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ZEAL AT THE WRONG TIME.

A weed is said to be a flower in the perong place. Or possibly it is a vegetable. Zeal is a beautiful virtue, and has moved worlds. Christianized peo-But misdirected real is a mischlevous and harmful weed in society's vast garden. It is as troublesome as the cornflower in an Oregon wheatfield.

The Oregon prohibitionists ought to be able to move mountains if a stubbern and unconquerable spirit were sufficient for that purpose. But they do not go at it in the only way to get results, which is to remove a puble yard, or some other practicable unit, at a time. They are determined to demolish the entire accumulation What the prohibitionist need is a larger working capital of

The prohibition party of Oregon announces that it will undertake another statewide prohibition campaign It is noticeable that the offort is to be renewed under the ausof the old party organization and that the managers of the 1919 crusade have apparently retired from the field. Their losses in that fateful year were sufficient to warn them that the time was not ripe then, or soon, for another such effort; and it was obvious that only by patient and ceaseless work could they retrieve the heavy losses suffered then through their mistaken enterprise.

Mr. Newell, the chairman, and the others tell us with great cheerfulness that no question is ever settled until it is settled right. Evidently they mean that it is not settled until it is settled the way they want it settled. Their definition of right and wrong is sufficient for them, but it is not sufficient for a great majority of the

people of Oregon. Another period of fruitless agitation over prohibition, therefore, apthe prohibitionists exert their energies toward enforcing the laws we have and abandon the Utopian scheme of getting an impossible law we have not and will not have?

Cold comfort is given the trusts in an interview with Attorney-Genin the New York World. Mr. Wickersham says this interview was not intended for publication, but admits its authenticity except in two particulars. He began by denying any in-

As to my being forced out of the Cabi-et by threats of powerful corporations or ust magnates, I should like nothing bet-r than to go to the country on such an

Wickersham said he knew when he office what antagor ould arouse by enforcing the antitrust law, asked credit for honest enforcement of the laws and gave a hint of the amount of pressure brought to I intend to enforce them regardless of what influence is brought to bear to stop some of the suits the Department of Justice has already begun.

He went on to sound deflance give warning to the trusts by the following emphatic declaration;

The only way the great corporations can would presecution is by strictly complying with the law and they are fools if they do Mr. Wickersham expressed his its

tention to bring about a readjustment of business in conformity with the Supreme Court decisions, but intended to send some of the rich offenders to -all who knowingly, willfully and deliberately go on violating the law. Efforts were being made to stop the beef trust prosecutions, trial of which begins November 20, "but," said Mr. Wickersham, "they could no more stop those cases coming to trial than could put spokes in the law of The Government attorneys all agreed that the evidence clearly established the guilt of the defendants, and he added:

If we can get a jury to convict and a trial judge to impose the prison sentence, we shall urge those men will go to juli, but I can't send them to juli. That is up to

A suggestion that the beef trust men might plead "non vult" or "nolo as did the members of the wire pool, caused Mr. Wickersham to say sharply that the Government would oppose such a plea and to pro-nounce absurd the small fines imposed on the wire pool members by Judge Archbold. "That case goes to show that I can bring criminals to the bar of justice, but I cannot send them to

He has not offered immunity to either the harvester trust or the steel trust if they voluntarily disintegrate and reorganize in compliance with the Supreme Court decisions. He explained that after premature publicafilling the suit, to present a plan for ution in conformity with law. Mr. Wickersham then threw light on the plan of the Government to prevent the members of a trust from ever again combining in a trust. He consented to the harvester trust's sugon condition that the Government should apply to court for an order incorporating the plan, which would not only compel disintegration but would contain a permanent in-junction which would prevent the sep-arate companies from ever combining in fighting, it might be retained by arate companies from ever combining again or entering into any kind of an agreement as to territory or prices or garded with jealousy the increase of in restraint of trade, or in violation of Austrian power on the Adriatic by the law. In every case the disintegraorder of court, which will forever for- the Austrian navy is disquieting. Now fited by use in the open air. It is

bid reintegration. He hoped in this way to bring about a readjustment of conditions without the severity once thought necessary, but he relterated "those who willfully and deliberately and knowingly confinue to evade the law will be criminally prosecuted." Mr. Wickersham has checked up

"Moody's Manual of Corporafrom tions" those which offer prima facie evidence of being trusts and found about 100 in addition to those already under prosecution which ought to be dissolved.

The Patent Office may come in for

investigation in connection with the trust evil, a question as to whether in onnection with the United Shoe Machinery case he had not come across many irregularities in the Patent Office, and whether it was not true that the patent laws were used as a tool to create a monopoly, prompting him to say he considered it a fitting subject for investigation.

"There is one thing that I am strong; in favor of, and always have been strong; in favor of, because it is the only way prevent pyramiding of corporations." Wickersham concluded, "and that is a Federal law to prohibit any corporation owning stock in another corporation. That should be one of the provisions of a Federal Incorporation law."

A later attempt to "draw" the Attorney-General on his intentions towards the steel trust failed. He said he was examining all large combinations to determine whether they were in compliance with law and that, if in anticipation of action to dissolve it, such a combination worked out "a plan of separation to avoid illegal cor ditions," the department would consider it so as to avoid hostile action. He would much prefer voluntary re-

adjustment to prosecution Summing up. Mr. Wickersham's plan is: To co-operate in voluntary dissolution of trusts, where a plan is submitted to him; to give that plan the force of law by a decree of court; to prevent trusts from reorganizing by perpetual injunction; to put in jail officers of trusts who persist in violating the law; to recommend that Congress block future organization of trusts by forbidding one corporation to hold the stock of another corporation.

WORDS, AND MORE WORDS,

Senutor Hourne has a very learned rticle in the October number of The Fra (magazine) on the popular election of United States Senators, where in he seeks to prove through many istorical citations that because the Constitution of the United States is what it is, it ought to be something We hear again about the com posite citizen, to whom the Senator pays a high tribute as a person of perfect conscience and infallible judgment. He says moreover:

The apponents of the direct election of enators and other features of popular gov-rument have utterly failed to point out nything in American history that justi-tes even the suggestion that the people in he composite might act unwisely.

The Oregonian is not, and never was, an opponent of direct election of Senators; but it feels called upon to protest against the ridiculous false pretension that the people cannot act unwisely, and never have so acted. Being mere human beings, is a grievous mistake. Why do not they are moved by human impulses and human arguments, whether they act as individuals or in the mass. is the cheapest demagogy to say that they make no mistakes. Freedom from error is a divine attribute. No people have ever claimed it. people of Oregon do not claim it. one not inspired by a low purpose to flatter and cajole ever claimed it for them. Here is more of the Bourne

nonsense:

I unhesitatingly assert that under the initialive the people not only will not, but cannot enact legislation against general welfare. Self-interest is the dominant force of humanity. Probably in a majority of cases self-interest descends into selfish interest. No two people ever have been or probably ever will be exactly alike; consequently, because of the difference of the personal equation of the individual units of seclety and the resultant difference in the self or selfish interest dominating each individual unit where they act collectively, as they do under the initiative, an immense number of different forces are liberated, each struggling for supremacy and thus engendering friction, so that before any tommunity action can be established, this attribion must wear away the selfish interest, and general welfare, according to the majority view of the community, absolutely control the community action.

No two people think alike, or feel

No two people think alike, or feel alike, or have the same motives; but each has his own selfish interest. Therefore through the initiative neither will get what he wants, everybody will get what he wants. It

is all quite clear, easy and simple. The Oregon system ought to be relieved of the burden of such absurd and pompous exploitation. Why not the plain facts? They are a sufficient

WHICH WILL WIN, ITALY OR TURKEY? The beginning of actual hostilities between Italy and Turkey by the capture of Prevesa and bombardment of Tripoli by the former invites the questions: What are the prospects? Which will win?

Italy's navy is so immensely su

perior as to leave no room for doubt that she can take and keep Tripoli. She can prevent Turkey from sending any troops to reinforce the 10,000 Turkish troops and their nomad Arab allies and can pour her own troops into the country at will. But if Turkish obstinacy forced Italy to carry the war into the Balkan peninsula in or-der to bring the Turk to surrender. another story might be told. Italy's army on a peace footing is 240,000, a large portion of which will be engaged in Tripoli. Turkey is credited with 360,000 men, and this army has modernized, reorganized and greatly improved in discipline by General von der Goltz and twenty Ger-man officers. It has also been armed proved field gun. Since the Young Christians on the theory that all in-habitants of the empire are citizens and have thus increased the available fighting force. There are no bettion of the suit for dissolution of the harvester trust the counsel for the trucks, and if the Italians send their the clubs. "Fate cannot touch me, I at his "awful" fate, never trust offered, if he would withhold army across the Adriatic to meet the have direct today," said the old epithought to that of his victim main Turkish army, there may be a cure. very different story to tell from that against the man who has witnessed

> they should rise again, and with the life like a child of nature. Italy permanently, as that country re- He has done it all by means of a sub-

is the opportunity for Italy to ge othold on the east coast of the Adriatic. the final break-up of the Turkish empire, Greece might secure Albania and make her frontier identical with that of Montenegro and Italy would

Selzure of Mitylene by the Italians is a strategic move which may presage an attack on Constantinople itself. is within easy distance of the Dardanelles, by which entrance is gained to the Sen of Marmora. The straits are guarded by forts which tradition says can destroy any ship which at-tempts the passage, but if the Turks have been as indoient as Orientals proverbially are and as were the Spaniards at Manila Bay, the guns may be harmless and Italy may develop another Dewey. An attack on Constantinople would be a good strategic move to bring the Turks to terms. but it might prove bad policy by arousing the fears of other powers. Mitylene would also serve as a base for an attack on Saloniki, the second in importance of Turkish ports in Europe, or Smyrna, the principal port in Asiatic Turkey. Either of those ports might be seized as a hostage for the safety of Italian subjects in Tur-

key or to cut off Turkish revenue Italy's best strategy seems to be to sweep the seas clean of Turkish ships, seize all outlying Turkish possessions which can only be relieved by sea, and to confine land hostilities to Tripoil. To carry the war to the mainland of Europe would expose her to the risk of another disaster like that of Adows.

HOBBLE GARTERS.

There is nothing new under the sun. Very likely some persons imag-me that the "hobble garter" is a complete novelty. Nothing like it was exer seen in the world before. But they are mistaken. Long, long ago, when old Dobbin showed a disposition to jump the fence, he was supplied with an attachment to his limbs istonishingly like the hobble garrer, though it was called a "hopple." ever, Grim's law of the procession of the mutes points out the close relaof the two epithets. On the unrefined tongues of horsemen and farmers the word "hopple" denotes the same apparatus as "hobble" does when spoken by the elegant. But this does not end the story.

Hopple garters were worn by human beings at least as anciently as the flourishing period of Carthago. The beauties of that refined and luxurious city went about the streets with gold chains on their ankles restricted their freedom of movement much in the same way as does the modish attire of our day. The chain linked one limb to the other and compelled the wearer to progress in a manner which was supposed to be stately. No doubt the woman who proceeds along the street in a hobble skirt thinks she is stately. It is surprising to note the various delusions to which human beings are subject.

The Carthaginian hobble garter will be found interestingly described in "Salaambo," which has been called most powerful historical novel The author of it ever written. Gustave Flaubert, the Frenchman who also wrote "Madame Bovary" and divers other delectable books. The heroine of "Salaambo" wore her golden hobble garters when she went to visit the hero in his tent at the sent of the war which was raging between Carthage and its rebels and certain inconveniences arose from the fact that the key had been forgotten. We are not informed whether the modern hobble garter is removed with a key or not. Mysteries of that sort are revealed only to women themselves and the French novelists who write about them.

BASEBALL ENTHUSIASM.

man in the shouting throng has anything whatever to gain or lose by the game. His local pride may be gratifled or mortified, nothing more, and pride is perhaps the most unmercenary of all the passions. nearer to thriving on nothing than any other plant that grows. But, for all that, pride is a wholesome thing. Without it what are we? Poor cavedwellers quarreling over rancid bones antediluvian forests. The local pride which shouts itself hoarse over victory for the home team is capable of more important achievements, though not more disinterested ones. A skillful exhorter might use it forward the development of "the city beautiful," including parks, play- word is golden. The daily war bulgrounds and decent homes for the poor. A man who thinks it sublime for his town to win a baseball game might be taught to think it sublime to have an honest city government. No doubt the germs of all our altruistic achievements are to be discerned in disinterested enthusiasms such as the crowd exhibits before the baseball bulletin.

There is one thing to be said for baseball which is not so true of any other professional game. It is immaculate. The umpire sometimes exfor sale to any secret bidders. His decrees may be wrong, but they are honestly wrong. The players always play fairly. They do no jockeying. All there is in a man comes out on the baseball field. The players devote themselves unreservedly to their cause. That the cause is of mere momentary interest does not matter. The same is true of most of the ends for which we toll and strive. When with a new Mauser rifle and an im- a few years have passed away what will be left of them? The importance Turks gained power in 1908 they have of our toys cannot always be meas-opened the ranks of the army to the ured by the money they bring in. Baseball pays profits sometimes to the managers, but never to the shouting crowd. Still we are of the opinion that the crowd carries away more Fate is tolerably powerles predicted for the campaign in Tripoli. a good game of baseball. He has had The Italian seizure of Prevesa, on an hour or two of unmingled delight, the Turkish coast of the Adriatic, is His feelings have been stirred just significant. It is probably to be held enough to be pleasant. He has wept as a base from which Italy may in- with the lozers and rejoiced with the winners. In a word, for a little while that event it would be convenient for he has been free from the incumco-operation with the Albanians, if brances of civilization and enjoyed

To be sure, he has been a child of nature as some of our Northern patriots were soldlers in the Civil War. The only muscle he has em-Austrian power on the Adriatic by ployed in his hour of diversion has the annexation of Bosnia and Herze-govina and the projected increase of but not the only one which is bene-

delightful to see a crowd standing and shouting before a bulletin board, but it would be even more delightful to see them out in a field playing ball

themselves.
After all, the bone and sinew of a nation are not developed by vicarious athletic exercises. Some exertion the part of the individual is required for the best results. The chief accusation against our American college athletics is that they encourage parasitism. The great body of the stutick gets its nutriment, by the use of other organs than their own. The capacity to sit and scream is powerfully developed in them, but while this capacity possesses great intrinsic beauty, it is comparatively useless in the exigencles of war or even in those of civil life. In battle a man has to employ other muscles besides those of his tongue. In the contingancies of peaceful life he often needs his brain. Neither of these instruments profits particularly by sitting on the bleachers and velling. So with our pleasure in the inno-

go out and play for them-Professor William James has emotions which find no outlet in acrecurs insistently lose our muscular powers when we depend too much upon other people for our athletics. The emotions of en-thusiasm which bubble up in the crowd around the bulletin board are beautiful to see, for they are as unselfish as anything can be in this wicked world, but they carry with them the seeds of danger inasmuch as they find no outlet in action. If every member of the shouting crowd were moved to rush out into the parks and play one old cat with his youngest boy all would be well, but as a rule we fear he is not. The excitement of the ciphers on the bulletin content him. He has gone through the pro-cess which James stigmatizes as "enervating," the process of allowing an emotion to arise and perish wholly within the boundaries of his mind.

hall game is mingled regret that they

British athletics are admirable chiefly because it is the rule for everybody to take a hand in them. The farmer who rents land hunts be side the duke from whom he holds The village blacksmith plays tennis with the parson and the lawyer. Each town has its club of experts or professionals over which it goes wild the inspiration for better things than clubs in the love of men and boys for actual sport.

The plans for the Broadway bridge are said by City Engineer Hurlburt to call for an exceptionally artistic structure. The public is entitled to all that it can get, useful and ornamental, in this bridge, as compensa-tion for the vexatious delays in construction that have been suffered However, if the bridge is commodious and substantial, and if it is completed within the time specified by the con-tract, the lack of some ornamental features will readily be forgiven.

Twenty-five thousand dollars per annum is given by Mr. Fels to exploit the single tax in Oregon. At is a lot of money. It is not so much, to be sure, as \$100,000, which it is said to have cost Mr. Bourne in his great campaign of education for the Sena-But in four years it will reach \$100,000, while Mr. Bourne's \$100,000 was an investment in a six-year job. Twenty-five thousand dollars annually will care for a lot of people and accomplish many things.

George W. Perkins deprecates "an There is something extraordinarily charming in the enthusiasm of a crowd over a baseball game. For one thing it is completely unselfish. No say that competition is the only legal condition under which business can be done. The people have been saying for twenty years with increasing vigor that they want the forced. Is it to be repealed, weak-ened or ignored at the request of one of its violators?

Lesbos, the Island which Italy has just captured from the Turks, was Sappho's home. She was the only Sappho's home. woman in all history who wrote poetry as great as Pindar's and Shelley's. Nothing is left of it now but a few verses and fragments. Somean ode gleaned by patient scholars word is golden. The daily war bul-letins read like a page out of

The pit that was digged for Dr. Wiley seems to have other occupants just at present. Once in a century or two there occurs in the world an instance of poetic justice so complete, so exact and so satisfying, that we are constrained to explain it by invoking an overruling providence. Wiley's case the providence is fat and loves to travel, but it is capable of doing an effective piece of work now and then.

The people of Marshfield are to vote on a proposition to change the municipal name to Coos Bay. The new name will be distinctive, to be and when some style-maker at Washington makes' it Coosbay it will be more so.

President Smith proved an alibi in the alleged photograph of his bed-room with four beds in it. The allegation was a sad commentary on Mr. Smith's discretion. The alleged occupants would talk him to death to begin with.

tence yesterday, shricked and sobbed at his "awful" fate, never giving a City Physician Wheeler says pupils must not clean the blackboards. another pleasure of child-

Sheridan's owl-man-monkey can be added to Oregon's menagerie of freaks, human and otherwise

A thoroughbred man, like a blood fowl, meets his doom stoically, scrubs make a noise.

Violence means the beginning the end of the strike.

"Breakers ahead!" is not a good

motto at the carehops.

Gleanings of the Day

John D. Rockefeller has just cele brated the 56th anniversary of his ac quirement of his first \$1000, says the Louisville Courier-Journal. Other per sons celebrate anniversaries of birthi or weddings which are, in the experience of many, blessings more or less mixed. But Mr. Rockefeller's amussins of his first \$1000 was a labor of love that was not lost and the blessing of the possession of that sum was a blessing undiluted,

For the second time this year a pest of potato bugs descended on Lehigh County, Virginia, the other day, says the Philadelphia Record, They came by the million apparently from no that they did not all find room in the potato fields nor in the county, and ome had to seek board and lodging in the grass, among the corn and in adjoining counties. cent delight of the crowd over a base- | they took wing, the bug hosts formed clouds that obscured the sun, and they made a noise worse than the locusts The enterprising Lehigh potato grow taught us the dangers there are in ers lost no time in combating the pest Within two days all the usual poisen tion. To indulge such emotions too in the county was used, some of the freely finally kills the capacity for larger growers requiring more than a action. The image of the wood tick ton, and the hardware stores and the in this connection. druggists who handle the drug tele-He has lost his legs by not using graphed posthaste to New York and them. In the same way we are apt to Philadelphia for carloads of it to supply the demands.

> Bonding maid-servants is the latest new idea in Chicago. Cyril G. Perry, owner of an apartment building, which contains \$5 apartments, believes he has solved the problem of counteracting the doubtful honesty of domestic servants. He has a head-maid, a woman of great ability, whom he has bonded heavily, and she is held responsible for the others, but all the maids are bonded individually, besides. The head-maid holds the only master-key to all the apartments, and all the contents of all the rooms are catalogued and numbered, and each picture, tapestry, jewel, rug, vase or other valuable thing is checked up regularly every morning before work begins.

Logan M. Bullitt, chairman of the

committee which has been investigating the plundering of Philadelphia by the Vare brothers under the protection of Mayor Reyburn, charges the Vare contracting firm with having received \$1,000,000 in graft under its contracts fessionals over which it goes wild on with the city for the making of the occasion, just as we do, but it has also League Island Park. It is the old story of "influence" being used so that not the lowest but a higher bidder could be favored. On one contract, Senator E. H. Vare bid 40 cents per cubic yard and got it, although another responsible contractor bid 27 cents; loss to the city and profit to Vare, \$119,426. On another contract, E. H. Vare was paid 62 cents per cubic yard; this contract he sublet to a Vare comapny, which did the work at 16 cents a cubic yard. Net profit to Vare on this neat little transaction was \$754,704.50. Vare defended himself by asking if a man was not entitled to make as good a business bargain as he could, and by asserting that the best possible work had been done, so that this park should be "a monument to the Vares." So it will be; but not quite in the way Vare hoped, for to offset his testimony four men who drove the piling testified that the piles were smaller than called for and did not reach solid bottom as required. This particular Vare is a brother of the candidate for Mayor who is backed by Rey burn and opposed by Senator Penrose Mr. Bullitt declares that, beside this million of graft in the park, he has shown that nearly a million more was stolen in public building construction, and states that if the public gives him the funds to continue the work "the outcome will be to satisfy every one that corruption in the administration of affairs of the city exceeds anything that has yet been exposed in this counthe funds to continue the work "the try.

A woman's zeal to obey the law caused her arrest for breaking it. Mrs. Rose Benjamin, of New York, took toa police station a revolver which her husband had owned for a year and said that, having heard that there was a law against keeping revolvers at home, she thought it better to give it to the

police. The lieutenant on the desk at once told her she was under arrest for violating the law in having the weapon times there is only one word out of in her possession. Then Mrs. Benjamin was furious. She shricked like a mad woman, but the lieutenant was obdu-

> The New York Evening Sun is caustle in its comment on Speaker Clark's speech in which he said: President Taft has more power than the King of England, and the latter would have to seek a new job if he vetoed bills as fast as Mr. Taft does.

The Sun's cruel comment is: The Sun's cruel comment is:

Now that Mr. Clark has discovered the interesting fact that our President has more power than the King of England, we may seen expect to hear a very practical sugestion from him. This modest statesman consented that the Speakership be turned into a figurehead to fit his own measure of ability; so why should not the Presidency be similarly transformed? Certainly if there is the remotest chance of Mr. Clark's filling the office there will be a loud demand for the change. The President's veta power should be as dead as King George's if Champ is to exercise it!

A committee of the Brown University

orporation and alumni is making an effort to raise a million-dollar endowment fund. Two-fifths of this amount have been pledged, but these pledges are conditioned upon the assurance of the entire amount not later than June 30 of next year. The committee has made a specific appeal to 5000 Rhode Islanders for sums according to the means of each contributor. Brown's present funds amount to nearly three and three-quarter millions, but much of this is in such shape that it cannot be devoted to any of the several purposes that need summellate strengthants. A white slaver, given a heavy senthat need immediate strengthening. The beautiful new John Hay Library is a very valuable asset that adds much to the dignity and the educational resources of the university, but its main tenance imposes an extra burden, in the pinlon of the Boston Transcript. The demand for an increase in teachers salaries is very urgent, and it is important that the institution shall be able to compete with the Carnegie foundation in the matter of pensions The Women's College is lightly enlowed, and to these four worthy inter ests the million dollars, if it can be raised, will be applied. Brown is to a larger extent than most great universities a state institution, that is, it always has a very large representation of Rhode Island students. There are 455 on its rolls at the present time.

Rector O'Neill, in Commenting, Pays

Tribute to Catholic Church.
WOODBURN, Or., Oct. 3.—(To the ditor.)-I was somewhat disappointed at the extract given in The Oregonian of Monday from Dr. Young's doubtless interesting lecture of Sunday; for with such a general subject, it is logical to suppose that the origin of the holy book. its preservation, inspiration, etc., was not neglected by the lecturer. Most of us, still Christian, would like to hear what he had to say, as to how we got the Bible and from whom. dropped from heaven ready made, placed on earth by scraphs? written in Gaelie or English originally What of it before the printing age? and most of all how does he prove it to be for men an inspired book, the book of God?

of God?
"Dr. Young's brief history of the translation of the English Bible, mentioning Wycliffe's, etc.," as quoted, is apt to deceive, particularly when followed by the eulogy on John Wycliffe as the "morning Star of the Reformation," who becomes "a hero" because of his determination to give to the people the Book of God. People (non Catholic) may be led to suppose that the first translation of the scriptures that was ever made for the English people was the work of Wycliffe, or was one of hose Bibles mentioned in your citatio It may be well to hear in mind, there-fore, that prior to Wycliffe's time the language spoken in England had been constantly undergoing modification. Dr. Johnson dares to say that Sir John Gower (1202-1402) was the first who can properly be said to have written French was the language of the Eng-

lish court and of the educated classes till past the middle of the 14th century. As late as the time of Elizabeth and James the First we find many legal documents made up of Norman French and Latin, with hardly any admixture

and Latin, with hardly any admixture of English.

The so-called Wycliffite Bible appeared in 1382, and before that time all who were able to read could read French, and fearly all could read Latin, and the Bible was easily accessible in and the Bible was easily accessive in the innumerable Latin copies or in such French versions as existed in England. Bede tells us that the knowledge of Latin was widely diffused throughout England. "This Island at present," he wrote in the eighth century, "in the inguages of five nations, examines and confesses one . . . in those of the Angles Britons. Soots and Picts and Latins; and this last by the study of

the scriptures, has become common to all the rest."—(Hist. i-1.)

Hear Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of England, under Henry VIII, as to the actual existence of pre-Wycliffite Bibles. "The whole Bible long before Wycliffe's day was by virtuous and well-learned men translated into the English tongue, and by good and godly people with devotion and soberness well and reverently read" (Dialogues III). and reverently read" (Dialogues iii). Again the clergy keep no Bibles from the laity but such translations as be either not yet approved for good, or such as be already reproved for maught, as Wycliffe's was for, as for old ones that were before Wycliffe's days, they remain lawful and be in some folk' hand. I myzelf have seen and can show you Bibles, fair and old which have been known and seen by the bishop of the diocese and left in laymen's hands and women's too, such as he knew for good and Catholic folk that used them with soberness and devotion." (Old English, of course.)

Archbishop Cranmer testifies to the free circulation of the scripture in the pre-reformation English Church in his preface to the Bible of 1540: "The Holy preface to the Bible of 1848. The Holy Bible was translated and read in Saxon tongue, which at that time was our mother tongue . . and when this language waxed old and out of common, it was again translated into the newer language." Foxe, who had no writes mon, it was again moneyer language." Foxe, who had no "Romanizing" tendencies, thus writes in his dedication to Archbishop Parker of his seltton of the Sanon Gospels: "If histories be examined we shall find both histories be examined we shall find both action." histories be examined we shall find both before the Conquest and after, as well as before John Wycliffe was born as since, the whole body of the scriptures was by sundry men translated into our country tongue." An Anglican dignitary, Dean Hook, tells us that "long hefore Wycliffe's time there had been translators of holy writ."

These "sundry men" and "translators" were the Catholic monks, bishops, her-

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Archbishop of Canterbury, William Shoreman and Richard Rolle, to mention only those of England.

There is no reason, therefore, to make a "hero" of Wycliffe "because of his determination to give to the people the Book of God." since history proves that the Catholic Church had done so ere "the morning star of the Reformation" had appeared in the firmament. The renowned historian Gasquet, O. S. B., in his scholarly work, "Wycliffe and the English Bible." charges Wycliffe with having plagiarized from an older English Catholic Bible, and has the support of Protestant standard authorities in proof of this charge.

If behoves lecturers to seek science, and having found it, to remember that "private judgment" and "liberty of conscience" are limited by the boundaries of truth and justice, even at the cost of paying tribute to the church which, though it does not admit the necessity of Bible-reading for galvation, collected, copled, protected, declared the inspiration of and distributed to the people the Book of God, not only in England, but throughout the continent of Europe and throughout all ages. I. M. O'NEILL.

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Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

Indignation when a man attempts to hold a woman's hand is not all there is to proper conduct on the feminine side of the line.

If a man shows a disposition to pro-vide for his old age, don't discourage him by saying he is stingy.

The man who is always wanting to light rarely has an ambition to fight a fight rarely has an man of his size.

Men are always telling the women what they should do, but I don't believe the women hear a word of it. Life is intensely practical; yet so many of us live it with artificial hopes.

Every woman suffragist in the country is mad because Alice Hubbard cannot write as well as her husband.

You are not a coward if you refuse to engage in a fight with a man weigh-ing fifty pounds more than you do. In such a case, discretion is warranted.

If you want justice for yourself, you must grant it to others.

If a man is bald, and also a widow er, he is compelled to submit to two sets of very old and tiresome jokes.

It Was the Woman.

Lawyer—Now, sir; you say the burgiar, after creeping in through the front window, began to walk slowly up the stairs, and yet you did not see him, although you were standing at the head of the stairs at the time. May I venture to inquire why you did not see him?

Principal Witness—Certainly, sir. The fact is, my wife was in the way.

DR. YOUNG AND BIBLE'S ORIGIN. CLAM HAS A PLACE IN POETRY. Hoquiam Paper Finds Literary Promi-

nence Given Mollusk Grays Harbor Washingtonian!
Discussing the fact that the Native
Sons of Washington have adopted as
their embiem the clam the Seattle
Post-Intelligencer enters into an editorial rhapsody concerning this substantial mollusk. But the P-I. is in
error when it says; "There are no legends concerning the clam, no myths,

gends concerning the clam, no mytos, no poetry."

Does not the Post-Intelligencer remember the famous "Old Settler's Song," written over a quarter century ago by the well-known Francis Henry, one stanza of which runs like this: "No longer the slave of ambition, I laugh at the world and its shams. As I think of my pleasant condition. Surrounded by acres of clams."

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Surrounded by acres of clams."
This song, set to the tune of 'Old Rosin the Bow," and illustrated by Major W. H. Bell, of the United States Army, went everywhere in the old days, and made Puget Sound hoppins mad.
Then, too, there is the clam nursery flying, which carries the line "when

Then, too, there is the claim nursery rhyme, which carries the line "when the tide is out the table is set," but the rest of which we have forgotten. And who in Washington will forget Cushman's classic about the panic of '95, when our citizens had claims morning, noon and night—so regularly that their stomachs rose and fell with the tides? There is certainly rhythm in that statement, and all it needs to make it. statement, and all it needs to make it poetry is to throw in the word "besides" to rhyme with "lides." See how simple. "Morning, noon and night besides, te dum, te de, te dum, te tides." Then, again, it is wreng to overlook the unfinished epic of Colonel Robertson, of North Yakima, on the "geoduck" or "goeduck." Robertson has been working on this great masterpicce for seven years. He has dragged the succulent geoduck from his lair on Mud Bay, and made him sit on his hind legs in the Horse Heaven country. In the next canto, Colonel Robstatement, and all it needs to make I legs in the Horse Heaven coun-In the next canto, Colonel Robtry. In the next canto, Colonel Rob-ertson should take his here to Seattle, and make him into chowder for the gastronomic edification of the Post-

Grays Harbor's contribution to clam crays harbor's contribution to claim literature has consisted solely of a series of tri-colored labels bearing thereon in yellow a picture of the famous razer-back, and in red the mystic words "Port Elizabeth," or "Sea Beach," or "Copalis," or "Quiniault," and in plain black a few well-chosen stanzas about mineins some beach arms now. about mincing some bacon, some po-tatoes, throwing in the nectared con-tents of the can, and producing in two minutes a dish fit for the gods. This Grays Harbor poem has gone into thousands of editions, it has filled many hundreds of freight cars, has softened the finer feelings of a hard word, has created wealth of intellect, as well as adipose tissue, to say nothing of addition to the targets and the control of the targets of targets of the targets of target ing to the taxable values of Chehalis County. What more can the Post-In-telligencer ask in the way of true

Washington (D. C.) Star.
Witmer Stone, the naturalist, of
Philadelphia, was discussing at the
Academy of Natural Sciences a bird book that was full of errors.

"Really," said Mr. Stone, smiling,
"the errors in this book make me think
of the City Hall clock."

"The City Hall clock, sir?" queries

the reporter. "It's an amecdote," said Mr. Stone. "It's an anecdote about two men who, after dining not wisely, strode arm-in-arm down North Broad street. "One of them happened to raise his head, and the illuminated face of the

City Hall clock, high up in the evening sky, caught his eye.
"'Oh.' he said, 'look at the-hic-"'That isn't the moon,' said his com-

"That isn't the moon, said his com-panion. 'It's later then you think. That's—hic—the sun,'
"They argued, lurching on together, over this question a long time, and finally they agreed to leave it to the first man they met.

"A man soon drew near. They stopped him.

'Beg pardon,' they said in concert, "Beg pardon, they said in concert, pointing to the clock tower, but, to settle a bet, would you kindly tell us, sir, whether that's the moon or the sun," "The man looked at the clock, then he looked at his interrogators.

"I'm sorry I can't oblige you, gontiemen, he said, but the fact is, I'm a stranger in these parts."

. Swimming Up to Date.

Harper's. Father-Who is that chap that writes Bella-He is teaching me to swim in a correspondence school.

Ade Fables Doyle Mysteries

THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN

Two Fables in Slang-George Ade has never written anything funnier than the 1911 fable of the flat-dweller and the fable of the local Pierpont, both of which will appear Sunday.

Sherlock Holmes-The adventure of the Musgrave ritual puts Sherlock Holmes at work on a deep-laid mystery case. Columbia River Traffic-A vital

page analyzing the vast changes that are in prospect as a result of opening up the great waterway. Women for Army Service-England's matrons and daughters,

while preferring peace, prepare for war service. Strange Sights of New York's Streets-An absorbing article by a Portland writer on phases of

life in the great American metrop-Music Hit-"Isn't It Nice to Know Somebody Cares for You," as sung in the new musical play,

"The Happiest Night of His Life." Oregon Moonshiners-Exciting experiences of revenue agents in running down illieit distillers.

Gorgeous Churches - A halfpage on the glittering edifices and strange customs of Russia's

churches. The Funny Men-Ten minutes of refreshing fun that will put you in good humor for the day.

Widow Wise, Mr. Twee Deedle and Sambo all have fresh adven-

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