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saloon with it. The saloon, after all, is more an effect than a cause of excess.
No use, of course, to talk to prohibitionists about the vile liquors likely to be dispensed under restrictive conditions; for they will say the vilest liquors the better, and the quicker and sooner they kill the better—the vilest and most poisonous liquors.

a heavy payroll, while the work is in progress, is sufficient to create much activity in various parts of the Northwest. From half a dozen points, the two states north of us have come horse and mule-buyers paying farmers fancy prices for stock to be used in railroad or irrigation work. This demand improves the market for livestock, and it also improves the market for feed for the animals used in the work.

age in. The hospital to supply district nurses for the poor in Moscow is her latest undertaking. She is childless, and thus escapes the anxiety and apprehension that are the lot of mothers of the Russian Imperial family, and that have reduced the Czarina to a nervous wreck and made her old before her time.

MUST HAVE BROADWAY BRIDGE.
Northwestern Part of the City a Unit on the Proposition.
PORTLAND, Aug. 4.—(To the Editor.)—I see the knocker is out again with his hammer. While I am for the bridge question, now, I think if the railroad company wants to build a bridge that is their business, and if the people of Portland want to build a bridge, that is up to them, and I think that the public know what they want. You need not tell them the baloney and hand leaches that the public want. You say you are impressed with the newspapers and public officials and taxpayers' co-operation with the railroad company. You made a sad mistake when you told what the public want. I think most, if not all the officials, are in favor of building the Broadway bridge, and I know 98 per cent of the taxpayers north of Holladay avenue want the bridge.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN TARIFF LAW
Reductions on Large Number of Commodities, Advances on Few, Which Are Mostly Luxuries—Corporation Tax and Reciprocity Provisions.
Following is a summary of the changes in the tariff made by the Payne bill as agreed on in conference and in resolutions to be adopted modifying the conference report:

PROHIBITION AS A POLICY.

Though The Oregonian does not favor prohibitory liquor laws, except through methods of local option—which can be effective only in village or rural communities where the demand for liquor is naturally small, and where prohibition, therefore, can be pretty closely enforced—it cannot accept the opinion that sale of liquor is not restricted, to a degree, by prohibition. This is not a reasonable contention, and is not in accord with experience. Fact is, that with a restriction on the sale, and probably on the consumption, it may have little restriction on the abuse of liquors and on drunkenness itself.

HIGHER WATER RATES.

Since word has gone out that meter rates for water must be raised, there has been less clamor for meters from persons who have imagined meters will afford them water for 25 cents or 30 cents. Fact is, that for the same amount of water, whether it is carried through a meter or not, that means a minimum flat rate, the same as now. The city can afford no other method, and a consumer who can't pay 75 cents a day for water should move out of the city back to the old well or the spring at the foot of the hill, where he can save money carrying water in a bucket.

THE HOE AS AN IRRIGATOR.

This is the proper time to take the subject of irrigation in the Willamette Valley. It is a worthy subject and should be fully developed on all sides. Crops can be doubled or even tripled by applying water during the best growing period, which is June, July and August.

IN FALLIBLE TRADE BAROMETER.

Whatever criticism may be directed against the steel trust for its methods of crushing competition and clinching the American consumer, no question has ever been raised as to the value of its reports as trade barometers, not alone for the metal trades, but for all other lines. There are so many industries throughout the country which directly and indirectly pay tribute to this great trust that it is almost impossible to estimate the value of its reports as a whole.

A Check on Mad Scorcher.

A Norwich Bulletin.
A Providence policeman named Hall, who shot at the automobile being run faster than the speed limit by Frank E. Bowles, of Pawtucket on Wednesday night of last week, has the Automobile Club of the state demanding his dismissal from the force. The Police Commissioners, instead of yielding to their clamor, have reported Bowles as a man of his duty in holding up a speed maniac who was imperiling the lives of the citizens. The Providence Journal, commenting upon the incident, says:

KEPT FAMILY ON 15 CENTS A DAY

Interesting Menu, Including Hog's Food, Brought Out in Divorce Suit.
St. Louis Special to New York World.
Here are some of the evidences of thrift shown by Robert Gerichs as testified to by Mrs. Gerichs, who filed a cross bill and is fighting her husband's suit for divorce.

TIGER WHIPS A LION AT A SHOW.

While 1500 persons looked on in amazement, a lion and a tiger of the Bostock animal show, at Coney Island, started fighting about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and before they could be separated the hind quarters of the lion had been so mangled by his striped companion from Bengal, he will probably have to be shot.

RECORD RAILROAD WORK.

Quite prominent mention has been given and due appreciation has been shown the wonderful record of the work which the Pacific Northwest is now turning out. We have also had much to say about the big output of high-priced fruit, hops, wool, salmon, dairy products, etc. We shipped more lumber by water last month than in any previous month in the history of the port, and there is no denying the fact that the year 1909 will break all existing records in the value of the great staples which we will send forth in such large quantities. In the midst of this rejoicing over the money that is coming in from the same sources from which we have long been accustomed to receive it, there is a new feature of increasing importance in our local economic system. This new factor, which has come into prominence with a rush, is the construction work on numerous big railroad projects in Oregon.

GRACIOUS SERVICE.

The Grand Duchess Sergiusa of Russia has founded an establishment at Moscow to supply district nurses for the poor. She is a sister of the Czarina and second daughter of Princess Alice of England, who became Grand Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt and died when her four daughters and one son were still in their childhood. She was like other English Princesses, an excellent and indefatigable nurse and lost her life from diphtheria contracted while nursing her young son, the present Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt. This was in 1878, when diphtheria was not known to be contagious, though its virulence had been proven by the large number of deaths that resulted from it.

THE PORTER BROS. AND THE TWENTY BROS.

The Porter Bros. and the Twenty Bros. have locked horns in the Oregon case. The Porter Bros. are the owners of the Wattle Bros. who have the contract for the Natron extension of the Southern Pacific, could only get into the game, were like other English Princesses, an excellent and indefatigable nurse and lost her life from diphtheria contracted while nursing her young son, the present Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt.

THE WIFELESS HUSBAND.

Pity the poor husband left wifeless in the town! While she is basking in the sweet delights of the beach or enjoying the sweet delights of rusticity on the farm he is left alone in the crowded city, working his life out from four to six hours a day to pay for the luxuries of his wife and his expensive family. In the city in the summer time there is nothing in the world to amuse a man, except baseball games, roof gardens, parks, saloons, vaudeville shows, cafes sweet by electric fan breezes, blonde and brunette maidens, dances, poker parties, orchestras, beer, ginocchis, joyrides, and mint juleps. Not a single thing outside of these all is work.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

New York Press.
It adds a lot to the pleasure of doing a thing for it to cost money.
A man gives 19 cents' worth of advice it looks to him like \$100.00.
The chief reason people don't tell more lies than they do is they can't think of them.

NOV. NOT "YET."

Brooklyn Eagle.
Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme Court, says that we shall yet see the picture of honest men doing honest business. Why? "Yet" means "not yet." It is a poor American who will not contend that the standard of integrity in this country, commercial, industrial and financial, has nothing to lose by comparison with that of any other nation on the face of the earth.

POOLS NOT ALL DEAD YET.

Philadelphia Record.
Of Robert Fulton Napoleon said in 1803: "This is a fool. He proposes to transmit our flotilla to England with boiling water." After a lapse of little more than a century another "fool" of the same kind has floated into England through the air.