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#### MR. TAFT'S LETTER.

Mr. Taft has chosen a happy mo ment to write the letter which de-stroys the infatuated belief that he s a mere asset of the "old guard" New York. As long as he kept they used his name without acruple to lend respectability to their purposes, which in many cases were far from respectable. In New York the "old guard" includes such men as Aldridge. It is purely sgifish and ready to sacrifice the good of the pubas Aldridge. lic and the welfare of the party fits own little interests. Long ago Long ago lu members broke with Mr. Hughes. The great measures which he advocated they rejected in the Legislature often as they could, and they have eldom hesitated to combine with the seldom hesitated to command a lowest element in the degraded Demo-cratic party of New York to compass their designs. The consequence of their misbehavior is that the Repub-Bean party in New York has broken into bitterly hostile factions. It is threatened with defeat at the coming elections for the simple reason that "old guard" prefers a Democratic victory to the triumph of the opposing Republican group.

The ground of their preference is

not difficult to discover. A victory for the Republican party this Fall upon a platform embodying the ideas of Roosevelt and Hughes would mean the end of their machine leadership. The "old guard" would be relegated to permanent retirement. would take its place and the party uld travel in the future along a new road. On the other hand, Demo ratic success might leave the present control of the Republican machine undisturbed. It would still be in a position to make profitable trades eith Tammany and might look ward to a happy return of the day then it would have complete masters of the offices of the state. If it could have sustained the illusion that it had Mr. Taft's sympathy and his more or open co-operation, its hold on the party machinery would have been invincible, no matter what happened at the polls. The forsaken machine remnant which controls the party organization here and there has acted in some other states very much as it has in New York. It has striven fran tically to make it appear that the President is also blind and deaf to public opinion, that he is hostile to the march of progress and prefers a Democratic victory to the success of progressive element in his own

Considering the unpardonable misuse which the old guard has made of his name and prestige, Mr. Taft might well join in the prayer of the Presbyterian Deacon who the Lord to deliver him from his His enemies, he said, he without help from on Nothing has injured Mr. Taft so sorely with the great mass of voting Republicans as the suspicion which the standpatters have seduously fostered that he the salutary legislation which the new conditions of our civilization demand. They have also tried to stir up trouble between the President and Mr. Possevelt with the clear purpose make Mr. Taft more than ever de-pendent upon themselves. They would destroy, if they could, every possibility of his forming any ances with any wing of his party but This they do on the good old

principle that misery loves company. No doubt some intent of this kind guided the machine element in the New York Republican committee when it rejected Mr. Roosevelt as temporary chairman of the state Standing alone, the old guard would have been merely ridicus in making a fight upon the ex-It might annoy him for the moment, but in the end it would be crushed under the avenging votes ing foreign affairs by those of the people. The case would be far different, however, if the "old guard" ould make it appear that Mr. Taft conspired with its members to fight the Roosevelt-Hughes ideas, His name might not stave off defeat, but it would raise their petty plot almost the rank of legitimate party warfare. The letter in which he repudiates their small intriguery shows how s clear that he stands not for the insignificant interests of any wretched clique, but for the great principles of progress upon which the Republican party was founded. It began as the garding the people with whom the sefender of human liberty and the elemental rights of man. It will carry same mission in the future if Mr. Taft has his way.

The most surprising factor in the New York imbrogilo is the conduct of Vice-Provident Sherman. No doubt It gratified his vanity for the moment to be put forward, as the successful larly blind to consequences when he permitted himself to be used as the of a bodly discredited faction. Almost immediately after he can suggested as temporary chairthe convention, he Bayerly as if to placate Mr. Taft. Perhaps he fancied that the Preshent was as fatuously reckless as himself of the great interests of the Republican party. Mr. Sherman may have imagined that Mr. Taft would petty rebuff to Roosevelt more than the ultimate triumph of principles which his Administrarion stands for. If the Vice-President thought so be has now learned of his

Mr. Tatt definitely places himself at the head of the entire membership of the Republican party. He is broad enough to lead all the elements which

ter to Mr. Griscom vanishes the last hope of the machine clique that they can make him their private property and use him to fortify their small Its lesson is that the Prestalms. dent belongs to the country and not to any little selfish coterie.

#### ESPERANTO CLASSES NEEDED.

Among Portland's immediate needs is an Esperanto school. The town must get busy at it right away. Within a year the Esperanto congress will meet here. There will be delegates from every civilized country on the try on the We do not globe; also from Kansas. wish them to feel that they are rangers in a strange land, speaking a language the natives do not under and. It is up to us to learn enough of their speech, or dislect or lingo to be sociable.

the stereotyped formalities may be observed by prominent per-formers with small intellectual effort. Colonel Cooper, of McMinnville, could write an Esperanto address of welmemorizs it before all the Broadway bridge bonds are sold. Crissey, of the Commercial Club, could similarly serve Harvey Beckwith, but what about citizens at large? Perhaps as effective plan as any would be a Meister-schaft system of questions and an-swers such as Mark Twain commended for acquiring enough German to travel on in the Kaiser's realm.

Concrete examples of this converational literature suggest themselves: Have you seen Mount Hood?"

This is an exceptionally warm (or

"Too late to see our best roses." "What's yours?"
"Here's looking at you.

"Accent the second spliable; Wil-

"They're holding lots across the street \$300 higher." "No. Oregon is not wholly U'Ren-

"We have to dump our wood there; we have no alleys nor woodsheds."
"Salmon 'factories' are down the
Columbia."

"No, not all the time; it isn't rain-

With the suburbs. Portland is at net 25,000 larger than Scattle." As soon as classes are started, many other topics, merely to make conversation, may be catalogued and thoroughly practiced, to the end that

when visitors and residents meet and engage in talk there shall be on neither side unpleasant and annoying

### THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S PLIGHT.

President Taft has a Vice-President on his hands whom he does not want and never did want. Mr. Sherman represents influences and forces in the Republican party with which the President was not friendly at the time of his own nomination and with which he has sought to get along with as little friction as possible since his election. It is not surprising to any who recall the real history Sherman's nomination at Chicago that he has now been persuaded by the New York political machine to enter into a scheme to put the President in a compromising position with the definite purpose of creating a schism between him and Roosevelt. The New York little bosses purpose at all hazards to keep the New York or-ganization in their own hands, and they will resort to any expedient, however desperate, to prevent the leadership from falling into the hands of Theodore Roosevelt, whom they cordially and consistently hate-

cago in 1908 it was the Taft-Roosevelt plan to procure the nomi nation to the Vice-Presidency either Senator Cummins of Iowa Senator Dolliver of Iowa: They de-sired to have as a running mate for Taft someone who was in accord with the progressive spirit of the Middle First Cummins then Dolliver declined. Then, after the Taft nomithe New York delegation, finding a situation where there was no definite movement for any Presidential candidate, united Presidential candidate, united on Sherman and forced him on the conit was well-known that President Roosevelt kept the wires to Chicago hot to prevent selection of Sherman and was very angry with mitting it. But it was done and Sher-

Now Sherman finds himself in the Now Sterman into make it is a humiliating position of open antagonism to Taft and Roosevelt. The Vice-Presidency will hereafter cut very little figure in this Administra-

### INDEPENDENT CHINA.

It is officially announced from Peking that the Chinese government has decided to employ no diplomatic advisor in the future. The Wal Wu adviser in the future. Pu, the foreign governing board, will depend in the future on the views and opinions that are held regardown people who have had long experience in the consular service abroad. This decision of ancient China to "go it alone" is said to have come as a surprise and to some extent as a disappointment to the foreign communities in the Far East. Unless there has been a striking striking change in China character and policy within the past few years, this disappointment will increase as the ex-

China made but few mistakes, The great Chinese empire is such a rich prize for exploitation that pructically all nations of the earth were watching it with eager eyes. Various foreign diplematic advisers were so well aware of this fact, and also so appreciative of the futility of attemptval of Mr. Roosevelt for party ing to deceive anyone, that their advice has in nearly all cases been to use the river canyon for their canal the advantage of China. Under the old regime, when China was resting stationary on the identical plane development where she paused more . than efore, the necessity for any assistbefore, the necessity for any man net tion, and strong objection was example from the outside world was net tion, and strong objection was example from the victory of Japan, pressed at closing out the railroad of pronounced. The victory of Japan, pressed at closing out the railroad of the future. So that plan was desleep of centuries. For the past fifteen years she has been making an effort to take advantage of the in-

terfuge with which most of her dealings with other countries are sur-rounded will quite naturally be much nounced feasible and will probably With his remarkable let- greater without the counsel and ad- soon be undertaken. In the extreme

vice of foreign diplomats who are familiar with the rest of the world as well as with China. If this new China for the Chinese does not display more ability in protecting the interests of the ancient kingdom than appeared in the old days, the next supplication that will be heard from China may be a call for a receiver.

BULE OF THE MINORITY. Mr. Poindexter, candidate for Senater, at Vancouver Monday said he did not address himself especially to Republicans, but was "out for the votes of the people." Mr. Poindexter, owever, is a candidate in the Republican primary, seeking a Republican nomination and later election by a Republican Legislature as the Republican primary nominee. Yet he loes not hesitate to ask everybody and anybody-Republican, Democrat, Socialist, Prohibitionist—to invade the Republican primary, where the three latter do not belong, and give him the comination from a party to which he does not belong-

In Scattle, three or four "regular" andidates for Senator are quarreling with one another over a comination which none has the slightest chance of getting. Evidently each would predefeat for himself to victory for his immediate opponent.

At Olympia the Supreme Court de-cides that the "second choice" provision of the primary law does not apply to the Schatorship. The candidate for Senator, therefore, who has a bare plurality—as in Oregon—will es in Oregon-will get the Senatorship. Everything is thus made easy for

Poindexter.

responsibility for success of a violent ultra-"insurgent," who repudlates any obligation even to counsel and act with "insurgent" Republicans in Congress? The majority of Republicans Washington are undoubtedly against Poindexter; but there, never theless, the minority will rule

Where should rest the

#### PIGHTING AGAINST ODDS

The beroes of this day and year are the sturdy fire-fighters who are abroad in the Pacific Northwest. The terrible disadvantage at which these men work: the brave stand that they have made, time and again, against files: speedy, triumphant advance of an all-conquering foe; the fortitude which they have opposed to the fury of the flames; the determination in which, "with throats unslaked and black lips baked," they have often which. continued the contest until surrounded by the furid foe-their retreat cut and the fearful odds which was from the first marshaled against them are elements in a struggle that is un matched for courage, even on the fierce edge of battle.

The sole incentive in this fight was to save-first life, then the homes and property of settlers, then the forests. A limited number of the fire-fighters were under pay of the Government, but the vast majority were volunteers who gave the best that was in them of strength and purpose and endur ance in the too-often vain hope of saving life and property from the flames. Heroes all, whether in des-perate advance or enforced retreat.

### IRRIGATION IN MALHEUR COUNTY.

What do our Eastern friends think of one county of 10,000 square miles They would say probably that it reuires division. Malheur County, at the southeastern end of Oregon, has been waiting 30 years for development enough to demand that two or three moderate-sized counties be con stituted from her immense area. But that development had to take two directions-railroads and irrigation.

One would not suffice. They are in-terdependent. That is to say, rail-roads without irrigation would lack one principal source of traffle-irrigation without rallroads would provide far greater tonnage than could The surbe consumed on the spot. plus would rot or be burned.

Thirty years ago Malheur County vast and sparsely-settled was one vast cattle range. Its widely-separated creeks and springs and waterholes had been selzed by cattlemen, big and little, who held to the water by force or bluff. Homesteaders and news-Sherman and was very angry with National Chairman Hitchcook for permitting it. But it was done and Sherman had to be accepted. boundaries. Moreover, there were no wide and grassy valleys, watered by never-failing streams, to supplement the scanty rainfall, and peopled by groups and colonies of farmers and dairymen and fruitgrowers. plains and dry valleys, the hills and rocky bluffs, shimmered in the Summer sun, and were hidden in the Winter snows, as it seemed, forever.

Yet the one good outlet for the whole of Mid-Eastern and Mid-Southern Oregon, from the high, plateaus of the Interior to the Snake River Valley, and on to the Columbia and the Pacific, lay down the canyon of the Malheur River, across this county from west to east. Twenty-five years ago the first surveyors for a railroad ago the first surveyor to the canyon of the Malheur on their maps us the way out and in for one railroad and no more. But, in spite of surveys that rallroad is not yet built, though seemingly now in sight. As soon as that railroad is built and opened, irrigation in Malheur County, to the full extent that the district offers, is certain of most profitable develop-

Already there are many small irrigating ditches in the county and many hundred acres of alfalfa land many are watered and yield large profit to the settlers. But the great systems are yet to come. A good many years ago the United States Government sent its engineers into Malheur Coun-They proposed to convert a val-Harper ranch into a lake by damming the whole stream, and to utiland ditches. Their plan had two deting fects, that it was very costly, and it liane closed the canyon for railroad use had for all time to come. The settlers did ten centuries not see their way, without a railroad, to pay \$42 an acre for their irriga-tion, and strong objection was exferred, alternatives were sought, and irrigation of a possible 30,000 or 40,-600 acres from the Malheur at West-There is much fruth in the old saying regarding the difficulty of teaching an old dog new tricks, and China has not yet learned to play fair with call. of the Owyhee, also flowing through The usual suave evasion and sub- this county, into the Snake, where the Oregon Short Line first touches the

south of the county is a promising irrigation plan on the headwaters of Crooked and Ratilesnake Creeks, dealing with about 10,000 acres. Another small irrigation plan proposes to utilize by stor age the waters of Bully Creek, other affluent of the Malheur. Ag SD lying north of the Malheur from Vale is the Willow Creek country, where ere are probably 30,000 acres, irrigable by storing the flood waters Willow Creek and turning into the dams some of the head waters of Burnt River. Lastly there is, lying north of the lower course of the Malheur, a great body of irrigable land of the highest prospective fertility. Altogether the various projects will add, when completed, not less than 200,000 acres of irrigated land to the wealth of Malheur Coun-Count, then, some 10,000 families to find here prosperous lives on these irrigated lands alone. Add what is nable for the industries of towns and villages certain to arise. Take account, the stock cattle, cows

barley and oats, to pour their contri-butions into the total of the state. Here are a few more facts to reckon These river and creek valleys will produce peaches, apricots, nec-tarines and grapes, as yell as the apples, pears and plums of mere usual production. On the Idaho alde of the Snake River, where the melon and fruit industry is well established. \$1200 per acre is stated to have be taken from Jonathan apples, \$1990 per acre for prunes shipped "green," not dried, and \$3000 per acre from melons and small fruits. Such lands are selling today for from \$300 to \$500 an acre with water rights.

It is no wonder, then, that the owners of these Malheur irrigable owners of these Malhour irrigate lands should be prepared to provide the money for building these dams and digging these ditches. And in Eastern Oregon other counties are being examined and tested for similar possibilities, and they are being found. Yet the railroads to open Malheur County and her sisters to the west of her are not yet built, though once and again foretold, and promised.

One of the most pathetic incidents n connection with the forest fires that have devastated the homes and holdings of many settlers in Western Idaho is that of the drowning of a woman who leaped into a well with her baby in her arms, to escape the oncoming fury of the flames. Perhaps the distracted mother did not think the water in the well was deep enough to drown her, but more likely she took the desperate chance, urged as she was by the more horrible fate that With this poor crumb pursued her. of consolation her surviving family must rest satisfied.

It is pitiful to think of the old farmer who died at St. Vincent's Hospital on Monday night. According to the doctors, he had been poisoned with "knockout drops." While we bemoan his misfortune, the thought cannot be avoided that if he had stayed away from the places where "knockout are dispensed, they never would have harmed him. Perhaps it is discreet, upon the whole, for aged farmers to abstain from "tours of the roadhouses."

There appears to be a deficiency of nancial acumen in Congressman Sibloy's management of his campaign for re-election in the twenty-eighth Pennsylvania district. His salary for the two years of his term would be \$15,000. He has spent in the cam-\$15,000. palgn, by his own confession, \$32,500. What could his plans have been for making good the difference? The inquiry is purely academic, since he has withdrawn, but still it is interesting.

In a crowded elevator not long ago the passengers were treated to the sight of a ten-inch hatpin bobbing bout within an ace of a man's eye. unaware of his The poor creature, danger, was deep in talk with a friend. A sudden movement might have blinded him for life. Such a spects cle goes far to reconcile one to the efforts of Legislatures to abridge the deadliness of woman's attire.

Dahlman, so-called cowboy candilate, has won the Democratic nomination for Governor of Nebraska is the hope of all who would buy a drink after 8 P. M., the time saloons close under a bit of freak legislation.

Colonel Robert Fitzsimmons now offers the explanation that Jeffries was "doped" at Reno. Probably got by that noble band of fight experts who said that Jeffries couldn't lose.

Oregon to a man will agree with the Colonel on the proposition that in any great country the prime physical asset is the fertility of the soil. That why Oregon will be the greatest state in the Union

By all means, an Oregon exhibit hould be made at the Omaha show in January. This state needs a lot of Nebraska corngrowers to offset the carloads of Nebraska hoga arriving steadily.

tives accompanying the Colonel, his trip may be considered as important from the news point of view, as the recent event at Reno. County Clerk Fields Is going to file a new declaration which shall defi-nitely show that he is "against the as-sembly." And for Pields first, last

With a carload of press representa-

The Colonel is touring the West and the "Colonel" is touring around Coos Bay. There is a mighty difference with a mightier distinction.

Democrats who recall the storms times from 1894 to 1896 must enjoy the news from Beverly and Oyster Bay.

Breaking the unwritten law is so much in vogue that the insurance people are missing many good risks. The latest joke from Texas is the

dictment of twenty-two whites for Wagner had just invented his style killing eight negroes. Rattle Creek has gained 36 per cent n the last decade.

You didn't see Fairbanks when he was there, starting up family rows.

Why not change his nickname to Cloudy Jim?

TEMPERATURE ON PLANET MARS Theory That Its Warmth Is as Great at

the Earth's PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—(To the Editor.)

In the editorial on Mars in The Oreronian yesterday it is stated that Mars
seing a great deab farther from the sun
han the earth is, it can neither be so

than the earth is, it can neither be so light nor so warm in Mars as it is on This may be true, and having been ut-tered by The Orogonian, the supposition is doubly strong that it is true. But, like Martin Luther, I must be convinced

y clear reason.
The fact that Mars is farther from the

The fact that Mars is farther from the sun than the earth is, does not prove that Mars has not a temperature high enough to support vegetable or animal life such as we know upon the earth.

The heat of the sun, by its intense vibrations, comes to the earth dowered with a power that pierces through the miles of our atmosphere with a freedom that makes it a little too bot here at times to be comfortable. If this same atmosphere were as porous to heat waves as it is to light waves, this heat would evaporate every night and our temperature on the earth would be the same as the temperature outside our atmosphere, that is, 200 degrees below zere. But when the sun "goes down," as we say, the light waves are dissociated from the heat waves, thus robbing them of their power to escape through the atmosphere which holds them close to the earth to work out their bonesicent ends for our good.

Worlds that are so distant as to fective alfalfa and clover fields, the orchards and truck farms, the wheat, Worlds that are so distant as to receive only a fraction of the heat we enjoy, doubtless have atmospheres that retain all the heat they receive. Thus it is probable that Mars, having an atmos-

all the heat they receive. This it is probable that Mars, having an atmosphere like our own, has a temperature as high as our own.

It has now been definitely determined that it is not light itself or heat liself that falls upon our earth from the sunt it is merely the light waves and the heat waves that are set in motion in the other by the light and the heat of the sun. These heat and light waves travel through inconceivable space without any apparent diminution of their power. It is a well-known fact that heat waves may be sent through a block of ice without melting the lee or cooling the heat in the least. Gunpowder may be exploded by heat sent through a block of ice. The heat waves from the sun traverse the appalling void of \$2,000,000 miles from the sun to the earth through a temperature of 206 degrees below zero. miles from the sun to the earth through a temperature of 206 degrees below zero, And yet falling upon the earth they immediathly create the kindly warmth that coaxes the flowers from the soil, puts the blush on the peach and begrims the brow of labor with drops of sweat "like drops of dew upon a lion's mane." Neither lime nor temperature nor distance vitilates or diminishes the power of these waves. Why, then, should not the planet Mars, though farther from the sun than the earth, have a temperature equally as congental to life as our own? I am of the opinion that the poet (as well as The Gregonian) drew on his imagination when he wrote: when he wrote:

"Who there inhabit must have other powers.

Juices and veins and sense and life than ours;
One moment's cold like theirs would plerce the bone,
Freeze the heart's blood, and turn us all to stone."

ANDREW R. MARKER.

Mr. Marker's argument loses much of its force when we remember that Mars has no atmosphere. At least that is the has no almosphere. At least that is the teaching of the foremest astronomers. The planet has scalding weather on the part which faces the sun, followed di-rectly by the intense cold of outer space. The conditions seem to be much the same on the moon. We fear that Mr. Marker's distinction between heat and light and "heat waves and light waves" is illusory. There is no other kind of heat than heat waves outside of the human seasorium, and no other kind of light than light waves. Of course, our sensations of heat and light are snother matter. As to the quantity of light and heat which Mars receives it is less than half of what comes to the earth. reader must draw his own conclusions.

### Editor Howe's Philosophy.

Atchison Globe.

Don't go to the devil before you are dead.

When we greatly admire an angel we are always shocked at the devil

cakes; now it is in the sandwiches.

A mother's whipping never amounts to much. When a mother begins to jaw her son, he usually goes out and gets a switch, and has it over with.

If what a woman says of every tenant who has just moved out of her property is true, the tenant stood in the middle of every room and scattered grease over every wall and ceiling.

When you are sent to the penitentiary, your sentepce will be reduced for good behavior. But it is not necessary to go to the penitentiary to get credit

to go to the penitentiary to get credit for good behavior; an honest man gots it, as well as a convict.

### Vermillon Making in China

Vice-Consul-General Stuart J. Fuller states that ever since Hongkong was established the industry of vermillion making, entirely in the bands of the Chinese, has been an important one.

The manufacture of this pigment is among the foremost of the colony's industries. There are something like

100 small plants for the manufacture of vermillen in Hongkong and Kowloon. The raw material comes from Ausof vermillen in Hongkong and Kowloon. The raw material comes from Australia, and the vermillon is prepared altogether by what is known as the wet method. The Chinese made artificial climabar long before Europe was a civilized country, and to this day a civilized country, and to this day there are trade secrets in the vermillon industry which no European has yet been able to fathom. Some of the granite stones here between which the pulverized are is ground are almost

## New Resuscitation Rules.

Popular Mechanics.

Popular Mechanics.
The United States Life Saving Service has adopted new regulations for restoring the apparently drowned. Although the Howard method has been productive of exueliont results in the practice of saving lives, the Government has seen fit to combine it with the Sylvester method, the latter produces deeper inspiration, while the former affects the more complete expiration. The combination, therefore, of the two methods tends to produce the most rapid oxygenation of the blood—the real object to be gained. The Government will urge the general public to familiarize itself with these rules, that proper directions may be given in restoring the apparently drowned and thereby serve as a means of saving many lives annually.

#### Origin of Wagnerian Music. New York Sun.

of music. "Got the idea from Republican har-

he explained. Herewith he scored a fine boller-factory effect.

#### Evidently Had a Hunch. Baltimore Sun.

The charges and countercharges in the Gore investigation may explain why Oklahoms was so anxious to have its ank deposits guaranteed by the state.

LIFE IN THE OREGON COUNTRY.

Echo's Echoes.

A trainload of coal was left on the siding here all day Sunday. One or two cars of this coal would have looked pretty good during a few days of last Winter. During M. E. Conference Time.

Joseph Herald.

A number of nice toothsome juicy young chickens were "borrowed" from George Holst's coop this week, also from several other coops in town. At a time like this people should know better than to leave their chicken coops

#### The "Old Man's" Tribe.

Irrigon Irrigator.

Word has just been received that A. Bennett has for the 57th time become a grandfather. Although it has ceased to be a novelty with him, each addition to the ranks seems to please him beyond measure. In this case the happy mother is Mrs. J. H. Baisley, of Baker City.

### Three Generations Go Hunting.

Three Generations Go Husting.

Medford Sun.

A party consisting of J. C. Emerick,
V. J. Emerick and F. T. Emerick, the
standfather, father and son, departed
yesterday for Crater Lake in Mr.
Emerick's automobile for the Lakeview
country, where big buck, elk, grouse,
quaft and ducks abound and where
there are good chances of getting lots
of same. of game,

#### Streuuous Day in Hillsboro.

Argus.

Seen on the street in five minutes:
Man from Clacknmas County talking
prohibition and man arguing against it. oth being vehement, one in speech and the other trying to get a word in edgewise. Man trying to water his horse at the public watering place and leaving the check reins unslackened. Woman protecting a little terrier from being eaten alive by a big dog-pulled the larger one off by sh strength, using the dog's tail for is erage, and she won the victory. I selling a horse for \$40 after he maked \$275.

### A Busy Washington County Man.

Hillshoro Argus.

James H. Sewell, who a year or so ago dropped out of hop culture, and has been engaged in general farming, was in town yesterday. Mr. Sewell has been a busy man for some weeks, and, since the lith of July cut and put in stack 250 acres of hay with two six stack 250 acres of hay with two six-foot mowers, a 12-foot rake and four shockers and by July 29th had all the hay in bale except what he wanted for home consumption. From the 29th of July to August 13 he cut 40 acres of oats, had the hay baled and in the warehouse and barn; sold 225 tons of hay, netting \$4000, and still has hay left; has cut up 200 acres of land in small acreage (five-acre tracts) and has surveyed a smaller tract—and, by has surveyed a smaller tract—and, by the way, nearly all the 200-acre plat is sold. Considering that the time elapsed is but \$2 days it can readily be seen that Sewell has been busy.

#### HIBERNIANS ARE VERY GRATEFUL Pleasant Words on Recent National Convention in Portland.

Extract From Article in the National

The Portland National convention of
our order is now a matter of history,
and in spite of the far distant locality in which it was held it may be truly said that in many respects it was the greatest and most significant gathering of the representatives of our order ever

Numerically speaking it was large as previous conventions, but for the work accomplished, the onthusiasm manifested and the universal acclaim with which our representatives were received in the various communities of the far West the convention of 1910 has

had no equal in our history.

The journey of our National officers across the continent was made the occasion of a triumphal procession, and wherever stops were made the receptions tendered were most enthusiasin their character and intensely

patriotic.

The Commercial Club of Portland is especially entitled to the thanks and gratitude of every visitor, and, indeed, of every member of our order, for all that it accomplished for the entersainment of our people. The members of One of the funniest sights in the world is a little bit of a man with a great big look of disgast on his face.

Times have changed. They used to have the high-building erect in layer cakes; now it is in the sandwiches.

A mother's whipping never account.

It is no wonder that Portland is not a great city and that it has quadrupied its population in ten years when it has among its people such a public-spirited organization as the Commercial Club. And in the name of the 200,000 men

and women of our organization we thank them most gratefully for their unceasing efforts in making our con-vention a grand success.

### Promiscuous Expectoration.

PORTLAND, Aug. 23.—(To the Editor.)—One of the most dangerous habits to the life and health of the habits to the life and dealth of the community is promisenous expectora-tion. It is a common sight in our erowded thoroughfare to see a man ils is hardly the correct term, hawk id spit on the sidewalk in front of a lady, and we see the pavements of our crowded streets marked in this dis-

susting way.

Aside from the outrage of public morals, the protection of public health demands that we take severe and decisive steps against this habit. The mucus from a consumptive and discased person is instantly surrounded by flies, which carry the dangerous germs to passing people, our children being most easily affected. Also the germs are put into activity as the splittle

ries up. If there is a law against this is should be strictly enforced, and if there is not, let us see that we have one, for the general cleanliness and health of the city should be the citizens' first

consideration. FRED A. VOWLES.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 22.—(To the Editor.) — Will you kindly advise me whether Henry J. Bean, mentioned as candidate for the Bepublican nomination as Supreme Judge, is the same man whom President Taft appointed Federal Judge a year ago? I. F. BATCHELDER.

Henry J. Bean is from Pendleton, and is Circuit Judge for that district. Robert S. Bean, now Federal Judge and formerly upreme Judge, is from Eugene.

Everything in Senson San Antonio Light. Is it really true that there will be no more noise at Oyster Bay until the ad-vent of the "R" months?

### OREGON'S LAMENT.

Polk County Observer.

Across the doorway to the dim Unknown
Fate's hand the somber curtains draws at Where from the teeming world of men, alone
And unatraid, a mighty Soul has passed;
One while tranks where deeds are done had

### Life's Sunny Side

Bishop McDowell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, recently told me an interesting incident illustrative of the humor of the late Bishop C. C. Mc-Cabe, known as "Chaplain McCabe." One time the bishop was in a train wreck on which a number of persons were killed or injured, and he wrote a description of his experience to David A. Carroll, of this city. After detailing the experiences of the catastrophe and having expressed his gratitude for his escape from death or hurt, he closed by saying:

"I tell you, Carroll, we ought to be grateful for our mercies. Ordinarily we take no note of them. But an experience like this teaches us how we are blessed and should have its effect upon our daily lives. We ought to be better men. I have determined that we should. Let's tre it. Curroll. You be better men. I have determined that we should. Let's try it, Carroll. You try it first, and if you get along all right I'll try it."-Baltimore Evening

A friend on a visit to Yorkshire caught a chill and was confined to bed. His hostess thought to give her sick visitor a treat during his confinement. so she baked a Yorkshire pudding and

"Just try that," she said; "it'll shift yer cowd." Then she left him. Going up some time later she in-quired, "Well, 'ave ya etten it up?" "Etten it? Etten it?" gasped her visitor. "No; I'm wearth it on my chest."—London Tid-Bits.

Professor William B. Blake, in a Fourth of July, address that Tucson still remembers, pointed out the forward strides that Arizona had made. "Think of the ignorance and liliteracy of the past, all vanished now," he said. "Once, while out on a mineralogical trip, I wandered into a courthouse in an

Arigona village.
"The case afoot concerned a letter. The case aloot concerned a select. The prosecution wanted this letter admitted in syldence, but the defense wanted it barred out. Finally the judge said reluctantly:

"'Hand the peaky thing up here and Fil decide on it.'

So the letter was handed up to the judge, and he put on his spectacles and looked at it sideways and crosswise, and a loud laugh went up from the

spectators. What are they laughleg at? I asked the man next to me. "'Why, at the jedge's bluff, o' course,"
was the reply. "The old fool can't read
readin'-writin', let alone writin-writin'."—New York Tribune.

number of years ago he was attending a caucus in Haverhill, Mass., where, as usual, the slate had been made out in advance. The slate had been given to one Bill

Jeffers to nominate, and Bill, being new at the game, haited and stammered, after he had addressed the chair, until the situation became embarrassing. Mr. Moody premptly relieved the situation. "Mr. Chairman." he said. "I move that the list of names in Bill Jeffers's hat be nominated." and the motion prevailed.-Chicago Evening Post.

### Where the Argument Is Weak.

Philadelphia Inquirer.
The Alaskan coal lands belong to the The Alaskan coal lands belong to the people, and the things should be so arranged that the people may get the good of them, which is more than they are doing now. The fallacy consists in the application to these lands of the homestead principle. If any one could work a coal mine as easily as take up a homestead it would be correct and proper to pass laws and establish rules to prevent their monopolization, but as this is not the case, as to work the Alaskan deposits capital and a great this is not the case, as to work the Alaskan deposits capital and a great deal of capital is needed, the sensible course would be to give capital a fair chance. Let the Government impose a reasonable royalty on every ton of coal mined, and then, instead of discouraging, let it invite and facilitate capital-istic enterprise. Everyone in that case would be better off, for at present the coal lands are of no use to any one except the insincere self-seeking demagogues whom they provide with an op-portunity for the manufacture of politi-

## Fastest Ship Afloat.

Harper's Weekly.
The fastest ship in the world is the destroyer Swift, launched recently at Portsmouth, England. This ship, which is of 1860 tons displacement, has a is of 1800 tons displacement, has a speed exceeding 35 knots. Her fires are fed by petroleum 20,000 horsepower, divided among four

The English admiralty had already The English admirative and areasy realized 24 knots in the destroyers Cobra and Viper. One of these excessively long boats broke in two upon a wave not long after she was launched. The maximum speed of the French torpedo boats averages about 31 knots.

### Aggravating Influence.

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New York Evening Post.

Brushing saide all questions of political préjudice, serious economic investigators will arrive at two conclusions—first, that the tariff was neither the single nor the primary cause, as is shown by the fact of rising commodity prices elsewhere than in the United States, but second, that the tariff was beyond any question an aggravating influence.

### No Professionals There!

Detroit Times.
A minister in Massachusetts says he sees no reason why there should not be baseball in heaven. Neither do we, if both sides would be willing to play with an inexperienced umpire

# Anomalous Situation.

Albany Journal.

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If Mayor Gaynor could be permitted to read all the good things that are being printed about him, he might find it difficult to convince himself that he wasn't killed. "The lowa idea" has never been ex-netly defined, but there seems to be no doubt that whatever it is it has a great vogue in lowa. Popular at Home.

He Started the Style. Detroit News.

Another tide of Italian immigration is starting in this direction. Columbus set a powerful example.

### CURRENT NEWSPAPER JESTS.

Redd-"Is he college bred?" Greene-"Oh, no: he picked up his knowledge of rowing and baseball in his home town?"-Youkers Statesman. and baseons in his statement.

For one man who is ambittions to leave footprints in the sinds of time there are a desen who want to cover or their tracks.—

Philadelphia Record.

Mand—"Tom had me talk int, a phonograph so he can hear my voice while I'm away." Clara—"How lovely! And he can stop the machine!"—Puck.
"Flag of truce Excellency." What do the revolutionists want? "They would like to exchange a couple of generals for a can of condensed milk."—St. Louis Star.

concensed milk you can tell people's char-you can tell people's char-acters by their gardens." If do, 100. There's Miss Matchit, who is merconnay as she can be, and the prominent plants in her carden are menogeners and marygold.— Haltmore American.

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