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THE "RULES" OF THE HOUSE. It is the fashion to declaim against the tyranny of Speaker Cannon, in his assertion and enforcement of the those of 1908, rules of the House. But the House makes its own rules; and they have been maintained without material change these many years. The periodical outburst of declamation against them, noted during successive generations, has caused no material change in them; for the House must do busi-Holman has done a public service in ness, and it must authorize the Speaker and its committees to enforce the rules it has made.

Not to go over the whole history. it will suffice to present modern in-stances. Thomas B. Reed, of Maine. named. an exceedingly able man, was made Speaker of the House in 1889. He enplorer, died forty years before she was forced the rules of the House, in ac-cord with precedent and common born. Mrs. Weeks. doubtless, was a daughter of George Day, an old citizen of Sherwood, Washington County, a sense. He set the modern example of purpose and decision, which ever since has been followed. The rules were not new, but he put life and spirit and purpose in them. His conduct was denounced as tyrannous and even as fldoubtless was his daughter. George Day was a member of the Legislature in 1866, and was among those who legal. He was called "Czar Reed," and was more flercely assailed by all the opposition than Cannon is now. Reed, elected H. W. Corbett to the United States Senate. He passed away years indeed, was a very different man from Cannon; was more sarcastic and in-cisive in speech, and with a phrase ago; - at this moment The Oregonian cannot give the exact date. could put a critic and opponent out of business. Cannon has a purpose as resolute as Reed's; but he is more Now, how could it happen that Mrs. Weeks was said to be the daughter of kindly and popular, hasn't any mighty arsenal of sarcasms, but puts his ob-John Day, for whom John Day's River is named? One person or another jumped at a conclusion. The name of

servations in a plain and homely way. The turn of politics in 1890-92, due John Day survives through John Day's River. Here was a woman of 64, chiefly to labor, troubles throughout the country, culminating in the Homestead affair, causing temporary aliena-tion of large numbers of workingmen the history and was given to romance, reported that she was the daughter of from the Republican party, threw that party out of power, and the Demo-cratic majority of the House elected John Day, the explorer, whose name is fixed in John Day's River, But John Day died at or near Astoria in Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia, to the Speakership. Crisp was a Democrat of the old school, he had been a Con-federate soldier and a judge of the Suprome Court of his state, had a repu-tation for ability and judgment, and proved himself so fit for the Speaker-ship that after his first election to that office, in 1891, he was re-elected to it in 1893. Reed, still in Congress then, was a member of the minority; yet he had the satisfaction of seeing his Testament narratives; and the decl-sion must rest entirely on the historical methods and his rulings adopted by the party which had so violently detruth contained in the narrative from nounced them. Speaker Crisp saw at once that if the House was to do busiits mythical elements. The truth of history never is so interesting as the fictions that gather about it. The disness it must accept and follow the preposition of the human mind is to for-get the truths of history and of expericedents of the House, brought into clear light by Speaker Reed. Cannon is but following them now,

ence, and to remember only fables-because the fables give play to the imagination, while they interest and entertain. No end of fabulous exag-The House can change them, of course, should it desire to do so. It can, abolish all rules and make the proceedings a go-as-you-please affair. Then there would be endless twaddle

troduce the Alaska Central, or take | pline. that other road which the Guggenas interpreted in America, tends to make Jack believe that he is as good as his master. Well, aboard ship Jack helms are building into the coal fields? What's the matter with the Grand as his master. Well, aboard ship Jack never was and never will be as good as his master. Familiarity between Trunk Pacific? One of the officials passed through Seattle a few weeks ago and that should have furnished a master and man can never exist if dislegitimate excuse for including the capitalization or bonded indebtedness cipline is to be maintained." For this sason, the British marine officer conundes that: of that road among the Seattle real estate transfers.

Taking into consideration the lovable ussedness of the native-born American, his ibsolute contempt for law and rule by motal force, his very often mistaken notions of rue democracy, and the conditions under which the modern steamboat saliorman lives, here seems little possibility of the Ameri-an ever being licked into shape as a nan before the mast in the present-day freight deamer. Of course, strictly speaking, neither the Grand Trunk Pacific Rallroad, nor the Alaska Central is Scattle real estate, but neither was the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railroad. Yet, when we consider all the circumstances. Seattle may be excused for excessive use of padding in 1908 and a partial abandonment in 1909. Thous. This rare combination of clever

riter and expert seaman prophesies ands 'of strangers visited Seattle in 1909, and it sounded large,' roomy and that we will have a merchant marine respectable proportions within the next twenty years, but it will be "manned chiefly by Scandinavians and boomy to inform the fair visitors in an off-hand manner that "our real estate transfers last year were more than \$72,000,000," and, "of course, we are officered by New England men."

DEMOCRATS AND FINCHOT.

Democrats are doing their level best Segregating the transcontinental o find something in the Ballinger-Pinchot row that will afford them a Seattle real estate, it appears that the hook-hold on politics. They speak of a "grave crisis" in the Taft Administransfers in 1909 were still \$10,000,000 ess than those for 1908. In Portland, the 1909 transfers (no railroads, tration, and of "split" in Republican ranks. But there can be scant polittranscontinental or otherwise, includical capital for the historic Democratic ed) were about \$5,000,000 more than party in dismissal of a man who, as Chief Forester, was doing more to cen-trailze control of soil and stream in

the National capital and to obliterate Myths, even in these days of uni-rersal printing, when facts are fixed in state authority than any other influtype, travel far and fast, and unless corrected pass into history. Mr. F. V. Pinchot's big bureau in Washington, spending more than \$3,000,060 a year and feeding a horde of office-holders, would have horrified Thomas Jeffercalling attention to the erroneous assumption that Mrs. S. A. Weeks, who son and the long line of political progdied recently at Sherwood, Or., was a daughter of John Day, the early exeny that fought against encroachments of National authority upon state conplorer, for whom John Day's River is trol. Nor now can Democrats con-Mr. Holman showed it to be dstently make peace with the man impossible, since John Day, the exwho would compel the people of Western States to pay toll to the National

Government for use of water powers soil, forests and minerals. It is a crossing where Democrats prominent citizen, remembered still by William D. Hare and many other old should stop, look and listen. State conservation is natural. Democratic citizens of the county. Everybody in Washington County fifty years ago knew George Day, and Mrs. Weeks doctrine, and Pinchot is its foc. we shall see what bedfellows the new politics will make.

THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL.

If we are to have high schools at all hese must be secure buildings of substantial size, convenience, comfort-ableness and attractiveness. The present Dincoln High School is but little better than an ornate ruin. It is not in any way equal to present-day de-mands. It is altogether a cheerless affair, both without, and within; and must be replaced. The School Board proposes that

there shall be a special election on February 2, when the question as to reordary 2, when the question as to issue of \$350,000 bonds for construc-tion of a new West Side (Lincoln) high school building shaff be de-termined. The decision should be favorable, if the West Side is to have a high school equal to the two fine new structures on the East Side. In thould, indeed, be done without reference to what has been done in East Portland and Albina, for the children must be housed safely and comfort-ably, and the present Lincoln High School is neither safe nor comfort-able. It is not to be doubted, then able. that the taxpayers on the East Side will cheerfully join with the West Side in the effort to provide funds

sense-that is, on separation of the for the new school. The School Board has within three ears built two new high scho them from current funds; but the burden of building a third is rather more than the taxpayers should now bear, and the bond expedient is, therefore, offered. There should be no hesitation about voting them. We may complain about the frills and fads and fancies of free education; yet no one offers any serious objec-

In his language: "Democracy, | Yet, if there is no other way by which | railroads can be induced to build into Alaska than by Government aid, as sistance of some kind might be give the project.

Alaska has proven a bonanza for the United States, and the flood of gold that it has poured into this coun-try has been the most important fac-tor in the past ten years' growth of

the Pacific Northwest, particularly the State of Washington. If it can be shown that the resources, other than gold mining, can be developed, by providing railroad transportation facilities, it might not be unwise forthe Government to assist in opening up the country. The Canadian govern-

ment is subsidizing two new lines into Western Canada, and the development which has followed the building of these lines has been rethe markably satisfactory.

George H. Drummond, ex-president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, in an address at a banquet in Ottawa Ottawa recently warned the Can-adians to beware of American advances for reciprocity and better trade relations. He declared that Canada would have to face in the near future grave questions "involving its loyalty to England and the maintenance of its home ties." Under existing conditions this advice of Mr. Drummond is superfluque. Until more of our American patriots can be pried away from the prayer rugs on which they are knoeling before the satured idol of protec-tion there will be no "advances" suffi sufficiently serious to cause Canada to turn tail and run. On the other point cov-

ered in Mr. Drummond's address, the "American invasion," not to mention that of a great many thousands of Eu-ropeans who are not particularly loyal to England, may change the present alignment of "home ties" to such an extent that difficulty will be en-countered in determining which is the mother country.

Dr. Fielding, of San Antonio, Tex. who holds the world's record for hal-loon flights, made in the race from Chicago in 1908, is anxious to sail to the North Pole in a dirigible balloon, providing some responsible person will convey his outfit to a starting point

far north. This is the most glaring and unforgivable encroachment yet attempted on the rights of Walter Wellman, the premier and pioneer

North Pole balloon artist. Not only does this nervy Texan boldly enter a field (no pun intended) that has been pre-empted, patented, exploited and cultivated for years, but he adds in-sult to injury by stating that he needs but three or four months for prepa-ration. "Three or four months?" Compare that with the years that have come and the years that have flown since Walter, our original North Pole balloonist, began the prepara-tions that put Hammerfeat on the

The hold-up man killed by Police man Croxton was released from the Salem Penitentiary December 1, after serving two years for burglary. Prev-lously, he had served a term in the Walla Walla Penitentiary for the same offense. His immediate return to a life of crime, after leaving the penal institutions, offered conclusive ovidence that he had no intention of evidence that he had no intention of becoming a good clizen. Thus choos-ing a life of crime, and becoming a charge on the public, it is question-able if anything was gained by the exercise of leniency when he appeared for his second sentence for burglary. If the lives of honest men are to be endangered by the presence of these prowling criminals, would it not be best to remove them from this earthly scene as soon as they were caught re-peating an offense for which they had once served time?

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THE PRETENSIONS OF PINCHOT. Mean Change of Policy and They

Paralysis of Enterprise, Nothing more direct or forcible has seen said or will be said about the

PORTLAND, Jan. 9 .- (To the Editor. The hopes of the East Side residents Pinchot protensions than the statement for the closing of the bridge draws dur f Miles C. Moore, of Walla Walla, a well-known and public-spirited citizen of that place, last Governor of Wash-ington under the territorial regime. He is among those who have entered land lawfully in Alaska, for develop-ment of the country and for their own profit, as have all the multitude of copie who have pushed industrial ento are:

terprise from East to West, across the Continent of America. Concerning Pin-choi, Governor Moore made a statement at Walia Walls on Saturday, printed in The Oregonian of yesterday, which is well worth repetition, viz.:

HOURS FOR OPENING BRIDGES.
HOURS FOR OPENING BRIDGES.
The new regulations of the War Departments governing the operation of draws in write announced has been were announced bar of the way being the operation of the work. The draw on each and every bridge work. The draw on each and every bridge of any vessel not able to pass under new to the bridges and the to pass under open of the bridges that when the draw in my of the bridges that when the draw in my of the bridges that be open for 10 minutes of the bridges that be open for 10 minutes of the bridges and the to the bridges and the to the bridges and the to the bridges and the bridges that be open for the bridges of any to the bridges that be open for 10 minutes of the bridges that be open for 10 minutes of the bridges and the to the bridges and the bridges that be the bridges of any to the bridges of and the bridges of the bridges and the bridges the bridges and the bridges of and the bridges the bridges of the bridges and the bridges of the bridges and the bridges the bridges of the bridges and the bridges the bridges of the bridges of the bridges and the bridges of the bridges and the bridges the bridges and the bridges of the bridges of the bridges and the bridges the bridges the bridges and the bridges the bridges the bridges and the bridges th Which is well, worth repetition, viz: Not content with running his own depart-imant without regard to law or vested rights, be has undertaken to run the Department of the Interior. Primarily he did not have the nerve to attack the Secretary openly, but sedneed young Glavis into filing charges against his superior officer, admitting, when forced to do se, that he had sent Attorney Shaw, of the Presstry Department, to Chi-cago to ussiss Ghavis in the preparalion of the charges for which Glavis was dis-minsed.

the charges for which the propagation of the mined.
This was done clandestinely, and his methods of the assault. Finally, when he realized that he was to be smoked out by the pending investigation, be makes a grandstand play by writing and having read the Dollyter letter. He will now sink into this absourts from which be never should have play.
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The hot provident's action of conservation and the waterpower trust.
These policies are not new simply a feedble and imperfect initiation of policies advocated by Henry George more than an years and. George's plan some that any conservation and the leasing of them to the individual. Plancharts has passed to prive the timber after 80 years and the passing of them to the individual. Plancharts passed to prive the sites for the second to the presented to prive the second the second to prive the second the second to prive the second to the passed to be the passed to act the second to the second the second to the second An examination of the above rules, which are of the War Department's promulgation, shows that draws shall be opened promptly at all times (cx-cept as noted below) for any vessel, not when any bridge draw shall have been open ten (10) minutes or longer, it shall be closed for at least a similar

period for the crossing of traffic. How ever, between the hours of 6:30 and 1 A. M. and 4:30 and 7 P. M. on week days the draws on all bridges shall no be required to be open

Hs seeks to impose taxes on the enter-prising people of the Nation when they at-compt to harness waterpower or open mines. All this means additional cost to the consumers, and paralyzes enterprise. be required to be opened, excepting during periods from 7:05 to 7:15 A. M. and 8 to 8:10 A. M. and from 5:20 to 5:30 and 6:20 to 8:30 P. M. Six (6) public and six (6) railroad bridges

NOW THIS SETTLES IT.

Perfectly Wonderful Theological and Christological Demonstration.

public and six (6) railroad bridges carrying an enormous traffic are af-fected by these regulations. " It will be noticed that the "closed" periods that those of the greatest rush in bridge traffic, but that while in each case they are of two and one-half hours' duration, there can be no aerious delay to shipping because of the 10-minute "open" periods allowed for the passage of vessels. It has been wisely planned to make these re-liefs just after the opening and clos-

Christological Demonstration. The following Theology and Christology genes from an inspired pen, phose product organiant reprints it as a wonder: Whoever denies the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ, whether Unitarian, Jew, Spiritualist, or alleged Christian, is in reality an infidel. The word infidel means unbeliever. It also means unfaithful and unirue. And now let me briedly explain why, when knighthood was in flower, and faith was new and strong, unbeliev-ers were called "infidel dogs." The crux of the whole matter of faith hangs on a material point, a legal fact of paternity and maternity, a point of law and lineage. If DemoChrist was not an immandate liefs just after the opening and clos-ing hours of the city's factories and offices, as viz: 7:05 and 8 A. M. and 5:20 and 6:30 P. M., thus giving the minimum inconvenience to the public.

to the great amount of shipping which depends on the lower Charles River to reach its point of loading or delivery of cargo. If, then, these regulations can be adopted without damage to Bos-

for similar concessions, particularly when the five situation is not com-plicated as is Boston by the location sucception, not the divine Son of God succeived by the Holy Ghost, born of a trgin, then he was a mere mortal man, to Blessed Virgin Mary was not a virthe Blessed Virgin Mary was not a vir-gin at all, and Jews was a bastard or base-born person of no lineage. This is a legal question of legitimacy. The geopol writers anticipated this question, and gave the lineage of both Joseph and Mary back to the beginning. But the diruct miraculous and immaculate con-ception is the great point of diabellef. Here is the direct cross between God and the mortal humanity, symbolized by the sign of the cross. The wooden bar of Calvary was only a symbol of this other cross which bars the unbeliever out from Paradise. on its banks of a United States arsenal which legally demands at all times ar open river," whether or not it is use E. B. M'NAUGHTON. Feat of Russian Army Lieutenant. Paradise. word hastard is always a term of

Feat of Russian Army Lieutenant. New York Press. A Russian Lieutenant has ridden a 20-year-old stallion 1000 miles, from Russian Poland to St. Pepersburg. The horse cost §75, and covered the distance in less than a month, averaging 44 miles a day, with a record for one day of 80 miles. The Lieutenant trav-eled 12 hours a day, part of the time in the saddle and part of the time on foot. He would start out and trot the horse a mile and a half, then walk him three-quarters of a mile, and then trot bim again a mile and a half, then he he would get off and rest the animal by leading him three-quarters of a mile. Bad weather of snow and wind consid-ered, this trip seems almost as good as contempt and is the equivalent of dog. The Crusaders or cross-bearers knew that here was involved a point of honor that could only be settled by the point of

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DRAW-CLOSING ON THE RIVER. THE OREGONIAN'S ANNUAL.

Similar Conditions at Boste

HOURS FOR OPENING BRIDGES

Correspondent Gives Rules Governing Bear Ever Issued.

Commercial Review: Portland. The annual of The Oregonian was to best number ever turned out by hat publication.

for the closing of the bridge draws dur-ing the rush hours have prospects of success if a favorahie decision by the War Department depends on precedent for such action. Recently the new rules governing the operation of draws in bridges around Boston were an-nounced and they embody features which. If applied locally, would give immediate relief. The rules referred to are:

, Magnificent. Woodburn Independent. As usual, The Morning Ocegonian is-sued a magnificent New Year's num-ber, which in many respects surpassed all previous efforts. Portland is a great city and has a newspaper fully up with it in tone and progressive spirit.

You May Bank on It.

Sentile Argus. The Oregonian has just published a handsome New Year's paper, and it an neunces has it took 50 tons of white paper for the edition—and when you see a circulation statement in The Oregonian you may bank on its accuracy.

Most Creditable.

Portland Advocate. The Oregonian's New Year edition was a most creditable issue, devoted and the rapid growth of Portland in a manner designed to ald materially in L.e development of the state. The illustrations were designed to catch the eve of all readers.

Central Oregon Benefited.

Grass Valley Journal. The Gregonian's New Year number will prove most valuable to Central Oregon. We hope every reader of the Journal will send a copy of The Ore-gonian to some relative or friend in the East, and let them learn of our erous golden opportunities.

Eclipsed All Others.

Eugene Register. The Oregonian, with its usual extra-ordinary facilities for setting down to solid facts concerning Oregon and its esources, cellpsed all previous efforts n the splendid annual edition. The Dregonian does yeoman service for the state with every annual it issues.

Splendid.

St. John Review. It was a spiendld effort and was brimful of interesting features rela-tive to Portland and the state in genral. The Oregonian "gets there" all he time. Other papers may attack nd revile it, but it still keeps steadily advancing, increasing and progressing. Great is The Oregonian.

Brimful of Facts.

McMinnville Telephone-Register. The New Year's edition of The Ore-gonian is brimful of facts concerning "the Oregon Country," especially Cen-tral Oregon, which is just now the can make no mistake in sending a copy of this edition to Eastern friends. If anything will interest them in Oregon this will.

Strictly Up to Par.

Newberg Graphic. The New Year edition of The Morning Dregonian was strictly up to par. It is filled with accurate information reiative to Oregon and the great and growing Northwest, and a copy of it will give an Eastern friend more in-formation than you will be able to furnish him by personal correspondence in a year. Try it on. You can's miss it

Great.

Great. Roseburg Leader, It required 50 tons of paper to print the New Year's number of The Ore-gonlan, it is a great paper, full of statistics, and giving a complete de-scription of the resources of the great State of Oregon. Its greatest good as an advertising agency will be the fact that Oregon has a journal that is able to present such an issue to the public.

Excellent.

Polk County Observer

Polk County Observer. The Morning Oregonian, with its usual enterprise, issues an excellent New rear number. As to the excellence of this annual, it is only neces-sary to say that it is up to The Ore-gonian standard in every respect. Thou-sands of copies of this splendid num-ber will be scattered broadcast over the Middle and Eastern states, and the benefit which will result to Oregon case.

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that could only be settled by the point of the sword. This point, the honor of a woman, was the secret of chivalry and the woman in the case was originally the Virgin Mary, the mother of "Our Lord." The true knight would not stand

for any slurs on the good name of any woman, much less on the honored name

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THE MATH-MAKING MIND.

whose father was George Day.

1812

she died some one, who didn't know

Myths start and grow in this way, a spite of historical truth, though

corrected in our time by universal printing and diffusion of all means of

critical inquiry. Similar myths have appeared in all ages. The problem is

o separate the fact from the myth. It appears in Old Testament and New

and no business. But the House is not likely to abolish the rules of procedure long established and necessary to the efficiency of its action.

It is altogether proper and well enough that the House should appoint the special committee for investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot affair, or any That is the way other special matter. to relieve the investigation of all nossibility of being charged with biased disposition or purpose. But, no matter what party may be in power in the House, the Speaker must be charged with appointment of the general committees and with enforcement of the Otherwise the House will fall rules. below the dignity of a bear-gardenit will be a Babel of voices, a fool's paradise of confusion and disorder The House must have its rules-strict and peremptory rules-and the Speaker must enforce them. Cannon may be Speaker never again; but the next Speaker will enforce the rules enforced by Cannon and by his predecessors, of either party. Or the House will be Bedlam. The clamor now is from those who have little or no knowledge of the history of their country, or but little memory of it-of whom it may be said, as it was said They are of yesterday, and of old. know nothing." The House must do business, and the rules of the House for doing business will stand, no mat-

ter what party has the majority in it.

EXPLAINING A SLUMP.

Much surprise was expressed over the recent announcement that real estate transfers in Seattle had declined from \$72,926,186 in 1908 to \$27,642,-000 in the year just closed. The slump was so pronounced that even the Seat-tle Bulletin, to which we are indebted for the figures, has deemed it expedient to offer an explanation. This explanation is so lucid and satisfactory that it quite readily transforms a slump of great magnitude into a fairly satisfactory showing, and, by the more re-moval of \$35,000,000 worth of padding from the transfers of 1908, the figures for 1909 (presumably unpadded) are not so bad as they might be. The Butletin, in explaining when a slump is not a slump, apologetically says that, nearly one-half of the 1908 transfers accounted for in a single item when the Great Northern Railway secured title to the St. Paul, Minneapo-lis & Manitoba Railway for a consideration of \$35,000,000."

The Bulletin assures us that "Ther were no transfers of this size recorded The characteristic modesty of the Scattle boomers would, of course, prevent many of these \$35,000,-000 transfers from being made pub-lic, but we are at a loss to understand why there were "no transfers of this size recorded in 1909." It is plain to everybody that the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba line is not the only rallroad in the country that is not inc

gerations, therefore, already about the early history of Oregon. The Indian War veteran thinks himself a man, and tells of his prowess and his desert.

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Nobody-not even the Jew himself, the educated Jew-supposes the of the forty years in the wilderness to be literally true. He knows it is not. So of the miraculous stories of early Christianity, and the chain of miracles down to our own time. Credulity is the basis of them all. Subtract credulity, and all of them van-But credulity-the myth-making ish. spirit-is among the most difficult of all weaknesses to eliminate from the human mind. Most of us would prefer to believe the fictitious story about the daughter of John Day, rather than the true account of the daughter of George Day.

WHY WE ARE LANDSMEN.

It is refreshing in the extreme to turn from the academic theories set forth by Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Gallinger, Mr. Penton, and other landsmen, fill the columns of the newspapers and the Congressional Record with learned discussions of our merchant marine, to some expert testimony as to why w have not been getting on very well on the high seas. A diversion of this na ture is supplied by a "British Marine Officer," writing in the Atlantic Monthly, His views are as breezy invigorating and healthy as the wir that fans the sails in mid-ocean. The

writer says he has had sixteen years experience in merchant ships-"sail. tramps and liners"-and throughout the narrative he offers evidence that he is perfectly familiar with his sub-ject. He does not go very deeply into the subsidy feature, but he strikes the key-note of the cause for lack of American seamen, even on the few American ships we have, when he says that "There is no need for the American youth to turn his face seaward. There is plenty of room for him on dry land, and there his possibilities are boundless

This British tar describes the toil on board a modern freight steamer as "soul-killing and mind-destroying." At sea, it is "one continual round of steer ing, swabbing, and scaling, and paint-ing iron-rust," while in port the work of loading or discharging goes on night and day, holidays as well as othe days. In most ports, according to this expert, "if one felt inclined to worship one's God by attending church, is would be impossible to do so. No; the modern sailor must not indulge in such uxuries as a God, a soul, prayers or Sundays," Not without cause, he "Can one blame the sailors when they get ashore for trying to forget thei dog's life in debauchery and drink?" It is not easy to discern anything very attractive in this kind of a life for an American who can find "plenty of room on dry land." There is even less attraction in the somewhat harsh discipline that is necessary at sea, and, according to this authority, the Ameriof in Seattle real estate. Why not in-] can will not stand much of this disci-

tion, or any objection, to adequate provision for well-built and even sightly school buildings.

LESSON OF THE LINNTON ROAD. If the courts shall order the United

Railways to charge no more than \$ cents fare for the seven-mile ride between Linnton and the center of Portland (part of the way on the courty road, where the county allowed the company to place its track in consider. ation of the low fare), the president of the company says his rallway will abandon the county road and raise the fare above 10 cents. Maybe, and perhaps not. But while

the company uses the public highway it should be required to observe closeing the ly all the terms of its franchise. Furhave happened ther, it should be compelled to repair the damage it has done to the road, in cordance with its agreement.

Right here is a chance again to reach a little sermon against granting use of any public highway to n railroad. Such grants are wholly out of place, and then again, the terms in favor of the public can never be fully enforced.

It ought to be a rule of the public ervice hereafter that highways shall be preserved for ordinary road tran-sit, and that they shall be put to no other use, except in proper places for streetcars. A fast-moving railroad should have its own right of way and streetcars. to desist. should not encroach on the public roads. The county has too few roads now, and encounters enough difficulty keeping them in repair, without complicating matters with railroad fran

For use of the Linnton road and damage thereto the United Railways owes certain obligations to the county and has not kept them. One of these bligations is 5-cent fare. Now it threatens to take its rails off the highvay and raise the fare. Should it do this, the county will have a merry time trying to compel the company to restore the road to proper condition

The lesson of all of which is that a public road is no proper place for a allroad and that a railroad should be equired to provide its own right of BY.

ALASKA NEEDS TRANSPORTATION. avoid the rush. The exploitation of Alaskan re-ources has reached a stage where the Government is asked to guarantee Falls may have been from a red-headthe interest on bonds of railroads built in that territory. The first road ed duck. to apply for this assistance is the Guggenhelm project, and to show that there is something to be hauled out of the country besides the coal and for Congress again. copper from the mines which i control, they have an exhibit grains and vegetables at Washington If the Guggenheim appeal for aid pos sesses real merit, it is unfortunate that it should be made at a time when think what we had was pretty good. they have, justly or unjustly, been placed before the public in a very Very bad light by the Eastern muck-rakers. Pinchot's roof leaks,

ssimism in the tone of many Eastof the mother of his Lord. ern news items regarding the coming fight between Jeffries and Johnso

Cost of Artificial Gas in English Cities

Detroit News. Detroit News. A synopsis of the gas output of 24 of the largest undertakings in the United Kingdom, as reported by United States Consul Halstead, of Birmingham, shows that the municipally-owned plants of Birmingham, Liverpool and fears are freely expressed that Jeffries will be unable to win. Corbett, an eminent member of the Has-Been Club, has offered his serv-Ices as trainer to Jeffries, but it is not exactly plain how he can be of ussistance to the champion. In view Manchester are the largest. In Birmingof the condition in which both nam the price of gas is 47.8 cents per housand; Manchester, 54 cents; Glas these eminent disciples are reported to be, a Jeffries and Corbett training gow, also municipally owned, 55 cents; Sheffield, 30 cents, and Sheffield, too, stunt would be a case of "the dead steered by the dumb." It will, of course, be a terrible calamity if the s municipally-owned. Sheffield is near the coal mines, which accounts for its phenomenally low rate; but the town elimination of the color line should of Widnes beats Sheffield, selling gas actually result in the black race hold_ for 24 cents a thousand feet. Birming-ham lights itself with gas from high pressure mains, using a high pressure bruisers' world's championship, but stranger and worse things urner with an efficiency of 60 candles

per cubic foet, and which burns 1000 andle hours at a cost of eight-tenths of a cent. Electricity, to equal this in economy, must be supplied at a cost It is useless for members of school societies and debating clubs of the country to write to the Editor of The of 214 cents a unit. Oregonian for materials for argument

Soldier Anssoed in Midnir. London Telegraph

It is proposed that the French Cham-ber of Deputies shall very soon vote by electricity. A screen will be placed near the secretaries' table containing the names of the deputies, and against ing subjects under consideration be Hans Auspits, a young soldier of the German army, and some other soldiers of the same regiment were holding the two ropes of a balloon before the arfore their lyceums. He could furnish each name will be five spaces, marked "Present," "Absent," "Yes," "No," "Vote unrecorded." materials for use on either side, doubtless-or in both scales against either scale; but it would take time and be an unfruitful labor. He ask therefore, to be excused, and begs those who write him-and he re-

two ropes of a balloon before the as-cent. When the commander of the bal-loon gave the order to let go Auspitz failed to loosen his hold in time, and was carried up holding by two hands to the rope. The three men in the cage of the balloon were for some min-utes the only persons who were un-aware of Auspitz's plight. Finally their attention was drawn to his dan-gerous diuntion. With gract difficulty ceives such letters almost every day-Portland's new year's celebration as a modern disgrace, a sample of gerous situation. With great difficulty gerous situation. With great difficulty they succeeded in dragging him into the cage by looping ropes and lassoing him in midair. The balloon had reached a height of 13.000 feet before Auspitz was hoisted into the cage. the whisky method of doing things remarks the Albany Democrat. Not accurate. It was a sample of the way some people have of doing with whisky and other things. Don't over-

Have Patlence; There's Time Yet.

Forest Grove News. The Oregonian had two well written ditorials on the evil habit of society New York Evening Post, Anybow, it is a comfort to know that the courts will permit only one five-foot shelf of culture.

Where, Oh! Where is fit Baker City Heraid. From the way Fortland papers speak of the New Year's welcome in that city Paris must be a moral guide post com-pared with Oregon's metropolis. One paper openly accuses some alleged "de-cent" people of acting worse than the sporting element. And, strange as it may seem, the sex was not male, either. Too bad, too bad. Where is Harry Lane's moral teaching of the Portland populace, later to be taken up by Mayor Simon? Yes, where is it? Binger Hermann will begin to deide today whether he ought to run Well, President Taft rose to the oc usion and showed "nerve," didn't he?

And joy and sorrow Will tread the grass nor heed that you sleep there,

ode on bronchos from out West to the East.

President Nichols of Dartmouth.

There certainly can be no question as

The New Year's number of The Ors-onian is one of the best efforts ever inde along that line by any motropol-tan newspaper. The value of this Springfield (Mass.) Union. Ernest Fox Nichols, the new plent of Dartmouth College, made a itan newspaper. The value of this number to people who intend coming west is great and the different compres mercial organizations over the country favorable impression on such of the alumni of the Connecticut Valley who heard bim address the Lunch Club. It it not an easy task for any man to folcould do nothing botter than mail out thou housands of copies to people residing n the Middle and Eastern states.

ow a college president so abla tow a conege president so able and so endeared to the alumni and stu-dent body as Dr. Tucker, but Dr. Nich-ols gives abundant promise of being the right man for the right place. His ddress was a frank, clear-cut tion of the aims and purposes of Dart-mouth, remarkably well delivered and sympathetically received. It was an sympathetically received. It was a address not only pleasing to the ea but susceptible of successfully with standing the most searching analysis. with-

Electricity to Help Voting. New York Pre It is proposed that the French Cham

Lucky.

Prineville Review.

Who's Who?

alinneapolis Journal. A Democrat is one who does not be-lieve in the regularity of any other Democrat. A Republican is one who believes in the irregularity of every

Culture Enough.

But for a Day.

Westminster Gamette ' Heep, sleep in peace, fallen leaves of fallen

roses. Fallen crimeon roses, on the grass rain-dranched.

Forget the sun, the south wind, and the dew;

Forget the song the gray doves sang to

nson petals the green boughs will

Sunshine and daw-fail the new dawn will

sasy. The dynamite was froz

other Republican.

Specimen of Politics in Paris. Baltimore News

not be overestimated.

A candidate for an Aldermanic sent in Paris announces his programme on the billboards about town as follows: L. The candidate has no political opinions.

2. He will have one after his election, and it will be that of his electors. 3. He will respect his electors' a. He will respect his electors' wishes. In order to be sure of that, his vot-

Princyline Review. A freighter hauling a load of dyna-mite for the Oregon Trunk people had a runaway down Cow Canyon one day last week, and wasn't the least bit un-

Ing tickets will be printed thus: Aristide Duval, Revolutionary, Socialist, Radical, Progressist, Conservätive, N. B.—The elector will kindly scratch ut those political opinions with which e disagrees.

New York Churches and Theaters.

New York Churches and Thenters. Chattanooga News. Ninety-eight theatres have cost New York \$16,000,000 to build during the last four years, and 22 churches have been erected at a cost of something less than \$2,000,000. For 181 office buildings \$\$5,000,000. For 181 office buildings \$\$5,000,000. For 21 in-tels, \$10,006,000. Altogether \$149 new buildings have been erected at a cost of \$390,000,000, and for repairs \$37,000-000 has been puid out. Phans already announced for 1910 and 1911 call for the outlay of \$176,000,000 more. the outlay of \$176,000,000 more.

A Japanese "Whistling Kitchen."

Baltimore News. Baltimore News. Official trials of a "whistling kitchen" for army use have been made by the Japanese War Office, and this results are said to have been emi-nently successful. The inventor is a paymaster named Okenaki. The kitchen travels on two wheels and can be drawn travels on two wheels and can be drawn over almost any ground by one horse. It not only holls rice and heats moup, but it notifies by whistle when the cooking is finished.

Whisky-Sonked Crumbs for Birds.

Whisky-Soaked Crumbs for Hirds. Detroit (Mich.) Dispatch. As the state pays 2 cents aplees for the birds, Escanaba (Mich.) inds put whisky-soaked bread crumbs in places where the sparrows collect. The birds ent the "dope" and become intoxicated and unable to walk or fly, in which condition they are easily picked up by the hunters. Hundreds of sparrows are being bagged in this manner.

editorials on the evil fablt of society folk in keeping New Year's eve in a grill room and guzzling down cham-pagne and other wines. While the edi-torials were true to a fault, The Ore-gonian could have done the supposed innocent parties a greater favor and taught them a severe lesson if it had given its photographer orders to have taken snapshots of the scene and published the cuts as "New Year's Eve in the Grill Room in Portland." administration of municipal affairs. But who shall administer them? The The brush of the comet's tail will be wasted in May. At present it would be useful in warming the atmosphere. Oregon enumerators will get \$6 a in the Grill Room in Portland.' They should apply early and Where, Oh! Where Is It? The bright flashes over Klamath

you. Day closes, closes, s The sumst fades, the painted torch quench'd.

 Sleep, sleep, O romes; loosed the wreath and broken;
 The feast is done, empty the golden low!.
 Forget the lips that touched, the hands that met,
 Joys: sorrows, kinses, tears-forget,
 The disk has spoken.
 Death breathes his sleep-spell to the flower's soil. La plus belle fleur ne dure qu'un jour, to

Use for the Marines.

bring. And their did song snew the doves will Pittsburg Gazette-Times. The War Department might detail a few hundred marines to suppress the belligerency of Ballinger and Pinchot.