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A SPURIOUS "OREGON PLAN."

We are not greatly concerned over the outcome of the election to be held In California on October 10 for the purpose of giving the people of Callfornia an opportunity to adopt or reject the initiative, referendum and resail. In the language of an eminent philosopher whose name is not so ell perpetuated as his remark, we are content to say, "It's none of our funeral." Yet when California newspapers cite the commendation of the Oregon system by such noted men as Governor West, Secretary of State Olcott and Mayor Rushlight and several others as reason for supporting the

California plan, we must protest. gon plan may rejoice in having a spokesman so consistently and hearta champion of their views and policies as The Oregonian, it should known that what is herein said is offered entirely without their solicitation or knowledge.

If we mistake not, the aforementioned officials believe in preserving the original Oregon plan just as it came from the inspired pen of the gifted law-giver, law-interpreter and ostle of Oregon City. The Oregon plan is perfect and should be let alone. So inconceivable is it that persons who so unqualifiedly disaprove any change in the Oregon plan would support any deviation in other states from this same Oregon plan that The Oregonlan ventures to protest against the implication given in the San Francisco Bulletin that Oregon advocates of popular government commend to the voters of California the nondescript conglomeration of direct legislation and recall measures submitted by the Legislature of that state.

Whatever may be said about the Oregon constitutional provision providing for the initiative and referendum, it must be admitted that it is concise and plainly worded. The provisions have been put forth intelligibly in about 500 words. Not so in California. There the able statesmen who frafted the measure required 2500 words to insure to the people the whin-hand of Big Business, corrupt legislators and designing politicians. There are quite a few things in the California plan that Oregon does not There is a form of imperative have. mandate, under the terms of which 5 per cent of the voters may propose a law for approval or rejection by the egislature. It requires a greater number of names in proportion to the number of voters in the state to institute an initiative measure to be voted on by the people. It excludes acts levying taxes or appropriating money for current state expenses from the operation of the referendum. It provides for a sort of people's constitution by withholding from the Legislature the right to amend or repeal laws adopted through the initiative, If some of these California provisions came direct to the people of Oregon from their own fountain head of popular government it is possible that even the sternest defenders of the Oregon system would not object to their adoption, not otherwise. But it is hardly likely that, even if so inspired, an effort to deprive the Legislature of the right to amend an initiative law would be approved by the people. The experience with the Columbia River fishing laws a few years ago showed forcibly the dangers of such restriction. Had it then been in operation in Oregon a special election would have been necessary to permit salmon fishing on the Columbia River. Who can tell what would have happened in a special election? Would a comprehensive law protecting the fisheries industry have been adopted with the fishermen warring among themselves? Could the present satisfactory regulations-uniform with those of Washington-have been adopted with such a tangle to un-ravel? Aside from specific illustrations is there not enough doubt and annoyance raised over the technical validity of statutes without creating a secondary constitution to which legislative enactments must conform? In the recall, too, California has widely departed from the Oregon plan, The petition percentages differ; the official against whom the recall is invoked must virtually gain a major-Ity of votes to keep his seat, although plurality may have elected him in the first place; in the even he resign the state is put to the expense of electing a successor The Bulletin observes that Governor West, Secretary Olcott and Mayor Rushlight commend not only by word, but in writing, the initiative, referendum and recall. "The worth of the initiative and referendum are gener-ally admitted," it says. "Oregon has tried the unrestricted recall and it also meets with the approval of Oregon citizens. An imaginary line across the land makes no difference in human characteristics. What is good for Oregon is good for California. We fear that the Bulletin has fallen into the error of a noted character of fiction who got into a peck of trouble by arguing that "pigs is pigs."

they were not and have been "on ice" ever since. The Eskimos who accompanied him on his journey of discovery were to have been brought south to verify his statements, but they were not. But in spite of his having been utterly discredited, both as to his polar discovery and his ascent of

Mount McKinley, Dr. Cook continues to offer proofs and to pursue the more or less honest dollar out of the fraudulent connection of his name with the North Pole. His nerve falls him not and he is now preparing for publication a book entitled "My Attainment of the Pole." The one quality besides mendacity in which he never falls is calm effrontery. He displayed this quality in the early '90s, when he organized a co-operative expedition to the Arctic, any money left over to be

applied to an antarctic expedition. The doctor agreed to charter a stout Newfoundland whaler, provision her for a year and pay the sailors. As a matter of fact, it is alleged that he picked up the aged iron tramp Miranda, bought supplies that would scarcely have sufficed the narrowest limits of the trip, and, before the voyage was fairly under way, had a mutinous crew on his hands. Then Dr. Cook assembled the "co-operators"

and asked for money to pay the seamen's wages. They stormed, but he was calm, and he got the money. Many men have made money by to have made money not only by im-posture, but by the exposure of it, again by his confession of it and then by the attempt to rehabilitate it. His equal never lived. At least it is to be The Conservatives seem to be making a losing fight. hoped not.

POETRY IN THE SCALES OF JUSTICE. The Brooklyn Eagle, an influential newspaper with a wide horizon, has heard the latest from Oregon. "We "We hope," says the Eagle, "that the reasons Governor West had for commutation of the death sentence of Jesse Parenthetically we will state that, while these able advocates of the Øre-in the news reports of the case." The Eagle gives the story of the murder and of the theatrical reprieve of the

murderer, and adds: murderer, and adds: The Governor is reported as saying that he was moved to commute the man's sentence by reaching two poems setting forth the tragedy of the gallows. If that is the best must stand as a lasting stain upon his record as an administrator of the law. While cap-ital punishment is held by society to be a necessary penalty upon murders and a wholesome deterrent to those who may be inclined to become murderers, state execu-tives are not supposed to interfere with its infliction merely from motives of sheer sen-timentalism. With all due respect to Mr. Stanton, the poet who seems to have moved Governor West to this extraordinary solidor, we submit that rhymes ought not to be al-lowed to outweigh the domands of justice and the findings of the courts, both of which the people of Oregon presumably indorse. Perhaps Governor West may have been mis-remains no scuse for the prison warden who lowed the receipt of the Governor's message. The Brooklyn paper's apprehenmurderer, and adds: referendum. The Brooklyn paper's apprehensions that it may not have been cor-

rectly informed as to the facts of the Webb case are entirely groundless. The reporters gave a faithful chroniprison and of the Governor's reasons for commuting the sentence. If the to Eagle had been fortunate enough to have a representative on the ground in the prison chapel, he might have been able to share with the overjoyed convicts in the gifts of the strands of the unused hangman's rope.

MANY A LITTLE.

Tall oaks from little acorns grow together and the man then highest many a little makes a mickle, and wins, provided he has a majority; and every little added to what you already if necessary the process can be exmakes a little bit more. Such tended to include the third choice have reflections as these must be running also. Thus, as the Charter Associadeliclously through the brain of the "there will always be a tion asserts, the deed to the tract of land he has recall and a referendum of any "Popcorn King" as he contemplates The a referendum of any measbought with the proceeds of his imure to the people are provided for. maculate business. We are constrained The commission system and preferto look upon him as a social benefacential voting are harmonious parts of tor inasmuch as he has refuted the municipal government new dismal fallacy that "you can't get rich Cambridge is frightened scheme, by saving up a little at a time." neither by the one nor the other. Two nickel is not a very big coin, but it is elections are unnecessary and even by saving nickels that the popcorn absurd, so long as party is to be elimmonarch has acquired his fortune. inated. If there is to be no party or The streetcar company also flourishes partisanship in an election, why a the same small deer. He that primary? despises the day of small things, let V - - - him gaze on these two examples and DEMOCRATIC EDUCATION. learn a lesson. Although both Germany and the We do not imagine that the mag-United States maintain systems of nate of the shattered kernel has grown universal education, they do so for rich by saving and nothing else. Betotally different reasons, according to fore one can save he must of course Abraham Flexner, the Carnegie Fund have something to do it with, and in expert critic of educational methods, providing the wherewithal there is room for the highest genius. It who discusses the subject in the September Atlantic. The population of rumored that our emperor of the Germany is arrayed in definite strata, toothsome illusion is a sort of trust. which it is the purpose of the govern-His charlots are as numerous as Pha ment to keep as they are. Hence the raoh's and his steeds are as the sands efforts of the schools are directed to of the sea for multitude. But he did fit youth for their station in life, not not have all these glorious things in the beginning. They are the outward to enable them to rise to a higher symbols of his inward wisdom. We station. Social readjustment is not desired. There is no wish to make it should not be surprised to learn that, easy to reassign the individual after magnificent as his fortunes now are. the Lord has once revealed his intent they originated most humbly. Perby causing him to be born in a cerhaps a single popper and one solitary tain class. Germans do occasionally ear of corn were his outfit on the rise from one stratum to another, but great day when he began his career such cases are exceptional. The rule of edifying prosperity. is that where a man is born, there he There is a story, too, that he undershall pass his life. The studies and stands the difficult art of placating the guardians of law and order so that methods of the schools are designed to accomplish this purpose, and the rigors of the city ordinances are the process carried to its logical end it not visited upon him too severely. would produce a system of caste. This may have helped along the grand In the United States education has conclusion, but it still remains that a completely different design. Inthe Popcorn King has made himself stead of trying to fit human beings rich by earning and saving nickels, for the stations in which they were while some who have earned as many born, and make them contented with dollars have nothing to show for it their lot, it aims to prepare them for but bitter recollections. something better. Indeed, it aspires to prepare every person to attain and CANADA'S RECIPROCITY CAMPAIGN. enjoy the best there is. The German Persons who bewail the virulence theory is that some men are born to be hewers of wood and drawers of of party spirit which becomes evident water, while others are born to take during elections in the United States can find comfort in Canada these the benefits of their hewing and drawing. The American theory holds that days. The reciprocity fight grows no man is predestined to servitude by more furious as election day draws his birth, but that all have equal nearer and the utter depravity of the rights to ascend the heights if they leaders of each party is asserted with have the capacity. While Germany more scorching adjectives by those of the explicitly seeks to make reassignment the other party . No word in favor of reciprocity can find admission to the of the individual difficult, America seeks to make it easy. These con-trasting social theories, Mr. Flexner columns of an organ of the "antis." nor is the reciprocity press any more believes, have made universal educatolerant of anti arguments. The tion here something far different from counterpart of the old story about up. what it is in Germany. Our system British gold being used to influence which tries to give the individual American elections is found in the power without cramping his nature, offer by the Morning Star of a \$25,000 reward for information as to he calls democratic. The German the "enormous campaign fund" sent system, which is frankly and even

widely diffused to make practicable of caste. When the time comes that the raising of a fund to influence the Canadians. The American people are cated exclusively in bread and butter trusting to the common sense of the studies and those of the rich in lan-Canadians to see the advantage of guages and literature we shall see the

The nature of the arguments advanced by the two Canadian parties suffices to show the weakness of the case against reciprocity. The Liberals, led by Laurier, point to the broadmarket and better prices offered to the farmers by the United States and to the advantage of procuring cheaper implements and commodities of certain kinds. The best the Conservatives can do is to appeal to the old jingo, ultra-loyal sentiments of the people and arouse their fears of the weakening of the tie which binds Canada to the British Empire and of the dark designs of the Yankees to absorb their country. They strive to convince the people that, by increas-

ing the volume of trade between the it can go too far if we wish the United two countries, they will be weaned away from their loved laws and customs and acquire all the bad habits of the Yankees. The Canadian is likely to have too

much sense to be scared by such a bogey into rejecting the solid benefits of reciprocity. The west and the maritime provinces are pronounced safe for reciprocity and a landslide for the bill is predicted in Ontario. The chief fighting ground is in Britimposture, but Dr. Cook is the first ish Columbia and Quebec, the latter province having many of the protected industries and being the field of operations of Bourassa, who tries to stir up the French against Laurier

> PREFERENTIAL VOTING INCLUDED. Cambridge is a Massachusetts city

of 104,839 inhabitants (see U. S. census report for 1910) and is the seat of Harvard University. Cambridge is a synomym for culture, education and conservatism. It does nothing hastily; does everything rationally. You might think that Cambridge would look with dismay on the new nationalism, the initiative and referendum, the recall and all the fads, frills, fancles and furbelows of politics and government that have sprung up and flourish like a green bay tree in the uncouth West; but you would be mistaken. Being the home of a great university and a center of learning, and having an eye upon the active world of affairs, Cambridge knows a thing or two. Cambridge has shown it lately by adopting the commission form of government-short ballot, centralized authority, preferential voting and all. The state Legislature has approved the new charter and Cambridge will pass on it through the

The charter proposes to substitute for the Mayor and 34 members of the City Council, five Supervisors, the Supervisor of administration, who will correspond to the Mayor and doubtless wear the title, to receive a salary of \$5000, and the others \$4000 each. cle of the extraordinary scene at the Each Supervisor is to be in charge of a group of departments. There are be no concealed records. Publicity becomes a requirement of this funda-Under the system of pref. mental law. erential voting, the elector marks first and second choices, and as many more as he wishes, but only one vote will be counted for any one man. If a candidate receives a majority of first choice votes he is elected. not, the first and second are added

American people segregated into two classes with an impassable barrier between them. A system of education which leads to such a result as this

is at bottom aristocratic, whatever appearance it may bear on the surface. We have heard in recent years a vigorous and insistent call for more vocational studies in the common schools. Much has been made of the fancy when saintly people lived. A patent fact that most of the graduates from the eighth grade and the high school are no better fitted to earn a living than they were when they entered. The uselessness of grammar, literature and algebra has been harped upon to weariness.

We agree with Mr. Flexner that this sort of thing can go too far. That is, States to remain under popular government. When society is stratified and the members of each social

stratum know nothing more than the facts which they need for their station in life, popular government is out of the question. In order to rule a country the common people must know something more than the trades by which they earn their bread. They must have learned the lessons of history. They need the humanizing influences of literature. They need the practical wisdom which grows up with habits of scientific thought. In Germany, where the autocratic state is depended upon to do everything, the people can get along very well as long as they know how to hew and plow

Here, where the people are expected to do a great deal for themselves and where they aspire to take everything into their own hands, we cannot safely make mere machines of them. So there is a very manifest danger to free institutions in pushing the culture studies out of the common schools to make room for the vocations. There ought to be room for both, and we have no doubt there is. Some readjustment of conditions will enable the languages, the sciences and the trades to dwell side by side in the schoolroom without clashing. But if that should turn out to be impossible, then a choice must be made between the studies which form the human being and those which form the mere laborer. In our opinion there ought not to be any hesitation over this choice. A man with his mind properly developed can learn a trade at almost any time of life, but once make a mechan-ical drudge of him by extinguishing the divine fire and how shall it be rekindled?

Before aviators can justly assume the title of "birdmen," they must learn to alight safely as well as to Fowler's mishap at Alta shows fly. that he has not yet learned this vital half of his lesson. In fact, aviators in general have met with as many accidents in alighting as in flying. A bird can safely descend anywhere, but an aeroplane with its huge wings, its heavy engine and its great speed must have ample room to travel on or near the ground at gradually reduced velocity until it comes to a stop, and it must have a clear, level space for The bird will always the purpose. have the advantage over the gviator that his wings are a part of himself and are much smaller than the aviator's planes. This advantage consists chiefly in the fact that the bird's wings spontaneously answer the dictates of his will, as do a man's limbs, while the aeroplane requires the transmission of a distinct order from the brain to the hands for every movement. Though the problem of flying has been solved, many impor-

Sonnets of the Second Day **Gleanings** of the Day

(Found on the flyleaf of a spelling A long-felt want, we are informed by a French paper, has at last been Monday ma scrubbed me till my face supplied by the stenographers of Spain. just hurt-You know how women are. She made Hitherto stenographers have had no me howl, particular patron saint of their very When she went after what she said was dirt. And roughed my ears up with an old own, and they wanted one badly. The only difficulty in making a selection was that the art of stenography, at stiff towel: And soap got in my eyes and made them any rate stenography as now underburn, stood, was, to put it mildly, in its in-But ma just scrubbed away, and let

book.)

say, e she'll give up scrubbing me

I never could see any use of school Beginning in September thataway, When the hot season's by, and it is

and play. But ma, she thinks she wants me, when

But I've made up my mind to be a And have a rifle and a coonskin

Be sorry that I wasted time school."

What is the use of marchin' into

And writin' on the lines the teachers

In copy books, "A, a, B, b?" Crockett he never learned to write,

and Boone, (I know about 'em both), they never

To school when they were boys, or

Ma, she don't understand, nor pa, he

'Bout things I want to do when I'm

a man; But sometime, when I'm bigger, then I

won't Study another single book again,

But just go out where bears and In-

juns live, In spite of all the schoolin' they can

MOTION PICTURES OF BEATTIE

Pessimism Over Their Suppression Ex-

pressed by Correspondent.

PORTLAND, Sept. 11 .- (To the Edi-

tor.)-Permit me, a life-long reader of

The Oregonian to indulge in a few re-

marks upon a subject which needs some

I note that a movement has been

started in this city to put a stop to the

moving-pictures of the Beattle murder

trial if an attempt is made to show them in the moving picture houses in

DEAN COLINS.

learned that tune,

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Maybe

that way.

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give.

Portland, Sept. 13.

attention in this city.

this city.

ransacking of ecclesiastical archives, Cause she must give kid brother Bob however, revealed the important fact his turn, And get us on our way, 'fore the "first bell." that a certain St. Genest once suffered martydom for refusing to transcribe School always starts like that. In an imperial decree. That was suffic-Summer you Can sneak away and dodge her easily. ient. What better qualification for the vacant post of stenographer's patron But somehow when vacation time is saint hope to have than that he refused to "stenog"? St. Genest was And school begins, she just won't let you be. If I catch cold and get the earache,

therefore selected, and we hope that he will adorn the position.

There is to be a fight for control of the New York State Democratic Committee at a meeting late this month. It will probably be between George M. Palmer, of Schoharle County, and Samuel J. Tilden, of Columbia County, though there are several other candidates, and Murphy's control over the state will depend on the result. Mr. Palmer is a member of the state committee and has helped frame the party issues for years. He was the Democratic leader of the Assembly for nine terms and was a close friend of the late David B. Hill. Mr. Palmer knows up-state conditions throughout, and it is believed has the respect of Tammany Hall, which he opposed with Hill in years past. There is a "straight tip" going the rounds that Murphy has agreed to give him the support of the Tammany strength in the state committee. If this is so, Palmer will undoubtedly be the new state chairman for the Assembly and of the important campaign for President next year.

A correspondent writing to the New York Sun gives reasons for believing that France can safely take an even chance with Germany in war without the aid of Great Britain and Russia. Comparing their navles and only taking into consideration battleships not older than 15 years, he says France has a superiority of 35,000 tons and by far the most powerful guns. France also has six dreadnoughts (equal to the Delaware) to Germany's four, and the same difference exists as to other classes of ships. While Germany has 4,500,000 fighting men to France's 3,-500,000, the difference is only theoretical, for no field in Europe can shelter 1,000,000 men and in practice only 1,

000,000 to 1,500,000 men would enter the field on each side. As to armament, French field guns can fire 24 shots a minutes to German 16 and their range is six miles to the German five. The

most striking difference in field guns he finds is in the pneumatic brake, which brings the French gun automatically in the same position after each shot, while the Germans are obliged to fix hooks in the ground to hold the gun. The correspondent also says that in 1870 it took 600,000 Germans, drilled by a successful war four years before, seven months to beat 350,-009 Frenchmen with no ammunition, no bread, no generals and only a few old guns which were charged by the muzzle, while the Germans had already quick-firing guns; when one thinks that a traitor, Bazaine, surrendered 173,000 men to the Germans, Enormous loans by French banks to support German industry are also said to have inspired the Kaiser with dread of war. The Louvre managers will have to put the real things away in a burglar-proof yault and let the public look at

Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

(Copyright, 1911, by George Matthew Adams) Don't accept any doctrine which keeps you in a constant state of humiliation ecause you neglect it.

When a man diets, he eats oatmea. in addition to everything else he usualy eats.

In many of the punishments pro-vided for bad conduct, there is neither judge, jury nor courthouse. No jury, considers the lies you tell, but liars sre punished.

Ask your children how many times you tell your old stories; ask them how tenderly you love your prejudices, Well, that's the way it is with other people.

A man who climbs mole hills with great difficulty, and believes he is elimbing mountains, wastes energy heeded in a better way. Besides, pauple laugh at him; and that hurts

This is the season when a woman doesn't want to see callers; she wants to see paper hangers.

How the world runs off and leaves a nan who does not care for baseball

A man who has been ailing three days says he has eaten nothing during Just right for boys to run outside that time except a little beef tea and and play. fun, what he really ate during the three days he was grunting.

of money in sight, a case is manufac-tured to go after it,

(From The Gregonian, September 14, 1861.) The street in front of the Ploneer Hotel was quite lively yesterday in connequence of the quartermaster's agents being about, purchasing horses for the United States military service.

The Carrie Ladd brought down And singin' 'bout "My country, tissuf \$110,000 in gold dust last night, \$26,-000 by express, the rest in the hands of passengers.

Accessions to Jeff Davis' army from Oregon-John K. Lamerick (Governor Curry's Brigadier-General) is now a commissary in Jeff Davis' army. Adol-phus Hanna, late Marshal of the State, It is said, has gone in the same direc-tion. J. B. Sykes, late Indian agent, has seceded for the same point. Never a word has been uttered by Governor, Curry against these movements of his And they were bigger men than president. Curry against these movements of his political friends. We shall not be surprised any morning to hear that he has gone to join his old companions with a Major-General's Commission in his pocket.

> The military road between Monticello and Olympia is now entirely completed and wagons are enabled to perform the entire distance without any interruption.

SAM SIMPSON'S OREGON POEM.

Verses on Launching of Warship Should be Sent Navy Secretary.

PORTLAND, Sept. 11 .-- (To the Edi-tor.) -- The communication forwarded forwarded by citizens on Friday last to the Secretary of the Navy with respect to hav-ing the battleship Oregon lead the Naval procession through the Panama Canal when same is complete, should be effective; but lest the Secretary should forget, how would it do for the Commercial Club to follow with a handsomely written copy of Sam Simp son's poem, "Launching of the Oregon"

Oh, swift and strong and terrible, Go forth to guard our cherished shore, Till all thy fated days are full, And War's hoarse call is heard no more. Surely such a movement, however, good it is, must fail. Judging by what the children of this city have been invited to all the moving-picture houses of this city in the past, I have no doubt but that the city officials of If the grand old veteran is taken from seclusion of the Bremerton Navy-Yard and permitted to appear at the this city from the Mayor to the police-men will be perfectly willing to do all Canal as requested, the event will doubtless be the fullness of time re-ferred to by the poet, and may mark the beginning of naval decay throughcfal bodies should have the poem lith graphed for general circulation in con-nection with the Canal opening. W. P. KEADY.

I'm big. To have an education, so I can Be a great preacher or some such big-Nearly every time there is a big lot wig About the country, when I am a man. scout. Half a Century Ago Hunt Injuns down, and put 'em all to And I don't need no schoolin' to do (From The Oregonian, September 14, 1961.) And I think to myself, "Ma, some day

closer commercial intercourse.

DR. COOK NEEDS MORE MONEY.

the Canadian election.

More proofs from Dr. Cook. This time they are to be "the" proofs that he discovered the North Pole. He will present them at the International Congress of Geographical Societies to be held at Rome at the end of this nth. He allows it to be inferred that they are the proofs which he left behind at Etah, which Peary refused to allow on board the steamer Roosevelt. They were to have been brought back the year after Cook's return, but general and the benefits will be too mind and work toward the imposition

narrowly vocational, he calls aristofrom the United States to influence cratic. These definitions run contrary to The only Americans who would be sufficiently interested selfishly to contribute campaign funds to influpopular notions. We are hearing that Latin, Greek, literature and mathematics are aristocratic ence the vote on reciprocity are those while the bread and butter studies, which fought the measure in Congress manual training, domestic art and so and would do the same in Canada. on, are democratic. Of course the Chief among these is the paper trust. latter are democratic in the sense that which views with alarm the invasion they fit a person to earn a living, of the American market by modern which is the common lot of the poor Canadian mills to compete with its but they are undemocratic in the antiquated machinery. The interests sense that they clip the wings of the which will gain by reciprocity are too

tant details remain to be worked out and that skill which comes with constant practice remains to be acquired.

The Democrats have their struggle between the "safe and sane," and the radicals as the Republicans have theirs between the regulars and insurgents, and the safe and same have just won a victory in Maryand by the nomination of Arthur Pue Gorman

for Governor. He is allied with Senator John Walter Smith, an "Aldrich Democrat." His victory is taken to forecast a safe and sane delegation in

the Senate and a Harmon delegation in the National convention. Harmon is regarded as the choice of the conservative wing of the party and is called the tool of the interests by his opponents, while Wilson is called the progressive by the radicals and the advocate of Populist vagaries by the conservatives.

The endeavor to persuade Amerleans to learn more about their own Cox has had on the bench.' country by travel ought to be encouraged. The best way to do this is by providing objects in the various cities which are worth making a journey Many tourists do not care to see. much for mere scenery. They prefer "human interest." Noble parks, museums, groups of magnificent public buildings all help to turn the tide of travel. Cheap fares and good hotels also play a part.

by the crimes. It continues: The "dry" majority in Maine is so small that the prohibition victory has little moral force. Enforcement of the law will be more lax than ever and another vote upon the question may be expected before long. Ethically speaking, what right have half the people of Maine plus 400 to regulate the habits of the other half?

Mademoiselle Gaby Deslys will confer great blessing on the women of America by teaching them to undress gracefully. Yet if the truth were known, it is likely she sits on the floor in the old-fashioned way to discard her hosiery.

Another ten-story hotel is talked of for this city. Portland will need all first-class hotel room it can obtain by next Summer.

The men in chaps are politely requested not to "play hawas" with vis-itors from the big city at the Round-

Requiring citizenship before em. ployment on municipal work is not a bad idea.

A burglar alarm in the City Hall will not stop raids on the treasury.

The Governors should take some thing to settle their differences.

Strange as it may appear, weather seems to be fair.

use the track to Bend.

Perhaps Hobson did it with his little kisser.

proof vault and let the public look at lithograph copies, just as rich women the past.

Less than three months ago, in a thefind it safer to wear paste diamonds at find it safer to wear paste diamonds at the opera as a sort of "certificate of deposit" to attest the ownership of the real in a safe place. Had this been done Mona Lisa's smile would not have come off, says the Brooklyn Eagle. come off, says the Brooklyn Eagle.

Police Slover was called to this with the request that it be stopped, no at-tempt was made to stop it by these "Boss" Cox will be the issue in the Cincinnati municipal election this Fall, tempt was made to stop it by officials. No doubt the Mayor The Democrats have nominated for not well act, as the theater where these pictures were on display, is owned by a city Councilman and one of Mayor Mayor Henry J. Hunt, the district attorney who tried to have Cox punished for perjury in denying that he shared Rushlight's chief suporters. Protests the stealings of his creatures. He was against showing the pictures of this thwarted by technical decisions of prize fight were made by a couple uf judges who owed their election to Cox, woman's clubs, a number of ministers and hundreds of the better element of The fact prompts the Springfild Re-

and hundreds of the better element of people. Children of every age viewed the moving pletures of that brutal encoun-ter, saw the moving pletures of the crowd -yell and applaud while one fighter battered the other, and gazed on the beautiful spectacle of one man with his face, bloody and bruised, gasp-ing for breath when knocked out by his onnonent. publican to remark: "If they had the judicial recall in Ohio, it might have been tried in Cincinnati through the initiative of some very good citizens. Mr. Hunt's election, however, would be equivalent to a rebuke of the friends opponent.

Surely, when a city official will allow Surely, when a city official will allow children at his own theater, to view such pictures, and such pictures will be The recent series of atrocious murders in Oregon and Washington has stirred upheld by Mayor Rushlight and of Police Slover the Grays Harbor Washingtonian to Chief recommend drastic measures. It states of Police Slover, have we any reason to believe that the moving pictures of the Beattie murder trial will be that the country people are panicstricken, that women dare not go out into isolated settlements to make a stopped? Not on the least.

L. V. GAVIN. home with their husbands, that sales of farm property are curbed and that the growth of the country will be retarded

Author of Passion Lyrics.

HUNTINGTON, Or., Sept. 10.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform me the name of the Western woman who is author of the book of poems entitled, "Passion of the book of poems entitled, "Passion by the crimes. It continues: Our opinion is that both defensive and of-fensive tactles must be employed. We must not only put into the field the best detectives obtainable, but also secure a means of pro-tection to thousands of homes by providing them with all the bloodhounds they may have use for. It is the duty of both states to call a special session of their respective used for the purpose of appropriat-ing one-quarter of a million dollars each to-wards a common fund to be used in detect-ing and preventing the crimes that now altogether too often shock the community while the criminals secape detection. For a starter we want a breeding station for blood-hounds until 30,000 of these animals will be acattered all over the Northwest. In the meantime every home in the country should own from five to ten feroclous dogs to pro-tect the inmates against steality assassing the maintenance of the dogs to be at state expense. of the north of period which were giv-en recently in The Oregonian, in the Book Review Department. FRANCES POINTZ.

"Passion Lyrics" is the name of a

book of Western poems. The author is Maurine Hathaway, and book is published by the George W. Parker Art Co. Minneapolis, Minn.

A New Census for Japan

La Follette's Place in History.

conservative mind speak more mod-estly? Yet in that almost bashful utter-

ance there is no lack of that mighty faith in himself which has cheered him

on through his great career and well into its honorable decline.

Half Dollar of 1831.

New York Sun. Senator La Follette says he would

Consular Report. The Japanese are going to take their next census according to European methods. For this purpose a Japanese professor from the University of Tokio is now in Rome with a view of study-Five citizens of Devonshire, England, and a veterinary surgeon are ready to verify the tradition that, if a cow has been bitten by a snake and her milk be allowed to stand, the form of a ing the taking of the Italian census. He has already been in Berlin and Vi-enna with a similar object. The Japsnake will be seen in the milk. census is to be taken on mor The cow in this case was found one exact lines than has ever been at-

evening to be suffering from an enormtempted on previous occasions. ous swelling of the udder, and the conclusion was at once drawn that it had been bitten, probably by a viper.

The cow was milked and the milk rather have his own little place in his-tory than to have the place that some Presidents have had. Could the most was about to be flung away when the servant interposed, and, speaking from previous experience, said: "Let It stand, because if the cow has been bitten by a snake it will show up in the

The milk was accordingly set aside, and three hours afterward the form a snake was distinctly seen in the cream which had collected on the surface. There was an exact model of the reptile; the head, with the V mark, the eyes and the tongue projecting from the mouth-perfect throughout to the tail. Moreover, by the aid of a mag-nifying glass the scales of the skin

could be distinctly seen

The Case of Jones.

PORTLAND, Sept. 11 .- (To the Editor.)-Why are the mininster and mem bers of the Taylor-Street M. E. Church going to excommunicate Jones? What good can it do? What harm can his name on the books as a member do? It seems if he ever needed the help of the people and their prayers, he

needs them now, where he has exiled himself to atone in part, mayhap, for his transgression. Is this following out what they

preach-"Judge not that ye be not judged." Christ said let he who is

Without sin, cast the first stone. We cannot tell under what physical or mental stress he suffered that he finally committed this misdeed, but the fact that he did fail from grace might spare him from the small, mean stigms that the church people are desirous of imposing on him. According to this, the church isn't the place for sinners but for the pure. Christ did not teach

What are the feelings of the wife and children when they see their brothers and sisters of God's church turn on their erring one and give him a last kick?

Jones' offense admits of small ex tenuation, even so, we look for a little more charity from Christians.

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The Galahad of Oregon

New York Sun. We greet with a dazzled but happy awe the Folestar of Reform arising once more at Washington. The Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., of Oregon and Jonathan Bourne, Jr., of Oregon and the National Progressive Republican League, recommends the Hon. Robert Marion La Follette to "big business" as "intelligently conservative," a lion in roar, a prime Spring lamb in disposi-

The Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., is himself a conservative of old date. In himself a constitution of a sub and free 1896 he spouled for Bryan and free silver; in 1908 for "a second elective term" for another conservative Colo-nel; in 1911 his voice is uplifted for Badger Bob, the sheep in wolf's cloth-

ing. There can be no more doubt of the renuineness of Mr. La Follete's con-servatism than there is of the purity and sincerity of the Hon. Jonathan Bourne's political career.

Homestend Commutations.

MADRAS, Or., Sept. 10 .- (To, the Edltor.)-I understand from an article in The Oregonian that under a "recent ruling" a settler cannot commute on land if such was his intention when he took up claim. When was this ruling made, and what is its object? W. F. S.

This decision was rendered in a North Dakota case in the General Land Office, the ground for the decision be-ing that the entry for a home was not made in good faith. It was shown that the entryman did not intend, when he first took up the land, to make his home upon it, but intended to move sway 14 months after the date of his

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 12.--(To the Editor.)--Is a coin (50c plece), minted in the year 1831 of any special filing.

"Doc" Cook Rises Again.

Von Bergen's "Rare Coin Encyclo-pedia" says that the coin referred to, uncirculated, has a value of 55 cents,

milk."

Hill, Harriman and Harmony will