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A DEMOCRATIC OPPORTUNITY.

Eastern students of current politics think they discern a great opportunity for the New York Democrats created by the retirement of Governor Hughes to the Supreme Court. Nobody begrudges him his preferment, of course but there is a widespread feeling that has left behind him no competent successor to carry on his work, none in the Republican party at least. is not like the state of things in Palestine when Elijah went up to heaven in the charlot of fire, for there stood Elisha ready to receive the mantle he let fall. In New York there seems to no Republican Elisha and newspapers like the Springfield Republican have turned to seek for one among the Democrats. The need is indeed urgent according to all accounts. To orrow another Scriptural Illustration, the sow has returned to her wallow. The Legislature of New York, the county committees and all the rest of the Republican machinery have reverted to those smutty hands from which Governor Hughes fought so long to rescue it. His proposed re-forms are scouted. His ideals are ridiculed in the house of those who ought to befriend them. The whole political sky is overcast and the atmosphere is fetid.

It is an extremity which ought to be a Democratic opportunity. Whether It will or not is another question. It not worth while to repeat that the party of Bryan and Parker enjoys an unlimited capacity for making blunders. It never cuts hay while the sun shines, but waits for a smart shower to set its scythes going. When it rains porridge the Democratic bowls are always bottom side up. If a kindly providence forces success upon the Democrats in spite of their obstinate asininity, they are pretty certain so to conduct themselves as to draw all the consequences of failure from it. Still in New York at this auspicious moment they really have begun to display some of the elementary symptoms of sanity. For one thing, they have discarded from the headship of the state committee the malodorous Conners and replaced him with a respectable gentleman, John A. Dix. Perhaps the most that can be said for Mr. Dix is that he is respectable, but the change is great for all that. It indicates the initiation of a work of grace which may end heaven knows where. Perhaps it will break up the alliance between the Democrats and the houses of ill-fame. It may end in the emancipation of the party from the dominance of Tammany thuggism. Bril-liant indeed is the prospect which hope

begins to display. doubt the Democrats might elect

addressed the man as "James." This evidence, however, is far from con-vincing, for, unless Miss Ethel has abandoned some of the more pronounced Roosevelt characteristics, she would certainly have greeted him as "Jim," or possibly "Jimmie." There is also the possibility that there is

nothing to the affair except a plan to keep the Roosevelt name on the first page. The Colonel has ceased killing wild animals and directing the political affairs of the Old World. Theodore, Jr., is married, Kermit is no longer mentioned, and the cigarette-smoking of Alice no longer excites comment. What, then, should be more natural than that Miss Ethel should get in

training to fill the void that must follow the withdrawal from the first page of the other members of the family?

POLITICAL DESUETUDE NO LONGER. Only place in our National Government where states can be equal in strength and power is in the United States Senate. Each state there has two spokesmen. Yet a state, to hold its own in that body, must have spokesmen of keen statesmanship, large personal influence, tireless indus-

nate.

try and skillful speech, inspired by sound principles of government and political sincerity. States of small population, like Ore-gon, are afforded opportunity to cope with other commonwealths, like New York and Pennsylvania, through their representation in the United States The union of states was originally effected through this concession of the more powerful commonwealths to the weaker ones. In the House of Representatives the states of large population wield their full political strength. Only in exceptional cases are small commonwealths important in

that body, as when a small state is representel by some pre minent genlus of leadership. All of which goes to show Oregon's election day. need of strong membership in the Senate. The membership should be such as would make Oregon the peer of other commonwealths in legislation and in National utterance. The peo-ple of this state feel the lack of this kind of representation. Their method of choosing Senators has been haphazard, hurly-burly and non-deliber-

seekers. But it does not please nor ative. Hereafter they will endeavor to use reasoning intelligence and party organization in selection of their Sena-The means to this desirable ...d is

party assembly. That will reclaim Oregon from political desuctude. jury.

NEW YORK AND OREGON Ex-President Roosevelt is indignant

over an effort to have it appear that he is opposed to the direct primary reforms advocated by Governor Hughes. "It looks as if someone was crowding the membership of the Ananias Club," he says. Colonel Roosevelt, of course, sym-

pathizes with and supports Governor Hughes in his war with the New York political machines, both Republican and Democratic. The New York Leg. islature is now in special session, and it has been addressed by Governor Hughes, who demands enactment of a reasonable direct primary law. The Governor says in his message

I recommend for your consideration the amendment of the law relating to the pri-maries, making suitable provision for direct nomination of candidates for public office and in connection therewith provisions for parties and party management. Governor Hughes favors a scheme

of preferred nominations by party committees, all for submission to the referendum of the primary. Ex-Pres-Ident Roosevelt makes it clear in his usual emphatic style that he is with Governor Hughes. Neither desires that there shall be a primary law disintegrates which disrupts and party, makes impotent all effort at party management and pronounces every attempt at party guidance. They want a direct primary that will permit But of course nothing of this kind will be done. It is not even thought the members of a party to control their own affairs, and not turn them ing the exhausted lands for production over to the opposition. of food. As to the Far West, Eastern Governor Hughes and ex-President folk say, however, that forests are more necessary than food. So they Roosevelt would adopt in New York substantially the plan of party organcause vast areas in the Far West to ization and management advocates of assembly are striving to adopt in Orebe fenced off for eternal wilderness This is a fine opportunity for New gon.

have a vast increase in acreage, and, even with only fairly favorable climatic conditions, the output will undoubtedly exceed that of last year. Unless there is a change in world-wide conditions, the outlook is not favorable for high prices in this country, even with periodical crop scares keeping the market excited. eding year.

FALSE-OATH POLITICS.

Clearest of all proofs in Oregon of emocratic perjury in registration and meddling with Republican primaries is comparison of registration with the Presidential vote in 1968. Taft received 24,000 votes less than the Republican registration and Bryan polled 6000 votes more than the Democratic registration. The enrollment of Re-publicans, including the invaders from he Democratic party, was 86,396; that of Democratic was only 32,262. The Taft vote was 62,520 and the Bryan

vote 38,049. Here then is positive test of Demo-cratic mendacity. The Republican registration contained many thousands of Democratic liars, who held up their right hand and swore faisely, by the most solemn oath, that they were subscribing their party membership in ac-

cordance with truth and conscience These false-oath Democrats meddled in Republican primaries, heaping up strife and bitterness among Republican factions and swaying nominations, all the time wearing the guise of truthful men. But when election day arrived they changed back into their old shape and voted their Democratic party ticket, with a laugh in their sleeve. Of similar sort was the duplicity of Satan, who "squat like a toad, close to the ear of Eve," when trying his beguiling arts in the Garden of Eden, but leaped back into his real self from a touch of the Angel Ithuriel's spear. The angel must have touched Democrats the same way on

These figures of registration and election vote furnish complete demon-stration of the false-outh style of polltics that thrives under the free-for r-all primary law. This style of politics leases and satisfies U'Ren and Bourne and Chamberlain and Brownell and a retinue of Federal office-

satisfy right-thinking, upright citizens, who like straightforward politics. "Jackpot" politics, as now in Illinois, corrupts the morals of but a few citizens. But this false-oath politics

in Oregon makes hardened Hars of thousands and puts premium on per-The new registration, now under way, shows the evil to be spreading worse than ever.

FOOD RATHER THAN FORESTS.

New York and other old Eastern States desire to put to use again the large expanse of acres within their borders, that have been exhausted by agriculture and are now abandoned or neglected. The Chamber of Commerce of New York City has undertaken campaign to this end, with co-opera ion of railroads and of agricultural departments of state and Federal Governments. But why not turn these lands over to

again as thickly as they did before crop for posterity's uses. All the fine could be taken away from private owners and added to the works of con-

gross and \$203,845 in net. The Spo kane & Inland for April showed a decrease of \$10,000 in net and an increase of \$10,000 in gross, but for the ten months a gain of \$320,000 in gross showed a net increase of \$260,000, or practically double the amount of net gain for the same period in the pre-

These statements are interesting at this time, when there are murmurings of a possible business depression. So long as the railronds can show such handsome increases in gross earnings, general trade must be in a healthy condition, and it will not be difficult to find some means by which a fair and equitable adjustment, of the in-créased expenses of the roads can be servation policies, leaving the settler met either by an increase in rates or otherwise

The project of a boulevard from Medford to Crater Lake has the active and enthusiastic support of a body of

itizens in Southern Oregon usually succeed in whatever they set out to accomplish. The scenic wonders and beauties of Crater Lake are famous, but unfortunately they are practically inaccessible to the average tourist and sightseer. It has long been planned to build a boulevard into Crater Lake Park from Medford, and it was thought, when the recent State the people who are entitled to it, the 2,000,000 acres is hardly a fringe on the edge of the vast areas that are still locked up. Legislature appropriated \$100,000 for that purpose, that cherished dream was in a fair way of fulfiliment. But an unpoetic court interfered and declared the appropriation act unconsti-tutional, so that the boulevard, if built, cannot be a state-supported enterprise That is to say, not officially. But ctually it is possible for Oregon and Portland to show that it is not unaware of the remarkable possession it has in Crater Lake and its surroundings. It can be done by making it practicable to build the road. Medford has subscribed \$30,000 of the necessary \$100,000, and it is probable that Jackson County, and other coun-

ties, too, will give something more. Portland is solicited by Medford to join that enterprising city and Southern Oregon in this nicturesque enter-The response no doubt will be

A Chicago dispatch announces the

When the "Northwest Territory" was organized, including Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconzin and Illinois, the homestead laws were fairly well start-ed. Then any man could buy Govern-ment land for \$1.25 an acre, Not so long afterwards the law was still fur-ther advanced so that any cltizen might take up 160 acres as a home-stead, and the country has largely been St. Paul Railroad of 800 acres of land which will be used as the largest freight-vard terminals in Chicago These freight yards will be fifteen miles from the union passenger sta tion in Chicago and are made neces sary by congestion of traffic nearer in and also by the extravagant prices which must be paid for land. Providing facilities for the economical and expeditious handling of freight traffic has proved a problem for every railroad that enters a big city before it is possible to estimate the growth of the place. As Portland's railroad growth has just begun, no inconvenience is yet noticeable, but a few years hence the freight yards for this city will be several miles down the river, over at Van couver or along the peninsula. It will be many years before it becomes nec essary to go fifteen miles from the union passenger station, but considerable switching of Portland business is already done in the Vancouver yards more than six miles away.

Representative Poindexter, of Washngton, is said to have a "grouch" because President Taft has failed to appoint to office some of the men recommended by Poindexter. This is quite natural, Mr. Poindexter, in his studied attempts to belittle and harass President Taft, and in his opposition to everything favored by the President, of course assumed that the President would be so worried over the Poindexter opposition that he would give the Washington insurgent anything in the ty of appointments that he might

choose to ask. In this country, however,

HOMESTEAD-LAW-BUILT NATION. GROWTH OF NATION'S POPULATION

Yet Now, Older States Nullify It and The United States Gaining Faster Than Obstruct Western Progress. Tacoms Tribune. That there are too many people in the cities and not enough in the coun-try seems to be the bellef of all the savants who are telling the people the cause of the high cert of lying Any Other Country.

St. Louis Globe-Dem

Just as the figures of the population of the United States are being revised and verified preliminary to publication. France published its vital statistics, which give the number of its inhabitants at the end Cause of the high cost of living. One of the reasons why people have kept in the citles, making such a handof 1909. In that year there were 770,000 births in France, as compared with 792,-000 in 1906, showing a falling off which is arousing some concern among her statesmen. France's present popula-tion is about 23,000,000. Since 1851 France's inhabitants have increased only 3,000,000, while those of the ration comprised in to-mouth living as they can, is because conditions are such that it is a good deal of a venture to start out and be-More than four-fifths of the available ublic land in the United States has een barred from the settler by con-

while those of the region comprised in the present empire of Germany have grown to the extent of 20,000.000. Ger-many's population in 1910 is approxi-mately 54,000,000, exclusive of all its colonies.

servation policies, leaving the settler the opportunity of going to Western Canada and there taking up land in a country nearer the North Pole than many people like to hazard. Oklahoma, the last country settled before Pinchot got his reserve plans working, grew from a land of strag-gling savages, herded by Indian agents, to a state of as much population and wealth in three years as Oregon had gained in 50, and then did not stop. That was practically the last of the When the figures are furnished a month or two hence it will probably be found that the population of the United States has expanded to 50,000,000 at least. As in all the great civilized countries, the natural increase in population—the excess of births over deaths—is diminishing, pro-nortionately here. The United Science is of births over deaths—is diminishing, pro-portionately, here. The United States is growing faster than any other great coun-itry, but a large part of the increase is through immigration. The ratio of growth which two-thirds of a century ago was about 25 per cent in a decade has now been reduced to 20 per cent. Immigration in the past 10 years was far larger than ever before in that length of time, but, through the cheapening and quickening That was practically the last of the homestead land. Here in the West what land was not already in Indian reserves was made into forest reserves, and now, when President Taft is mak-ing great display of opening for settle-ment of some 2,000,000 acres of this land which has been wrongfully and illegally withheld from settement of the people who are entitled to it the

through the cheapening and quickening of the ocean transit, emigration to Eu-rope from us has also been greater than in the past, and the exodus to Canada, which has assumed rather startling figures, made its advent in the decade which

The Republican party is the heir of the Freesoll party, the party that brought through the homestead laws and the land laws which have settled the West, beginning when Ohio was the "West." is now closing of the great countries of the world the United States heads the list in popula-tion, except in the case of Russia, which is still many millions shead of us, but in wealth and in the volume and variety In those days there was a party that did not want the people to have a chance to secure homes in the public of our activities, we are immeasurably in advance of Russia. Next to the United chance to secure homes in the public domain, but the plan was to parcel the public domain out in vast grants and estates, creating a feudal system, like that now urged by Finchot. It required, some vigorous work on the part of the predecessors of the Republican party to overcome this in-terest and to inaugurate the system of land laws under which the entire country west of the 13 original states has been settled. When the "Northwest Territory" was States in population is Germany, with 64,000,000; and after her come the United Kingdom, with 43,000,006; Austria-Hun-gary, 42,000,000; France, 39,000,000; Italy, 23,000,000; and Spain, 19,000,000. Japan's population is about 47,000,000. Chima has about 400,000,000, or is nonunity believed

about 400,000,000, or is popularly believed to have that many, but as no count has ever been made except in a few of the cities, the estimates for the empire are only guesses. In wealth the United States with its score of \$120,000,000,000 of real and

personal property, equals its two near-est rivals combined, which are the United Kingdom and Germany. The story which Census Director Durand's figures will tell a few weeks hence will be read with increat all over the world.

VISION OF CHAIRMAN MACK.

Bryan May Be a Candidate Once More, but in the Year 1916.

Philade'phia Press. The Hon Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has a cheerful, hopeful, and encourag-

the land laws they seek to hamper and delay the settlement of the West, envi-ous and jealous because some settler is getting a homestead from which they see no chance to profit. If the land could only be turned over to a bureau, with themselves in charge of the bureau so they would have a ing spirit, with a good word for every-body—everybody who is a Democrat. His utterances on the Democratic sitthe bureau, so they would have a chance to make an honest penny, it would suit; but to have all this Westuation throughout the land are always Interesting, and sometimes profitable. Present political conditions fill the Democratic chairman with expectations would suff, but to have all this west-ern land actually taken up and made into homes by these rude settlers hurts their sensitive souls. They want the land conserved for the whole people-until they see some chance to get in. that his party will elect the next Pres-ident, and he speculates a little about probable candidates, but without making a nomination. So far it appears the only candidates now in sight are Mayor Gaynor, of New York; Governor PREPARING FOR A 364-DAY YEAR Harmon of Ohio, and ex-Governor Folk Movement on Foot to Modify the Presof Missouri. The National chairman gives each of these a certificate of availability, making no discrimination ent Calendar. Rome Correspondence, On account of works realized tending to the simplification of the Gregorian calendar. I interrogated today a prelate

or personal distinction whatsoever, as nes an impart'al party chairman becomes an impart'al party chairman. But the most important statement he makes is about Colonel Bryan. Plenty of Domocrats are much afraid Colonel Bryan intends to resume the business of running for President two years hence. Mr. Mack is not torn and dis-tracted by any such fear. He hardly expects Colonel Bryan to be a candidate next time, but Colonel Bryan, he points very intimate in the Roman curacy. The prelate told me with a certain re-serve that the Pontificate has expressed intentions of submitting to the consideration of the powers the idea of the simplification of the calendar in use in all Catholic and Protestant countries, expects Colonel Bryan to be a candidate next time, but Colonel Bryan, he points out, is still a young man and may be a candidate once more in 1916. The vision of the prophet does not reach beyond that date, but it is enough. We have no doubt a large proportion of the party earnestly hopes that Colonel Bryan will adhere to the chairman's idea as for the party earnestly hopes. in such a manner that the year will come to have 254 days, commencing al-ways on Monday. Easter will thus come to be immoveably fixed on the 7th of April, and New Year's day will be a day apart. That is, New Year's day will be like the 25th of February to lown.

be like the 29th of February in leapos of this affair, which nobody

LIFE'S SUNNY SIDE

An absent-minded German professor at-An absolution of the second se

"No umbrella has been found here." the professor was told in the first store. The German shrugged his shoulders; and went out.

At the next store the same response was made; whereupon the professor shrugged his shoulders once more, and went to the third establishment. There went to the third estatished the him. he found his umbrells awaiting him. "I must say," said he to his family, on returning home, "they were more

on returning home, "they were more honest at the last place than at the other stores."-Lippincott's.

an owned the

Having been shown the speaking tube and had its uses explained. Flynn, the new porter, blew a mighty blast in it. Hearing the whistle, Mr. Hebart came to the tube and inquired: "What's wanted down there?" "Tis Ol, Paddy Flynn. Ar' ye th'

boss?" "I am." said Mr. Hobart. "Well, thin," yelled Flynn, "shtick yer head out av th' second shtory windy whole Oll shtep out on th' soidwalk, Of want to talk t' ye?"

Mark Twain, as an example of unconscious humor, used to quote a Hartford woman who said one day in the late Spring:

"'My husband is the dearest fellow. "'Jim,' I said to him this morning,

"are you very hard up just now?" "I certainly am hard up, he replied soberly. "This high cost of living is ter-rible. I don't know what I'm going to

"Then, Jim,' said I, 'I'll give up all thought of going to the country for July and August this year." "But the dear fellow's face changed,

and he said:

"'Indeed, then, you won't, darling. I thought you wanted to buy a hat with an algrette or some such foolishness. No, no, my darling-Jim can always find the money to let his dear little wife go to the country.'"-Washington Star. .

"The girl graduate," said Mrs. Tillie "The girl graduate," said Mrs. Tillie Treherne Cooke, the Atlanta lawyer, in a commencement address, "errs in treat-ing man selfishly. Man remembers such treatment, and later on he avenges it. "A young girl is proud of her power over him, and she abuses this power too often. I know a beautiful Atlanta girl, for instance. A cotton broker is devoted to her. Yet, when the parlor maid told her the other afternoon that this cotton

her the other afternoon that this cotton broker was at the door, she said: Ask bim in the drawing-room, Jane,

and then, as soon as he has laid his box of chocolates down, tell him I've gone out." --St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Good Way to Cook Trout.

June Outing. Build your fire and let it burn until you have a good bed of hot stones and nshes. Have your trout, cleaned and washed, ready at hand on anything convenient. Pluck an armful of balsam twigs. Rake out your fire, leaving a base of hot stones and ashes. Upon this base lay balsam twigs till you have this base lay balsam twigs till you have a layer from six to ten inches thick. Now put your trout in a row upon this layer, and cover with another layer of equal thickness; over all lay ashes and hot stones. Then smoke your pipe for, say, 20 minutes. When at last you gently remove the ' coverings, you will think at first that the trout have not been cooked at all. There they lie, in all their moist beauty, colored as when they first came to your basket. But be careful how you handle

basket. But be careful how you handle them, or they will fall apart, so tender are they. Steamed through and through by the heated essence of the balsam, they give out a faint aromatic redolence that adds a subtle perfection to the lavor.

Railrond Wages at the Highest.

Raliway World. The wages of railroad employes are at a higher level than ever before, both actually and as compared with revenues

commerce Commission shows that the

Commerce commission shows that the average salary of the employes rose from \$807 a year in 1905 to \$721 a year in 1908. It shows that an average of 3623 per thousand dollars of total ex-penditure went to the worker in 1908. as against only \$572 in 1905. The rail-

the official figures of the

Pinchot's Forestry Service and let the officials thereof plant trees for forests and wilderness? The whole State of New York was once densely forested, and no doubt trees would grow there Officials could mark off large areas for reserves, depopulate farms that were needed to fill out corners and let wild beasts roam and breed again. Perhaps one-fourth or one-third the area of the State of New York could thus be depopulated and turned to timber spun theories of Pinchotism could there have free play, Stream waters

Instead, the talk is that of renew-

liberal. ourchase by the Chicago, Milwaukee &

the Governor of New York next Fall if they could but find a worthy candi-They have plenty of material didate such as it is, but most of the men who stand ready for preferment in the Democratic party fall into one or the other of two classes. Some of them have been seeking office on the reactionary side so long that the public sickens at the sound of their names Not to be impolite, one may mention Judge Alton B. Parker as belonging to that type. The others have been seek-

a ing office on the radical side so long that again their names nauseate the public Of course the classical example of this group is Mr. Bryan, but there are others. What is needed is a man who is displeasing to neither the conservatives nor the radicals and who has not worn out his welcome with the people. The Democrats have such men, incredible as it may sound to say so. The fact is that the party includes here and there individuals of exceptionally high character and unlimited devotion to the public welfare. They are Democrats not for office and not because of heredity predilections, but because they see no other refuge from the tendencies which seem to prevail in the country. They are not emocrats in Mr. Bryan's sense, much less in Judge Parker's sense. They are as out of place in the party as the angel Gabriel would be in Hades, but there they are, and there they are likely to stay until some new party appears more suitable to their characters. Some papers think they have discovered such a man in Thomas M. Osborne, of Auburn, New York. He is little known to fame, at least in this part of the world, but Governor Lughes thought enough of him to make him a member of the Public Service Commission, and he thought

ough of himself to resign when he had finished his part of its work. The conservative Springfield Re-publican pushes Mr. Osborne forward as an excellent Democratic candidate for Governor of New York. This seems to show that in spite of his deep radicalism the conservatives see some thing in him to like and trust. Perhaps it is his honesty. It may be sheen admiration of his ability and courageous truthfulness. However that may be, it is some such man as Mr. Osborne that the Democrats must put out as their candidate for President next time if they wish to carry the country. A "wheel horse" will not do. A raving numbskull will be still wors for them. Unless a man is found who possesses the almost impossible capacity to please both the reactionaries and the progressives, we shall behold a numerous exodus to the socialist fold on the one hand and to the Republican on the other, while the Democratic candidate will be left in the desolate loneliness which Judge Parker enjoyed in 1896.

that the American crop might reach Europe. Oyster Bay is somewhat excited over Prospects in India, Argentina and a rumor that Miss Ethel Roosevelt is Australia are favorable for as good, engaged to be married to James | and possibly a better crop than last Thomas Williams, a Washington news-The crop in France is only fair. year. Corroborative evidence is and in Germany wheat prospects are noted in the fact that the young lady good, but rye is poor. Canada will

WORLD'S WHEAT PROSPECTS.

ever grain is sold. It is only in the

good old U. S. A., however, that the

crop scare reaches its highest degree of perfection and cuts its widest swath.

With the Chicago market already sev-

eral cents a bushel above a parity with

the European markets, the appearance

of a crop scare a few days ago started

it on a hysterical flight upward. It

did not pause until a gain of nearly

10 cents a bushel was scored. Yester.

day rain fell, reason returned and the

must decline still further or Liverpool

must advance. Otherwise we must

find a market for the entire crop in

this country. Our prices are higher than those of any other country on

earth; the consuming markets of the

old world buy where they can buy the

with the smallest crop produced since

industry, to consume all of the crop

now drifted around to a point where

the foreign buyer can get a fairly ac-

curate line on the possible available

From all accounts, Russia, after

shipping 200,000,000 bushels in ten

months, is again coming to the front

cent as June 5 the Odessa correspond-

ent of the Liverpool Corn Trade News

abled his paper that there was a rec-

ord crop in view, and: "If there is a

continuation of present conditions,

then the 'comet' year will be spoken

of for the next two or three decades for its perfect crops." He also noted

that the crop was about three weeks more forward than usual, which would

to head off any possible early market

with another record-breaker. As re-

supplies for the coming year.

We have never yet been able, even

market declined nearly 3 cents.

scares.

cheapest

servation. It is too bad that they will This is the open season for crop cares. From all over the world they allow the opportunity to go by. come whizzing into the markets wher-

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RAILROAD EARNINGS

York State and the States of New Eng-

land to vindicate their notions of con-

which are far out of proportion to the gains in net earnings, are the most onspicuous features of the returns on railroad business for April, as well as for the first ten months of the current fiscal year. The New York FLnancial Chronicle presents figures co ering 690 companies operating 229,000 miles of road, or about 96 per cent of the mileage of the country. Summar-

ized, these reports show that while the railroads increased their gross earn ings \$27,164,096 over April, 1909, the net returns were but \$3,578,548 greater than the corresponding month last year. Taking the roads separately, there are many cases where the increase in expenses has wiped out all

of the increase in gross earnings and left an actual decrease in net. For instance, the Northern Pacific, wheat-growing became a prominent with an increase of \$905,294 in gross earnings, was obliged to report a de-crease of \$204,919 in net earnings as at home; the surplus has always had to find a market in the old world. The compared with a year ago. Southern Pacific showed ... gai The high prices which have prevalled for gain of \$964,408 in gross and a decrease of

the past two years have increased pro-\$12,574 in net. The Atchison, Topeka duction and curtailed consumption in this country, as well as elsewhere, and & Santa Fe increased its expenses to there is no good reason for believing such an extent that a gain of \$1,327,that we can use at home all of the 392 in gross was transformed into wheat that will be harvested this year. loss of \$432,304 in net. That this un-In such circumstances it is difficult to favorable situation is not of a spassee where the Americans are justified modic nature is shown by the figures in forcing prices above a parity with for the entire ten months, as well as the foreign markets. The season has

those for April. It is, of course, very encouraging to note that business is increasing so rapidly that there are heavy increases shown in gross earnings, for, sooner or later, there will come a readjustment that will remove the present discrepancy between the

increases in gross and net earnings. The extent to which the Pacific Northwest is participating in this increased business movement reflected in railroad earnings is shown in the fig-ures for some of the local roads. The

O. R. & N., for instance, with gross earnings of \$1,228,725 for the of April, showed a gain of \$350,873 over April, 1909. This gain in gross was, however, cut down to but \$41,959 gain in net. The Astoria & Columbia

River line made the best showing of any of the roads in this vicinity, for bring it on the market in ample time with gross earnings of \$64,638, a gain of \$16,955 over last year, it was able to show a net gain of \$15,830. For the ten months the gross earnings of this

road increased more than \$105,000 and its net earnings more than \$41,000. The O. R. & N. for the ten months

It has never been customary for the attacked party to strengthen the hands of an adversary who is using foul means as well as fair in his fighting efforts.

According to the statement of Charles Harris, director of the free employment bureau of the State of Kansas, 20,000 harvest hands will be needed there about June 20. Eighteen thousand were needed last year, and the increase is due to greater harvests. The calculations of Director Harris

are based on reports from all over the state. Here is proof of prosperity that needs no buttressing. What h

true of Kansas is practically true of Heavy increases in gross earnings, the remainder of the country. The nise of the harvest has rarely been better. Upon the wealth ob tained from the soli the prosperity of the Nation is based. So long as we have these abundant crops, we need not fear hard times.

> To relieve congestion at Chicago, the Milwaukee road has just bought a section of land fifteen miles out for freight terminals. The same conditions must prevail sooner or later in Portland. So the Hill and the Harriman lines will do well to prepare for the future. Now is the time to buy.

The successful voyage of the largest lumber raft ever assembled, from the Columbia River to San Diego, speaks mes for the good behavior of the parade. Pacific Ocean and the strength of the

cables that held together 7,000,000 feet of Oregon fir.

Millionaire Crimmins, of New York. believes flowers are a necessity of life. He is right. Life would not be worth the living in Portland without the roses and other blooms that are within reach of the poorest.

tion? If that great man were living, what, brethren, do you suppose his attitude would be toward an assembly of Oregon Republicans?

The two stars cannot be added to the flag this coming Fourth, and per-haps not on the next, but they will yet shine on the blue field of the union.

"The person who sent over the story that I and my wife had separated is a scoundrel," says=Nat Goodwin. Too bad. It was a bit premature.

This "fair and warmer" that we have been having in the forecasts the past week is not conducive to straw hats and peekaboo lingerie.

Just as we expected. Honors won only the other day by Curtiss, Rolls and Hamilton snatched away by a Ger-

The world is not growing wickeder. There are more ways of uncovering evil deeds, that is all.

For one day at least, Count Zeppeshowed an increase of \$1,777,206 in | lin is the uncrowned king of the air.

yet discusses, it is worth while to men tion the work being done by the per-manent committee of the international congresses of the chambers of commer

congresses of the chambers of commerce and the associations of commerce and industries sitting in Brussels, who have already published the subjects which will be submitted to discussion and ap-probation in the next sessions at Lon-

When the "Northwest Territory" was

stead, and the country has largely been

settled under that law. Now, when New England and the rest of the East have had the benefit of

The prelate mentioned ended by saying that the clergy in general had not mani-fested opposition to the proposed modification of the calendar. them.

Sensible School Dress, Omaha Bee.

Something ought to be done to dis-courage this foolish and unwise hubit many school girls have of trying to It is surely an excellent idea to take the Jeffries-Johnson argument to Reno, and let them talk it out before the outdo each other in the matter of dress. Some of them look as if they might be gowned for an elaborate social func-tion, and the attention devoted to dress exceptionally interesting population of that favored town, besides all the vis-itors who would come. It is probable that all the exlied ladies would want cannot help but detract from their learning, to say nothing of the unhappy and uncomfortable contrast it sets up against children unable to match them. to see the scrap, and the attractions o the gallery would be much enhanced by all the incidental millinery. The It goes without saying that the teachers cannot handle this problem lemonstration of how two men can fight it out together would be especial.

unless they have the co-operation of the parents, but an effort should be made in cities where this silly habi-prevails—and that means most cities ly interesting to the feminine quitters; they might get a point or two for their future ventures to overcome it. Over-dressing of chil-dren is pernicious in its influence. Children in school-even those in the high schools where this custom is most regardless the set of day, which is celebrated locally today

The Greater Hoax.

Providence Journal.

Senator Dolliver's attack upon the present tariff does not lose in effective-ness by reason of its wit. When he says that there were two great hoaxes last year-"the discovery of the North Pole by Dr. Cook and the revision of the tariff downward by Senator Al-What could Abraham Lincoln have complished without party organiza-on? If that great man were living, plains that there are not enough heroes for the funds that have accumulated. If the funds were turned into funeral expenses instead of medals, the more deserving might be rewarded. minds us of its existence every day.

Eliminating Capital Letters.

Christian Science Monitor. Springfield Republican,)a correspondent of a)new)york paper says there is no more necessity for two kinds of letters-capital and Mr. Hearst's acrid abuse of Mr. Roosevelt the past few weeks attracts some slight attention, but what is its real significance? Does it mean more than an another instalment of the for two kinds of letters-capital and small ones-than there is for two dif-ferent kinds of figures or punctuation marks.)he says that by using a) as a "capitalizer" one size of type will do and that it will greatly simplify read-ing, writing and typewriting, and be a conservation of time and thought in many ways i bouward there will be Roseveltian luck?

Houston (Tex.) Post. The next time we go to Augusta we shall have our mail forwarded to the many ways.)however, there will i many, no doubt, who will not conside his "no capitals" idea a capital idea. onsider general delivery. Oh, for the bliss of looking into the face of a Democratic postmaster once more!

no such thing. What is more, it may be doubted whether there ever has been except in the case of a few gifted souls who were always tempted like Macau-lay to do the monologue stunt.

Same in Oregon.

"Those who have wearled of the very name of Pinchot"-begins an editorial in the Richmond Times-Dispatch. As they say in Richmond, that's us.

so far as the next campaign is If it is Colonel Bryan's idea to step aside every other time and let some one else try his hand at it, it is a shrewd one. Nothing was lost to the prestige of Colonel Bryan when he left the field clear for Judge Parker and the conserv-ative end of the Democracy six years ago. A diversion of that sort is occasionally necessary to give the party a full understanding of the many merits and advantages Colonel Bryan possesses as a candidate—so many Democrats there are who do not always appreciate

Victory in Defeat.

To Make the Fund Available.

Nashville American.

More Rooseveltian Luck

Democratic Bliss.

The Carnegie hero commission com

as against only sold in 1900. The fam-roads received \$39 of net earnings for each thousand dollars of capital in 1908, as against \$44 in 1905. They received \$143 of gross earnings for each thou-sand dollars of capital in 1908, as against \$150 in 1905. There was no re-duction in the wage rate on the railonds of the country after the panic of Pointers for Divorcees. 1907. New York Evening Sun.

Later Particulars.

Chicago Tribune. Macduff was laying on lustily.

"I don't allow any man to swear at te," he exclaimed. For at that time there had been no

court decision to the effect that the word used by Macbeth was not profane.

One Redeeming Fonture.

Lippincott's. "Well," said one, in discussing basa-ball matters, "I don't envy the umpire. Look at the abuse he gets, and it's no cinch of a job.

"Oh, I don't know," replied his Irish friend. "Just t'ink o' the hours." Boston Herald, June 17. The perpetual lesson of Bunker Hill

Disease, Not Crime.

Houston Post. When we think of a good man like President Taft being a Republican wa are almost persuaded that Republican-ism is more of a disease than it is a crime

Important Correction.

day, which is celebrated locally today, is that seeming defeat is often actual victory. The swiftly-summoned and loosely unorganized forces which the New England colonists opposed to the British "regulars," disclosed a spirit, a quality of courage, an accuracy of marksmanship, and fighting possibili-ties that prophesied the capitulation at Yorktown. But George III and his ad-visers failed to see it; and the fight went on, and world-history has been differently written in consequence. Concordia (Kan.) Blade A typographical error in the Epiphany. Church notice Saturday night made Whit Sunday read Whist Sunday, and the Blade wishes to correct the mistake.

The Other Point of View.

Senttle Argus. Governor Gillett may be right on points of law, but he has falled to take into consideration how badly that nigger needs to have his head punched.

CURRENT NEWSPAPER JESTS.

Knicker-"Savings banks are reducing the ste of interest." Bocker-"Fine' The more re make the less we get."-Judge.

we make the less we get."-Judge. First Church Lady-"She's a social worker, I am told." Second Church Lady -"Yes She has worked at every social we ever gave."-St Louis Star. Quackly-"By the by, have you got \$10 nhout you that you don't need for a few days". Smackly-"I have-but I might need it some time."-Chicago Dally News. "What, Harold' you wish to break our engagement? But why?" 'On account of your past." "My past? What's wrons? with my past?" 'It's too long."-Cleve-land Leader. "Did you ever sell your vote?" asked one

and Leader. "Did you ever sell your vote?" asked ona nember of a suspected Legislature. "No." eplied the other. "I let it out to a syndi-ate, took an interest in the business, and raw dividends on it."-Washington Star.

Pointed Paragraphs.
New York Press.
A man's idiocies look like real gonus-to his mother.
You will always have money if you save halt of your carnings.
The thicker the letter a woman writes the less there is in it.
Anyway, the man who beasts of his abil-try as a llar in't a hyporrite.
You may have noticed that a multitude of friends come to visit thess who live on Easy street.
When you see a drunken man on a weighing machine the chances are that he wants to assertain how noticeable his load it.

No Art in Conversation

Kansas City Star. The art of conversation? There ain't

Houston (Tex.) Post.

Pointed Paragraphs.