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CALIFORNIA AND THE CANAL

It is sixty years today since Callfornia was admitted to the Union. Since that time the history of the commonwealth has been not less tomantle than before, but in a different way. In the old days California was a land of great proprietors. They held their vast estates under Spanish grants and ruled over their swarms of tenants and peons with despotic sway. The young men were riders and fighters. The maidens passed their youth in latticed seclusion and only saw the pageants of the numerous gala days under the supervision of strict duennas. The daughter of a bidalgo was worshipped like a terrestrial goddess by the bold sons of the territorial magnates. "Leaning from their saddles Cavalleros bold and fleet plucked for her the buried chicker from beneath their mustang's feet. 'hivalry flourished. In those days of old knights were bold and barons held The Catholic mission their sway. med broad tracts of land which the had made to bloom by the laisthe Indians. Timbers were carried scores of miles on the shoulders of the natives to build the mission house and ancient streams were diverted to

water the vineyards. Then came the revolt from Spain and the confiscation of the mission property under the reign of Mexicar The priests had taught the berty." Indians to work, but they had not abused them. The tribes increased as long as the missions flourished. Very likely there never have been any Indians on the continent who enjoyed life so thoroughly as the California tribes did under the benign sway of the priests. After the confiscation they pined away until now there i hardly a relic of them left. Their story may be read by the urious in Helen Hunt Jackson's books

The history of California, as a part of the bustling world of civilization, dates from the discovery of gold in It would be difficult to parallel the tremendous rush of adventur ers to the Pacific coast which began as soon as the marvelous news was known beyond the mountains. From ming desert populated only by the little groups gathered about th nissions and scattered haciendas. California became in three or four years a white man's land with a pop ulation gathered from every state in the Union. Orderly government developed almost as rapidly as the population increased. At first the desperadoes whom the wealth of the a reign of terror, but the genius of Americans for self-government soon showed itself and the spirit of archy was effectually cowed. In 1856 the last of the famous vigilance committees banged half a dozen tough characters with terrific deliberation and no new lesson has ever been need The question of Oriental immigration provoked some little disorder for a time, but the anti-Chinese dis turbances differed radically from the wild turbulence of the days of '49 The men who opposed Oriental im migration were fighting for a principle. They dreaded the idea of admit ting to this country a class of immigrants who in the nature of things remain permanently service NI LINE. Time has demonstrated the righteous ness of their stand and in the whole country few people can now be found who advocate unrestricted immigration from Asia. Since the admission of California to

the Union the growth of the state has been more like a tale from the Arabian Nights than sober fact. The con struction of the two great railroads brought on the era of mammoth fletds, which the lamented Frank Norris described in "The Octowith an amazing creation of wealth. Irrigation has changed many of the vast estates of those days into fruit farms tilled scientifically by a race of thoroughly educated horticul Once California was known it is the land not only of the wealth hich is mined, but of the orange the grape and the sovereign apple When the Easterner or the European hears the word "fruit" he thinks of California. Nowhere does the sun impart to the swelling globes such a divine color. Nowhere does the earth pour forth her bounty in such variety and abundance. There is less historic authority than one could wish for saying that the seat of the Garden of geles, but it is safe to assert that if the blessed abode of our first parents was not situated in that happiest of earthly regions it ought to have been.

California has always been famed for her initiative. She never has lost high for the Washington crop. But anything for lack of daring and en- the foreign buyer does not recognize ergy. What other state ever ventured state lines in purchasing Walla Walla for any cause as she has to win the Panama Exposition? The Legislature the Pacific Northwest, and there are has voted \$5,000,000 without the years when Oregon and Idaho produce quiver of an eyelash. The City of a crop of heavy wheat of sufficient San Francisco makes a noble second proportions to grade up the light with \$7,500,000 more, besides \$5,000,be raised by tax levy, or \$12,-500,000 in all for the city. This is ber of Commerce, by making an exthe sum which the golden state will tensive selection from all portions of offer Congress to prove her right to the Pacific Northwest, has always the great historic exposition.

entire country intimately. Properly It will revolutionize our system of transportation and make an it will affect the Pacific Coast more nearly than any other section of the there have been other years when no Union. The aspect of the country cast difficulty was found in marketing of the Mississippi will not be altered much by the effect of the Canal, but pound standard. here it will build cities and people em

show contempt for the eternal fitness of things.

PURPOSE OF PRIMARY LAW. The Oregonian again calls attention

of the 5000 Democrats in Multnomah County who have fraudulently and criminally registered as Republicans, and to the unknown number of Democrats throughout the state who have likewise perjured themselves in order to participate in the family affairs of the opposing party, to the following preamble of the primary law of Oregon:

Dregon:

Under our form of government, political parties are useful and necessary at the present time. It is necessary for the public weither and safety that every practical guartently shall be provided by law to assure the people generally as well as the members of the several parties, that political parties shall be fairly, freely and honestly conducted in appearance as well as in fact. The method of naming candidates for elective public offices by political parties and voluntary political arganisations is the heat plan yet found for placing before the people the names of qualified and sorting citizens from whom the electors may choose the officers of our government. The government of a political party by its members are rightfully based on the same scheral principles. Every political party and every voluntary political arganisation has the same right to be protected from the interference of persons who are not identified with it as its known and publicly avoued members, that the sovernment of the state has to protect itself from the interference of persons who are not incoming to the people, as well as to the members of a political party, for one who is not anown to be one of its members to vote or take any part at any election or other proceedings of such political party, as it is for one who is not a qualified and registered elector to vote at any state election or take any part in the publical party, as it is for one who is not a qualified and registered elector to vote at any state election or take any part in the business of the state and the members of overy political party and voluntary political reganisation is rightfully entitled to the sole and exclusive use of every word of its of that rame. The people of the state and the members of overy political party and voluntary political organisation are rightfully entitled to know that every person whe

unitary political organization of the contilled to know that every person who effers to take any part in the affairs or husiness of any political party or voluntary political organization in the state is in good faith a member of such party.

The purpose of this law is better to secure and to preserve the rights of political parties and voluntary political erganizations, and of their members and condidates, and especially eir members and cumbidat the rights above stated.

This is a clear, precise and forceful vindication of the right of parties to erganize and maintain themselves unler the primary law, yet many Democrats look upon registration not as a duty for good, but as an opportunity for harm. If the law falls to prevent and correct the very abuses its preamble so distinctly defines and condemns, it has certainly proved defective in that particular; and the original framers and present ardent supporters of the law ought to be the first to realize and acknowledge its shortcomings, and move to correct them. No one can be justly criticised or attacked as an enemy of the primary law who suggests or proposes a remedy for protecting it from systematic violation.

GREAT PORTLAND AFFAIR. The attendance at the Portland Livetock Show yesterday was in keeping with the quality of the entertainment The livestock exhibit has selion been equalled west of the Rocky Mountains and the daily racing card is the best ever put up on a Western track. These two features alone warrant a large attendance. If the crowd for the remaining two days of the meeting is approximately as large as that which was present yesterday. there can no longer be any question about the permanency of this great meeting, which means so much for Portland and the Pacific Northwest.

Yet Portland, in spite of its good turnout yesterday, is far behind the much smaller city of Vancouver, B. C., which, with a poorer stock exhibit, poorer races and nothing to compare with the Portland entertainment. nines attracted seemed likely to cre- turned out an atendance of 30,000 on a single day. Good support will make | Certainly they should have; and the this Portland meeting the greatest livestock event in all the West, and every possible assistance should be given the management.

PERMANENT GRAIN GRADES.

The Washington State Railroad and Grain Commission has decided to make permanent the present grades of wheat, oats, barley and other grains unforeseen contingencies Tran Tersor should arise." These grades will be known as the Washington state grades and an attempt will be made to give them standing in the world's markets. The Washington grain commission has been established more than a dozen years, and thus far it has failed to acomplish anything of special value to the grain trade or the grain growers. That the new plan of making the grades permanent will be more useful than the present system of making the grades adaptable to the quality of the grain harvested is hardly probable There is such a wide difference in the quality of the grain harvested one year, compared with that which is harvested another, that it will be a very difficult matter to make the standard of weight, color and general

quality, for one year fit another.

The Portland Chamber of Commerc. has for years established the grain standard on which the wheat crop of Oregon, Washington and Idaho is sold to the world as the land of gold. Now in the foreign markets. This standard is made up to conform with the quality of the crop available each year, There are years when exceptionally favorable weather will result in a erop that will average fifty-nine nds all through the territory for which the grades will be established. When we can put out a standard of fifty-nine pounds for No. 1 wheat, the foreign buyer is naturally impressed with the quality of the wheat and we should secure the full benefits, not only Eden was somewhere near Los An- in the way of price, but in the reputation that would follow the marketing of a crop on a fifty-nine-pound basis

The present Washington standard is fifty-eight pounds per bushel, and from reports this may be sufficiently wheat, or bluestem wheat grown in wheat of Washington to a fifty-ninepound standard. The Portland Cham San sent to the foreign markets fair sam-Francisco is the only suitable site for ples on which the wheat crop of the The Panama Canal concerns the three states could be sold to the best advantage. There have been seasons when hot winds and dry weather cu down the quality as well as the yield in the history of commerce. But to a point where fifty-eight pounds was too heavy for an average, and nearly all of the wheat on a fifty-nine-

anywhere but in San Francisco would of the Washington commission to establish a permanent grade on wheat will prove any more of a success than Its previous attempts to make the forbuyers accept the Washington standard as having any value for either buyer or seller

MOVING TOWARD PEACE.

It is idie to deny that the wish for universal peace is becoming a more potent force in the affairs of the world every day. Men are not becoming more cowardly or more fond of ease than they were, but they see more clearly the cruelty and the waste of war and they are seeking for a way to make it impossible. The ideal is still a long way off, but it comes nearer every day. When nations first began to arbitrate their difficulties half a century or more ago, people were amazed to see how easily troubles could be settled by reason which had formerly required the arbitra-ment of bloody wars. But arbitration remained for a long time unsystem-It had no settled abode, no code to direct its course.

came the peace conferences at The Hague and through them arettled method. It is housed in a noble palace and provided with a bench of able jurists. Not many centuries ago war was the principal business of the by grievous wrong for which no redress could be obtained peaceably.

Universal peace is not likely The nations will never disband but it is conceivable that within a few years the process of increasing armaments will come to an end. ernments of Europe and America will find the everlasting military competition too expensive to be borne they may come to some amicable agreement which will make limitation possible. The airship will have its influence upon warlike preparation, and so will the revolt against militar ism, but how it will all turn out nobody can foresee. England and the United States have always been the foremost promoters of peace, not so much by their words as by their conduct. They began the settlement of disputes by arbitration. They have now submitted the ancient fisheries wrangle to the international court and it has been fairly decided. Thus the good example is set and who can doubt that it will be followed by all the other nations?

WHAT RIGHTS ARE IN DANGER?

The Eugene Guard is "in favor of the direct primary principle and opposed to the assembly plan of nomi nating candidates simply because it believes the people want to choose their own candidates, and, if so, certainly, should have the opportunity." This is the kind of stuff that is going the rounds of all the "independent" newspapers that never support any other than Democratic candidates. is part of the persistent and reprehensible Democratic effort to create the impression among the voters that there is a conflict between the assembly and the primary. There is no conflict. There can be no conflict The primary is here to stay. There is no plan anywhere to attack it or repeal it, or destroy it, for it would fail utterly, if undertaken. The asassembly is a device formulated to work in harmony with the primary, and to give the proper and lawful purposes of Republicans, or any others, a method and vehicle for organized party action and expression.

The Eugene Democratic paper says the people should have the opportunity to choose their own candidates. have. On September 24 there are to be primaries held throughout Oregon and the people will there do exactly as they please. Will the Guard tell how they may not do as they please Or will it say how the assembly has in any way or in the slightest measure withdrawn from them the right or privilege of making their own nominations, assembly, anti-assembly, or

otherwise? Objection to assembly or the right of assembly under the primary law is denial of the right of concerted action by Republicans or by Democrats. Yet we see concerted action everywhere own, and are calling on Democrats, tled and dissatisfied elements of the Republican party to support them. The nite and organized action. Yet they societies. roar at the assembly people for the very "crime" they themselves committed in every county in Oregon! The only difference is that the assembly supporters have tried to fool nobody. opponents are trying to fool everybody

STILL BREAKING RECORDS. With the single exception of Atlanta, Ga., Portland led all cities in its class in the United States in the percentage of gain in bank clearings for the eight months ending September 1. This is the best showing ever made by the Oregon metropolis, and has lifted this city from twentyfifth place for August last year to twenty-second place this year, there being but twenty-one other cities in the United States with a larger volume. of bank clearings. The gain is all the more remarkable when compared with other Coast cities. During August Scattle dropped back from sixteenth place last year to nineteenth place this year. These figures, which are shown in the current number of the Nev Financial and Commercial York Chronicle, include the returns for August, for the last week in August and for eight months. For all three periods Portland shows the same relative gain over last year, thus proving that the advance is permanent and steady

and not spasmodic The figures of the Chronicle present the clearings of nearly 150 American cities by groups, and they show that the Pacific group leads all others in volume and percentage of gains, with Portland in advance of all other Paciffe Coast cities. Even in the small cities, outside of its class, Portland's percentage of gain was beaten by but five: Jacksonville, Austin, Sioux Falls, Fresno and Oakland, and the combined clearings of these five cities for the eight months were but \$286,000, 000, compared with \$334,807,447 for Portland. Atlanta, the only city of it class that exceeded Portland in percentage of gain, returned clearings of \$335,189,426, its lend over Portland

being comparatively insignificant.

All of the cities included in the Pawill build cities and people emThis history will be repeated, and eific Coast group, with the exception it is hardly probable that the attempt of Helena and Sait Lake, made gains

in the eight months, the nearest approach to this city being Los Angeles with 21.4 per cent increase, and San Francisco with 21.3 per cent gain. Seattle had a gain of 10.5 per cent. That this splendid record which Portland is making will be maintained is a certainty, for the first month of September has opened up with gains fully equal to those of the preceding eight months, and business in every line is making a better showing than for the same months last year. Wheat, oats, hops, barley and fruit are now pouring their millions into the channels of trade and the year 1910 will mark a high water mark for prosperity in Portland. Portland is this year securing some wonderful advertising. None of it is more effective or valuable than that which is presented each month by the bank clearings figures of the New York papers.

Mr. Tom Lawson is not the only Bostonian who has been "seeing things." Mr. W. S. Ayer, a Boston business man, announces that he has just received from the spirit world, wherever that may be, a communication from the late Professor William of Harvard. Mr. James inhitration has acquired the status of a forms his worldly brother that he has 'awakened to a life far beyond my highest conception, while a denizen of earth." The recipient of this message is certain that when the late Professor nations. Now most of them would be James becomes better acquainted with ashamed to fight unless driven to it his surroundings, he will be able to supply further details regarding the next world. The success of Mr. Lawson has always had a tendency to concome through any agreement to dis- vince one that Boston was a nice easy place to find gold-brick purchasers, their armies and dismantle their fleets, and this testimony of a business man regarding communication with the next world, shows that there are still few credulous individuals in a receptive mood.

Portland building permits for September are running along at an average of about \$56,000 per day. No permits for big bulldings have been taken out for a few days, although s number are pending. The most gratifying feature of the building movement, which shows no signs of de reasing, is the large number of permits taken out for private residences for Portland home-builders. Permits yesterday, for instance, included eighteen dwellings with valuations running from \$1000 to \$6000 each. This is a lass of building that spells prosperity, for, despite the large number of new structures that have been erected within the past two years, there is still an unsatisfied demand for good houses and the number of home-owners is increasing more rapidly than ever before.

The suggestion of a subway to reeve the congested traffic of lower Washington street may be in advance of the resources of the present time. But that this will be the solution of the question within a few years, there is little reason to doubt. It is a safe prediction that Portland will seek relief through subway and elevated trains much earlier in its history than did New York, for the simple reason that these devices for the furtherance of traffic have been tried and found effective for the relief of the equally narrow streets of a much greater city.

Of course some people will believe that the late Professor James, of Harvard, really sent a message from spiritland to his friends on earth, as is reported from Boston, and no one can gainsay the heavenly conditions he describes. But if the devotees of this cult would convince people of that merit, let them produce a message from some famous immortal in "the other place," who, like the rich man therein, will send a "C. Q. D." for ester and other refreshments.

The merit of the assembly is to be udged by the character of its recommendations. If they are good, the voters at the primary should adopt them. If they are bad, the voter should reject them. Yet any recommendation made by a body of 1200 well-known men in a state assembly or several hundred men in a county assembly is entitled to the presumption that it is good.

It seems that there are still some cities sufficiently backward to permit the sacred high school fraternities to among opponents of assembly, who are exist. The news that the one which putting up states and tickets of their own, and are calling on Democrats, murdered a girl by throwing her from Statement Oners and all the disgrun- a streetcar during the "Initiation" ceremonies may possibly cause the most sluggish intelligence to discern very word anti-assembly implies defi- the true significance of these evil

Mr. Roosevelt's refusal to meet the fragrant Lorimer at dinner is warranted by exalted authority. Two or three years ago President Hadley, of Yaie, announced that the way to chasten the rule of predatory wealth was to cut it socially. He preached a good deal better than he practiced, but the esson of the sermon is as salutary as t ever was.

It is existing in hard luck to be born a baby and have to go into a home to be fed by measurement, and it is much harder to undergo a change of diet upon a change of masters, and survive. This, the most helpless of mammals, must not be the subject of whims and vagaries.

The Sheriffs of Malheur and Harney are hotfoot after the men in the old line of industry. Their activity is made necessary by the lack of handy timber in that region.

As a feature for the next general holiday which comes along late in November, how would it do for the ontractors on Hawthorne bridge to finish that structure?

begins to appear the only way. Mr. Taft can rise above "the most popular man in the party" is by avia-Then let insurgency stand from Next Monday also will be Labor Day

And

ou'll hardly call it a holiday for 30,-000 able-bodled youngsters. San Francisco, pre-eminent earthquakes, fires, graft, wickedness and Chinatowns, will break all rec-

-for a regiment of teachers.

ords in world's fairs. Despairing of a noiseless as well as nokeless powder, the lower house of Texas would repeal the fourteenth

amendment Now, in the name of all the gods at once, was ever man so great as Pinchot?

The Beavers are playing some ball. publicly proclaimed as a bromide!

Near-at-Hand Example of Injustice by Forest Bureaucracy.

Grays Harbor Washingtonian Discouraged with his uneven fight against the peculiar methods of the extreme conservationists in the forest service, Mr. Kirkpatrick, who for the past 12 years has been homesteading in the Quiniault country, and who eight months ago was ejected from the home he had made by rangers, will soon leave for the East.

The story of Mr. Kirkpatrick's struggle to make a home for himself and family is one of the most remarkable chapters in Western contemporary history. Coming to the Grays Harbor country over a dozen years ago, Mr. Kirkpatrick looked over the then virgin land thoroughly, and finally concluded to homestead on a tract of land in the Quiniault region. His homesite was practically inaccessible then and he cut a trail to it, and over this laboriously packed in the things that he needed to make a habitation for himself.

Year after year he worked, improving his chosen bit of land, and finally securing a home that he and his wife valued above all else in this world, because it represented to them years of untiring and faithful effort. On their acreage they raised provisions sufficlent for themselves and their stock, and had enough to spare to offer for sale. And with things in this condition, and his home almost ready for final proof, came orders from a bureaucratic Government in the East for him to vacate.

One day there appeared at the Kirkpatrick home a forestry official, clothed with due authority of law. This forest ranger told Mr. Kirkpatrick that be was within a forest reserve, and that he would have to get out. He had appropriated to his own use "valuable timber land," and that was all there was to it. In vain were protests made, in vain were statements of the case sent to Washington-the answer was always the same-get out.

Under protest Mr. Kirkpatrick relin quished his claim to his homestead, and packed his things out. Since then he has been fighting for a reversal of judgment, and has interested many friends in his case. Now he feels that he has done all that he could, and for a time will go back to his Eastern boyhood home, leaving the matter of his homestead in the hands of those more powerful than himself, in the hope that they may get for him justice which he could not get himself.

TO WRITE OR NOT TO WRITE? Prize - Winning Parody on Hamlet's Selflequy Printed in London.

New York Sun The London Bookman for August pubtishes the prize winner in its competition for a paredy on Hamlet's solloquy applicable to literary life. Henry E. Wilkes, who won the award, may in this instance at any rate give the affirmative answer to his parody, "To write or not to write?" To write or not to write, that is the ques-

tion.
Whether this wiser in the mind to stife.
The wit of Swift, the wisdom of a Plate or to take pen, the gray goese quill of Grub Street.

Street.
Through space and time to wing them.
To write, to print.
No more; and by a sounct, say, to win
The need of fame, the thousand linglins rub; rub; fame, the thousand Jingling guineas
That fame is heir to: 'tis a consummation Devoutely to be wished. To write, to print. To print, perchance to sell; ay, there's the rub;

For to our hopes what checks, not cheque For to our anges what these, he was a super-when we have yielded our immerial scrip. Must give us hause; there's the mischam. That maketh has of all our condest scheme. For who would bear the awest and sche of brain.

brain.
The serivener's cramp, the attic's penuty.
The post's expense, the editorial thanks.
The Philistine's contumely, and the spurns
That soarting genius of the cold world takes
When he himself might his plain living

With a plain shovel? Who would critica bear.
To gall and wince under their loaded knouls.
But that the hope of glory after toll.
The gilded mountain peak of fame to which all travelers aspire, allures the mind and makes us spurn the valley, low and safe.

safe.

To scale the eraggy heights we know not of?
Ambition thus makes scribblers of us all.
And thus the raddy hae of country health
is saundleed over with the fogs of town,
And shilling shockers, tithits and reviews.
With this regard our genius turn away
To win the name of author.

Soft you now!

Soft you now!

My Lord Barabbas! Sir, in thy Spring lists
Be all my works remembered.

Making It Easier for the Housewife. Boston Globe.

A housekeeping experiment station, where all manner of work and worrysaving devices for kitchen and household will be thoroughly tried, is to be established unders the auspices of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs. It will be the second station of its kind, the first having all go as one and contact is impossible, been for three years in successful operation in Conecticut, under the management of Charles Barnard, a retired playwright, who wrote "The County

'It is the intention of the New Jersey women to investigate every sort of con-trivance for lessening the burdens of housework. Dish scrapers, pot cleaners, dust rags, suction cleaners, jelly makers, dough mixers, fireless cookers, egg poachers and all the thousand and one things of the kind which American in-genuity has devised and put on the narket will be put to the severest tests sefere they are recommended to housewives.

It seems like a very sensible and useful thing to do. For millions of women "the woman question" is largely a quesof household work. makes housework really easier will in its way be as great a boon to humanity as automobiles or flying machines.

Thentricals in Kansas. Osborne (Kan.) Farmer.

There will be a sad catastrophe in this town some day. A show will come along and advertise that well-known along and advertise that well-known old slogan. "money refunded at the door if you are not satisfied." Old Bill Shiftless will be in the crowd and will not like the play. He will step up to the ticket-seller and teil him in plain English that the show is on the bum and demand his money back. The ticket-seller will try to argue him out of it. Bill will insist and finally lose his temper. Then he will slip off his coat and go to bat. He will knock the block off the ticket-seller, and will then hunt up the boss of the show and all the actors. He will make minceall the actors. He will make mince-meat of the whole bunch and will then demolfsh the property. The show will be unable to go on to the next stand, and Old Bill will be heralded as the un-conquered hero of the country. We know this is so, because we have heard old Bill say this very thing. He is tired of the cheap shows that fail to come up to their advertising. Bill knows how a show should be run and knows how a show should be run and isn't slow to express himself. experience with the cane rack at the street fairs has put him wise to everything in the show business.

Courteous Retort Hurtful. New York World

Governor Harmon calls the Colonel tame; says he needs ginger. This is putting the retort courteous where it will hurt. Fancy the feelings of buster

DRIVEN OUT AFTER 12 YEARS ASSEMBLY OPPOSITION IS DYING. Only a Few Republican Papers Fighting the Party.

> Polk County Observer It is a fact worthy of mention that the number of Republican newspapers in Oregon fighting the assembly is sions, by an enterprising reporter for a steadily growing less. Prior to the New York newspaper. holding of the assembly, a few Re-publican papers were hostile to the plan. This condition no longer exists. Perusal of our exchanges each week discloses a steadily diminishing opposition, until today, out of a total of more than 100 Republican papers in the state, scarcely a half dozen are fighting the assembly candidates.
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> The cause of this change of attitude

set aside the primary law, have found miles from Brownsville, at the bottom that this gathering of Republicans did of the map, to Dallas, which is several not take away from the voters of Ore-hundred miles from the top of the map. not take away from the voters of Oregon a single right or privilege. They further see these assembly candidates going quietly about their business affairs, leaving their candidacy in the hands of the people and willing to submit to the popular verdict on the submit to the submit to the popular verdict on the submit to the submit to the popular verdict on the submit to the submit to the popular verdict on the submit to the submit to the popular verdict on the submit to th 4th day of September, while a mis-cellaneous horde of disgruntled pollticians and professional pie-hunters posing as anti-assembly candidates, are unning around over the state, engaged n the most unseemly and disgusting cramble for office it has ever been the lot of the Oregon voter to witness.

The greater part of this pretended epposition to the assembly is nothing

more in reality than a well-laid plan to defeat the Republican party in the state. Awaking to a realization of this fact, these editors are unwilling to lend their influence to the game. Even this early in the campaign, opposition to the assembly candidates among Resublican newspapers has almost tirely disappeared, and it may be con-fidently predicted that between now September 24 the list of and september assembly will dwindle down to a few Democratic sheets and that preclous pair of twins—the Portland Journal and Hofer's Journal.

YOUNG WOMAN'S QUEER JOURNEY English Girl Goes to Heart of Africa to Put Cross on Grave of Lover.

New York Heraid. Miss Macleod, daughter of Sir Regin-ald Macleod, late Registrar-General for England and Wales, and Under-Secre-tary for Scotland, left England re-cently on one of the most mournful ind remantic pligrimages ever under taken by a woman

She is on her way to Central Africa to erect a marble cross on the grave of her dead lover, Lleutenant Boyd Alex-ander, who was murdered by a native

near Abeshr, April 2. Lieutenant Alexander's body was recovered and buried at Maifoni, a Brilish post near Lake Chad, beside that of his brother, Captain Claud Alexander, who died during the Alexinder-Gosling expedition of 1904, The Journey to Lake Chad is so ardu

is and hazardous that Miss Macleod's friends made every endeaver to per-suade her to abandon her intention Nothing would move her from he

nose. She sailed the other day, taking a marble cross with her.

Miss Macleod, a granddaughter of the late Earl of Iddiesleigh, lives at Vinters, Maidstone. She met the murdered explorer during one of his holidays in his country.

journey which she has under taken will occupy seven months and has never been accomplished by a white woman. She will travel about 300 miles up the Niger and then 800 illes across one of the wildest districts n Africa

A British official and his wife will accompany her on the greater part of the journey.

METEORIC IONS ARE OF EARTH. More Observations as to Our Sky Visitor of Lust Sunday.

PORTLAND, Sept. 8 .- (To the Edit tor.)-I have been reading with much interest the news reports regarding meteorite which appeared last Sun-

In my studies of geology, ores and re deposits I have necessarily also tudied the so-called meteoric lons, and my deductions are that all such are terrestrial origin, developing under ne conditions that originate any other ores. This is most certainly true of the Willamette "meteor" of 20 ton weight, my investigation last Summer showing that this was a huge nugget of metalfic iron ore, dug from the solid formation and out of the vein in place as can be seen by any mining man who dill take the trouble to go and see

That was a "gold brick" indeed.

As to the flery and noisy bodies like that of Sunday, a little study of th electrical phenomena of the air will account for all. No solid body will ver strike the earth until the entir universal system goes to pieces. V T. T. RONSON.

Getting Drunk in a Prohibition State

Springfield Republican. . When Robley D. Evans has anything on his mind that troubles him he has a way of getting the same out of his sysm in a manner which shows nsideration for those at the target and his verbal bombs. Maine's prohibiion laws have attracted his attention He is reported to have said that he has had more trouble with his sallors getting drunk in the Maine ports than it any other ports in the world, and added aw enforced in Maine. He believes that it is better for the sailor men to of noison and wood alcohol, such as is the blend used down East.

Where Was Bryant Atlanta Journal

With Roosevelt in the West the ques-on now arises: Has anybody here seen Bryan? He may have been seen, but he as not been heard from.

Modern Advantage. Providence Tribune.

The Police Gazette used to advertise the Outlook hires a special car for an x-President.

NEWSPAPER WAIFS.

"How long do we stay at Jupiter Junc-ion, John" "Twenty minutes my dear. You on't need your two gowns."—St. Louis Star Small boy (with dime bank;—Fay, Mister an ye lend me nino dollars' worth of ten-ent pieces for a second." This darn bank on't open this I get ten dollars in it.— ife.

Life.
Colonst Brown (soliloquising on his host).
Confounded fellac (pff)—Right and left every time, and made his mency in search?—it's—it's—it oughtn't to be silowed.—Punch.
"Sometimes you have to hit a man to make aim keep quiet, se that you can save him from drowning." "Yes." replied the shrupt sersion, "and the time to do it is when he test begins to rock the boat."—Wasnington star.

Star. "Now, my little son," said Mr. Winks, seftly, "you must remember that wherever you go and whatever you do, there is always an eye that is forever fixed upon you po you know whose eye it is, Bobbler "Yeth, popper," lisped Bobble, "Mither Roethvalth."—Judge. Restricting the have been trying our best to in-face more women to Join our Saturday Night Club, but without success. He Wint a the initiation feet She—Two dollars. He —Make it \$1.98 and you'll gat more new members than you can accommodate —Chi-

Life's Sunny Side

The late Father Ducey was once eagerly sought, while hearing confes-

There was a long line of penitents in the church and the reporter saw that the only way to get a speedy hearing would be to get a place in the line.
At last his turn came. "Father Ducey," he began, "I'm a reporter for the Journal." "My son," interrupted the cleric, "even that might be forgiven."-Success Magazine.

s evident to any thinking mind. In the first place, the editors who opposed the assembly at the outset, in the its effect upon the people of that state ear that an effort was being made to is not generally known. It is about 600

"Went to Dallas."

"Have a good time?"
"Naw; I never did like them d-tl Yankees, anyway."—Louisville Times.

A member of the faculty of a New England university tells of a freshman who was asked by one of the professors whether he had proved a cer-

tain proposition in Euclid.

"Well, sir," responded the freshman.

"proved is a strong word. But I will say that I have rendered it highly probable."—Harper's Weekly.

The young Prince Tsai-Tao, during his visit to America, welcomed criti-cism of Chinese custems, and retorted politely with counter criticism of the customs of the United States:

The Prince, at a fashionable luncheon in New York, sat beside a lady prominent in a rich and rather fast set.
"Prince," said the lady, "I think it's dreadful that in China a bride never es her husband before the wedding

"Well," said the Prince, with a grin here in America you naver see him after it."-New York Tellune.

F. Hopkinson Smith, painter, author. engineer and professional optimist, tells a story showing that Boston boys of the street are like all others. He over-heard a conversation between two

youngsters selling newspapers.
"Say, Harry, w'ah's de best way to teach a girl how to swim" asked the

younger one.
"Dat's a cloch: First off you puts yer left arm under her waist and you gently takes her left hand—"Come off: she's me sister."
"Ah, push her off de dock."—Cosmo-"Ah, pusa politan Magazine.

It was in the midst of the football season, and the students of Professor Blank's class, well aware that their leson had been neglected, were prepared or reproof, but not for just the way in

At the end of the hour he slammed lown his book on the desk, and ex-

"Well, that's the worst recitation I ever listened to! Why, I've actually done nine-tenths of it myseif!"-Youth's Companion.

Beauties of Modern Maps.

Chicago Evening Pos A map is to a country what a photorraph is to a man.
If it looks natural it is not regarded

as authentic. On maps all bodies of water are blue, and some states are pink, while others tre yellow, green, mauve, magenta or

New York is always red and Rhode Island is green. Massachusetts is a calm gray and Texas is a hectic pink.

Maps are useful to show children how some place is bounded. Rallroad maps are more interesting than any other kind. A railroad map can make the State of Hilnols twice as long east to west as it is north and seath, without the slightest inconveni-Only on a railroad map may No York, Nashville, Butte and San shown upon the same parallel

of latitude. Country Needs Rest.

Nashville American.

What the country needs is rest, a ood long rest, from political agitation. No man or interest knows what to do, for the agitators may undo everything. The financial world is in a feeling of uncertainty. Commerce and industry tanguish, and, as a matter of course, the

vage-earner suffers. Moving Pictures of the New Fight.

Washington Herald.

If this row between the New York
Evening Post and the Colonel is going we hope the moving-picture people will put it on

Washington Post.
Collector Loeb saw all this harmony coming and thought it wiser to stick to FEATURES

IN THE SUNDAY **OREGONIAN**

PORTLAND'S PROGRESS SINCE JANUARY 1

What has been done and what is going on in the way of building in the heart of the city, the residence sections and the suburbs-a wonderful showing for the greatest eight months in Portland's his-

OPEN-AIR SCHOOLS FOR WEAK CHILDREN

Combining health with education is one of the newest developments in Europe and the United States. It works wonders among the debilitated in physical and spiritual benefit.

PROGRESS OF WORK ON THE PANAMA CANAL

Vital facts relating to what has been accomplished, the cost, the extent of the colossal undertaking and probable date of completion.

UNCLE SAM READY TO HIRE MORE HELP

Civil service examinations will be held this month and next for all sorts of positions; what they pay and chances of advance.

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