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ARE THESE WILSON'S VIEWS?

A very interesting little book, called "Short Ballot Principles," has been written by Richard S. Childs, which seems to be edging its way into the Presidential nomination contest in the Democratic party. Mr. Child's book not only presents certain novel and radical propositions, but presents them in a picturesque style not often found writings on such subjects. The ideas presented have attracted attention and they deserve to, but as they gain this attention Mr. Childs retires somewhat to the background and Governor Woodrow Wilson moves for-

The cause may be considered some what elusive, but it is this: Mr. Childs is secretary of the National Short-Ballot Organization and Governor Wilson is president of the same organization. is argued that the short-ballot principles enunciated by Mr. Childs are the principles of the short-ballot organiation and that therefore they are the principles of Woodrow Wilson, Governor of New Jersey and Presidential aspirant. Among the things suggested in "Short Bailot Principles" is abolishment of counties and the reconstruction of political parties. The following principles have been selected from the book as among the most surprising:

Interpretating:

I believe that we shall ditimately find our ray out of the county problem . . by fradually abolishing the county as an election unit. . Bheriffs may be replaced y officers of a state police enforcing state

judges should be appointive rathe elective. . . Federal judges are or in honesty and ability to elected

two branches of the Legislatu be consolidated into one body of h should be consolidated into one body of het more than thirty members in a large state like New York or ten in a state like Mary-land or Nebrasku. This body should se-lect the Governor, who in turn would se-lect the other state officers, leaving the government "strong and unhampered." Parties governmed by the rank and file are "topsy-tursy." The government should be a democracy, but the party an autocracy, Parties should be controlled from above

But apparently Governor Wilson's friends do not want to stand sponsor for Mr. Childs' principles. Newspapers friendly to Governor Wilson have epudiated the principles in his behalf and now the short-ballot organization does the same thing. The latter announces that only four chapters out of the twelve in the book parallel the achings of the organization and that "the rest of the book (including the part taken exception to by the newspapers) involves questions of the application of the doctrine which the organization in its constitution is expressly debarred from trying to de-It is distinctly stated that the book is not in any way the official ex-pression of the short-ballot organiza-

But there is something almost as surprising about this announcement as ere is in the principles published in Mr. Childs' book. Accompanying the denial of responsibility which has been sent to the press is a further an-"Short Ballot Princinouncement. ples" by Mr. Childs may be republished in the newspapers. For permission to republish apply to the Na tional Short-Ballot Organization. Odd, isn't it, that after repudiating the organization invites applications to itself for permission to repub-

We also find that the outside paper cover of Mr. Childs' book carries the following inscription: "The short-ballot organization, of which Woodrow Wilson, Governor of New Jersey, president, and which has on its advisory board many prominent men, is goodly results may from which This stateconfidently be expected. ment of its principles by its executive secretary is of distinct value to the public at large."

Here we have a volume advertised as containing a statement of the principles of the organization of Governor Wilson is president; a volume for which sponsorship is denied the organization, but still a volume which the organization offers to sell to the press. The situation undoubtedly advertising advantages for Mr. Childs and his publishers and advertising disadvantages for a Presidential aspirant who seems to find views expressed in the book too radical for him to father at this time, but I ff the Government, the people and the which may continually bob up as his states unite to determine what is best neglected and repudlated offspring.

GERMAN DESIGNS IN AFRICA.

Germany's real purpose in stirring ally coming to light. About Morocco itself she appears to have cared little, but magnified her shadowy claim on that country to the utmost as a means of extorting concessions from France on the central coast of West Africa. Her ambition is to secure a strip of territory across Central Africa from coast to coast and to connect the Indian and Atlantic Oceans with a German railroad. By securing from France the cession of French Congo north and east of the Sanga River, she will secure a foothold on the Atlantic and obtain territory stretching far into the interior. The northern part of the Belgian Congo will still intervens between this new acquisition and German East Africa. We may expect true and practicable prohibition. her to maneuver next for a slice of that country sufficient to close the gap. This will require the consent of all the powers which placed the Congo under

Cape Town to the southern end of Inke Tanganyika, but the two roads cannot be connected to close the gap without crossing German East Africa. This will require the consent of Germany, who may be expected to exact British support of the cession of part of Belgian Congo as the price.

This deal completed, Africa will soon be bisected by a British railroad from north to south and a German railroad from east to west and the heart of what was once the Dark Continent will have one of the greatest railroad junctions in the world.

HOW ABOUT MR. BRYAN?

Some enthusiastic Oregon Democrats at a singuet the other evening raised enthusian over a proposal to have William Jenings Bryan the standard bearer again for be coming empaign. Oregon politics take such a proposal seem possible in pregon only.—Chehalis Nugget.

Mr. Bryan is the only open, avowed, nconditional, uncompromising friend of the Oregon system in the field mong the Democrats. He is for the initiative and referendum, the recall (including the judiciary), the direct election of United States Senators, Statement No. 1, the direct primary and every policy, issue, principle, pro vision, statute and proposal of the Oregon system, down to the last syl-No other Democrat of Presilable. dential stature has said so much or done so much for the Oregon system. Every other Democrat has saved an exception, or several exceptions, in his approval, or has been uncertain,

evasive or silent. But not Bryan, Many Democrats in Oregon believe that the Oregon system should be made a National issue. Some Demperats insist that every other consideration of politics or government is comparatively insignificant or entirely negligible. The next Democratic National Convention will be asked to approve affirmatively and explicitly the Oregon plan, either as an entirety or in its various essential features.

Where will stand Mr. Wilson, or Mr. Harmon, or Mr. Folk, or Mr. Clark, on that vital proposal? They will take to the woods, every one of them. But not Mr. Bryan. He will be for the Oregon method, with all the power of his persuasive eloquence.

How can any Oregon Democrat, oyal to the Oregon plan, be for any other than Bryan for President?

MUCH NEWS FOR ROGERS.

The surprise of Rogers, alias Kelly, who has recently discovered his identity, on learning the news of the Spanish War, serves to recall how many great events are crowded into a short period. Not only is the Spanish War, with all its consequences, news to Rogers, but the Boer War, the Boxer expedition to Pekin, the Russo-Japanese War, the construction of the Panama Canal, the assassination of Mc-Kinley, the entire Roosevelt Administration, the eruption of Mount Peles, the San Francisco earthquake, the invasion of the Orient by democracy, the death of many great men and women, and, last but not least, the discovery of Pinchot and eruption of Pinchot-

All these great events, which are stale to us who have read of them from day to day, have all the piquancy of news to Rogers, and will be poured into his reawakened memory in one stream. He will have to learn all about automobiles and airships, about Jeffries and Johnson, about Christy If he wishes really to catch up, he will have to read

small library. Then think of the things he has es-Kelly, who has now ceased whole dozen years of uplift and muckinfliction to some extent by reading all the salacious matrimonial adventures of the Coreys, Castellanes, Astors and Goodwins. If Rogers wishes to learn of these things, he must go back to the

old newspaper files.

Loss of identity has its advantages as well as its drawbacks. We can think of some men who would confer a boon on humanity by losing their identity and never finding it.

MR. M'KERCHER ON MORALS.

The Oregonian gathers several interesting things from the belated let-ter of its old friend, Mr. McKercher. The first and most pleasant is that Brother McKercher is still alive and kicking and in the van of the forlorn hope for Nation-wide prohibition. Another is that he indicts the people, the Government and the states for bartering away public health and public morals for the sake of paltry gold, although the United States Supreme Court says plainly that they have no right to do it; but they perversely go right shead doing as they like about their own health and morals. Another idea we get is that Brother McKercher is severely of the opinion that the President of the United States ought to adopt an attitude toward prohibition that will lead to his certain defeat. We are just a trifle perplexed as to

how to deal with the McKercher let-It would appear, however, that for the public health and morals, they be left to their fate, even though a Supreme Court declares that they really ought not to do it. But possibly the court, in expressing the pinion which Mr. McKercher so feelingly quotes, was not discussing liquor, cense or prohibition at all. We sus pect so. Will the brother let us

Of course, it can be well understood that the prohibitionist ideal of a candidate for President is of one who is neither a Republican, Democrat. statesman, nor politician, and cannot by any possibility be elected. President Taft still entertains the hope that he may be re-elected and de clines to destroy his chances by following the prohibition lead. But he is a prohibitionist, nevertheless. drinks no liquor; not a drop. There are many people in the country who regard personal abstinence as the only

A REBO.

It is sometimes said in opposition Belgian rule, and of these the United to International peace that without war there will be nothing to develop Should Germany gain her point, she bravery. Heroes will disappear from will have won what Great Britain has the face of the earth, and self-sacrilost-the opportunity to cross Africa | fice will be heard of no more forever. by rail. The only non-British terri- No doubt war does to a certain exthe route of the proposed | tent develop heroism. During many ape-to-Cairo Railroad is German ages no heroes were heard of except East Africa, which Great Britain those of the battlefield, but does it weakly or from necessity let go. A follow that no others existed? Were it is more than probable that the rait not for the accidental survival of their printed works we should never varied and abundant than that of a maneuvers on the Chinese border,

bethan age that Shakespeare, Marlowe and Ben Jonson were men of have much to say of the giories of not be supplied with wholesome food. military personages but little or noth-

ing of their superiors, Very likely it has been the same al-There have been multitudes of heroes of all sorts but inasmuch nobody took the trouble to sing their praises their memories were obliterat-So It comes about that we believe in the silly falsehood that war is the only cause which makes heroes. There are many causes. Baseball has its

Any man who does his duty at the ost of pain to himself is a hero. When Jack Coombs, the Philadelphia pitcher, injured himself in the middle of a game the other day if he had been a man of common mold he would have gone groaning from the field at once. But Jack did not leave the field. He did not even groan though the agony he was suffering must have been something terrible He pitched on and only yielded to his Injury in what in the absence of a tie would have been the last inning.

Steadfast fidelity to duty is the most precious thing in the world, no matter whether a man shows it on the pattlefield or at a baseball game or in the performance of the quiet duties of daily life. It is fidelity to duty that holds civilization together. Without it the world would fall into chaos and all that we value would perish We bow to the man who does his duty, be it exalted or humble, and we hall him as the real hero of the

A SHARP ARRAIGNMENT.

The clubwomen of Chicago are going to address themselves to the gambling evil that runs riot in high places in low for the purpose-not of checking it merely, but in the hope practically to eliminate it. Pursuant to this purpose they will begin their attack upon bridge whist gaming which, together with the tolerant attitude of the mothers of the unborn, as well as of children already in their homes, they regard as the baleful root

of a monstrous growth called gambling. The attention of the clubwomen of Chicago was called to this phase of the gambling evil by the scathing remarks of Municipal Judge Walker, of that city, who, in passing upon a gambling case recently, declared that playing bridge whist for a penny a point was gambling and that he would punish any woman brought before him on this charge as severely as he would common cigar-store poker players.

Instead of making indignant pro test against this plainly righteous rul ing, prominent clubwomen accept its tustice. One highly intelligent wo man, who is a forceful and persua sive speaker before women's clubs, snid:

If I could appear before the women's clubs of Chicago and tell them of the sorrow that gambling has brought into my home I could induce every clubwoman in Chicago to drop bridge whist, euchre, or any other game she plays for prizes.

That in itself is not so had, but it leads to a tolerant attitude on the part of the women that prevents them from keeping their husbands and sons from gambling. They are ashamed to complain when they know they are equally guilty.

That this estimate is not over

That this estimate is not overdrawn; that it is in fact well within the lines of moderation all but the most alavish devotees of prize whist playing must acknowledge. That the seeds of gambling are sown in the "penny-a-point game" cannot be questioned. But the first sowing is when the dainty prize in silver, china or quaint device of deft fingers that is of more than souvenir value is ofcaped by being transformed from fered to be eagerly striven for—not Rogers to Kelly and back again to always in friendly spirit or smiling always in friendly spirit or smiling good nature, but with knitted brows to exist, had to endure endless Presi- black looks at the partner who has dent's messages, speeches and debates | made a stupid play, or manifest anger in Congress. He suffered through a at supposed, perhaps alleged, trickery in opposing players. What, indeed, is raking. He was compensated for this this but gambling? What but fostering the gambling spirit-mayhap in the unborn, certainly in the home What but making unjust the reproach directed by a prize-whist player at the son she has borne or the husband she has trusted when he reels home from the gaming table ruined in

purse? This is putting it pretty strong. But not stronger than the presidents of the various women's clubs in Chicago have put it-not stronger than the facts in the case warrant. It is but just to say, however, that gambling antedates by centuries in history of mankind the introduction of bridge whist and the playing of this and other games by women in their homes for prizes. Hence this can hardly be called the "root of the evil." To the conscientious woman who still retains the highly responsible cast of character that made women the conserva tors of the morals of the home and of society in the storied past, the chatter of the bridge whist players on the streetcars as they go home to a late dinner, cynical husband and fretting children, after having wasted an entire afternoon at cards, trying to "best each other" on penny points or eagerly striving to win the prize offered by the hostess, reveals a mental empti-

riess if not a moral nakedness. "I do not think," said the president of a very large club of women in Chicago, in connection with this matter, "that women who indulge in these games realize the deplorable results of their example." This is a charitable and no doubt a just view. But it is a view that cannot be held if, after having their attention called to the subject as the Chicago clubwomen propose, bridge whist gambling continues to prevail under the seductive guise of social enjoyment, or to be made the leading feature in semipublic entertainments. The charge is ne that cannot be dismissed by a haughty shrug or a scornful stare. The evidence adduced of the demoralizing effect of playing bridge whist or other social games for points" or valuable prizes calls for stronger rebuttal than this before the case will be discredited in the open court of public opinion.

As shown by the report of Commis sioner-General Henry G. Sharp of the United States Army, several important changes in the Army ration for the American solider have been made during the past year. These, briefly summarized, consist in the elimination of chicken from the Army menu, at a yearly saving of \$52,000 to the Government, the limitation of turkey to Thanksgiving and Christmas, and the substitution of so-called bread" for hardtack. While this change in the solider's ration will oubtless be criticised as parsimonious since, as shown further in the report. it costs the Government a little than 23 cents a day per capita to feed soldiers stationed at home posts,

ern shore of Victoria Nyanza and from | know from the records of the Eliza- | majority of the laboring men of the country. Be this as it may, there is no reason to fear that the American any consequence. The chronicles soldier will go hungry, or that he will

> The manner in which the "Progressives" progress resembles the course of a man who made a wager to ro icross a river blindfolded. He would shoot out from the shore for a fee strokes, then the current would gradually turn the boat until he would land on the bank from which he The "Progressives" left the shore of regular Republicanism and pulled bravely towards the middle of the political stream, but they have gradually veered around until they have returned to the bank whence they started-but higher up, in the camp reactionaries. Meanwhile President Taft's craft has been careering along in the main current of prog-

President Taft's objection to the college yell is in line with the campaign against high school "frats" and other extravagances and absurdities of school and college life. It is not easy to understand why students should substitute a number of grotesque, savage, senseless sounds for the old-fashioned cheer, unless it be that students desire novelty and to display their inventive genius. This would be excusable if the result were an improvement on the old cheer, but it is usually a cross between a savage warcry and a bark. If the boys must have something different from the hurrah, let it be something better.

With Hearst back in the Democratic fold and leading an anti-Tammany fight, and with the Democratic League fighting Hearst as bitterly as it fights Tammany, the New York Democrats are preparing a thoroughly enjoyable time for themselves. But what will the Independence League do? Abandoned by Hearst, it has neither leader or bank account, and unless it can show enough votes to count, the old parties will not think it worth a fusion deal.

There has been a great deal of hypocritical sermonizing over Italy's wickedness in seizing Tripoli. England. Germany and France have all held up horrifled hands at her, but it is a case of the pot calling the kettle black. All these nations have done much worse deeds of which they still enjoy the profit. Their outcries remind one of the pickpocket who shouts "Stop thief!" to cover his own

The will of one James L. Doyle was ecently recorded in the Surrogate's office in New York City, whereby the testator devised to his two daughters jointly his estate, valued at \$5.10. The old man would have saved Recorder's fees to his heirs by calling them to his bedside and giving them out of hand \$2.55 apiece. However, he would have lost the dignity of bequeathing an estate to his heirs.

What vestiges of civilization there are in Russia are kept alive by the When the Czar has banished the last member of this race, he will reign over a country devoid of every of ambition or intelligence This is the noble end for which he is striving. The exile of a new band of Jews shows that his purpose is inflexlble, and, as things are going, in a few years he ought to accomplish it.

The ease with which the Industrial Insurance Commisison of Washington disposes of workmen's claims for infuries is a beautiful contrast to the ambulance-chasing, long damage suits and frequent appeals, with endless suspense, which marked the old system. If Oregon should try this system she would want no other. Elimination of mining frauds is ap-

propriate work for real miners-those who mine in the ground instead of other people's pockets. They have to the odium of the frauds and share their legitimate enterprises are obstructed by the arousing of general suspicion of mining The Irvington school may or may

not be unsanitary. The facts await investigation. But in a city like Portland the schools ought to be above suspicion. Conditions ought to be so manifestly good that complaints like those coming from Irvington would be absurd on their face.

The case of the section boss by the name of O'Brien at Hood River, who allowed himself to be chased up a tree by his Japanese hands, is a breach of international comity that demands a syllogism from no less a master of jursprudence than Judge Hennessy Murphy.

When a rich man runs for Senator he invites political grafters to bleed him. They see his bulging sack and cut holes in it. That is one lesson of the Stephenson inquiry. Another is that the candidate expects to be bled and thinks the office worth the price.

A noted dwarf, 59 pounds heavy, 86 inches high and 38 years old, is just dead. These statistics are supplied that the cause of death may properly be understood. He died of scute in digestion, which may mean that his appetite outran his holding capacity.

The Czar of Russia has issued an imperial decree permitting Russian nobles to marry beneath them. The question now is where will these nobles find wives in accordance with the terms of this permit?

The thief who would lead Detective

Joe Day into a sprint willfully violates all the humane laws and needs to be looked after by the society which makes specialty of prevention.

doughnut and compel him to widen his range of vision. One would imagine the barbers' union, which is nothing if not sanitary, would attend to the man who

continued at work while his wife at

choose a successor to Justice Harlan.

Somebody ought to steal Mr. Bryan's

No more smoking on streetcars, not even in the rear seats of the open affairs, which are out of season, anyway.

home had smallpox.

It is up to Madero to prove that he is as skillful at suppressing rebellions he was at leading one.

The time is near for Japan to start

Stars and Star-Makers By Leone Cass Bacr.

Down in San Francisco "Gertle" is reminiscing of a dozen years ago when she was plain-very plain-Kitty Hayes, and the only Russian art she wotted of grew on Russian Hill. Every one who ever "went to school" with her at the Clement grammar school on Geary street near Jones, has called to pay his respects to Miss Hoffmann. According to an "interview" she is rather proud of those days. She says:

rather proud of those days. She says:

I can remember the days when I was Kitty Hayes and was dancing at the old Grand Opera House and at the old Alcazar for a couple of dollars a week. The high water mark of salary I've reached since those days? About \$3000 a week. Yes, that was a big jump. But recently I have been working for even less than the \$1,50 David Belasco used to pay me at the old Abcazar. That's true. I've had to work for love. That was one of the sacrifices I had to make to realize my dream.

It seems odd to be back again in the scenes of my girlhood, and go back over the old trails. Those were happy days. I remember them well and with not a chadow of regret. To have worked in the chorus for \$1.50 a week is a memory worth cherishing. I got exactly \$1.50 a week and started in as Pluto, the Spanish dancer, with Florence Roberts' "Sapho."

And the first theatrical criticism I ever not week the and and ancered that ace Roberts' "Sapho." And the first theatrical criticism

And the first theatrical criticism I ever got was the announcement that I was "one of the giggling pages," which made Miss Roberts froth. For a year and a half here I got some stage training with the Southwell Opera Company at the Grand opera-house and doing bits at the Alcasar. Then my chance came—at least, I thought it did. My family wasn't poverty-stricken by any means, but we didn't have any too much money. Even if mother'd had the money she wouldn't have given it to me to go to New York with, But the manager of the company which played George Ade's first comedy promised to send me a ticket to join them. Perhaps he never intended to do it. Anyway, I waited and waited and it never came. I was frantic. The next day would be too late.

Henry Miller was playing a season then at the Columbia with Margaret Anglin. Florence Roberts was at one of the matinees in a box. I knew that and flew down there. I didn't know any better then than to rueh right in and ask her to help me, I guess she took pity on my distraction, for she wrote a note on her visiting card, told me to take it to the passenger agent, and that night I was the happlest little lady out of San Francisco. I joined the company in St. Paul and went mast with them.

Lewis S. Stone and the Belasco Theater Company in Los Angeles are the first stock organization in the country to present Mrs. Frances Hodgeson's play "The Dawn of a To morrow," in which Gertrude Elliott starred last season.

With Mr. Stone in the role of "Dandy" and Bessie Barriscale "Glad" the Belasco players are holding forth this week at the Belasco Theater.

The Lawrence D'Orsay company in "The Earl of Pawtucket" is headed Portland-way, via Canadian theater towns. On November 12-18 the D'Orsay players appear in Seattle, stopping at Aberdeen, Tacoma, Olympia, Kelso and Astoria before they reach Portland for November 26, at the Hellig.

Edgar Selwyn's play of New York life "The Country Boy" plays this evening in Pomona, then it hits one night stands in California-arrives in Eugene on November 8, and plays at the Heilig Theater here on November 9-11. This comedy was originally tried out at the Burbank Theater in Los Angeles last season.

Frederick Thompson has announced for early production a four-act drama called "Graft," written by B. William Brown Meloney (commonly known as Billy Meloney) a former San Francisco newspaper man. "Graft" is the work of a long experience with political and social conditions in every part of the United States. Mr. Thompson, the producer, says he considers it the play for which the public have long been waiting. Certainly the subject presents latitude.

When "Baby Mine" was playing in Seattle on October 13, two of the principals, Earle Mitchell and Frances Barton Fetter, were wed. Mr. Mitchell is the actor who plays the role of Jimmy, the baby-collector, and Miss Barton enacts the child role of Maggie, the washer dame's daughter. The wedding is the culmination of a romance begun last season when Mr. Mitchell and Miss Barton were playing in the Chicago "Baby Mine" company.

Coming to Portland before the Christmas holidays is Kyrle Bellew in "The Mollusc," "Mother," Jules Eckert Goodman's play, and "Don" a play which was given at the New Theater in New York last season with William Courtenay in the title role. The company includes Alfred Fisher, Jeffie Tilbury, Jessie Glendenning and Reginald Barlow.

Portland's first grand opera of the 1911 season is now but a few weeks away. The Sheehan English Opera Company is coming to us via Scattle where it opens next Sunday evening and is to appear at the Heilig the latter part of this month. Among the offerings will be Offenbach's "Love Tales of Hoffmann," bits of the score of which we have heard in all the local cafes, and also in tabloid form by Helena Frederick at the Orpheum last season. Grace Van Studdiford opened last

evening at the Moore in Seattle in a Parisian comic opera bouffe "The Paradise of Mahomet." The music of which was written by the famous French composer Robert Planquette. One week from Sunday evening Miss Van Studdiford comes to the Heilig for an engagement of four evenings. It is six years since Portlanders have seen this comic opera prima donna. She starred in "Red Feather," in 1905, and three years before that appeared with the Bostonians. Her present character woman is Laura Burt who was an ingenue with various Coast productions and more especially with the "Blue Jeans" company at the old Seattle Opera-House 20 years ago. In 1895 she appeared here as Madge in "Old Kentucky." Edward Mora, with Miss Van Studdiford, has twice been seen here with "The Prince of Pilsen," and Florence Kolb, of her company, was here as a comedian with "The Three Twins," 1909 company.

"The House Next Door," in which William V. Mong, the former Baker player, appeared a fortnight ago at the Baker Theater, is now chasing merrily across California, by way of one night stands. This evening he plays in Santa Barbara, tomorrow evening in Oxnard, then San Bernardino jumping into Los Angeles for a one week stay from October 29 to Novem-

BARTERING AWAY PUBLIC MORALS Prohibitionist View of the Duties of a

President. PORTLAND, Oct. 24.—(To the Editor.)—I read with interest the recent editorial in The Oregonian, "Let them call on Mr. Bryan," and have declined earlier to ask space for reply because even Prohibitionists regard as their President, and I did not wish to cumber your columns mentive matter during his state. A call of this kind upon Mr. Bryan would doubtbless secure a response, but the trouble is he is not President though quite likely he would have been but that Tammany turned Republican at the last Presidential

One of the most important prerogatives of the Pres'dent is to rec the Congress that such legislation as he may deem to be for the good of the The United States Supreme Court has said in express terms, and repeatedly confirmed it in slightly varying terms, that "No legislature can bargain away the public health or pub-lic morals. The people themselves can-not do it, much less their servants. Government is organized with a view to their preservation and cannot divest itself of the power to provide for

Under the license system, which you appear to approve, our Legislatures are bargaining away both the public health and public morals. The United States ipreme Court says they have no right do it. Under "local option" the people themselves are bargaining them away. The United States Supreme Court says they have no right to do it. Under the Federal license system the Government itself is bargaining then away, and the United States Supreme Court says it has no right to do it.

When the people in local communi-ties, the states through Legislatures, and the Federal Government are each and all performing acts which the United States Supreme Court not only says they have no right to perform out that they exist for the very purpos of doing the exactly opposite thing, is it an absurd thing that we ask our President to take cognizance of such state of affairs, even if it requires more and a higher quality of courage than and a higher quality of courage than any of his predecessors have possessed? Would you have us believe that the fact that the people, the states and the National Government are bargaining away, for pairry gold, the public health and public morals, is a matter of so little import as to be unworthy

the notice of our President?
Would you have us believe that Mr.
Taft is so narrow, so selfish and so
perverted, that when his attention is called to so destructive a tendency that he would refuse to do his duty because it would "defeat him for re-election," as your editorial plainly implies?
Would you have us believe that so greatly interested is he in tarin re-

vision, reciprocity and arbitration, his gray matter has been entirely con-sumed thereby and that he therefore nas no mental energies left to be ap plied to the question of public health and public morals? Would you have us believe indeed, that in his whole corporocity there is not an ounce of the stuff of which men and heroes are made?

In asking you to call his attention to the anomalous situation, I-even I-owned to a larger hope, and to a stronger faith in him. F. M'KERCHER.

Bicycle Ordinance Outlined.

PORTLAND, Oct. 26 .- (To the Editor.) Will you kindly inform me if ther is an ordinance requiring bloycle riders to have lights after dark, and ring bells at crossings, and to keep to the right, as required of other vehicles, or are they permitted to run over people without giving any warning?

TAXPAYER.

The city ordinance requires all bicycles to have bells which can be heard for at least 30 feet, requires headlights at night, the headlights to be visible for 30 feet, and prohibits riding within the city limits at a greater speed than eight miles an hour. All bicycle riders must, if they comply with the ordinance, keep on the right side of streets, county roads and blovels naths. It is unlawful to drive animals on bicycle paths in the city, or to put ashes, glass, tacks, scrap Iron, crockery or other articles which might injure tires on any bicycle path.

Officeholders as One Man Sees Them. PORTLAND, Oct. 25 .- (To the Editor.) -Was it through the influence of a certain clique of would-be politicians in Salem that Oswald West was induced to run for Governor of this state, or was George E. Chamberlain to blame for his candidacy? At any and all events, it is patently clear to every person in this state that it is no trick

at all to be elected Governor. Supposing that we should invoke the scall on West, how soon after petitioned with the required number signers demanding his recall can the Are Jonathan Bourne and George E.

Chamberlain the two U. S. Senators now in Congress from this state, Free Silver Republicans or Democrats? What a freakish lot of officeholders both in state and Congress Oregon has.

It seems to be the laughing stock of the Nation.

J. A. PIERCE.

"No Peddlers" Sign Effective.

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—(To the Editor.)—First let me tell you I live in a part of the city where we see a policeman about once in the year. On my front porch is a sign, "No peddlers agents wanted," and yet I am called the door perhaps five times every morning by peddlers and agents of al kinds. This is very hard on my health as I am not strong and have my work to do, and besides, my little children, who play about the doorstep, are ac-costed by these itinerants, who tell me the sign on my porch amounts to noth What is my recourse? CALIFORNIA.

You can nave the peddlers or agents arrested and prosecuted for trespass.

Who Owns Prescription?

PORTLAND, Oct. 25 .- (To the Ed itor.)—Will you please advise me what the legal decision was about who's property a doctor's prescription is, the druggist's who fills it, the doc-Can a druggest refuse to return the original or a copy of same?

Some states have laws prohibiting the refilling of any prescriptions except on order of physician. In Oregon the law regulating the sale of mor-phine and similar drugs may be construed in the same way, but the ordinary prescription, we understand, is the property of the patient.

Palmistry Rendings. PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—(To the Editor.) -Kindly inform me whether it is law-

ful to give private professional read-ings in palmistry. Could one be prose-cuted for so doing?

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A Portland city ordinance makes it unlawful to charge for such readings.

Redeeming Land Sold For Taxes. SILVERTON, Or., Oct 25 .- (To the Editor.)-If A owns a piece of land and B buys same under tax title, how shall A proceed to redeem the land under Oregon statutes? SUBSCRIBER.

Institute an action to quiet title,

N. NITTS ON QUEUES

By Dean Collins,

Nescius Nitts, he whose brain convo-Were 'mong Punkindorf's most revered Drove a blue bottle fly into rout, with infusions

Of nicotine juice, and then voiced his conclusions On Dame Fashion's debt to Chinese

"The course of events, as I often have stated, plumb interlaced and plumb concatenated The fall of a leaf vibrates clean to the stars.

A Cuban strike boosts up the price of cigars; And by these same tokens, to me it is This Chiny war's bound to 'fect fashions this year.

"Them Chinese rebellers, I sees by the Has formed an abidin' dislikin' fer queues; Whenever hostilities comes to a stop, They spends the recess down in some

harber shop, Returning, at length, with bald heads resplendent, Proclaimin' they're free, likewise independent.

American fashions-at least them this year-Decrees that them rats, they must all disappear,

And women's commanded, this season, to wear But few of them puff things stuck round in their hair; But this cannot last, there's blamed little to choose When Chiny comes through with this blg crop of queues.

Dame fashion must rield for she sin't got no chance To stand in the way of this new circumstance; The market will have to change front, I declare, In face of this pleth're of Chinamen's I bet women folk, 'fore the season is

Will frizz out their wigs worse than ever before. "I tells you, it's jest one of Nature's intents That there should be links betwixt sep'rate events; The squawk of a goose saved the City of Rome, High prices in hops deeps the depths of the foam; queue Chiny loses, I'm sorely The

Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

America gains as a coronet braid." Portland, October 25,

afraid

There are some sane people I can't stand: I don't know what I should do if compelled to be much with crasy

Mules are about the most worthy asimals I know anything about. They work hard and live on half that horses require. I never knew a mule to kick anybody, or run away; yet no one ever looks at a mule without saying: "Whoa, there!"

No man can be so respectable that a good many will not lie about him.

It is this new blood people talk so much about that causes most of the runaways.

Some people will say your real dia-The first and last years of your life don't amount to much, When it is generally said of a man

very well. It is impossible to make your con-

that he doesn't work very hard, you will find, also, that he doesn't get along

Special Features

The Sunday Oregonian New Slang Fables-George Ade writes for next Sunday the 1911 Fable of the Juvenile Stringers

and a second fable of the "kind he liked and the kind he liked to Sherlock Holmes-A. Conan Dovle lays a deep mystery and works out a thrilling adventure in "A Scandal in Bohemia " Com-

versus the Veteran Campaigner,

plete in Sunday's issue. Senora Madero-A half page, illustrated by photos, about the little woman who played a big part in the overthrow of Diaz in

Mexico. Civil War Reminiscences-Charles A. Malarkey, Portland veteran, who was with Ellsworth Zouaves, tells of the Battle of Bull Run and the famous retreat.

Nighthawks of New York-A close-range study by a Portland writer of girls who go wrong in the great metropolis.

Carrying Mail by Aeroplane-Uncle Sam establishes new and novel method of rushing letters.

The Manicure Girl-Gertrude Quainlan's big song success in Kings and Kaisers of Tomorrow

-An illustrated three-quarters

page on the Princes and Princesses

who stand closest to the Old World's 25 thrones. On the Edge of Things-A short story of adventure in the

lighthouse service. Sambo has an adventure on a raft, the constables almost capture Slim Jim again, Hairbreadth Harry is the hero in a terrible drama, Mrs. Timekiller kills more time, Anna Belle has some striking new clothes in colors for the

MANY OTHER FEATURES

children to cut out.