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THE DECADENT HOUSE.

to offer better solutions for the population for each district. dispussessed opponent could deeasy as faultfinding, but is the only re basis for public confidence. One other has been a failure, but unm it does something of substantial tefft to the country it will soon he oted out again. The Democrats of bility and character whom the late mpaign brought to the front seem ely enough to attack our civic probus with resolution. Perhaps they may succeed in settling some of them

or generations to come No doubt the decadent House of st perplexing difficulties which our satisfy all. atesmen will have to deal with pres-What are the causes which re brought it to its low estate? How in it be restored to its proper effimey in the Government. Sooner or er the latter question must be anered unless we are willing to be ed by a monarch or a close olithy, and to answer it we must first estigate the former. The process decadence cannot be reversed until understand what causes it. It is erficial to explain the loss of power f prestige which the House has suf red by saying that its members are on of mediocre ability, and of flacmind. Too frequently this is true, t why is it true? Why do not the ers select men of stern integrity. daunted courage and outstanding lity to represent them in Congress? No doubt there are many reasons one or two seem more important in the rest. For one thing men of st-rate ability do not as a rule care run for Congress, and again the le do not take interest enough in lower house to persuade them to ake the sacrifice. This disrepute the so-called popular such of the National Legislature fallen since the Civil War is a arkable phenomenon which future orians will study with astonished They will find as they purtheir researches that this branch longress is in our day neither repstative, popular nor, in any true me of the word, legislative. To sure, its members are chosen

enstitutionally the powers of the ers over revenue bills have been makes of the House bill a more rting point and amends it out of The popular neh has no voice in filling the great cointive offices, while the Senate on for the last half century, have naged to quell whatever unruly it may have shown. Whether House will some day recover its lative and make head against the branches of government which e almost obliterated its power is interesting question. Its condition my is no more debused than the ose of Commons was in Elizabeth's e and it possesses the same weapon mant in the British Parliament. nely the constitutional control of Skillfully used, this innent would make the House sune over the Senate, the President the courts, but hitherto it has n like William Wallace's sword in hand of a little child.

ret their constituents.

NO MORE "PORK BAR'L"

abstantial appropriation and appropriation of Engineers for added by the Chief of Engineers for Columbia River rement of the Columbia River recognition of the work that the ple of Portland have performed that stream. The river and harbill has been removed from the ric bar'll" class of legislation. New for which appropriations will be d will be determined largely by amount of faith shown by the le asking the money. This faith of course understood must take form of local appropriations such he Port of Portland has been ing for many years.

the old days when the river and or bill was brought into discredit the large number of worthless ts on which money was wasted hly, none of the communities that ed the worth of a Congressman he amount of money he could ct from the National Treasury elr worthless projects would put single dollar to show their own

ertland, by expending more than 00,000 on Columbia River imment, has demonstrated to the ument that this is a project of pment of the region drained by eat river. Other ports situated erways that are actually ento consideration in Federal anations, are now following the of Portland, and the river and or bills of the future will show consideration for any ports that e aid with local appropriations. ook, Coos Bay and other coast are in line and have made prery arrangements for providing al sums by taxing the districts

\$950,000 for the mouth of the Columbin River and \$600,000 for the Celilo ganal. The former sum should carry the jetty work and the dredging operations on to a point where the 40-foo channel ought to be an assured fact.

It is noticeable in connection with here liberal appropriations for the olumbia River that the opposition which formerly existed in the State of Washington has completely vanshed. The importance of that mighty river from its mouth to the head of navigation, as a great trade artery, is last thoroughly appreciated in Washington, where its greatest shore line lies, as well as in Oregon, and in the future we may reasonably expect ubstantial aid from the Washington telegation in Congress for any projects will enable ocean carriers to nandle our products most economi-Meanwhile the work of the ort of Portland is not completed, nor will it be until the largest ships affoat can reach this city, the greatest railcoad center on the Pacific Coast.

OREGON IN CONGRESS. The coming Oregon Legislature will doubtless be called on to reapportion In the days of its adversity it was the state into three Congressional diss enough for the Democratic party tricts; for it appears to be assured do nothing but find fault with the that the state's representation in Conjects of the Republicans. Now that gress will be increased under the new coming into power, voices are apportionment. The present Congress ard from all directions calling upon has 391 members on a basis of 193,167 blems which yex the Nation than shall appear desirable not to increase greatly the House membership, the Constructive legislation is not ratio for the reapportionment will probably be about 225,000; and Oregon, with from 600,000 to 700,000 arty may be voted in merely because population, ought easily to get another representative.

The result will be, of course, that Multnomah will have one Representative in Congress. It cannot be and will not be denied her. But it will not be easy to devise a plan for dividing the remainder of the state into two new districts. The statisticians, statesmen and politicians who usually take charge of such things will have now something to do in arranging a epresentatives presents one of the scheme of apportionment that will

THE SINGLE TAXERS' FRIEND.

A newspaper in Portland defends and upholds the single tax. It is the Portland Journal. Here is the language of that bold advocate of a radical, revolutionary and destructive system of land confiscation by imposing on realty the entire tax burden.

ing on realty the entire tax burden.

Single tax is simplicity itself, and if ever adopted would lessen the amount of governmental machinery, lessen complications and almost put an end to waste and inequality in the levying and collection of taxes.

The complete inequality of the present system is so notorious that it is largely robbery, robbery of the henset man who submits to assessment at full value for the benefit of knaves who sequester preparity to the limit of their manipulative ability. The tractice of evading just and uniform taxation has become so general that the moral impulse is corrupted and even patriotism itself is duiled and deadened. There are string the function of their manipulative ability. There are things prevalent in Oregon and he Pertiand that are infinitely worse than single tax. The system is widely popular in many cities and communities in Canadalia some of them it has been in operation for inora than five years with the result that the plad is being copied in others. Vancouver recently adopting it. In all, it is becoming a permanent institution.

There is more stuff like this-more of the cant, sophistry, jargon and humbug of the obsessed single-taxer. The above is quite enough to show that the penniless propagandists of a destructive and ruinous project and the greedy beneficiaries and busy hirelings of the Fels fund have a friend and champion in a Portland publication.

Yet we think the men who own ectly by the people, but when farms and homes and city lots, impractice for many of them to are not going to make any mistake out what the single tax will do for They are not for it. The responsible citizenship of Oregon is Even its theoretically exclusive against it. The people have gone record once. They were buncoed into passing the present county scheme. They will put themselves right when they have the chance, despite their self-called leaders and their false counselors.

TRADE AND SUBSIDIES.

Consul-General Thomas Sammons at Yokohama, like a great many other American Consuls in various parts of the world, seems to have the idea that one of the duties of a foreign repreentative of the United States is to boost for the ship subsidy. In a recent report to his government, Mr. Sammons bewalls the scarcity of American shipping on the Pacific and calls attention to the advantages which Japanese lines on the Pacific have over American lines. He states that the Japanese government pays the steamships plying from Japanese ports to San Francisco and Scattle direct subsidies to the amount of \$2,226,146 a year. As these steamships carry considerably less than 1,090,000 tons of freight a year, it is easy to see that the Japanese taxpayers are contributing more than \$2 a ton to the profits of the big syndicates

that operate these ships. It is quite true, as stated by Mr. Sammons, that "if wages and other expenses were equal, the government subsidies to the Japanese would alone be sufficient to enable them to drive the American vessels out of the trade if an active freight war should start." It will probably be news to Consul-General Sammons to learn that an "active freight war" has been raging on the Pacific for years and that even as he was writing his plea for a ship subsidy British and Norwegian vessels were carrying freight across the Pacific at a lower rate per ton than the Japan sldy amounted to, and neither the British nor the Norwegian vessels were drawing a penny of subsidy from their

respective governments. Commenting on the report of Mr. Sammons, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says: "Japan has sacrificed in many directions in order to build up and maintain on the ocean a great fleet of modern steamships through which the foreign trade of Japan is steadily expanding," and that, "In the commercial warfare for the control of the Pacific, the Japanese government has shown infinitely more intelligence Importance to the growth and and forethought than has the Govern-

ment of the United States." While it is questionable whether the 'commerce" of a country is benefited years. Creation of the city and county by paying a few rich shipowners a subsidy to carry freight to and from a country instead of permitting it to sibility. move in a natural manner, we have admit that in some respects the Japanese government has shown more Intelligence and forethought than the American Government. instance, that when Japan decided there be fewer acres under cultivation that a merchant marine would be of or more? Will saw-mills multiply?

in Germany, in England, in Norway, in the United States, wherever, in fact, a good ship could be purchased

at a reasonable price. This was the beginning of the Japmese merchant marine. It is there that the American merchant marine must begin if it is ever to amount to anything. At present a few big shipping concerns in Japan have enough the treasury for some very heavy subsidles, but the trade of Japan is in no manner benefited by the practice and years?
nothing that the United States can do Whe will counteract the effect of the evil. If Consul Sammons or the Post-Intelligencer will point out a single intance where the United States has lost any trade on the Pacific or in any other quarter of the globe through lack of ships to carry the freight, it would be something worth knowing.

PUBLIC SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

There has been much talk of the nismanagement of the property interests and other affairs of the school district by the Board of Education of school District No. 1. Favoritism in latting contracts has been charged, resulting as has been alleged in the enstruction of unsultable and flimsy buildings, at prices out of all proportion to their cost or value. Now comes the Civic Council, com-

osed of delegates from twenty-two Improvement clubs of this city, and freely censuring the School Board for alleged sins of omission and commission, recommends that all the present members of the Board remain in office and assist the Civic Council in inducing the Legislature to pass laws reorganizing the method of public schools control on more mod-ern lines. "The present system," says the Civic Council committee, "Is antiquated and does not give as much general representation as is desirable."

The Oregonian believes that the School Board of District No. 1 is composed of careful, honorable and capable citizens. Mistakes may have been made-doubtless have been made-in construction, in letting contracts and in supervision. But he must be a churl indeed and bold withal who would institute grave charges against the Board on this acount and broadly hint at collusion between that body, or any one of Ma nembers, with dishonest contractors

The present system of conducting the affairs of School District No. 1 may be antiquated. The fact that they have been practically unchanged for years, and are, indeed, merely a continuation of methods as old as ur common school system, justifies this assumption. That they need to be revised and improved to meet conditions entirely dissimilar to those which they were framed to serve is more than probable. But the Civic Council, in attempting to make the management of the schools in a wide sense representative, essays a task that it will be slow to accomplish, for the simple reason that, beyond sending their children to the public schools, and making complaint when some rule of discipline is enforced upon their own, the patrons of schools take very little interest in or note of their methods.

GROWTH OF THREE CITIES.

Of American cities now in the 200,-000 and 300,000 class not one other has shown one-half of the increase in population since 1900 that the Federal enumeration of Portland, Los Angeles and Seattle discloses. Among larger cities, Detroit shows the largest relative gain, viz. 63 per cent. In the South, Birmingham, Ala., with 132,-685 inhabitants shows a gain of 245 per cent, due to development of the

iron industry. Centers of population have not shifted in ten years, though it is certain that complete returns from California, Washington, Oregon, Utah and Idaho will show an unparalleled movement toward the Pacific Coast during the past decade. These states may reasonably be expected to have an increase of \$5 to 70 per cent, practically all of it drawn from territory east of the Rocky Mountains and most of it from the Mississippi Valley

But Portland, Scattle and Los Angeles have grown much faster than the sections for which each is the chief murket place. What causes contributed to the extraordinary advance of these cities not only in point of more people, but of commercial importance? Primarily the Spanish-American war. At its conclusion the United States for the first time in history faced the Orient. San Francisco first felt the impetus. Except for the disaster of April, 1906, the Golden Gate would undoubtedly have led every other city in the then 300,000

Alaska gold made Seattle. In the thirteen years since the steamer Portland arrived with her cargo of nuggets and miners from the Klondike, the great peninsula has poured into the lap of Seattle directly and indirectly hundreds of millions of treasure. Geographical position and a most aggressive fight secured the carrying trade of the new Eldorado against all competitors. Seattle also developed profitable business relations with the region lying immediately north and made a start in trans-Pacific commerce. She laid but small hold upon the rich agricultural section east of the Cascade Mountains. Her future depends largely upon the development of Alaska. All the gold in that vast, wild empire does not lie near the Yu-

kon, at Nome, nor along the Tanana. There is much truth in the oft-repeated statement that the chief asset of Los Angeles is climate. A stendy stream of money from every part of the United States for five months in the year is quite as desirable as the proceeds of wheat and lumber cargoes. It daily adds to the permanent wealth. The crop of tourists grows larger each year. But Los Angeles is the market place for orchardists who raise annually about \$35,000,000 worth of citrus fruits. In the last ten years oil has been an immense factor in the city's growth and manufacturing has grown to extensive proportions. Of "outside" capital there is no end. It will not be surprising if Los Angeles, now less than 190,000 behind, shall overtake San Francisco within the next ten of Los Angeles-here is annexation with a vengeance-is more than a pos-

And what about Portland? It would be waste of space to enumerate the resources of the vast region whose products Portland buys and whose ma terial needs Portland supplies. win advantage, she went out into the open Has horticulture reached the maxi-Se Chief of Engineers include market and bought ships by the dozen. | mum or only begun? How much vir- | him yet.

gin territory will be opened to settlement by railroads now building, to say nothing of lines to be constructed in the next five years? Is hold on the Columbia River basin growing weaker or stronger? As a dis-tributing center for a rich empire. where on the Pacific Coast can you match Portland. Has Portland a rival? If so, name it. Is it unreasonof a pull with the government to raid able to estimate that the three states comprising Portland's field will add a million people within the next ten

Wherever you go, either on the Pacific Coust or the cities of the East with which we have relations, you hear Portland spoken of as preeminently the safe city as well as the progressive city. Everywhere it is known that there has been no boom; simply natural growth. In ten years the increase in population was 129 per cent. Based on the steady growth the past thirty years, shall we call the population ten years hence 400,-000 or 450,000 or a round half million?

Note that an industrious farmer of Eagle Valley, Baker County, raised this year on 11% acres of excellent soil crops that realized \$8160. The products were fruit, vegetables and hogs. No doubt this result could be duplicated in fifty fertile vaileys of, Oregon with the same intelligence and It goes without saying that the Baker County man dld not spend much time in saloons nor in making speeches against this country shutting the door of opportunity in the face of the man who works with his hands,

Now the holiday season is about ere, the womenfolk can help wonderfully by shopping early and getting home before the late afternoon rush. The human biped of the male gender is naturally a chivalrous animal, but continued imposition by thoughtless (or selfish) women on a crowded streetcar has taken off the polish on his manners, leaving only grouch. When he is in that condition, the gentler sex need expect no favors and little courtesy.

In spite of all the agitation against the demon mim, this country increased its consumption of distilled liquor by 30,000,000 gallons last year. Perhaps some genius will sit down and figure out the relation between this amazing fact and the "high cost of living." The grain that made the liquor, the money paid for drinks, the loss of time, energy and efficiency and the moral deterioration of the consumers all enter into the problem.

Our only fear is that the rich Illinois girls who have taken up homesteads in Montana and intend to work their land will never find husbands worthy of them. There are plenty of so-called men who would gladly consent to be supported by these gritty girls, but most of the males who have anything like their ambitious spirit were caught in the matrimonial trap long ago.

Why not have another North Bank road to connect with the Ilwaco line at Megler? After waiting nearly forty years, Portland would hail with distinct pleasure a journey to the finest beach in the world without change of In this era of railroad building perhaps we will not have to wait long to hear the station master call out: "All aboard for North Beach!"

Perhaps Mr. John M. Scott did not really mean to say that we praise the ber and dairy too. The apple men are not an atom too noisy, but some of the others are more quiet than they need be.

Even the most expensive warships cannot expect a long life, Those which sailed gallantly forth to fight the Spaniards a few years ago are now selling at auction. To such base uses must the proudest vessel come. When fighting is done in the air very likely ships will die still younger, but it is a cheaper.

Increase in dry territory-let some tatistician give the figures-but Uncle Sam reports an increase of 30,-000,000 gallons of distilled spirits and 3.000,000 barrels of beer in the last year. One fact like this upsets a whole library of theories on whether laws forbidding liquor to be sold tends to stop the drinking of liquor.

to the point of causing bables to starve one is compelled to reflect that peace would be preferable. garment workers' strike has made 5000 babies hungry. Is the intelligence of America unable to discover a milder way of settling wage questions?

A gallon of benzine will run an

Hence the 2.500,000 gallons

automobile thirty miles if all goes

which exploded in Berlin would have sufficed for a joy ride 100 times around the earth. The waste of pleasure thus vanished in smoke and noise is appalling. Eugene is certainly "going some" in the race for municipal supremacy by opening a wholesale grocery business. Next we know, her Commercia.

Club will have the Interstate Com-

merce Commission out here to regu-

late rall and water rates. From the National point of view, decrease in the rural population of Illinois, Iowa and Missouri as shown by the 13th census is compensated by like increase of farmers in Oregon, Washington and California.

Some one is advertising a book entitled "Two Hundred and Nine Ways to Serve Apples." As a culinary curlwho cares for the 208 other ways?

What's this? England being sold for American dollars? We hadn't heard of Pierpont Morgan organizing

If you go at it today, you can get of your Christmas shopping out of the way by the end of the week.

When the world has all the apples it can est, Oregon will develop the potate and onion industry

Nebraska has 1,192,313 people and William J. Bryan, but Texas may get

UNIFORM DAY FOR ELECTIONS. Why the First Tuesday After the First Monday in November Was Chosen,

New York Times. New York Times.

To the Editor of the New York Times: Will you inform me wait it is that election day in many states is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November? I have saked many of my friends, but nobody knows. Newspaper people are supposed to know everything, so I appeal to you and would thank you very heartily for the information.

GEORGE REGEMAN.

Newark. N. J., Oct. 25, 1910.

We are not appealed.

We are not omniscient, as our correspondent flatteringly suggests. W do not know, for example, how this question managed to pop into his head. The books on political curiosities fail to note the answer. But we have ascertained the facts and the reason stated, as follows: The State of New York in 1811 was the first to adopt "Enesday after the first Monday in November" as its election day. Most of the states that time held their elections on the first Monday, Tuesday or Wednes-day in November. The Congressional act of March 1, 1722, had prescribed that elections for Presidential electors be held within 34 days preceding the first Wednesday in December, every fourth year." But the Congressional Globe of January 17, 1845, records the passage on that day of a bill making the quadrennial election day uniform throughout the United States. On December 9, 1844, the essential provision The next regular stated election for

the choice of electors of President and Vice-President of the United States shall be held in each state on the first Thesday in the month of November, 1848; and on the first Thesday in the month of November in every fourth year thereafter."

This fixed upon the "first Tuesday." not the "first Tuesday after the first Monday." But Representative Duncan, Monday." But Representative Duncan, the father of the bill, at once annonneed his intention of changing it.

for the Globe reports:

"As soon as it would be in order to do so, he (Mr. Duncan) should move an amendment of this section so as to make the day the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, instead of the first Tuesday in November, as the section now stood. His reason for making this change was to avoid the necessity of changing the laws in rela-tion to the day on which the Electoral Colleges now meet; for the first Tues-Colleges now meet: for the first Tues-day in November might, in some cases, be more than 30 (sic) days from the first Wednesday in December."

The report should have read "34" instead of "30" days, to be accurate.

but otherwise the reason asked by our correspondent must have been as stat-Since the Congressional act of February 3, 1887, which changed the date of the meeting of the Electoral College to the second Monday in the January following the election, no spe-cial reason has existed for the statutory designation of election day. Any week day during the Fall months would do, provided it be uniform throughout the states for the Prest-

Historie Highway Is Marked.

New York Sun. Rebuilding roads and restudying hisory have become twin occupations that age not entirely confined to Western trail markers. Some students of American history from three Eastern col-leges spent much of the Summer in tracing and marking Braddock's route across Virginia and West Virginia to Western Pennsylvania, Maryland, in acquiring through the State Commis-sion what is known as the Ridge Road, finds that almost every mile of the old highway is associated with the history of the nation or the state.

Along it once were the homes and now the graves of many of the John-sons, the Thomases, the Lees, who helped build up the state. One monu-ment by the roadside is to Governor Frank Thomas, who, according to an epitaph written by himself, was "the author of the measure which gave Maryland the constitution of 1864 and thereby gave freedom to 90,000 human beings." Over it tramped and fought soldiers of the French and Indian Wars, the Revolution and the Rebellion; at road scarcely 50 miles in length

Chicago News It is usually the "good fellow" who has the most bad habits. A widow's second matrimonial play is apt to be a sure-thing game. As a matter of fact the majority of people would like to be honest.

The principles of a good many men run to inclinations and then stop. Few women are as handsome as they think men ought to think they are. It's tough on a man who is too l comfort to think that they will be to work and can't get elected to of-

Two may be able to live as cheaply as e-if the one doesn't have to pay allgations promptly, it is better to have no

obligations. If a man is honest with himself, he can be depended upon to give his neighbors a square deal. After a man has been married a week he begins to unlearn a lot of things he knew about women.

Facts About Mexico. Chleago Tribune Area, 767,000 square miles. Population, 19,000,000. Silver production, nearly \$50,000,000 an-

Gold production, nearly \$30,000,000 an-Value of yearly exports, about \$125,-Capitalization of banks, about \$100,000,

Miles of railroad, about 15,000. Republic of Mexico declared independ-ent February 24, 1821. Independence problaimed December 2, Recognized by the United States in

First constitution proclaimed October 4, 1824. Present constitution adopted February Republic consists of 26 states, one territory and a Federal district.

Boston Post.
The billiard course is very popular at Harvard this Fall. It consists of English and drawing.

A Winchester man made a great hit at masquerade ball a short time ago. He stuck a piece of black court plaster on the top of his baid head and went as

the cue ball. The Feminine Renson,

The Feminine Reason,

N. Salabury, in Puck.

Do you ever feel down in the dumps
As cranky and cross as two sticks,
When life seems a road full of humps,
And your spirits are all in a mix?

Would you know why you're in such a
fix?

Why with inward forebodings you're
gnawed?

The reason, five times out of six,
a called Gladys, or Pheebe, or Maude.

Did you ever feel light as an slf?
As free and as bilthe as the air?
As pleased as old Fusch with yourself,
Without e'er a trouble or care?
Would you know why the world seems so
fair.

And life's way so smooth and so broad? The reason (exceptions are rare) is called Gladys, or Phoebe, or Maude.

In short, if you feel and or blue,
or your spirits with joy overrun;
When you feel that with life you'd be
through.
And with the gray world you'd be done;
When you're bubbling all over with fun.—
When from coldness your attitude's thawed,
The reason, ten chances to one,
Is called Giadys, or Phoebe, or Maude.

UNIVERSITY "SPIRIT" CONDEMNED. Correspondent Appeals for Higher

Ideals Than Sports and Frats. PORTLAND, Nov. 26-(To the Edi-or.)-The Oregonian has been publishing from time to time communications from parents, who, no doubt, have childen attending our universities, protesting against the whims, fancies, fads and sports fostered and lured there. It is our duty as citizens of the states, as taxpayers in the states, whether we have children or not attending these schools, to stand with those parents and ask the proper authorities to call a halt to such nsense as those burlesque youths away from parent control, are allowed to dabble in. Take, for instance, the socalled fraternities, those secret organiations which are granted permission rom nobody but university authorities. he privilege of plastering their hoothouses for secret purposes upon lic property. Yes, and it is great to tote the various select classes who are note the various select classes who are permitted "free shelter" in these houses, built on grounds which belong to the general public. It is not the boy who studies hard, it is not the boy with the "dough," it is not the boy with the "dough," it is not the boy with the "dough," it is not the boy who strives hard for an education, but it is the hard when restricted the stripe start of the star is the lad who aspires for vain glory, the "pug" with the bulldog, the ass with the cane, or the "fat scholar," who, even in his sleep, is ever dream-ing of that "line buck" who covers himself with glory. Yes, these are the "scholars" whom our state is forced to gazed pension with free rent obtained teach through the influence the college frat holds on the university authorities-

he big game, urges with greater neweeks ago. Why don't they establish a chair of "spirits" and teach the art to a perfection, if they make it a business to employ a vast army of high-priced men to train these boys and expect them to win by the amount of college spirit that is veiled into them. ect them to win by the amount of college spirit that is yelled into them. Not long ago we heard the cry raised y those interested in university afairs for an increase in university appropriations. It is true that many eads of departments were receiving half pay. If the large amount spent in departments whose purpose was to train boys for athletic stunts was given over to departments whose pur-pose was to train them for intellectual feats, we would realize greater results in university affairs. Why do they permit such valuable time in the golden hours of youth to be spent at the many "rah-rah" meetings on the eve of these "great battles"? A boy should go Trah-rah" meetings on the eve of these "great battles"? A boy should go to school for the express purpose to fit himself for life's battles, to earn a living—and I do not mean by that he should deprive himself of associations or fellowships; but how shall their living be made if he is half prepared—the window, anyhow."—Kansas City Times f the time well spent in study is the only requisits, and this time is dreamed away in the spell of college spirit. No wonder, then, the many examples where boys are forced to sponge from their parents after receiving their "ill-

begotten sheepskin."

Then, again, there is the question of hazing, and the boys who possess the least amount of college spirit are among its chief victims. Imagine a student to be punished for not showing that frenzied disposition, that savage-ilke enthusiasm typical at some foot-ball game—a game in which the losing side resorts to anything but fairness-imagine him to be slugged for his "un-patriotic conduct" and you have to conider the merits of so-called college spirit and hazing.

These and scores of other fads, vain in character, are the "messes" our boys are sllowed to mix in. May we look to the time when our educational institutions shall see the folly and rid themselves of such childlike hobbles.

One Revolutionary War Pensioner. Washington Star. Mrs. Phoebe M. Palmeter, 89 years of

Oregon apple too much. Our fault like kevolution and the Revelution an lutionary War remaining on Uncle Sam's pension roll, according to the annual report of Pension Commissioner

The last widow pensioner of that war was Esther S. Damon, of Plymouth Union, Vt., who died November 11, 1906, aged 32 years. The last survivor of the War of the Revolution was Daniel F. Bakeman, who died at Freedom. Catta-raugus County, N. Y., April 5, 1869, aged eat with a knife or drink coffee out of eat with a knife or drink coffee out of 00 years, 6 months and 8 days.

Wagner and Little Notes.

London Public Opini Here is a printed placard, meant to be pasted broadcast in the passages and fressing rooms of a theater.

which and where it speaks for itself.

A last appeal to my dear colleagues.

Be distinct.

The big notes will come by themselves; it is the little notes and their text that matter.

Never speak a line to the audience, but siways to your fellow actor.

In sollicquies, look up or down, never straight in front of you.

Last wish of all—keep your love for me, my dears.

Engreuth, August 13, 1876.

This letterstipe out is quoted by a

This interesting card is quoted by a correspondent describing a theaters' ex-hibition in Berlin, at which the relic is exhibited.

Encyclopedia to Be Dedicated to Taft. The president of the British Academy, S. H. Butcher, has announced that the new edition of the Encyclopedia Britan-ica, which is now in course of prepara-tion, will be dedicated to King George and President Taft. The work consists of 28 volumes, with 26,000 pages and 40,000 articles. Fifteen hundred persons of note are engaged in its compilation.

Baltimore Evening Sun

"You are charged with vagrancy, pris-oner at the bar." "What's dat, Judge" "Vagrancy? Why, you have no vis-ible means of support."

"Huh! Heah's mah wife, Judge; Mary, is you visible?" Not Necessary. "What shall we say of Senator

snugg?"
"Just say he was always faithful to his trust. "And shall we mention the name of the trust?

Wrist Pincushion,

Philadelphia Times A pincushion on the wrist is a con-venience to the home dressmaker. I should be a small, soft cushion, attached

to an elastic band just snug enough to wear on the left wrist. No stopping of work is then necessary to look for a pin.

Where He Is Enshrined. Washington Herald.
Mr. Daniel Boone has failed again of election to the Hall of Fame, but he has

certain shrine in the heart of the

Washington Post.
Only to think that outfit of unskilled labor in the next Congress will cinch nine months' pay before being called on to earn a dollar.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Don't forget to notice that woman's uffrage won in the state of Washing-on. They're edging in on us, fellows.

LIFE'S SUNNY SIDE

Champ Clark was seated in his office in the Capitol surrounded by Democratic friends when a Republican admirer en-

tered. "I want to congratulate you on the Democratic victory," said the newcomer smilingly. "I have been around Washington for is years and had got the idea in my mind that the Constitution provided for a Republican victory every

of people had the idea that the proba-bility of a Democratic victory was retrated by a story I heard not long age A teacher addressing her pupils said: "Every boy present who would like to be President of the United States raise his hand." Only one boy failed to respond.

'Johnny,' said the teacher, 'wouldn't you like to be President?
"'Oh, yes," was the response, "but what's the use? I'm a Democrat.""

Miss Merrill, a teacher in a grade school, had trouble with Johnnie last week. Johnnie had trouble doing his work, and the authorities finally covered that his sight was defective. Miss Merrill told Johnnie and sent him home with a note to his mother. He gazed at the note in horror, then at the teacher, and burst into tears.

Then again, there is the question of school until he has been scalled "college spirit" which is the desired to."

Miss Merrill understood his grief bet-ter when she received a note from his mother. It read: "I don't know what he done, but I licked him for it. I can't so-called "college spirit," which even the professor in the classroom, prior to the done, but I licked him for it. I can't find it on him, and he says he ain't got arouse mule strength; spirit such as demonstrated itself at Corvaills a few you can find it."—Chicago Record Harald.

"You mean found, don't you!" asked a visitor, more to start an argument than anything else. "No. sir." replied the proprietor, 'I mean 'lost.' 1!--" "But it had to be lost in order to be found, didn't it? So, therefore, you should have 'Found' on that card in-

stead-"I'll admit it is something like the egg and chicken question of which was first," the proprietor said. "Now let's settle this if we can. In the first place a thing must be lost before it can be found. On the other hand, a thing that has been found must have been lost at the w

A good-sized squad of newspaper men, citizens and merry villager flanked the entrance to the Taft Sum fianked the entrance to the Tait Sum-mer home, at Beverly, and kept their eyes on the road back of the secret service guard for the approach of the carriage containing Colonel Roosevelt, and Senator Lodge. The wait was more than two hours long and conversation flourished at times. One knot fell to

discussing Roosevelt. "The secret of his success," said a villager, "Is that he is a good man." "That makes me think of the death of Casey," replied another, "When Casey lay in his coffin a neighbor looked long at his face and then said the widow, 'He was a good man,

Mrs. Casey.

"'He was that,' she replied. 'It always tuk more than two cops to han-dle him."-Boston Traveler.

Ed Howe's Philosophy.

Atchison Globe. It's a rare man who can loaf and not become a nuisance. When some men are not smoking they

sisted a good deal by the work of a good detective.
What has become of the old-fashioned

woman who had a little knot of hair on the back of her head? When two of your friends are in a quarrel they will usually make it up

quicker if you let them alone and do not mention it. a saucer that is enough to know about

etiquette. Tolstoi's Thoughts on Death.

From His "Cycle of Readings."
The fear of death is unnatural. The fear of death is the consciousness of sin.
The fear of death emanates from the fact that people regard as life or small part of it, limited by their Just as the owner of the fig-tree knows

the time when the fruit is ripe, so God knows when to call the righteous from his world. Strive to keep your life at a point where you neither fear death nor de

Incredible Brutality.

Willis-Under this year's football rules ou can't assist the man with the ball. Gillis-Great Scott! What do they dostand around and let him die!

Do It Early.

(Exchange,) Do your Christmas shopping early, do it early, mother dear. For you know you were exhausted with the flurry yesteryear. Please go out and get the trinkets for

the prattling little ones-Get the engines and the candy and the pistois and the guns; Better start right out tomorrow with your money and your list-But at 10 o 'clock on Christmas eve

you'll think of one you've missed. Do your Christmas shopping early, do it early, sister dear

Get a card for our rich uncle that will put him on his ear, Get a tie that is hand painted for your one and only beau

He will say it is too splendld for a man to wear, you know. Work a pillow for the preacher, and get something for each friend; But you'll find you've overlooked one

when you're shopping's at an end. Do your Christmas shopping early, do it early, do you hear Let the high cost of living give you

neither fret nor foar. There are friends in other countries who are sure to write

Ere the first day of December heaves serenely into sight, So be ready to remember all the people far away But you'll find you've falled to get one

for some one on Christmas day. Do your Christmas shopping sarly, ere the drifting snows are here. For the day before is madder than all

others in the year—
And no odds how soon you do it, when
the final days have come
You will be right in the struggle showing how to make things hum.
And on Christmas eve, dear sisters, all
of you, including ma,
Will exclaim: "Well, goodness, gra-

Will exclaim: clous! We had quite forgotten pa!"