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MAINE.

Perhaps it is not worth while to try to do anything for the Republican party since the temper of the country obviously is that it shall be beaten, and beaten overwhelmingly and ignominiously, in the current elections. The result in Maine foretells disaster in November in unmistakable terms. It is unprecedented that Maine, a his toric Republican state, steadfast heretofore as the rocks of its granite coast should have administered this chasdisement to the Republican candidates through any local dissatisfaction or any other accidental or fortuitous circomstance. If the Republican party cannot rely on safe majorities and consistent support in Maine, where shall it look confidently for success this year?

The immediate cause of the Maine outcome undoubtedly was the disaf-fection of a portion of the Republican voters through the activity of Senator Hale and the Congressional delegation for the Payne-Aldrich bill and otherwise in support of "regular" men, methods and measures. long that he had come to look upon office as a personal pos and the Republican party in the state as a private asset. Hale was never popular at home; or if he ever had elements of strength aside from his political prowess, the time had long Yet the force of tradition was strong in Maine, and Hale was kept the Senate because he had been there a long time and had become an influentfal National figure and was able to keep Maine in its ancient position in the National councils. Then came the Payne-Aldrich bill, the wild outburst of insurgent passion, and all the accompanying symptoms of general political disorder and unrest. Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, New Hampshire and Vermont gave evidences of their indifference toward the Republican party and their active discontent even in the highly prosperous conditions to which the policies of the party have contributed so large a share. Now Maine breaks the rule of over forty years, elects a Democratic Governor, two Democratic Representatives out of four, and a Democratic Legislature which will send, a Democratic Senator to succeed Senator who, having with unexpected intuition seen the rising storm, had already announced the withdrawal of his candidacy for re-election. It is said that the falling off in the

Republican vote in Maine cent and the increase m the Democratic vote 16 per cent, so that for the most part the shifting of voters from one party to another was not a heavy percentage. Yet it is always so. balance of power in a Nation controlled through popular government rests with a few, who by alternating their party allegiances may bring about momentous consequences. there is little or no consolation for Republicans to be found in the figures, but the lesson of Maine must be interpreted by the evidential facts. which are that the party was not and could not be held together, and by the results, which are an almost complete reversal of the state's old-time political attitude.

If the New York World's astonishing issumption that the Nation is everywhere aroused over the Governmental extravagance is a correct reading of the general Democratic mind, that party has again manifested its usual spacity in interpreting events and in dicated its incapacity for taking advantage of them. There are a hundred explanations of the present public distemper, and each of them is better than the World's. The country is prosperous, and the producers are all getting high prices and making large profits. They can stand the drain of Governmental expenditure-National, and municipal-a great deal bet ter than they could sixteen years ago when the country turned to the Republican party to extricate it from the slough of despondency, debt, distraction and despair, and was placed on the high road of financial indeand general prosperity Since this great task was performed by the Republican party, there has ne backward step, nor even a sign of recession to the old days. is hard to resist the temptation to remark that the Nation is at last tired of being well off and wants to smash something, just for the sake of a change. That is not the true explanation, of course, but it is a part of it,

nevertheless The influences that overturned are everywhere at throughout the country. They are almost innumerable, but they proceed with the common purpose of upsetting the party in power: the tariff. Cannonism (so-called), the war on Taft by the restless friends if any, of the American girls who have the gospel of suspicion, dissatisfac discontent and falsehood fortered and spread by the muckraking magazines, growing desire to set aside representative government, the direct primary, the initiative and referendum, socialism, and all the kindred fads, theories, principles and doc-trines of the New Idea. There are other reasons, no doubt, but there is not room nor occasion to mention

Yet withal there is no increase of confidence in the Democratic party, Ination of his intended bride failed to which is at its lowest estate, and no desire to put affairs in its hands with a view to their proper administraton. The plan appears to be to make room for the Democracy in the Republican household, and to displace the old names, the old traditions, the old poli-

SPREADING OREGON'S FAME Mention like this from the Springfield, Mass., Republican, pure reading matter, first column, editorial page, helps to bring Oregon to the fore: many New Englanders feel that transacted quite a piece of busi-they sell the 15 or 20 barrels of own in their ordhards each year. larger transactions in New York i for real apple-buying one must apples grown in their orchards each year. There are larger transactions in New York State, but for real apple buying one must look to the Oregon and Washington orchards. A big transaction of the sort was completed last week, when the crop handled by the Hood River growers ansociation was sold in one lot to a New York house. It is supposed to be the biggest red apple deal on record, and between 100 and 300 earloads of apples were sold for about \$100.000.

By the time the paragraph is copied numerous exchanges, which is sure to happen, a whole lot of Eastern folk will be puckering their lips for me of the incomparably fine fruit erein mentioned. Meantime, the therein inkindly the hint that a box of extra fancy Spitzenbergs be sent, charges prepaid, to the editor of our distinguished New England contemporary, not exactly as an honorarium, but to onstrate the worthiness of the product so generously noticed.

A SHORT CATECHISM

What is insurgency? A sort of an epidemic which has pread all over the United States. For what object?

To split the Republican party into vo factions. What is the result?

Thus far, the election of Dem ratic Congressmen in districts that ave always been safely Republican Is the disease spreading Read the returns from Maine. Maine goes, so goes the Union."

What is the remedy? There is none. The Democrats are laying both ends against the middle That party presents a solid front. Will the next Congress be Dem-

Maybe two to one.

What about Oregon? The worst duck in the puddle. The partnership heretofore existing be free-silver-Populist-sore head Republican wing of the domi nant party and the unbroken Demo cratic party, whose fruits are Bourne has long had Hale in the Senate, so and Chamberlain, has not been dissolved. The firm is still doing busiess at the old stand.

Will Oregon elect a Democratic

Governor in November? That party's candidate i Possibly. likely to poll more votes than the assembly candidate or the anti-assembly candidate. Up to Monday night 4911 electors in Multnomah had registered as Democrats. Watch that number multiplied by two and a half or three at the November election. Bourne has publicly declared that he would vote for a Democrat against an assembly candidate for any office! How about Congressmen?

We are worried. But what's the Then is the Republican party of Oregon, numerically twice as strong as the Democratic party, to have no votce in National affairs?

There is no Republican party in What has become of the party that

ected Taft? Ask Roosevelt.

LORIMER'S FEAST.

The projected dinner in Senator Lorimer's glory will, no doubt, be momentous happening. It is to be attended by a great host of his admir ing friends and will carry a tremendous rebuke to Colonel Roosevelt, declined to dine with the smirched Senator. This banquet, if i ever comes off, will not be exactly like the celebrated feast of Belshaz zar. The Babylonian monarch had "a thousand dark nobles" bending at his board, according to the inspired Byron but their sable tint was a matter of exterior complexion only. Lorimer's guests will also be dark, but the dye will be internal. Their outside will be as fair as a Summer morn. A congregation of whited sepulchers they might possibly be called without departing far from the truth.

We do not anticipate any handwriting on the wall, either, at the Lorimer festivity. That miracle has already happened so many times over this Summer that there is no more need of it. It would be a trifle superfluous for the Almighty to go to the trouble of telling Lorimer and his crowd that "they have been weighed in the balance and found wanting" at this time of day. The weighing pro

ess is now an old story. It is a little disconcerting to read that the banquet in glorification of bribery is to be "held before the November election." This is too unkind. In the prezent suffering condition of the Republican party one would suppose that Mr. Lorimer might have spared it this last blow. The patient is already sick nearly unto death from oo much glorification of the things that Lorimer stands for. To call em phatic attention to them just before election day seems like painting the suppose there is no law to prevent Time was when a man morally con victed of the deeds that Lorimer has done went away and hid himself in some secluded nook, suppressing the odor of himself as much as he could. But things are different now, Such characters seek "vindication" either by a grand dinner or by an election or something of the sort. It neve occurs to them that the best medicine for a smirched soul is humility and remorse.

THE ABRUZZI COMEDY.

Any fears or fond hopes that might have been raised over the possible disappearance from the news of the engagement of Miss Katherine Elkins and the Duke of the Abruzzi have again been dashed to earth. Few. attempted to sell themselves to foreign nobility have had more extensive and long-drawn-out negotiations than those which followed the original announcement of this proposed marriage. At the beginning some difficulty was experienced in making Pa Elkins understand that the Duke, at the beggarly few millions at which he was quoted, was a bargain in royalty. Satlafying himself that Italian Dukes were not on sale at the dollar stores. Pa Elkins at last consented. Then the Duke backed water. A closer examreveal any greater claim to royalty than a vulgar fortune made in oil. steel and silmlar prosaic staples which Pa Elkins had skillfully syndicated

into a trust. Katherine did not even have Indian blood in her veins. On making this only \$17.50. It is not true, It is so

The Oregonian class, and the old leaders. Does the discovery the Duke took a short cut back to his profession of mountain and ridiculously false. The average climbing and Pa Elkins began graftng limbs on a family tree. In this had Burbank "backed off the boards," and in dus season the Elkins family tree revealed beyond question that through the Elkins veins there coursed a strain of royal blood as blue as that of the South Sea Island kings. Ready money and royalty then seemed to be getting close together, but the King of Italy objected, and again the Duke of the Abruzzi took to the mountains.

Meanwhile, pressure from known source convinced the King of Italy that there was too much mone in the Elkins dower to permit it to get away from Italy, and the royal con-sent was given. Now comes the news from Rome that the fat is again in the fire and that "the Duke of the Abruzzi himself broke off the match for personal reasons." The next scene Hood River association will not take in this international comedy will be awaited with a mild degree of inter-It is approaching the vaudeville period.

REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS

The advantages of removing the andent restrictions which hamper the growth of this country have often been referred to in an effort to secure needed reform in our tariff laws. It reguired many years of effort to secure the tariff reductions necessary to develop trade with the Philippines, and the interests which antagonized the effort drew doleful pictures of the remits which were sure to follow this first attack at the sacred idol of proection. Virtual free trade with the Philippines has now been in effect more than one year, and the returns are so satisfactory that even a high tariff paper like the San Francisco Call peaks in glowing terms of the change. According to the Government figures the value of our exports to the Philippines for the twelve months ending with June was nearly \$17,000,000, a gain of over \$5,000,000 over the pre-

eding twelve months. The purchsaing power of the Philipnines had been increased through the market which we provided for islands' sugar, tobacco, hemp. etc., to the extent of more than \$17,000,000. Of hemp alone we took \$10,000,000 worth, and tobacco, which had previously been barred out by the tariff, amounted to nearly \$1,700,000. The San Francisco Call, in noting this heavy increase in business, states that it has an important bearing on the business of this port (San Francisco) through which pass most of the im ports and exports." There is another most necessary reform which will have an equally important bearing on foreign business of San Francisco-the repeal of the ancient navigation laws which prevent us from attracting ships to the American flag If the Call and other high-tariff news papers would join in a demand for free ships with which to handle this ever-increasing Philippine trade, there would be an enormous saving in freights, and San Francisco, Portland and Puget Sound would, in due season become the home port for big fleets of ships which are now forced to sai under alien flags, and, of course, spend their money for repairs, equipment, etc., in the ports where they are reg-As free trade in the Philip istered. pines has proved so satisfactory, why not extend it to the ships needed to carry the products of our island dependency?

THE STORY OF FORT WALLA WALLA . For good and sufficient reasons the historic stockade known as Fort Walla Walla was established by the Government; for good and sufficient reasons the War Department has decided to abandon the old fort-sell it out-this Autumn. The logic of events is behind both the establishment and the abandonment of this military station. Away back in 1847, so runs the story, the mission established by Marcus Whitman at Waillatpu, six miles from the present site of Walla Walla, was invested by the friendly (as was upposed) Cayuse and Nez Perce Indians and its peaceful, unarmed in mates were massacred. The Government, owing to the absence of troops military posts and supplies in the Far West, was powerless to protect its peaceful citizens of the frontier. Wars and rumors of wars followed this tragedy, and finally, in 1855, Fort Walia Walla was established, a bulwark of reassurance if not of safety to the settlers, and a warning to the hostile Indians who opposed the occupancy of

the country by the white man, Many of the succeeding years were years of vigilance and anxiety, of sortie and defense and of martial spirit and array at old Fort Walla Walla. Detachments from thence were hurried to the front with Colonels Steptoe and Wright and later joined in weary marches led by General Howard in his hot pursuit of Joseph the Peace at length reigned. a peace that was literally conquered. and quiet fell upon the old fort Other years passed, and now at last it has been decided that, having entirely outlived the necessity that called It into existence, the old fort will be

abandoned. Not since 1878 have soldiers been called from Fort Walla Walla to the defense of settlers from a savage foe Having performed its part in the great drama of civilization like a sentlent thing; having answered a vital need in a strenuous time wherein savagery and civilization were at war, sleeping upon their arms; having in brief served well its day and generation, the old fort will be disman tled, the small detachment of troops there quartered will be sent to other stations, the fine acreage comprising the military reserve will be appraised and sold, and Fort Walla Walla, with

its storied past, will belong to history Memory for a while will linger ove scenes of which it was the theater tradition will weave tales of fairyland with the old fort for its inspiration folk-lore will recite legends of fair women and brave men who now and again called its officers quarters home Further than this, it will soon belong to the roll of things that were for a time but now are not.

A woman organizer, professing allegiance to some National organization or other, has appeared in Portland for the purpose of getting the department store female clerks and employes into a union. Of course it is their privilege to form a union if they desire, or to do anything that will serve to benefit them. But there is no excuse for misrepresenting their condition to bring about that result, or This woman organizer is any result. responsible for the statement that the average monthly wage of department

back to his profession of mountain and ridiculously false. The average employes of all classes, from highest pursuit, to use a classical expression, to lowest, is over \$45 per month; and the pay is practically the same in all. These girls and women, by the have not been dissatisfied with their employment or with their treatment. Probably they are not asking for outside belp, since obviously they do not

> The Oregon State Fair, which go a good start on the high road to prosperity in the past several seasons, is again attracting large crowds. It was the success of the State Fair that was largely responsible for the attempt to revive the Livestock Show and racing meet in this city. Either of these events is decidedly advantageous to the other. By affording exhibitors an opportunity to reach two of these big events without loss of time, much better exhibits are attracted. If Portland can induce the streetcar company to provide adequate transportation, it will be possible to have a number of the largest stake races ever arranged in the West, and Salem, following a week later, will also have the same number of big events. In time the Country Club track in this city and the State Fair track at Salem will become as well known to horsemen all over the country as Charter Oak and Lexington are known today. The State Fair offers a fine programme this week, and it is apparently receiving the support it deserves.

The Canadian government announces the wheat yield of that country for 1910 at 122,785,000 bushels, a decrease of 44,000,000 bushels from last year. When it is considered that there has been an enormous amount of new wheat land broken up in that much-advertised country, a 25 per cent decrease in the output does not make a very good showing for the permanency of the industry, or for the assurance of profitable crops. There are, of course, occasional crop failures in the United States, but nothing apeaching the uncertainty of the Canadian crop ever troubles the American farmer. If wheat prices continue rise to a permanent basis much higher than that now prevailing, it might pay to get one crop out of two or three in Canada, but the farmer who is desirous of securing a crop every year will prefer the American side of the line.

There was no meeting, secret or otherwise, of corporation lawyers, or any others, at Mr. Fenton's office in the interest of Judge Cleland's candi-Mr. Fenton explodes that persistent campaign falsehood by explicit There was a meeting of Judge denial. Cleland's friends of various shades of political opinion and of various professional connections at ex-Senator Fulton's office. It was not secret. Do the anti-assembly candidates insist on a monopoly of secret meetings for the purpose of slate-fixing?

Next to dogs, chickens are the most fruitful cause of quarrels between neighbors. Saintly men and angelic women have been known to curse and swear at persons who refused to stand quietly and be bitten by their dogs. A Seattle man shot his next door neighbor Monday after a year's quarrel over their hens. The plain lesson of such events is that the city is no place for livestock. The sooner it is banished to the country the sooner sweet peace will unfold her snowy pinions above our heads.

Dr. Brougher's courage in donning an "ice cream suit" for pulpit wear rather scatters one's wits. Such revolutionary conduct can only be properly weighed after long meditation. haps it is wicked, perhaps a noble victory for righteousness. At any rate, it raises the profound question of what particular good is accomplished by the customary outfit. What necessary accession of saintliness accrues from buttoning a collar behind?

The love troubles of Miss Elkins and her fickle Abruzzi are like a novel in sixty volumes. They were interest-ing to begin with. Now they pall. For the sake of a weary world it is to be hoped that the woebegone twain will either hurry up and get married or sunder their fortunes for good. time to clear the stage for new actors.

Dr. Brougher says he will wear his ce cream" clothes whenever the weather at Los Angeles sizzles. That's what he gets for moving away from Portland, where withering heat

This headline covers an Indianapolis news item: "Coal Still at \$1,50 a Ton." In Portland it would be moving into 10,000 basements if the price were three times as high.

If Bryan had only "laid low" two years ago, what a chance he would have now with the insurgents doing more for his party than it could ever

Just as the icemen have been trained to become honest, the coal dealer begins to sell short weight. This is a world of woe and wickedness

According to the very latest bulletin, Abruzzi has broken off the match. Things might have gone differently if Katherine had a big brother

Lay by something else than the um brella for the rainy day. The lean years are already casting a vaporous shadow o'er the land. Seismic disturbances are felt right

along in many parts of California, but

nothing now can shock the Native

Doesn't it always come to this? Insurgency elects the Democrat. Then what have you accomplished?

Don't be discouraged over the news from Maine. Cheer up. The worst Is yet to come. Why didn't Bryan think to go up

last month? Now watch the cartoonists bind up fresh wounds on the G. O. P. elephant.

into Maine and unload a few speeches

Members of boards of election will earn their compensation this year.

Make it unanimous and let them do their worst, which is their best. "Remember the Maine" election and

repent. Insurgence, then resurgence.

SAFE, SANE, SELF-RESTRAINED. Attitude of President Tuft in Present Hullaballoo.

Philadelphia Public Ledger. The events of the past fortnight must have suggested to thoughtful and honest observers of American politics of both parties some such sentiment as this: Let us thank God that whate'er befall, we have in the Presidential chair a sane, honorable and self-restrained man, who has kept patience in the face of the utmos provocation. a gentleman, who has sustained the dignity of the Presidential of flee, even though false friends have almed deliberate insult at him; has so acted that the promise excited by his reputation and record have been ore than fulfilled; who by the of his character gives assurance to all patriotic Americans that though the gusts of hysteria and lawlessness may descend upon us, the executive, un-moved, will do his duty, so that the epublic shall take no harm

The race is not always to the swift. President Taff's finest performance lies in keeping silence, and in showing confidence that in the long run the manis will abate, and that the conservative portion of the country outweighs and outnumbers Populisis outweighs and outnumbers Populisis, Bryanites, half-baked Socialists, sensationalists and all that class of reck less persons so ignorant of the art of government and so careless of consequences that their possession of a voice and vote has always been considered the chief danger of a republican form

government. The current news dispatches purporting to quote from Mr. Taft's prisome of the planks of the "new tionalism" are "unconstitutional" have been denied. He is to be congratulated for refusing absolutely to enter into these wild controversies. Unconstitu-Why it is simply nonsense tional? It is gravely proposed to undertake programme of universal social uplift and to "use the National Government as a tool wherever it is necessary," in order to revolutionize our social, gov-ernmental and economic life. Apparently some inspired and all-wise autocrat is to judge of the necessity, and is to proceed gayly on the unending quest for the millenium, without any sort of regard for or even recognition of the fact that the Constitution of the United States exists or that this is a Governmen of law and not of personal whim and caprice.

When a reasonable, moderate, thoughtful statesman like Taft, learned the law and acquainted with the his opinion of the new nationalism, which lightly brushes aside the Con-stitution, the courts and the state governments and accepts the recall, the referendum and all the experimental fads of populism, he will not stop with a mere statement that It is unconstitu tional. He could show that it is a wild dream, supported only by those who would lightly and wantonly turn the United States Government into a laboratory for rash sociological experimentation, despite the fact that Amer ica escaped the perils that have usual beset republics, and has won mightlest success of the ages, chiefly because the wise founders positively thrust aside the notions of doctrinarles and adhered religiously in fram-ing the Government to those devices which had been proved good and sound

the President has wisely re frained from making any answer, for who can answer mere exclamation or argue with it? Like Bryanism, it will pend itself and dwindle to nothing-ness. The value of Taft to his country and to his party at this juncture is that, as Grover Cleveland let Bryan denounce him and win the plaudits the thoughtless, so Taft "sits tight,

does his duty, remains calm and trusts to the saving sense of the country. He will not read men out of the party; he will not attempt to make the laws; he will not overrule the Supreme Court; he will never foment strife between classes nor evoke the passions of that mob which it is easier to arouse and stand by his country.

Pointed Paragraphs

Chicago News.

There are more brain calms than brain

Investigating committees have no terrors for honest men. There's no place like home, even if it is a homely place.

Happy is the rounder who has no wife to square himself with.

A faint heart is considered an easy mark by the up-to-date girl. Half a million in cold cash makes fat widow nice and plump.

We feel sorry for the man who thinks
that everybody else is dishonest.

Nearly every girl thinks it is up to
her to resist a kiss she really wants.

haven't you written Honest, now. lot of letters that you wish you hadn't Fortunate is the man who takes

wife for better or for worse and strike happy medium. comes to selecting a seconmate a widow is apt to make a better

Roosevelt's Self-Restraint.

Congregationalist The President of the United States and the responsible head of the party finds himself confronted not only with the difficult task of harmonizing divided party, but with an apparent rivalship which is an impeachment of his authority. The party cannot have two supreme leaders—much less two leaders who are drifting apart. The situation is unprecedented in our his-tory. It will become even more un-familiar and distasteful to soberminded Americans If the party in power is divided on the question of personal allegiance to the United States. That will seem to many of us a step to-ward the politics which have some-times characterized the Spanish-American republics. We look to the self-re-straint of Mr. Roosevelt for a relie-from this condition of affairs, and the best sign of that self-restraint would be his positive declaration that he has no wish to return to the Presidency.

Nothing but Kicks for Taft.

Springfield Republican.

After all has been said that can be said against President Taft. It remains true that he has been faithful to his promises in respect to the "clinching" of "my policies," and has been to a large degree successful. In this work he has tried to keep the party together, as did Roosevelt when he was Presi-He has felt the need of em ploying such established party leader ship as was at hand, however read tionary it may have been, precisely as did Roosevelt when he was President. And for his methods he has received nothing but kicks from the Rooseveit followers, and for what he has done through these methods he has not had word of recognition from Roosevelt

McMeasure struggled, it appears, And did his honest, level best To please his firm of engineers At building bridges in the West,

He took the blueprints out one day Above the stream his firm's bridge spans, And in his willing, witless way He fell right in with all their plans

J. J. HILL IN ANSWER TO HENEY.

Full Text of His Reply to an Attack at the Conservation Congress. The Oregonian has published a part of the pply of James J. Hill to an attack by rancis J. Hency at St. Paul. Here it is

St. Paul Pioneer Press, September 10. It is not often that James J. Hill railroad king and aptly termed the Empire Builder, allows himself to reply to the criticism of others, but he does so this morning in the signed statement from him that follows, and Francis J. Heney, uncoverer of timber frauds on the Pacific Coast, untangler of the graft snarl of San Francisco, is the target, into the very center Mr. Hill's shafts have flown.

Mr. Hill's answer to the statements of Mr. Heney, made during the closing moments of the conservation congress Thursday, when it was too late for the chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern to make reply in kind, was brought about by the request yesterday afternoon of the Piones Press of a statement from Mr. Hill re garding the matter

There was the fire of combat in Mr. Hill's eye as he wheeled about in his chair to respond. He called for his stenographer and dictated a reply to Mr. Heney. It follows in full: "In this morning's issue of the oneer Press, Francis J. Hency is reported to have made, during the closing nours of the Conservation Congress.

certain statements so recklessly and maliciously false that they cannot be passed with silent contempt. You will no doubt be glad to give to the trutt as prominent publication as to the libel "Mr Heney was talking about mat

ters long of public record. It was his business to know, and it is fair to assume that he did know, the facts. Having wilfully falsified them, the responsibility rests upon him and his sponsors. He says:
"'We gave to Mr. Hill 60,000,000 acres

of land-a strip 2000 miles long, 40 miles in width through the territories states. This was worth at a fair price

This has not a rag of truth to cover its nakedness. It would not be true say, if the Government had made grant to the Great Northern, that gave the land to Mr. Hill. But it d The Great Northern did not ceive a dollar in nev or an acre of "Not only was the Great Northern

built from the western boundary of Minnesota to the Pacific Coast without Federal aid, but it bought the right o through all the unceded lands, from the middle of North Dakota the eastern slope of the Rocky Moun tains, at a price fixed by a Federal commission. The Great Northern is the only transcontinental line so built

"It is probable, from the figures given, that Mr. Hency was referring to the land grant made to the Northern Pacific. But the charter of the North ern Pacific passed Congress and wa signed by President Lincoln in 1864, 13 cears before I was interested in the railroad business, and at a time when I was working for \$75 a month.

"If Mr. Heney did not know these cts, public property for nearly 5 facts, public property for nearly 50 years, what shall the public call a man who brings to important occasion such incredible ignorance? If he di know them, what still shorter and more unpleasant name does he de

"Mr. Heney says again: 'I don't hesitate to say that some good citizen like James J. Hill would have built the Great Northern on some such salary a-

\$50,000 a year.'
"Here it seems more probable that he is simply using the pet weapon of the coward—innuendo. He does no assert that Mr. Hill receives a of \$50,000 a year, which would be no crime if it were true, but makes a statement which conveys the impression to every one who heard it. There fore he likely knew the fact that I hav one dollar of salary from any railway

company.
"These libels bear the mark of prethe Conservation Congress an addrethat opposed courteously, with fact and argument, the position taken by Mr. Heney and his backers. Every figure used in it was taken from official sources. If its facts or its logic were faulty, either could be corrected. Instead, at the last moment before adjournment, when there could be no rely or correction. Mr. Heney and ply or correction, Mr. Heney puts be fore the congress, not all of whose nembers could distinguish between the falsehood and the fact, between public speaker on such an occasion and the discredited individual, these bold. deliberate and carefully calculated

"It is reported that Mr. Heney in tends to spend some time in Minnesota and address himself to her people. It is up to him now either to tell the truth and explain how and by whom he was so grossly deceived, or to take his selfappointed station as a member of the Ananias Club. The people, who like fair play and abhor lying above most things, will not fail to give some thought to the probable worth of any cause that needs or is willing to accept the sup-port of such methods and such men. "JAMES J. HILL.

"St. Paul, September 9."

Harper's Weekly.

In an attempt to solve the question of what kind of books boys like best, a request was sent to the library assistants in charge of children's rooms in New York City, asking them to make a list of the 25 books of fiction most popular among boys of 12 to 15 years old. The lists were made after careful consideration and without consultation and represent very fairly the preference of the boys. The following are the 25 books; Tom Sawyer, by Mark Twain.

Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain.

Cadet Days, by General Charles King. The Adventures of Buffalo Bill, by Colonel W. F. Cody. Robinson Crusoe, by Daniel Defoe. The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, by . Conan Doyle.

Treasure Island, by Stevenson. Crimson Sweater, by Barbour. Behind the Lines, by Barbour. Jack Among the Indians, by Grinnell. Halfback, by Barbour. Fast Mail, by Drysdale. Substitute, by Camp. Pete, Cow Puncher, by Ames. Ivanhoe, by Scott. Captain Courageous, by Kipling. Redskin and Cowboy, by Henty Story of a Bad Boy, by Aldrich Robin Hood, by Pyle.

Yale Cup, by Dudley Oliver Twist, by Dickens. Monte Cristo, by Dumas. Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the

Sea, by Verne. The Spy, by Coe Kidnaped, by Stevenson

His Instructor. Buffale Express.

"What would your father say if he heard you say those words?" asked the kindly person as the young hopeful let terrific oath. That would me fader say? I learned em off'n him."

Promotions in the Ananias Class.

Indianapolis News. It is understood that the Ananias Club is to remain in full force and vigor. Numerous promotions to this elect company may be expected. Its founder and most worshipful patriarch has no intention of laying aside his -Lippincott's. preregative.

LIFE'S SUNNY SIDE

President Johnson, of the American League, was pointing out to a sporting editor the wonderful money - making possibilities of the baseball business.
"Baseball is ingrained in our people, he said. "They give their time and noney to baseball, though the heavens

"There's a spice of truth in the story of the boss who said to his office boy:
"Well, Henry, I don't see how you'll
get to any of the games this season, as your grandmother died twice football was on.'

'But,' said the boy, 'grandfather has married again, much against the wishes of the family."-St. Louis Globe-Dem-

. . . The electric ventilating fan on the wall of the restaurant was whizzing round. A gentleman who had dined extremely well sat looking at it for time, "Waiter," he complained a time, "Waiter," he complain "that clock's fast!"—Punch. plained at last,

Mrs. Jones' favorite warning to ner young progeny when they were in mis-chief was that she would tend to them in a minute, "Tending" was accom-plished by applying her open hand where it would do the most good. When Harry was four years old he was sent for the first time round the corner to the grocery. In a few minutes he came trotting soberly back with the nickel still in his hand, but no bag of

"What's the matter?" asked his mother.

"I'm 'fraid of the man," he said, sol-"Oh, he won't hurt you." reassured Mrs. Jones. "Run along and bring the onions. I'm in a hurry for them"

A second time Harry disappeared round the corner, and a second time re

turned without his purchase.
"I'm 'fraid of the grocer man," he explained, as before. "Well, what makes you afraid of m?" demanded his mother, impamently, "Why," answered the little fellow

"bofe times when I goed in he looked at me, an' said, 'I'll tend to you in a minute."-Youth's Companion. Dr. Brent, the hishop of the Philippines; has been addressed before now as the bishop of the "Philippians." He has also been given another designation much less apostolic. He says some lit-tle time ago he was dining at the house of an eminent Nonconformist. Most of the maids at the house were stanch church women, and were greatly delighted at having a real bishop to minister to. One was heard to say to mother quite gleefully, "The Bishop of the Philistines is coming to dinner."
"He must be very old," drily remarked the housekeeper a grim, hard-shelled Baptist.—Church Family Newspaper.

"What is your last name, my boy?" asked the teacher of the new pupil, a frightened-looking youngster of some

half dogen years. "Tommy what?"

"Tommy Tompkins." Then Tompkins is your last name. "No, sir." came the reply, with the air of one accustomed to render literal ness to inquiring elders, "I don't think so, sir. Tompkins was my name already when I was born, and aunty says they

Thinks That Corse: Weaken Mind.

New York Dispatch. Off with the corset! Let waists be meenfined! Such is the substance of highly original document addressed o Mayor Gaynor by Dr. Hobart Sangiovanni, an Italian physician, now in

New York City.

"I believe," said Dr. Sangievanni.

"that woman's incontestable mental inferiority is due entirely to the use during long centuries of the injurious corset. You cannot compress the body without restricting the mind. The corset is the symbol of countless proceses

women have been enslaved. anaemia and predisposition to tuberculosts. Then there is the corset of cus-tom and sentiment, which shapes her mentality to what the average man considers a fine womanliness, but which in reality weakens her moral muscles just as the constant support of the bodily corsets weakens her physical muscles.

Changing Foreign Family Names.

Chicago Record-Herald. The Prussian Minister of Commerce regrets that many Germans in the United States basten to "Americanize" their names as well as their customs and sentiments. He thinks it more loyal to the mother country, as well as more expedient for the american Nation, to retain one's original name. Why should Schmidt become Smith and Weiss White? he asks. American savants and statesmen have often expressed similar opinions and pointed out the "ethno-logical and sociological confusion" entailed by the changing of names and the dropping of "skya" and other ap-pendages. But how can the practice be stopped or regulated? The common law acknowledges a man's right to change his name, and where application is made to a court for the privilege of making a change, approval is almost a matter of course, provided there is no intent to defraud creditors or escape

obligations. Asking Too Much of the Choir,

New York Evening Sun.
A singing exangelist recently in
this city used to declare that the success which his sacred concerts have
everywhere met has been due to the fact that he insists on his choir ex-pressing in their faces the emotions which they sing. Consider the phrase of the good old

O Lord, how wonderful Thou art: What wretched worms are we-

Now, how is the choir to assume the expression of a worm at all, let alone of a wretched worm? What is that expression? Has turning any part in the assuming of it, and once assumed is it likely to draw the Sunday morning robins from the golf links into the de-serted city churches? One can but wish the singing evangelist had been more

Pointed Paragraphs.

Chicago News.

A woman baits her hook and men nibble at it. Finally one gets over-bold and he is landed. When a man says he wants to have a private talk with you it means that he has an ax to grind and he wants you to turn the grindstone.

The way of woman is beyond the understanding of man. She laughs when he thinks she should cry and crica when he thinks she should laugh.

One Notable Exception.

New York Press. Everything seems to be insurging now except the graveyards. Taft Still on the Job.

Birmingham Age-Herald. In this Rooseveltian era let us re-member that Willian Howard Taft is

still President of the United States. Wild Midsummer Politics.

New York World.
"Joe" Bailey, of Texas, for President is the wildest kind of midsummer politics.