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MR. TAPT AND HIS PARTY.

Perhaps no political party ever stood In more critical need of a leader than the Republican today. We grant, of that it has leaders, a host of them, but their repute is local. There two figures of great prominence that loom up in the general mind as the natural or logical heads of the party-Taft and Roosevelt. It is clear that the temper of the Nation and of the Republican party is not to turn now to Roosevelt, though his wast influence over the whole public, includ-ing all parties, and his pre-eminent alities as an aggressive and successful general are everywhere known and fully acknowledged. But is it wise for the party to displace its accredited and acquiesce in an act that would amount to usurpation on the part of Roosevelt and repudiation of the President by his own party?

It is undoubtedly true that Colonel Roosevelt last Summer and Autumn crowded the President from the apotlight into the wings, and obviously sought to play the principal part before a world-wide audience; but that he contemplated a permanent appearance in that role, or any role except of prophet, counselor and censor, may be open to question,

President Taft, during many trying months, has performed a difficult part with great tact and impressive dignity. If it was the purpose of the ex-President to create an open breach between them, it failed utterly; if it was his purpose merely to give the Republican party, and the country, a vast shaking up—much needed and long execdue-without thought of conse quences to himself or Mr. Taft, he succeeded admirably. The progress of events has caused Colonel Roosevelt to retire to the peaceful haven of a quiet life at Oyster Bay, and President Taft again to resume his proper posi-tion at the head of the procession. Likely enough Colonel Roosevelt at no time contemplated or desired any other result. President Taft waited his chance and it is here.

Mr. Taft's opportunity is immediate and pressing. The reins are dragging loose. The horses are not yet in the mad panic which might bring them destruction, but it impends, and the hand of a master is needed to that tide in the affairs of men which lng to Astor as follows (two years taken at the flood leads on to fortune had come to Mr. Taft. Whether he has the resolution and inclination to take it is still an unanswered question, but the country believes he has

In the Philippines and elsewhere he showed himself to be an executive of consummate skill before he was Pres-But he was then a subordinate, though a very high one. He did not originate policies nor was the ultimate responsibility his for what he did. sible to predict what his capacity rould be as chief magistrate, The truth seems to be that he has persince he became President and has never freely exerted his own great powers of initiative and command. He as followed advice with unnecessary docsity and frequently the advice has been bade. The success of his Administration now demands of him that e assert his rightful position as head of his party and take a stand before the country as the author of its policies and its responsible leader.

The only fruitful leadership of a party consists in furnishing it with constructive ideas. Mere intrigue and strategy are vain. It is Mr. Taft's iness to provide his party with definite legislative alms. He can rally and inspirit its forces by giving them something clearly worth while to fight The most natural way to effect this purpose would seem to be by recommending to Congress a series of measures which will satisfy the needs of the country. Certain evils should be remedied. Certain modern National conveniences should be provided. Among the evils we may mention various extertionate schedules of the tariff. Among the modern conveniences which the country asks for, the most desired is the parcels post. ion on these and other subjects has been too long delayed. Mr. Taft can retrieve the credit of his Administration by committing his party to a definite policy regarding them and using the powers of his office, as other Presidents have from Washington down to Roosevelt, to insure that the policy shall be carried out.

NOVEMBER TRADE RECORDS

The political uncertainty and finan cial unrest that are reported to be afreflection in local conditions. The comnercial statistics for the month of No vember tell an eloquent story of Port. land's progress in all lines of commer cial endeavor. Building permits, bank clearings and postal receipts all show phenomenal increases over the correending month of last year, and all break any previous records for the This remarkable showing was made in the regular order of business In no branch of industry is there any evidence of business having been forced out of a normal movement. For every business structure commenced there has been a line of tenants waiting before the permits were issued, and

oversupply of desirable residences. Postal receipts are showing a steady increase from month to month, because the population of the city and of the Pacific Northwest, with which this does business, is increasing more rapidly than ever before. This is a feature of the commercial situation that is an infallible barometer of trade

bought on speculation or for the purpose of making a good showing for the city. It might be supposed that a record-breaking showing, such as is pre-sented by the November statistics, could only be attained with all of our great wealth-producing industries establishing high-water marks. Such is all the more remarkable in view of the fact that the unparalleled general prosperity reflected in these figures was attained in a month when the rail lumber trade, one of our greatest assets, was at very low ebb, and during

an unusually light movement of wheat. The gain that has been scored has all been through develop-ment in other industries, notable among which are the great stockyards and packing-houses that had hardly begun operations a year ago. We still have the lumber in almost unlimited quantities, and there is a large amount of wheat yet to be moved this season. While wheat is moving there will be no check of the flow of money that is pouring into the city and state for

WORLD'S GREAT LITERARY FAKER. When Explorer Cook publicly confesses that he does "not know abso lutely" that he reached the Pole, he confesses also that he knows he did not reach the Pole. Cook's original announcement was specific, emphatic and unqualified, and his narrative was comprehensive and circumstantial. Why should he say now that he is uncertain about a great exploit that had in it then, according to him, no ele-

ment of doubt or uncertainty?
In any aspect of the matter, Cook is a great liar. He is more. He is a great literary faker. He appears to approach his confession with the same attitude of sensationalism and insincerity that marked every phase of his original story. He sold his "discovery" to the highest bidder; he disposes of his "confession" in the same manner.

Yot one feature of Cook's extraordinary record and of his equally remarkable use of his reputation of being the world's greatest liar as a liter-ary asset is that Dr. Cook has experienced the rigors and hardships of Arctic travel, and suffered the vicissitudes certain to be met by all explorers of unknown regions, in all climes. tried for months to climb Mount Mc-Kinley and failed; he joined an adventurous party bound for the South Pole; he spent years in the wilds of the vast and frigid solitude under the north star. He must be a man of courage and high spirit. These things are to his credit; yet they will be little noted nor long remembered in his des picable effort to wrest from Peary laurels honestly won by years of un-ceasing effort to reach the North Pole.

John Jacob Astor founded Astoria and thus linked the Pacific Northwest country to the United States. He acted not for patriotism nor for any other sentiment than that of money-making. His quest was for furs, not for land nor for home sites for the 2,000,000 American citizens who now dwell here. It has always been the way with the world's great promoters, and

It's so today. But a great deal of sentiment is attached to the Astoria enterprise, none the less. Nor is this feeling new. In 1813, we find Thomas Jefferson writafter the founding of Astoria):

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I learn with great pleasure the progress
you have made toward an establishment on
the Columbia River. I view it as the germ
of a great free and independent empire on
that side of our continent and that liberty
and self-government, spreading from that
as well as this side, will insure their complete establishment over the whole. It must
be still more gratifying to yourself to foresee that your name will be banded down
with that of Columbus and Raleigh as the
father of the establishment and founder of
such an enterprise.

Jefferson, it will be remembered,
was the President who followed up

was the President who followed up the discovery of the Columbia River 1792 by the American, Captain Gray, with the transcontinental exploration of Lewis and Clark in 1804-6. Astor's project followed the work of exploits most of the Columbia River region would now be British.

Strangely enough, Jefferson seems of to have foreseen the annexation of this region to the Nationality of the American people. Jefferson's political principles resisted the National idea, although he asserted the National authority in acquiring Louisiana from France. Upon Jefferson's political dectrines were based those of se-cession and rebellion and the denial of the sovereignty of the American people over the commonwealths.

Perhaps Jefferson had in mind a state on this shore of the Pacific, loosely confederated with the original states and allied with them in language and institutions. How far the National idea has progressed may be seen in withdrawal of lands, streams and minerals from uses of the people of Oregon, Washington and Idaho the bureaus in Washington. Twenty per cent of Oregon is thus withdrawn; 35 per cent of Washington, and 57 per nt of Idaho.

Right now, however, it is pertinent to note that the centennial of the Astor exploit is to be celebrated next Astoria was, indeed, the germ of a "great empire on this side of stinent." Astor's name will be handed down in future history on this a wealthy family in Gotham on the land holdings which his foresight acquired in that now great city. Presmembers of the Aster family might take note of next year's cen-tennial if their attention were ade-quately called to it. They certainly suid be willing to have the name of their family's founder "handed down with that of Columbus and Raleigh."

The Oregon country is the only region of the United States that was acquired through first discovery and exploration. It was the first to give the United States outlook on the Pacific Ocean. The acquisition of California and other Mexican territory was pursuance of the Oregon idea of American power on the Pacific-an idea that was awakened by occupation of the Oregon country. The Astor settlement was a most important event in American expansion.

The sweeping charges many ship-

subsidy promoters have made against any and all who disagreed with them and against all who honestly sought to prevent the subsidy raid on the Treasury are falling flat under the in-vestigation by the Congressional com-mittee. Witness after witness, under oath, has promptly denied any per-sonal knowledge of the presence of the lobby alleged to have been sent to Washington to prevent the passage of I fail to impress him with a sense of

a subsidy bill. Some of these witsesses had been credited with serious statements against newspaper correspondents who had sent out news that had not been colored to suit the views of the subsidy people, but when once on the stand all hesitated to commit themselves to any definite statenot the case, and the showing made is ment and "had no personal knowledge" of the truth or falsity of the

charges they had made. To any one familiar with the shipping business it naturally appeared ri-diculous to hear these charges of a foreign shipowners' lobby spending subsidy ever proposed by the most en-thusiastic of the Treasury raiders would fall so far short of equalizing the difference between the original cost and the cost of operation of Amerlcan and of foreign steamers that a subsidized American merchant marine would cause the foreigners about as much concern as they would feel over a subsidy granted for an experimental farm in the Bad Lands.

The real opposition to a ship subsidy

bill does not come from foreign ship-owners, but from patriotic Americans who would like to have the same opportunities that are enjoyed by foreigners who buy ships where they can scure them at the lowest figure. What this country needs is a merchant ma-rine that can be secured and operated on its merits, not a weak, puny affair which must be fed constantly on sub-

WANT'S TO BE DONE NOW?

There is a voice at Salem crying in the political wilderness that the Republican party does not govern in Oregon. It is Editor Hofer's, and it intones the following jeremiad:

While there is a Republican state admin-stration and a Legislature atrongly Repub-can, the Republican party does not govern An amendment has just been fastened on

An amendment has just been fastened on the constitution that changes the whole machinery of the courts and just trials.

Two years ago the people rejected a single tax amendment, but now it has been fastened on them in another form.

Until the dominant party can be made to awome some respansibility for the government of the state, what here to complain?

No one knows what will be sprung next, and we might as well all get ready to join the Sectalist party and be done with it.

A rapidity extending paternalism with double elections, with a double system of legislation, is being established.

The cipht measures adopted by the people cest about twice as much as the average session of the Legislature.

When Colonel Hofer emerges from

When Colonel Hofer emerges from the gloom and shadow of his own emotions over the sad state of the Republican party, we shall be glad to hear what he has to offer in the way of a few pertinent suggestions as to how the Republican party shall go about it to govern anything in Oregon. What and where is the Republican party? What are its controlling influences and purposes? What has become of its leaders? Has it any leaders? If it has, have the leaders any followers?

We don't wonder that the tender soul of Colonel Hofer is moved to a great yearning for somebody, some-how to do something for the party. He moves us to tears.

VINDICATING THE COLUMBIA RIVER

Jetty and dredge at the mouth of the Columbia River are bringing to fulfillment the desires of this great region for deepest-draught commerce to and from the sea. One jetty is almost finished: the second is soon to be begun. The first jetty has caused the channel to scour to twenty-eight feet depth at low tide; the second undoubtedly will make the depth close to forty feet.

Thus a great river-one of the greatest in the world-which already has a large and growing commerc is to have facilities equal to those of the most important maritime centers The Clyde, the Mersey, the Elbe, the Thames, the Hugil, the Delaware and the Hudson are dwarf streams comworld's greatest ports use those

for their Trade of the whole region of the Columbia River, 250,000 square miles, gravitates in one way or another to the river outlet for cheapest freight tonnage. This great region has sought deeper water at the river's mouth for many years. During twenty-six years the General Government has carried on jetty construction. The Govern-ment's slowness has been exasperating through tedlous periods, but the outlook has been brightening the last few years.

More and more, the water-grade route for trade will increase its lead and its importance. Deep water where that route joins the ocean highway will give powerful impetus to development of this Pacific Northwest region

ARE MEN NATURALLY HONEST?

An experiment on trial at Medical Lake. Wash., is made the basis for a question by Leslie's Weekly as to the existence of inherent honesty in man. The experiment is an extension of the principle of the "quick lunch," which ias become familiar in many cities In inaugurating it the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union, of Medical Lake, has formed a consun ers' league, hoping, if possible, to off-

set or in some measure control organization has bought a store, fully stocked with groceries, provisions and farm implements, open only to mem-bers of the union, numbering about 100. Each of these members is fur-nished with a key that enables him to help himself freely to whatever there is in stock. He is required to keep an account of his purchases and the prices thereto attached, and once a month turn in the individual amount due. The success of the venture depends largely upon the answer as worked out by experience to the question asked. If the men who alone can draw supplies from this general store, inquestioned and unsupervised, prove other, the object of the venture-the chespening of the cost of living by the elimination of clerk hire, adve tising, delivery and other expenses that are borne by the storekeeper who serves his patrons after modern methods, would be attained. All that is left to be considered would be sane

buying methods. Benjamin Franklin, sage, philoso-pher and political economist, said: "If you want a good servant and one that you like, serve yourself." The ex-periment above noted furnishes an excellent opportunity to test the truth of this advice. The man who is provided with a key that he may have access to stores in which he himself is a stockholder, and a tablet and pencil wherewith to keep a record of what he draws each month from the stock, is thrown upon his honor in a way that cannot

and delivery man, wrapper and ac-countant, will exemplify the truth of Franklin's estimate in getting a servant that he likes.

Whether this experiment proves or

fails to prove the main question at issue-the absolute dependability of human nature when put to this test of common honesty, the experiment, by bringing purchasers face to face with their monthly expenditures in detail, may be useful in inducing economy and curtailing waste. If, also, it remoney to defeat subsidy legislation in | sults in inculcating the virtue of self-Washington. The most extravagant help as an economic force, it will be subsidy ever proposed by the most en-beneficial as far as it extends. For the rest, while the members of a close corporation may be honest with themselves and each other, most people will incline to the opinion that honesty in general has not reached a state of development in human nature, accustomed as it is to such compulsory measures as are represented by bolts and keys, as will justify the extension of this confidence to the community by leaving all store doors unlocked and charging every customer with the

> The Oregonian printed, on Monday, November 21, a complete compilation of election returns on all state and Congressional candidates in Oregon and on all initiative and referendum measures. It was a labor that involved assiduous effort, infinite detail and considerable expense. The purpose was to give the public the final and authentic story of the election at the earliest possible time. Now, ten days later, the Secretary of State prints the official returns, verifying The Oregonian's results throughout. There are expected variations in detail, due to unavoidable errors in transmission and omputation and to other differences in methods of calculation. But they are not important or even interesting at this time. The Oregonian doesn't wait for others to get the news, and print it days after the public wants and expects it. This paper sends out and gets everything available at the earliest time, and leaves the secondhand method, which is cheaper and easier, to others.

The "prank," so-called, by which a bridegroom in this city was bound in the presence of his bride and wedding guests, spirited away and concealed for several hours, might have been tolerated in a frontier community as part of "the fun," sixty years ago. But in any civilized community of the present day such conduct is an outrage that deserves condign publishment. In the first place the attempt to make honorable marriage the occasion of a rough joke is to be seriously depre-Again, the anxiety amounting to nervous distress that is by such vulgar and violent means inflicted upon a bride on the occasion of her marriage is reprehensible to the last degree. The mockery that is made of marriage in the divorce courts is bad enough. But that mockery of it at the altar be condoned is altogether too much to ask of an orderly

The name of Father Duncan stands for much that is heroic and self-sacrificing in Christianity. It stands for voluntary exile from home-practically for many years from civilization; for unremitting efforts in behalf of lowly Indian tribes in Alaska; for courage to face and industry to over-come difficulties and for sublime faith in the uplifting power of Christianity. The news that comes from Juneau of his serious illness at Metlakahtla, the Indian village of which he is the head, will therefore be received with sincere regret by all who have known of Father Duncan through his work in the Far Northwest.

bitterly denounced the practice of "slapping schoolchildren in the faces."

Where, we may ask, does such a practice prevail? Certainly not in the face of the process of the process of the process of the practice prevails. Certainly not in the face of the process of the process of the practice prevails of the practice prevails of the practice of the tice prevail? Certainly not in the Portland schools, surely not in those of Spokane, or of any other enlightened city. It can hardly be doubted that any teacher who would slap a child in the face in any school in any enlightened community would be dishonorably dismissed the service.

The demand of a great magazine for the publication of the pension list will be repeated by all honest men Concealment of the names of pension ers subserves no purpose but that of fraud. It is an astonishing state of things when the public which pays the pensions is forbidden to know receives its bounty.

That interesting serial, the New Garbage Crematory, which has been running for more than two years in the daily press of Portland, has now reached an exciting chapter wherein the city authorities demand to be shown. It is a good guess that the plot will be shifted before long into the courts.

Zero weather and labor strikes in Chicago form a combination that results in empty cupboards and fireless that city. The pity of this statement is found in its ghastly truth, and in the further fact that Winter has but just begun to make his grim power felt in the great city.

According to a professor in the University of New York. woman has not made good. As threefourths of them (the professor's figures) are married, they are undoubt-edly making good wives, and that is

The 3-cent fare on street railways is said to have resulted in unsatisfactory service in Cleveland. This condition is unfortunately true in some cities where the divine right to charge 5-cent carfare has never been assailed.

Mosier has a unique distinction, for in no other section of the world do apples grow too large and good to win Dr. Cook is thrifty, anyway. He

received large money for his "discov ery" and a fair price for the recant. As one activity in high life, watch the men building the cornice on the

Yeon building at Fifth and Alder. Civilization has not carried the negro up to the point of successfully holding up a passenger train.

Paying 25 cents a night less for a Pullman berth still falls to solve the high-cost-of-living problem.

Reduction in the price will not make upper berths more popular.

individual responsibility, while he who PLEA FROM SMALL HOME BUILDER serves himself in the capacity of clerk Woman Appeals for Help Against Menace of Single Tax.

TROUTDALE, Or., Nov. 32.—(To the Editor.)—A woman verging on old age appeals to you for some one to champion

ur cause. It is this: Scores of women have la-It is this: Scores of women have inbored in this state for many years to
build up little homes. We have faught
in the public schools, we have stood
behind the counter for long hours, we
have sewed and done all sorts of work
to accomplish our object. We have
worked for small wages and denied ourselves in many ways to save what we
selves in many ways to save what we

Now, if I understand this tax amend-ment right, my little farm that I bought in the rough, and on which I spent 20 years clearing and building my little house will be taxed as high as the prop-erty of my city neighbor who has a beau-tiful country home, with all modern im-provements. And my stater in the city who put all

matter in our behalf we will gladly help in any way. MARGARET M'KAY.

The county or single tax amendment the county or single tax amendment to the constitution is not yet operative in Oregon and The Oregonian is confident that it never will be. The reason for that confidence rests largely on such for that confidence rests largely on such a supersions as are to be found in the expressions as are to be found in the his own acts. He was a keen observer. He noticed how men act in certain sitforegoing letter. The home-owners of Oregon, and all their friends and sym-

"Select your tree varieties. I now have Ben Davis, Newtown Pippins and Spitzenberg. If I were planting again, I would probably plant all Ben Davis. Last year I could have sold 250 carloads of this apple more than I produced had I been able to grow it. It is not so fancy, but a good producer and commands a big trade."

Now that was very honest, this last sentence, but as all fruit-growers know it is one of the most worthless apples grown for eating or cooking. The reason for its selling so readily is its looks. It is bought by persons readily who de not know its new transported. On the other hand, it may be that Machiavelli's comments have forewarned many honest men and have enabled them to escape the wiles of such as come under the general category of gold-brick venders.

If this famous man was a devil incarnate, why did the English Earl Cowper seek cut his burial place, and there raise a monument to mark the spot?

JAMES HOYE.

CIGARETTE PRICES GO HIGHER.

looks. It is bought by persons readily who de not know its quality, but they never afte the second time.

The time is coming, if not now here, when apples will sell on their merits and it will be impossible to sell Ben Davis apples at any price. If I had an apple orchard containing Ben Davis I would cut every Ben Davis down, and I would not spare the ax on the Gano and Wolf River, which are also of time looks, but of poor guality. If of fine looks, but of poor quality. If Oregon is to keep her good name for apples she will have to send apples of good quality to the foreign marnot a counterfeit apple like the

Ben Davie. Now, as the State Horticultural Society is to meet it would be a good idea for the society to take this question up and advise prospective orchard-ists what varieties of young apple trees to get out in the Williamette Val-ley and each other section of the state. ley and each other section of the state, and tell why climate and other conditions are best suited those varieties. The writer was brought up in an apple country where the Winesap was the best fruit-stand apple. Here it is a little worthless apple. Yet in the Wenstchee Valley it is a fine, largo, well-flavored apple.

We of Washington, Idaho and Oreson want to keen our good name as

pices of the State Board of Agricul-ture wherein I note 17 varieties of choicest kinds. They were were lim-ited to normal sizes and a Northern Spy not on exhibition for that reason is mentioned as measured 13 inches and

Spy not on exhibition for that reason is mentioned as measured 13 inches and weighed 13 ounces.

So you see we of this Coast are not the only fruit-growers. Our fruit-growers must grow the best of choice apples and carefully grade in packing. I believe that fully two-thirds of the fruit trees of our orchards are of the worthless varieties, set out through ignorance of varieties of apples and their qualities

A. F. M'ATEE.

OREGON LAWS AND CONSTITUTION There Any Distinction When It Comes to Initiative Legislation?

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. L-(To the Editor.)-A dispatch from Phoenix, Arizona. states that it is more than likely the constitution now being framed in that territory preparatory to asking admission into the Union, is so very radical that it will not only meet with disapproval of President Taft but that it will

proval of Fresident Tait but that it win probably be rejected by the people when submitted to them next month. The comment is made that the "Ore-gon Plan" was not only followed as a model by the convention but that in many directions an improvement was atmany directions an improvement was attempted, notably in the adoption of a section providing for the recall of the judiciary from the lowest to the highest of the courts. The statement is added that "many of the delegates did not seem to understand the difference be-

seem to understand the difference be-tween a constitution and a code."

But under the Oregon plan of amend-ing the state constitution, which may be done by one man originating the pro-posed change and after conforming to the requirements of the initiative law, which is a very easy thing to do, sub-mitting it to a vote of the people, is there really "any difference between the constitution and a codo"—or the statutes?

In other words, what is the difference in Oregon now between the process of amending the constitution so that all the courts, high and low, are thrown into a confused and confusing jumble, or of disembowelling the fundamentals of the system of levying taxes which have been observed by all the states for more than a century, and enacting a state law taxing dogs, for instance? Is there any?

T. T. GEER.

Iwo Years Spent on G. A. R. Emblem

Pittsburg Gazette-Times.
What is probably one of the pretiest and most unique Grand Arm
badges ever made has just been conpleted after two years' work by Miss Catherine M. Brophy. The problem will be presented to Abe Patterson Post No. 157, G. A. R., by William Clare, of the Department of Public Clare, of the Department of Public Safety, representing the young woman, and will then be framed and hung in Mamorial Hall. The budge is worked on khaki cloth and more than 1000 webs of slik floss were used. The colors are red, grean, white, blue, golden and bronza. All are cleverly harmonized, so that no matter which way one looks at the budge it appears as if the sun were shining on it.

SOME GOOD IN MACHIAVELLISM. Opinion is Expressed That Honest Men Are Forewarned Therein.

TACOMA, Noy. 30 -(To the Editor.)-I notice that a correspondent in The Oregonian holds up, Machiavelli as an unusually wicked man, and in the same letter eulogizes the English. Macaulay speaks of the famous Italian

Now, if I understand this tax amend- local tyrange and to suppress

a government strong enough to suppress local tyranny and to repel enemies. His doctrines, in other respects, were in harmony with the standards of the age. As a historian, he united erudition, gravity and profound thought with a charming and interesting style."

Denouncing Italians does not tend to prove that English are impeccable. The statesman in question lived in the Tudor period. His morals will fare well, if compared with the conduct of Henry VIII. I believe your correspondent said something about "trickery" being unknown in England. Henry was such a knavish pettifogger, that he divorced, murdered and committed other enormitations of "The Pilgrim Chorus." from "Tannbasser." the customer displayed. And my sister in the city who put all her earnings in a lot, must be taxed like her wealthy neighbors who never knew what self-denial meant.

What right have young men, who care nothing about the responsibility of building up a home, and who spend their money as fast as they earn it—what right have they to tax the little homes that are the best asset of this state?

Would it not be simple justice to bring a bill into the Legislature—well I can't frame a law—but I think it would help matters if a county voting a tax law, would be required to hold a special election for that purpose, and that all tax-payers, men and women, too, should vote on the question?

But if some one would take up this matter in our behalf we will gladly help in any way.

MARGARET MKAY England. If the writer of this remembers cor

rectly. American athletes who attended the Olympic games in London denounced foregoing letter. The home-owners of Oregon, and all their friends and sympathizers, are against the single tax. They ought to be.

BEN DAVIS COUNTERFEIT APPLET Good Looks Bring Sale of Fruit of Poor Flavor, Says Correspondent.

PORTLAND, Dec. L—To the Editor.)—In a communication in The Telegram by one W. B. Dobson, on Oregon apples, the well known apple-grower, Mr. M. C. Lownsdale, is quoted as saying:

"Select your tree varieties. I now The said of the said to develop since traders, 'smooth' men who 'clean up' a few dollars in various ways,'s and 'black horse cavalry' in legislatures. But it is only the evil disposed who are thus influenced.

On the other hand, it may be that He noticed how men act in certain sit

Become Unknown.

New York Press. Cigarette smokers are noticing that the placards once so familiar on cigar store windows announcing cut prices in cigarettes are becoming more and more uncommon. Owing to the tre-mendous consumption of Turkish cig-arettes in practically all the countries of the world Turkish tobacco nearly has doubled in cost to the manufacturers in the last year. Dealers say increased retail prices are inevitable and that a Turkish cigarette at 10 cents a box will soon become unknown. United States internal revenue statistics set down the increased consumption at 20 per cent in the last

Time was when cigarettes cut a comparatively small figure in the re-tall cigar store's business, but they now are said to average one-third of the total retail trade in tobacco. ready the retailers in scores of cities have advanced their selling prices of Turkish cigarettes, Chicago having come into line in a fortnight.

wrong places and with the public plea of the rector of St. Mark's that somewhere in the city there be established a big, free, wholesome center for healthy amusement. Wesley Methodist Church comes out with an announcement that one evening every week its thurs in the wrong ment that one evening every week its pariors are open to the community for any innocent entertainment and any healthy recreation that may be de-

The official announcement throws the doors open to young people of all ages. There in the church parlors they may entertain their friends, make new friends, read good books and en-joy themselves. They may go there and find company, they may bring their company along and not be inter-fered with, or they may sit in a corner and read. Whatever they like to do they may do, the only restriction being that imposed by good manners and good morals.

Baldheaded Man Feminine Favorite

London Daily Mirror.

Why women like the baldheaded man it is somewhat difficult to define. It may be because he appears to be:
Thoughtful and kind.

Trustworthy and confiding. Whimsical. Past the foilies and frivelities of worth.

Usually successful.

A man of property.
Opinions why women like the baldheaded man obtained by the Dally Mirror are as follows:

He is not slip like young men.

He accepts refusals of marriage so nicely that one is sorry one did not accept him.

The bald patch looks so clean and nice. One would like to kiss it.

A doctor welcomes baldness when it comes to him, as it is a sign of sedate-ness and dignified learning, which in-variably increases his practice.

Samoans Show Poetle Instinct.

Detroit News.

Travelers visiting Sames are puzzled at first by the fact that many boys bear feminine names while girls as frequent-

ly have masculine names.

The visitor learns after a while, however, that this confusing use of names, instead of being due to ignorance, is in reality the result of a native custom

reality the result of a native custom which is highly poetic.

Thus, if a girl is born soon after the death of a brother the latter's name is given to her, in the belief that his spirit and all his good qualities have been transferred to her.

On the other hand, if a boy is born after the death of a sister, he takes the latter's name, and, as the Samoans believe, all her lovable traits become his.

Who shall say that these gentle South See islanders are destitute of the poetic instinct?

instinct? Ode to a Collar.

Life.

A collar with an injun name,
Low, rakish, a la Byron,
A collar all know how to maim
and none knew how to iron.

Erst was all smooth and clean and low.
It knew no crack nor split;
The laundry's had it now, and oh!
The difference to it!

LIFE'S SUNNY SIDE

Charles M. Schwab, in a recent interview in New York, pointed out the folly of ignorant speculation.

average man, with no knowledge of finance," he said, "has no busttess to speculate. Let him do so and

his case is Jones' all over again.
"Jones stopped in at a garage one
morning to see about selling off his two automobiles. "I hear you've been speculating the stock exchange, Mr. Jones?"

agent said politely

leathers the other evening to the martial strains of "The Pilgrim Chorus," from "Tannhauser," the customer displayed unmistakable signs of impatience.

"Here, here, boy!" he exclaimed, "you'll have to hustle. I want to catch a train."

'Is da so, boss? Well, jes' excuse me

The porter went to the planola, stopped the music, changed the roll, and came back. A broad grin spread over the face of the traveling man as he watched the brushes fairly fly to the tune of "Tur-key in the Straw," with ragtime varia-tions in double-quick time.—Youngstown Telegram.

In his daily half-hour confidential talk with his boy, an ambitious father tried

to give some good advice. "Be observing, my son," said the father on one occasion. "Cultivate the babit of seeing, and you will be a successful man. Study things and remember them. Don't go through the world blindly. Learn to use your eyes. Boys who are bservant know a great deal more than those who are not

Willie listened in silence Several days later, when the entire family, consisting of his mother, aunt and uncle, were present, his father said: "Well, Willie, have you kept using your eyes, as I advised you to do?" Willie nodded, and after a moment's hestitation said:

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"Twe seen a few things about the house. Uncle Jim's got a bottle of hair dye hid under his bed; Aunt Jennie's got an extra set of false teeth in her dresser; ma's got some curls in her hat and pa's got a pack of cards and a box of dice behind the books in the bookcase."—Cieveland News.

A New Jersey farmer came to the city the other day and, among other things, he visited a high-class restaurant, says a Philadelphia paper. His appetite ran a Philadelphia paper. His appetite ran to cheese, and, inquiring of the water what sort of cheese was listed, remarked that he desired "something new." "Why don't you 'try a bit of Roquefort?" suggested the watter. "What's that?" asked the farmer. "Hang it." he added, "bring me some. I like the name anyway." He ate of it and liked it. So he thought he would take some home to his bring me some. I like the name anyway." He ate of it and liked it. So he thought he would take some home to his wife. Arriving late, he laid the small cheese wrapped in sliver paper on the sideboard. He forget to inquire about it till next night and then he asked his wife how she liked it. 'Oh, I s'pose it's mighty stylish up to the city, but I jes kinder couldn't use it. I couldn't get no foam out of it, and when I washed the children they smelled kinder funny, and I can't say's I like it."

How One Woman Got Votes.

St Louis Globe-Democrat.

In Jasper County Miss Della Sharp was chosen Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Twenty-fifth Judicial District. Her success was largely due to her ability as a campaigner and her record in the office, where she served 12 years

the office, where she served it years as a deputy.

Miss Sharp toured the county by au-tomobile, and every morning she was to be seen emerging from her boarding-house clad in a black skirt, a dainty Church As Amusement Center.

Minneapolis Journal.

Simultaneously with police revelations that hundreds of young people in Minneapolis are spending their evenneeds your vote on November 8 for Circustella Control of the Control of t cuit Clerk." She carried with her a box

> crats, with the injunction: "I brought this for you to scratch your own ticket on November S. I am sure that you would rather bays and on November 8. 1 am sure that you would rather have an old maid in the office than an old bachelor."
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> Almost every fence post, telegraph pole and bridge in the county bere placards: "Yote for the girl," under which many wrote: "You bet I will."

Buffalo News.

Think that you are young. On your birthday don't allow yourself to think that you are a year old. Keep mental cobwebs, dust and brain ashes brushed off by frequent changes.

Don't be too ambitious. The canker of over-vaulting ambition has eaten up the happiness of many a life and short-

ned its years. Put some beauty into your life every day by seeing beautiful works of art, beautiful bits of scenery or by reading some fine poem or selection in prose.

FEATURES OF THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN

SOME PLAIN TALKS WITH

WOMEN, BY A WOMAN First of a series of modern ser mons, solemn in spots, entitled "We Women," by Charlotte Rowett. The text of the initial offer-ing is: "How to Keep a Man." These talks will run several weeks.

HELPED TO BUILD VAN-COUVER BARRACKS IN 1849 Sketch of Philip Christ, sole

survivor of the first command of

United States troops sent out in

1849; hale and hearty at the age INVENTORS WHO HAVE NEVER TAKEN PROFITS

Men who are turning over to

the public important inventions that would have made them mil-

THE FLAG PARAMOUNT; A STORY BY O. HENRY Tale of patriotism from a South American republic, in the author's

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