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WITH OR WITHOUT BRYAN?

The New York World has taken, the ears of the reviving Democracy in both hands and is all alone dragging that patient animal along the only way to victory in 1912. The Demooracy must begin by abjuring Bryan socialiam, and it must all the time be cantious. Overconfidence loses many victories; now let the Democracy try the untried virtue of caution.

Mr. Bryan retorts that the World is pleading for the same breed of "sane, progressive and cautious" Democrat, just as in 1904, a Democrat that "holds the word of promise to the people's ear, only to break it in their hope." That's Parker Another Parker is too much for Bryan.' He wills have none such. Nor will the coun-It agrees with Bryan there

But if Bryan has discovered in any other of the new Democratic leader any faithful friend who will not "hold the word of promise to the people's ear, only to break it in the hope," he has not conveyed the glad tidings to the walting and wondering world. Bryan cannot see what new strange obsession has seized the country that it should break out with rapturous perspiration whenever the name of Wilson, or Harmon' or Dix,

or Gaynor, is mentioned. Where do hey stand on the only true test of a Democrat, viz: "What do they think of ME"? Not much, we opine. Therefore Bryan thinks the same of them. Heautiful prospect ahead for the Democracy indeed in 1912. Here in East planning to make Bryan swallow a "sane, progressive and cautious" candidate; and Bryan planning to eliminate the whole "sane, pro-gressive and cautious" crowd when

e time comes. What Democrat can win under the weight of the Bryan indorsement?

What Democrat can win without it?

TOUCHING UPON SEALS.

The Oregonian prints today a letter from a Eugene attorney, Mr. S. D. Allon, who says that he was employed in the case of Starkey and Lunz which we commented on not long him. ngo. As might be expected Mr. Allen resents the facts of this lawsuit under a different aspect from ours, but he does not seem to vary essentially from our statement. Indeed we do not see how he could, since The Oregonian took the particulars from the an emergency ever arise? court record. His argument against poor Lunz, who, the reader will re-call, was jockeyed out of his property on a technicality, reads like any other plece of legal eloquence, and of course it will be estimated by the intelligent public at its proper value. We dare of the controversy may say this side

the accuracy of the postoffice. Seals are usually a part of legal ceremonial and the common man accepts them as he does the remainder, without any particular comment. But a seal is far more easy to counterfeit than a signature is to forge and as a symbol of genuineness it is much less truly effective than an ordinary autograph. In fact, the great mass of the world's important business is carried on by promissory notes and the like which are certified only by autographs and which give rise to comparatively little trouble.

The antiquated survival called a seal clings to deeds and writs merely because lawyers love their idols. There is not a solitary respectable eason why it should be retained. In the days when ordinary people could not write, seals were extremely use ful, since a man could certify a document by impressing his seal even if he could not sign his name; but consider what the relic has degenerated to now. At the end of a deed it is a mere pen scrawl which means nothing. There may be a lawyer here and there who knows what the mystical letters "L. S." signify, but very few "common men" do. An article in the December number of "Cuse and Comment" expresses very clearly the opinion of intelligent lawyers upon subject, "Case and Comment" uniquely the lawyers' magazine. 11 speaks the best sentiment of the profession. The article we refer to speaks is from the pen of Harry Selmire Hopper, of the Philadelphia bar. Its heading is "The Antiquated Seal." In the first paragraph we read that the seal "is a relic of antiquity and no plausible excuse can be invented for

continuing its use." Farther on the author says that "an almost magical value is given to it by dignified judges which is little less than rfdiculous." And again, "it is one of the blind, stubborn customs and formalities inherited from the common law of England centuries ago." At some future time we hope to show how many of these silly fetishes the Engish law has now discarded, while, to our discredit, we still retain and wor

RECALL IN THEORY AND PRACTICE.

ship them

The theory of the recall is that the people ought to have it in their power at any time by their vote to remove an unfaithful public officer. The recall in practice, however, is likely to be employed as an instrument of revenge or an opportunity for partisan or factional or personal advantage. So it has been in Oregon,

It has been invoked something like four times, each time in a town, as the result of the turbulent politics that mark the course vents often in small places. Arizona is bound to have the recall. The constitutional convention insists that it shall apply to all elective public officers, including judges. There is vehement objection to applying the recall to judges. There is an old-fashioned idea that appears to have

reached Arizona that a judge should be secure from the influence either of political rewards or punishments, and should be far above the reach of popular clamor. But in Arizona, if his decisions don't happen to suit, they are going to have the recall on Why not the referendum also! Yet we have the recall in Oregon for judges and for all public officers No one has ever proposed to recall any judge. Possibly no one will unless he is willing to make an issue over some decision, or other judicial act. Is there such a one? or will such

THE TARIFF AND WAGES.

ploys scarcely any American labor, but it still has the protection. Was

there ever a grosser imposition upon a patient Nation? Even the protec-

tionists themselves seem to have be-come ashamed of the thin pretense

that the tariff benefits labor, for they

ecause it ensures them a fair profit.

presupposes but slight intelligence

This has the merit of candor, though

in the people who pay the profit.

want

now frankly say that they

000.000. One cannot help admiring the pluck of the Chicago strikers which enabled them to sing as they marched the report has other interesting through the streets in the snow on Wednesday. The music must have points. After an exhaustive review been inspiring to hear, for, according covering several pages, showing the prices paid by the carload, barrel, bushel and pound, Secretary Wilson to the reports, some 20,000 were in line, all women, and their voices no arrives at the astounding conclusion doubt echoed the pathos of their situation. It is significant to read that "the general fact was that the producer's percentage of the consumthat these striking garment-workers er's price diminished as the quantity sang in all tongues but English. Some sold at retail was smaller." In other of them were Russian, some Italians, and many were from the interior words, it has been finally determined that the man who buys apples one at countries of Europe, but none were

Mem of them have college degrees. bers of The Oregonian staff whose duty it is to edit communications written carefully by learned men, as well as those "just dashed off

busy subscribers, are competent to testify concerning the uncertainty the average mind as to the rule which governs. In the hope that an ever present stumbling block may be re-moved, the rule is here given! "Monosyllables and words of more than one syllable with the accent on the last syllable, ending in a single consonant preceded by a single vowel, double the final consonant before a suffix beginning with a vowel." Ex-

amples: Get, getting; rebel, rebelling; travel, traveling; appeal, appealing. This is one of the really valuable rules of spelling, though it has a few exceptions. Many sound educators hold that it is the only valuable rule for the reason that it is easier to learn the spelling than it is to learn the rules for spelling and their exceptions. The rule quoted may be for general use into: When the accent is on the last sylable, double the consonant." While this robs it of accuracy, as in the case "appeal," it applies to so many words that it is worth remembering. Besides it is so easy to remember.

THE AGRICULTURAL JOKE BOOK

The annual report of Secretary James Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, is an elaborate affair and covers a wide range of subjects. "Year after year." writes the honor able Secretary, "It has been my privilege to record 'another most prosperous year in agriculture," " and in using the privilege he this year makes the most remarkable showing in figures his department has ever prethat sented. Like the numerous drop reports

that have proved interesting for their inaccuracy, this annual report of Secretary Wilson deals extensively in gen eralities. He places the grand total value of all farm products at \$8,926. 000,000, but does not segregate this beyond the grain and cotton crops The value of the grain and cotton grops is placed at \$3,610,000,000, and, the record yield of corn, the desplte

value of the cereals is given at \$230.-000,000 less than last year. This decrease was made up in other

directions, the Secretary explaining that "it has been a year of high prices for meat and animals, for poultry and eggs, and for milk and butter, and for these reasons the total value of all farm products increased in 1910 \$304,-000,000 above the estimate for 1909." There is something pleasing in the contemplation of these "record" fig ures presented by the Secretary of agriculture, especially wherein he grave-ly assures us that "nothing short of omniscience can grasp the value of the farm products of the year." Appar-parently Secretary "Tama Jim" was not omniscient, for his grasp was insufficient to enable him to tell us how much of the 5,140,-\$96,000 bushels of grain produced used by the farmers who WILB. raised it in the production of "meat and animals, poultry and eggs, and milk and butter," in order that the latter-mentioned staples could pull

the grand total up so near \$9,000,000,-Despite the pleasing nature of these remarkable figures, they should not be taken too seriously. While we may have a grain crop of 5,140,896,000 While we may bushels, our annual exports have only once or twice exceeded 200,000,000 bushels. Until the Secretary Informs us how much of the remaining 4,800,-666,000 bushels of grain is represented

in his livestock, poultry, etc., it will be impossible to determine what discount must be made from the \$9,000,-Aside from this duplication of a few billions for the grain which the producer feeds to his own stock,

President Taft, co-operate with the river carrier for mutual profit and to the advantage of the region served by the two systems of transportation.

It is the special fortune of ex-Senator Turner, of Spokane, have inspired in a large body of friends and acquaintances a general sentiment of respect for his great intellectual powers and of admiration for his fine personal qualities. Now Judge Turner is being urged for appointment as Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; and the sultableness of such a choice by the President, if it shall be made, is recognized throughout the Pacific North-west and wherever the ex-Senator is Judge Turner was long a Republican, but in recent years en more or less identified with the Democratic party; yet the alliance The President has made close. it clear that politics shall have little or no weight with him in selecting judges; and in that view the choice of Judge Turner could not be proper-ly criticised. He rendered distinguished service as a commissioner for the United States in the Alaska boundary contention and also in pre-senting the case of the United States in the fisheries dispute before The Hague Tribunal. He is qualified to e a Supreme Judge of the United

Higher commendation States. not be given any lawyer or judge.

Traffic Manager Miller, of the Har riman lines in the Northwest, pre-dicts a population of 500,000 for Portland in 1920, and offers very plausible reasons for his estimate. Summar ized, these reasons are that Portland, with but very slight railroad development, has in the past ten years increased more than 129 per cent in population. This growth has been achieved under most favorable circumstances, and nearly all of it has taken place in five years. If great region which supports Portland can build a city of 200,000 people with development of its resources just be-ginning, predictions of a 500,000 population ten years hence are not so ex-travagant as at first glance they might seem. As the transportation system with which Mr. Miller has been connected since his boyhood is spending large sums to attract new settlers to Oregon, his estimates will receive

due consideration.

United States Marshal "Jack" Abernathy, the bad man of the West, who

kills wolves by tearing them in two with his bare hands, and who has a reputation for "eating 'em raw," has resigned and has departed for Oyster Bay to tell Teddy about it. Followthe precedent of his illustrious ing friend, who secured his appointment Marshal Abernathy objected to rules and regulations when they conflicted with his own ideas, and, rather than submit to orders, he resigned. urally, the loss of the world's cham plon wolfkiller from the Governmen payroll will prove very embarrassing to President Taft, but his accession to the ranks of Gifford, Jimmie and the mighty Colonel will certainly bring cheer to that band of reformers.

The National Cloak Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association has de cided that the hobble skirt must go. The reason for the curt dismissal of the hideous contraption that gave the fair sex who wore it the appearance of a lot of kangaroos endeavoring to take short jumps with their legs tied together, is that it was "calculated to bring derision upon the entire tribe of dressmakers and designers." "T'is well, that even the people who get together the fearfully and wondermade "creations" that spoil the fully good form and style of some of the ladies thus show vulnerability to the critcism of that portion of mankind and women-kind who would rather be comfortably dressed than to be "down to the minute" in style.

SEALS ON DOCUMENTS OF COURT WHAT SUNDERED TENNIS TIEST Lawyer in Case Upholds Decision in Rivalry in 1912 Too Remote to Cause

Break of T. R. and Gifford. New York Evening Sun.

How well do we remember those the side lines and Theodore volleyed and thundered at the net. The Hon. James Rudolph Garfield brooded gloomily over the scene and Cabot dropped in for tea. No cloud o'erspread that sunlit sky, not even the impending shadow of March 4, or the prospective interference of the irritating Constitu-

And now, into this tale of gay friend-ship, happy martyrdom and eager ambition, stalks the present tragedy. From the Washington correspondent of the Tribune come dark tidings that the most beautiful of tennis friendships is at an end—that Gifford has seen fit to quarrel with his maker, in short, and is off playing by himself. We grieve accordingly and who will not? What its effect will be upon this intense nature no man can tell; and, of course, nature no man can tell; and, of course, a blow to Gifford is a blow to the country's vitals, for without his foster-ing care our trees would cease to grow and our streams to run.

incorrect. Rivalry in 1912, is the occaincorrect. Hivary in Dir, is the other sion of this snapping of ancient bonds, the Tribune would have one believe. But that is nonsense. For Gifford, as Presidential timber, is simply a pleas-ant percential joke; and after the late events of November, the chances of Gif-ford's former friend are not such as to keep even an emotional martyr awake

LOG CABIN FOR CONTEMPLATION Great Men May Think in Solitude in

Woodland Retreat,

New York Sun. One of the most peculiar building specifications ever filed in Richmond borough was received in the office of the bureau of buildings at New Brighton esterday. Chief Clerk and Plan Examlike it in building specifications. As-sistant Superintendent of Buildings Har-

ry Brown mild: "I have been in the building business for 50 years and I never saw anything like it before." The document was filed by C. G. Kolff, secretary of the Richmond Holding Com-pany, and is as follows:

I propose to erect from trees growing

Starkey vs. Lunz. EUGENE, Or., Dec. 6 .- (To the Edi-

tor.)-As one of the attorneys in the happy, care-free days upon the tennis case of Starkey vs. Luns, referred to in court when Gifford swatted them down the organian last Sunday, it to the door the other day by an in-sistent individual, who had "business some of your statements. You there assert that Lunz "was robbed of his farm," and if this is so, the matter will merit considerable space in public print. Permit me to give the facts of that case.

Interference of the irritating Constitu-tion then so utterly despised.
Of course those bilssful hours in time were ended. New days, new ways.
The greatest tennis player of them all weat off to Africa, the Hen, James was pried aparts from his job and Gifford at ne was left to draw a salary. Of his ent with a "rush order" lost the butcher should sell before attachment could be made. The Roseburg attorney had some-still are irrigated with tears. But Gifford did not weep. As a holy martyr he was twice as interesting as ever before and he went about the hand branding the criminals of the system wherever he happened to meet them, One branded gentieman refused to stay branded, but that is another story. At least Gifford had a gorgeous time and tasma of publicity.
Desides, it was just about this time that the Presidential bee, buzing from flower to flower, undential bee, buzing from flower to flower, undential bee, buzing from flower to flower, undential bee, buzing from flower to flower, and denty bit deen into the proceeding was investing from flower to flower, and her yen this into the pris-one. John Brown, a Minnesota butcher,

Besides, it was just about this itme that the Presidential bee, buzzling from flower to flower, suddenly bit deep into the tender forchead of Gifford. And for a Presidential candidate there is nothing so becoming as a neat, taste-ful martyr's crown. This the friends, hangers on, attaches and subordinate martyrs at once perceived, and the great boom was on. As a professional martyr, we presume the country has never seen the equal of our friend. At times lately he has had difficulty in keeping enthusiasm at fever heat, but he has done his best. had been suggested as fatal in an early

pose. This is entirely new to me, and I cannot understand how that provision could be so construed. Certainly no ap-plication was at any time made to supply plication was at any time made to supply What can be the explanation of this unfortunate quarrel? you ask. We own we do not know. Of one thing, how-ever, we do fert sure-and that is that the reason assigned by our neighbor is incorrect. Rivality in 1912 is the correct any omission or correct any mis

nour own proceeding. Now I confidently assert that there is no reputable, practicing attorney in the State of Oregon who would advice a client that he could asfely buy the Lawrence title on such a record. Neverthein as the new owner of the Lawrence tile. You call him the "wretched Lunz." Surely that was a moment of inspiration

that led you to select that term, for whether he paid full value for the land to Lawrence, as you declare, or only a fraction of its value, taking a gamble on fraction of its value, taking a gamble on the result of the litigation, or whether as I suppose, he simply loaned his name in a friendly way, hoping thereby to strengthen Lawrence's case in appear-ance, he cuts an equally "wretched" figure in the case.

figure in the case. But you seriously reflect on our court because it held that a writ of attach-ment without the court's seal was no writ. They are known to be honorable writ. They are known to be honorable writ. They are known to be honorable men, learned in the law; the litigants and parties interested in the case were all non-residents. Surely nothing appears to suggest that the judges made this de-olsion for any other reason than that they really thought that under Oregon laws, which they had no hand in making, but were only construing, such was the case. Was that conclusion utterly fool-ish? The Supreme Court of the United Skates, termed the most august judicial I propose to erect from frees growing in the forests of Emerson Hill a log cabin 11 by 12 in size, with three win-dows, one door and an open fireplace with an earthen floor. It is not to be occupied as a residence, but as a tem-porary place of retreat and contempia-tion for lovers of nature, statesmen with political futures before them and behind them, those wishing to reflect on the gratitude of future generations and the ingratitude of future generations and the ingratitude of the present and past gen-erations: for thinkers in general and philosophers born as such or grown to be such by the trials of professional, commercial, political strife and defeats. The building will be of logs. Cost, \$50. Emerson Hill is one of the residentiat parts on the eastern end of Clove Valley, Concord, Staten Island. It was named for Ralph Waldo Emerson, who lived

Life's Sunny Side

Samuel C. Martin, warden of the elstent individual, who had "dusiness of importance." The warden went to see his visitor, and was somewhat dis-pleased when the caller introduced himself as "Jimmy the Brick." He stated a bosom friend of his was con-fined there, and that, as he had not seen him for some time, he would like to be shown to his cell, even though not a visiting day. The warden was not inclined to let him in. "The Brick," however, was not to be

When the Crown Prince of Sweden married Princess Margaret, the pretty niccs of King Edward, he arrived at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, just when the perplexed officials were at their wits ends to provide and observe due order of precedence. As the Prince was standing in the doorway with his attending grooms-men, one of the officials bustled up. "Now, sir," said he, scarcely glanc-ing at the Prince, "who might you and your party be, and where am I to send you." married Princess Margaret, the pretty

"Where you put me doesn't much matter," the Prince replied, meskly. "I am only the bridegroom."-St. James send you. Budget. . . .

The waning rumpus in Mexico re-calls a little incident connected with the Chamber of Commerce excursion the Diaz Republic

The special train bearing the party was switched from one station to another in Mexico City, and the Cham-ber officer went to the first station to make inquiries.

Approaching a pair of dark visaged employes, he cudgeled his memory for the proper words from his phrase

book. "Donde esta?" he hesitatingly asked, and paused. dark visaged persons

The two dark listened attentively. "Gracies," stammered the Cleveland man. "Donde estan," Then one of the men looked at the other.

"Say, Bill." he growled, "what in merry bue blazes is this fellow talk-in', about?" And after that it was easy .- Cleve-

land Plaindealer.

VERACITY OF SCRIPTURES 'SHOWN

Descriptions of Life Plainly Recognizable in Holy Land Today.

Columbian Magazine. One thing cannot fail to impr impress every visitor to Bethlehem, and, indeed, to the Holy Land generally, who is imbued with true Christian faith and a proper sense of the sanctity of the location and of the events that have transpired there, and that is the more than remarkable correspondence between the things and correspondence between the times and places shown us today as having been associated with the life and work of the Savior and other events that enter into the structure of our religious faith and the descriptions and accounts of as furnished us in the pages them. the Holy Scriptures. They agree with the Holy Scriptures. They agree with them in every respect and it is impos-sible, after carefully considering and comparing them, to doubt their identity, so exactly are they in accord with the

could

he has done his best. And now, into this tale of gay friend-

nights

e left safely to the public as it stand but it is quite possible that an informing word or two may be added profitably to what has been said on the subject of the court seal.

Mr. Allen's devotion to this heary relie is truly pathetic. It reminds one of the ardent worship which remote villagers in the decadent Roman Empire paid to the heathen gods long after the rest of the world had be-Americans. come Christian. But his defense the judges for attaching tallsmanic virtue to the official seal is worse nection with the plea so often heard that our blessed tariff is levied for than pathetic; it is absurd. "Surely, the protection of American workers. says Mr. Allen, "nothing appears to suggest that the judges made this de-How does the tariff manage to pro-

tect American wage-earners from the competition of these starving girls cision for any other reason than that really thought that under the Their wages are at the lowest limit Oregon laws, which they had no hand ompatible with life, and nativein making but were only construing. born labor has to offer itself in the such was the case." Of course they same market with them. There is thought so and that is where the inherent absurdity in the pretense that workers can be benefited by trouble lies. Intelligent and honest men like our judges owe it to them heaping taxes on their food and selves to emerge from this primitive clothing, but when they are forced way of thinking and give their comto compete directly with starving formon sense a voice in their decisions. eigners at the same time that the

It will be remembered that Lunz cost of their living is forced up to lost his case because an official over the last limit the absurdity becomes whom he had no control whatever tragic. had omitted to stamp his seal on a The cruel hypocrisy of the ples We seized the occasion document. that the tariff protects American to say that the seal was of no conlabor is exhibited in innumerable insequence and that enlightened judges stances all over the country. In the ought to have looked at the merits Pennsylvania coal mines, in spite of the exorbitant tariff, American labor of his case rather than at such a trifling technicality in coming to their annot exist. It has been driven out Mr. Allen asks solemnly by foreigners who work for wages on we think the mental processes of the which an American cannot maintain court in this affair were "utterly his standard of living. In the highlyfoolish." In spite of our respect for protected factories of the Steel Trust those who interpret the law, we must we see the same condition. Protect confess that he has chosen pretty nearly the proper adjective. tion was granted this monopoly for the sake of American labor.

fact that the Supreme Court of the United States on a certain occasion reasoned as much swry as our Oregon judges does not disturb us. urts sometimes lapse into blind worship of precedent and hand down decisions which their successors are obliged to reverse. No matter how any judges may concur in an opinton which defies sense and reason, the public cannot be expected to accept it without criticiam. But Mr. finn, in his plea for the sacred seal,

does not rely wholly on those ancient WHEN TO DOUBLE THE CONSONANT precedents which are so dear to the Partly because he couldn't or didn't spell "allotted" according to Hoyle and partly because he was "sassy," a Montavilla boy suffered the punishcearts of some lawyers. He actually rades the field of logic and advances an argument of his own which it may not be improper to examine ment of having his jacket tanned by Principal Wiley of the public school. with some attention. What it amounts that nobody could be sure that As to the justice or severity of this discipling, The Oregonian offers no court documents were gonuine unless they were scaled. "Seals of our courts comment. It passes the case up to the Civic Council, which has assumed are impressed upon the writ to show the common man that it is in fact the judicial authority over the conduct of the School Board itself-a body act of the court." says Mr. Allen. If that is the purpose of the magic rite it fails miserably. "The common elected by the voters of District No. it fails miserably. Let the tail go with the hide. does not make up his mind that a document is genuine because it bears a seal, but because he believes that the official who serves it comes with the proper authority. If he ling the "t." There are others. Some

time must pay more per apple than the one who buys by the carload. Tf This is deeply interesting in conthe Government ever gets out a jokebook, it should engage "Tama Jim" for editor.

RIVER TRANSPORTATION.

President Taft, in his welcoming address at the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, displayed a thorough understanding of the problem of river navigation. There was a time history of this country," said the President, "when river navigation was greatly more important than it is The growth of rallroads has now. diminished the importance of river transportation under existing conditions, and the problem which you gentlemen have to solve is the union

and the co-operation of railroads and rivers." This is a very important point that is frequently overlooked by oo ardent advocates of river-improve ment. There is nothing to be gained in fighting a railroad corporation with a water line that costs more to operate than can be collected for the serv ice. So long as people will submit to taxation to make up the deficit, a semblance of competition will naintained, but in the end economic laws will prevail and the water car rier, like the railroad, will be subject to them.

In the early days of the country before railroads had opened the gions lying well back from the river, the steamboats were the dominan actors in the transportation business With the development of the interior it was no longer possible for the boats to reach all of the traffic, and in due on that portion accessible to the railroads but inaccessible to the steamers became overwhlemingly greater in volume than that which id be reached by the boats. This

situation, of course, lessened the importance of river transportation, as it made it dependent on the railroads as eeders for all traffic except that which could be drawn from a narrow strip along the shore lines.

In these circumstances-and they prevail in all parts of the country wherever river navigation has stillzed-it is obvious, as stated by President Taft, that co-operation allroads and rivers is a necessity. Whenever it is demonstrated that river carrier, operated on its merits, without either state aid or other form of subsidy, can carry freight more economically than it can be carried by a railroad, the latter, for strictly busi-

ness reasons, will, as re

Dr. Charles W. Ellot has written a

public letter in which he says "the social evil and the diseases incident thereto ought to be publicly discussed. I am entirely convinced that the policy of silence upon these subjects has The venerable failed disastrously." ex-president has traveled a long way from the situation where it was deemed "immodest" even to mention such subjects and vice enjoyed all the security of conniving silence.

The idea of naming the newly dis covered stone "Morganite," after Mr.

J. P. Morgan is singularly happy. He is himself a gem of purest ray serence and luster untarnished. We suggest in this connection that it would be equally felicitous, if no other precious stone is likely to be discovered soon, to change the name diamond to "Rockefellerite." Thus another illustrious citizen would be properly handed down to the eternities,

Viewed in the light of the official report on Secretary Ballinger we car now better appreciate what a small piece of business was injected the Conservation Congress at St. Paul last Summer by the minority report.

If the middleman gets most of the profits, as alleged by Secretary Wilson, how does the Secretary account for the miles of automobiles that Kansas farmers bought this year?

Secretary Wilson's annual report covers the farmers' percentage of the price the consumer pays for many products, but it is significantly silent on the subject of eggs.

The Republican Congressional committee spent much money and go few results. This is customary in an "off" year. If it were otherwise, it would not be "off."

Completion and dedication of the Neighborhood House by philanthropic Jewish citizens of Portland is a fine xemplification of the altruistic spirit of the age.

Those Canucks did not want the "pay" cars, so they smashed them. When the average Canadian is warmed up he becomes a terror.

And it is to be remembered that the report on Ballinger is signed by Senator Knute Nelson, whose probity and judgment no one questions

Maintaining speed of 88 miles an hour is a victory that Rene Barrier must divide with the man who made the gasoline engine.

Considering the methods of Mexican insurgents and those at Wash-ington, we'd rather have Taft's job.

for Ralph Waldo Emerson, who lived there for a short time. Walter W. Price, a Wall street broker, and many busi-ness and professional men Have homes.

odore Roosevelt, Henry L. Stimson, Theodore Roosevelt, Henry L. Stimson. Timothy L. Woodruff, James J. Hill, Henry Cabot Ledge, Woodrow Wilson. Judson Harmon, Chauncey M. Depew and other men of note will be invited to en-joy the hospitality of the cabin. It will be built by a Virginia negro, who was brought North for that purpose. while the law does not in terms require

Histories of the World.

GRAYS RIVER, Wash., Dec. 6.-(To the Editor.)-Would you kindly advise me in The Oregonian which history of e world would be the most profitable an average scholar. Thanking you in advance for the favor. Yours respect fully, A. B. MARTIN. fully.

There are innumerable good histories of the world. Any bookseller or librar-ian may be relied upon for good counsel in this matter. Ridpath's Universal History would probably be as desirable as any.

Take Your Choice.

BULL RUN, Or., Dec. 7.-(To the Edi-tor.)-Above the approach of the Sandy River bridge the warning sign reads like this: "Notice, \$5 fine for riding or drivthis: "Notice, as into for roing of orte-ing across this bridge faster than the walk." A bets B that "the" is not cor-rect, the sign should read "than a walk," Will you kindly settle the argument? A SUBSCRIBER.

The use of the article "the" in this connection is the better-English but is less commonly used than "a." Either is connect correct.

Chicago Record-Herald. "The husband of an actress recently

Everything in the Wash.

Courier-Journal. "Family all back from the Summe level, straight track has been estimated at 145 seconds. trip)

Y 68. "I hear your wife is confined to her

"We haven't employed a doctor. The undress promises to have her out in about four days."

Why Is Egg Like Autof

Indianapolis News.

At present and prospective quotations an egg is very much like an automo-bile. It isn't worth the money, but if you are going to have it you have to pay the price. Still, on the other hand, the upkeep is not such a serious is supplied. matter.

Cause of the Change. Chicago Becord-Herald. "I can't understand why you hate he b. You used to rather somire her,

thought." "Yes, but she and I are singing in the

custouy of his person or his property to every person with a paper professing to be the writ of the court. He is not com-pelled to know the genuine signitures, or even the names of all the clerks of busi-even the names of all the clerks of courts that may issue writs against him or his property. The law has provided him in the scal of the court a convenient method of ascertaining the genuineness wilson, of the command. If the paper is not w and shown him but only recorded in some to en-office, the need of the scal is even more it will apparent. From the record he could not judge of the genuineness of the officer's signature.

geographical conditions, distances, etc., of these times and those of today there is hardly any discrepancy. Even a skeptic, considering this remarkable ac-cord of circumstances with the Biblical narrative, cannot but be convinced of its veracity; to the believer it comes as a iwonderful conviction, a satisfactory corroboration or encouragement to see things as those who described them so graphically saw them so long ago.

On the Morning After.

New York Evening Sun. "After mature thought I confess that I do not know absolutely whather I reached the pole or not "-Dr. Cook. "After mature and careful considera-

While the law does not in terms require the corporate seal to be impressed on corporate instruments in most cases, busi-ness convenience does. Suppose a certi-ficate of stock in your own very solvent publishing company to be floating around in Minnesota, regular in other respects but without the corporate seal: Would not even the "wretched Lunz" shy at it? "after mature and careful consideray tion I am not sure whether the cherry tree I observed sprouting between the stag's antiers was caused by the cher-ry pit with which I shot him or was merely the result of purely natural causes."-Baron Munchausen. "after solemn deliberation I am un-

"After solemn deliberation I am un-able to state that my election predic-tions were absolutely accurate."-Erra

Prentice. "After a sincere period of intro tion I cannot say with any degree of certainty that Mary-of-the-vine-cov-ered-cottage is an unqualified success."

but without the corporate seat. Wound not even the "wretched Lunz" shy at if? But suppose two, like numbered, like in amount, one with, one without the cor-porate seal, would be make the "wretched choice" of the one without the seal?" But a word further: You speak of Starkey's case as "perhaps a little fashy." You have not the slightest basis for this insinuation. You talk of "red paper" and "paper and paste in the case. You speak of "stealing a man's farm." There was no farm. Lanz bought only a timber claim in litigation—a law sult—and that has ever been regarded as a hazardous under-taking. Such terms as you use have no place, it seems to me, in any fair dis-cussion as to, whether or not the court erred in the decision in the Lunz case. Very respectfully yours. -Senator Beveridge. "After a corking study of the sub-lect I am free to admit that the Constitution is not so absolute a back num-ber as it appears at first blush."-

T. R. "After kicking myself around the palace yard I am unable to aver that Arctic exploration is an unmixed bless-ing."-The King of Denmark.

Needle Travels Many Miles.

December Strand. There are many people who, without walking, are constantly moving some portion of their bodies, and these mov-ing portions cover, in the asgregate, an amount of space which is absolutely astounding. Take the case of a man anount of space which is absolutely astounding. Take the case of a man amount of space which is absolutely astounding. Take the case of a main who scarcely moves at all — a tailor. Seated Turkish fashion, he piles his needle from morning to night in order to have an overcoat or a pair of trous-ers ready for an impatient customer at the appointed time. His needle files to and fro at the rate of about once a second. If we reak on a space of 20 inches as that covered by the course of the needle, what should you imagine this distance amounts to in a year? The figure is to say the least of it, surprising—about 12 miles for a year? The figure is, to say the least of it, surprising—about 12 miles for a Gay's work of ten hours, or nearly 4000 miles for a year of 300 working days. In a little over six years the tailor's needle, and consequently his hand, will tave covered a distance equal to the circumference of the globe.

New York Mail. The latest fad is the collecting The latest fad is the collecting of images of Buddha. The craze has ap-peared in New York, but is strongest in Washington, where the society woman who has fewer than three statues of Buddha is looked upon as a person lack-ing in entarprise. There appears to be little or no religious sentiment in the fad-it is merely a fad and nothing more. But all the same it is creating a robust demand for Buddhas and the manufacturers will doubtiess see that it is supplied.

Costs to Stop Train.

from 35 miles an hour is \$1. The officials of another road estimate each stop of a six-car passenger train from 45 miles an hour at 35 cents and for a 1500-ton train from 15 miles an hour at

Buddha Images in Demand.

so miles an hour is \$1.

Valid Excuse

Boston Transcript Mrs. Subpubs-"Henry, that's twice you've come home and forgotten to bring the lard." Subbubs-"Yes, my love; it's so greasy it slipped my mind."

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Rible in Newspaper Style. New York Mail. Bev. W. H. Jordan, of Jerseyville, Ili., is of the excellent opinion that the Bible written in newspaper style would

be vastly more interesting. give Rev. Mr. Jordan his way: be Vastly Mr. Jordan his way: "Adam give Rev. Mr. Jordan his way: "Adam and Eve, surnames not known, wore evicted from their Summer home at Paradise Park today. The cause is not known. Both are seeking employment." Or: "Battling Abel falled to come back last night and was knocked out in the first round by Kid Caim." It's too easy to multiply them.

whipped a man in a Chicago restaurant staring at her." "It served him right. A man has no business to look at an actress because she has put on clothes that are intend-ed to attract attention."

Very respectfully yours, S. D. ALLEN.

Served Him Right.