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doubt. Queen Elizabeth in one of her orders to the British church, in-

vidence of the wrath of the Almighty

and Milton, who belongs to the same

period, says that they "shake pesti-

its tail, which we now know to be nothing more than sunlight con-

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REDEEMING THE GEORGES?

The Liberals and the Irish pause when a King bearing the name George comes to the throne. Is legislative independence for Ireland to come at last under a royal personage whose name stands for so much strife, bitterness and martyrdom in the Emerald Isle?

Should this turn out to be, much of the literature of Britain and Ireland will need to be gone over and expurgated of the hatred attaching to the name borne by the most unpopular line of Kings, after the Stuarts, in Britain and the most detested family of rulers in the "downtrodden" isle. Through the reigns of the four lasting 116 years, between Georges, 1714 and 1830, the Irish suffered most bitter treatment at the hands of their British masters. Under George I the masters developed their schemes for final annihilation of the Irish Parliament. They extended over Ireland the laws of the British Parliament, crushed commerce and industry of the island and ruled it with a rigor that caused its energies to decline and its best people to migrate to Spain, France and America. It is nearly 200 years since the first George ascended throne (1714). The fourth George, called in literature the "last" "ultimus," was taken away and eighty years ago. He came to the crown in 1820 in the midst of the struggle for emancipation of Catholics and for removal of their disability to hold office, led by Daniel O'Connell. Seventeen years before, Robert Emmet had perished and nineteen years before Parliamentary union had been forced upon Ireland. The accession of George IV was signalized by Byron in 1821 in "The Irish Avatar," written by him in Italy. Byron had quitted Britain forever in 1816, and was within three years of his death. This poem of more than thirty stanzas is a bitter denunciation of British despotism. in Ireland, one of the verses being: Spread-spread for Vitellius, the royal

Till the gluttonous despot be stuffed to to the gorge! And the roar of his drunkards proclaim him at last The Fourth of the fools and oppressors call'd "George!"

The King Georges were largely puppets of the governmental stupidity of their cabinets and of the British Parliament, but their name has been a synonym of oppression and bitterness for Ireland. Now, when Ireland has almost grasped Parliamentary independence, or home rule, another George comes to the throne. Is it frony of fate or omen of disappointment to be prolonged? Are new

the woril. These are not unusual cases, since with variations in family details they are familiar to almost any one who has taken the pains to look about him closely. It is merely a variation of the old story of the fall of man, the text of which is; "But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat," an unwise interdiction which, according to Milton-Brought death into the world and all our

MAKING A NEW GRAFT.

Mr. U'Ren has recalled to his Oregon City Populist headquarters his absurd one-man-power bill that would have made the Governor monarch of all he surveyed; now he should take back his bill that would send delegates to National conventions junketing from Oregon at expense of taxpayers. By the time delegates of the Prohibition and the Socialist parties should add their quotas of delegates to the'expense account, the State of Oregon would be paying richly for this first applying the acid test. fresh fad of U'Renism.

While Oregon has been represented in Democratic and Republican National conventions by but eight delepropriating \$25,000 to mark the old gates for each party, in the Prohibi-Oregon trail was favorably reported in tion National Convention it has had the House of Representatives in the nearly a scort of delegates. This bill National Capitol some ten days ago. would cause apportionments that would invite large extravagance from The measure gives the Secretary of War authority to receive private conthe minor parties. It would put pre-mium on Prohibition and Socialist tributions to the fund. Ezra Meeker, the well-known trailmarker, a few days junketings and would make Oregon an ago in Baker City declared the sum of even more favored resort for devotees \$25,000 inadequate for the work and of the Prohibition and the Socialist cited President Roosevelt's rec Besides, the new census and isms. dation of an appropriation of \$50,000 the enlargement of Oregon's repre-Argument for this appropriation is sentation in Congress-which is the basis of Republican and Democratic familiar as an oft-told tale, so that is not necessary to keep on reciting the significance of this great National apportionment-will give this state additional seats in National convenhighway, whereby a migration, tions and would penalize by that much some respects unparalleled in the taxpayers of this state. the world's history, made its way from

Delegates to National conventions states of the East and the Middle West should continue to pay their own exto this Pacific Coast region. This road penses. This bill would open a new source of graft. It would not secure should certainly be marked with monuments before the pioneers that more desirable citizenship in delegaknow its track shall have departed. tions from this state.

COLONIZATION FOLLOWS RAILROADS.

gan-a total population of some 750,-An east and west line through Cen-000 made its way to the Rocky Mountain region and the Pacific Coast, proj tral Oregon is of such vital necessity to the profitable operation of the north and south line that there has ably 500,000 of whom went overland, chiefly by the Oregon and the Santa never been much doubt of its con-Fe trails. bounds of truth to say that 350,000 struction as soon as the first projected line should become a reality. people followed the Oregon trail to construction of this second highway their several destinations in the mounthrough a long-neglected region will now be hastened by the gigande detain country and on the Pacific Coast. velopment scheme of the newly-or-ganized Oregon & Western Coloalzamigrations. The route to Oregon and to California was 2000 miles long, tion Company. What the placing of across desert wastes and mountain this \$00,000-acre tract on the market fastnesses. Much has been said of sufmeans to the land-hungry thousands fering and death along the route, but who swarm to every Indian reservathe tale will never be fully told. These tion opening can be understood by the hundreds of thousands of people, unstatement of Vice-President Burchard like the semi-barbarous hordes whose of the new company, who announces history is written in Europe and Asia. that "terms of payment will be made sought the new regions not for plunder nor for subjugation of other peoso that any person who is honestly ples, but for making homes in a wilwanting a home and is willing to go derness, which theretofore was almost

upon the land for that purpose will be given all the time he may need to unoccupied. And they covered the dispay out." tance in an unprecedentedly short This offer, with the lands sold at time. moderate prices, is in some respects much better than any of the "free land" offerings which the Government has hung up as prizes in its great land lotteries of the past, for seems necessary to go through a pain this case the settler has ample opportunity to examine his land and there is no question as to the requirements necessary to complete title. The resources of Central Oregon are so many and varied that they would be required. impossible of development without the aid of the east and west road. In the lang grant which has just passed into the hands of the Colonization Comnia to Caesar, ""there are no comets pany there are included 4,500,00°,000 feet of merchantable timber, practi-

spend more millions to keep filling positions of honor and trust in depth of water between these docks and the sea. This is a duty which has always been recognized and cheerfully met by the Portland taxpayers; and the necessary harbor and channel improvements of the future will be looked after as they become neces Having provided the channel SETY. and an unlimited area of harbor room, however, it is no more the duty of Portland to provide docks than it is our duty to provide incoming railroads with terminal facilities.

It might be well for the promoters of the public dock scheme to inform the pullic as to the extent of profit in owning docks at the present time The public last year paid for the priv ilege of owning a public portage rall road approximately \$8 per ton for all of the traffic handled across the road This traffic was supplied by a private boat line owned by the same interests

MARKING THE OREGON TRAIL.

Representative Humphrey's bill ap-

In twenty-five years, between 1845

It is probably within

This was one of the world's greatest

It ought not to be difficult to

WHAT ARE COMETS?

and 1870-before railroad transit be-

densed after the manner of an electric searchlight. At the very time, in 1682, when Halley was computing the orbit of the omet which is now more or less visible in the morning heavens and pre dicting its regular returns, another member of the Royal Soclety, Ralph Thoresby, wrote about it that he hoped the Lord would fit him "for whateve

ce and

hair."

changes it may portend." Martin Luther was in the same state of mind Every comet, he averred, "foretokens that are now seeking to secure public a sure calamity," and in his numerous sermons he declared that they were docks. Just at present the taxpaver are hardly in a humor to buy another works of the devil. Luther was gold brick of similar value without the most intimate terms with the devil. One interview with that interesting personage he closed, as every child has read, by throwing his ink

bottle at him. It is only in recent years that we have really conquered our panic fear of comets, and, as we confessed above, perhaps the conquest is not yet con plete. We accept the teaching of science that they follow the law of gravitation and move serenely in fixed orbits, but in our secret souls we incline to hold with Luther that the devil has a hand in sending them. Perhaps Galileo did as much as anybody to lay the foundations of the nodern view of these uncanny bodies. He studied them all his life and wrote a great deal about them. Naturally what he said was substantially correct, for Galileo had the keenest sort of scientific instinct; but it was Newton and Halley who really wrested comets

from the domain of superstition and subjected them to scientific law. Many ecclesiastics of that time thought it their duty to maintain the old theory however, even after it had been proved Thus Andreas Calichius, of absurd. Magdeburg, said in 1578 that it was all very well for the scientists to teach that comets were composed of an "earthy, greasy, tough and sticky vapor, or mist," but for his part he knew that they were composed of "the thick smoke of human sins."

The steamship Bear on her maiden trip outward from Portland made the run to San Francisco, including three-hour stop at Astoria, in less than forty-five hours. This, for a beginning, is excellent work, and when the bearings of the new craft are worn soon. smooth and the long stop at Astoria is cut out, it will not be surprising if the water journey between this city and the California metropolis can be made in less than forty hours. An ocean voyage of this kind, on a palatial ship like the Bear or the Beaver, with the magnificent, hnudred-mile trip down the Columbia River, ought to open up a new side route for the stream of tourists who annually cross the continent to view the wonders of the West.

awaken sufficient interest to pass the Trainmen on the Michigan Central appropriation in Congress, but as in and Lake Shore & Michigan Southother important legislative matters it ern have been granted an increase in wages Identical with the increase given the Baltimore & Ohio employes. tient preliminary campaign of infor-No one familiar with the "higher cost of mation. The sum of \$25,000 will living" will begrudge the trainmen make a good beginning. With that much secured the way will be opened toward obtaining the additional funds their advance in wages, but it is just as well to understand where this advance is coming from. On nearly all of the Eastern railroads advances in rates have been made or are in con templation. It is from these higher "When beggars die," said Calphurrates that higher wages are possible, Whether it is a strike against paying seen," but when a personage of exthe advance or a graceful granting of alted dignity comes to his latter end he employee' re

BRIDGE CONDEMNATION BEGINS CHARGE IS CALLED FRIVOLOUS Habcas Corpus Releases Bertrand Jury Being Drawn to Fix Damages

Morris From Jail.

by his estranged wife, Bertrand Mor

corpus. Morris says he was on his

way to Vancouver, Wash., to secure

a divorce when the police arrested him

here on a letter from the Chief of Po-

Morris says he is a contractor, en-gaged in the erection of large build

he says, his wife in Seattle sent down

warrants for his arrest on various

had been entered. He came to Port-

continued sending his wife money

under the Washington statute.

In deciding the case, Judge Morrow

was influenced by the fact that, five

days after the man's arrest, no formal

Lecture Delivered on Conduct of At

torneys in Court.

iay. The situation was relieved only after

a diplomatic and soothing address from

consent to the books going unsuper

vised into the hands of those under

whose administration the irregularities

occurred. It was finally agreed that copies should be furnished the defend-

fendant should pay the costs. It is now asserted that a majority of the jury stood for awarding damages, but that it was held by the obstinacy

of a few members and that, in their engerness to reach an agreement and get away, certain of the jurors went to

great lengths in influencing their

One of the jurors is said to have told

the others that he had worked for the

Sanderson back at wages of \$2.50 a day he would secure him a position himself. These incidents are held by the plain-

Later, After Testifying in Damage

Case, She Has Hysterics.

in Circuit Court yesterday to prose-cute her suit for \$50,000 damages

At the opening of the case, while the jury was being drawn, Mrs. Dean fell

was carried out, screaming and crying The collision is not denied by the

defense and the fight will be on the

question of the woman's actual condi-

tion and the amount of damages due

onscious and was carried into Judge

Beginning the day with a fainting

sular Lumber Company did

ant of such papers as he desired.

bench on the duties of lawyers in

Some time ago he had a con-

lice of Seattle.

ings.

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Pursued for years by alleged friv

to Greenwich Dock.

Condemnation proceedings brought by the city of Portland against Maria Flanders to secure a right-of-way through the Greenwich dock for the prop Broadway bridge were taken up by Judge Gantenbein in Circuit Court yesterday norning, but at the end of a full day a jury had not yet been completed. The day's session ended with 11 men in the box passed for cause, but no peremptory challenges have yet been exercised and the time for beginning the trial is still ndefinite

Much difficulty in securing a jury was experienced through a stipulation of coun sel that residents of the northeast sec tion of the city, having an active interes in the matter at issue, would be ex-cused. It happened that a large number of the veniremen were from the excluded district. Jurors were closely questione as to their interests and their relations with interested parties.

With jury trials going on before Judges Cleland, Gantenbein and Gatens and the arge number not available for the way matter, it was necessary last night to draw a special venire of 20 to rep to Judge Gantenbein this morning.

The deposition of W. J. Burns in the Fianders case was filed yesterday and will be presented in the trial. Mr. Burns, who is manager for Balfour, Guthrie & Co., is confined to his house with illness and wilf be unable to be present in cour He qualified as an expert on the value of dock properties and testified for the de-fense as to the value of the strip which the city wishes to acquire. Asked what in his opinion was the worth of a strip 75 feet wide and 249 feet deep in the case at hand, he replied that he estimated it at \$1000 a front foot, and in reply to other guestions, said he believed that there would be additional damages to the djoining property. Further hearing of the case, will

taken up today if a jury is secured.

BROADWAY BRIDGE CASE SET

Hearing of Kiernan's Action Agains Editor to Be Held Wednesday.

Hearings on the order of Judge Morro to C. S. Jackson, editor of the Oregon Journal, to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of court on ac not be held in contempt of court of ac-count of certain editorials on the Broad-way bridge question, is set for 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The charge of contempt is brought against Jackson by Frank Kiernan, who is suing to restrain the city from proceeding with the bridge. An effort was made yesterday to secur

date for the hearing of Kiernan's sul against the city." Attorneys Fulton, Mur ly and Kavanaugh pressed the court to set the case, but the pressure of other matters and the fact that the courts are now 15 cases behind the calendar, made it impossible to arrange for the trial

CIRCUIT COURT DATES FULL

Civil and Criminal Cases Clamor fo

Congestion in the Circuit Court was evdenced yesterday when the docket was called by Judge Morrow and it was found that every available date from now to the end of the term is more than filled. A request was made by Prosecuting At-torney Cameron that the court reserve all unused jury dates for criminal cases nd this was done with a few excep-

There are still many civil cases clamo ing for hearing before a jury and busi-ness is far behind in all departments. It was intimated yesterday by Judge Mor row that judges might be called in from other districts to help dispose of the business. This can be done by the Su-

> JURORS INFLUENCED CHARGED Man Who Lost \$50,000 Suit Asks

for New Trial.

District of Six States. That members of the jury in the ase of John A. Sanderson against the National Bank Examiner Eugene

LIFE'S SUNNY SIDE

During the progress of a big "protract-ed meeting" for which the South is fa-mous, an ardent sister of the church, who usually came in an old-fashioned buckboard drawn by the family horse, was late for a particularly important service and was being severely censured by the restor lous charges brought against him ris at last met a turn of the tide when he was released yesterday by by the pastor. Judge Morrow on a writ of habeas

Explaining the reason for being late the good sister said that the horse had taken fright at a passing train and bolted, and that the wreck of the rig had prevented

"My dear sister, such little things should not make you late for divine serv-ices. You should trust in the Lord." "Well, brother," she replied, and there was a look of calm peacefulness on her face. "I did trust in the Lord iff the tract in Tacoma and was living there to superintend it. On several occasions,

face. "I did trust in the Lord till the bellyband busted and then I had to jump."--Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph. had to

trumped-up charges, until he was com-pelled to leave his work at Tacoma "This is a mighty dishonest world, you and come to Vancouver. There he know," said Henry Dixey, "and it doesn't began suit for divorce and a default hurt to be suspicious of some people. I sympathize with the old negro who came to a watchmaker with the two hands of a clock. land and went to work on the new Courthouse. Meanwhile, he says, he

"''I want yer fer to fix up dese han's had in court a large bundle of registry Dey ain't kept no correct time for mo receipts, which he alleged represented den six munts.

remittances to her. 'Well, where is the clock?' demanded Last Thursday he was preparing to the watchmaker. Vancouver with his witness to

perfect his divorce suit when he was arrested. The charge brought by his wife was desertion, which is a felony

"'Out to my cabin." "'But I must have the clock." "'Didn't I tell yer dar's nuffin' de mat-ter wid the clock 'ceptin' de han's? An' here dey he. You jes' want de clock so you kin tinker it an' charge me a big Gimme back dem han's. price. Young's Magazine.

When Mr. Taft was following college

warrant had come down from Seattle. The judge said: "If the Chief of Po-lice of Seattle doesn't think enough baseball more elosely than he has a of the case to send a warrant before chance to now, he set out one afternoor for a game between Yale and Princetor with two tickets in his pocket. He was in the habit of buying two bench seats so that he would have plenty of room. When he got to the grandstand he forked out the two telever when he out the two tickets. The usher took i at a glance what they were for and led the way to the seats. When he reached them he paused.

you sit in these two seats you're going to have some difficulty. Do you see? They're on opposite sides of the alsle."-

way to church. "Man," said Donald. "I was wondering what you will be askin' for you bit sheep over at your the hands of R. M. Widney, unde steadin'?

whose management of the company the books were kept, occasioned a I wad be wantin' 50 shullin's for that warm wrangle in Judge Morrow's department of the Circuit Court yestersheep

> "but, och, man, Dougal, I am awfu" surprised at you doin' business on the "but, Sawbath.'

sellin' a sheep like that for 50 shullin's is not business at all; it's just charity!" -Ladles' Home Journal.

how bitterly they may feel toward Judge Widney appeared to secure a

order of the court for access to the books of the Conklin Company, for his management of which he is made a defendant in a suit brought by the recelver. Sawyer appeared also and told the court that he had had the books I can't get in to cultivate it the second experted, had found gross irregulari-ties in them and that he could not

is so heavy that I am sure it will fall and bind, and I will have a job harvest-ing it. It is scandalous how heavy it is

but it is so heavy it will be tough work cuttin' it."

ain't all what it's cracked up to be. I tell you," he continued, mournfully, "these big bumper crops is terrible hard on the land."-Saturday Evening Post.

Los Angeles Examiner

tour of America I

this, he can hunt again for the defendant. The defendant is discharged." The court also expressed doubt of the regularity of the practice in vogue by which men are arrested upon the mere letter or telegram of an officer in another state and allowed to remain for days before formal action is taken.

"What's the trouble, young man?" said JUDGE SOOTHES WRANGLERS Mr. Taft. "Sorry, sir," said the usher, "but if

New York Sun.

Intimation by Attorney Harold M Sawyer that there was much crooked-ness in the books of the W. d. Conklin Two Highland farmers met on their Company, of which he is receiver, and that he could not trust the books .n

"Man," replied Dougal. "I was thinkin"

"I will tak' it at that," said Donald:

"Business!" exclaimed Dougal. "Man,

They hold the Kansas farmer to be a natural pessimist, no matter how favor-

able things are.

able things are. C. E. Denton, Secretary of State for that state, tells of a group of farmers he heard talking at the store in his town not long ago. "By Jing," said one, "I am in a fix. Things is bad with me. My corn is growing so fast and so heavy. I'm afraid I can't see in to cultivate it the second

"Yes," said another, "and my

-a fearful erop." "Same with my oats," chimed in an-ther. "I'll get 80 bushels to the acre. other.

"Well, boys," put in the fourth, "It

Ellen Terry's Tour Not a Farewell.

Mrs.

Chance to Be Heard.

tions

areme Court in its discretion

EXAMINER IS WIDELY KNOWN

Eugene T. Wilson Now Chairman for

the transaction of public business."

"Lawyers must leave their personal differences outside when they are act-ing as officers of the court," said the "It is not necessary nor re-Judge. spectful that wrangles should occur be tween attorneys in court, no

each other.'

alignments to be created in British politics that will defer the coveted prize or indefinitely withhold it? The word has gone forth that truce has been proclaimed between the warring factions, to last a year. But how long may a year be?

However, signs and omens are ruling affairs of nations less and less these enlightened days. The new idea in Britain is so far under way that the Irish may win their goal and the new George may redeem the evil name of his kingly ancestors.

THE FAMILY CARD TABLE.

Evangelist Herbert C. Hart makes a statement which facts will not bear out when he says that 92 per cent of the gamblers of the world get their first lesson in gambling at the family card table. It is a fact well known that many young people, boys and girls, who are forbidden to play cards at home, learn to play elsewhere under conditions that conduce to gambling. The game at the family card table is seldom, almost never, played for a stake. In this it differs from society bridge and "500" and the rest fashionable card-party games. Cardplaying being forbidden in the family, the boys, nearing young manhood, are more than likely to find a place to play a game where there is a stake to win or lose.

In this connection there is recalled a good weman, long "sacred to mem but for many years a resident OTY. of this city. A woman of strong character she was, the mother of four sons, a devout churchwoman, of religious bellef that would have delighted the soul of the evangelist who preaches the "eternal punishment" dogma. She resolutely placed a ban upon cardplaying in her family, Leslearned, the last Sunday school book finished, weary of teasing the cat and the little sister, the boys having exhausted all allowable means of entertainment at home on long Winter evenings, went to bed to get rid of themselves and each other. As they grew older and bolder these pastimes palled and they began to creep from their bedroom windows at their early bedtime to join boys of the neighbor hood whom their mother would not permit to come to her house, in a game of cards at one of their homes.

This mother did her duty as she saw it, as Evangelist Hart would have er couraged her to do it; but it failed signally in its purpose, since three of the sons who thus took their first les sen in deceit, disobedience and in the pleasures of forbidden fruit, became frequenters of gambling resorts and due time professional gamblers, in which most abominable vocation all lived out their brief span and died.

A neighbor, also a good woman, the mother of five sons, permitted the boys to play pedro, casino and other simple and then popular games at ago home, with companions of their own age, or between themselves and their sister, as chanced, and not on enable of them followed cards into business

ally all of which will seek : in the east, and which cannot be reached to advantage except by an east and west line.

mense value to the Hill system, it is also of the highest importance to the Harriman lines that their Central Oregon route be joined with an east and west line. The lumber traffic alone will supply an immense tonnage for the road, and, as all of this lumber must seek a market in the east, in the absence of an east and west line it would be necessary to make a detour of several hundred niles by way of the Deschutes and Columbia Rivers, instead of going out through the Malheur canyon and connecting with the main line to the east The railroad builders and capitalists of the country were many years in discovering Central Oregon, but, having finally located it, development and exploitation are proceeding on a more extensive scale than at any other point in the United States.

CHEAP DOCK SITES.

The early settlers who laid out the town of Portland had an excellent opportunity to secure cheap dock sites. There was an abundance of water frontage to be had almost for the asking. It would no doubt have been a fine thing for posterity, if these early settlers had purchased these sites while they were cheap. dock Unfortunately the first residents of the incorporated city of Portland found abundant use for their earnings in paying taxes, buying providownfall of expires and worlds, and slons and meeting other current expenses. They were in fact less able to buy the cheap dock sites of the early fifties than the present Portlanders are able to purchase them now for those who may need them 50 years hence. Each era of the city, and each generation of its inhabitants, has ocen fairly well taxed to meet the demands of the present and the immediate future, without taking on additional burdens of some millions of dollars, which 50 years hence may be of small consequence to the greatly increased population and vastly greater wealth that will have accumulated. In the present carefully promoted plan for public, docks for private inwe are repeatedly informed that there is already a shortage of sultable dock sites and that in a few years it will be impossible for Portland to handle water traffic in competition with other ports. Nothing could be farther from the truth, for the two banks of the Willamette River slough between the steel bridge and the Columbia offer more than 24 miles of first-class dock sites. These sites, with an increasing number of local electric and steam routes, are all more easily reached from the heart of Portland's business district

it is a very different affair. "Th heavens themselves blaze forth the death of Princes." Three or 400 years ago the death of King Edward in While this line will be of im-

close connection with the approach of a comet, to say nothing of half a dozen earthquakes, the floods in the Seine, the unheard-of storms through the Middle West and the terrible forest fires in Minnesota and Wisconsin would have thrown the world into a frenzy of terror. All these events ould have been attributed to the influence of the celestial monster and would have been the universal opinion that the world was about to end in a vast conflagration. We control our fears a good deal better now. As Halley's comet wings its way down to dive through the plane of the ecliptic, we gaze at it calmly enough. and if we shiver a little over the visitation we try our test not to let anybody know about it. Most people are

still afraid of comets, but there are few who are not ashamed of their trepidation Intellectually the world has trav-

eled a long way from the time when everybody supposed that comets were balls of fire hurled at a wicked world by the Almighty. We still believe that they are balls more or less flery and no doubt the Almighty directs their course; but it is by the same laws which govern the movements of the stars and planets and the purpose which directs one heavenly body in its orbit directs all the rest. Origen, one of the fathers of the church taught that comets indicated the

in the thirteenth century the famous philosopher Thomas Aquinas held the same opinion. All through the middle ages when ever a comet appeared mankind lost wits through terror. This was particularly the case with the return of Halley's comet in 1456. The Turks ere then besieging Constantinople and seemed likely to overrun the whole of Europe. Just at the climax of the danger Halley's comet ap peared blazing in the sky, a much more formidable object than it now Perhaps some of it has wasted away during its wanderings in space Perhaps some planet belonging to an other system has captured a portion of its substance, for a comet is noth-ing but gas and is easily led astray. At any rate in 1456 Halley's comet innocuous as it now seems, was a huge and fearsome spectacle. Pope

Calixtus III decreed several days of prayer to avert the impending destruction from the Christians to the Turks and into the litany of the was incorporated the plea, church "From the Turk and the cornet, good Lord deliver us." There was another comet visible in 1532 and this one gave the British churchmen an opportunity to display their belief in its than the Albina docks were 20 years prophetic character. Cranmer, who

was in Germany at the time, wrote to King Henry VIII that comets "do Portland has spent millions in dredging out a channel which will not lightly appear" but always porthe great ocean-carriers to tend "some great matter." The great reach the docks in this city, and it matter which he thought that one or social life, and all are now men will be necessary and profitable to portended was his own promotion

c is the pt lic" that foots the bills

Not all of the exhilarating excitement of hunting whales has vanished with the appearance of the steam schooner and the bomb gun. From Juneau, Alaska, comes a whale of a tale about the tail of a whale that wrecked the whaler Sorenson off Cape Ommaney. The leviathan had been harpooned, and resented the insult by charging the whaler and smashing in the bow with a blow from its tail. Some of the "color" which prevailed in the old-time whaling stories was missing, for the crew all reached shore in safety, but the narrative still remains a first-class fish story.

The jury's verdict that Hyde is guilty is merely a polite form. It introduces the proceedings, and nothing It is like the bow a gentleman more. makes when he enters the drawing-The real fight will now begin room. in the form of a motion for a new trial, an appeal, probably three or four reversals in the Supreme Court. and finally the escape of the criminal. Tis thus that we make the law a jest.

The stenographer who draws upon his imagination for his facts and then babbles of his findings is one of the products of a progressive age. He is brother to the telegraph operator who misinterprets the clickings of his instrument, and, full of the importance of an imaginary secret, tells it under pledge of silence. Needless to say, neither of these artists is likely to hold a job for life.

Speaking of roses, have you seen the great fields of wild ones in bloom with the Columbia "high water" rippling about the bushes? This is a rose show provided by Nature without much fuss or expense, and it is a hard one to beat.

Of course, Secretary Ballinger had dismiss Clerk Kerby, as President Taft had to dismiss Pinchot, For whom would not Kerby betray next?

As something always happens when Halley's comet passes, why not take the optimistic side and call 1910 the year of greatest prosperity?

Women of Othello, Wash., who have badgers for pets, have never experi-enced the pleasure and comfort of owning a baby.

Ballinger's talkative stenographer got the tomahawk just below the nucleus, cometically speaking.

The ragemuffin brigades are again on dress parade in Peru and Ecuador.

Caruso cannot keep out of the mon key-house, at home or abroad.

When scientists disagree, it is up to the comet to do as it pleas

in the trial of Jeff W. School, Graders' be contended by the planet for a new with wrecking the Farmers' & Traders' be contended by the planet for a new ney, J. N. Davis, in a motion for a new ney, J. N. Davis, in a motion for a new trial. Sanderson sued the company for trial. Sanderson sued the company for the best known citizens of the state of the best known citizens of the state of the best known citizens and the state of the best known citizens are accounted by the planet. Sanderson sued the company for the best known citizens are accounted by the planet. Quaintance on the south side of the being out 21 hours the jury in the case

Columbia. Crossing the plains when 13 years old, Mr. Wilson arrived at Walla Walla in 1876. He drifted into the newspaper business and for six years was the papers at Pomeroy and Dayton editor of senting Kittitas County in the State Sen-ate in 1892, Mr. Wilson was made presi-dent of that body and presided over the joint session of the Legislature during the impeachment proceedings against Judge Sachs, of the Jefferson County Superior Court. An effort was made that year to force Mr. Wilson to accept the nomination for Governor, but he escaped it through accepting an appointment as National Bank Examiner, tendered by Benators of that state and President Har-

Mr. Wilson has resigned from the sary ce several times but has invariably been coaxed back into the harness. He is now eccupying a position as chairman of bank examiners in District No. 11, including the states of Washington, Oregon, Montar Idaho, California and Nevada tiff's attorney to be objectionable and prejudicial to the plaintiff's interests,

for a new trial. COLUMBIA TO GET ADDITION

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Athletic Coliseum.

At the annual meeting of the Columbi University Alumni Association, held last night after a banquet in the Commercia Club, pledges were secured which guar antee the construction of a \$10,000 addition to the present athletic colimeum at the Catholic institution. One year was al-

lowed in which to raise the money. Rev. Father Gallagher, president of the university, said he believed he was auagainst the Portland Rallway, Light & Power Company. Mrs. Dean asserts that through the collision of a Waverthorized to say for the congregation of the Holy Cross, under whose ministering hands the school is conducted, that the ly-Woodstock car, on which she was riding, with a Mount Scott car at the corner of Hawthorne and Grand avesociety would put up dollar for dollar raised by the alumni members. Frank J. Lonergan, formerly an instructor at the nues last September she was throw from her seat and sustained injuries which have permanently affected her health. She alleges concussion of the school, advanced a plan whereby each graduate of Columbia would donate pro rata to make the \$500, the student half of the fund. James J. Flynn, who was spine, a sprained knee and a severe nervous shock and functional disorders.

present as a guest at the annual dinner, also agreed to donate a generous amount for the work.

The staid Commercial Club was roused from its usual evening quietness when college songs and yells were given with all the enthusiasm of the lusty-voiced Gaten's chambers to be revived. day's proceedings ended with her on the stand and as soon as the adjourn ment came she again broke down and

Victor K. Cullen and James J. Flynn rendered selections, Dan O'Neill presid-ing at the plano. Frederick A. Martin was chosen presi

dent of the association, Dennis Carmody as vice-president, George Holcomb as treasurer and C. C. Albright as secretary.

Alleging that he sold timber claims in Wheeler County for \$600 profit with the full knowledge of the owners, A. Lane yesterday made answer in Circuit Court to the suit-brought against him by W. F. Ball for a return of the money. Lane says that he spent much time trying to sell the claims for \$1400 and failed, after which a new appreciate

HUSUM, Wash., May 16.-(Special.)-Strawberry pleking is in full blast be-tween here and the mouth of the White Salmon River. Shipments are being made which a new agreement was made be tween him and the owners by which he daily at Underwood.

Several crews of pickers came from Hood River, where they report the har-vesting of strawberries will commence in a few days. As high as 33 per day is being paid for green hands. was to dispose of them for \$1000. He then succeeded in selling them for \$1600 each, pocketing the difference of \$500. He says that this was done openly and that he entitled to the profit.

ber Company acted improperly is arriving at a verdict will be contended by the plaintiff's attora verdict will ot to

of the farewell order, th actress declared recently.

"I am simply going to visit those places I have been before and where the people know me well. I shall deliver informal little lectures - disreturned a verdict for the defendant, with the recommendation that the decourses, I call them, on Shakespeare.

"The tour will not start until next October, and the arrangements have not yet been completed. All I can tell you is that I shall discourse on Shakespeare's plays and Shakepeare's acting generally, and shall, of course, recite extracts from those Shakespeare plays in which I have acted. "There will be no costumes, scener

or lantern slides, or anything of that sort-only myself in plain, everyday clothes, to talk about Shakespeare for an hour and a quarter.'

defendant company, and that they were good people and used their employes well. This is said to be in violation of Truth Stranger Than Fiction. well. This is said to be in violation of the principle that a juror may not bring into the case his personal knowl-edge of things outside of the record. It is also alleged that Juror Ellis said in the jury room that if the Penin-Providence Journal

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Three or four years ago Charles W. Morse was rated a multi-millionaire. Now he is serving a long sentence in the Penitentiary, and his wife, dressed in a "modest gray suit and black hat stands at the entrance of the Capitol in Washington and importunes memhers of Congress to sign a relition for his pardon. If such a contrast in human fortunes were introduced into a modern novel, it would probably to and on them will be based a motion paracterized as too vivid to be plaus-COMPLAINANT FAINTS IN COURT | ible.

One Source of Waste.

Louisville Post. Mr. Aldrich says he can save \$500. 000,000 of the Government expendi-tures. It cannot be done as long as Senators clamor continuously for more fit and ending with an acute attack of hysteria, Mrs. Anna Dean appeared Senators clamor continuously for filors spoils; for offices to be used as bribes; for offices to pay for votes for these same Senators. The source of much of the political corruption today is in "Senatorial courtesy," under which misleading phrase some Senator holds up the President and compels him to your man who have voted for him. pay men who have voted for him.

Studies in British Pronunciation.

London Daily News,

Our readers continue to send us ouri-osities in the pronunclation of place names. Here is a list from the Northdistrict:

Irthlingborough-Artleboro'. Rothwell-Rowell. Cogenoe -Cookno. Salcey Forest-Saucy Forest. Harlestone-Alsen.

Unprecedented.

Central Law Journal. "Why should my client be convicted of murder?" demanded counsel for the accused. "No other man has ever been convicted in this jurisdiction on such a charge." The Prosacuting Attorney admitted that it hadn't occurred to him in that light, and the prisoner was accordingly discharged.

So the World Grows. Atlanta Constitution

The peaceful, if melancholy picture in England today recalls, by contrast, the violent programme a few centuries ago, when the demise of a monarch meant conditions verging on civil war.

Bound to Find an Outlet.

Providence Journal. The pace seems to have been too much for our Coloner's throat, but it need not be feared that the pages of the Outlook will reflect any evidence of writer's cramp."

her. Had Right to Profit, Says Defendant. STRAWBERRY PICKERS BUSY Alleging that he sold timber claims in White Salmon Growers Pay \$3 Day for Green Hands.