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TWO TYPES OF PROGRESSIVES. The verbal duel between Secretary Pisher and Senator Bristow brings into strong relief the difference betwean two types of progressives-these who travel with President Taft in the middle of the road and only propose such measures as will win ugh support to enact them into law, and the insurgents, who claim a copyright on the title "progressive," who fight measures they themselves have advocated when the middle-ofs-road progressives or Democrats father then

When Mr. Fisher denounced "hypoal or demagogic 'progressives' declare for a progressive policy critical. and then oppose every practical progressive measure put forth." he drew od from Mr. Eristow. The latter first came into general notice as the discoverer of the frauds in the Post-office Department and therein did ZIEGLER LAW SHOWING ITS TEETH. good work, but he did not know when

to stop. He proceeded to muckrake Congress by exposing the fact that a project by the Ziegler charter amendgreat number of offices had been creted and filled at the request of House members. He thus antagontred the House and caused it to block his own work. When he was sent as special commissioner to investigate present and prospective Panama Canal traffic, he recommended that the Government establish a steamship line on the Pacific as it had on the Atlantic, but his recommendations received no attention, largely because was in disfavor with Congress.

Bristow and other insurgedts proposed certain amendments to the cotton tariff bill at the extra session, but these were dropped when the Democrats forced through their own When the Democrats took up amendments the insurgents who had first proposed them voted against them. The most marked example of insurgent opposition to progressive measures was furnished by their opition to reciprocity and by their refusal to base tariff revision on ascertained facts instead of on guess-The insurgents, of whom Mr. w is a leader, have shown a work. greater desire for the success of their tion than for the adoption of their professed principles.

No man can quetion Mr. Fisher's progressiveness nor his ability to put it into practice. A man who was able to cut the Gordian knot of the street railway tangle in Chicago and to secure the adoption of a plan by which the street railways were financed and rebuilt and a contribution of over \$1,000,000 a year was paid the city has proved his ability to wrestle with the problems of conservation and development of Alaska. He has been one of the leading spirits in the con-

and naturally consternation reigns 1910, announcing his purpose to have among the pirates. This is all very these investigations made. This is all very among the pirates. interesting, but if we had a sensible parcels post we never should have to worry about middlemen.

FEARS AND REALITIES.

The American National Bank, San Francisco, has distributed through the mails a circular letter on the busicondition of the Pacific Coast. containing the following significant paragraph:

paragraph: Whatever may be said of business condi-tions generally throughout the United States-and a great deal is being said the point of the prosperous situation of California and the adjuining states of the Pacific Coast. Facts in support of this contestion may be sited from the erep recends, price quotations of leading products, gains in hank deposits and in clearings, traffic re-ports and building construction figures. The prosts and building constructions to what may develop in the East or in Europe, af-furthy trails conditions to all the world's instructs.

There is nothing the matter with the

United States. Except apprehension that something is going to happen somewhere else. The trouble is all in the minds of the people. They are prosperous, but they have visions of the poorhouse. They have bountiful crops, but they fear that some time the prices may not be so high. They have cen floating slong for years on the high tide of prosperity and they have concluded that there must be rapids and rocks around the river bend. have conjured up suspicion, uncertainty and doubt, all because they are not satisfied with unbroken progress and long-continued good times. They invoke panlo because they fear That is all

But the substance is here, and the shadow is in ourselves. Crops are good, prices are good, employment is plentiful, business is good, investment is safe, money is abundant for all who have credit, and all our affairs are on a sound basis. There is nothing the matter with us except a disbellef in the reality of what we have and what we are.

The only thing the least surprising about the blocking of the Auditorium ment is the auddenness with which we are given a practical illustration of the undestrable character of the law. That it would at some time interfere with the progress of Portland was to be pected. This was foretold repeatedly by The Oregonian prior to the recent pected. election. But then we looked farther into the future.

The main purpose of the Ziegler amendment is commendable. It seeks to protect public access to the waterfront and to railroad terminals. it is inelastic. It forbids the vacating or selling or even obstructing of streets that may be of more value to the publie indirectly if used for other than street purposes than to the public directly if maintained as highways. As drawn and adopted it is ironclad and double capper-riveted. We doubt that any way of evading its provisions legally can be discovered in behalf of the market site for the Auditorium. The building must be erected in a less desirable locality or the law must be manided

Insamuch as the market site is favored generally, the wise course is to submit an amendment with the proposed commission charter. We shall face another cause for amending the provision some day and it might as well be amended now. The next cause may be the knocking at Pertland's door of another great railroad. In that event a change in the charter may be fought by rival railroad interests The Auditorium is one thing in which everybody is interested. The time is opportune and the charter should be made not only to fit this case, but to conform to the general needs of a city ambitious for more railroads, more factories, more warehouses and more of hift from Europe to Asia. The great part in this new life, he exacts will every other enterprise of the kind which cannot prosper and perhaps will not come if confined to 200-foot city

indeed. The Mayor has procured a pose its amendment. It also quotes ing or expensive grading will be the carload, which he is selling at cost, his message to Congress in January, cheapest.

The original statement is declared to have dealt a "staggering blow to se-curity values," but Mr. Taft's latest speech is said to have tenfold greater the industrial companies have been in existence ten or twelve years and some of them twice that length of time is cited, but the Chronicle plaintively

But it seems that no term of years, how-over long, is to be adequate to insure im-nuality free flowerment attack. The Gov-ernment club hangs threataningly over them ill, and no one knows where it may come buyen at any moment and find a victim. The President's Intimation that the

usts would better begin voluntary lissolution is quoted with this comment:

ment: Imagine what would happen if the man-agers of our various large industrial under-takings, fearful isst they might become the subject of suits by Government officials, should begin proceedings for dissolving the companies into their original elements? Fonder upon what would happen, not only to the companies themselves, but to the trade of the country which would thereby become completely disorganized What dire-ful accessquences would follow? Could asy-one-investor, consumer, producer or lavestor, consumer, producer or is-enclipe being enguifed in the masi-

All this woe is produced when Wall street finally becomes convinced that it must obey the law. If there should be a maelstrom when the trusts dissolve, the blame will rest with those who illegally organized them, not with the official who reduces them to sub-jection. But there will be no maelstrom; that figure of speech was born of the panic-stricken imagination of a reactionary, whose assumption that long immunity is a pledge of permaimmunity has been rudely shaken.

CALIFORNIA AND OREGON.

In one of the current magazines President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the University of California, undertakes to prophesy a little about the future of that state. He reminds the reader that it is a good deal larger than New England and the Middle States together. It is larger than Japan, In fact, or Italy, and yet it and sleep, has a population of no more than 2,600,000 while Japan has perhaps 50,000,000 and Italy almost as many people. California is almost unpopuated in comparison with these coun

tries and yet it has a soil more fertile than theirs and a climate even better adapted to keep people healthy and happy. Dr. Wheeler gives two or reasons which seem to explain o him why his adopted state has not is many inhabitants as it could support comfortably. For one thing, up to the acquisition of the Philippines the state lay at the end of the world. Travelers went to San Francisco, but there they had to stop because nothing of any apparent consequence lay beyond it. There was only the desolate expanse of the Pacific which very few persons had any desire to cross. But since the acquisition of the Philippines and the development of ur interests in the Orient all that is changed. Asia and its concerns have

suddenly taken upon themselves a new importance. We cast longing eyes upon their markets. The supply of cheap labor which they contain is eagerly examined. Oriental modes of thought seem worth studying. Callfornia no longer lies at the end of a road which nobody cares to see carried farther. On the contrary, it is henceforth to be "the meeting ground of East and West," according to President Wheeler. In his picturesque phrase San Francisco is to be perch" or entrance through which two ancient civilizations will pass and mingle. He believes that the "front door" of the country will open into the Pacific hereafter instead of the Atlantic, while our principal intellec-

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Since commercial supremacy has een decreed to Portland by Nature herself we may confidently expect that intellectual and artistic supremacy will also reside here. Art and literature always develop best where significance. The fact that most of there is plenty of wealth to support them. The city which leads in trade is sure in the long run to lead in everything else that is worth while. A series of accidents, among which the discovery of gold must be included has given San Francisco a start which it may require years for Portland to make up, but the future is long and the ultimate destiny of a city cannot be predicted from the first fifty years of its history. Phila-delphia was a larger place than New

ITALY AND TURKEY.

larger now.

The threatened outbreak of hostilities between Italy and Turkey reminds one of the old days when Venice was the principal defender of Europe against the invading Mohamme-dans. Venice was not Italy, to be sure, but it was the best part of the country and for many years the only part which amounted to a row of pins from a military and naval point of view. In those times the peninsula was broken up into dozens of minute "republics" and principalities of one sort and another which were engaged usually either in war with their neighbors or war among their own citizens. For attack upon an outside enemy they were as ineffectual as they were for defense against him. The Popes made two or three at-

tempts to units Italy against the military genius of Venice things was a mere ciper as far as the national defense was concerned. The ecclesiastical government which it inherited from early imperial ages was never very efficient and the popula-tion was divided into factions which seldom stopped fighting except to eat

But of Venice there is a different story to tell. That city had developed a settled civilization and an ordered government soon enough to meet the advancing tide of Mohammedanism and turn it back. The struggle between Venice and the Turk went on both by land and sea. Readers of "Othello" will remember that the hero of that tragedy went to Cyprus to take the command of the troops which were fighting for Venice against the Turk and left Desdemona to follow. Victory did not invariably perch on the standards of the Island city, but upon the whole her forces held their own up to the time when her power was destroyed by a league of European rivals.

The present trouble between Italy and the Turk is over the possession of Tripoll. This North African region has long been within the Italian sphere of influence and it is now probably too late for Turkey to think of reclaiming it.

William Webber, of Medford, makes fair modern substitute for Cincin-When the messenger came to natus. tell that good old farmer that he had been chosen dictator he was plowing in an easy dishabille. In fact he had nothing on but a shirt, a long one we hope. Mr. Webber was frying ham when the news came that he had fallen heir to \$20,000. He went on frying, "more than usual ca'm," just as Cincinnatus went on plowing. Away with the wailing pessimists who tell us that Re man virtue la extinct.

We should think young Vincent Astor would make a model lawyer. He has so much money that he will not be tempted to sell out his clients. forms and precedents, and his name virtually excludes him from politics. Who would vote for anybody named There is no apparent obstacle in the way of his success at the bat except a possible lack of brains this, if it exists, will be more than

Gleanings of the Day

Although the New York state against the carrying or possession of arms has only been made slightly more severe by the recent enactment, the police of New York City are doing their worst to make it ridiculous by a sud-den burst of indiscriminate enforcement. The old law forbade a foreigner to have a firearm in his possession, even if he only brought it to this country for hunting, but an Italian who arrived in New York from the South with a new shotgun which he was taking home as a present to his brother was arrested and kept in jali all night. In another case a man with a rasor in his pockst was arrested, but the Judge held that he only carried the rasor for its legitimate purpose. The law as amended is so strict that it depicts as dangerous weapons black-jacks, slungshots, blilles, sandbags, bludgeons metal knuckles, suns re-ling was seeking it was a terrible mistake. South with a new shotgun which he York for many years, but it is not

deplots as dangerous weapons black-jacks, slungshots, billies, sandbag, hludgeons, metal knuckles, guns, re-volvers, pistols and all other firearms, even including air guns and spring guns, which are the common toys of children. In order that there may be no misunderstanding in the construc-tion of the wording of this definition, the sot goes on to prescribe that it is unlawful for a person to manufacture or cause to be manufactured, or sell or keep for sale, or offer or give or dis-pose, of any of the above instruments or "other instrument or weapon in which the propeiling force is a spring or air, or any instrument or weapon our monly known as a toy pistol, or in or upon which any loaded or blank car-tridges are used or may be used." Sale of any such weapon to a person under is is made a felony, instead of a mis-demeanor, as under the oid law. It is a demeanor, as under the oid law. It is Had it not been for the prowess and 15 is made a felony, instead of a miswould have gone hadly with the also a felony to carry or possess a dan-Christian world. Rome in those days gerous weapon without a license from a police magistrate, even if a peaceable citizen only keeps a revolver in his bureau drawer for protection against burgiars. The sale of any weapon to a person who does not show a license is a misdemeanor, and the dealer must keep a record of each sale. It is also a misdemeanor to give, sell or transfer a weapon without reporting the fact to the police.' The new law was made necessary by the numerous shooting affrays and accidents, which have been more numerous in New York than any other city in recent years.

> The papers in the case of the Nation-Bank of New York, involving the right of a National bank to acquire the stock of other banking institutions, and oth er points of the National bank act, have been sent back to Washington from Beverly, Mass., by President Taft. He will take the case up again next Winter with Attorney-General Wickersham and Secretary of the Treasury Mac-Vengh, who are understood to have dithe relations between the National City Company and the National City Bank. While the New York institution is the only one directly concerned in this case, unofficially it is said that there

between banking concerns in this country. The President desires to hear arients by his two advisers before he decides the case.

The International Harvester Con any, which is reported to have asked permission of the Government to reorganize in conformity with the antitrust law, is probably one of what Colonel Roosevelt called the good trusts. It was organized in 1902 by a merger of five firms, and its entire

capital of \$140,000,000 was given to the vendors in payment for their property. There are no bonds, no promo ters' bonus, no underwriting syndicate, but the bank which put through the malgamation is reported to have reGOVERNOR AND SPECIAL SESSION Rogue River Paper Thinks West Should Pay Cost of Legislature.

Grants Pass Courier. Was it 72 or 73 bills Governor West vetoed? It was somewhere along that number and among them the good roads bill. These would have placed

roads bill. the State of Oregon many months ago on the high road to prosperity. We wonder if the people will ever know the inside history of the yetoing business? Can it be possible that the Gov-ernor expected to make a reputation out of this inexcusable, yes, damnable, thing which keeps Oregon always suck-ing the hind test among the Pacific Coast States? Someone says that he is ashamed of the good roads yeto busi-ness and that he will consert to call

making a veto record pure and simple. But what are we going to do about it? It will not pay for the people to refume to mest the Governor half way. We need the legislation and, if he is disposed to call a special session, un-conditionally, this will meet the desired end but, if he is to imply that the members of the House and Senate are a lot of schechbers that the

a lot of schoolboys, that their united wisdom fails far short of his own, they could not afford to accept his terms. He can call a special session but he has nothing to do with the paying of the salarles of those connected with the Legislature except that he might veto the appropriations, but the mem-bers would unanimously pass it over such veto. The Govern that the members of the Legislature should pay their own expenses does should pay their own expenses does him no credit, but on the contrary it proves that he is not acting in good faith and that his proposal is un-worthy of serious consideration.

Equinoctial Storms.

PORTLAND, Sept. 26 .-- (To the Edi tor.)-To settle a dispute please state whether there is any scientific ground for the popular belief that a storm is bound to occur at or about the time of an equinox, caused by the sun's "cross-ing the line?" Is there any difference in the growth of seeds due to their be-ing planted according to the various

The popular belief in equinoctial The popular bears in the equi-storms is not shared by meteorologists. The only connection is that the equi-noxes mark the beginning and ending of the Winter season, during which of the Winter season, during which storms are more prevalent than in the

Summer months. There is no scientific foundation for the belief held by some persons that the growth of seeds is affected by the phases of the moon.

Sousa at Walls Walls. HUSUM, Wash., Sept 26 .- (To the

Editor.)-Can you tell me if Mr. Sousa, who plays with his band in your city on the 27th, was stationed at Fort Walla Walla some 30 years ago, where he conducted a military band? SUBSCRIBER

Biographical records available to The regonian do not show that John Philip

Sousa ever was stationed at Fort Walla Walls. Thirty years ago Sousa was U. S. Marine band at director of the Washington, D. C.

By Dean Collins. Fashion demands, in her decree,

ODE TO A PLUMP GIRL

Often impossibility, And the new Fall systems that now prevail, Demanding a shape like a slender

sint. Make my lady to weep and wall, For Arabella, alack, is fat.

How, forsooth, shall my Arabella, Achieve the shape of a punatellat How shall my hely be up to date. And trim hereelf till she looks at all Like the rangey dames of the fashion nate.

plate, Resembling a rolled-up parasol?

Nay, she belongs to a bygone age. Since the "alim princess" became the

And bibulous hubbles, into at night, Shy at each lamp post's elender pile, And duck for cover in reckless flight, Thinking 'the wifey all the while,

But, Arabella, oh weep no more! Lot fushions change! They will change

outco more! I will be true; so let the pace Run out of the class you're rated at: Scorn the restrictions it may place, And stubbornly keep on being fail Portland. September 26.

Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

Too persistent optimism is as great a mistake as too persistent pessimism; you must occasionally quit smiller, and seriously consider what is best to do.

There is a wrong way and a right way about most things, and they don't look any more alike than white and black.

The average man is easily confused hen big words and big ideas are com-

The gossipy woman usually has a record; she usually accuses people of habits she knows too much about

A woman who would rather be a man, can't hope to give much satisfaction as a woman

There is a certain type of quiet, worthy man that any woman can on and marry, if she takes after him.

How a woman's nose turns up when a man says he knows women. As though women were a problem. They're not. Men know women, and women know men, although we continue the foolish practice of trying to deceive each other.

You can't know too much, but you can, very easily say too much.

A woman is usually willing to wran-gle a little with her husband, if no one hears her.

Automobiles are becoming so com-mon that they don't attract as much attention on the streets of a country town as a good 18-hand mule.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, Sept. 28, 1861.

Thursday last was observed in this city in pursuance of the recommendation of the President as a "day of fasting, humiliation and prayer." Services were held in all the churches and in the Jewish Synagogus. We can say with frach that our people seemed to units most cordially and devouily to unite most cordially and devouily in the duties of the day. We listened to the sermon of Rev. Mr. Chamber-lain with deep interest; it was brave, patriotic, to the point-not a the would we have would we have crossed, not a word would we have changed.

The Carrie Ladd brought down in ight in Tracy's Express \$20,000 nigh gold dust; also about \$12,000 in private hands.

Mr. Dodge, late of Eugene City As collecting material in Walls Walls, to put up a building for a printing prfice. He contemplates presenting the people of that region the North to

al City Company and the National City ergent opinions as to the legality of phases of the moon? WILLIAM IRLE.

are close to 300 similar relationships

servation movement, but he is ready to prove his faith by his works, not his words. His examination of the Alaska coal question in Alaska, not in maps and reports, is an earnest of his good intentions.

If the epithets "hypocritical and demagogie" do not apply to Mr. Bristow, he must blame his course in the Senate for having provoked their use.

ONE NIGHTMARE AT AN END.

San Francisco has been rescuedhas rescued itself-from the slime and mud of a bad notoriety. Mayor Schmitz and Abe Ruef gave San Francisco a vast amount of un-pleasant reputs. Mayor McCarthy repute. increased the unworthy eminence of the unfortunate city by his unsavory methods and insolent indecencies. The several elections of Schmitz and the election of McCarthy, after the Schmitz-Ruef exposure, gave ground for the general impression that in McCarthy San Francisco had just the style of Mayor it wanted. The adnistration of Mayor Taylor was but brief and more or less inglorious interregnum between the sulucious Schmitz and the mucky McCarthy. It eaw the climax of the sensational graft trials, the unsuccessful prosecution of Calhoun and Ford and the conviction of Rust, Schmitz and several bribe-taking Supervisors.

Because San Francisco finally b came aroused to the infamy of Ruef and the procurableness of Schmitz, and elected Taylor to be Mayor, and because San Francisco, tiring in turn of the graft prosecutions and weary of constant and not altogether profitable sensation, elected the unspeak able McCarthy, the conclusion was W12B justified that San Francisco had re-lapsed into a condition most nearly suited to the moods and morals of its

people. But San Francisco is like any other American city. It has good people, bad people and people neither good nor had. It is cosmopolitan and pleasure-loving; but at heart it is und and decent. That its gayeties have been too conspicuously advertised is perhaps a fault; but they do not represent the real San Francisco more than the North End typifica The real San Francisco Portland. was heard from Tuesday. It elected Rolph, an upstanding man, to be It kicked out McCarthy and Mayor. humilitating McCarthy the It is proparing for a great chapter. exposition. It is going forward in the ht way to make the enterprise an och-making success. The city is right carnest. When San Francisco is in earnest, great results follow.

The middlemen of Indianapolis have to reckon with a new difficulty in their old game of robbing produc-ers with the left hand and consumers

DR. COOK IN A "GRACIOUS ATTITUDE." After a long silence Dr. Cook has suddenly become voluble and abusive. In order to exploit his book on his pretended polar discoveries he in sending to the newspapers extracts from his writings which are mainly venomous stincks on Peary. If Cook had not been already thoroughly proved a faker of the worst kind we might listen with some respect to his charges that Peary is a murderer, thief and other infamous things. As it is, we see in Cook's denunciations the fury of a pretender unmasked and possessing a sordid desire to coin his shame into wealth. It will require better testimony than that of It will Cook to convince the world that Pears committed all the helnous crimes attributed to him, although the tone of Peary's telegrams from Battle Haror did not put him in a very favorable light

Cook explains his long silence by "a sense of delicacy and a dislike of mudslinging." He then speaks of "the weaving of the leprous blanket of in famy with which Peary and his supporters attempted to cover me." That is pretty expert mudalinging for one long out of practice. He accuses Peary of almost every imaginable crime, but his publishers say in their advance no.

While he presents counter charges. Dr. och still preserves a gradious attitude to-ards Mr. Peary.

If what he now says he in accordance with a "gracious attitude," what has he left to be said in case he assumes an ungracious attitude?

Cook's rage has led him to endeavor to drag Peary down into the same in famy in which he is sunk. If he should succeed, he would but aggravate the disgust with which the world regards the scandal enveloping the attalament of the Pole. That event. looked forward to for centuries with ope as one of the great achievements of science and human endurance, is now noted chiefly as the occasion of almost matchless mendacity, jealousy and greed.

TAFT FOUND TOO PROGRESSIVE.

President Taft will find the middle of the road a very difficult position to occupy, although it is the best position from the standpoint of broad statesmanship and public interest. While he is denounced by the insurgents for not being progressive enough, he is ac-cused by the great financial interests of being too progressive. The great fall in the price of stocks

is attributed by the Financial and Commercial Chronicle, an organ of the moneyed men, to Mr. Taft's Detroit speech announcing that investigation Francisco and other cities may attempt to equalize conditions by tunwith the right. The Mayor has inter-wened. The middlemen buy potatoes for 52 cents a hushel and sell them for 51.60, making a very pretty profit to enforce the Sherman law and op-

e taken by Oregon and Washington cannot be excluded altogether, but their participation will be so trifling that Dr. Wheeler does not think it necessary even to mention them. Clearly to his mind California is the Pacific Coast and the Pacific Coast is California. supplied by his social prestige. This is a very common view of the subject among Easterners, but Dr Wheeler has lved in this part of the world long enough to have tearned better. Nobody thinks of denying that California is a delightful state with a heavenly climate, a fertile soil and an intelligent population but it-has not the exclusive possession of these advantages and any survey of the Pacific Coast which pretends to be accurate ought to take into account the vast and important which is situated on the north of Call-Oregon and Washington de fornia. not enjoy the perpetual sunshine which is made so much of by those who write about Southern California. but they have every other blessing which that favored region boasts. 11 oranges and lemons do not grow here the apple does, and upon the whole

it is a better and more useful fruit. Oregon semi-desert land is as productive as any in California when it is irrigated, and this state has a great deal more soil which is naturally well watered than its southern neighbor in proportion to total area. We cite facts like these, not to make a boast of Oregon's advantages, but simply to indicate how misleading any de-

scription of the Pacific Coast must be which ignores the existence of its northern half.

There are some reasons to doubt whether San Francisco is really destined to be the principal "gateway to the Hast" and the "mosting place of Oriental and Western civilizations."

Of course it will always be a considerable city, but it may be surpassed in population and commercial impore before many years have passed. President Wheeler, like most other Californians, would probably smile at the idea of such a thing, but smiles are not always the most convincing of arguments. The plain fact is that

Portland is the natural outlet and inlet for a larger and more, productive territory than San Francisco. Geog-raphy has decided that the gateway to the Orient shall be here and not at any California city. The inertia misguided enterprise have to a certain extent thwarted the evident designs of nature, but in the

long run Portland's advantages of situntion are pretty sure to assert themselves. The single circumstance of a continuous downgrade from the interior to the Willamette makes this city the predestined commercial metropolis of the great West. San

Greasing streetcar tracks to stop oise that disturbs sleepers is a hazardous remedy.' Noise is a necessary part of city life. For example, what wound Seattle be if it did not make a A little racket need not dis turb one who possesses a good conscience. That is all dwellers along carline need; let them cultivate it.

Every lot-owner in Lone Fir Ceme ery should be interested in keeping the ploneer burial grounds in good This will entail expense, order. that can be kept down to a nominal sum if all agree. The living owe it to the dead to do this, without estentation or elaborate plan that will entail great expense.

The Arkansas mob knows no color line, so it lynched a white man who defended his two mulatto sons in a fight wherein a Sheriff and deputy were killed. The victim of the moh had the merit of standing by his progeny, despite its irregularity, but the lust for blood gathered him in.

If there is one class of cases which women jurors-or should we say juresses ?- can be trusted not to show mawkish sentimentality in fa-vor of the accused, it is in the cases

of corruptors of youth. No white slaver would care to trust his fate in the hands of a jury of women.

That is a good provision of the California law whereby a candidate in a municipal election who receives a majority of all votes in the primary election is chosen without going through another contest in the gen going eral election.

If Front-street dealers were com pelled to send many tons of fruit and vegetables to the crematory, it is a safe guess the stuff was not fit for food. Nobody has ever suspected the food. man on the street of burning money.

Frank H. Hitchcock has qualified an aerial lettercarrier, already holding a card of membership in the

If three-inch sign letters on municipal automobiles are not conspicu-ous, why not paint the machines in alternate stripes?

The white woman who marries a Chinese has one great advantage when she would "snatch him baidheaded."

The strike pendulum is swinging.

ceived a fee of several millions. The trust has plants in France, Germany,

Sweden and Russia.

Emigration to America has had a revolutionary effect on the industries of Syria. Two years ago a return wave of emigrants who had made money abroad promised to produce an industrial boom, but many of these persons returned to the countries whence they ame and a new wave of emigration began. The ranks of the slik-workers were so thinned that many growers gave up silk production and are turn ing to the planting of fruit trees. Many silk factories have been abandoned and the production shrank from 5000 bales in 1909 to 4500 bales in 1910. Emigration is confined mostly to men and many of the women left behind have

turned to cotton lace-making. The feeding of the growing urban population of Tripoli in Syria has be serious problem, as the emigration of men from the country districts has de creased the amount of land under cultivation. A leading cause of this con-dition is the holding of land in large tracts and the unwillingness of the owners to sell to their tenants. The people of Tripoli have acquired a taste for soda water since an ice plant was

established there. Formerly ice was obtained from the summit of Mount Lebanon. Consular Agent Ira Harris writes from Tripoll;

Leoanon. Consular Agent its names writes from Tripoll: Imaging and the post to America dur-ing the past year numbered nearly 9000, most of whom were mon and boys; about one-third went to the United States and the remainder to South America and other parts. I have been to some trouble to twee the destiny of work emigrants, rolns one-third weint for the past 10 years. About one-third results for the past 10 years. About one-third results for the past 10 years about one-third remain permanently shread, and one-third disappear; they die or do not care to keep in touch with their native land. The amount of money sent by emigrants to friends here to invest or keep for them mains their return is gradually at here and and they intend to return, they wait and brins they intend to return, they wait and brins they intend to return the return be and about they intend to return the same and when they intend to return the same and when they intend to return the same and se-rage in business; the contrary is the rule. They are not be sure to be same and se-rage in business; the contrary is the rule they intend to return the same and when they inter at seven they interest and plan to return abroad. Many do so, but as a rule they are not to successful as they are the first attempt. United States Consul-General Max-

of Tangler, Morocco, thinks American prospectors are neglecting a

fine opportunity in that country. In report to the State Department he says:

report to the State Department he says: The promulgation of a mining hav ap-tionate to Morecco is now moder interact interaction and its publication is burgent powers are active toward secu-ficities and its fully that no h-appendix and its fully that no h-appendix and its fully that no h-appendix and the fully that no h-appendix of security to be cre-ated. There is little doubt that is for ap-ted is for a proper exist in the Sultanate, and the security for markets by European products, supplied the Moreoccan needs for product, supplied the Moreoccan needs for appendix and the prospective description of the markets by European products, supplied the Moreoccan needs for appendix and the product.

Eco omy Is Order of Day.

This circular to employes of the Rock Island road tells how hard the sconomy fad has hit the railroads: Ha

soonomy tad has hit the failroads: Will you not help save a nickel a day tationery and printing? Here are so reliminary suggestions: Use up old penn eftors obtaining new ones. Cover likews then not in use to prevent evaporation; avo intecessary use of rubber bands. Obtain nil life of each sheet of carbon pap lie wrapping paper or the vory cheap lie boxes for filing parmanent records. U oth sides of yellow clip paper. Obtain f ide of typewriter ribbons. He careful p aste or loss pens, erasars, clips, pin ners, wrapping twine, wrapping pape etc. etc.

PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITIES. The candidates are lining up

For the Presidential race, And William Jennings Bryan Will try to set the pace. Each Democratic aspirant Must pass him in review; He will surely ask some questions; A few; yes, just a few.

The first is Woodrow Wilson A man of learning great, He seeks a panacea For all the ills of state; A man of sones and principle, But he'll not do, you see-He hasn't been indpresed (not yet), By William Jennings B.

There's Harmon of Ohio. A man of some success In lining up the ucters And cornering the press, He fain would pluck the ripened plum, From the Presidential tree, But he hasn't been indorsed (not yet), By William Jennings B.

And Clark from old Missouri, A man of words and deeds, He longs to serve his country, And studies well her meeds. He ruled the House with diligence,

And some ability.

But he hasn't been indorsed (not yet), By William Jennings B. And Balley, from the Lone Star State,

(The man of resignation), He, too, would run for President Could he strike the combination; His reputation's somewhat amirched By contact with John D., And he hasn't been indoreed (not yet),

By William Jennings B. Then there is Chairman Underwood,

A man of goodly parts, Well posted on the tariff (7) And the politician's arts, But in the race for President His finish I can see; He'll never, never, be indorsed The William Innairee B By William Jennings B.

And there is Folk, a man who has Been useful in his day, When he prosecuted boodlers And broke their evil sway; His followers are man, But the trouble is, you see, He hasn't been indersed (not By William Jennings B. (not yet).

In the borders of Nebraska There dwells a candidate, Whose many sterling qualities I haven't room to state; He's looking to the future. And so far as I can see. Is the only one indersed (as yet). By William Jeinings B. --Frank W. Stone, Vancouver, Wash. The Vancouver Chronicle says that Mr. J. C. Strong, brother of Hon. William Strong, former clork of that judicial district, has been killed in battle was commander of a company of York volunteers at the time of his death.

From the appearance of the atmosphere for the inst 48 hours, it appear that the yearly squir rains had visited us. squinoctia

Captain Ainsworth, of the Oregon N. Co., is now in the upper country for the purpose of making arrange ments to have a semi-weekly com-munication with Walla Walla.

County Finished Carroliton Road.

CARROLLTON, Wash., Sept. 26 .- (To the Editor.)-My sitention has been salled to an article in The Oregonian of September 24. in regard to convict work done on Carrollion Hill road. The road in question was not built under the supervision of W. J. Roberts, our the supervision of W. J. Roberts, our present Highway Commissioner, but the early work was done under the supervision of Former Highway Com-missioner Bowiby, and was under his supervision until the Washington Legislature adjourned without making provision for the completion of this work. After that the convicts were turned over to the county authorities, turned over to the county authorities, and the work was completed under their supervision, the expense being borne by the county. I would also state that the line of survey adopted in this difficult piece of work was the same as adopted by our former county engineer, C. R. Bell. C. C. RULLIFSON.

County Commissioner, Cowlits County,

Manners in Streetcars

FORTLAND, Sept. 28.—(To the Edi-tor.)—I have been a visitor in your beautiful dity for the last five days, and before I leave I have one comment to make in criticism of the streetcar-manuars of the ruddy-cheeked, broad-shculdered, good-looking men of Port-land. Their manuers briefly in street. iand. Their manners, briefly, in street-cars are bad-very bad. On four or five occasions I have seen ladies clinging to straps, swaying to and fro with the car's motion, healthy male ditisens retaining their source exist in This condition should not exist in Portland. It is typical of New York, it is true, but in the clean, inviting it is bosnitable metropolis of the and hospitable metropolls of the Coast the men should take note, and take better care of the fairer ser. RUFUS MARION.

Payment of Employes.

PORTLAND, Sept. 16.- (To the Edi-tor.)--(1) Is it legal for a contractor to pay his help by check, which can only be cashed at certain saloons? (2) If an obploye (day labor) should guit in the middle of a week, must he wait till Saturday before he can demand his pay?

I consider the check evil a very grave one, you are almost compelled to drink to get your cash, and then-well you know the rest-"just another one."

(1) No. An employe may demand legal tender-gold, silver or legalized (2) He does not have to wait.

Steam Roller Engineers' Union.