Ope Oregonian

PORTLAND, OREGON. Entered at Portland, Oregon, Poststice as cound-Class Matter, theoription Battes—Invariably in Advanca.

(BY MAIL)

(BY CARRIER.)

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, NOV. 21, 1911.

REG JOB FOR ONE MAN. In another column Mr. B. E. Preston asks for certain statistics which we regret we are unable to supply. We know of no Government figures that, tell the total amount of wealth said Colonel Roosevelt. produced in this country-considering wealth to be not only the product of muscle but of brain as well. Moreover, we do not believe that Mr. Preson could make any good use of the figures if he had them.

It would not be possible, without going into a very exhaustive inquiry, to ascertain whether the laborer in question, if robbed at all, was robbed by his employer or by those from whom he purchased his necessities, or by both, through greed of profits.

It might be found that the emoyer made no profit from the labor of this workman. Yet, that would not prove that the workman had not been grievously deprived by the merchant from whom he purchased his children's shoes. Nor could the inquiry consistently stop at that point. Perhaps the merchant made only a fair profit, but the jobber, or the manufacturer, made an excessive one.

Taking up another phase of the Mr. Preston might have some difficulty in determining whether, in the event someone had made an just profit, the workman in the New England shoe factory or the laborer at \$40 per month in whose case he is interested, was the more grievously deprived of his necessities.

The justice of the laborer's compensation is not wholly fixed by the number of dollars he receives, nor by the profit his employer makes from his services. The purchasing power of the wage is a highly important factor. The things that influ- and more and will insist on more ence the cost of the necessity and more till the day of reckening. hence influence the purchasing power of the dollar are numberless. again, to take up Mr. Preston's little journey into economics:

Having reached the New England greed of profits had not deprived anyone of a just wage so far along the line. But still he would be uncertain. The owner of the steer that supplied hide, the railroad that hauled the hids to market, the farmer who sold hay to the stockman and on backward and among remote agencies that contributed to the cost of the shoes might be found one or several

"greedy of profits." The family tree of the shoe, traced through its spreading and ramifying get an auditorium. The streets branches, would not establish the case dusty and muddy, and we pave t the Pacific Coast laborer. family history of the laborer's soup keep them clean and in repair. meat, of his scanty furniture, of his essetties, must be probed.

Really, Mr. Preston had better give up further attempt to solve the probem unless he can afford to throw up his present job and devote his whole time to the inquiry.

MORE LONG-DISTANCE ADVICE.

The Oregonian reprints today a let-ter from the President of the National Republican Progressive League, Jonathan Bourne, addressed to the publican voters of Oregon," advising them of his successful efforts to place the Presidential preference primary in a high place among other monuments of the Oregon system and other states. The voters-Republican voters are advised to write to Mr.

od on the National committee with a view of its extension to all the states. The letter from the president of the National Progressive League has been crinted in various Oregon newspapers; but we regret to learn that the of the distinguished head of League has fallen on stony ground; informs The Oregonian that he has eration in marketing the products. received not a single letter from any citizen on the subject.

asking him to urge the primary meth-

National committeeman,

Possibly the Republicans of Oregon are reluctant to act on the urgent counsel is given not as a Senator, but from the exalted eminence of the Progressive League—his own, nobody else's league. Thus it would appear publicans as a Republican, which is progressive Republican is of a Republican nominee unless it is La Follette

(or Bourne perhaps). But there are others besides Bourne who will advise National Committeeman Williams to do just what ket, and cans all the remainder. Senator Bourne asks him to do. apples, pears, plums, etc., that fall Among them is The Oregonian. from the trees are used, a The Republican National Committee grower gets all the profit. ought not to stand in the way of any sident and Vice-President. If the their delegation to the National con-La Follette, they should vote for La There should be no hocusocus or film-flam about it. The maferity should rule and the Presidential eference primary plainly intends that it should rule.

Not only Missourians, but citizens of all other states, will be shown what Oregon produces at the Land Show at drawn to Oregon and other Northwestern States by this display of the Willamette Valley, to immediate acfertility of our virgin soil, especially | tion. should they be attracted at a time ing of decreased yield per acre. But It is a certainty that if we were mar-

Oregon will expect those who come here to do better by her soil than they have done in other states-to conserve its fertility by modern methods of farming, instead of exhausting it.

PUSHING ROOSEVELT INTO THE BACE. Mr. Norman E. Mack is near the eat of hostilities and may be presumed to know a thing or two about the political situation in New York. But if he does, he successfully conceals his real knowledge by giving out for publication stuff like his recent interview wherein he said that Rossevelt is now an avowed candidate for the Republican nomination." If Mr. Roosevelt has made an avowal of that kind it has escaped the notice of all observers except the astute Mr. Mack. Yet Mr. Mack, as National Democratic Committeeman for New York, may be able to see things others cannot see. Evidently he does see things others never see and never will. Mr. Roosevelt's only recent authen-

tic avowal about the Presidency is his letter to the Pittsburg editor wherein he discouraged any movement to secure his nomination and insisted that "every friend do every-thing in his power to prevent any movement looking toward any agitation or movement for my nomina-"No friend of mine will take part in such a movement," further

A letter in the identical language of the Pittsburg letter, or in very similar language, is said to have been received recently by an editor in Washington State.

Mr. Mack's fancies grow from his desires. A Roosevelt boom under Mack auspices will get no farther than the famous second-electiveterm crusade of 1908 under other

THE LOUD CRY FOR MORE.

The taxpayer will squirm when he reads the Mayor's budget. But what is he going to do about it? The public, which pays the taxes, insists on a higher plane of living for the city. The years ago. The family cannot get along with less than it has. It is the age of the silk hat and the automobile, the Paris gown and the theater, the dress suit for all the boys and the \$5-per-hour music teacher for all the girls. Somebody has to pay. family it is the wage-earner; in the city it is the taxpayer.

The annual budget for Portland aggregates \$2,420,725-somewhat more than last year, but not so much as next year's is likely to be. It is a large sum, too large. But the respon-sibility does not rest primarily with the Mayor or the City Council. It is with the public, which will not be content with less and insists on more and more and will insist on more and

The budget represents, besides the necessaries, the fads and frills and fancies of up-to-date municipal ministration. There are not bridges enough, and we vote bonds for more; factory he might find that there are too many private docks, and we vote bonds for municipal docks; the old schoolhouses are not sightly or convenient, and we build of stone brick; the three R's are too primitive, and we add trades schools, sewing. singing, art, cooking and a hundred other novelties to the overweighted curriculum; the old Courthouse is antiquated and cramped, so we tear it down and build a new one; the theaters are not large or numerous or handsome enough, and we set out to dusty and muddy, and we pave them and then pay \$300,000 annually to

These things are not all chargeable fuel, of his overalls, of his other ne- to the city's budget, indeed, but they the things which the taxpa one form or another of tax pays for. Besides, we must have more police, more firemen, more brass-mounted fire apparatus, more nice-looking firehouses, more employes at high salaries, and more and more of a hundred other things, some indispensable, thers not, but all costly.

Thus taxes go up with our scale We are not willing to practice self-denial and keep them down.

LESSON FROM PUYALLUP VALLEY. The Oregonian is indebted to the Gazette-Times, of Corvallis, for the outline of an address delivered in that felicitating himself on the spread of city last week by Mr. W. H. Paulha-the popular Presidential primary to mus, of Sumner, Wash., in which are given some truths that should cause many communities to listen and heed. Adverting to the efforts being made various sections to secure manufacturing plants through the giving of in some cases equaling the payroll of the promised factory for a year or more, perhaps also the donation of a valuable site, Mr. Paulhamus made the terse statements that should remember that we are living in the National Progressive Republican an agricultural country par excellence; that our attention should be for National Committeeman Williams turned to intensive farming and co-op-

He cited the case of the Puyallup Valley, in Washington, as an example of what can be done by intelligent That is what co-operavitation of Mr. Bourne, though his tion really is. There the Puyallup & Sumner Fruitgrowers' Association has presidency of the National Republican brace practically all of the growers in perstition and the other half impos ing over 900. This association has that the league president counsels Re- been conducted so skillfully and so interesting, if not important. Though the transportation companies for to be sure the Bourne definition of a | freight on the shipment of the members' products amounts to \$100 per lican who will not support the Repub- acre per annum. The association, says Mr. Paulhamus, "handles all the fruit of the members, grades the fruit, ships the fresh fruit that will stand shipping and for which there is a marfrom the trees are used, and the fruit-

The organization has been in existfair and full expression by the voters | ence but a few years, but the increase of any state of their preference for in the fruit shipments of the valley President and Vice-President. If the have gone from 2000 crates per year Republicans of any state are for Taft, to 372,000 crates, and shipments are ne from 2000 crates per year increasing. vention should vote for Taft; if for startling figures, figures that should time they are so dangerous that phycause every fruit-producing section in the Northwest to ponder. Yet the fur- Arsenic is such a drug. Morphine is ther fact is given that in the meantime the price has gone from the former average of 75 cents per crate to \$1.50 per crate. Forty carloads of raspberries were sold this year at \$1.75 per crate. Surely such figures, given by a gentleman as marked for his conservatism as he is for his intel-Chicago. Many of them should be ligence, should awaken our fruitgrowers, particularly in this favored

We all know what the applegrowers when the Eastern States are complain- have accomplished by united action.

keting our apples now as we were twenty-five years ago the Oregon nected with the application apple would have no standing in the markets of the world. We would still be packing them in barrels, with the best specimens on top, each grower trying to get his neighbor's customers barrel in place of \$2 a box.

But our agriculturists have overlooked the fact that organization, cooperation and intelligent leadership are just as important in marketing our other products as in marketing our apples. However, it is hoped the statements made by Mr. Paulhamus will be the means of causing an awaken-ing all over this Western country, to the end that we may emerge from the every-man-for-himself-and-the-.ble devil-take-the-hindmost system to twentieth-century methods; that we may forget the stagecoach days and remember that we are living in an age

of Big Business. The agricultural business dwarfs all others; then why should it not be handled as intelligently as the other great industries? Mr. Paulhamus and a few other such leaders will assist mightily in bringing about systematic efforts to that end.

POT SHOTS BY CONVICTS. When the parole and parden policy of our emotional Governor goes wrong and he becomes the target for criticism, it is but human nature—just weak human nature—for him to attempt to shield himself by suppressing news of the misdeeds of his honor men. But how about the good citizens among whom these truant honor men have been turned loose? Have they not a right to be shielded from the bullets and bludgeons of the honof men? Has it come to the pass that one of the incidents of life in and around Oregon's capital is to have roving convicts take pot shots at one ing, but most of us would rather be | the spared the thrills.

If the Governor must persist in his sentimental policy of managing convicts he should be frank enough to cost of living to the average family is confess his occasional errors of judg-50 per cent higher than it was ten ment in releasing the wrong men, such as Sam Broger, "considered one of the most desperate among the honor men at the School for Feeble-Minded," us the news reports describe him. While this would be mortifying to the Governor, it would give the citizens warning to look out for men in am-bush. The citizens might indeed catch one of the fugitives occasionally and put him back where he should

The visit of Olpsy Smith has made these days for searching the heart. Let the Governor search his heart and commune with his conscience. It may tell him that the only right course for him to pursue when one of his honor men goes wrong is to proclaim the fact and give unoffending citizens a chance for their lives.

MENTAL HEALING

In its November number the American Journal of Clinical Medicine reprints with ardent approbation one of Mr. Brisbane's editorials upon the art and science of medicine. This deliverance of the distinguished essay-ist was published originally in the Chicago American and was in reply to Ella Wheeler Wilcox, who had attacked with her usual vim and vigor the entire profession of medicine and all its orthodox practitioners. uninitiated observer might wonder at the spectacle of two editors as eminent as Mr. Brisbane and Ella Wheeler Wilcox hurling inky thunderbolts at each other on the same page of newspaper to which they contribute, but in the Hearst periodicals wenders are too common to excite much comment.

As a rule Ella Wheeler Wilcox poetry is better than her prose and her silence is preferable to either, but on this occasion she was uncommonly Wilcoxy, if one may coin a milder synonym for silly. Regarding surgery, she said that "probably more than one operation in a hunded is an imperative necessity." school practitioners will fall more and more into the background, she predicted, and "mental and nature healers will increase." According to her opinion, "in 100 years thought will be the acknowledged power used by all reputable physicians to cure and

heal humanity." It often escapes the notice of enthusiasts like Mrs. Wilcox that all "reputable physicians" rely upon thought now as an acknowledged power to cure and heal humanity. When a certain young man asked Sir Joshua Reynolds what he mixed his paints with the artist replied "With brains." He meant that he used thought as an acknowledged power to make good pictures. The doctor who fails to mix his medicines with brains will certainly come to grief in these times, whatever may have been his fortune in other days.

But very likely the kind of "thought" which Mrs. Wilcox believes in is not the kind which one common ly associates with brains. Far other-The "thought" which, accordwise. ing to her prediction, is to heal the world in the dawning centuries is of the variety which the medicine man of the Skowhegan Indians relies upon so perfected its organization as to em- in his incantations. It is one-half suthat section, the membership now be- ture. It is interwoven with ritualistic dances, the pouring of oil, the laying on of consecrated hands and a hunsuccessfully that the amount paid to dred other ceremonies designed to comfort the simple. While there is some value in modern systems of mental healing, thought therapeutics and so on, just as there was some value in the incantations of the medicine men of the Potawatomies, it is none the less true that they are all more or less intimately allied to They walk so near the witchcraft. edge of that dangerous precipice that it needs only a gentle push to send them over.

Hence, even if thought healing with its congeners were much more valuable than it is, sensible people would be chary of encouraging it. are drugs whose curative properties These are indeed are extremely potent, but at the same sicians dislike to administer them. another. In our opinion the power of the mind over the body is a remedial agent which ought to be treated like arsenic and morphine. Valuable in its place and under proper precautions it is so liable to abuse and so of hidden perils that laymen should beware of trying to apply it

without wise medical advice. We do not agree with Mr. Brisbane's dictum that "modern mental healers can cure any disease you haven't got" and no others. They can cure a great many real maladies, just as arsenic will relieve some serious

bodily troubles, but the dangers conthought in Mrs. Wilcox' sense of it to therapeutic uses are so grave that upon the whole they seem fairly outbalance the benefits. It is unfortunate that this agency should ever by underselling him, and the prices have been spoken of as "thought." would stay somewhere about \$2 per In reality it is a sort of smotional excitement which seems to be more or less capable of transmission from one person to another. Some have mistakenly called it "will power," but it has nothing to do with volition. In its original and savage form the

art of medicine consisted entirely of "mental healing." The medicine man never dreamed administering He relied entirely upon incantations, prayer and the like. With the development of civilization the use of these agencies has declined and physicians have come to rely more and more upon material means. This is parallel with the development of civilization in other directions. A little reflection will convince anybody that in the last few centuries our reliance upon all sorts of occult powers has declined while we trust more and more to material inventions informed with intelligent thought. We do not believe that mental healing is destined to supplant material agencies in the next hundred years or in ten thousand years. On the contrary the progress of evolution teaches us that occult devices of all sorts abandoned and that scientific pro-cesses will be substituted for them. motion will be used therapeutically in its proper place, but it will be under scientific control.

No doubt speculations of this sort about the medicine of the future are pretty nearly superfluous. The greatest triumphs of science have been in the direction of preventing disease, not curing it, and this process will go on until such a thing as a sick man will be seldom heard of. roving convicts take pot shots at one tive than either "thought" or drugs in the dark? Such incidents are thrill- for the elimination of disease from world is the betterment of the social conditions which entail disease

> Tammany is not friendly to Wood w Wilson, which may or may not be surprising. But Tammany is not the whole Democratic party in New There is Hearst. Doubtless Hearst ought to be for whomsoever or whatsoover Tammany is against. But he is not. The New York American recently had this:

> In New Jersey the setback to Governo In New Jersey the setback to Governor Wilson was due in part, perhaps, to the fact that he is a sudden convert to progressive policies advanced by others for many years without his expressed sympathy or public sid. In some quarters he has raised doubts, which time may remove, of his entire sincerity, and in others fears that he is unsafe.

> The Wilson boom is having rough sledding in the extreme East where the votes are.

The Puget Sound country is afflicted with a storm and flood such as that which has put the Seattle water system out of commission frequently. In fact, nature may be said to have a fixed programme for the third week in November. Heavy snow in the mountains is followed by a chinook with a warm, heavy rain. As the melted snow and the rain water both try to crowd into the rivers at the same time and as there is barely room for one of them, some of the water is crowded over the banks. The evil may be aggravated by the gradual stripping of the timber from the mountains.

Professor Woodman's remarks upon augar as an article of dlet ought to interest temperance reformers. says that it is the most available source of energy we have, and it is so rapidly assimilated by the body that it acts as a positive stimulant. Why not give sugar to cure the craving for drink? Men who do not use liquor are said to be fond of sweets as a rule. ating element as whisky and does it harmlessly.

Mrs. Hetty Green, of Wall street, is perennially young. Age cannot wither her nor dollar-grabbing stale. Successful financiers are apt to live to a good old age, but not so apt as philosophers and preachers. Mental workers outlive men who use their muscles severaly. The best preventive of premature senility is judicious idle alternating with the work you like. An invalid who loves his daily job will last longer than an athlete who hates

It is and that the exquisite Dr. Lyman should not be allowed to gratify his luxurious tastes in his cell nor enlov the improving society of his fellow-prisoners. But Dr. Lyman has shown such hypnotic power over other men and such facility in breaking from restraint that he can hardly wonder at the caution of his guardians. It is really a tribute to his wonderful powers, hence a compliment which should please the de

When floods out off Puget Sound from the East by way of the railroads across the Cascade Mountains, it is convenient to have the North Bank road through the Portland gateway open. It is always open, floods floods. It is even better than a water-level route, for, though it follows the water route through the mountains, it is far enough above the water to be out of danger of floods.

In calling a meeting and inviting the public to attend tomorrow night to discuss corporal punishment, the School Board is catering to whimsical protest. Every parent knows school children should be whipped-other people's children, of course,

One thousand signed the pledges at Gipsy Smith's Sunday meeting and the collections totaled \$1000. In the old days salvation was said to be free. but now a better brand deserves the slight cost.

that the first outward signs of it evidenced by Ishl, "the uncontaminated man," are fifty-one pounds of fat and the cigarette habit? Those bachelors up in Lake County think they are yearning for wives when it is cooks they need.

Now that the hold-up season has begun, there will be demand for dol- prettily. lar watches.

Somebody is due to be trussed. Relations are ruptured between Russia and Persia.

through Portland to get anywhere. of the stork in France

SENATOR BOURNESS ADVICE. Wants Republicans to Write to Na-

tional Committeeman Williams.

Jonathan Bourne as president of the National Republican League, has audressed the following letter to the Republicans of Oregon: "In the Spring of 1910 I proposed, and at the following November election the voters of the state enacted a Presi-dential preference law permitting the

voters in direct primaries to express their choice for party candidates for President and Vice-President. "This law has since been enacted in Wisconsin, North Dakota, Nebraska and New Jersey, and will certainly be enacted in other states at the next session of their legislatures. Thus it is hoped the steamroller method of nominating candidates will be de-

to each member of the Republican National Committee asking him, at the meeting to be held in Washington in December, to support a resolution urg-ing all state committees, wherever practicable, to order Presidential pri-maries held. To this letter I have had numerous responses but thus far none from the Oregon member of the com-mittee, Hon. Ralph Williams of Dallas. "Mr. Williams, as member of the Na-tional Committee from Oregon, is a servant of the party and not its master. servant of the party and not its master.
It is his duty to carry out the wishes
of the members of the party so far as
he can ascertain thom. I believe that
an overwhelming majority of Oregon
Republicans believe in the Oregon Republicans believe in the Oregon system and earnestly desire its exnsion to other states.

Therefore, I respectfully suggest that Republicans throughout the state write Mr. Williams, expressing their desire that as a member of the National Committee he urge the adoption of the Oregon plan of Presidential preference vote in all states where possible. Yours truly, "JONATHAN BOURNE."

GOVERNOR CASTS PALL ON CLUB Democrat Denounces West's Plea for Sherman Law's Repeal.

PORTLAND, Nov. 20 .- (To the Editor.)-I was present at the Jackson Club Friday evening and heard Governor West "explain" his Democracy and tell how his appointment of Republicans to office had helped build up the Democratic party and tear down the Democratic party, and tear dawn in the second party, all of which was very interesting. His advocacy of Government ownership of all public utilities as well as industrial trusts being new Democratic doctrine was not applauded except by the single-tax-URen-Cridge-Moallister-Socialist configuration which has little influence and tingent which has little influence and which merely seeks to break up the Demogratic as well as Republican Democratic as well as Republican parties for the purpose of building up the Socialist party, where their sympathies really are and under which banner they will enlist just as soon as the Socialist party has a chance to

The Governor's plea for the repeal of the Sherman anti-trust act fell like a pall over the club. Shades of Andrew Jackson! A Governor, elected as a Democrat, advocating the repeal of a law because it has not been enforced by the opposition party! For 20 years every Democratic National platform has insisted on the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust act.
W. J. Bryan, Woodrow Wilson, Judson
Harmon, Champ Clark, Joseph Folk
and every Democrat of National
fame insists on the strict enforcement of the anti-trust law to break up the trusts, restore competi-tion, disseminate the wealth of the Nation and bring contentment to the masses through reduced cost of living. But Governor West is on the side of the "masses" with J. P. Morgan, Rocke-feller, Perkins, the Havemeyers, the Guggenheims, the Aldriches, and wants the Sherman anti-trust act repealed. What a spectacle West would make at the Democratic National convention, arguing with Bryan, Harmon and Wil-son for the insertion of a plank asking of the anti-trust act!

Should we repeal the law in Oregon against murder because our Governor disregards his oath of office and will not enforce it? FRANK T. BERRY.

4 North Sixth street.

NO GAMBLING TO BE PERMITTED Multnomah Hotel Company Defends

Purposes of Down-Town Club. PORTLAND, Nov. 18 .- (To the Editor.)-The Multnomah Hotel management feels that an injustice has been done it by the numerous news items appearing that the Down Town Club was being formed and that its main object and purpose would be gambling and that this club had leased quarters in the Multnomah Hotel building.

The managers of the Multnomah Hotel have lived in Portland many years, some of them being ploneers. The general public knows that gambling would not be allowed in any hotel-bling would not be allowed in any hotel-which they conduct, but a good many people who are not acquainted with

people who are not acquainted with them might feel that gambling would be permitted in the hotel and keep away from it accordingly.

The Down Town Club has been formed and has secured an option on quarters in the new Multnomah. These quarters will be elegantly finished and furnished for this club. The purpose furnished for this club. The purpose and objects of the club have been represented to the Multnomah management as being that of club life and club comforts for its membership. The gentlemen who compose this club are well and favorably known in the city well and favorably known in the city and the writer is positive that gambling is farthest from their thoughts. In any event, gambling will not be al-lowed in the Multnomah Hotel, and I believe has never been contemplated by the members of this club.

MULTNOMAH HOTEL COMPANY,

By Philip Gevurts, President. CAR MARKINGS PUZZLE VISITOR. Californian Lauds Numbered Route Sys-

tem Employed by San Diego Company. PORTLAND, Nov. 17.-To the Editor)-I am a stranger in your beautiful city, having just come from San Diego. I was here some 30 years ago and am greatly surprised at the change. I cannot say I like the climate as well as our own, but, as an old saying goes, it a little substantial meat on it after will do with an onion. Your street cars cooking.

Are much bigger and different from However, it seems that this condiirs, but the way they are marked is Does it speak well for civilization

Now, our cars are simply numbered. There is a lantern on each right-hand on the deck. These lanterns are numbered 1, 2, 3, according to the route the cars run on. They are lighted nights. There is a card on all street corners which tells the passenger where they run. Each route is so numbered and the car is numbered to match. company publishes a leaflet which con-tains the full information and the conluctors will give you one if you ask

Here how different! You want to a car; it is night; you see a car coming by getting in the track and walting until it is almost on to you; you are able to see that the sign says "Brock-ter" you get back on the sidewalk and until it is almost on to you; you are month, per man, in order to make comable to see that the sign says "Brook-parisons between this man's 540 per lyn;" you get back on the sidewalk and month received as wages and amount swear. Now, if cars were marked our of wealth produced by him per month. Once more people must pass hrough Portland to get anywhere.

The undertaker is a long way ahead it. I can. I am going home tonight fits expected it. I can. I am going home tonight.

SAN DIEGAN.

Or wealth produced by him per month. Anyone could tell, then, whether he was being deprived of his necessities the use of talking? If you can stand it. I can. I am going home tonight.

SAN DIEGAN.

601 West Park Street.

FARMER COVETS PEN ADVANTAGES Educational and Amusement Plans

Turn Thoughts to Bankrobbery. M'MINNVILLE, Or., Nov. 19 .- (To the Editor.)-The advantages offered and inducements still being formulated by state officials and others to people to become inmates of our state prison are becoming so attractive that a number of us here in Yamhill County begin to doubt the wisdom of plodding along at our usual vocations, as producers taxpayers. We have about decided to try and break into the penitentlary for few years that we may embrace ducational advantages and opport tles for advancement as suggested by Superintendent Alderman and associ-ates in the article headed "No Educa-tion, No Parole Plan" in The Oregonian,

nominating candidates will be destroyed and the voters given opportunity to say whom they desire as party "However, until such laws have been However, until such laws have been generally enacted, it is desirable that this feature of the Oregon system be established by custom in other states. With this end in view L as president of the National Progressive Republican National Progressive Republication Republ

It would, of course, be somewhat of an experiment with us at first and before enrolling we would want "Os." t agree to let us off occasionally for week in Fortland or for all time if w do not like the place, and if in order t stop opposition to the school here, we should have to ship out a trunkful of two of old stiffs, would ask that he agree to us having a shorter term, pro-vided we do not care for the full course. We also strictly draw the color-line and if there are any black ones in there would ask that they be turned loose We would expect to be punished wit with the up-to-date magazines and graphophone with the intest records until such a time as we become pro-ficient on the piano or get so interested In Shakespears that we do not care for Another matter of importance,

we notice that the school is to be kept up by volunteer work. We are afraid of that plan and would suggest that a measure be brought before the next session of the Legislature to reimburse instructors for services already per-formed and also to appropriate money for future support with the understand-ing that a high salaried corps of teach-

ers are to be permanently employed.

We have about concluded to hold up
a train or crack a bank first, and if we
make a successful haul and get away of course we shall not need to fit our-selves for employment in the future with a course at the James Institution But should we fall the state will look after our comfort and educate us at the expense of the ones whose money we failed to get in the hold-up. What better inducement could be offered than this, for us to try our hand? YAMHILLER.

ARE OLD IDOLS CAST ASIDET Mr. Nissen Thinks Mr. U'Ren Is Now Repudinting His Political Gods.

PORTLAND, Nov. 20 .- (To the Edi-PORTLAND, Nov. 20.—(To the Editor.)—Last evening I listened very attentively to W. S. U'Ren's address on the "Oregon System." The speaker was introduced by the Rev. Mr. Eliot, of the Unitarian Church, as a resident of Oregon City, Oregon State and as the
"father" of the Oregon system. But
most of the time Mr. U'Ren argued
against the "system."
He spoke in favor of the short ballot,

and of appointing public officials rather than electing them, which would result in getting better men into office. He urged the advisability of fixing full responsibility on a few men, and then giving them power sufficient to enable them to render good and efficient serv-ice. This plan is to be highly com-mended, for is it not manifestly far better to have a few certain individuals, rather than the people, held responsible for the conduct of public officers? But is this in harmony with

the Oregon system?

Mr. U'Ren said that the "best" men should be elected to the Legislature. should be elected to the beginning most heartly agree with him But does he for one moment think that the "best" men will be sent to the Legislature under the Oregon system? No

when the speaker asked for ques-tions I asked him if the initiative and referendum would be needed when the "best" men were sent to the Legislabest' men were sent to the Legislature. He answered that they would be needed, but only rarely. Illustrating, he said: "It's a good thing for a man to have a weapon in his house, though he may not need it once in 40 years." But where there is no danger—for there would not be any with the "best"

men in the Legislature—what is the need of weapons?

At the beginning of his talk Mr. U'Ren argued for "responsibility and power," but if he would have the initiative and referendum hanging over the heads of the Legislators like an the needly would be "irresponsi-

ax, the result would be "irresponsi-bility, and an utter lack of power. When the time does come in Ore-gon when the "highest" type of mangood, intellectually as well as morally, is sent to the Legislature, the "Oregon system" will be no more, but before men of that character and callber meet at Salem, it will be necessary for Oregon to wake up to the realization that republican form of government is in vogue. GUSTAV BLAINE NISSEN.

CITIZEN WOULD PROBE THE CASE Mr. Preston Would Discover Whether

Contentment in Poverty Is Justified. PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 15 .- (To the Editor.)-I was much interested in an editorial in The Oregonian November 14 entitled "Contentment in Poverty." I also saw the statement in another newspaper that "of \$50,000 adult males employed in the leading industries in Massachusetts in 1908" (and I don't suppose conditions have improved any suppose conditions have improved any since then) "one-third received less than \$460 a year." That is a fraction over \$8.84 per week. So this Aberdeen sawmill hand is not the only case, but his name is legion. Now, there are no doubt many men today who are accounted wealthy, who practiced just as rigid economy as that spoken of by this man, in order to get their start. But it is impossible for all men to acquire wealth, even though they were quire wealth, even though they were endowed with the same business ability. So that if a man looks at the matter in a sensible manner perhaps he would sooner forego his chance of getting wealthy and have some butter spread on his bread occasionally and change off the soup bone for something with

tion is not one of choice with this man, but is forced upon him by circumstances over which he has no control. Now, I should like to ask a question or two, and hope The Oregonian will in a spirit of fairness print both this

ights letter and the answers to the questions.
Iners 1. Does labor produce all wealth?
2. Does the Labor Commissioner at l and Washington, D. C. print or give out in statistices the total amount of con-wealth produced in this country in

take a car for Sellwood; you wait for take a car; it is night; you see a car coming by getting in the track and waiting average amount of wealth produced per

Nitts on Power of Prayer

By Olaf Gunatveit. (With apologies to Dean Collins.)

Nescius Nitts, of Punkindorf Station Whose death, when it comes, will hang crepe on the Nation And ruin the plug trust beyond reparation And fill all the insects with joy and Bit out of his chew slab the regular ration And spat on the 'roach and began this relation:

I 'members one Fall when the mist was so thick It made even the oldest of webfooters It hindered the harvest of hops and pertaters
And busted the skins of the prunes and termaters.
The mossbacks was kicking and cussing become Their Fall hatch of nits was a tectotal

Then, one day, there pranced into Punkindorf Station A party that fired us with hopes of salvation Our hearts that was dripping and drenched was uplifted Becoss the man said he was that away gifted His wish brought the sunshine and till he should call On the Lord to permit it no rain wouldn't fail.

Well, we made no bones 'bout it but 'lowed to this party Who said he was Welsh though his name was McArty: Make yourself right to hum here in Punkinderf Station We'll treat you like you was a rich old We'll give you for breakfust our double. yolked eggs
And for dinner our chicks with the
yallerest legs.

But the prayer sharp said no, he was called for to go
Down south where there warn't no
rainfall or snow.
He was sorny he said, he loved Punkindorf Station 'Twas the homelikest spot in the hull of creation. But a voice in his in'ards was pulling and warning; He could tarry no more, he must leave in the morning.

It was then that Si Perkins, our Sheriff, took holt, And I tell ye old SI was no manner of Said he to this party whose name was McArty, "You're needed right here and you stays here, my hearty. Leastways till the Fall chores are over You stays and you prays for the shine of the sun.

"Til put you in jail so this voice that you say is pulling and hauling can't pull you Jest so you won't loaf on the job, but take pains.
You eats when it shines and you starves when it rains." Well, the sunshine chap bluffed and blew up quite a lot, But Si had a mind that was mulish and sot.

I don't jest recall what sum Punkindorf Station Paid out for Mac's keep on that joyous occusion. How often he eat I now quite disremember. But when Si let him out sometime 'long in December I shore recollect he was thin as a shadder; And mad as a hornet he was, only madder. OLAF GUNSTVEIT.
Portland, November 19.

Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

Bloodhounds have never run a culprit down, and for that reason curiosity has never been satisfied. bloodhounds should actualy entch the man they are chasing, would they eat him, or would they sit on him, and hold him down until the Sheriff came up?

No one person in a thousand can be-come familiar with another without showing impudence.

A woman with six children was a pasenger on a train. The oldest and worst one was about nine, and all were crying. The woman was plainly losing her temper, and had slapped several of them. The train boy approached her with an armful of books "Madam," he said, "wouldn't you like a good novel with which to pass away your idle time!" The woman looked at him in-dignantly, and said: "If you don't go on away from here, I'll slap you."

No wonder a man worries; he has so much to worry about. There are the foolish things he does; he worries about these almost as much as no the shout the wise things he has neglected about the wise things he has neglected

Don't get into a narrow rut. There is a broad road where traveling is easfer, and where you can do more for yourself and others.

What has become of the old-fashloned patent right man who used to come round to sell "territory," and who had trouble in getting his victim's wife to sign the deed?

A country town is compelled to fight for everything it has, and then fight to keep it.

When you were little, do you remem ber you wanted something for your very own? And don't you feel that way, occasionally, now that you are grown? After a man and his wife fuss about o much, people lose interest in the

quarrel. WHAT DELEGATE'S OATH MEANS Mr. U'Ren Tells How Far He Should

Go in Supporting Presidential Choice. OREGON CITY, Nov. 20.—(To the Editor.)—As to the obligation of a delegate elected under the Presidential primary law, I fully agree with President Selling and other members of the People's Power League who drew and presented that bill to the people. A delegate is in honor bound by his elec-tion and oath of office to aid the nomination of the candidate for his party nomination who receives the highest number of votes at the primary elecion. He is in honor bound to continue this support in the convention so long as that candidate is in the race for the

nomination. Under the proportional representation plan every faction equal to one-tenth of the party will be fairly reprewealth produced in this country in a given time, or period?

2. Does the Labor Commissioner give out in statistics the total number of men engaged in the production of wealth spoken of in question 2? on which the party candidate must go before the people. The primary pur-pose and theory in the election of dele-gates and representatives to any con-vention or legislature is that the members are to represent constituents. This law will certainly secure that result in the election of delegates, and the au-thors believe it is altogether likely that the delegates so chosen will also fairly represent the different sections fairly represent the different of the state.