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A BIG OR A LITTLE COLONEL?

The end of the next three camaign weeks will be fraught with big things or little for the Colonel. Will be smite the Democrats, especially those of New York and Indiana, as he did the wild beasts of Africa? Upon the Colonel, evidently, rests the heat and burden of these strenuous days in these two states. It will be interesting to see whether

the hero of San Juan, jungle and Saratoga will emerge from his present labors a larger man than ever, or a lesser. For the Hercules has quite as many tasks to perform in "making good" as did the big-stick giant of

It is a fight in New York and in Indiana worth the money. In the Empire State large numbers of Republicans are expected to bolt to the Democratic fold: overturn of the old party organization by the Terrible One has left sores and bruises; his preachments on "interests" and business have alarmed a goodly number of the old-time conservative elements of the Republican party. Besides, the general spirit of discontent with Republican regime is abroad making votes for Democratic candidates. Not for a long time have Democrats spurred their courage as in the present campaign. With victory in Maine dancing in their eyes, they look forward hopefully to their party success in New York, Indiana and other states next election day, and to mastery of the next House of Represen-

Will they succeed? Roosevelt has plunged into the fray to rescue the muse. Much depends on him. Ax winner he will be a bigger man than ever; perhaps the "logical candidate for re-election as President in 1912; loser-but that has not happened to him since he became the big-stick

Meanwhile it is edifying to see the Colonel shift and dodge on the tariff question. He would leave the question to the Commission; not settle it This is one matter which himself. he sees too big for him. So he holds out the promise of prize at the end of the Commission rainbow. It is to se remembered, however, that the Colonel never was a tariff revisionist. when President; and that he is one new without telling the people most directly interested what schedules night to be revised downward. He holds their several interests by delaiming for the spolls system of proective tariff and denouncing the only ational system of tariff for revenue. Very shortly the country will measare again the size of the great Colonel. The interval is one of anx- is going on) Democrats have hit upon lous waiting. Will he smite his Demscratic foes, just as he has done his

ORIENTAL TRADE HISTORY.

Republican rivals, hip and thigh?

ship service out of Portland offers the strongest possible argument for dissolution of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger. The fact that these two great transcontinental systems, in crossing the continent, never approached within 300 miles of each ther, and for the greater part of the distance were from 500 to 900 miles apart, made these two properties nuch less vulnerable than a number of other paralleling merged lines in East, Had Mr. Dunne, earned counsel for the Southern Pacific, dwelt on this phase of the matter. in his argument at Washington week, instead of misrepresenting and belittling Portland's Oriental trade, he might have gained more

sympathy for his cause. The Union Pacific-Southern Pacific iscrimination against Portland, in favor of San Francisco, began long to figure as a power in either of the the Northern Pacific Steamship Company attempted to substitute a regular line out of Portland for the small steamships which the Canadian Paeific ran between Portland and Vancouver, B. C., as feeders to its Orien-The Union Pacific, apparently in the belief that refusal to grant traffic arrangements to the net ne would enable the Pacific Mail Seattle showed a decrease of 12.1 per to continue its monopoly of the trans-Pacific trade, declined to assist, and Tacoma, instead of Portland, was hosen as the North Pacific port for By this move the Union Pacific lost much traffic, which might have passed through Portland, but cent increase. Scattle's heavy denot be forced through San

traffic affairs, was the next man to be attracted by the large amount of Oriental traffic originating at this port. He convinced the Union Pacific that he could get through trafwhich could not be diverted to San Francisco, and which would seek entrance and outlet by way of Taco ma. If it was not handled through Working Portland. with the Union Pacific, Mr. Upton scured enough through freight to enable him to give what was for those days fairly good service for the local traffic to and from Portland. In due eason, however, the greed of the Paific Mail was apparent. The Upton line was securing too much through

canceled by the Union Pacific. All of the numerous successors of the Upton line have found more local ment by the new settlers and town Detental traffic originating in Portand than at any other Coast port. They have also suffered the almost nsurmountable handicap of being de of through traffic, which is cessary in maintaining a frequent and regular service. From Portland

Oriental cargoes are made up of local commodities. In San Francisco near-ly 90 per cent of the cargoes con-sist of "in transit" freight. Thus, San Francisco enjoys a good steamship service, which is made possible only by the efforts of two great transcontinental railroads. Portland, receiving absolutely no assistance from these railroads, is now belittled and abused by Mr. Dunne because of the poor showing of its Oriental trade as

empared with that of San Francisco. Yet better things are in store. The same influences that forced the Harriman system to open up Central Oregon may also have a beneficial effect Portland's Oriental steamship

HOWERMAN AND WEST, CONTRAST.

Republicans of Oregon often have elected candidates of the rival party to office. The highest offices they have delivered over to the party of opposite opinion and policy. The pretext has been that the Democratic candidates were the fitter ones. Time weakly filled?

But this time the pretext, as to election of Governor, fails. Mr. Bowsuperiority over Mr. West is plain. He is a man of successful private business, whereas Mr. West has made office helding his profession and his main source of livelihood. Mr. Bowerman has proved himself an efficient Chief Executive in the Governor's seat, whereas Mr. West has proved himself an indifferent official n the position of railroad commis-Mr. Bowerman's political career has been one of straightforvard political endeavor; that of Mr. West has been one of secret political gaming in the service of Chamberlain and Bourne.

Republicans have best of reasons for supporting their candidate for Governor. If party and partisan arguments no longer avail, then Mr. Bowerman is the fitter man because of his personal merits. He will make an efficient Governor. He does not need the office but now desires it. Mr. West not only desires it but

thinks he needs it. The arguments which Democrats have used to elect Democrats, hitherto-those of superior personal mer--are the very arguments which, if consistently adhered to, should lead them now to vote for Bowerman, But of course Democrats will do no such thing. They boost and harangue for

NEW NATIONALISM, JOBS, TAXES. Democrats of New York State have declared was in their party platform on bureaucracy of "New Nationalism"

in the following words:

They would reduce the States to prefectures governed from Washington. They would clothe the President with power to declare what is lawful—a power usurped hy one President in the case of a giant or poration absorbing a competitor. Such a New Nationalism would lay the meddling hand of a bureautracy upon every industry, increasing the burdens of taxation, making the struggle for life still harder, and compelling every American workman to carry on his back a Federal inspector. Against all this exaltation of Federal centralization power to the destruction of home rule, against this despair of representative government, against this contemptions impatiumes of the reatraints of the law and of the decisions of the cours—we contend, in supreme confidence, that the people of this state and of this Nation will not forget the sobile heritage of their past, but upon that foundation will build the still mobiler progress of their future.

These are fit words, bravely spoken. in the following words:

These are fit words, bravely spoken Office-seeking and job-making have become an industry in this country of prodigious proportions. "New Nationalism" is one of its chief pretexts.

In the break-up of parties (if such one of the living truths of goverment-that spread of governmental functions makes jobs, waste, corrup-tion, tyranny, taxes. This is one of the old moralities. It is just as true now as when one hundred and thirtyfour years ago the revolting colonies denbunced King George, declaring

"He has erected a multitude of new offices and sent hither awarms of officers to harass our people and eat out their substance."

PORTLAND'S PERMANENT PROSPERITY

That the Pacific Coast is the most prosperous region in the United States, and Portland, by a good safe percentage, the most prosperous city on the Pacific Coast, is shown in an elaborate compliation of bank cleanings in the latest issue of the New York Financial Chronicle. These figures are for the month of September and for the nine months ending with September. For September the clearings of all the cities showed a decrease of 16.1 per cent, and for the groups, we find the Pacific cities credited with a September increase of More than twenty years ago 10.8 per cent, and for the nine In this group Portland leads all of the large cities with a gain of 28.3 per cent for September, while for the revelation that would clear away the entire nine months this city makes mystery of death. the remarkable showing of 38.1 per cent; Los Angeles 22 per cent, while

All the big Coast cities are far be hind Portland in gains for the nine months, Los Angeles being the nearest, with 20.5 per cent increase; San Francisco coming next with 20.3 per creases for the recent months have not wiped out all of its earlier gains, and for the nine months that city is experience in Oriental steamship and credited with 7.4 per cent increase. That this remarkable showing for Portland will continue for the remainder of the year now seems certain. last Saturday, were more than \$1,100,000 in excess of those for the same week in 1909. The Seattle clearings for the same week were \$2,200,000 less than for the second

week of October, 1909. The steady, consistent gain that Portland has been making throughout the year is an unmistakable dem onstration of the presence in this territory of much new capital that is actively engaged in development of a permanent nature. Rallroads are reference to various relatives of the spending large sums of money in professor, mostly inaccurate" the story building new lines. These expendi-tures will cease with the completion of construction work, but developbuilders who are following on the heels of the graders, and even preeding them, will place in circulation

Aside from this great factor in the financial situation, the aggregate value of lumber, grain, fruit, hops, more than 90 per cent of the outward wool, salmon and other staples that against which the hopes of so many

year greater than ever. Portland's prosperity rests on a firm basis, and so long as its people and neighbors deal almost exclusively in "staples," the political revolutions which disturb the East can have but passing effect here.

LET THEM THAT PROFIT, PAY.

At the bottom of the water main controversy in Portland is the obvious injustice of giving speculative landowners benefit of pipe extensions at the expense of the community of taxpayers or of water consumers. These owners are the proper persons to pay this expense. During many years they have escaped it. The profits accruing from land values, enhanced by water mains at public expense, they have put in their pockets. This injustice became so intolerable that in 1907 city voters amended the

charter so as to require landowners to pay for water mains, just as for sidewalks, streets and sewers. Ever since, there has been effort to restore has not proved this assertion true, the old system. Spegulative lot own has not proved this assertion as ers have fought the district assesses why are the high offices so ment plan in court. In order to in demnify themselves for litigation and delay, pipe contractors have forced up the price of their work. Now asserted that water consumers should pay for distributing mains, in order to reduce their cost to a rea onable figure. An amendment to the charter is proposed to that end for the special election next month. This amendment has approval Mayor Simon, the Water Board and the Civic Council of Improvement

> The right persons to pay for new mains are the landowners who want them and who profit from them. Neither water consumers nor taxpayers would then be required to supply funds for bond interest and sinking fund for enrichment of lot speculators.

The proposed amendment falls short of the justice which people of this city have been demanding. Should it carry in the coming election, it will not settle this vexing controversy. The demand will not be silenced that those persons whose lands are made valuable by new mains shall pay for the mains

The district assessment plan oper ates successfully in other cities. Seattle has found it highly satisfactory. It ought to be put in force in Port-land. If this pulling and hauling of the question were ended lot owners would not fight assessments in court, delays and uncertainties to contractors would be eliminated and price of laying mains would be forced down to legitimate basis.

The Oregonian concedes that new legislation is needed. It admits that the proposed amendment would facilitate pipe laying and street work But it cannot find in the amendment the just and permanent arrangement for which people of this city have been striving.

ALWAYS A BLANK WALL.

The pitiful thing about modern spiritualism as "demonstrated" by its socalled mediums, is the blank wall, insurmountable and echoless, against which all inquiry is halted at the very point where human hope reaches its height and human expectation stands on tip-toe-the point of real test as demanded by the simplest evidence of the power and genuineness of the al-leged "control." Every one who has given attention to the matter knows how utterly characteriess are the alleged spiritualistic sonnets of Shakethe philosophical utterances passed on.

There is nothing in what is purported to come from Gladstone or Lincoln or Webster that bespeaks the statesmen whom the world knew; certainly nothing that indicates the advancement in wisdom or logic of these men through the enlarged opportunities and clearer vision that they are supposed to have attained. For the myriads of those who seek to assuage a natural grief and soften personal sorrow by establishing communication with their dead, there are but the stock phrases instituted by the Fox Sisters more than half a century ago, and worn threadbare of consolation did the Hopes, the Malletts, is through "repetition hammered on minds great and small that the eager questioner concerning things beyond mortal ken is met. It is with these husks that spiritual hunger is sought to be appeased by the paid go-benine months the increase was but 2.6 tweens that claim to be errand-run-per cent. In the segregation by ners and message-bearers between the ners and message-bearers between the intelligences of two worlds. The blank wall which arrests all inquiry is sooner or later reached by the earnest seekmonths the increase was 19.1 per cent. | er after truth, and he is halted in disappointment upon the threshold of what seemed to be a closely impending

These are matters of cent increase. In September, San knowledge, and are distinctly apart Francisco showed a gain of 13.2 per from the psychological research in which scientists, with open minds unclouded and unwarped by personal sorrow, have engaged. A recent, indeed a present example of this effort is noted in the attempt to open communication with Professor William James, Harvard psychologist, who died a few weeks ago. The test proposed is an exceedingly simple one. It is that the contents of a letter written by him shortly before his death, which unknown except to the secretary of the Metropolitan Psychical Societywhom it was addressed, be divulged. An an evidence of their sincerity, inspired further by the hope of winning | place. The clearings for the week, ending the reward of \$1000 offered by this so ciety for the correct reading of this letter, fifty mediums have engaged in the effort, but without success. Every one who has attempted to reveal its contents has failed in every particular. "Not one of these letters," says the secretary, "has the slightest trace of any expression used by Professor James in his letter." When it is added that the expressions used are "sim-ilar to those of professional mediums since the days of the Fox Sisters, with of the blank wall, against which all mediums and investigators run, is repeated and its impenetrability, by any

means yet discovered is emphasized The attempt is in a sense pitiful since manifestly it is sincere. What discoveries science may yet make in But it is manifest that the mystic road taken at random so long ago will continue to lead up to the blank wall,

have made Oregon famous, is this ernest seekers after truth have been wrecked.

> The management of a prominent local river transportation company announces that he intends to vote for public docks. He is quoted as saying, "Under present conditions scarcely pays a private owner to maintain a dock as it should be." And yet we are asked to lay a burden of millions of dollars on taxpayers, in order that this steamboat owner, who makes a profit carrying freight, and the merchants who make a profit buying and selling that freight, may enjoy cheaper wharfage. If private owners, operating docks on strictly business principles, are unable to make much profit out of them, what can we expect from a public dock, which, of course, will have to support a brigade of political appointees? It might cheapen steamboat transportation, if taxpayers operated public steamboats, but they would have to pay for the service. They will also have to pay if burdened with public docks.

> Rioting at the capital of Nicaragua s reported in a cable received at New Orleans. As the saddle-colored hoodums that make up the voting strength of Nicaragua must be pretty well winded" after their protracted, that was supposed to end with the victory of Estrada, this latest tempest the pan-American teapot should not be long-lived. Revolutions and riots seem to be necessary features of life in Central America, and opera-bouffe wars follow each other with regularity of the seasons, with extra numbers added to the programme when the seasons are too slow in moving. The Monroe Doctrine pro-tects Nicaragua, and all the other little yellow devils of republics in the warm belt, from outside interference. The United States may yet be obliged to use it to protect Nicaraguans from

> Democrats of Oregon appear to e waking up to the selfish schemes of Chamberlain-one-man Democracy 'One-man" campaigns have been the rule for nearly a decade. The tricksters encourage Democratic meddling in Republican primaries, as one eans to their end, and all the while deny, with virtuous seeming, the "game" of meddle and perjury. Democratic newcomer in this state denounced the game at a meeting of the central committee of the party last Saturday night and exposed the fraud in his precinct in the following words:

In my precinct, I have made the covery that probably 25 Democrats siready registered. They told me they registered as Republicans so as to be position to "take a whark" at some of

The controversy now waging Portland over the question whether the Bible is "the word of God" indicates the chief reason of opposition to Bible teaching in the public schools. The Hebrew Scriptures are a model of literary style and diction; they are a most valuable historical narrative; they are an everlasting compendium of moral precepts. But ecclesiastical and miraculous reading of these Hebrew books will always make discord. It is this kind of reading that rival religious bodies would demand in the public schools. The only enduring basis of interpretation is that of rational and logical inquiry after truth and that is the very interpretation that votaries of literal inspiration re-

If the initiative and referendum in Oregon is to be reserved for "funda-mentals," either it will have to be amended so as to remove it from the of Ruskin and Carlyle, the emotional easy reach of cranks and agitators, platitudes that are said to emanate or the restrictive power of public opinion will have through lessons of experience. Each election sees the number of measures fined to elemental matters of legislation they cover and include many de tails that should properly be attended to by lawmaking assembly. In 1906 the number of initiatives and referendum measures was 12; in 1908 it was 19: this year it is 32. Obviously many lessons are to be learned in the use of the initiative and referendum.

Professor Shaw, like all knowledge able men who go there, sees a great future for the Malheur Valley. through thousandfold repetition. It Highs, the Browns, the Greens and the Johnsons, and other ploneer famthe ear" that the mystic of the usual liles who settled there a generation "seance," the purported "control" of ago and have made yearly demonstrations of their belief and practice.

> The admonition to "Watch Tacoma quite literally by the census bureau. If & were not for that old adage regarding the dwellers in glass hor we might expect jealous Seattle to invite the world to "Watch Tacoma

> The youth who is studying cookery University of Washington is worth a dozen embryo lawyers and doctors, but as an ultimate husband he will not be successful until the days of topsy-turvy.

> Like his renowned namesake, who Professor preferred his corner, Horner would much rather keep on good work at the Corvallis doing college than mix in the mire of pol-

> There is a grain of comfort in the report of a world's combination of steel men, that the world does not Adolphus Busch spends money as

be had on application at the right Eight gall stones have been cut out of Senator La Follette. His friends

easily as it comes. The moral can

and others now expect improvement. Just so long as the Corvallis "farmconfine hazing to haircutting it

can be excused as sanitary.

The public at large can tolerate these collectors of mail until they do

The immense census frauds make a hig noise, like a serenade by one

About 2000 Alaska miners are coming south for the pumpkin pie season. Seattle's "41 stories" may be con-

densed into one big tale. A recount will give Portland even

Now the Mayor needs a fender,

Chicago Preacher Quits Baptist Puipit to Make War on "Liberalism."

Chicago Record-Herald.

Rev. William A. Mathews. pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, has announced to his congregation his resignation and his withdrawal from the ministry to take the lecture platform

and prove that:
The whale actually swallowed Jonah.
Adam really was made from clay and
Eve from one of his ribs. The world and the universe were created in six days.

The waters of the Red Sea were part-

ed for the children of Israel to pass Manna from Heaven fed the chosen

people in their journey through the wild-And all the other Biblical accounts which Professor George Burnham Fos-ter, of the University of Chicago, some time ago caused a sensation by rejecttime ago caused a sensation by reject-ing and concerning which Rev. Donald B. McLaurin, former pastor of the Sec-ond Baptist Church, remains noncom-mittal since his resignation to go into

business. Not only disturbed conditions in the Baptist denomination in Chicago, but seeming tendencies in other churches toward higher criticism influence Dr. Mathews in the step which he has an-nounced. Chicago he declares the "citadel of heresy," and he will storm it from the public rostrum and "prove the 'higher criticism' a delusion and a snare." In his sermon Dr. Mathews said:

or 18 years the Baptist Church of the Central West has endured with pa-tience the destructive influence of higher criticism. Stealthily it has crept into the leading pulpit under the cloak of ministers and into the institutions. under the guidance of teachers. Its unbelief has kept steady fire from these places of com-

manding influence.
"The higher critics think they have our defenses destroyed and our retreat out off. They have boldly offered us cut off. an outline for a new Christianity. They seek to dominate, if not to capture, the Baptist denomination of the North. "But the battle is not ended. It is

just begun. The expulsion of Professor Foster from the Chicago Baptist Ministers' Conference shows which way the Baptist wind blows in Chicago, the very citadel of heresy. the

very citadel of heresy.

"Simultaneously with this propaganda of heresy has come an appalling loss of apiritual power in our Baptist Churches. Machine organization among us was never more perfect and never more lifeless. Particularly is this true in Chicago and Illinois. More than 300 debt is three times greater today than and pastorless.

"The one sufficient explanation is not yet." "The one sufficient explanation is

given by the prophet Micah, who de-clares that, as a plague for false teaching, God visits his people with barren

ness and darkness.
"Higher criticism is the Jonah of the
Baptist denomination. It is time to call oon the Baptists of Chicago to humble themselves before God with repentance and confession. It is time to declare unto higher critics their sin. It is time to blow the trumpet to Zion. It is time the Baptist Churches and Baptist minsters shook themselves free of their

galling bondage to higher critics."

Dr. Matthews has been pastor of the Tabernacle Church three years and has been a member of the Baptist ministry 20 years. His lecture campaign to re-claim the church will begin November 1. His step follows his appointment for the work as the result of a recent con-ference of leading Baptist ministers in Chicago. A Baptist institution in Chi-Chicago. A Baptist institution in Chi-cago for instruction in evangelism is to be another result of the conference.

Dr. Morrison's "Liberal Religion."

Tacoma Ledger.

The Rev. A. A. Morrison, of Trinity Episcopal Church. Portland, somewhat startled the house, of deputies meeting in Cincinnati when he declared the Bible was not the word of God and opposed a preamble submitted by one of the deputies because it contained an assertion to that effect. The Rev. Mr. Morrison is queted as saying: "I do not consider, and I know that hundreds of other ministers do not consider, the Bible to be the word of God. It would be the contract to being up such a sube unfortunate to bring up such a subject for discussion at this time. erely mention it in urging again adoption of such a statement. The Scriptures are so full of inaccuracies that the adoption of the proposed preamble would place us in such a position in the scholastic world that it would be impossible to induce men of education to enter the ministry and subscribe to our doctrine. Such an assertion in the preamble would be out of accord with this age of scholarship." The preamble was defeated, but on just what ground the dispatches do not say. The Portland minister s assertions are significant of the progress of what is called liberal religion, which is now an issue in several denominations.

Hofer's Salem Journal.
Rev. Clarence True Wilson was advertised at Heppner as having a joint debate with Colonel Hofer to help him

get a house.
At Pendleton the same thing was done, and shows the waning influence f the Prohibition leader in his cam-

The last joint debate that Colonel Hofer engaged in with that gentleman was at Ashland and that was two months ago.

The editor of this paper went out with Dr. Wilson as a courtesy to him, when he was not able to get crowds

paign.

to hear him.

Now, on the strength of that, Dr. Wilson is advertising continuously eing advertised as having more joint As a result of his campaigning in

We do not begrudge him, but wish himself is a naturalized citizen.

Me do not allow any more use of a good man's name to boost a falling cause.

Being a Canadian by birth.

And now it transpires that Mr. West himself is a naturalized citizen.

We do not claim that Dr. Withycombe was not eligible for election.

Slaughter of Pheasants. Brownsville Times.

The wholesale slaughter of China The wholesale slaughter of China pheasants around Brownsville contrary to law during the past two weeks, and especially during the past week, is a shame and a disgrace to the supposesity law-abiding community. There appears to be no one to raise a hand against hunting out of season in this past of hunting out of season in this part of Linn County, and boys and grown-up men are openly violating the law. So far there have been 1496 hunters' Heenses and 1865 anglers' licenses issued in Linn County. This means that the people of the county have paid the sum of \$2861 into the State Treasury for the purpose of protecting game and fish. What have they received in return? Where is the State Game Warden and his army of deputies?

Amity Standard.

There appears to be no desire on the part of the leaders of either side in the late unpleasantness in the Re-publican party to continue hostilities further, while there is every evidence that past differences will be merged into an effort all along the line to elect every member of the Republican ticket nominated, some pretty scratches were given on both sides, with the odds about even.

Each Man His Own Guardian. Chehalis Bee-Nugget.

There is being a great deal said in this state and elsewhere about local op-tion. The best local option that the Bee-Nugget knows anything about is for a man to elevate himself onto the

HIGHER CRITICISM AND HERESY BONDED DEBT AND COUNTRY ROADS Objection Is Made to the Former; View

of a Veteran Taxpayer. HUBBARD, Or., Oct. 15.—(To the Editor.)—In an editorial in The Oregonian of last Thursday, under the headian of last Thursday, under the head-ing "Bonds for Roads," fault is found with the road overseers and country people in general, for not reading the literature sent out by the Good Roads Association, "the Oregon law factory" and kindred organizations.

How much time can a man give to reading the pamphlets and leaflets that burden our mail delivery, after he has worked 10 hours in a sawmill, on the farm, or in the orchard, a man who chores two hours in the morning and the same at night, before and work hours? Don't blame us too much, for not reading everything that comes our way at present, even if some of it relates to Government stasome of it relates to Government sta-tistics. As far as road supervisors "knowing nothing at all about road construction," maybe so and maybe

not. The editorial also says that "the supervision of highways should be taken away from incompetents and entrusted to men of some skill. We suppose a County Engineer is referred to. This county was afflicted with such an official some 12 years ago. Yesterday I passed a monumental folly of his regime, where he built a 290-fout approach 16 feet wide to a bridge the main span of which measured only 12 feet between the sway braces. likely to

"Economy is much more likely to prevail than extravagance," said The Oregonian. We think that extrava-gance would be the rule with economy in the background, "for where the car-cass is, there will the eagles assemble." This is as true today as it was 2000 years ago, the carcass in this case be-ing the county treasury, and the eagles

money lasts.

There may be roads in Oregon that no team can traverse, but they are not in this part of the valley. Getting our produce to market has bothered us very little, but getting the coin to the county seat to pay our taxes has been a greater burden. What oney lasts. taxes has been a greater burden. would it be with bond taxes added, no one of this generation can tell. The writer lived in a road-bond-ridden county for 19 years, and in that instance, when the bonds were sold, most of the money was squandered by a collection of official harpies. The people received no benefit and even the men who did what little work that Better roads. Yes, as fast as we can

pay for the same, but no bonded in-debtedness. J. S. YODER.

MR, BOURNE AS A DODGER. Shown to Have Sidetracked Popu-

lar Election of Senators. BAKER CITY, Or., Oct. 14 .- (To the Editor.)—Speaking of that notable ex-emplar of popular sovereignty, the one man who just at this time wishes to bring all governmental policies and direction to the threshold of every man's door and install them at his fireside, Jonathan Bourne, Jr., our capable and very dependable United States Senator, why has the fact been over-looked that when the question as to whether or not an amendment to the Constitution of the United States should be submitted to the people, whereby the election of United States Senators should be withdrawn from our state assemblies and cheerfully tucked alongside those firesides, was up for final vote in the United States Senate. Senator Bourne was then unaccountably absent and is recorded as not voting? Just at that particular time Senator Bourne knew that his standing at the Presidential table was trembling in the balance. If he voted on that question he would have to vote "Aye," but would lose his Presidential meal ticket; and if he voted "No," how about Ore-gon and the primary election principle, direct legislation and public manifes-toes? There was but one thing to do—

duck, and he ducked. A DEMOCRAT.

New York Sun.

The Indianapolis Star permits itself to use this sacrilegious sentiment: "The Beveridge myth, to which the Sun so superstitiously adheres." Accursed be the Beveridge a myth: tongue that tells us so! We cannot, dare not, will not believe it. Around the Grand Young Man are entwined some of the tenderest sympathies, the sweetest language, the solemnest pul-chritudinous visions this sad world has From those young, earnest, thought-sagging brows the brightest aureole of Chautauqua flashes. Not a wind blows that does not whisper of that Antinoan, the Apollonian presence. Not a pea dances on a hot griddle, not chestnut shell explodes in a fire, not a waterspout or bladder bursts that we are not reminded of Beveridge. How many of us has he taught to honor goodness, greatness, vocipotence and perfect leading juvenile beauty!

If Beyeridge be a myth, then what can we believe in a sterile and an unprogressive universe?
No. no! Muffle the Colonel, if you can and must; but leave us Beverldge whose initials Nature herself has in scribed on every thistle in Indiana!

Mr. West, Naturalized Citizen

The Dalles Optimist Four years ago Oswald West, the present Democratic candidate for Governor, stumped the state in the inter-ests of Governor Chamberlain, and one of his strongest cards was the attack As a result of his campaigning in he made on Dr. Withycombe because Oregon, Dr. Wilson has got a position the latter was a naturalized citizen, on a big salary in Chicago for his being a Canadian by birth.

> combe was not eligible for election, neither do we claim that Mr. West is not. But if, as Mr. West asseverated, the doctor should not be elected owing to his foreign birth, then how about Mr. West? "What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander" is a very good political axiom, and if Dr. Withycombe was presuming too much, then excels the West wise it. surely Mr. West also is.

Will the Republicans Wake Up!

Burns News The Democrats are already boasting that they will elect a majority of the county officers. They know they are edged, but in the minority and are figuring on getting the Republicans to do the job for them. It is time for Republicans to There are come to their senses and quit that.

NEWSPAPER WAIFS.

Talk and the world talks with you—think and you think alone—Life.

Pitman—Why doesn't Sounders sing any more? Horner—He listened to a solo he of the control and you think alone—Life.

Pitman—Why doesn't Sounders sing any more? Horner—He listened to a solo he had made on a phonograph cylinder.—Chicago Daily News.

"I don't like that woman." "Why not?" "She's the woman who is all the time teaching my wife a new way of serving up cold meat."—Detroit Free Press.

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Friend—I don't see how you can drink so much! Ivs shocking. 'Nother Friend—It shocks me, too—it surprises me. I sposs it's just luck!—Cleveland Leader. "Why do you cry, Jerry?" 'Casey wouldn't lend ms five dollars." "And I thought he was your closest friend." "He never was so close as that hefore."—Judge. "Do you think that women could assume an attitude of uncompromising domination in affairs?" "Surely," replied Mr. Meekton, "If you don't believe it come and see our cook."—Washington Star.

"What a blessing civilization has been to the world! Consider for a moment the bloody sports of ancient Rome—" 'Why, what's the matter with an automobile cup race?"—Haltimore American.

BIG GRAFT IN PUBLIC DOCKS.

Why Not "Free" Offices and Stores for Merchants, Is Asked.

PORTLAND, Oct. 16 .- (To the Edior.)-From the agitation now worked up, one is led to believe the whole transportation problem in Port-land hinges on public docks—which is certainly not the case. Portland today errainly not the case. Fortiand today enjoys equal or better rates both coast-wise and foreign than either of its competitors, and a cheaper wharfage and storage rate than any. San Francisco not excepted.

The fact of Fortland having or not having public docks makes no difference with the opposite of vessels.

ence with the owners of vessels enthe managing owners of the vessels are also engaged in the lumber busi-ness, and find it advantageous to handie their own shipping facilities, there take any northbound cargo at a nom-inal rate, as steamers will make as good or better time with part cargo as

when empty.
The loss of time in loading and unloading is the principal factor. If so ficient cargo is moving to enable vessel to lose the time necessary to lond and unload and show a profit, cargoes will be brought north. If on the other hand there is not the volume of business offered, vessels will come light. At present and for some time past, there has been an enormous volume of business moving northward and of commodities where time is not an essential, viz: cement, asphalt, etc. From some of the articles printed on

this subject, one is led to believe that if Portland had municipal docks, all this class of freight would pass over them. The consigner might not find or buzzards the officials who would it convenient to haid cement from a fatten on the public funds, while the Side, or even the Northwest side, even should be favored with dock, gratis, but would prefer having some on various docks which could be handled to adjacent territory. If alleged shippers who favor public docks are in the lumber business and can find a market for the product at a price that will allow them to pay the current rate on lumber, they will have no trouble in inducing ship owners to send vessels here for it. If they are in the grain business and willing to pay the quoted rates of the established lines, they can get an outside steamer if desired, and if they have any merchandise entering port, the independent steamers will offer rates which will enable them to meet all competition, notwithstanding the fact that a wharfage charge may

be paid to private dock owners.

There is no more reason why the city of Portland should furnish a merchant free wharfage for his wares, than that, he should have office room fur-nished him free of charge. Our mer-chants who carry stock in stores and warehouses, and can secure a little lower rate by a steam schooner than by a regular line, are apt to patronize steam schooners, even though the ves-sels have to pay a portion of cut rates to a private dock.

That the interests of a city may be

best served by not allowing transporta-tion corporations to gain control of its waterfront to the exclusion of all others, we must grant, but that the city should build and operate a system of docks for the use of transportation companies, who may wish to compete for the business, or a broker whose principal stock in trade is his office stationery, we are not ready to grant.
One might think from some of the public dock arguments that the on eason Portland did not have steamer lines to Alaska, Honolulu, Grays Har-ber, and almost any place else, was the absence of public docks, whereas the only real reason, is the apathy of our leading shippers, some of whom our leading shippers, some of whom have branch houses on Puget Sound, or in San Francisco, where better shipping service is rendered. Steamer lines will operate wherever business justifies. While the small items of wharfage and port charges count, they are offset to a great extent by the loyalty and fairness of the shippers. At the present time Portland mer-chants enjoy as reasonable transporta-tion rates as their competitors in other

cities. No doubt there are some peo-ple who could use a public dock to advantage, while others could use free still others would be better In a recent article Captain Blain, of In a recent article Captain Biain, of the Oregon Drydock, is quoted as saying there is not a dock in our city in which can be worked a double ender vessel, and both hatches, mentioning the Geo. W. Fenwick in this connection. Had Captain Biain taken the trouble to call at Columbia Dock No. 1, he could have seen the "Fenwick" discharging not only two hatches, but three at one time. The same thing happened at the next dock above, Al-

happened at the next dock above, Al-bers Dock No. 3, with the Henrik Ibsen, where she discharged from three hatches at one time, then hauled to the next dock, Albers No. 2, and discharged from both ends of the ship at the same time, while the Falcon discharged at Albers No. 3 from two hatches. We are informed by the owners that Albers docks, when rebuilding opera-tions are completed, will be able to ac-commodate two ships the size of our China Liners, or four ordinary steam

chooners at the same time. If, as has been stated, there is such an enormous profit in private docks, will the owners of some of the auti-quated shacks on our waterfront, rise and explain why they maintain properties that to appearances, would hardly

do credit to a described village?

Are the taxpayers of this city informed on the dock proposition well enough to vote intelligently on the question? Would it not be well to have someone who is familiar with the situsomeone who is tammar with the situ-ation, to outline a plan looking toward municipal docks, and let the voter have a chance to become acquainted on the matter, before voting \$2,500,000 in bonds to farther someones private scheme? It might be well to furnish the voter a statement of the operating expenses of the Open River Transporta-tion Company, and the State Portage Rallway, and other semi-publicly op-

erated propositions.
It will be seen that this is one case where they that dance do not pay the fiddler. Think of the spectacie of the state of Oregon and the merchants (?) of Portland taxing themselves to furnish transportation facilities for Washington and Idaho, and their competitors in San Francisco, and elsewhere, only needs public dock proposition to round out a plan whereby the taxpayers foot the bill. That there is some merit in each must be acknowledged. edged, but that there is enough merit

which will help Fortland's commercial interests far more than the building of public wharves, notably the develop ment of traffic with Oregon coast coun

and wait for some one to do this for them, for other cities are reaching for this trade and it may slip away as our Alaska trade has done white we are helping some one in Eastern Ore-

drink gon to a cheap rate. TAXPAYER.

The Bourne-Chamberlain Game

Eugene Register, The hand of Jonathan Bourne is learly seen in the movement in this county to launch an independent, Statement No. 1º legislative ticket. Bourne sees in this the psychological moment for attempting the great feat of land-ing Oregon safely in the Democratic column, where he has always wanted it. Republican harmony would spoil him l little game,