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THE PRESS ON ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH

Colonel Roosevelt's speech to the

Ohio constitutional convention is generally taken by Eastern newspapers as the platform on which he will seek the Republican nomination for President. Almost every newspaper criticises and the majority severely condemn that speech; but the reasons for condemnation are as various as the critics. Colo pel Roosevelt is accused of being both radical and conservative in the same breath; of hedging on every radical proposal he makes; of bidding for the support of both "the interests" and the insurgents, of dodging the tariff issue; of assailing the Constitution and the courts. If these newspapers volo public opinion in the East, then he has most powerful opposition to over-

The New York Times says the speech removes him from the Republican par-ty and makes his nomination impossible: that "there is not a Republican doctrine or profession of faith in the speech, but there is throughout a bold and defiant renunciation of the principles of that party"; that Roosevel now takes the field as its enemy and destroyer." Roosevelt's platform is declared to go "the whole hog in radicalism." His proposed recall of Su-preme Court decisions is called the short cut to Constitutional amendment, which "Touts all checks."

The New York Tribune estimates that the adoption of Roosevelt's plan of recalling court decisions might resuit in adoption of a constructive amendment to the New York constitution in six months, while the present methods require two years. It does not think the gain worth the risk of experiment and continues:

experiment and continues: The Tribute wishes to see justice data is arisently as Column Receiver to does, but is allower to the set of the set statute of the set of the set of the set statute of the set of the set of the set statute of the set of the set of the set statute of the set of the set of the set statute of the set of the set of the set statute of the set of the set of the set statute of the set of the set of the set statute of the set of

The New York World describes the Columbus speech as "a charter of demagosy," and argues that the adoption of Roosevelt's theories would subvert the rights of the minority that "there would be no state consti tution except from day to day"; that "state government would become matter of mob rule." It says:

Mr. Rossevelt's speech is the harangue of the skillful and unscrupulous spitator to

the recail of judges, but just as we are beginning to come to the conclu-sion that Roosevelt ranges himself with at least the quasi-conservatives, we find him advancing the thesis that the judiciary cannot be independent. as its independence would be a negation of our system of government. The constitution-makers of Ohio must have wondered what would be left of the courts, says the Transcript, if the recall of court decisions were adopted. It refers to frequent "wayes of passion and prejudice.'

Roosevelt's views on the recall are described by the Chicago Tribune as those of an advanced, though really conservative, leader of progressive thought." The Tribune says of the proposed recall of judicial decisions: Mr. Roosevent's proposal avoids the grave-inarger of the recall as applied to the judge, raised is in effect that it may shake the and that holds the scales of justice, but a siddrement fixed directly to the power no ther courts in the world assume, that of ultifying law. And it does not propose to estroy this power, only to place a check over it.

Recall of decisions is opposed by the Chicago Evening Post as "contrary to the fundamental idea of a fixed Con-Itution upon which this Government is founded." As to the proposed right of easy amendment the Post says:

Taking him at his own words, the faults that he seas today are due to interpretation of the Constitution, not to the Constitu-tion itself. Why, then, should we let down the bars to quick and facile change? Roosevelt's theories obtain mild ap-

from the Indianapolis Star, proval which says:

which says: Unquestionably many of our laws and much of our judicial procedure have served as instruments in the rapid concentration of wealth, just as have the great modern investions in transportation and communica-tion. The Roosevelt theory is that these conditions must be mot by laws and admin-istrative methods that will control them-that they cannot be either controlled or destroyed by the laws and methods of the last century.

Quoting Roosevelt's reference a Columbus to the speeches he dolivered in 1910 as covering most of the ground. the Indianapolis News says:

They enver all the ground-and more, too hey reach all the way from Ossawalomia s Saratoga and back samin. They argue for sw Nationallem, in the West and old Na-ionalism in the East. Their plea is that veryons ought to have whatever he wants he present speech is on precisely the same

Roosevelt's pure democracy is held "distinctively anti-American," up as his reference to good and bad trusts calls forth a sneer and of the speech as a whole the News says.

The speech will please the reactionaries of New York and the radicals of California -provided each class reads only the part meant for it. Its adaptability is due to the fact that there is in it no discussion of "da-tails," and really no discussion of principles. The speech is designed to "catch 'em coming and colume". and going.

Roosevelt's announcement that his hat is in the ring prompts the Louisville Courier-Journal to remark "that his heart has always been in the ring and his hat never quite removed therefrom."

The Columbus speech is declared by the Baltimore Sun to be "not a speech but a platform," Roosevelt taking the lead of the "progressives," making no defense of the Taft policies, offering no word of comfort to the man he selected to succeed him. The Sun says: Some of the principles he advocates are tiametrically opposed to the principles for which Mr. Taft giands, and he virtually at-acks the policies which have distinguished he present Administration. He goes out-ids party lites, making a direct mapped to he progressive sentiment of the Nation.

The Evening Sun takes the same view of Roosevelt's position in his party and condemns his advocacy of recall of decisions and easy amendment of constitutions by recalling that when a man wishes to alter his house. he summons the skilled architect and builder, not taking the ax and pick himself lest the whole structure come tumbling about his ears.

NAILING THE FLAG TO THE MAST.

Mr. Houser comes all the way from the East to tell us that Mr. La Follette is in the Presidential race to stay, Mr. Houser is the La Follette manager and d tireless platy. he ought to know. Among others to whom he has imparted this gratifying intelligence is Mr. McCusker, Oregon manager of the great La Follette campaign. Mr. McCusker was vastly cheered by the news from headquarters. Others had fallen by the wayedge side, or deserted, or quit; but Mccusker never gave up the ship, even have not enough to live on does he when the agile Bourne disappeared over the rall. One may not admire of providence and make up the defl-Mr. McCusker's peculiar politics, but cit7 none can withhold from him a served tribute for his stick-to-it-iveness. Hats off to McCusker, who is going ahead if he goes alone and will file the La Follette petitions for the thou hast and give it to the poor." Presidential primary on or before March S. Thus saith McCusker, doubt there would be a sensible increase of the joy in heaven should he Mr. McCusker undoubtedly shares obey this precept. Certainly the joy the Houser Indignation against Rooseon earth would be magnified, at least velt, whose zealous friends have been for a time. The investigations thus busy withdrawing La Follette, Wa far carried out under these holy auquote Mr. Houser, who gives out this spices have revealed that a family plain statement to the pross: plain statement to the press: If the progressive vote is split in the fasts of Orwgon and Mr. Taft carries off the keepublicap nomination for the Presidency at the primary election on April 18, the pro-progressives in this state can biame the Koose-vent forces for Taft's nomination. Mr. La profette untered into the Presidential race a press age at the urgent solicitation of Colonel progressive Republicans. This message from Rosseveit was carried to the Wisconsin Smu ator by Glikon Clardner, a close friend of foreseveit and the Washington correspondent of the Surppe-Mritae lengue. We were in the field first and we intred to stay or dis-igning. Here we have it from unconsetion. needs some \$1200 a year to live on de-cently. One of Mr. Rockefeller's lieutenants decides upon \$1100 as a minimum, but it is conceded by the Sonday school class that his figure is too low. Future researches may reveal that even \$1200 is not enough, but taking that sum as the standard we may safely assume that Mr. Rockefeller's next step will be to seek to raise \$1200 for every family in this broad land so that universal happiness may reign. Until the funds for this purpose Here we have it from unquestionable authority that La Follette enhave been provided Mr. Rockefeller's tered the race at the urgent solicitaimplied advice to every young man who has less than \$1200 a year is not tion of Colonel Roosevelt. But it will take La Follette's own consent to get to venture upon matrimony. Since him out. Lay on, MacDuff! the average American workingman re-

about a special agent of the Land Of- and educate their children, dress their fice that he should be immune from the established rules of judicial procedure? Why should his word be accepted without question and without the test of cross-examination? Why should his evidence be concealed from the man against whom it is given? Te two men contest title to a tract of land in court each has equal opportunity to see and hear the evidence offered by the other and to test its credibility. Why should a different rule be followed when one party happens to be the Government and the other a man

who has devoted five years of his life to making a home on a tract of public land?

GOOD ROADS OUTLOOK. The Oregonian regrets greatly that

the harmony good roads committee ap. pointed by Governor West was not able to reach complete agreement; but it does not despair that the remaining differences between the state-aid commission and its allies and the

grange may yet be reconciled; The Grange appears to be unalterably opposed to the entire state-aid scheme; but we think the state approves a moderate programme of that kind. How else will the rich and powerful counties, ike Multnomah, be required

to contribute to the general good by helping build roads in the smaller counties? How else? But the harmony committee's efforts have not been at all fruitless. Some things are obvious. They are:

The \$40,000,000 proposal (\$20,000,-000 by the state through bonds; \$20,-000,000 by the countles) is hopeless and is virtually abandonded.

The one-man power enterprise, through which the Governor would have practical control of the entire \$40,000,000, is impossible and is virtually abandoned.

The principle of local control of road expenditure and road designation is suggestion that that decision was in conceded, except as to a minor fraction of the state funds.

The larger and richer counties ought to aid the smaller and poorer countles. The state should contribute an anamount fairly within its resources to trunk-line roads

The \$40,000,000 dream is over, so that a same and practicable plan may now be evolved.

HOW MECH TO MARRY ON.

Under the benign influence of its opulant leader the Rockefeller Bible lass in New York has won an enviable reputation for its kindly interest in the welfare of the lowly. Like Melnotte and Pauline in their fanciful

Italian palace Mr. Rockefeller and his scholars wonder how, when the good Lord has contrived everything so well, the world can be unhappy. But they have to confess that it is so, owing mostly, of course, to the wickedness of its inhabitants, and the leader often deal larger. directs the inquiring minds of his students to research into the causes of this perplexing circumstance. Why are not all marriages happy? Why is connubial bliss so fitful and fleeting Mr. Rockefeller's own family life is one continual breath of Paradise. Bliss

blooms percentially by his domestic hearth. Why should it not bloom by every hearth? Mr. Rockefeller is at a loss to understand the mystery of Perhans he has guessed, it misery. may he lack of funds that brings unhappiness into the American home and blights the bloom of domestic love. Why there should be such a lack he cannot understand. He himself has never known anything of the kind.

Why should anybody know it? The only answer he can think of is that the Lord sends exiguity of finance as a punishment for sin, on the same principle that abundance has been dispensed to himself and his venerable

Seattle's welcome to the Portland parent to reward their shining virtue Elks and Admon evidences the substi-tution of the brond spirit of the North-So Mr. Rockefeller has set his Sabwest for the narrow Seattle spirit and bath school class at work to inquire Portland spirit. The new spirit acts how much money an American family upon the motto: "All for one and one actually needs to keep the wolf from for all," instead of "Everybody the door. We do not know exactly what he intends to do with this bit of knowlhimself and the devil take the hindmost," which was the old spirit. when he has acquired it. If he finds that there are some families who

required to navigate and fight.

Stars and Star-Makers By Leone Cass Baer.

Dot Bernard Van Buren, who drop the Van Buren part in her professional life, is leading woman with the Bio-graph Motion Picture Company in Los Angeles. A kind informant press agent) says she gets \$150, real money, each week for her slient acting.

gospel which they preach is fully as A ruling made recently by Secretary pure as the one whose soothing and dulcet tones reverberate from the pul-pit of the church which he graces with of State Jordan will prevent the mo-nopoly of the Texas Tommy dance in the State of California, Jordan denied the application of two vandeville per-formers, who desired the exclusive use in the form of copyright of the Texas The truth of the matter is that it is safe for a young man to marry on any salary he happens to be receiving terpaichors for their programme and billboard announcements. Jordan held that the dance cannot be copyrighted when he falls in love if he is the right the right kind of a girl. If these two conditions are not fulfilled no possible any more than can the plain old two step or walts. mar-

Lifted literally from a Los Angeles exchange is this clipping, which tells of a trio of former Bakeronians. John riage advisable for him. Family hap-piness does not depend on money en-Burton, Thomas MacLarnie and Donald Bowles, all members now of the Be tirely, though of course that is a facnuld tor in it. Love counts for much. The ingenuity which can make one dollar

lasco stock company. Thomas MacLarnie is now wearing a hat which was nicely ironed for him by, or rather at the expanse of, do the work of two plays a part. We must remember also that a man does vate individuals rights to be bot not necessarily receive forever the one Donald Bowles, an actor, or spoken of as such by the discerning. Mr. Bowles loaned a silk topper, for small salary with which he starts in fore they can be used? sense of it? How can it be law? Wi did the Legislature not go further an

Sometimes salaries are raised and the inspiration to effort which a stage purposes, to John W. Burton. Mr. Burton returned it to the shelf of man finds in a home and family is dressing-room as per promise to one of the surest sources of increased Mr. Bowles. pay. In a world where merit is rec-

Mr. Bowles went and got the hat and took it to the hatter's-taking it from ognized a man may safely depend on the shelf in the dark.

But in the meantime Mr. Burton and Mr. MacLarnie had changed rooms. ties increase. If he could not we should have to conclude that there is some-Mr. MacLarnie's head being some thing wrong with our economic sys-

what less than Mr. Bowles' in equa-torial dimensions, Mr. Bowles found it quite impossible to wear the aforesaid slik, much as he wanted to. The explanation of Judge Gilbert's

Two-bits to the boy for a hurry job. in addition to the regular fare, redecision in the Barber & Moon timber land case, which has been made by Robert Maguire, Deputy United States

Mr. Bowles is now spoken of as the valet of his institution. Attorney, effectually disposes of any fluenced in any way by its effect on

Senttle blank verse clientele is turning out en masse, according to its local scribes, to witness Robert Mantell's production in that city this week, at the Moore Theater.

Dick Wilbur, who has been playing in repertoire, has switched to Lona Rivers, and is playing one-night stands, head-ing toward Oregon, over the Given and

Followers of the fortunes of two Bakar Idols of other days, Mina Crollus This makes the saving a great Gleason and Maribal Seymour, will un-derstand by the following olipping that theatergoers in Oakland like these players just as much as we did in ortland. This week, the Bishop stock ompany, of which Mrs. Gleason is haracter woman, her son "Billy" and Portland. commission charter. It may catch the Mrs. Billy members also, and Miss Sey mour ingenue, is presenting Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." S reviewer, anent their work: "Mrs. Says

reviewer, ament their work: Many who remember the success with which Mudgo Carr Cook portrayed the brother of the pepular story were fould in their assertions that a stock company could not do the pay justice, but the Bishop players, headed by Mrs. Mins Gleason for-tins week, do that and mare. If any por-trayal of the sunny-hearted, cheery, sympa-their week, do that and mare. If any por-trayal of the sunny-hearted, cheery, sympa-their week, do that and mare. If any por-trayal of the sunny-hearted, cheery, sympa-their week, do that and mare. If any por-trayal of the sunny-hearted, cheery, sympa-their week, do that end mare. If any por-trayal of the sunny-hearted cheery, sympa-their week, do that end mare of the suns of the supers fell in the Bishop productions but this play gives her a bigger opportunity for the display of her abling, and she makes excellent use of it. Martbol Soy-maur an Mis Hazy gives one of the most stranged by the continuous roars of laight-ter that followed her thin-toned, plereing product the which Miss Soymour enriched and the sunder the success was warnly attended by the ontinuous roars of the sup-ster the success of the super-ter that followed her thin-toned plereing product and the individual touches of ab-part. time in framing a charter. With women to help, their deliberations might gain in brevity with no loss of It is a and reflection on the Navy that long after the sailing ship has passed out of date it has continued to Would a manufacturer of shoes require his employee to have served an apprenticeship at making shoes by hand? The men of the Navy should learn their trade on the kind of ships they will be besides will not transform us to bad

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WORK FOR INITIATIVE IN VIEW Two Decisions Held to Indicate Vital Need for Change in Laws.

WILLAMINA, Or., Feb. 26 .- (To the Editor.)-The Oregonian has published Nesclus Nitts, he whose wisdom's

lately some amazing decisions of the carts. The latest confirming to the outhern Pacific Railroad all the tidelands in Lincoln County, including Alsea, Yaquina and Siletz Bays. I, as on of the public losing my share of what

I supposed to be public property, would ask for a little more light upon: What is the legislative act granting the title to the rallroad, confirmed by this decision? Has the Legislature the power

to grant away such public properties giving a monopoly to property useful for public utilities? Is not the title vested in the state as a public trust merely and not subject to alienation

back again or rented by the people

been hoped progress in lawmaking had

work for the initiative.

Other, Belleves Correspondent.

nent with the men jurors it would no

ertainly is among them that tend

For Relief. These Thanks.

A Love-Sick Lover Speaks,

London Standard.

Oregonian, February 22.

R. M. SAVAGE.

excluding part?

pelled so to declare?

He lifts up his voice to lot ev'ry one know That he was plumb done with that except in obedience to an undoubted President thing--But now he has shied his hat back in the ring. public interest and demand? (Which, of course, in this case does not exist). Why should the use of clam and

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"There is in the universe, often I see, A heap of that thing men calls conoystor beds and wharf sites be available only through lease from private sistency, parties, beneficiaries of these legisla-And so in a circumstance which is like

N. Nitts on Hat Shying

By Denn Collins.

bright star O'er Punkindorf casts its fair radiance

afar, Restored to his pocket his black

"baccy" bar. And llt up a candidate's gift-a cigar-Then audibly wondered 'bout Theo-dore R.

"I never can figger jest how to con-

The things that I sees this here gen-

tleman do. If I ain't mistaken, 'hout four years

tive gifts? In other words, why should this'n Perhaps we'd not orter get sore if the public's agents bestow upon priight it's missin'

But still that there feller, he warn't What is the any fool Who said that 'consistency shore is a Why

give away all the rest of the public property in Lincoln County? What "I can't find no censure,' we hear What eason to establish an arbitrary limit. him declare, 'Fer him that now sets in the Presi-

dent's chair. 'His Administration.' he says, that-

Suppose the Legislature should re-peal the laws against theft? Would the act be valid? Would not the natnway. No serious flaws has I seen it disural law, "Thou shalt not steal" still stand? Would not the courts be complayt But though it's all right, still, in spite

The other decision I refer to as that ordering the jury in the case of Louis Wilds to declare a verdict of not guilty. of all that, I 'low that I'll come right in after my hat'

That, also, is a decision against the natural law prohibiting theft. The de-"This hat shyin' stunt is a picteresque

cision in this case and the fulsome praise of Wilde by the jury is a joke among the "hayseeds." deed: But if Taft's ministration's all rightwhere's the need? So now sence he done that, and leaped

The facts brought out are virtually in the fray, I sometimes jest meditates round this an invitation to crooked "capitalists" to start a "savings bank," hire a crool

to take the risks and pull the chestnut (deposits) out of the fire. It has been done many a time before, and it has

ler as handy The hat he once shied 'crost that there Rio Grande?" Portland, February 28.

Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

If you speak well of a child some disagreeable person is sure to say that you are spoiling it.

A boy will go to Sunday school, if ha just: but he won't behave unless his nother sits beside him.

When a coward lets a man Imposo on him the coward explains it by say-ing that he is giving the bully plenty of rope with which to hang himself

or.)-Allow me a few words regarding Getting something you are not en-titled to is the generally accepted dati-nition of good luck. "An Antisuffragist's" article in The College education is certainly a good

thing so far as it goes. I would not To may nice things about a man never be without it, but it is not necessarily pleases him as much as to do nice things for him. nough, neither is it the only thing to rive one a wide, healthy view on this

life; that depends upon how we have When in doubt in society, shake men able to build further on our college foundation. Anyway, let us be fair

When your business rival says mean and admit, that college women along things about you, it is a compliment; you are doing better than be is. If you were not, he would not abuse you. have not all the "respectability, re-inement and intelligence" in the world. Let us share all of it with our less ed-located sisters. "An Antisuffraglet's"

I believe it has never been decided int that where a jurywoman should e compelled to share sleeping departwhy so many more women than men go to church. You night discuss that awhile.

tend to uplift her morals, is not worth a refined thinker. But the "accident" A man looked at the sun and sneezed. He said that he could look at the sun any time and snoeze, which caused s draw us women out on the warpath. Why there should be such an up-side-down in the family life if women man standing by to say that there was nothing in it; that the statement was foolish. One word led to another, and got suffrage is not easy to understand. If we are our husbands' true helpmates and "chums," we share their interests in politics, too, and the right to vote finally a policeman was compelled to Interfere.

housekeepers, I should say, As to the class of woman who want Isn't it your kind of a square deal you insist upon? Don't you believe that Open your eyes wider the square deal that the other fellow behold a fine lot of young "old maids" (God bless their hearts), happy wives is advocating is crooked? and mothers, who are not disgruntled LOOKING VERY FAR INTO FUTURE

seen made to stop it, but under this sectation, and to meet the felicitations this city, would prove his entire free-dom from blas, if such proof were of this jury, it will be done again. is said Wilde carried \$200,000 out of Fortland with him, and to its free use Cort time. . . . is due the idiotic friendships he A National Board of Health would Thurston Hall, whose marital escatrotted before the public eye. If these two decisions follow the law, the law needs mending sadly. There is much be worth while if it could save the pades kept him more prominently in the public eye than his acting ability ever did, has closed with the Ed Red country the cost in money and suffering of 2,000,000 serious cases of disease boor nond stock company at San Jose, Ca a year. This is what its advocates speed it. where he has been leading man for several weeks, and has gone to Sal Lake to play at the Garrick Theater for promise. Few people pass through an illness at a less expense than \$25. This WOMANLINESS AND THE SUFFRAGE multiplied by 2,000,000 amounts a limited engagement in "The Wolf. Ida Adair, a former leading woman a the Baker, is playing leads at the Gar-The One Need Not Be Impaired by the to \$50,000,000, which is a tidy hit of money. But to estimate the full cost of sickness we must take into account rick. PORTLAND, Feb. 26 .- (To the Edilost time, permanent diminution of ef-

all the elements of political unrest. It is the appeal of the third-term candidate who ferming that he must out-demangement all other demangements in order to convince the so-could "progressives" that he alone is the suc-radius. It is the argument of cun-nics to ignorance. ignerance.

The New York Evening Post consid. ers the speech the dropping of the musk and a bid for the Presidency. Roosevelt is said to be "ready to throw into the consuming flame of his ambition any obligation of friendship to the President, any duty which he owes to the party." The radical nature of his address, the Post says, "glares at the reader." Its aim being place Roosevelt at the head of the radicals of all parties. He is accused of withdrawing in one sentence what he has just affirmed in another. He desires not only to smatch the leadership of all the "progressives," but "to make to himself friends of the mammon of unrighteousness in the shape of big husiness." The question to be The question to be fought out is declared to be whether the Republican party is "ready abandon with Mr. Roosevelt all that has stood for in the past, and go in blindly for a programme of upheaval and revolution."

The proposed recall of court decisfons is culmly discussed by the Brook. lyn Eagle, which points out how guardedly it is put forward in a manner "distinctly indicative of hedging" "the only part of his address obarraable with moderation." Atten tion is called to the Colonel's failure to go into particulars or to notice the measures taken by California and Misunder existing law to reform their courts. The speech is summed up as "an inflammatory utterance to body congenitally committed to nostrums" and it is asserted that "the smear of demagogy can be seen, felt

and smelt through all parts" of it. The New York Herald thinks Roosevelt was too late with his Cofumbus speech and the thrill is gone." Praise without stint is given the sneech by the New York Mall. It is culled "a charter of democracy," its keynote being "the desirability of securing a complete degrae of responstrengest to the popular will in Le Istures and in the courts" The Mail thus interprets Roosevelt's meaning:

Trust the people; let them err if they will err-but give them the channe to recall their errors, which they will surely do upon ex-perimone. The power of the people to enact lest inw as they wunt is not subject to obtain.

Adverse criticism of the speech inspires the New York Globe to remark that the cause of conservatism is "CUDstantly put in the wrong"; that "a certain element of the population making special pretenses to information and intelligence has opposed every improving change"; that "the attitude which they are toward the Roosevelt speech is but another manifestation of the instinct of certain people to be always wrong- in defending himself. His case is de-with the best motives, of course, but cided nominally by the Commissioner slways wrong.

Warming over of views he has often expressed" and "enunciations of tary civics" are terms applied by the Boston Transcript to the Co- | viewed by the clork who rendered the It says Roosavelt | decision, rlumbus speech. gives but a qualified allegiance" to

THE LAND OFFICE STAR CHAMBER.

A valuable service to settlers on the

that class. The investigations of Mr. public domain was rendered by Repre. Rockefeller's Sunday school scholars sentative Hawley when he told the House by what star-chamber methods condemn the horny-handed sons of toil to perpetual celibacy unless some settlers are deprived of their claims. extraordinary betterment of their pay A settler whose application for patent is contested is in fact as much on trial occurs forthwith. This is a most alarming prospect. If workingmen as though he were accused of an ofcannot marry it stands to reason that fense punishable by a fine. In the race suicida will go on at a fearful atter case he would have the right. The next generation of workrate. either personally or by attorney, to ingmen will never be born and in that confront his accuser and every witcontingency how will Mr. Rockefeller ness, to cross-examine them, to see make his investments pay? Without every scrap of documentary evidence hands to toll money cannot return inand to state any objection he might terest. Clearly the head of this famous Sabbath school class is teach-ing a dangerous doctrine. Unless he have to its admission. But when the settier is put on trial

an offense the penalty of which pays more heed to the tongues of his is forfeiture of all the labor and money he has expended in several disciples the first thing he knows he will have to go to work himself and years on his homestead, the legal properhaps he may find it necessary to annul his marriage for lack of money cedure of the dark ages is followed. He is kept in ignorance of the identity to support his family. This would be tragic indeed. Think of the one per-fect American Beauty Rose having to of his accuser, of the nature of the nocusations and of the evidence by float in the gutter with pigweed and sustained. He is stabbed in the dark by an unseen for. turnip tops. He is put at a hopeless disadvantage

There is a bare possibility that the figures decided upon by the Rockefeller investigators may be a trifle too of the General Land Office, but actualhigh. It is conceivable that an Amerily by some clerk before whom he has can family may subsist in decent comfort upon less than \$1200 a year. In never sat in judgment. If he appeals to the Secretary, the case may be refact we have actually known this mir-

marriage is out of the question

acle to happen. Strange as it may appear there are workingmen who What special divinity doth hedge manage to bring up a family, clothe

Patriotism forbids one to hope that Sir Thomas Lipton may win the Amerintend to supplement the beneficence ica's cup this time, but if he should we think nobody would grieve. He is Perhaps he does. Perhaps he a chivalrous forman whose numerous recalls a certain divine commandment gallant defeats entitle him to the conin the book to which he and his desolutions of one victory before he gives yout band of students apply themup yachting forever. selves every Sunday morning, "Sell all

> ' No The greatest waste of the age is sickness which might be prevented and death which might be delayed. If Congress would busy itself with measures to prevent this waste, and not with fraitless investigations, it would accomplish some real good for the

> > country.

The Redmond Spokesman, one of the new order of linotype country papers, suffered great loss by fire Monday night, but showed its spirit by ordering a new outfit the next day. That is the kind of enterorise that is making Central Oregon a great region.

On all hands we see the words "Made in Germany" on the products of that energetic nation. Let Oregon take a leaf out of Germany's book and make the words "Made in Oregon" ad. ertise the stato's resources and factories the world over.

Accord between President Taft and ceives but about \$600 a year, of course Senators Borah and Jones on the three-year homestead hill strengthens hope that that measure will become law at this session of Congress. Then others besides small capitalists can secure homesteads.

> Down in California, where they poke fun at our excess of moisture, a little Oregon mist would be the salvation of the early crops.

Hood River growers have made their eputation and naturally object to being used as a starting horse in selling schemes.

Bryan and Lipton should exchange indolences as men consumed with an ambition doomed never to be satisfied.

It is yet February and eggs are so ow there is talk of storing them. This is one of Oregon's surprises.

Speaking automobillically, Mr. Bryan is a self-starter that needs no eranking.

Portland, Or., basking in sunshine sends greeting to Portland, Me., buried in snow

Tea trade must be dull, for Sir Tummas is yachting again, ye know.

This is a holiday for the man with an easy boas

The San Francisco Dramatic Review suffrage. tells of the beginning of a Pacific Coast wheeel of burlesque shows, a long expected and often-talked-about who like to cook and make their homes enterprise. The Edward Armstrong referred to in the article is the onehappy, but who likewise are awake and see the dangers of sons and daughters, educated and uned ucated. Let us take the latter by the hand and walk side by side along this often thorny path of life-we can help

Don't let Webster's definition of "militia" carry us away. We have un-womanly women on both sides, and at least the home from the frying pans and washtubs to its cosy fireplace does not in itself create the womanly f the womanly is not already a part of

enterprise. The Edward Armstrong referred to in the article is the one-time manager of the Armstrong Musical Comedy Company, which played ast season at the Lyric in Portland. A deal, consummated late last week by for immedia and Baymond Teal and Charles dubiedly the bearinings of the long-ex-pendent of special significance, as it is un-doubledly the bearinings of the long-ex-pendent of special significance, as the last season of the West. They have money, initiative and know the game. They have monthed in an organization to produce is regular order musical burlesquees in San Francises, Fresson and Los Angeles. The fourth of March will see their first mave. On this day, the Alphin Company will nove from the Olympic Theator, of Los Angeles, to the Teal Company, will nove from the Olympic Theator, of Los Angeles, the Armstrong company to senter the San Francieco. The perine-still probably take the Teal company to san Francisco, while the Alpin work for the the road, will open at the Princess theater the San Francisco. The perine the francisco, while the Alpin company to san Francisco, while the Alpin programme, and while hold over the France Frank Wolf, who has been solid in the Oakland house for the sampeles, the Armstrong company to sam francisco, while the Join program. er think of "militia" in the spirit hat dear old hymn: "March,

Elsie Janis will introduce Portland-ers to "The Slim Princess," and also to her own actress-self late in March. She has never visited here, and since she is now considered one of America's most prominent comedianne stars, she will naturally be accorded a hearty welcome.

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PORTLAND, Feb. 27 .- (To the Ed With the assistance of Judge Thomas itor.)-I have waited for someone to express commendation of The Orego-F. Graham, whose fame as patcher-up of family and all sorts of differ-ences has spread broadcast, C, William dan's ald in banishing from the street Kolb and Max Dill renewed their partcars of our city the unspeakable nulsance of smoking cigars, cigarettes mership last Wednesday afternoon. while ago one could not board a car in Portland without running into the stiffing fumes—a mixture of myster-ious dope and the smoker's unsavory Magner, former manager of the Kolb-Dill Company, insisted that his suit to recover \$22,000 from Kolb and Dill be tried in court and litigation seemed a certainty. Judge Graham, however, finally induced Magner to withdraw his breath calculated to put a glue factory on the back seat. Now all is changed case and accept \$400 in settlement. The A few brief but timely editorial paraopening will be at the Savoy in San Francisco on the evening of St. Pat-rick's day, next. Their first show will graphs along with the progressive management of the carlines, and later an ordinance of the city, has brought emancipation, long overdue. Veril "de sun do move," C. E. CLINE, Verily,

Soldier of Revolution. MERRILL, Or., Feb. 24 .--- (To the Editor.)-First-How many soldiers did the British government send to the Celonies during the Revolutionary Second-Which of the two navies, American or British, holds the record for best gunnery? ALEX PATTERSON.

Frank Stammers, stage manager, and Georga Mooser, formerly of San Fran-cisco, general manager and publicity promoter. "The Girl in the Train" will be followed by a revised vorsion of "The Policeman," into which musical comedy a modern suffragette element has here introduced Just how much has been introduced. Just how much interest Nat Manger retains in the show as a result of his agreement to accept \$400 in lieu of \$22,000 is a question.

fean Navy. can it be sold? E. F.

Waiter (waiting for his order)-Have

wide Writer Gives Women 6000 Years to Im-

prove on Present Conditions.

PORTLAND, Feb. 27 .- (To the Editor.)-I seen so many letters in The Oregonian of late about women voting other. n't let Webster's definition of that I haint got no patience no longer to hold my hand from scribbling my ideas about what I think about it. My, idea is that women want to yore hecause they think they know better men does and by being so smart they think they will make things run smoother. Now I think that they are

her nature. Be sure "das ewig wiebliche" will not any smarter than men is but I eling to us even in the juryroom, where it seems to be needed, too. Betthink they are so smart all right all right, now if they are so smart they can't do no more than the men can do, can they-It took 6000 years for Soldiers, March," feeling just in a good, holy fighting mood, ready, sister with brother, "to fight the good fight" for the sake of men to make all the inventions of the present day and all the progress of better governments than before didn't "to fight the good mant for the sake of our precious homes and children. Does not your heart burn in you with a holy desire to try to mend even something else than socks-when you read about that man on the police committee here in Portland who dured now I can't explain my self as ought to I know but that does not keep me

from seen the truble as I ought, and the truth is that if it took men 6000 years labor and expirience to brins express such a view that the seventh commandment is not for polleemen? Would you not like to take your llings to the present condition it will take women \$6000 years to accomplish what men has done. So I think room and go a-sweeping even outside all right for women to vote all right all your own home? Come along, sister "antisuffragist," let us vote down such right but just think the time we have to wait to see no more than A HAPPY WIFE-SUFFRAGIST. now 6000 years by E. J. SMITH.

The Crawfish President.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 27 .- (To the Editor.)-After the Octopus crowd went out of power the friends of the Crawfish dragged him out of his retirement and placed him in nomination for the Presidency. Through this influence he gained a reputation through the whole United Fishes Republic, as being a very ratiring and conservative fish, who al ways folt his way carefully before he went ahead, and always went to the bottom of everything. So he was elected.

But it was found very hard to get him out of his retirement. He was strictly a fresh-water fish and salt water disagreed with him. Finally he dia venture to the mouth of his native river, thinking that he could observe the whole sea from there, which, of course, he could not, as the world is round The public clamored for him to wade in and get into real deep water but he would not. Then a few valiant sword-fish determined to get behind aword-tish actermined to get bening him and poke him out but he saw them coming and he suddenly backed water, deciding that the sea was really too deep for him, and he backed up stream and retired to the remotest stagnant shallow pool he could find.

You can't make a salt-water fish out of a fresh-water fish. Z. M. CHASE,

Victoria Cross Novillist.

PORTLAND, Feb. 28 .--- (To the Ed-itor.)---Who is, or was, the authorses, Virginia Cross? Was she ever recognized as anything but a cheap no

There is no record of Virginia Cross. Victoria Cross is the name of an you made your choice, sir? Victoria Cross is the m Lovesick Diner-Oh, yes, It's Laura authoress of cheap fiction.

First-Thirty thousand German merenaries were sent to the American Colonies by Great Britain. In 1776, the British force in this country numbered 27,770; in the year 1777, 20,000, and these were largely mercenary (Mulhall's "Dictionary of Statistics") Second-No authoritative statistics found. Patriotism suggests the Amer-

Cascara Bark. STEPHENS, Or., Feb. 26,--(To the Editor.)-Please tell me if chittam bark and cascara are the same. Where

Chittam wood and cascara are the same. Among Portland buyers are Herman Metzger, 128 Front street, and Kahn Bros, 191 Front street,

be "The Girl in the Train," and the members of their company will include Kolb and Dill, Florence Gear, Olga Olgra Steck, Edwin Wilson, William H. White Walter Paschal, Otto Schrader, Ferdi-nand Von Gottfried, Henry Vincent, Magis McDonald and Nellie Strong, Fred Hoff, of the St. Francis Or-tra, will be musical conductor; chestra, will be musical conductor; Frank Stammers, stage manager, and