter, saws and splits firewood, lights and heats the script of some story that apparently soon house, operates the cider press, charges the storage batteries of the farmer's runabout. In the South it will soon run the mechanical cotton picker and the pin and press. There is no end to its uses. It comes closer to us every day, and in a generation it will be our master or our A young man and a young woman were slave. It is for us to choose, and we must choose soon whether we will take charge of it and own and operate whether we will how down to the Hydro-Electro-Cynamid-Carbide-Copper Trust.

every pound of beef, every manger of So he spent 10 cents to prove to the young woman that he could. Of course, all of the typewriter clientele isn't like that. Mostly they are hard-headed peroats must pay its tribute.

# Aeroplanes Among Commodities.

New York World. Aeroplanes now take their place among the regularly advertised commodities of the day in the New York newspapers. They are announced as "practi-flight." They "can be delivered wit days from date of order." The The era of aviation is thus ushered in by an escort of display type. In the country at large over 8000 inventors have flying machine designs in hand and machines of several hundred types are actually in process of building. Plans for the first airship garage in New York have already

Nobody Is Safe.

The devil wagon hastens Through countryside and town, With gasoline and clangor To add to its renown, nd in its mad cavorting It runs the human down.

The devil boat goes scooting The element to dare. The while it duts the waters For naught it seems to care. And in its rapid coursing Runs over mermalds fair.

The devil airship doubtless Will take the same delight, And when across the beavens It takes its joyous flight. It will without computction It will without computction Run over angels bright. --McLandsburgh Wilson in New York Sun.

have business correspondence they trousers from his right leg, jarked the shoe from his foot and split his big toe. On the farm of Albert Bloom, near Warwant to get off. Won't Sacrifice His Career to Love. saw, during the same storm, three horses were killed instantly, while a little colt between them in the same part of the Paris Dispatch. Signor Guardabassi, the tenor, who made his debut in London as Romeo, has been signed at Covent Garden for three barn was uninjured. years. He is a tall, handsome man and goes out a great deal in the best set in Industrial Evolution. Puck. As lazy as po'try-writin' a Sucker was Paris. Time and again rumor has married him As lazy as po'try-writin' a Sucker was loafn' roun'. When out come a Dace, a-kitin', an' gobbled that Sucker down. Sez I to the Dace: "Tarnation! my friend, but I'm on to you; You're floatin' a Corporation-with plenty of water, too!" to this or that well-dowered American girl, and the latest and most persistent report has been that of his engageme Miss Eno of the notable New family, who is now a guest of her sister Mrs. Graves, of Paris. Signor Guards bassi, however, said: Then up flashed a Trout-a dandy! an' opened his mouth so wide That down went the Dace like candy, with all that he had inside. Sez I, as he tuk his ration: "Now, isn't that Trout jest great? He's foutin' a Com-bi-na-tion or Limited Syn-di-cate!" "My career is too important and I am not yet ready to sacrifice my future as an artist to love." A Flintlock Musket With a History, Rochester, N. Y., Dispatch. In a hollow tree near Shohola, N. Y., a flintlock musket has been found over which had grown a thick covering of wood. The musket is supposed to have been in use during the battle of Mini-sink, fought near there between the

I rigged up my fishin'-tackle, an' cast on the ripplin' flow An "ibis" an' "silver hackle," which landed the Trout jest so! I et him that neon for dinner, an' laughed till I nearly bust