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### THE POPULAR WILL

A wise man discussed popular government at Chicago last Saturday, saying among many other sensible and triotic things:

There is a story of contrasts to be made in the Chicago speech of President Tart and the Sunday Interview of Theodore Rossevelt. Let the Re-publican people read and ponder.

## RULE OF THE PROPLE

The people should rule; but how of the people are determined to take ever government for direct control, it is imperative that they learn to rule

The people should rule. But what All the people? A few of the coole? The mob? the trusts? Or just the gang whose votes are needed by some sensation-making candidate? The people are not always united. There are majorities and minorities. The first duty of the majority is to tile itself. But shall the majority tile the minority? If the majority rules the minority, it is the duty of the minority to be ruled. That is clear. If the majority is not to rule the minority popular govern-ment is a failure and the \$0,000 mer on horseback in ancient Poland-

s the ideal government All the people are not fit to rule ful few have the courage to say so. President Taft has said so, and his remarks are wickedly misconstructions as statement that the people are not fit to rule. Yet he told the truth. All know it is the truth.

But most people are fit to rule. They are the hone and sinew, the intolgence, the backbone, the conscience and the decency of the country. The usiness of ruling to rulers who panler to the discontented, the restless the never-to-be satisfied, the upside s what is the matter with the counthe men who, he their frankness. liattery, their self-secting and their demagogic outpourings, cont-handed that they do not deserve the country's respect

We shall probably do nothing until the mob that raves and roars without restraint through the streets and breaks up the public gatherings of the arderly and law-abiding grows so hold m He mud Beense that the community the state gets such a shaking up that the people who ought to rule and be saved, will awake to find their libn danger, and will unite against the against the red flag on the other. But

There is nothing surprising in the repart that King George of England tion madevented a coal-saving stove. Contrary to common belief many royal test of strength between him European heads are well stored with Rossevelt in states where they educated than the ordinary ran of peo-Greek, Latin and mathematics. Naturally they get their share of this sort the rule of the bosses. of thing but they do not call it educa-

things and the actualities of life which Hohenrollern dyflioty. The tradition empty and purposeless "culture" is not excepted either by royalty or the pristogracy in Europe. Its only strong,

The sons of the British Royal Bouse have been men of great good sense for a hundred years. When the Hanovermethons and disgrareful habits which in 1908. As it happened, he guided it haturally belong to a petty and trransnicul family, but these have been long was created and it slarmed the timid.
They voted a barrier against its fursupports among her relations, at least ther use in Oregon.
when alse could help herself, and she Nearly every State Legislature con-

good, practical training. Even in the days when Greek and Latin were the be-all and end-all at the public schools the scions of the great houses got many weeks of rough outdoor life every year and came into infimate relations with living men. tere never was cloistral in the sense

that our college life is such Much as we may deplore athletic excesses they have this merit that they are a reaction against an unwholesome monasticism in education.

THE RIGHT AND THE WINNING SIDE. It is possible that the effects of The Ore-centan will result in Colonel Reconveil car-rying Oregod at the Hepublican grimaries. That newspapes has done a lat of good for Oregon but it is very seldom The Oregonian to the side with the people and victory.— Redmond Rub.

It may be incomprehensible to the Redmand Hub and a few other Ore-gon newspapers with similar misconptions us to the duties and functions of honest journalism that The Oregocian should support any measure or candidate knowing that it had under-taken a hopeless task. Yet The Oregenian has done this and will probably do it again. The Oregonian is just as able as its contemporaries to detect an overwhelming public clamor. If it hould choose, it could be on the winning side in political controversies invariably. Some newspapers do form-ulate their policies in that way. If ncertain as to outcome of a conflict of epinion, they wait until the final dusion can be safely forecasted and then, to use a hackneyed phrase,

climb into the bandwagon. For example, the Redmond Hub's attention is called to the non-committal attitude on the subject of single tax now indicated by a Portland evening newspaper whose publisher and editor s well known to be personally an adrocate of the Henry George doctrine. Single tax cannot carry and the weather-vane newspaper, which tries o make a record of supporting the vinning side, so far, has not dared follow its own leanings.

The Oregonian would rather support the side it believes to be in the right than the side it believes will win. pursuing this policy it has met and expects to meet again an occasional It does not profess to be master mold into which public opinion poured, but it does know and th rystes that snap at it know, that only the veriest rattlebrain is against a candidate or issue because ome newspaper he does not like is supporting that man or principle. To profess to believe otherwise is to be little the intelligence of a people capable of forming and determined to

egister an honest opinion. In this connection it may be well to add that The Oregonian has entered into the support of President Taft solely because the President's side in the political conflict is the right side incidentally it believes President Taff will win. But win or lose, The Oretwo it would rather be right than win any day.

# A REMINDER TO THE COLONEL

Colonel Roosevelt works himself up nto so much ferver on behalf of the Presidential primary that he needs to be reminded of a few facts in the history of this one among his latest choice selection of progressive measules.

the Presidential primary in 1910 in Oregon, where it was conceived and first adopted, was that its substitution for the convention system would pre-1905, when Mr. Roosevelt dictated the nomination of Mr. Taft as his suc-The argument submitted by People's Power League in support of that measure when the initiative vas invoked in its behalf contains the following passage:

The Colonel pays no attention to the ason given for not adopting the Presdential primary where it has not been stablished by law-he assumes that all who object to doing so are opposed to the measure itself. Then he pounds the hig drum and shouts the slogan which he has pilfered from Mr.

Were the Presidential primary con fucted by a party committee, it would he devoid of any of the safeguards against fraud and corruption with which it is surrounded in states like Oregon, which have established it by law. Democrats, Socialists, anybody, everybody, would be free to invade Republican primaries. Election officers would not be sworn and would not be legally accountable for any fraud they business of railing by the people who might permit or commit. We should expect to see revival of the unsavory incidents which disgraced the primary sefore it was strictly regulated by law ould be less orderly, more corrupt. and as readily controlled as a conven

The supporters of Taft welcome strength between him and brains and most of them are better assurance that the primaries will be properly conducted. By all means let ole. By "educated" we do not mean the people rule, but do not let their specially that they have been taught voice he stilled by the means which were used in the old days to prolong

The Colonel wastes a great deal of At any rate it is not the whole and ignation over Mr. McKinley's use of of their education or even the most the metaphor "rules of the game" as applied to the rules for electing dele-It was noticed in the press the other gates. One of Roosevelt's weaknesses day that the hely to the German throne is that he becomes so tremendously an accomplished musician as well serious over such a trifle. In adopting as an expert in military affairs, a fine a sporting phrase McKinley was only horseman and so on. All the Prasslan Princes are trught trades and they are as well able to use their hands in one graft or another as an unaction. raft or another as any man who the cardplayer, "hit the fine hard," makes his living in that way. It is from that of the football player, and this determined contact with real "beaten to a frazzle" from some other game about which he can perhaps enlighten us. The Colonel should really be careful, when he begins to denounce, that he does not inadvertently

The Presidential primary, as heretofore said, was called into being as protection against a practice originated by | was to encourage Persian independthe Presidential chair was cited as that we must attribute the outburst of the inauguration of a policy to be Persian patriotism which centered avoided. If anybody ever guided and around Mr. Shuster, while his uititook with them some of the silly stoked a steam roller Rossevelt did it mate object was to unite Germany, methods and disgrareful habits which in 1908. As it happened he guided it Austria, Turkey and Persia in a close naturally belong to a petty and trran- to good purpose. But the precedent alliance of which he would naturally

case to it that all the boys were edu-cated as royal slock ought to be. They ple. Yet there was no loud and inwere made to know thoroughly the sistent demand from Rossevelt for en-world of real things with which they actment of the same law by other would have to deal. The British aris- states. Where was his interest then

Even in the | rules of the game by legislative enact-

He, perhaps inadvertently, assumes France. With this end in view Will-the attitude of taking possession of the iam made his spectacular dash into enemy's fort built to defend against himself. Yet he is not really in poshimself. He is not demanding a practicable primary or a more honest or trathful registering of the people's will than is now accomplished. They are impossible without the law's safe-

# CHURCH UNION.

There is no very convincing reason why the Methodist, Congregationalist grace and Presbyterian churches should not unite into a single body. Indeed, half a dozen other denominations might be included and no harm done to anybody's important beliefs. Such a union has been consummated in Canada corks well and everybody is glad that there was conscience and courage enough among the various sects to

work out the scheme. The project of union was introduced at the ministers' meeting by the Rev. Asa Sleeth and while we understand that it was not treated very seriously, nevertheless, there was no bitter opposition to it as there would have been 20 years ago. Indeed, Dr. C. E. Cline declared that he knew of no valid reason why a Methodist should not at the same time be a Congregationalist and a Presbyterian just as a man may be a Mason, an Oddfellow and a This state of mind indicates that quite a change has been golog on in church circles in recent The day seems to have vanshed when a Methodist thought it necessary to his salvation to go on the warpath against the Presbyterian, and Congregationalist and Baptists found themselves estranged by their

creeds. There is no sensible reason why all the Protestant denominations should not forget their differences and unite into a single church. Such differences as exist between them are more imaglnary than real. Often two sects. which fancy themselves to be at strife on matters of doctrine, discover that they believe the same thing after all when they look into the matter a little. A great deal of the internecine hatred that manifests itself in Chrisendom, like all other hatred, arises from mutual misunderstanding.

But we dare say the real obstacle to union between the sects is their various groups of office-holders. Many of our ecclesiastical friends resemble besar, who said that he would rather be the first man in a little barbarian village than the second man in Rome. Of course were the denominations to unite some men who are now first would necessarily become second or third, and herein lies the difficulty.

### THE EUROPEAN GAME.

The March Atlantic publishes one of those extraordinary articles of European politics which savor so strongof romance that the reader invol-ntarily believes them to be true. His mind acts on the principle that truth s often stranger than fiction and accepts what is told him, as Tertullian did his creed, quia impossibile est. The article to which we refer attempts account for the incredible spectacle of England, France and Italy ranged together with Russia against Germany and Austria. The natural division of Europe for a long time has been into two sets of opposing factors, The first set included England and Russia, which were supposed to be enemies to the last ditch. Russia straining every perve to reach India. and England Interposing every concelvable obstacle in her pathway. The other set included Germany, Austria and Italy on the one side, France and Russia on the other. Thus Russia appears in both sets of operators but England does not. Before the death of Edward VII, however, there was a distinct change in this time-European France and England drew perceptibly nearer together under the astate manipulation of that wary monarch and there was an appreciable diminution of the hostility between England and The Atlantic article gives Russia. some of the less obvious history derlying this transformation of the relations between European powers The scene of the play lies in Per-

sia and the near East. Here Russia had been doing her best for many years to accomplish two things. first was to obtain a port on the open sen. Constantinople was the original goal of her ambition, but this was thwarted neatly when England en-couraged the independence of the Balkan states. This placed a burrier between Russia and the Bosphorus which appeared to be insurmountable. The Czar's government then turned its attention to the Persian Guif. body of water was not only free from ice the year round, but it offers admir-able opportunities to help along Russia's second purpose, which is the con-quest of India. To the Persian Gulf. therefore, the Czar directed his energies after Constantinople became im-To this end the first step was the conquest of Persia, as can be seen by a glance at the map. The orconquests in Asia is by the method of "peaceful penetration." This comprises building fortresses, planting colonles and usually an insidious impost tion of debts on the nation which is to be assimilated. All this beautiful process was going on smoothly in Persia when it was interrupted by England. who selzed a port on the Persian Gulf and proceeded to face down Russia everywhere in that country. The con-sequence was that Russia and England agreed to divide the larger part of Persia into two spheres of influence, the southern belonging to England, the northern to Russia. Between them

a wedge-shaped piece of country which was euphemistically said to be independent. Now came Germany's opportunity Wilhelm had had his eye on the Orient and India for a good while, and been waiting for a chance to make a telling move in the game. His play Presidential chair was cited as that we must attribute the outburst of have been the head. Separating England and Russis far asunder, this string of powers would have been able to strike at both at its own good pleas The alliance was consummated and Germany had made the beginning of great enterprises in Asia, all

rules of the game by legislative enactment would have been feasible, oreable, incorruptible and a proper subto do something to test the firmness of
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He perhaps (undertantly and and). Morocco, It was hoped that Great Britain would hesitate and shillyshally, leaving France to be-humili Germany would then, with imnted. mensely increased prestige, proce with her schemes in Asia, which neither France nor Russia would be in any position to hinder. England would be too hesitant to interfere. Russia would not dare to act alone, and France would be in the depths of dis-

> But the unexpected happened, as it sometimes does to the disappointmen of Kaisers and Sultans, England, contrary to all/her ancient precedents, stood firmly beside her ally and it was not France which emerged from the Morocco trouble in humiliation, Moreover, just in the nick of time the British and French bankers arranged financial assault upon Berlin, which demonstrated to the world the precariousness of Germany's resources. She had not even the means to maintain her credit in time of peace, let alone waging war. To cap the climax, Shus-ter was ousted from Persia. Thus the great Eastern scheme of the Kaiser ollapsed from such a trifling cause as the miscarriage of a preliminary "false motion," For the Morocco intervention was in reality a false motion intended to divert attention from Germany's profound ambitions in Asia. Italy was forced into the British and French entents because of her hostil-ity to an Austrian fleet in the Adriatic. This fleet was an essential part of the Kalser's scheme. To gain a defense for Egypt against Turkey, England ermitted Italy to take Morocco, Thus the whole plot works out as prettily as possible, but after all it may be entirely imaginary.

A MORAL LEPER IN SAINTLY GARB. The parole of an evangelist upon scommendation of the jury that found him guilty of a statutory crime in this city is noted. It will probably occur to all parents of young daughters, and to decent people generally that the crime proven against this man, espe-cially when taken in connection with the attending circumstances, deserved the extreme penalty of the law and its relentless enforcement. Here we have a man verging on towards middle life, an evangelist of the "I am holier than thou" type, who was taken into ome, kindly sheltered and cared for when ill. In this home was a young daughter of 16 years. Recovering his health under the roof of his kind benefactors, he repaid them by luring this young daughter from the path of vir-

Arraigned before the court upon this most atrocious charge, he ound guilty, sentenced to three years in the penilentiary, and, upon the ommendation of the jury, paroled! If this is not making a farce of penalty, a mockery of justice, what is it? Of what use is a "vice commission" when a jury suggests and courts approve an outrage upon justice and decency so flagrant as this? Here is a man who, in the words of Pollock, "made merchandise of an immortal soul committed to his care," but who was treated with no more severity than if he had been merely a truant schoolboy from whom penalty was withheld pending good behavior. This "evangelist" should have been taken to the penitentiary, kept there for the term of

arrangement, and set to work, both as a punitive proposition and as a protection to so-ciety at its weakest point—that ropresented by young girls whose training has led them to believe that a preach er can do no wrong.

The threat of a world strike by the miners emphasizes the necessity of finding some way to secure indus trial peace. Many plans have been proposed by philosophers, quacks and fools, but none has ever worked well in practice under the strain of clash ing interests. Here is a problem which ought to be solved. The welfare of clety depends upon its solution. What genfus will attack it for us?

The rumors of high-handed action Germany in the Canal region need not be taken very seriously. Kaiser has troubles enough at home to keep him busy, and if he wanted to fight he has enemies nearer than the United States. If he should send his ord that is without flaw fleet to Panama, who would guard the Baltic ports from the British?

Two corpses lay out on the shining sands at San Diego in the morning hour as the tide went down. Nineteen fishermen in all were lost in the great storm, Today, as when Kingsley wrote his song, men must work and women must weep, though storms be sudden and waters deep and the harbor bar is mouning.

Friends of Mrs. Duniway will be pleased to learn she is not seriously ill; but if she were, the spirit that has sustained her during the forty years' conflict would not desert her on the

Germany will not acquire a coaling station near the Canal, even though Colombia give it to her. The Monroe Doctrine means just what it says and Uncle Sam has the means to back it. Half of the seven thousand women graduates of Mount Holyoke College

are reported to be happily married. That is so because they spell it with a Adolph of Mecklenburg is a boor to jiit the Princess, but it may be the

prospective father-in-law scares him. The world is to be congratulated that King George has invented a stove rather than a churn or incubator.

Portland's skyline is extending. Anther ten-story building is planned for Morrison street.

Mistaking a detective for the prisner is not a joke. Some of them

Railroads draw some mighty checks when paying taxes.

tocracy has always given its boys a in the people's rule? A change in the many the greatest empire in the world THE POLITICAL PULSE IN OREGON. Press Comments on Phases of Sens tocial Contest.

Forest Grove News-Times Ben Selling, Portland's popular cloth; ier, continues to grow in popular favor as a Senatorial candidate. believe that he is the man for the TOBERRES.

Nine Out of Ten for Selling.

Amity Standard. From present indications Ben Selling will have the support of about nine out of ten of the Republicans of the state in his race for the Senate against Jona than Bourne. Man We Want Is Selling.

Grants Pass Pacific Outlook.

Mr. Selling has been a successful business man for many years and the man that can run his own business to success is certainly the man we want to represent us in the United States Ability Undoubted. Metolius Central Oregonian. Ben Selling, Republican candidate for J. S. Senator, has resided in Oregon for more than a quarter of a century. He is familiar with every requirement of the state. No one doubts his ability. He has the intelligence to see the conditions that confront him and the cour-

# Selling's Friends Many.

age to meet them,

Clauskanle Chief.
Mr. Seiling has many friends in this section, and we hear his candidacy mentioned favorably by all. He received many thousand favorable replies ceived many thousand ravorable replies to his circular letter asking for an ex-pression of opinion of the voters of Oregon, and will make a vigorous and business-like effort to secure the nom-ination for United States Senator bases mainly on the good will and hearty support promised by his many friends

# Republican in Principles.

Portland Advocate.
One of the circumstances in favor o Sen Selling as a candidate for the Re-publican nomination for United States Senator is the fact that he has always been a Republican. A man who has always been a Republican from the first long before aspiring to a place on Republican ticket, is of course to preferred to one who comes into

Bourne and Oregon Plan.

Sliverton Appeal.

The people of Oregon in general appreciate the fact that we have more to say regarding our Government than most any other state in the Union. It is believed, however, that within very few years a great many other states will have adopted the Oregon states will have adopted the Oregon way of doing things. It might also be well to state that Senator Jonathan Bourne has had perhaps more to do in bringing about this gtate of uffairs than anyone else. The people in general look to We Bourne. anyone else. The look to Mr. Bourne,

# Record a Strong Point.

Albany Herald. Applying strict business principles to his every act as a public official, al-ways advocating economy in public ex-penditures, Mr. Selling today stands be fore the people of Oregon on a plat form that carries assurance of hones effort for many Federal measure Federal measure needed by this state, and measures that needed by this state, and mensures that can be obtained from the National Con-gress if a man is elected who will work earnestly and consistently for them as Ben Selling has worked for the passage of the people's laws in the State Legis-lature.

Bourne Sharpening Kulfe. St. Helens Mist. Mr. Seiling is making an active cam tentiary, kept there for the term of his sentence, under strict discipling and given enough menial work to do of a type that is always to be done in an institution of that kind to send him to bed at night too tired to indulge in libidinous dreams.

He should be made to work out his own salvation in the only way possible, by becoming useful for once in his life and withal humble. He has been too long "a moral leper in saintly garb." It paign for the nomination and will very and withal humble. He has been too long "a moral leper in ssintly garb." It is high time he was clad and cropped in accordance with prison regulations and set to work, both as a punitive with his political record ever since he became a factor in Oregon politics, first a Republican until he found out he could get no office, either by purchase or etherwise; then a Populist; then a something else; then a Repub-

Tide Flowing Toward Selling.
La Grande Observer.
In Senatorial matters there has been also more or less of a surprise devel-Those who were under the be lief that Senator Bourne was invinci-ble are coming to realize that the Sen-ator's strength has been largely im-aginary and that in fact the sturdy, thinking people of Oregon have never been for Bourne, but for what he advocated. This campaign presents a man as Bourne's opponent who is the pioneer of all the principles advocated by the senior Senator and who advocated progressiveness in politics who Bourne was a machine man and as estated in holding up the Legislature of Oregon. The man now receiving hearty support of those who believed in the new form of government is Ber Seiling, of Portland: He has lived in Oragon more than 60 years, is a successful business man, stands well in his own city, and has a legislative rec-

# Significant Attitude.

Albany Herald, it is a matter of considerable in-terest that members of the General Ministerial Association, in meeting, although they refus on record as favoring any on record as favoring any particular candidate for office at the coming election, nevertheless are known to have shown special sympathy with the can-didacy of Ben Selling for United States Senator.

The fact that this was the attitude of the ministerial body, which is al-ways so careful of any cause which it espouses, is significant. It shows at once the feeling with which Mr. Selling is regarded in the highest circles of the state. It indicates that Mr. Selling is to have the support of those people who represent the finest moral element of the community. There is no doubt as to Mr. Selling's business ability; that is evidenced by his present posi-tion in the business world of the state. His support of all measures under-taken here for the public good is also -matter of common knowledge. he should be practically recommended for the office of United States Senator because of his honesty, probity and moral courage is a fact that cannot be dwelt upon too strongly.

PORTLAND, Or., March 10,-(To the Editor.)-It was a great pleasure to me to read The Oregonian's editorial today on "Mob Rule." It is certainly It is certainly a pleasure to me, as an outsider, to find one tditor who is able to see a find one tditor who is able to see a condition that is plainly wrong and un-American, and also has the "courage to speak against it." You are right and cannot help but win out, and, to my mind, you cannot fight too hard against this so-called Socialist mobrule. Those conditions don't appeal to or look good to people from farther east who may feel like investing in Portland. Portland.

Keep the good work up, and here's success to you. LOUIS GOLDEN, Ambrose, N. D.

# Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of March 12, 1862 Secretary of War Stanton desires make a contract for cannon for the coust of California, Oregon and Washington, to be cast in California. The Daily Alta says that 2000 tons of piglion are on the way from Europe and the Atlantic States to San Francisco. It seems to us measures should be taken to work up from our immense deposits of iron ore the cannon required for this coast.

The press of Canada has been bitter The press of Canada has been bitter against the United States in the matter of the rebeilion. It was anxious for war to cut down the feathers of the Yankees. That prospect having gone by, the same party are how feating that the reciprocity treaty between Canada and the United States will be terminated. It about be. If never terminated. It should be It never was any benefit, but a great injury to the states lying on its borders. It was altogether a one-sided affair.

The desire to enlist in the voluntee service for the war is increasing so rapidly that great care and caution has to be exercised to prevent the enrollment of unsuitable and unworthy applicants. The new Washington Territory regiment will have many recruits tory regiment will have many recruits from this state. Under the Colonelcy of Steinberger and the experienced Captain Shulock, of the Hungarian army, the regiment will be likely to give a good account of themselves. The lieutenants already selected are Messrs. Mason and Samuel Purdy, Jr.

One would suppose that somebody is going to start a lumber-yard on the leven at the foot of Washington street, from the size of a house that is being The contrast presente mished there. The contrast presented with the adjoining buildings is extremely ludicrous. We think the erection of such an edifice in the business portion of such a city as Portland should be prevented by an ordinance. It is said that the ground on which it is erected is in dispute; hence the haste of one of the litigants.

William Morrison and Charles Craw William Morrison and Charles Crawford, two of the six convicts we escaped from the prison guard the other day, were brought up on the Vancouver yesterday afternoon and delivered over to Mr. Raiston, keeper of the penitentiary, by Messrs. Frank Scarborough and C. H. McKee. They were taken six or seven miles above the mouth of the Cowlitz.

Notwithstanding the bad weather, the Willamette was crowded last night to witness the play of "The Hunch-back," Mrs. Forbes sustaining the part of Julia. The piece was excellently endered. Mr. Mortimer as Sir Clifford played his part well. The singing of Miss Virginia Lawrence was delight ful and brought out rounds of ap

Some one shot a mule last Sunday near the farm of Mrs. Balch. It was supposed that it was taken for a deer, it being of a dun color.

### CONDITION WORSE THAN THOUGHT Urgent Need Exists for Relief of Famine Sufferers in China.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 13 .- (To the Editor.) —I wrote you on January 8, concerning famine conditions in China, asking for your co-operation in seeing that your city raises a fund for this purpose, but he distance is so great that you are out receiving the first letter as this is being written, and at is impossible for us to know what response our appeal will be receiving when this reaches

The famine has turned out worse than was anticipated. Appeals constantly coming in indicate that it is ogy makes me feel meaner than the very wide-spread. Everywhere in country regions are robbery and violence. try regions are roobery and violence. Will you please also mention the importance of sending on money by cable as fast as raised, without waiting to accumulate a large fund? The amount now on hand is extremely small, and promptness in sending money will ac-

promptness in sending money win actually save life.

No one outside of China can, by any means, realize the extent of the influence of America in shaping the bew nation, and this expression of interest and brotherhood will not fail to have a far-reaching effect for good upon all future international relations. future international relations.

As this is being written, negotistions are under way for the raising by the Chinese government of a foreign loan of \$1,000,000 to be used for famine relief in the form of work. If, when this reaches you, news of the succ of this loan has already been received, will you please emphasize the fact that his amount is only one-fifth of the total needed anything like adequately to deal with the famine situation and that in appealing to America for \$1.000,000 the famine relief committee looked forward to action on some suc scale as this by the Chinese government, so that there is still the utmost need of every cent that America can give.

E. C. LOBENSTINE, Secretary Central China Famine Relief

# BOURNE'S UNEARNED INCREMENT What of Reported Convert's Stock in

Baggage Trust Under Single Taxf PORTLAND, March 10 .- (To the Edior.)—The Corporals of the Fels fund single tax war chest are loud in pro-claiming Jonathan Bourne as a recent convert to their cult.

As Senator Bourne has his chief in vestments in the Aldrich tariff-protected cotton mills of Massachusetts, he is very willing that any new fads can be ried out on his constituents in Orego Mr. Bourne pays \$2.44 taxes in Mult nomah County, but he is also a heavy stockholder in the Baggage & Omnibus Transfer Company, whose entire outfit would be exempt under single tax, By the way, in speaking of uncarned increment, will some of Senator Bourne's single tax friends tell us to whom should belong the increase of \$150 a share in the price of Baggage & Omnibus Company's stock on account of exclusive and very profitable con-tracts with all the rallroads made during Mr. Bourne's term as Senato

Y. M. C. A. Employment Bureau PORTLAND, March 10.—(To the Editor.)—I believe Portland should be justly proud of its Y. M. C. A. It has lately established a bureau of employment on Ash street for the men that would not be reached at the Y. M. C. A. building. If all employment agencies were run on the basis of the Y. M. C. A. we would not be victims of the three gang system as we are, under which system the very men who can least afford to lose any money are made to fill the pockets of the parties concerned in the contract. Give the Y. M. C. A. your support, It deserves it. A READER.

Habilities for Subscriptions.
ALBANY, Or., March 11.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly let me know if one can be compelled to pay for a paper which is continued after the subscripwhich is continued tion expires? Yours, H. T. RIDDERS.

He can be held responsible if he takes the paper out of the postoffice.

Animals. SPRINGWATER, Or., March 3.—(To the Editor.)—Are the following classed as animals: Ants. birds, fish? LLOYD EWALT.

Look up the definition of "animal in the dictionary

# The Season's Gamble

By Denn Collins.

"Oh. I am a wight with a gambler's Thus sang, when the branches bore buds embryonic, A suburban dweller, and quaffed a dark fluid

Dispensed 'neath the title of "Spring liver tonic."
In Spring, on the turf I'm a wild, reckless blade:
I heave up the soil with the shovel and

spade, And take a long shot to discera the content Of the packet of seeds that my Congressman sent.

"In long, servied rows or with remices abandon,
The whole of my plot, with deep
mystry I sow it,
And eagerly watch for the first germi-

And study each shoot, to find out if I know it. Mayhap I have sowed in the place of

a beet Some long, fancy wine that will spraw! who knows? For full strangely the chances are blent
In the packet of seeds that my Congressman sent,

'I guard all my bets 'gainst the poultry that flourish With villainous claws, in the lot of my neighbor, And ever, as upward my sowing keeps

growing.
The deeper the mystery that clings round my labor.
The neighbors look in and remark, 'I beg pardon,
Have you planted posies or truck in your warden? your garden?
'I'm gambling on beans,' I respond,
'which I meant
To grow from the seed that my Congressman sent.'

"Oh, life is a gamble in all of its phases, And I seek to play the mad game to

And build, in the minds of my friends and companions, A 'recklessness record' with nothing to dim it: And so, when the Spring comes around,

on my lots on the longest of all the long I bet on shots, And plant, till all over the place I have spent / The packet of seeds that my Congressman sent." Portland, March 11.

# Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

No mother ever loved her baby boy so much that she didn't say be was

dirty. Nothing attracts more favorable eneral attention than a nice mother ith a nice baby.

Don't become more enterprising or enthusiastic than common-sense warrants.

If you refuse to obey the rules, don't be a cheat and say "luck" is against you. You know what the truth is; admit it. If you don't, the neighbors will, When a man marries, it is believed

he never again longs for social amuse-ment. If his business and his family are not enough to occupy his time, let him take up night school.

Does anyone know how many times

There is always something a little funny about a man visitor. Visiting doesn't seem to be in his line. It is surprising how strong a man sometimes is, when he thinks he is in the right; sometimes five men are nec-essary to down him and take him to

the insane asylum. So often a man promises you a good

### time, and can't deliver it A Dawn of New Hope,

Kansas City Star. Simplicity in weddings is the unexlish aristocracy.

# LOST THEODORE.

LOST THEODORE.

BY F. FAUNTLEROY.
Once upon a midnight dreary, while I nondered weak and weary
O'er my actions which I wish to keep mysterious and obscure—
While I sat abserbed in thinking, from Pisrian aprings oft drinking.
Suddenly there came a knocking—knocking
at my office door—
"Tis some politician," said I, "some friendly
politician, lite come down to Segamore
Just to see Great Theodore."

Ah, distinctly I remember those rush words of that November which fain against me now would make a score—
Esgariy I sought to borrow back those words—those words of sorrow—of the third term years before I had uttered in a fit of overweening.

Quaff, of quaff a rusp of "Lethe" and forget it—I am leaning—daily leaning more and more—

and more— To that third term, stock and store.

While I sat there subtly planning—planning plans no candidate dared plan before—
I began to ask the question—with a satisfying fustian—"will my system stand the running any more?"
Then I saw #5me eyeballs burning—coming down a trackless track—
By the gods they are returning!—tis the rask yows coming back?"
Wicked portent—sure and shooten—come a scooten—come a hooten—to impress me more and more—

But methought the time propitions for my But methought the time propilions for my boom of booms so precious.

For I felt a certain yearning in my system fercely burning as in times I felt before; Now, by the little big horn spoon—or by the rings around the moon!—will it come now, not seen?

Will my boom bogin to boom—will they stampede on the floor?

Then the wind blew through the door.

Bull I had no longer I did offer to hefore—
before—
But the stience gave a token of the pledges
I had broken by the score—
By my fool friends I've been drafted—and
by foul friends I've been Tafted"—
and by ill winds I've been wafted—
and by ill winds I've been wafted—
we stad back to Sagamore—
beginning and some more.

Wafted back to Sagamore— To sag and pine—then sag some more Ains' amhition never flitting, still is sitting, still is sitting.
On the pulsing edge of Ego just within the chamber door
Of my soul full kindly beaming o'er the peopile who are desaming
while the starlight o'er us streaming casts
dark shadows more and more;
and my soul within that shadow, like a
shipwreck on the shore shall remain
there—evermore.

THE BALLAD OF THE BALD. I'm in the sere and yellow leaf, And thin and scant my thatch-

There's scarce enough for one good

And bigger grows the patch. The smooth and glossy, shiny spot That shows below my hat. That pretty maidens when I pass Turn 'round and snicker at,

shent.

Oh, for the power the prophet had, Who wrath from heaven called— The laugh comes rippling after me: "Til bet he's baid." Hood River.