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FORTIFY THE CANAL? CERTAINLY. It will cost \$19,000,000 to fortify the Panama Canal. So the President tells the country. He recommends the expenditure for that purpose. But protest goes up in various parts of the Certainly they cannot be expected to ountry from "International peace"

"Could not the same ends be accomplished," asks one of these encanni and zone under an agreement iv prefer a fighting chance for them-made by and with all the great maritime and military powers?" That is, the United States should

put defense and control and sov-ereignty over the canal in hands of other powers. This country should not be free to use the interoceanic artery as its own needs and interests would require. In great national crisis or extremity, the United States should be bound to put the canal to Lords are less adious to the middle no use that the other powers, perhaps out of sympathy with this country or hostile to it, might deem "contra-In other words, this country, after having invested \$400,000,000 in this canal, should turn over the valuable property to a foreign tribunal. In other words, again, this country. after having built the canal as a neans of defense and offense in war, should not be free to use it for that

Let it be remembered that the chief reason for the canal is that it will give mobility to the military and the naval power of this country. As a commercial proposition" the canal will be a failure. The United States imagined, would just as logically "neutralize" its Navy or its naval establishments at Brooklyn, Boston or Norfolk by International agreement.

This country will have to fortify the canal and to make it doubly and trebly secure against foreign aggression. It does no harm to hold sewing been for discussion of "arbitration"; but in the final arbitrament of war each nation will decide its wants and its needs for itself and will interpret and apply treaties and "rules" of warfare to sult its necessities. Every na-tion's duty first and last is to itself. In diplomacy and in Hague discus-sions, civilities and highbred courtpass between nations. But where there are rival interests between nations there are enmittes which rise not out of the feelings ut out of the necessities of their position

The United States will not put itself in the position of having to ask permission of other nations as to what use it will make of the Panama Canal. It will determine the "square deal" for itself. It will not put other nations over itself in control or management of this big work, created

# THE CRISIS IN BRITAIN.

among the wage-earners in the clifes and the farm laborers. With this in mind, it is perhaps possible to understand why the peers should prefer a genuine referendum to the uncon-trolled dominion of the House of Commons, which represents above all

else the middle, or mercantile, order. With the Commons supreme the Lords would be a nullity. Under the the system of the referendum they might often form an alliance with the labor element and carry the day.

Lords for the referendum is not a mere piece of deceptive humbug.

a stroke of genuine statesmanship The paper which calls it "hypocritica twaddle" might well study the subject a little more attentively. The last two Parliamenary elections have gone against the Lords, or the Conservatives, which just now comes to the The second was same thing. quite so disastrous as the first, but it was decisive enough. The voice of the British people demands the re-form of the upper house in tones which it is fuille to call uncertain. The Lords have no other choice than to yield completely to the Commons on the one hand and cease to play an effective part in legislation or else to appeal to the wage-carning masses.

accept the former alternative unless the latter presents the greater danger to their interests. In fact, they have made up their minds to cast in their lot with the lower orders. They wise-There never has been much sym-

pathy between hereditary aristocra-cles and mercantile middle classes. When they have existed side by side in the same country they have usually fought until one or the other was extirpated. In Rome the mercantile order finally won out. So it did in Florence and Venice. The British class than some other aristocracles have been because they wisely take successful traders into their ranks as the mints are translated to paradise but still the same conflict exists, and in the end it will blot them out. Their proffered alliance with the wage-earners, even if it were accepted, would only give them a respite, as they prohably know. But to say that the proffer is not genuine is the same as saying that a drowning man will not catch at a straw. Moreover, in making the offer they have shown true aristocratic astuteness, for the referendum is the most attractive balt

# A DENIAL FROM THE SANTIAM.

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The Scio News disputes a statement of The Oregonian that the new county tax amendment to the constitution is a forerunner of the Henry George singie tax. "Such interpretation," de-clares the News, "is not warranted . . . The only purpose of this amendment is to cause all classes of property to bear their just proportion of the support of government."

The News doesn't want to believe it, therefore the News says it isn't so. The News is one of several radical county papers in Oregon that believe nothing they should believe and everything they should not believe. The News' assortment of opinions, with which it weekly brushes aside the most commonly accepted facts, is the under of the Santiam Forks.

The county home rule tax scheme is the product of the fertile brain of lawgiver U'Ren. He is the official representative in Oregon of the Fels representative in Oregon of the Fels fund. He openly proclaims his pur-pose new to go ahead with the single tax propaganda under the favorable terms of the new amendment. Every out of American labor, American other single taxer in Oregon is now getting busy. The way is open at last. getting busy. The way is open at last. We are going to have two years hence the greatest fight in the state's

Alaska than Glavis, Garfield, Pinchot & Co. ever did, there is seen to have has fallen to the lot of any other been a big tempest-of the tempot va-

duck in the recent upheaval in Minnesota, is to take his place. We shall all fervently pray that Messrs. Pin-chot, Garfield, Glavis et al. have been disabused of the idea that the office element and carry the day. From every point of view, then, it seems likely that the demand of the Tawney over their heads, will not be heaping insult upon injury.

# FINAL CROP REPORT.

The Government crop report which appeared Thursday is the final report for the season and as the wheat, oats, barley and similar grains have all been harvested and most of the corn is either husked or "shocked," the figures presented ought to have more than any that have yet appeared regarding the 1910 crop. and oats show the largest yield on record and the wheat crop is well up toward the top of the column. The figures for this record grain crop at present prices present an interesting comparison with those of last year. We find according to this Government report, that the combined yield of wheat, corn and oats was 4,947,-478,000 bushels. Based on Thurs-day's closing quotations in Chicago crop would show a valuation of \$2,438,792,000.

The 1909 crop of the same cereals was 4,516,729,000 bushels and at ruling a year ago, that crop of 430,000,000 bushels less showed a total valuation "of \$2,576,331,000. This big crop at smaller prices offers an excellent field for speculation as 10 which of the two crops was of the greatest value to the country as a whole. A decrease of \$137,000,000 in the value of a crop, is an item of some importance, but in that in-crease of 420,000,000 bushels in the amount handled, there were great possibilities for tonnage for the railroads and employment for a large number of men in harvesting and handling it. Taken as a whole the big crop at moderately good prices or as now prevail undoubtedly dous spreads more prosperity than the

smaller crop at higher prices. The Pacific Northwest, which do not figure as a corn-growing locality, this year had a slightly larger oats crop than that of a year ago but we were so unfortunate as to have a amaller wheat crop which is being marketed at much lower prices than democrats that could be prevailed a year ago. However, with the large carryover from the previous season the farmers of the Northwest will, in the aggregate, have abo

the same amount of grain to sell, as they had last year, and prices are still holding around a figure that makes the industry highly profitable.

# REAPPORTIONMENT.

The Indianapolis News, an inde-pendent newspaper printed in a state where independence in politics is an iridescent dream or a mugwump assumption, just as you choose to look, at it, urges upon Congress to hold the house membership to its present fig-ures (391) in the forthcoming Congressional reapportionment. "Take Take ures would make the greatest gain in Congreasmen," advises the News, Congressmen," advises the News, now has, reduce the representation of

other states proportionately." the When the News has worked out its remarkable proposal in detail, it is very likely to beat a hasty retreat, for inevitable result will be that Inthe diana will lose one-half or more of its present representation of thirteen. Washington is the state showing the greatest gain in ten years, for it has added 120 per cent to its population, while 7 per cent increase is the best Indiana can do. Under any fair scheme of reapportionment Wash-

advertising than more unfavorable

THE MORNING OREGONIAN, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1910.

been a big tempest—of the teapot va-riety. Now it is rumored that Mr. Ballin-ger, after vindication, will retire and Mr. Tawney, who was made a lame duck in the recent upheaval in Min-tin uncivilized America and can in no been responsible for some of the most picturesque murders ever committed in uncivilized America and can in no manner be recommended as attracmanner be recommended as attrac-tions that will induce new settlers to locate in the vicinity. But the Ken-tucky feudists are so much preferable as citizens to the cowardly night ridi-ers who have been burning barns, whipping women and in other forms of outlawry and incendiarism exhibit. Ing Kentucky to the rest of the world as a fine state to remain away from, that by contrast they appear gulte re-spectable and decent. Even the pro-sale census returns show that a fine discrimination has been made by newmanner be recommended as attrac-

comers between these two branches of outlawry, for Breathitt County, made famous by the bloody Hargis feuds, showed a slight gain in the ten years. while Crittenden County, one of the storm centers of the night riders, showed a loss of nearly 2000.

If Kentucky, by taking for comparison some other states possessing no greater advantages, will make an estimate of the relative increases in pop-ulation elsewhere, it will find it possible to determine what these night riders have cost the state. Increasing population in an undeveloped country creates demand for railroads and is largely responsible for the development of resources which without transportation remain dormant. The new settler creates new wealth in addition to that which he brings into a state.

In the aggregate the amount of capital that has been directly and indi-rectly frightened out of Kentucky by the crimes of the night riders will run into millions. It would have been a distinct economic advantage to Kentucky to have jailed or executed all the night riders.

Marjorie, the oldest daughter of George Gould, was married a few months ago to a plain American citi-zen, it having previously been heralded abroad that she scorned a title bought with her father's gold. The fanfare of patriotic trumpets that proclaimed this event and this sentiment has scarcely died away and now comes the announcement that Miss Vivian, the second daughter of the dog head of the house of Gould, is going to marry an English baron more than twice her age-a veteran of the Boer and Matabele wars, a polo player and an enthusiastic hunter and racer. Of his other qualifications to become the husband of a young American heiress, nothing is said. Perhaps it is enough that Miss Vivian Gould will in due time be known a Lady Decles, wife of John Graham Hope Horstley Beresford. That she is but 19 while he is 44 does not count at present. The difference may be out later in connection with figured a plea for separation and settlement.

Six months ago when T. R. was speaking platitudes in European uni-versities, the cables carried the words in full for the front page. Now when he is doing the same stunt at home, he gets space the length of your pen-cil inconspicuously placed. After he came back, it seems he didn't come back.

Nobody doubts that Mr. White will make a worthy Chief Justice, but ev-, erybody believes that Mr. Hughes deserved the appointment for his merit and for other reasons. The cou whispers sadly that Mr. Hughes The country missed a great promotion and Mr. Taft a great opportunity.

A Christmas gift by the Steel Trust of 50,000 pounds of candy to 3000 children is small restitution. The way that concern has been treating the public for fifteen years is just like taking candy from children.

# to this day an imposing following ger has ferreted out bigger rascals in bined to give the unfortunate state TALKING DOG ASTOUNDS GERMANY THAT "WOMAN WHO INTERRUPTS"

Words in Proper Rotation.

Ken-tiel swamts of Energy as the lifes tiel swamts of Energy as the lifes tiel swamts of Energy as the solds-tiel swamts of Energy as the sold of Tog want something, datry your die dog stupfied the family by replying in a deep masculine tone, "Haben, haben." ("Want, want.") The tone was not a bark or growl, it is declared, but dis-tinct speech, and increased in plainness from day to day as his master took more intervent in the declared provered interest in the dog's newly discovered talent

talent. Shortly afterward, the story goes, the dog learned to say "Hunger" when asked what he had. Then he was taught to say "Kuchen" (cakes), and finully "Ja" and "Nein." And it is added that he is now able to string several of these words together in sensible rotation and will say "Hunger, I want cakes," when an appropriate question is addressed to him. The New York Times correspondent

The New York Times correspondent has caused inquiries regarding Don be made through trustworthy authoriti be made through triastoring a that the dog is an unqualified scientific marvel. Don's owner is overwheimed with ap-plications from circus and music hall managers, who are outbidding one an-other for the privilege of exhibiting the

# NEW GRETNA GREEN IN MAKING

Connecticut Justice - Druggist Issues Attractive Offer to Lovers.

New York World. The time is not far distant when the ingic phrase, "Shall we elope?" will be eplaced by a new phrase of tender im-

replaced by a new phrase of tender im-port, "Let's go to Fairfield." And if she blushes and sighs and presses his hand then there'll be work for John E. Boyle, J. P., promietor of the Center drugstore, Pairfield, Conn., who has just come out with an en-trancing offer to prospective brides and grooms, following his election as Jus-tice of the Peace. Here is what he will do: will do

Meet bride and bridegroom at rall-road station with automobile, convey them to Town Hall and help them pro-

them to Town Hall and help them pro-cure matriage license. Convey them back to his store, where a floral bower and pretty little altar will be found awaiting them in a snug corner, marry them free of charge, present to the bride a pound of choco-late and kiss the bride (optional). But Mr. Boyle is young and handsome. Give bride and bridegroom a merry wedding trip in his automobile about the environments of Fairfield. All these things came into Mr. Boyle's mind soon after his election. He feels that Connecticut's marriage laws are the best in the world for clopers, and

the best in the world for eloy wishes to bring the fame of Gretna Green to his town.

# DOINGS IN THE OREGON COUNTRY.

# Scared 'Em Out.

Amity Standard. Two members of the hobo tribe loaf-ing about town Sunday night caused an uneasy feeling among some of our business men. A night watchman was put on for the night and when the morning dawned they had hied them-selves away to other climes. Amity Standard. We did this in the hope that the usual deluge of candy might be turned into other channels and that a pretty piece of glass or china or silver would be substituted. But no, the candy came as usual. As each expensive box ar-rived we felt the Merry Christmas spirit the function of the approximation of the climes. Everybody was wearing the thistic and shouting for bonnie Scotland, when Prosident Thomas, of some inland col-lege, had told how happy it made him to watch a New Englander dickering over a "hoss" trade. To see a Yankee swapping horses with an innocent Scotchman he declared to be a pure intellectual joy. We all the Merry Christmas spirit

drance to World's Work.

Do you know the woman who goes about this busy world interrupting? I Bay being changed to Blue Point often suffer from her.

wooga forth. But erupts" never considers "worman who interrupts" never considers her maids:
And how she worries her maids!
Method is impossible in her house. No sooner have the maids gone upstairs to "do" the bedrooms than she calls then down to see to something in the base ment. Probably hardly have they begun, when she rings violently for them to perform some duty on the first floor.
More than one good servant has left simply because she couldn't stand her of conversations and hulf-finished jobs.
Method is impossible in her house. No sooner have the bedrooms than she calls then of constrained and the bedrooms than she calls then provide the too common separation of religion and business. "Too many employers." Mr. Morgan said, "are like Join Nicholson. Nicholson advertised for a porter, and one of the applicants said to him: 'I think Fd suit, sir. I have a recommendation here from my clergyman that—' That recommendation, 'John Nicholson interrupted, 'is all very good as far as it goos. As I shan't need you on Sundays, however, I'd prefer a reference from somebody who can vouch for you during the or '''\_Kansas City Star.

### Life Holds No Vacation Time for Them Until Old Age Comes.

The Multiplines Monthly.
Filipino women know how to win husbands. It is a common thing in the islands to see a girl, young and brown and strong, crushing rice with a heavy wooden mallet, while around her sit a number of admitting swains, looking on, but never dreaming of of fering to help. And the girl doesn't expect it. She pounds cheerfully away, and by and by her reward comes in a husband to work for.
Life accustoms the Filipino woman in fact a very early age. As a appendage in the singe of a baby brother or sister perched on her litter in Maine, a Millerite procher noticed a tay would come on October 1, just a month before election. The preacher noticed aranger she is pressed into service as a front seat who manifested very symptom of satisfaction whenever the date was driven home. Perplexed, he accousted the man at the end of the month before election. The preacher noticed a watter carrier, bearing heavy jars of watter carrier, bearing heavy jars of watter carrier, bearing heavy jars of a woman—and she is a woman at 15 or before—she may have a smail short a woman—and she is a woman at 15 or before—she may have a smail short to the first time in a number of years that he had met op or to fore—she may have a smail short are for. She tends the fields, cooks and much other work to do.
Marriage brings no vacation. She is for several hours a day. But when keld out the packet, at the same wond her for several hours a day. But when held out the packet, at the same held out the packet, at the same held out the packet. Phillipines Monthly.

and frequently has a stall in the mar-ket for several hours a day. But when the women are really old then their rest time comes. They sit quietly by, looking on as life goes past them; but taking part no more. taking part no more. In spite of the hard labor they have had there is gen-erally a very peaceful look in the brown, wrinkled faces of these old

women,

An Overdose of Christmas Candy. New York Sun. "Nineteen pounds of candy came to y sister and myself last Christmas," my sister and myself had only sis-said a self-supporting woman. "My sis-ter is a trained nurse. I am a visiting secretary. We had discreetly men-tioned whenever possible to our wealthy patrons that we had just set up house-

Wants Told in Short Sentences of Annoyance to Her Friends and His Philadelphia Inquirer.

Life's Sunny Side

That jest about the name of Oyster

getting old now. But they're telling another story which pivots on the cat-aciysm which furnished the base for

that the

Only yesterday, for instance. I met at

LOT OF FILIPINO WOMEN IS HARD who can vouch for you week."-Kansas City Star. Garrett P. Servis, the science writer, said of Halley's comet: "The ignorant and superstitious dread that the comet evoked in some quarters reminds me of the Millerites. The Millerites,

need. A liveried servant opened the door of M. Jusserand's place, and the young man held out the packet, at the same time remarking in college French that he wished to have it delivered imme-diately to "Mush-shuh Zhu-sair-raw." The servant looked at the young man

Population of London.

Tit-Blts.

Superstitious.

Carson-The other sailors wouldn't, let

after the barrel of pork had been

but disappoint-

Some comment has been occasioned by the interesting circumstance that it is the Conservative party in England which appears to advocating the referendum. How to explain this anomaly has puzzles a number of our American newspapers. They remark that in this country it is the extreme radicals who wish to invoke the referendum while the conservatives shudder at it as a thing of evil omen. How then doch it come about that the Lords turn to it as their last hope in Great Britain against the surges of advancing de-mocracy? The explanation is offered by one newspaper that the referen- terrors upon a presumptuous foe. dum demanded by the English Conservatives is not the genuine thing. It is a fake imitation, misleading and This astonishing opinion is backed by the argument that Lord Resebery's compromise, which lies behind the demand for the referendum plan, would always produce a reactionary House of Lords, just like the old system. Some of the Lords would be elected by their poers.

others would be named by the crown, but however they attained to the means the consequence would be the They would invariably diam'r. tories. Hence the referendum would never be used except when the House amons was Liberal, and then dt would simply serve to make their opesed legislation ineffective. This reasoning is more plausible

than sound. For one thing, it is by no means certain that members of the upper house elected by the peers would always be Conservatives. Lib aral peers are not unknown even now, and no doubt if elections became customary among the nobility, parties would be formed. They would not all They would not all vote in the same way unless human nature should change suddenly and emasingly. Certainly the Lords named by the crown would not nee essarily be Conservatives, since the "crown" signifies the ministry in ower at the moment. If this were Liberal in its politics it would nomi mate Liberal peers. We see therefore that Lord Rosebery's acheme of reform for the Lords does not imply an invariably reactionary chamber by any means. But there is another point which may be worth mention-British aristocracy never has been totally out of sympathy with the "lower orders." In feeling it stands

great deal nearer to the laborers and peasantry than it does to the tile subject in diverse and sundry "bourgeoisie," as it is called, or the ways. Falstaff was of the opinion prosperous manufacturing and mercantile classes. In the early labor troubles of England the wage-carners ad the sympathy and active aid of any peers. Time and again in the many peers. course of history the peers have made an alliance with the peasantry against the middle class. The two last elec-

history over the qu land valuation and taxation. The sin- ington will double its present Congle taxers have the money, the pur-pose, and the prestige of a partial vic- will get another House mem Let the News wait a little. It tory. will see what it will see.

### THE MILITARY VIEW.

General Wood has joined the ranks of military alarmists who see the safety of the Nation only in a standing army of formidable strength and equipment, an elaborate system of coast defenses and a navy of tremen dous power held in leash, and ready at a moment's notice to let loose Times have changed since the gentle Longfellow, sitting in his quiet study at Cambridge, on the border of a country protected from invasion only

oden frigates and sloops of war, wrote: Were half the power that fils the world with terror; Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts flives to redeem the human mind from error. There were no need of arsenals and forta.

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Could he have foreseen the formidable battleships clad in triple steel, waiting occasion to displode their tires of thunder each at the other-the "Invincibles," the "Indefatigables" and the Dreadnoughts, of various names and mighty power ride the high seas today, he would have stopped with this sentiment and

not staked his reputation as a prophet of universal peace upon the concluding lines of his poem, viz : Peace, and no longer from its branen portals The blast of war's great organs shake the skies. Peace.

While beautiful as songs of the immortals The hoty melodics of love arise. This is the poetical sentiment in regard to war, a sentiment voiced again and again by Longfellow and Whittler and Emerson. Opposed to it is the practical view which sees human nature as it is and bids nations in time of peace to prepare for war.

THE RECENE TEAPOT TEMPEST. Secretary Ballinger is "vindicated,"

Colonel Roosevelt is rebuked soured on Pinchot, Glavis is arrested and acquitted for breaking the fireslashings law, Garfield is in deep oclipse, and Newell is still shaking for History teaches us that the his job. These are the developments, up to date, of the great feud that has made Washington officialdom quake

the power in Congress. nigh unto two years.

Thus conservation has been a ferways. Falstaff was of the opinion there lived not three good men unhanged in England, and a number of eminent citizens have been echoing eminent citizens have been that that that sentiment here in the United States. Yet after the probing com-mittee of Congress is done and the people have spoken in the elections and Teddy's and Gifford's fervent love

Oregon will get another House member. however, the unit of reapportionment is to be the 1910 population of Washington, divided by three (its present House membership), the result will

be a representative for every 380,000 people. Instead of 391 members of the House of Congress, as at present, apportioned on a unit of 195,000, we should have its numbers reduced almost exactly one-half. Oregon would probably continue to hold its own in

its two members; but nearly all other states would lose heavily. The scheme is impossible. Are the states of the West, which

have grown in a decade with unprece-dented rapidity, entitled to equitable representation in Congress on the basis of population or are they

Of course they are, and it will be dif-ficult to prevent them getting it. It can readily be understood that there will be a strong protest in the older states, like New England, against cutting down their membership, but the march of empire has long been steadily westward, and the balance of political power is swinging from there to the newer and more vigorous and assertive citizenship of the West The only way in which these older states may hold their own, even measurably, in Congress, is to increase hold their own, even the House membership; but the House is already an unwieldy and unruly body, and the sentiment of the coun-

try will be against further enlarge Nevertheless, in the struggle Trent. for advantage and the trading, shifting and scheming of the old-timers to keep their places and their prestige, there probably will be some increase. But it cannot be much. Washington will in the reapportionment get

members and Oregon three. Indiana, New England and parts of the Middle West and South must lose. New York will have one-tenth the House memers. But it will not have one-tenth

# UNFORTUNATE RENTUCKY.

The State of Kentucky, famed as the home of brave men, fair women and fast horses, rich in natural reources, with a fine climate and wonderful soil and one of those delightful localities "where every prospect pleases and only man is vile," showed

a gain of but 6.6 per cent in popula-tion in the past decade. East, west, north and south, other states, many of them less favored by nature than Kentucky, showed a much greater percentage of gain than was recorded in the famous blue-grass region. The explanation for this failure of Ken-The tucky to progress in keeping with other states and in a degree warranted by natural conditions is not far to seek. Two predominating causes, the tions show clearly that they retain for each other has cooled, and Ballin- foud and the night rider, have com-

The 90-year-old man of Durkee made final proof on his homestead the other day is a testimo to climatic conditions in Baker County, where death is an accident as well as incident.

When disputes between milliners and hairdressers get into the justice courts of Vancouver or Seattle where women may serve as jurors, will not spice and galety be added to local news stories?

Fire Chief Campbell is right about bestowing a medal on the fireman for heroism and his suggestion of a formal ceremony is proper. A gener-ous gratuity should accompany the

The children that E. J. Baldwin 'forgot" to mention in his will bld fair to divide the enormous wealth of the amorous old turfman among a small army of lawyers.

What does Tawney, living in the middle of the continent, know of the "war scare?" Watch him change his mind if he becomes Governor of the canal zone.

# When Senator Lafe Young entertained his colleagues Thursday, Daniel Webster, Henry Clay and Charles Sumner must have turned over in their graves.

If Municipal Judge Tazwell makes good his threat to send lawless chauffeurs to the rockpile Portland will have fewer automobile accidents.

With the advent of trolley cars in the Panama Canal zone, the North-americanization of the strip may be said to be almost complete.

Carnegie cannot abolish war with ten millions. A healthy nation spends that amount in ten days of fighting.

Maybe, after all, we shall have to include the Hawthorne bridge opening with the New Year's celebration.

made up for all the unknown days in the country newspaper office.

tected coasts?

ulation? Bridge draws? Ha, ha.

Wet Day in a Dry Town.

Grass Valley Journal. There was a lively scrap on Main street last Friday afternoon and the fray was pulled off in about one foot of muddy water and snow. The Mar-shal, with the aid of five or six men and a pair of handcuffs, succeed or silver. Our surplus candy was due, landing the fellow in the city jail.

# mail Boy's Experience.

Eugene Register. To have a small safety pin become unclasped in his nose was the experi-ence of a 2-year-old boy of Cottage Grove, who was brought to Eugene last evening by Dr. Kime, of that city. searted people and our disappointment hearted people and our disappoint and as as we surveyed our candy boxes, would have made them truly sorry. But why, we asked ourselves, didn't they try for a minute to put themselves in our places? This seems to me the true last evening by Dr. Kime, of that city. The child was playing with the pin and shoved it up his nose and past the clasp. It became unclasped and it was impossible to pull it out the way it was put in. A Eugene surgeon pushed the pin up the nose until it could be reached with a hook through the throat, and it was then pulled out that way, without hurling the little boy very much. Christmas spirit. JARBIDGE, Nev., Dec. 12 .- (To th

LARBIDGE, Nev., Dec. 12.--(To the Editor.)--I write you to find out the present population of the city of Lon-don, England, shown by last year's census, also the population by the City of London, England, as shown by very much.

# Round and Round and Round.

Dallas Itemizer. What is said to be the first circulat What is said to be the first circular stable in Oregon has just been finished on the farm of S. E. Carmack, near In-dependence, by McNames Brothers, whose plans contemplate a large sav-ing in space and labor. The barn is 60 feet in diameter with walls 20 feet high. The foundation is of concrete, as is the ground floor. Stalls are pro-vided for 12 horses, six cows and a carload of feeding cattle. The hay-mow will hold 100 tons of hay and is equipped with a circular track and a fork. The roof is self-supporting, not a post being in the center of the structure. The stalls head toward the center, simplifying feeding and re-moval of offal. The arrangement con-templates a wider stall at the rear portion to aid in keeping the stable san-itary. The latest available official statis-

The latest available official statis-tics on London's population are for 1901, when the total for the County of London was given at 4,536,063. The limits embracing this population are the same as those of the London. School Board district. The preceding census (1891) gave the County of Lon-don a population of 4,228,317. Greater London (metropolitan and city police districts) had a population in 1891 of 4,033,806 and in 1901 a total of 6,58,616. The estimated present In 1871 of 4,053,005 and in 1897 a total of 6,550,616. The estimated present population of Greater London is 7,537,-196. For comparison with other cities the population of the County of Lon-don is usually taken.

One Thing After Another. itary.

Railroad a Good Rabbit Bounty.

"Life ain't nothin' but disappoint ment, ground the Chronic Grumbler. "Cheer up!" urged the Cheerful Idiot "Didn't yer git £10 for puttin' yer pic YACOLT, Wash., Dec. 13 .- (To the ditor.)-In The Oregonian of Decem-YACOLT, Wash, Dec. in the editorial Editor.)—In The Oregonian of Decem-ber 12 there appeared in the editorial columns an article in regard to Burns Commercial Club's movement to secure a bounty on rabbits. When the rail-roads are built into Harney County I think that the only bounty necessary will be a hearty invitation to hunters. I say hunters, not the individuals who go out with guns firing at maving trees, bushes, etc., oftentimes killing sheep, cattle and even their fellow "sportsmen." H. E. B. "Didn't yer git 10 for puttin yer pic-ture in the paper as havin' bin cured o' all yer ills by Bunk's Pills?" "Yes, I did. An' now all my relatifs are askin' me why I don't go to work, now th't I'm cured!"

Chicago News. Munhall-How did it happen that one of the shipwrecked sailors starved to

rived we feit the Merry Christmas spirit sink in our hearts. "Finally, in desperation we took stock of the various five, two and one-pound boxes and estimated their purchasing power. We realized that if we had been very poor we should have received wel-very poor we should have received welof the various five, two and one-pound boxes and estimated their purchasing power. We realized that if we had been very poor we should have received wel-come gifts of groceries and fruit. If rich we should have received cut glass, If York Sun.

# An Object Lesson.

The servant looked at the young man with austerity, about as the undersized clerk in a voting booth looks at a man

of the opposite political faith, and in-

This one was access to the joy of the tions at the cosmopolitan dinner of the St. Andrew's Society the other night Everybody was wearing the thistle and shouting for bonnie Scotland, when President Thomas, of some inland col-

This one was added to the joy o

"Couldn't you speak English, sir-or

quired:

Ideas. "Charles," said a sharp-volced wom-an to her husband in a railway car-riage, "do you know that you and I once had a romance in a railway car-rings." as we fully realized, to the lack of understanding which the very rich have for what they consider the higher grade of employes. They were all kindriage?

"Never heard of it," replied Charles,

in a subdued tone. "I thought you hadn't; but don't you "I thought you hadn't, but don't you remember it was that pair of slippers I presented to you the Christmas before we were married that led to our union? Well, Charles, one day when we were going to a pienic, you had your feet up on a seat, and when you were not look-ing I took your measure. But for that on a seat, and when you will be that ing I took your measure. But for that pair of slippers I don't believe we'd have ever been married." A young unmarried man, sitting by, immediately took down his feet from

the consus taken ten years previous, or 1899. This information is sought to decide a controversy. Tours truly, A. L. ANDERSON. Facts

Facts About "The Merry Widow."

Cleveland Plain Dealer. The total number of performances of "The Merry Widow," given by Mr. Sav-age's several companies in America, is

The second compared in every country in the world except China. Many millions of copies of "The Merry Widow" waitz were sold in Europe, England alone purchasing 2.000,000 copies the first month the operetta was played in London. Franz Lehar, the composer, has drawn mearly \$2.000,000 in royalties from the hundreds of companies playing his op-cretta throughout the world.

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4,000,000 persons have paid More than 4,000,000 persons have paid see "The Merry Widow" in America. to see

### Christmas Dinner for Horses.

Christmas Dinner for Horses. Kansas City Star. This is to be another long-to-be-re-membered Christmas day for horses, too. The plan used last year by officers and members of the Humane Society by which more than one thousand horses were given a good dinner Christmas is to be followed again. Headquarters for the horse dinner has been opened at 1339 Baltimore avenue. The Kansas City Rapid Motor Transpor-tation Company has agreed to distribute the food, so if you see a horse with ribs more obvious than they should be, get its address.

Its address.

# End of World-for Some.

End of World-for Some. HHILSBORO, Or., Dec. 15.-(To the Editor.)-Anent the prophecy of Danie and other seers as to the "ending o the world," allow us to assure "Cyrus that he shall have some consolation 1 the premises. The world will "end for a vast number on Thursday even ing, December 15, and no doubt, wit "begin" for a multitude. Nature an "begin" for a multitude. Nature a the various doctors at large catch the coming and catch them going, and C rus can with good grace.spring a catr ysis for each day of elernity. Con-LEW SIUS again, Cy

# Where Posies Bloom in December.

death a found?

One excellent way to escape the danger pointed out in General Wood's report is not to engage in war. In one day Senator Lafe Young made up for all the unknown days in the country newspaper office. What point did General Wood ex-pect to gain by exposing our unpro-incted coasts? Draw regulation? What draw reg-ulation? Bridge draws? Ha, ha.

century-this century or the last,

Lafe Young of Iowa is the champion Senate-tradition buster of the

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