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TRYING TO CLOSE THE OPEN DOOR. Pekin advices report the Japanese very much angered over the discovery that some portion of the revenues of Manchurian provinces has been allotted as part of the security for the fourwar \$50,000,000 loan recently made to China. The knowledge that this loan had been made was in possession of the Japanese a long time ago and no special objection was raised against it. cealed until it was discovered that the United States and other powers joining in the loan had actually been promised or given security for it indicates that Jupan had expected China event, according to Oriental reasoning, it would have been no crime for the foreigners to have loaned it.

The Japanese press characterize the loan as an unfriendly act. "since the powers holding this security have an opportunity to interfere in various ations which may arise hereafter." It is also stated that "China is severely consured for hypothecating these revenuce, disregarding Japan's and Russia's contentions that they have superfor ights in Manchurta." This unwarranted resentment of Japan only serves to corroborate the oft-repeated charge that Japan and Russia were not playing fair with the other powers in the matter of open-door policy. Neither country has ever been granted any superfor rights in Manchuria, and, even if it had and China saw fit to borrow money on her unincumbered posses sions, the favored nation would hardly have the right to prevent the loan or the provision for some kind of security.

The Japanese press is endeavoring to arouse the Chinese by asserting that the loan was made for political purposes and inspired by a determination to bring about a partition of China. This scare is thrown out for the purpose of diverting the attention of China from the real danger that confronts her-the much greater likelihood of Russia and Japan curving the unfortunate country for their own profit. On account of the artificially eated feeling against the Japanese in this country, it is perhaps fortunate that some of the European powers are Interested with the United States in

the open door, and, while it is undoubtedly true that Japan and Russia have been getting a little more than they are entitled to in the way of trade favors in that field, the offense as yet has not become flagrant. If it should security would both be attended to by four-power navy or some other the past while they were making a football of poor, decrept old China. but, now that all countries have become parties to the open-door agreement, it must be respected. Japan has no greater rights in Manchuria than has

POLITICS IN MEXICAN WAR

Emphatically as both parties deny ft, the actions of both federals and rebels in the Mexican disturbance tend strongly to arouse the suspicion that they are trying to provoke American intervention. They are playing a game of politics as well as war, and the game other party has brought it about. Each yearns for the excuse to call the other a traitor for that very remson.

Both federals and rebels have co as near as they dure to carrying the by attacking border towns and the their own. The federals now have the audacity to explain that they were shooting at American fillbusterers who were shooting at them from American territory.

proportion of the rebels are American citizens. This is true, and they are the best shots and best fighters in the rabel ranks. But if President Diangoverns his country in such a manner as not only to provoke a large propertion of his own people to rebellion, but to arouse many citizens of a neighboring country to help, General Diaz must take the blame. President Taff has done all that he could reasonably be expected to do in maintaining our neutrailty, even to the extent of mobilising a larger proportion of our Army on the southern boundary than was ever before in the field during peace

But Mexico refuses to recognize "ofsends her army scurrying through the country, fighting battles in which her generals profess to have killed and sunded and put to rout large bodies \$4,000,000 for extra military expenses nd offers a bonus for recruits for the army; she sends official dispatches to exports. Washington relating to battles with the rebels, yet she denies officially that there are any rebels. This is a relic of that old Spanish pride, which is akin to the blindness of the ostrich. Even City and kill Dias in battle, his Cabinet

still officially alive. fear quarrel, unless some outrageous act like the blowing up of the Maine. or some series of minor acts, should stir the indignation of this country beyond restraint. Even then the only object would be to inflict punishment, large. Returns on exports of manufor there would be nothing to gain in | factured products are not yet at hand.

unite against us and would decline pitched battles and carry on guerrilla FORTLAND, OREGON.

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and then what? Who would pay the bills? If we expected a money indemnity, we should fasten a debt on the Mexicans which would be a continual reminder to hate us. If we took payment in territory, we should be only giving support to the charge, which would We made from the outset, that our sole aim had been aggression. We should then also be furnishing evidence in support of the charge often made in Latin America that we are the big bully of the American continent will never cease encroaching until our dominions stretch from pole to pole. In short, if the United States should intervene in Mexico, it will be because Mexico forces us to intervene, either of set purpose or through some mad act. Of both these tropical peoples are always capable.

THE REFERENDUM IN ENGLAND. The oddity about the agitation for a rider use of the referendum in British solities is that it comes from the conservatives, while the liberals oppose Feeling certain that they are not likely to obtain a majority in the House of Commons for a long time to ome, the tories wish to give the minority power to call a referendum on any measure which the majority has adopted. This would make Parliament nothing more than an advisory body whose decisions were always subject The fact that the resentment was con- to a popular vote. The conservatives would gain some of the advantages of delay from it, but in the end it would destroy their party by changing Great Britain to a pure democracy. more of a democracy now than some to wriggle out of paying it. In such republics, but this measure would carry it much farther on the same road.

Mr. Balfour, the conservative leader who urges the new use of the referendum, is not famous for deep practica He is a good metaphysician but not much of a statesman and evidently he does not see where his plan leads to. If he did, it is incredible that

he would favor it. On the other hand, it is an error to suppose that the referendum is a novelty in British politics. It has been employed for centuries whenever a difence of epinion arises between the two houses of Parliament, or when the ministry loses its majority in the Com-On occasions of that kind the subject under dispute is referred to the people for their Medision. If the ministry in power obtains a majority in the election it is taken for granted that the country supports its views. If the majority goes the other way, then the measure is lost. This device is not explicitly called a referendum. Englishmen speak of it as "going to the country." But names are of little consequence. - The identity of the thing itself is unquestionable.

Mr. Balfour therefore seeks little that new in regard to the referendum. He merely transfers the power to call one from the majority to the minority of the House of Commons, which on its face appears unwise. As we have said, it would in the end make Parliamentary legislation impossible and cause every disputed measure to be referred to the people.

HORSELESS AGE DEFERRED.

In the number of animals sold and the prices paid at the breeders' Spring sale in this city this week is more evidence that the horse business is not suffering by the compelition of the automobile. Not only was everything sold that was offered at the meeting. become so, the four-power loan and fts but the prices paid were fully equal to, and in some cases far ahead of, those which could have been obtained before equally persuasive force. Japan and the automobile was anything more a pretty widow of the range. After ers in movable steel cages. As a means Russia have seldom been molested in than an experiment. The tremendous increase in the number of automobiles In the country for pleasure and busi- heads again toward the range and ness shows that the new method of tocomotion has secured a permanent and fixed place in our transportation system. The results of the Portland horse sale, and the results here were not materially different from those in other parts of the country and show, moreover, that the invasion of the transportation field by the automobile has not been detrimental to the horsebreeding interest.

When the prices that are still being paid for horses for all purposes are considered it seems fortunate indeed is to bring about intervention in such that the automobile came to the resa way as to make it appear that the cue. There has been no abandonment of the breeding farms and no reduction declares any party a traitor which in- in prices. The big field the auto now vites intervention, but each party fills has been carved out of new business and has developed as the country has grown. The first rallroads displaced the packhorses, and the electric cars of a later era also took the place war into the United States-the rebeis | of thousands of horses, but through all of this change in transportation condifederals by shooting into the adjoining | tions the horse has held his own. He American towns in the effort to retake will undoubtedly continue to do so

until the end of the chapter. Viewing the situation from the standpoint of pleasure as well as business-in other words considering the norse as a luxury as well as a necessity-there will always be a demand from those who have a feeling for the finest of the brute creation that they never can have for the noisy gasoline

wagens.

FOREIGN TRADE BALANCE GROWING. The March figures on domestic exports and those for the nine months ending with March show a decidedly healthy condition of foreign trade, According to the preliminary report of the Department of Commerce and Labor, exports of domestic breadstuffs. meat and dairy products, food animals. cotton and mineral oil have increased In one year from \$635,589,523 for the nine months ending March ficially" that there is a rebellion. She to \$750,720,702. The increase for March was small, and for the first time this season it was not cotton that was responsible for it. Lower prices for corn and wheat seem to have stimulated the of unofficial rebels; she appropriates export trade, while in March there was an increase of nearly \$2,000,000 in corn and more than \$1,000,000 in wheat

While the March figures showed no increase in cotton, the total gain over last season for the nine months is due exclusively to that great staple. The large crop produced in this country if the rebels were to capture Mexico and a revival in manufacturing industries abroad combined to bring the might still insist that it was still su- shipments for the season to date up preme at the capital and that Diaz was to the greatest figures on record-Lower prices in this country are re-It is extremely improbable that the flected in a slight increase in the quan-United States will interfere in the Mex. | tity of flour sent out, but a decrease in the value. The same conditions are noticeable in the exports of meat and dairy products, where the gain in value for the nine months in less than \$1,-000,000, while the gain in quantity is

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It is noticeable in the returns for previous months that the increase in the exports of manufactures was much greater than the decrease in exports of breadstuffs, meats, etc. This would indicate that while our industrial development is improving the home market for breadstuffs and meat, it will be several years before we can use the time arrives when these products sell the surplus in the European marhas overtaken production in this country, it will, of course, be necessary to such a case millions of consumers would profit by the supply of cheap food from other countries where hundreds of farmers would suffer for lack of a protective tariff. It is thus plain readiness for the possible guest that we do not need a tariff on breadstuffs so long as we have a surplus to ship. It would be unfair to our own people to burden them with it when instead of sellers.

A NEW PHENOMENON. The gradual extension of Mr. J. P. Morgan's power over one financial institution after another is conspicuous among the phenomena of our day which future historians will investigate with profound attention. The Equitable Life Assurance Society, concerning which so much has been heard recent years, has just become one in recent years, has just become one of his conquests. His man is made president of the company in place of the late Paul Morton and Its immense funds will go to increase Mr. Morgan's financial resources, which are already sufficiently large to satisfy most men-

The imagination curiously inquires where Mr. Morgan's financial conquests will end. If he lives ten years longer and continues the enterprises which he has been carrying on lately, will any independent concerns be left in the country, or will he be master of them all? Should all or most of them fall under his sway the results might be interesting. To the modern world money is the breath of life. Our personal liberty, means of earning a livelthood, self-respect and the Welfare of our families all depend intimately upon the manner in which it is issued and manipulated.

Were it possible for one man to control the money of the country he would be its ruler far more absolutely than the Can rules Russia. The power of Nicholas is in large part a mere show which would lose its substance were the priesthood to desert him, or were the army to become disloyal. But the man who has the money of the Nation in his grasp need invoke the aid of no priest or army. Power flows to him as rivers seek the sea. The monetary sovereign is a new kind of despot whose emergence is an instructive development of democ sey.

The ancient democracies had their demagogues who gained authority by eloquence or personal magnetism. In modern democracies it sometimes seems as if the place of the demagogue were to be assumed by the money-gogue. Whether he will prove to be a power for good or merely another instrumentality of evil is a question which only the future can answer.

A PHASE OF THE "SIMPLE LIFE."

A wedding on the main street of Fort Klamath, the contracting parties on horseback, was a feature of a cattie round-up in which the bride was exchanging their marriage vows, the twain, now one, turned their horses' proceeded to finish the task of getting a fine bunch of cattle to market.

An exemplification of the idea of help-meet for the contingencies of life as they arise found unique expression in this marriage. It may be said to approach in a way the conditions in which Adam and Eve started out together, since it does not suggest the possibility of homemaking and housekeeping in the modern sense. Still it partakes of a strenuous age and has no suggestion of the simple life of our traditional "first parents" in the Garden of Eden, as portrayed by Milton: Under a tuft of shade that on a green Stood whispering soft, by a fresh fountain

They sait them down; and, after no more toll Of their sweet gardening labor than suffice To recommend cool Zeyphr, and make ease More easy, wholesome thirst and appetite More grateful, to their supper-fruits they fell— Nectarine fruits, which the compliant boughs Yielded them, sidelong as they sat recline On the soft downy bank damasked with

Here indeed is a picture of the "simple life." How strenuous by contrast do the simplest household avocations, the most easy going existence of the present-day appear! No dishes to wash, fair daughter of Eve-no sweeping or dusting or cooking to do son of Adam! no blood-letting in order to furnish meat for the table-no long hours devoted to business in order to provide the household with these and a myriad of other things. Think of it!

The savory pulp they chew, and in the rind Still Wa they thirsted accop the brimming

Not even the aceticism of Thoreau, nor the cheerful philosophy of Alcott by which the simple life at "Fruitlands" away back in the middle years of the last century, proceeded, until abandoned by its starveling devotees, could compare with this. It is safe to say that the like of it exists only in poetry, and that not all the arts of the disciples of aceticism will ever produce it outside of the most extrav-

Our romantic ranchers will not find it certainly, though they may scout the conventionalities of home and woman's sphere and all that sort of thing, and ride away together after the cattle-the woman help-meet for the man; but somewhere in camp or kitchen they will sit down with zest to baked meats and steaming vegetables and bring to the feast an appetite which scoffs at "nectarine fruits" as the piece de resistance, and at the beverage "scooped from the brimming

stream" in the rind of the fruit. Perhaps the ancient tree dwellers lake dwellers, or cave dwellers made some approach to the "simple life" as enjoyed (by courtesy of poetic fancy) in the Garden of Eden, but truth to tell, not even the most strennous strivers of a strenuous age would care to return to the simplicity which so wrought upon the imagination of Milton as to produce conditions so ut-

any other respect. Both factions would but they are expected to show a slight | terly devoid of human responsibility, luman usefulness and human endeavr as are shown in this quaintly beautiful word picture of human idling and numan ease and happiness "before the fall of man."

> Webb in the atrocious murder of William Johnson in this city some months ago, is one of the few women-proball of these products at home. Until ably less than a dozen in all-who have can all find a market at home, we must | Oregon State Prison during the more than half century of its existence. The kets in competition with the similar first of these was a life prisoner, products grown in other parts of the Charity Lamb, committed for murder world. The foreign market thus fixes in the second degree about 1855, the the price. The protective tariff on victim being her husband. She was these products can benefit no one. A an inmate of the penitentiary when few years hence, when consumption that institution was located in this city and was under the superintendency of Joseph Sloan. A simple-minded draw on some of these other countries creature, she fulfilled the sentence for supplies for our own people. In imposed by the Court and died many years ago, leaving the woman's quarters vacant for some time, as they have been now for the past two years These quarters are always kept in guests, of whom there is room for three, and Mrs. Kersh will be committed without delay. Opportunity will be given to make herself useful, posthey have become a nation of buyers sibly a rare accomplishment in her case, by running the sewing machine which is part of the equipment of the women's quarters, upon garments for the inmates of the prison.

Stanton County, Kansas, is without a manifest plethora, from this city to the Kansan county, where a population of 1034 souls stagnate in neighborly peace" and quietude for lack of somebody to stir them up in regard to their legal born of monotony a murder was committed in this placed community a while ago and there is no one to bring the criminal to trial. Here is an opening for a fledgling lawyer that should cause a rush to the locality designated equal to that of a reservation land opening. And who knows but a turn of the political roulette wheel might send an aggressive lawyer, who would rise to meet the present emergency and invade this peaceful territory to represent in Congress the district which includes Stanton County. The prospect is alluring.

Official advices I ceived at Salem from all parts of the state are to the effect that the prune crop was uninjured by the recent cold snap. The state expert, W. C. Tillson, says that the Williamette Valley will produce a full crop, and he estimates the output at 30,000,000 pounds. This is cheering news, and shows that the fruit crop like the grain crop, is seldem so badly damaged as first reports indicate. Thirty million pounds of prunes will sell for a large sum of money. If prunes escaped the freeze, it is probable that some other fruits that been pronounced badly damaged may yet turn off good yields. The value of the fruit crop of the state runs into millions, and the difference between a big yield and a small yield, in many localities means the difference between prosperity and adversity.

The Camerra trial at Viterbo continues to offer dramatic and unusual interest. One of the prisoners created a scene yesterday by tearing out his glass eye and hurling it to the floor, following this with a fit of sobbing and a swoon. Then, according to the cable advices. "As Exposito collapsed, a tumult was raised; from the steel cages the prisoners shouted, cried and cursed." This interesting scene caused an adjournment. Pictures taken in the courtroom at Viterbo show the prisonthese cages used as ducking stools. After an occasional ducking some of the "fight" might be taken out of the cowardly wretches.

There is something pathetic in the announcement of the birth of a child in prison. With a subtle handicap that in later life may become a grievous burden a male infant born in the County Jail of Clark County, Washington, faces the world. The mother of child is under sentence to the State Prison for a long or short term, as events may direct, for theft, and the baby will go with her to penance. The hope is that the newly-awakened emotion of motherhood may conduce to conduct that will make the term a short one for the young woman and that the child will awaken to the consciousness of life about him under more favorable environment

The outlook for a full student list the beginning of the work of the you?" Haines replied. Reed Institute-is bright. There is every indication that this school will be appreciated, both on account of its favorable and rational location and because of its educational scope. The mistake in locating the higher educational institution far from the center of opportunity will be more apparent No potatoes to plant and hoe, stalwart after a school with the scope and generous endowment of a university has been conducted in this city for a period.

The filing of a suit for money due her from her former husband has brought the name Amelie Rives into the limelight again. The present generation may have forgetten Amelie, for she has had a number of followers and imita-tors who wrote and found publishers for much nastler fiction than "The Quick or the Dead" or "Tanis, the Sang-Digger," the crotic masterpieces which first made Amelie famous. Compared with the works of Mary MacLaine, Eleanor Glyn and other wrtlers of as-Bestos-covered volumes, the early offusions of Amelie Rives were mild and ladylike.

Ten Republicans and two Democrats want to be Councilmen from the Seventh, but there are still a few voters left in the ward who will not be tempted to vote for themselves.

If those Mexican rebels and federals do not cease this disagreement on peace terms, they will be fighting yet.

Criminals who can shed false tears when on trial must envy the Camorrist who could shed a false eye. Senate ways were not sufficiently

smooth for launching the new insurgent party. The Daughters of the American

Revolution inherit the fighting spirit. Plunger Walton took his last plunge

PUZZLING RIDDLE OF SPHINX. Idea Not of Egyptian Origin, but Is Product of the Chaldnean Magi.

Frank C. Higgins, F. R. N. S., in letter to New York Times. Permit me to challenge the alleged ssertion of Professor Reisner, of Boston, that the "Riddle of the Sphinx" is solved by a fancied resemblance in either countenance or "millinery" to any Egyptian king. Neither does its proximity to any temple, pyramid, or other monument account for its salient

characteristics. The Sphinx headdress is that found on the statues of numerous Egyptian kings and queens, and that because of the very ancient custom of embodying in ceremonial dress the insignia or atin ceremonial dress the insignia or at-tributes of gods or divinity in general. I could show Prof. Reisner many instances where not only the character-istic headdress of the Sphinx, but other features of that monument, are studi-ously embedded in the poses of bygone Egyptian rulers. The question is, there-fore, less where the Egyptian kings got these decorative features than "Where did the Sphinx get them?" and "What was the Sphinx?"

I am prepared to demonstrate to the satisfaction of Professor Reisner or any one else that the Sphinx idea is older than any recorded Egyptian dy-nasty, and that it is not, in fact, of Egyptian origin at all, but the product of the Chaldaean Magi, and more pro-bably inherited by them from the more ancient Medes. Like all of the ancient divinities and

symbolisms of divine nature, it was de-rived from astronomy, and more particularly in this case from the combination of the signs of Lee and Virgo in the zodiacal circle. This combination of two zodiacal signs into one, possibly lawyer within its limits! This an-nouncement should cause an exodus of briefless lawyers, of whom there is a For instance, where Virgo and Leo would blend into a woman-headed lion Virgo and Libra (on the other side) would become the figure with the scales, of which our modern expression is the figure of "Justice." Sagittarius and Scorpio appear as a combined rights. It seems that in desperation figure on Assyrian monuments and on coins of the Seljeouk Turks. This mat-ter might be pursued much further. The Sphinx type was adopted by the Phoenicians, Cretans, and Hellenes generally, among whom it is more often winged and the head is always that of a woman. The Esyptian type. that of a woman. The Egyptian type, however, is the oldest of all, the proof being along a line of reasoning and demonstration which has no bearing upon any particular monarch having given his own countenance to a figure of the Sphinx, for which there exists absolutely no reason why he should not have done so if he wanted to. There is a still greater "Riddle of the Sphinx," and it is older than the oldest Egyptian

> THE DIARY OF A POPULAR JOKE Life of a Laugh Creator, as Observed From a British Viewpoint. London Tit-Bits.

I am born. My creator chuckles, slaps himself on the knee, roars, and an read to the author's wife. smiles, klases him, and wants to know how much he thinks I will bring. I start on a journey. Am read by an editor. He laughs, and reads me to the

office staff. My creator gets a check and more kisses from his wife. I appear in print. Thousands read me and laugh over me. The editor gets

many new subscribers. Reader tells me on the street and gets a cigar. Tells me again and is inrited to lunch. Newspaper copies me and also gets

new subscribers. Comedian cracks me on stage in a music hall turn and makes a hit Politician uses me in speech, claiming happened back in his boyhood, and gets elected.

Lecturer uses me on platform and gets return date. Minister works me in sermon for illustration and gets call to other town

with higher salary.

Am worked to death. Everybody everywhere uses me in season and out of season. I become a chestnut. A new generation comes on, and I am forgotten.

Fifty years pass by. I am resurrected from an attic. Am cut out and started on another journey.

He Owed It All to Bob Haines

New York Telegraph. Bob Haines, actor, is a graduate of Missouri University, at Columbia. Some years ago he was a member of James O'Neill's company playing "Monte Cristo." Through him the O'Neill company obtained a date at Columbia un-der the auspices of the students. Everybody knew Bob, and therefore wanted to see the show do well. They all got out and sold tickets. Bob's fraternity worked especially hard. The result was that the company played to \$1500 in one night.

circles that the O'Neill company had played to \$1500 at Columbia, and other companies began to a second companies begin to a second companies began to a second companies outes to get to the town. Some of hem made long jumps. Last Summer Haines visited Colum-

bla just to spend a week with One night a man stopped him friends. on the street. "Say," the man said, "were you the fellow who got James O'Nelll \$1500 here with the 'Monte Cristo' company?"

"My name is Burke," the man replied. "When I heard of that \$1500 I jumped my 'East Lynne' company 500 miles to get here. We played to \$22." "What are you doing here now?" Haines asked.

"I'm a truck gardener three miles out. I couldn't get out of town. Now I'm doing well—thanks to you."

The Baby's Face. The Baby's Face.
Baltimore Sun.
Who can fathom the fairy grace
That dwells in a velvety baby face?
Who can fathom the fairy glee
That rings in a baby's melody?
And who unravet the secret wile
That sleeps in the nest of a baby's smile?
The hungry and lingering joy we know
Whon our rough face touches a babe's, and
lo,
We feel the touch of the velvet skin
And the warm, sweet lovelight bound
therein!

baby's face-how can one tell mystic charm and its holy Its mystic charm and its holy spell?
Rough hearts go by, rude, rugged men.
From the dust and grime of mart and fen;
But under the cloak of their outer din
Love's hunger sleeps their souls within,
And when they see a baby's face—
Rougd and rosy and sweet with grace—
They long, as you and I, to press
The velvet juy of its warm carees,

How much it holds, how deeply lays, Within its soft and gentle maze. The charm to soothe the charm to heal The hurt that lives so often feel! A baby's face along the way Is like a little bloom-o'-day; And, like a little flower, it brings. The sweethess of a thousand springs; The balsam of the heart-made well is in the touchstone of its spell! The Chieftains.

Metropolitan Magazine.

Not the first growth of spruce and pine,
Nor the second, nor the third.

Was what I saw in ordered line
And what at night I heard.

But often, when twilight would fold Their shadows in the lake, While the sun would sink with dreams And a first faint star would break, I watched them come to the water's edge, Before their vanished race, Warrior Chiefs from wood and ledge And undiscovered place.

saw them stand with feathered head, Unmoving and unmoved.

The Captains of a people dead—
Which first had fought and loved. Then in the night I heard their prayer
To Him they hold divine;
And in the dawn were standing there,
Hemlock and spruce and pine. Timely Tales of the Day

Archibeld Gray, newly appointed as sistant general freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern, has to his credit one of the most sensational performances as an infielder ever seen on a baseball field.

It was in a game between teams composed of Elks from Butte and Helena, Mont., played in the latter city. There was a keg of beer on third base as an incentive to the baserunners, and was covering the base for the Butte A runner on second, noticing that Gray was engrossed at the spigot, made a bold attempt at a steal. Gray had raised a foaming glass to his lips when from grandstand and bleachers there went up an involuntary warning cry. The catcher took a chance and threw the ball.

Without disconnecting himself from the beer glass, Gray threw up his free handbeing an Elk, it was his right—and the ball stuck in it. Enthusiasm over the play ran so high that the bases were run backward the rest of the same. run backward the rest of the game.

B. F. Bush, the new president of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, early in his career learned the art of handling large bodies of workmen along with the details of railroad construction, management and traffic. When he was superintendent of the assortment of short railroads in the Pacific Northwest owned by the new de-funct Oregon Improvement Company, he related an incident bearing on this point which happened on a piece of new con-

struction in Montana.

In company with a contractor he went to look at the work of another contractor. His companion sized up the men w the eye of an expert and then said: "Why don't you pickle your men?" "What do you mean?

"Why, they're all Swedes. They can talk together in their own language and you don't know what they are talking about. They can put up a job on you right under your nose and you don't know anything about it. Mix up your Swedes with 'Cousin Jacks,' 'Dagoes,' Irish, Huns and Poles. Then they can't understand one another, they'll be sure understand one another, they'll be suspicious of one another and they can't form a combination. That'll save you a whole lot of trouble."

"I made a note of that," said Mr. Bush after teiling the story, "and Mr. Buen after teiling the story, "and made it a point never to have a gang of laborers of only one nationality, especially one that did not speak English. You not only get the work done, quicker and better but you know what is going on among the men." among the men."

George D. Howard, a real estate man in the Spalding building tells of an ex-perience he had recently at Lyle in Kilckitat County. He owns a tract of land up in that growing and pushing country and had occasion a few days ago to ship a box of trees over the railway to Lyle. The nursery man was unable to find anything more convenient just at the moment of packing than a coffin box to put the trees in. It had all the trade marks of a shipment of a body to its burial place and when the box arrived at Lyle, Mr. Howard, who had gone up on the train to see that the trees arrived all right and were taken at once to the land to be planted, stepped off the platform and began hunting for his box. He finally found it but noticed two young men looking at the box quite intently. One of them remarked to the other, evidently recognizing the coffin box;

"Going to be a funeral in town."
"Looks like it," said the other.
Mr. Howard in the meantime had gone into the depot and obtained a bucket of water. Taking the water to the box containing the trees, he slid over the lld covering the head part and doused the entire contents of the bucket with one swing of his arms upon the trees.

The young men stood amazed, grew in-dignant and approached Howard with clenched fists. One glance into the box turned their anger at apparent desecra-tion of the dead into sheepishness, and they slipped away in slience,

Police Sergeant Riley, who has charge of the West Side district on the day relief, experienced a shock recently when he went to notify the contractor on a skyscraper in the downtown section to with the ordinance requiring a sidewalk guard.

The ordinance requires such guards to be constructed, so the public may with safety use the sidewalks beneath. On this particular occasion, the building had proceeded to the point where the frame work was up six stories. No guard was in place although brick masons were busy on the structure.

When Sergeant Riley approached the contractor and called his attention to the ordinance, the contractor was con-siderably incensed to think a policeman would have the effrontery to speak to

would have the ordinance says, as "I know what the ordinance says, as well as you do, and better," said the well as you do, and better," said the contractor. "It calls for a sidewalk door is finished. guard when the first floor is finished that means when the brick wall is in or That building basn't Sergeant Riley took a good look and found that the first story was the only

ne where no brick work had been done. and retreated. Technically, the contractor was right. He had taken advantage of the peculiar wording of the law in order to facilitate

his own work and avoid the guards the inconvenience of the general public.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, April 22, 1861. A letter from Montgomery to the Baltimore Sun, dated March 17, contains the following paragraphs: "The military spirit of the south rages among all classes, and every man under 100 will prove himself to the 'manor born,' in cose it is necessary to repel the Northern Hordes that propose to invade us. In fact, we would rather have a brush in order to take the starch out of the vaunting, boasting and distanti-ferocious crew who propose to coerc us. General Joe Lane's son was ap distantly pointed Second Lleutenant in the Artillery yesterday. This is a good appointment. He has been a cadet at West Point for four years, and is a competent and worthy young man."

General Lane just previous to his leav-ing New York for the Pacific, wrote to a friend as follows: "I am out of politics, but I shall continue to stand by the right. I will urge the Democrats of Oregon to adopt the Constitution of the Confederate States as their platform."

A pack train of 30 animals for Frazer River went up the river on the Julia Friday morning. This tells the story.

The Pacific brought up the machinery for the new steamer Tenino, now at Deschutes. When completed, she will be the third steamer upon The Dalles of the Columbia.

The Port Townsend Register says that, on the 7th inst., the New Dungeness lighthouse was much shaken by an earthquake.

Princess Pat Wins Praise in Art.

Brooklyn Eagle.
Princess Patricia of Connaught was ne of the exhibitors at an amateur art show held recently in London. "The Magnolia Tree" was the subject of one picture that received special praise from the critics,

Persiflage in the Kitchen. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Sugar Spoon-I'm one of these golden spoons that get born in people's months. Rolling Pin—You haven't got any-thing on me in the wealth line. I'm rolling in dough all the time.

## Advertising Talks

By William C. Freeman.

Mason Britton, in the conduct of the American Machinist, takes the position that the printing of an advertisement in that publication means to the readers the same as a rating by Dun or Bradstreet.

He takes great pains to make the Advertising Columns, as well as the sditorial columns, Reliable. In a recent editorial he said:

"There was a time when people used circus hot-air expressions, because somebody said that Barnum said people liked to be fooled, "Barnum didn't win by fooling the people.

"He advertised the greatest show on earth, and he had the goods. "Honesty is the first law of business,

"Honesty is the first rule of true success. "Nowadays, exaggeration defeats its

own ends. "The era of truth telling is here, if for no other reason than it costs money to be a liar. "Just as fast as that truth comes

home to the man who pays the bills, is advertising paying better. "The man who is determined to get the best returns for money spent in advertising will never willfully pub-

lish an untruth. "And even if he is short-sighted enough to want to, he can't if we know

This is the stand that should be taken by all publications who want to succeed. (To be continued.)

Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

(Copyright, 1911, by George Matthew Adams.) When it comes to a showdown, so many men have no money. A glance backward is the only way to.

look into the future. All some city people know is whether their part of town is reached by a green

Some people, when they hear of anything going on, immediately begin to see how much fault they can find with it,

as country-town storekeepers fear far-Every man barked at by a dog is not thief; every man talked about by a

City storekeepers fear strikers as much

goesip is not guilty. Do you enjoy hearing a man roasted more than hearing a man praised? Then your heart is dirty.

A brakeman was speaking of the disagreeable weather. "It's as bad," he said, "as the third band in a circus pa-

No man is so much in love that he an't get over it.

> Stirring Series On Vital Phases of Civil War Begins in

TOMORROW'S OREGONIAN

Actors in the great drama of the Civil War will present sucpessively 12 thrilling non-partisan articles on the Civil War that will be illustrated with actual

Civil War photographs. To the Front in '61, will be the opening article. It is given a full page, the illustrations including Thomas Nast's famous painting of the old Seventh New York

leaving for the front. It isn't long now until our Bible will pass its 300th birthday -that is, the tercentenary of the translation and publication of "the King James version." A timely and vital article is pre-

sented in this connection. Woman is to play an unusually brilliant part in the coronation of England's Monarch. Geraldine de Longville, writing from London, supplies an interesting halfpage on this topic, with illustra-

Farmers can cut down the high cost of living. At least that is what B. F. Yoakum, the eminent railroad man, avers, and he supports his views with a thoughtful interview of 2000 words.

There are several individuals hereaboutts who would be Mayor of Portland. It is the most coveted of local political places. But it isn't any sinecure. Mayor Simon is a hard-worked man, and the man who would be Mayor must set his mind to hard work. Read the half-page on this in Sunday's magazine section.

May day is at hand, and this year quaint. May-day ceremonies are being revived the world over. Merry May day Ceremonies is the title of a brisk, nicely illustrated

There is an excellent half-page, too, on a man in Delaware who, having a couple of millions to give away, takes the stand that good roads are more valuable than libraries. He has set out to prove

Two strong short stories are provided. The Perfidy of Miss Brown is the eighth of the Peter Ruff Series. Then Frank Bailey Millard, a favorably-known writer, presents an unusual adventure tale, "Under-Water House."

Cap Anson, in his reminiscences, is back in the United States, after his tour of the world.

The susceptible Widow Wise invades Mexico and goes to a bullfight.

Sambo sets off for the land of the kangaroo, despairing of the wild man's capture, and Mr. Twee Deedle takes the children into a land of strange little creatures.

ALL THE NEWS OF PORT-LAND, OF OREGON AND OF THE WHOLE WORLD