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INNOCENT MR. LORIMER.

The policy of smooth suppression by which it was sought to hush up the Lorimer scandal has not succeeded so well as some of his friends honed it would. It was thought at first that the Senator from Illinois might lie safe under cover even if he was hesmeared with infamy, but recent events seem to foretell that there will be another outcome of the affair. The report of the Senatorial subcommittee appointed to investigate the Lorimer ribery charges was so impudently defiant of facts and common sense that the country first gasped at it and then smilled

The same old whitewash brush." was the common verdict of all sensible Then followed the imbecilities of Mr. Burrows and the weak defense of Lorimer by Senator Gamble, South Dakots. Mr. Gamble's main point was that White and the other rescals who testified to receiving the Lorimer bribes were unworthy of They were too maughty for Mr. Gamble to believe against Lorimer, though he thought them perfectly reliable when they told about the famous jackpot fund. The rest of Mr. Gamble's time was spent in enforcing the point that Lorimer was guilty of no offense against the Sonate unless he bribed enough legislators to deter-mine his election. He might bribe one or ten or a hundred and still remain perfectly immaculate in Senatorial esteem if he had enough unbribed

votes to elect him. Mr. Cummins, of Iows, inconveniently maked Mr. Gamble a piercing question touching this point. Suppose fifty honest legislators were voting for Lorimer and sixty against him. And suppose also in this exigency that some faithful friend of Lorimer should arise in the majesty of his virtue and offer a thousand dollars aplece to all the anti-Lorimer men who would quietly withdraw from the chamber. Suppose finally that, in accordance with this offer eleven representatives of the people should depart, thus leaving only 45 votes against Lorimer. He could then be elected. And he would be elected by votes not one of which had been bribed. Mr. Cummins naked the spiritual-minded Mr. Gamwhat he thought of this case? Would he hold that Mr. Lorimer was properly entitled to his seat? Mr. Gamble shifted and shuffled. He tried to evade the crux, but Cummins was pitiless and nobody can tell what night have happened if Mr. Bailey, of Texas, had not come to the rescue of his brother from South Dakota.

Trust Mr. Balley to be on hand when it is necessary to defend transactions of a certain sort. His experience makes him invaluable in such

men will wonder how he could have kept his wings so white through it all. They will ask how he could have remained so unspotted from the wicked world. But those who suspect him know not the power of genuine virtue. He never asked how his thousands were being spent. He simply handed out a roll to whoever asked for one and trusted that no wrongful use would be made of it. Innocent, confiding Lorimer! What a blessed faculty it is to be blind when one does not wish to see.

THE SACRIFICE OF RELLAHER.

Senator Kellaher is a handy and rersatile scandalmonger. He falls in easily with the Bourne method. It is all very characteristic. He would defame and belittle and humiliate all his colleagues because they are not members of the small but select group that is tarred with the Bourne stick and wears the Bourne collar. He rakes rears the Bourne collar. and scrapes the gutters and sewers for rags of suspicion and shreds of innuendo and patches up a garment of definite accusation. It is all very nice business for the self-called focal champion of the "best government in

the world." Naturally the Senators are wrothvery wroth. They pour out their wrath on Bourne. They fire away at Kellaher, whose hide is thick and neck Their shafts penetrate that shining epidermis and open gaping wounds of fiery hue. But Kellaher knows where to run for solace and gratitude. Jonathan knows where and how to apply soothing ointment. Depend on old Doctor Jonathan, The sacrifice the doughty Kellaher

has made ought to cause great rejoicing in the headquarters of the Naional Progressive League. That noble soul emerges from the fray pretty badly dilapidated, but the cause has been advanced another inch, or perhaps an inch and a half. They have got the Senators on record.

ONE YEAR FROM APRIL.

is large.

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican, newspaper which follows the course of affairs in Oregon with Interest and Intelligence, regards the coming Presidential primary in April, 1912, as of 'significance to the rest of the coun-The Republican is naturally 177. nxious to know the name of the fortunate candidate for whom each party in Oregon will cast its vote.

Th Oregonian will not undertake to enlighten its Massachusetts contemporary, for it doesn't know. What the friends and admirers of the dead Democrats will do is one of those dark warrior.

mysteries buried in the unfathomable recesses of the future. They may indeed, to some extent, forego their usual pleasant pastime of voting at the Republican primary, since there is prospect of a lively contest among Harmon, Wilson, Clark, Bryan them. -who knows whom the Democrats want? The Republican overlooks want? Folk, the formidable, if fussy, Folk, of Missourl. There isn't much of the Democracy left, but what there is is largely from Missouri. If the Folk movement is well organized, and is pushed vigorously here, The Oregonian would guess that Folk would beat them all. Yet withal there is more Roosevelt sentiment among the sur-Oregon Democrats than for viving Folk, Harmon, Clark, Wilson or any

of them. The Republican primary will be Taft, if Roosevelt is not a candidate. If he shall be a candidate against Taft it will be a fierce and doubtful strug-There will not be then more than rle. a corporal's guard in the Democratic The Democrats would be primary. quite unable to resist their chronic impulse to mix up where they do not belong. It's the Oregon method.

THE LEGISLATURE'S PLAIN DUTY.

been that of transportation or outlet. Other problems have been those of labor and industrial capital. Solution of each has been slow. Now it is rapid. The geometric ratio of growth at last begins to apply. Variety of Interests and tastes is making the most of the country's resources. Groups of the population are learning soils, and products and how best to use each.

The old sameness of production. consumption and population is dis-appearing. The differentiating process is a sign of the new growth, of the new prosperity. Our country is multiplying manufactures. New factories are adding to its activities.

The new activity is the most hop ful that our country has had. It is stimulating the forces of self-help.

GENERAL HOWARD MEMORIAL.

General Howard was a first-class fighting man, a true Christian gentle-man, a good citizen, brave and unselfish and faithful in everything he attempted. These qualities endeared him to the American people, who will always hold his name in grateful remembrance. At various times since his death, suggestions have been made that a suitable memorial should be erected in honor of his achievements. One of the best of these suggestions appears in the Journal of Military Service Institution. In this paper Lieutenant Clark, of the Thirteenth Vermont United States Volunteers, suggests that the proper place for this memorial is at Gettysburg, and in asking if such a memorial cannot be

provided, says: How pleasing and how just it would be fan equivariant entropy of the first and found he placed as if in friendly converse, the ground that General Howard se-place for the forenoon of the first and he place to when they could no longer hold the post of the first and Eleventh corne is place for the forenoon of the first and the place is when they could no longer hold he left a division to ascure the position and for which he received the thanks of Gongress, and the place where his men place building repelled the territic charge of the both said as the retreating comparison the left is a first and the place where his men place building held as the retreating comparison the plate set of the first and which they be the both the secure the place where a set of the place building the last and which they be the place of the first and which they be the both the secure the place where a set of the place building the last and which they be the place of the secure basis and when the secure the place of the secure basis and when the secure the place of the secure basis and when the secure basis and the place basis and when the secure basis and the secure basi provided, says:

The Indian campaigns of General Howard added much to the great prestige which he gained in the Civil War. and his work in the West alone entitles him to a memorial somewhere in the land which he so materially aided in rescuing from the savages. Gettysburg, however, is a name that will last until the end of time, and if the suggestion of Lieutenant Clark is carried out it will meet with the hearty approval of thousands of old

SENTIMENT IN BUSINESS. The off-repeated statement that seldom borne out by the facts. For several weeks money has been easy in the Eastern trade centers. So much was available in New York that a 4 % per cent city bond issue was oversub-scribed about 600 per cent and commanded a premlum; call money was hovering around 246 and 3 per cent; in | away. London gold was pilling up to such an extent that the bank rate was forced down to 4 per cent. With these conditions remaining practically unchanged for weeks, the stock market continued to drift along in the doldrums with practically no demand for any kind of railroad and industrial

Suddenly and with no apparent reason, other than that "confidence was returning." the market has taken on a new lease of life. In the last three inys there has been substantial buying on a large scale, with sharp advances in many of the leading securi-This buying has taken place without any apparent effect on the

money market which continues easy. The only apparent reason for the suden change is "sentiment." Much as a certain element in our population is

heavily to the burdens of improved

land because value of improvements cannot be separated and exempted. There is no land upon which men and women live that is not improved. Besides, the real purpose of single tax is to confiscate land, to "national ize" it, to take it away from individuals and bestow it upon the publi Men who deny this are brazen-faced

falsifiers of single-tax doctrine. Private ownership of land is the mainstay of government. The larger the number of landowners the stronger is the guarantee of stability and security. Oregon needs to promote private land ownership, not to drive citizens from it.

THE MORNING OREGONIAN, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1911.

"I am opposed to any increase in the salary of officials of my county," said Carter of Clackamas when the automatic salary bill was up for consideration in the House. This was such a hold, unprogressive statement that it demanded explanation. This was promptly forthcoming in the further declaration by Mr. Carter: "I have lived in Clackamas County thirty years and I have never seen the time yet when, at the provailing salaries, there was not a scramble for the of-This was conclusive to the flees." extent that action on the bill was stopped by a motion to refer to the committee on salaries for further consideration. Curiously enough, the same condition observed by Mr. Carter as prevailing in Clackamas County has been observed in Multnomah County throughout all the checkered years of its existence. Candidates for office never shy at salaries; that is left entirely to the incumbents.

One turns shuddering from the reports from far Cathay that tell of wretched human beings, naked and starving, huddled together in the mud of a famine-stricken, flood-invaded section of the Empire. To succor such a hapless horde is im-possible; to ameliorate their wretched condition is difficult, to say the least. Undaunted, however, by the magni-tude of the undertaking, the Red Cross organization will answer the despairing appeal that has come to it for the relief of these creatures, according to the measure of its resources and opportunity. The pity of the situation is enhanced by the reluctance which kind death shows in coming to the

rescue of this pallid, suffering craw. Francis M, Venable, a pioneer of Marion County and of Klickitat Coun-

ty, Washington, and a representative through two generations of the "oldfashioned family," died at Wasco, Or.,

on January 24, aged 86 years. He is survived by his wife, four sons and six daughters and was one of a family "there is no sentiment in business" is of five brothers and six sisters. When a young man of 25 years he crossed the great plains with an ox-team, ac companied by his wife and one child. Thus run the short and simple annals of a long and useful life which will not be duplicated, since the conditions in which it was set have forever passed

convoying the United States fleet on its spectacular voyage around the world, is dead at the age of 63 years. His name is associated in the annals of the Navy with great executive ability and close attention to the details of his profession. He was of robust physique, hence it is a matter of some surprise that his death occurred at a

state of the South one better. He would refuse the franchise to any yel-low or brown native whose father was brown native whose father was

Vice - President Hannaford,

Northern Pacific man who does the

an industry that is worth millions to

The Danville grand jury has decided

the state, and it is devoutly to be hoped

to their success.

the roadhouses?

oped in the past year.

nobody will do so.

HAPPENINGS IN LEGISLATIVE HALLS

HOUSE ACTS UPON BILLS FOUR TALK FOR LIBRARY

List of Measures Passed, Failed and Portland Association Delegation at

Such a tax would raise about

TO RUSH RESULT IS PLAN

House.

STATE CAPITOL Salem, Or., Feb. 2-

Postponed Yesterday.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2. -(Special.)-The House today passed the following bills: STATE CAPITOL, Satem, OL, POS 2 --(Special.)--W. B. Ayer, W. L. Brews-ter, Dr. T. L. Ellot and R. W. Mon-tague, representing the Portland Li-brary Associa* on, appeared before the afternoon

H. B. 250, Jones-Repealing law requir-ing druggists to pay a county license for

ing drugging. H. B. 225, Clemens-Prohibiting any per-son not a member of a secret society repre-senting himself as a member. H. B. 59, Peterson-Authorizing county courts to levy inx sufficient to increase per capita for school purposes from \$7 to \$10.

capits for school purposes from 34 to stor. H. B. 75, Thompson-Increasing sniary Circuit Judge Thirteenth Judicial District from \$3000 to \$4000 per annum. H. B. 150, Carter-Escheating to state unclaimed money belonging to patients at State Insane Asylum. H. B. 123, Miller (Columbia)-Allowing attorneys fees to employes sning to collect ware. ing, to be erected probably on the site of the present city library at Seventh and Stark streets, which is to be ab-

sorbed by the new association. The other bill authorizes a lovy of one-half mill annually by the County Court for the maintenance of the

\$150,000. Approximately \$75,000, it is estimated, will be required for main-H. B. 140, Hollis-Creating State Board H. B. 140, Hons-Creating state Heard of Fish and Game Commissioners.
H. B. 197, Huntington-Creating County Educational Board and providing supervis-ors for supervisory districts to be created.
H. B. 233, Thompson-Confirming tills to certain lands in the Warner Valley Stock Comments. tenance, leaving an equal amount every year for extension of the every year for extension of the branches. The delegation reached no decision

respecting the measures, but is destr-ous of learning the wishes of Multno-mah County people before reporting on the bills.

certain lands in the Warner Valley Book Company. H. E. 239, Hollis-Permitting discharge of judgments when whereabouts of judg-ment creditor are unknown. H. B. 273, Abbott-Authorizing creation of retirement fund association and payment of annuities to retired teachers. H. E. 256, McKinney-Re-emacting \$300 tax exemption and submitting question to vote in November, 1812. H. B. 144, insurance committee-Glving insurance committee regulation of all fra-ternal benefits societies.

Ballot Counting Bill Introduced in

Indefinitely Postponed.

H. B. 252. Abbott-Creating State Board

 Accountancy.
H. H. 227. Fouts—Defining duties of Ju-H. H. 227. Fours Multhomah County.
H. B. 255. Cushman—Creating office of State Architect.
H. B. 255. Rackleff—Prohibiting treating all, which appeared in the House today. The bill provides that the first election board, provided for by law, shall

board, provided for by inw, minin to port at the respective polling places at 8 o'clock in the morning on the day of elec-tion. The second election board, instead of reporting for duty at 7 P. M., is to report to the polling place to which it was assigned at 9 o'clock in the morning or election down in a convenient from or on election day in a convenient room of building in the vicinity of the polling pince and begin counting the ballots

H. B. 2006, Recent Providing for imparching and setting alseds judgments.
H. B. 276, Gill--Prohibiting use of roller towels and public drinking cups.
H. B. 125, Bryant-To prevent fraudulent disposition of ensumbered personal property.
H. B. 94, Bryant-Providing commission to revise judicial system of state.

Falled to Pass.

piace and begin counting the ballots. Provision is made by which the day board at that hour shall turn over to the second board all ballots deposited at that time. At every hour thereafter and until the polls close at 7 o'clock in the evening all votes cast and deposited shall be turned over to the second board for counting. H. B. 372, Fouts-Requiring cumulative voting of stock by stockholders. H. B. 163, Hollis-Requiring publication of delinquent tax list in weekly newspapers. be turned over to the second board for counting. In this way, the result of the day's con-test in each preduct will be available shortly after the polis close at 7 o'clock in the evening. It is expected to answer the demands that are being made in some sections for the installation of voling "That is a potpourri far." answered

House Bills Pass Schate.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2-(Special.)-House bills passed the Senate today as follows:

ections for the installation of voting forry machines.

today as follows: H. E. 135, Abbott-Providing for a free farry at St. Johns, H. R. 204, Brooke-Regulating terms of Supreme Court in Eastern Oragon. H. B. 100, Buchanan-Regulating appli-ants for Soldiers' Home at Roseburg. H. B. 75, Thompson-Prohibiting disposal if state or county funds. H. B. 128, Ambrose-Regulating practice of optometry. HOUSE INDULGES IN LAUGH

George Is Better Name Than Jonathan, Says Smith.

f optometry. H. E. 87, Steelhamer-Restricting age of ngineers and whistle boys on donkey en-

H. B. 70, Reynolds-Regulating fees for H. B. 102, Miller Commissions, H. B. 102, Miller (Columbia)-Placing sounty liquor license at \$400 for six months. H. B. 101, Buchauan-Abolishing whip-

Ping post. H. B. 57, Fouts-Prohibiting transporta-Admiral Sperry, who won fame as a seaman and naval officer by safely state. government commonly known as the Oregon system; and "Whereas, The dignified upper body of the lawmaking power of this great commonwealth, commonly known as the State Senate, has lost considerable sleep and has worried and caused per-sonal motives to be questioned in rec-emmending said Oregon system to the Legislatures of the various states of this Union, as the best system in the

Bills Killed in Senate.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2.-(Special.)-Following are S bills indefinitely postponed today: Senate

B. 210, Joseph—Providing for registration of trademarks.
B. 149, Wood—Creating a commission to report on the judicial system in the

emmending said Oregon system to the Legislatures of the various states of this Union, as the best system in the world; now therefore he it "Resolved, By the House of Repre-sentatives in the Oregon Legislature assembled. That George is a batter name than Jonathan for a United States Senator from Oregon. So let George do it."

do it." COMMISSION BILL IS PASSED of doors and a hastening for home.

men of the state.

was decisive.

asking that

House Passes Measure for Creation

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2.

Life's Sunny Side

Clement J. Driscoll, New York's commissioner of police, spoke frankly in a recent address of the American wom-

an's poor shopping abilities. "I am afraid," continued Mr. Driscoll, "that, Salem to Aid Two Bills. notwithstanding their generosity, STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2.

American husbands are subjected to a good deal of bickering at home about money. The following conversation between a Brooklyn father and his lit-tle daughter bears out this fear: 'Papa," Multnomah delegation this afternoon in advocacy of the two bills of Repre-sentative Ambrose, providing for a said the child, what is the difference between parsimony and economy? "I will explain the difference by an ex-ample," the father replied. "If I cut

county library. One of the hills provides for a spe. cial tax levy of 1% mills, which would raise \$450,000, for a new library build-raise \$450,000, for a new library build-taise \$450,000, for a new library build-. . .

The late Senator Dolliver once told of a physician at Fort Dodge, Iowa, who had a grave made for a man who was dying; but the man got well, and the doctor was joked about it for many years afterward.

years afterward. In consultation with three other physicians, he had on one occasion at-tended a patient. The latter died. After the death, one of the physicians said: "Since a quick burial is neces-sary, we might inter the body tempo-cetter a manufacture that Dr X has a I understand that Dr. X has a

vacant grave on hand." "Yes; I have," said Dr. X; "and I be-

taineer replied.

polling

"But he said he did."

Miss Annie S. Peck, the distinguished scholar and mountain climber, de scribed in one of her addresses in Bos ton on mountaineering the strange of fect that some mountains have on some

Special) - Expeditious counting of ballots a general and Presidential elections is rovided for by Representative Suiton's men. "In a word," she said, "it is an effect of mendacity. Thus, in a Boston club one mountaineer said to another: "So Smith, fat Smith, actually "'So Smith, fat Smith, actually elimbed Mont Blanc?" "Smith? Not he, the other moun-

"But he said he dia. "True; but in September, on his re-turn from Chamonix, he only said he'd been to the foot of Mont Blane. Since then he's gradually lied himself all the way to the top." "-London Chronicle.

. . .

worker and club woman went into one of the Michigan avenue china studios to make some purchases. After exam-ining different pleces on one table the

"That is a potpourri far," answered the artist. "Oh, is it?" she queried, then she turned to the artist and suid, in a de-

chined to the artist and said, in a de-cided manner, "I will take everything but that, and I have always made a point never to buy or have a thing to do with anything pertaining to poker."

A group of Indiana citizens, high

A group of Indiana citizens, high up in business and politics, were wrangling a little as to who was the best inwyer in Indianapolis. They all agreed to leave Ben Harrison out, as he was acknowledged to be at tha top, and then the names of a dozen really big lawyers were mentioned each one of the party holding out for a particular man. Finally one ex-uberant sort of chap declared: "You are all wrong. Beveridge is the best inywer in indianapolis." There was response that Beveridge was a clever

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young lawyer, but had not been in the business long enough to be classed

on exclaiming that Beveriage admirer kept on exclaiming that Beveriage was the best, and, somewhat irritated, the others of the party asked: "Why do you insist that Beveriage is the best lawyer? How can you

prove a sistement like that?" "I don't have to prove it," was the reply. "Beveridge will admit it." And the discussion ended with

Wage Sults to Be Alded.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2-

-Chicago Tribune.

A prominent Chicago Sunday school

A fellow-feeling made mergencies. him wondrous kind to the Lorimer in terest. Mr. Balley came to the front with a lovely theory that if you can "eliminate" the corrupt votes and still leave a Lorimer majority the election valid. Of course, in the case put by Cummins you can eliminate the corrupt votes and do better than leave a Lorimer majority. By the elimination you actually make a mafority for the estimable and persecuted candidate. That is what the elimination is for. By the Balley theory the whole problem of Senatorial deadlocks is solved once and forever. The candidate with the biggest barrel need only hire enough members to vanish to leave him a majority and the trick turned. He will be elected, and, by the Balley standard of morals, honestly elected. We venture to think that Lorimer's case was not much improved by Mr. Balley's contribution. This sort of "elimination" savors too rankly of ancient grease. It is too alippery.

When Mr. Bristow had punctured Mr. Gamble's other little bladder there was not much left of his great pro-Lorimer speech. "Why," inquired Mr. Bristow, "why do you give full faith and credit to White and the other scamps when they tell about the jackpot and refuse to believe them when they tell about the bribes they got from the Lorimer fund? The evifence for the one transaction is preetsely the same as for the other.' At this functure Mr. Gamble was obliged take refuge under the starry flag. He wrapped its sacred folds about him and with a few noble words about "the strong, intelligent, high-mindbrave, ed. Christian manhood of Illinois," he subdded.

Poor Gamble. He ought to leave such ticklish enterprises as the defense of Lorimer to men who have been through the fire themselves. The only particle of real defense that has been made for him consists first in the charge that White and his gang are too scoundrelly to be believed, and second, in the claim that the bribery was carried on without his knowledge. Of course the second plea nullifies the first, since it admits that White told the truth. Indeed, after Mr. Cummins' speech it is impossible to doubt that is prosperous has many wants and White told the truth. How could a | even many wastes. It makes large man of his capacity invent a tale with a thousand ramifications every one of which exactly libes with known facts? He could not do it. Nobody could do Were Shakespeare himself to fabricate a story involving a dozen living, acting men, mentioning times, places and circumstances, he would be sure the Civil War people of this far-away to trip somewhere. White is not a land rejoiced. They perceived that Shakespeare by any means, but he | rail connections with the East would trips nowhere. Every known circumstance confirms his tale.

So we are driven back to the hypothesis that Lorimer knew nothing about the bribery that was going on California later made connections inder his nose. Browne, the man who disbursed the corruption fund, was his close intimate, visited him a came through to Portland over the dozen times a night while the contest was hottest, ate with him, slept then other railroads have come into with him, but never told him a word the country. about the bribes. How discreet Browne opening up ploneer localities in East-must have been! And how innocent ern Oregon. was the angelic Lorimeri Common

The moral delinquenciand Dairy Commissioner Bailey are petty, but they should not have been condoned by the local grand jury or by the District Attorney. The indict-ment against him is for a trivial offonse, and the whole business, so far as local investigation and prosecution ure concerned, bids fair to end no-Possibly that is the intention. where. But the charges of incompetency and neglect are serious. They con-cern the administration of a most important office. The state has a vital interest in the faithful and effective discharge of the duties of Dairy Commissioner, and it has become well convinced that the present Commissioner has dono little or nothing for the public, less for pure food, and less yet for clean milk and good butter. There are interests in Oregon that are satisfied with the kind of Commissioner Balley has been and they are gumshoeing and ear-whispering around to keep him in office. They may and vill succeed unless the Legislature

takes a hand.

esty and public decency.

its own self-help.

luxuries.

THIS NEW ERA OF SELF-HELP.

More and more the Pacific North-

west is building prosperity upon its

own resources and industries. Less

and less it depends for growth upon

outside money. Of course, capital brought from New York stimulates

Short Line and the O. R. & N.

inclined to rail at Wall street and the iniquities which are charged up against the operators along that thoroughfare, it still remains a fairly ac-curate barometer of the financial condition of the country. If Wall street has gotten over its

scare and is convinced that the railroad and industrial corporations are to be given a breathing spell after a ong period of somewhat drastic regulation, this flood of money that is now available for something better than 4 14 per cent bonds will be released, and the entire country will profit by the change. The Pacific Northwest can use many millions of this new capital in railroad and other industrial enterprises, and will enjoy a continuation of the agreeable condition of sentiment, now reflected in a steadily advancing stock market.

LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Single-taxets say their scheme would tax land only, and not improve-Governor West has sent a plain and ents; also, that it would relieve the vigorous message to Salem on the landowner who makes improvements subject. It ought to be heeded. This and would make the non-progressive is no political, or personal, or partisan matter. It is a question of plain hon-

owner pay more taxes. But tax assessments can be put on no other basis than that of improved that a votebuyer cannot be proseuted under the Illinois laws. land. The clearing and fencing and draining of land in the country makes the seller will be indicted. The seller farm values; the building of sewers, seems to be at the bottom of everysidewalks, pavements and houses in thing. the city makes lot values. There can be no values, without these improvements, either for trade among men or for the work of the Assessor and the tax collector. Idle land in country and in city is

the general progress; the point of these remarks is that our own country is making more than before out of already taxed upon improvements, or upon prospect of improvements. Brush Until but recently this region made land is worth no more money now slow progress. In ploneer days its than when the Indians held it, if meas-

ured by what it produces: yet such land is assessed at large values; that people raised wheat and wool or dug gold, which they sent away in exis to say, its future productive power change for clothing, furniture, hardis taxed long time before it comes into ware and articles that they deemed There was little develop-The farmer who owns a cleared ment in this exchange. The country

ract of land is told by single-taxers and its people remained poor-except that he pays too much taxes; that his that a few traders grew rich. There contiguous neighbor who owns a was no varied industry nor varied tract of waste stumps and brush pays consumption of goods. A people that too little. The homeowner in the city is told that his lot is levied upon too high and that the owner of the aduse of its resources; turns them over joining lot gets the advantage of the into many forms and supports numernext-door improvement without payous classes of workers in the pro-cesses. Until quite recently our peoment of adequate taxes or investment of capital. The improving farmer and

ple did not "go ahead" much in these lot-owner are urged to vote for single respects from year to year. When railroads were promised after tax and "justice." But it is impossible in any scheme of taxation to exempt improvements. The land values of civilized society are made by improvements. The labor start variety of industry. The first and the capital expended in redeemtranscontinental railroad to arrive ing land from wilderness make the was the Northern Pacific, projected by Henry Villard. The Oregon & change from the days of the aboriginess The farmer's land is really worthless until it is cleared of stumps with San Francisco, via its Willamand logs and fenced and buildings are ette Valley line. The Union Pacific erected upon it. His neighbor's wild land is worthless, but is taxed on high valuations that are to be realized in the future. Rival lines are now

Single tax will enlarge the tax bur-The first problem of progress has exempt personal property. It will add

ineligible to citizenship. As Mr. Roose-SUPPLIES BUYING DISCUSSED velt is no longer President, this measure has a chance, unless the promot-Senate in Conflict Over Bean-Callcins ers of the big fair see in it a menace

the

Only

and Bowerman Bills.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2-Special.)-Conflict over the Bean-Calk-ne bill and the Bowerman bill, each pro-It seems strange that roadhouses invariably degenerate into vicious dens. riding a different method of purchasing supplies, took up considerable time of the Senate today, but resulted in both bills being referred to a committee composed of Bowerman, Bean and Calkins to bit A wayside tavern furnishing refreshment for man and beast is theoretically a charming place, a retreat for poets where in sweet communion with Nature they may compose idylls. Will

Nature they may compose idylls. Will the supply of idylls fall off when the Sheriff carries out his threat to close the roadhouses? forcement of all laws pertaining thereto. The members of the commission will draw no salary other than \$5 a day when actually employed, the amount to be re-ceived by each Commissioner being limited to \$100 annually. In addition atute institutions are not used in the bill, that it carried an emergency clause and would not fulfill the lintent of the they are to be paid actual necessary ex-penses when so employed. The bill has the indorsement of many of the sportsbill. Calkins, on the other hand, urged that the Bowerman bill is too cumber-some and that his plan of a purchasing

work, now on his annual visit to the Oregon country, will find many new and investigating agent had received the sanction of the administration. ideas for exploitation that have devel-Selling stated that the bad features of

both bills should be eliminated and the good features should be placed in a com-Nobody has introduced a bill to create the office of Poultry Commissioner and spend \$10,000 a year to advance posite bill.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2.-(Special)-Senator Von der Hellen this morning introduced a mortgage tax bill requiring that taxes on all mortgages shall be 50 cents on each \$100, the bill being modelled after the Minnesota and New York laws. It is similar to a bill introduced earlier in the session by Sena-ca Catting. These who favor the measure JOINT COMMITTEEMEN NAMED

All Sections Represented on Fishertor Calkins. Those who favor the measure tor Caikins. These who lator the measure state it will tend to keep money in the state and will operate to secure a tax on all mortgage holdings and will result in taxes being paid but once during the life of the instrument.

ies Legislation Committee. STATE CAPITOL. Salem, Or., Feb. 2-

(Special)-Senators Sinnott, Lester and Norton ware named by President Selling this morning as a part of the joint com-mittee to confer with a similar committee om the Washington Legislature on fish

New York has solved the cat prob

from the Washington Legislature of han-ing laws along the Columbia. Sinnott is an up-river Senator, Lestar from the lower river and Norton from Southern Oregon. The House members of this joint committee are: Representa-tives Beiland, Gill, Smith, Magone and Dock lem rather elegantly. They are killed by gas. This is far less cruel both to cat and man than to permit them to perish by exposure and slow starva-Derby.

Not all the new country is in the OLIVER BILL PASSES SENATE West. A railroad is to be built into that unexplored region of Maine, Aroo-Husband and Wife May Testify

Against Each Other if Enacted.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2. (Special.)-Oliver's bill, allowing hus-band or wife to testify one against the

dered by him to the state in connection with the Warner Valley land lease. This report was made on request of ex-Gov-Senate.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2-(Special)-Free ferry conditions are prac-tically assured for St. Johns, the Senate passing Abbott's House bill today. The bill provides that within six months after it becomes a law the City of St. Johns shall secure all the franchises, rights and property in connection with the ferry and place it in the hands of the Multnomah County Court, that court the Multnomah County Court, that court

House Rests Until Monday.

(Special.)-By a concurrent resolution the Legislature adjourned today until next Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The gen-eral sentiment was expressed that it would be practically useless to hold a session Saturday, owing to the Corvallis trip tomorrow and the diminished attend-ance which would be inevitable.

of Board to Protect Game.

is to be chosen by the four members appointed, which shall have en

Mortgage Tax Bill Introduced.

No State Architect Wanted.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2.-(Special.)-House today indefinitely post-poned Representative Cushman's bill, creating the office of State Architect at an annual salary of \$500. Mr. Cushman called attention to the House to the fact that the measure had maril from a

called attention to the inertification a standpoint of economy from the fact that during the last two years the state had paid out more than \$15,000 in fees to architects. The vote against the bill

Ex-Governor Lord to Be Paid.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2 .-

Special.)-Report has been returned to he Sonate by the committee on claims using that ex-Governor William P.

Lord be paid \$1000 for legal services ren-

Lawmakers to Visit Corvallis.

Chamberlain and adopted by the

(Special)-By the provisions of a bill passed by the House today, introduced by Miller of Columbia, any person bringing suit to recover wages due, shall also be allowed his attorney's fees from STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 2-(Special.)-With only a few negative votes, Representative Hollis' bill creat-ing a State Game and Fish Commission passed the House today. the person, firm or corpora Seventeen members of the House voted This bill creates a special commission of five members, four of whom are ap-pointed by the Governor and the fifth

against the measure.

No Money for Detectives.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3charge and direction of the fish and game interests of the state and the en-STATE CAPITOL, Saleh, Or, Fed. 2 (Special,)-Joseph Day and William Hyde, Portland detectives, must go without the relief sought from the Legislature, as the Senate today Indefinitely postponed the Joseph bill asking the state to advance funds for them. being



"MR. TWEE DEEDLE," A NEW COMIC PAGE

Beginning Sunday, February 5, The Sunday Oregonian will publish a new comic page in colors by John B. Gruelle. Mr. Gruelle recently won the \$2000 prize in the New York Herald's comic pieture competition.

HEROES DECORATED BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT

John Elfreth Watkins gives the thrilling details of the exploits of star actors in the exciting melodrama of real life.

AMERICAN GIRLS SHINE AS INSPIRATION FOR ARTISTS' PICTURES

Every illustrator has his favorite type, and this illustrated article tells of the American girls who have served as models for many of the beautiful women depicted by the foremost artists of the day.

WHO IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN THE WORLD?

Paris is guessing on the answer to this question, and the illustrated article deals with the charms of Mile. Sorel, a distinguished artist, for the title.

NOTABLE EXAMPLES OF MORAL COURAGE BY NOTED AMERICANS

Many men in public life have made sacrifices. Many of these have proved the turning points in their careers. E. J. Edwards writes of actual experiences of prominent Americans.

stock County, the home of the humble

band or wise to training a set are apported by the fin certain cases consumed greater portion of the time in the Senate this morning, extended arguments being of-fered by many of the members. An attempt at indefinite postponement failed with a square division of voice and adoption of a favorable report followed.

St. Johns Assured Free Ferry.

can always find a milky way.

Oregon will continue to hang men who deserve hanging.

Bro. Beals sustains Br'er Groundhog.

practice suit.

be better.

tion.

potato.

easier, now that a jury has decided he has only one wife.

> No, Effie, old malds would suffer no more under the single tax than their married sisters.

Sheriff Stevens is starting something good when he lays hands on the road-

houses. An aviator who gets lost in the sky

They are getting at the very inside of things in Los Angeles when they operate on a man in court in a mal-

