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DO WOMES WANT TO VOTE?

The Polle County Itemizer has been collecting the views of the women of Dallas, the Oregon town where it is published, on the subject of voting. Being engaged to take the census of Being engaged to take the tensor the village, the editor of the Iteminer instructed his employes to ask the women whether they wanted the right to vote or not. To be more accurate, they were to ask some of the women, net all of them by any means. The question was put only to the "head lady" of each household, to use the Iteminer's polite expression. For all one can learn from this proceeding the daughters of every family in Dallas eagerly desire the right of suffrage. So do all the widows and old maids. Evidently the Itemizer did not think these classes of females were worth deal. Apparently the deal is taking into consideration. Or perhaps square unless the Colonel gets the editor realized the question of voting as too indelicate for discussio with any women but seasoned matrons who were familiar with the world and tts wickedness. At any rate, the straw cote which the Itemizer took is almost worthiess, because it omitted the very classes who are most likely to feel an interest in public affairs in such a community. The mothers of growing families are likely to ignore the sublect until conditions have compelled them to think about it.

The result of the Itemizer's investigation, such as it was, is about what one would have expected. The vote of the women stood three to one against suffrage. In other words, the editor obtained precisely the result which he wanted. Most persons who take straw votes meet with similar good fortune. By manipulating the process in the right way it can be made prove or disprove anything under e sun. The Itemizer calmly felicithe sun. tates itself upon the result because it "verifies a statement" which that paper made long ago "regarding the suffrage question." The statement was that women did not want the right to vote. Having thus satisfied itself that it knows the state of female opinion in Dallas, the Remizer goes on to say that it does not believe the women of Oregon want the franchise. And, it opines, if the question could be left to the women of Washington. California or any other suffrage state they would sheerfully give up the privilege of vot-The reason why the Itemiser thinks so is because "only a small per cent of the women ever go to the polls or take any more interest in politics than they do" in the states where they

We submit that the time has gone by when any newspaper which unfertakes to discuss a subject so important as the enfranchisement of women can afford to base its opinions

borrow the Itemizer's phrase, they wish "to taint themselves with poll-tics," just as they have long tainted themselves with cooking, washing and maternity. We are sorry to run across such idle expressions as "the nasty game of politics" in our contemporary's article. Politics is not a game; it is the highest of sciences and the one upon which our welfare more intimately depends than upon any oth-As for nastiness, does the Itemizer et. really think it pollutes a woman any more to go to the polls and drop a ballot into the box than it does to pleasure stand all day over a steaming tub and wash her husband's dirty shirts? TE.

is time to get away from nonsense of this sort and look at the subject of nan's suffrage on its merits.

THE NEW SQUARE DEAL.

Southern delegates to the Repub-tican National convention are being elected in the same manner as they were elected in 1904 to nominate Roosevelt and in 1908 to nominate Taft on Rocsevelt's recommendation. But, after half of these delegates of 1912 have been elected in that very same manner, Roosevelt has discovered that they should have been elected in some other manner, and has be-gun contests by wholesale. He condemns participation of Federal officlais in state conventions, although the only one who has taken an active and aggressive part in the campaign is the clerk of the United States Court at Oklahoma City. He stampeded the

avention to Roosevelt. The square deal requires that what is sauce for the goose be sauce for the gander; that convention methods accepted by him in 1904 and 1908 be accepted by him in 1912. But the square deal, according to the Roosevelt version, requires that the rules be changed to favor the Colonel, even after the game is half played.

We are being treated not only to a new set of Roosevelt policies, but to interpretation of the square not square unless the Colonel gets four aces.

A QUESTION OF PUNCTUATION.

A pretty little controversy has arisen over the punctuation of the inscription to be engraved on John Paul Jones' new statue in Washington. When our first naval hero was fighting his fa-mous battle with the Serapis, the British commander asked him if he was ready to surrender. "Surrender?" re-plied Jones from his sinking ship, have just begun to fight.' Here the trouble comes in, A school of skeptics question the propriety of putting a question mark after after "surrender." They say it ought to be a mark of exclamation. Since there is no way to settle the difficulty except by a majority vote of those having charge of the statue, t is easy to understand how wildly

argument will rage. The only question which people quarrel violently over are those which admit of no conclusive answer. To posterity it will make llttle difference whether Jones' statue is adorned with an interrogation sign or a mark of surprise at this particular point. All agree that Jones was worthy of a statue and visitors to the cap-ital will be glad to pause and game upon the monument to his fame. At least we hope they will. To gaze upon ome of the statues in Washington is

conducive to sorrow rather than gladness, but this one may belong to the ess melancholy class.

Up to the present time most of the onuments which the American people have erected in public places com-memorate the deeds of military and naval heroes. We have no fault to them at the coming election. A move-find with this. Certainly such deeds ment is now gaining headway in ought not to be forgotten. But there | Washington for a bond issue of \$15,are others which also deserve to be 000,000 to carry out the following projkept in eternal remembrance. America ects: has had other heroes besides those of

caused by the growing reluctance of men to follow occupations which bring sweat to their brows, dirty their hands and cut them off from city pleasures and conveniences. The advance in prices is a premium we pay for escape from these conditions. That extra 40 per cent on the price of raw com-modities can be cut off, if we will buckle down to work, dig, sweat, soil our hands and spend our evenings at home instead of in urban resorts of

BOURNE AND LABOR. When one reads an account of labor conditions in the Bourne cotton mills, near Fall River, Massachusetts, owned by the senior Senator from Oregon, the almost instantly reverts to the mind way Mr. Bourne and some of his fellow-Senators attack the so-called trusts. The average wage in the Bourne mills is perhaps not over \$6 a week, and only the foremen and chinists receive as much as \$12 per ek. The hours are as long as the week. law will allow, the sanitary conditions under which the men, women and children work, and the moral surroundings are of the worst, and the legal age limit is violated every day.

Turning to that greatest of all trusts, which Bourne and his colleague would put out of business if they possibly could-the so-called steel trust-we find that there are no children em-ployed, and the lowest wage paid is greater than the average for the adults in the Bourne mills, while the average wage is far more than double, with several hundred employes getting each several times as much per year as any

of the Bourne workers. In the Bourne mills, when old age or disease comes on, the employe is shunted to one side as if he or she were a lump of earth. In the steel

cipal, earnings and accretions. In the Bourne mills none of the workers is interested in the profits, the owners taking all; in the steel trust mills nearly 20 per cent of the employes are owners of stock in the plant, which stock they have been enabled to buy largely through the dividends paid an it. The stock subscriptions by the employes last year amounted to nearly \$6,000,000 in the capital stock of the ompany.

How many of Mr. Bourne's employes wn stock in his plant? So far as anybody knows, not one. The Bourne family pockets the entire earnings of an eighth of a million annually. The Standard Oll Company was one

of the first of our great industrial corporations to create a pension fund. When the company was dissolved by order of the courts, the first concern of the managers was to keep this fund intact, to the end that it might reach those for whom it was provided. The Pennsylvania Railroad pays

annually into a pension fund, ultimate-ly to benefit its 200,000 employes, over \$700,000 a year. The sugar trust, the Du Pont Pow-der Company and the National Cash

Register Company all have large pen-sion funds; and each of them pays a wage from double to treble what our renowned Senator Bourne pays his em. ployes.

THE TIME HAS COME TO BUILD ROADS. Unless Oregon wishes to be completely distanced by her northern heighbor in roadbuilding, the voters will find it necessary to adopt some of the road legislation to be submitted to

has had other heroes besides those of battle on land and sea. Our country vancouver, on the Columbia River,

A road to Spokane, A road to Walla Walla.

These roads would be trunk high-

from the Columbia River to the south

dependent of the general market con-ditions. The high cost of living is according to their biographer, Mary

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according to their biographer, Mary Clemmer Ames, the latter found it im possible to live after the death of the former, but, though in good health at the time of her sister's death and not past middle life, she survived her less than six months.

"I feel the link of nature draw me, quoted Phebe Cary, as she approached the end of her beautiful, useful, un-selfish life, and the sod that had been broken in Greenwood Cemetery for Alice Cary in January was again broken for Phebe in July of the same

In the case of the mother and daughter who were buried in Riverview Cemetery Monday one fu-neral service and one burial sufficed. The link of nature in this case was weakened by the erosions of time and the two, their life work accomplished, relinquished their hold upon the closely woven fabric together, or so nearly so that one funeral occasion sufficed for both.

Girls who wish to make their engagements legally binding will do well to heed a late decision of a court in Kansas City. According to this opinio., a blushing nod is not sufficient to ratify an engagement. When the ques-tion is popped, the girl should reply with a distinct, unmistakable "yes." Otherwise, the contract is not binding upon the young man and she cannot recover damages if he is unfaithful to his pledge. As a matter of prudence it would be well to have a hidden witness at hand when a proposal is expected, or why not a dictagraph?

If Louis Hill persuades every county in Oregon to hold an annual fair the achievement ought to be commemorated in imperishable bronze, though on second thought, there is a difference in fairs and we don't know that there is any particular glory in foundwere a lump of earth. In the over mills there is a pension fund of over \$12,000,000, and 200,000 workmen will be summed up in a horse race and a crazy quilt is not of much advantage world. No doubt those which

Mr. Hill will encourage are to be real exhibits of our varied resources and the means of developing them.

Laborers are warned to keep away from Western Canada. For that matter, there are few regions that desire the unskilled laboring man. Most of them have a full local quota. When a man of that class by diligence and industry accumulates a "stake," he is welcome anywhere, for his success shows his fiber; but the happy-golucky man, on one job today and another tomorrow, would better vege-tate where he is known and pin his trust to Providence and hope of a mild

Winter.

There is a physical culture expert at Harvard who, being a mere man, would delude all women into doing work to make their figures beautiful. His programme of running up and down stairs, scrubbing floors, kneading bread and working at the washboard has been followed for ages without producing the results he tures. When he is older and working for a living, he may meet some women who do all these things, and be wiser.

The man who clamors for a fair vote and who accuses his opponents of unfair tactics is backed by men who have been convicted of falsehood and treachery by La Follette. We need a new definition of "a fair vote," "unfair tactics," just as we need new def-initions of the square deal and the Roosevelt policies. There is opportu-nity to make a little campaign money by publishing "The Roosevelt Glossary of Deliving" The Roosevelt Glossary of Political Terms."

Hereafter a malden cannot mutely declare her love by melting into a man's arms, or nestling her head on his shoulder or offering her ruby lips to be kissed, and then maintain 2. A road into the Grays Harbor country, and on into the fertile region of South audible "yes," just as would be he by the Rainier National Park or the Snoqualmie Pass, with branches' leading on the one hand to Wenatches and on the other to Ellensburg and North Yakima. quired in making a business bargain. Thus is love being stripped of its romance in this prosale twentieth century.

LIGHT SENTENCE FOR MONSTERS. WHAT'S TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOLS. sentence of Oroville Child Murderers

Hotly Condemned. PORTLAND, April 8.—(To"the Edi-tor.)—Ministers of the gospel are con-stantly putting forward the belief that the world is growing better, and some of us, I may say most of us, acquiesce; t is so much more comfortable to do it is so much more comfortable to do so. But every now and then, thanks to the columns of our daily papers, we realize that this idea of our superior

enlightenment is a fallacy. Several months ago there appeared in The Oregonian a tale of cruelty so mon-Several months ago there appeared in The Oregonian a tale of cruelty so mon-stroug that it must have revolted all humane people who have not sunk be-low pig level, and then some. I mean the torture of a 12-year-old girl by two human filends. The form of torture they employed stands side by side with that of the Cenci. Little Helen Rum-ball, of Oroville, Cal., after several years of beatings, kickings and other mild signa of displeasure from her step-mother and her step-mother's brother, Arthur Lewis, to which the neighbors testify, was one day last Summe'r taken up by this pair into the attic of their house, "where the temperature was shown to have been raised to 130 de-grees, and bound hand and foot. Lewis is described by the reporter as being "a powerful man, who had boasted of his ability to break the pecks of steers." Incidentally, little Helen's neck was found broken in two places, "in just the same manner," some days later, who is done day later,

the same manner," some days later, when her lifeless body was dragged from the sweltering torture chamber. Friday, April 5, the case was ended, and what, pray, was the decision of the noble court? The man Lewis was given ten whole years in the state peniten-tiary, while his sister, she of the softer sex, was given two years behind the

Why, a Chinaman has been given half that much time for running a gam-bling game, and a few weeks ago an American who stole a few cans of American who stole a few cans of tomatoes from a grocery store to as-suage the hunger of his wife and two children, was sent up for two years. So it appears it is not an extraordinary crime to mistreat a child for years, and by way of climax to crase her by here the main here delivate holy and heat, maim her delicate body, finally choke her little life out. I ably Helen Rumball did not care p and Probmuch ably Helen Rumpall did not care much by the time they got to the attic party. I can well believe she did not. But what is the matter with us? Are we any better than those people of the Middle Ages? My answer is "No." so long as public opinion fails to rise in open revoit against such cowardly lax-ter in dealing with degenerates like

ity in dealing with degenerates like Bittle Helen Rumball's murderers. GENEVIEVE THOMPSON. 69 North Twenty-third Street.

WAY TO GET LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Writer Declares Election of North and

Evans Will Do It. PORTLAND, April 9 .- (To the Edi point LAND, April 9.--(10 the Edi-tor.)--Several years ago the moral con-ditions of the city became so bad and gambling was permitted under the fine system to such an extent that all de-cent and law-abiding citizens of the community found it necessary to elect Sheriff to sufforce the laws which community found if necessary to elect a Sheriff to enforce the liaws which should have been enforced by the Mayor and his Police Department. Tom Word was the man chosen, and without the assistance of either the District At-torney or the city officials immedi-ately set about the task of chaning up the difference with a set of the set of t ately set about the task of cleaning up the city, and his success will long be immembered by the residents of Port-land. Judging from observations and reports of the moral conditions of the city at the present time, gambling is being permitted by city authorities and the city is filled with dissolute wom-en, and it appears to me to be about time to elect men to the office of Dis-trict Attorney and Sheriff who will do their duty and enforce the law without Market and the punchment of his wife as myths; but they are good in that there is a moral: "Beware of too great a temptation." The story goes that the hand of God stayed the sun that a prophet might finish his work of butchery and bloodshed. The moral here is, "Give opportunity time," and so on through the category we find lesson after lesson. Mr. Morehouse in a great degree en, and it appears to me to be about time to elect men to the office of Dis-triet Attorney and Shariff who will do their duty and enforce the law without

them. I wish to call attention, however, to two young men who are candidates for these offices who have demonstrated to the voters of Multhomah County that they are fully qualified to take up the important task confronting them. Both have shown their patriotism and loyalty on many occasions. They are honest, fearless and conscientious and will give the public good, clean administrations

Writer Sees Little Use in Application of Mythology to Studies.

PORTLAND, April 8 .- (To the Edior) .- I tonight read a letter in The Oregonian that bears somewhat upon the question of modern public school education. I can't say much for its clarity. I thought for a moment or two I was back in England, it is so like our village recluses in argument and expression. I gather that Mr. Moorhouse finds a staff to lean upon in thus championing the most sound and and clent wisdom of which we have written record. There are many written and

unwritten laws which should (were we but half-way just) require no monitor. I think the Graeco-Roman metamorphoses of these sane, wholesome laws which we have, in the New Testament, also have their uses even to the present day.

I think with Mr. Moorhouse that when it comes to sheer time-saving utilitarianism, that we might do well to cut out the mythology, be it Greek or Hebrew. The aim of true education should certainly be to inculcate some amount of kindly sentiment as well as thorough commercial efficiency. I do not see that this can be done by adhernot see that this can be done by adher-ing so much to the word of God. If the message of civilization is one of funda-mental trust, in its ultimate may we not, at least in schools and in pulpits, teach the higher values of scientific principles and deductions. This, I think has have a healuraly assertial

principles and deductions. This, I think, has become absolutely essential. There are now growing up two op-posing factions, those who believe in Mrs. Gamp's receipts and those who, when they go to church, have to listen to tirades that afford them nothing but a concern for the future welfare, mena concern for the future welfare, men-tally and physically, of their descen-dants. There is no doubt much to la-ment in the modern worship of money ment in the modern worship of money power, but I don't think any just man will find an antidote to it in the He-brew Scriptures. I infer that environ-ment is often the cause of much of the degeneracy that we see around us, and on the other hand, I question the wis-dom of any mere hard and fast, inex-perienced administration of the Hebrew morale.

morale. I trust that an altogether more mo

I trust that an altogether more mod-ern tone may soon be possible. Men have to be fearless and women have to be tender, and this will be needful, I trust, for some centuries. Sorry I have not time to touch a little deeper on modern teachings, but I have not Dick-ens' art. I wish that kindly, humorous writer was with us today. We need his insight. E. B. CLARKE.

MYTHOLOGY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

If Moral Is Pointed Writer Belleves They Are Not Improper

CATHLAMET, Wash., April 7 .- (To the Editor.)-There is no place for mythology in our public schools-so writes W. D. Morehouse, of Wamic, Or.,

and yet we would substitute Bible

their duty and enforce the law without fear or favor. There are many candidates for these two offices, but in looking over their records and qualifications the majority of them appear to me to fall below the standard required for the work before them.

The Burning Question

By Dean Collins,

The East is the East and the West, the .. est, And similar terms apply

To North and South and to other points That in the compass lie; Howbeit, wherever at eve I walked. Ante-election talkers talked.

turned to the East and I heard them there; In the West I heard their spiel:

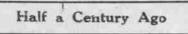
At North and South, I saw them stand On soapbox or automobile. And I thought as I wandered along the

"Politics is at boiling heat."

'Public int'rest must be stirred up As n'er it was stirred before." kept on thinking as on I went, Engulied in the speakers' roar, spake to a man in the crowd, "I wou Politics is simmering hot.

He turned to me in the seething crowd In the din of the speaker's cry; "Politics is the one thing now In the public mind," quath I. and thus his eager rejoinder came-"What was the score in the latest game?"

Portland, April 7.



From The Ovegonian of April 10, 1862. The smallpox is among the Indians at Victoria. As there is a dense In-dian population about the city, it is advised that prompt measures be taken to arrest the progress of the disease.

There has been a great excitement at Victoria about the newly discovered Stickeen mines.

The Olympia Standard is in favor of the division of Washington into two territories, the dividing line to run di-rectly north of the Eastern Oregon boundary line,

Dallas, Polk County, March 29 .- The Polk and Union convention nominated J. S. Holman, Dr. Wariner, J. L. Collins, B. Simpson and James Gardner as delegates to the state convention. The fol-lowing named persons were nominated as candidates for county offices: B. Simpson and G. W. Richardson, for State Legislature: C. E. Moore, for County Judge: W. C. Whitson, County Clerk; Isaac Butler, Sheriff; J. Em-mona, County Treasurer; W. H. Helms, Assessor; J. L. Collins, School Superintendent; William Hall, Surveyor.

Our streets are scarcely passable, owing to the number of drags passing to and from with freight for the upper ountry.

The Seceshers met in convention yesterday and elected the following delegates to the state convention: A. M. Loryea, T. J. Holmes, I. Charlton, W. W. Page, William Cree, A. D. Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pope have been re-engaged. Their previous engage-ment was a success. "Rob Roy" is on the bills for tonight.

Mr. Thomas huly left his residence. East Fork Lewis River, Clark County, W. T., on Tuestay, January 14. ult, for the purpose of killing deer. Three rethe purpose of killing deer. Three re-ports of a gun were heard by his broth-er, James, a little before dark, which were supposed to be from the gun of the missing man. He has never since been seen or heard of. It is believed that he accidentally shot himself.



A woman makes rather less interestng reading then a man, except in a candal.

The dictionary is backed by no bet-ter authority than the decalogue, but if the present desire for a "change" keeps up people will finally spell words wrong and insist that it is a better way.

"Because the Diaz government is the

apon misstatements of current facts. Whether or not women actually the right of voting in states where they have it is a question upon which ignorance is no longer excusable. Ev ery reader of the newspapers knows that the women of Los Angeles turned out in great numbers at the last city election. So did the women of Seattle. The women of Colorado are well known to vote quite as dutifully and intelligently as the men. In Lapland, where women have long enjoyed the right of suffrage, they not only vote, out many of them are members of the Legislature. The statement that women do not exercise the suffrage when it has been granted them is a variance rom the truth which a paper of the standing of the Itemizer ought not to nduige in.

But, leaving all such matters aside we believe that the unconsidered vote a town like Dallas upon the suffrage question would necessarily be misleading. It is a comfortable community, where the great economic mostions which underlie the domand for woman suffrage have not made themselves felt. There are no girls advances during the year were: Corn, working in manufactories for wages 54.6 per cent; steers, 35.7; barley, undermine their health and 34.3; potatoes, 204.1; eggs, 150.8; and no child labor. As the creamery butter, 75.4; milk, 70; dairy morals, and no child labor. As the Itemizer well says, "there are no homes | butter, 67.9; granulated sugar, In Dallas particularly blighted by poverty." In our large cities there are many such homes, and the "head ha-dies" who inhabit them are obliged to not help the poor man's table. look out for ways and means of reliev-

ing their miserable circumstances. The cost of llving is not necessarily a burn- higher for food; 2.8 per cent higher ing issue in a well-to-do country town the Dallas, but in larger cities it comes home to the woman with terrific force. Women in these places have been forced to believe that the only way to secure simple justice in the matter, of wages, pure food and wholesome conditions of living is through the bal-

They want the right to vote, not because of "a desire to enter other fields except the nome." as the Itemizer wrongly supposes, but because of their desire to protect their homes and bring up their children properly. Our rural contemporary believes that "the true mother with her hands fully occupied in caring for her progeny, takes no interest in politics." our opinion, the "true mother" is precisely the person who does take an interest in politics, and the reason why she does so is because in no other torial prices.

way can she "care for her progeny" properly. The interest of women politica is largely a direct growth of intelligent interest in children. There may be here and there a rural editor who does not perceive the imconnection between politics and healthy bables, but to most reflecive people it is only too plain. How an we obtain pure food for the child. lecent playgrounds, the necessaries of

The remedy for high prices seems to rest in the hands of every man. With reasonable prices, protection from epidemic diseases, education and living wages, except through polities? the proverbial three acres and a cow the modern world politics is life, in the suburbs of a city, a man can raise his own vegetables, fruit, pouland because women are deeply conerned with life, therefore they feel try, eggs, produce his own milk, friven to take a hand in politics. To ter and cheese, and be at least half in- closely associated in work, in princi- ble target record.

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on this theory.

has produced poets, scientists, philanthropists whom posterity ought not to forget and whose monuments ought to Bend and Raymond. 3. An east and west highway, whether it adorn the streets and parks of the National capital. It is a fine thing to see the statue of Andrew Jackson In a Washington Park. It would also be fine to see one of Ralph Waldo Emerson there. It is a question whethvays binding together Eastern and er the serene Yankee minister did not Western Washington and every part of do more for the permanent welfare of Western Washington, except the Olym-pic peninsula. To complete the syshis country than the cantankerous President. The French place their men of literature and science as promnorth-and-south roads east of the Casnently in the niches of fame as their Generals. Would it not be a little more seemly if we fell into the habit of

doing the same?

cent for house furnishings.

ern boundary; to build several main roads from the Willamette Valley ADVANCE IN PRICES AND ITS CAUSE The general trend of prices in the

through the Coast Range to the ocean year 1911 was slightly lower than in and to build two or more roads across 1910, but it offers slight comfort to the Cascades to the eastern boundary. the man who is interested mainly in We have spent enough time in discuss the cost of food. The Bureau of Laing how to do it; the time has come to bor reports an advance in the price decide on one plan and get to work of food products, the decline being under that plan. most noticeable in the prices of metal The Washington people are evident and implements. The most marked alive to the advantages of the Pacific Highway and will no doubt be ready to co-operate with Oregon in building a bridge at Vancouver, With such a disposition among our neigh-45.1 ors, Oregon should allow no obstacle coffee, 27.9. The only marked decrease to stand in the way of this great projin the price of an article of food was ect. Oregon should also see to it that those who cross the bridge a few years

hence will not have occasion to make As compared with 1910, the general invidious comparisons, to Oregon's disrange of prices in 1911 was 2 per cent advantage, between the roads north and south of the bridge. for drugs and chemicals. The other seven groups of commodities showed a decrease, ranging from 7.7 per cent THE LINK OF NATURE. for metals, down through 3.3 per cent

Funeral services for an aged mother for cloth and clothing, 1.6 per cent for and her only less aged daughter were farm products, 0.8 per cent for lumheld in Centenary Church Monday aftber and building material to 0.4 per ernoon, followed by the burial of the two time-worn bodies in Riverview

The present general and continuous advance in prices began in 1898 and Miss Katharine Zeller Cometery. died at the family home on the East became marked in 1899. Taking the Side last Thursday, and the death of average wholesale price of 1899 to her mother, Mrs. Susan Zeller, fol-1899 inclusive as 100, the advance has lowed three days later. The daughter been unbroken except in 1968, until was seventy, the mother eighty-nine in 1909 the figures were 139.9 for raw years old.

commodities, 126.6 for manufactured The lives of these two had run in commodities and 129.3 for all comclosely parallel lines since the older modities. The highest level for man was nincteen years old, a date in her ufactured commodities was reached in life record that had long become 1910, prices having since declined dim and indistinct to the mother that from 129.6 to 126.6, but there is no it blended, as it were, with her own pause in the enhancement of raw mayears without a distinguishing mark

Tender and in a sense pathetic were The boom in prices coincides ro 171 events briefly characterized by closely with the boom in trust organ- these lives and deaths. They repreization that they would seem to sented the common vicissitudes of life, of labor, of care and of love running side by side, up and down the slopes cause and effect. But since trust-conis more nearly complete over manufactures than over raw materials. of the years. The cares of the the fact that the advanc- in prices of were the cares of the other. Their loves, their interests, their thoughts manufactures has been less than that in prices of raw materials casts doubt were in common.

Close association through long years makes two persons thus situated singularly dependent upon each other. A striking illustration of this fact was furnished in the lives of Alice and Phebe Cary, the sweet singers of the but-Middle West, whose lives were so

The Spokane Park Board is a set of 'mean old things." All the benches are to be big enough to hold a chaperone and the parks are to be especially there would be needed several illuminated. This will drive the spoon ers to the darkest corners of the church steps. The Park Board should To equal this system, Oregon will bear in mind that to love is human. need to extend the Pacific Highway but to spoon is divine.

> The heavy vote against woman suffrage in the river wards of Chicago well illustrates the character of the opposition to this great reform. The river wards include the Chicago slums, the abodes of vice, ignorance and crime. All these forces naturally oppose votes for women.

La Follette and Houser have swolen the ranks of the Ananias Club by the nomination of Roosevelt's bosom friend, and as events may prove, evil genius, Pinchot, for membership. Thes hre sad days for the uplifters. Their lofty brows are spattered with mud of their own making.

All the halos are not given to the trusts, which Perkins, Roosevelt's fi-nancial backer, idealizes. One is reserved for Patten, the maker of a

The New York woman, mother of twenty-three, who attempted to commit suicide rather than have another. was in despair awaiting the trumpet call. She is not to be blamed.

High-salaried departmental people are wasting Government time in dis-cussing when an emigrant becomes an immigrant. Simple solution would be When he lands."

There need be little fear of another trial by the Colonel. He will ere then developed a new wrinkle have evolved another idlosyncrasy.

According to decision of a Missouri court, a nod is not legal acceptance of a proposal. What would he havea loud yell and a grab?

If Roosevelt continues to repudiate the policies he has indorsed, he may yet declare for small families and race suicide

A moving-picture show of a ministerial association meeting would be edifying as well as provoking of hilar-Ity.

The Folsom guard who potted a runaway at half a mile has the mova-

breach of promise suit if the man proves false. She must utter a plain, audible "yes," just as would be re-candidate for District Attorney, and cannotate for District Alterney, and the other is W. C. North, candidate for Sheriff. Both deserve earnest consider-ation. Elect these two men and we can rest assured the laws will be en-forced. J. F. WILSON.

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IGNORANT GRADUATES OF SCHOOLS

MILITIA BETTER THAN CIVILIANS. Business College Man Deplores Their Lack of Practical Knowledge.

PORTLAND, Or., April 9.---(To the Editor.)-The article of W. D. Moore-house in The Oregonian criticising the Junrdsman Points Out Proportionate PORTLAND, April 9 .- (To the Edi-tor.) -- I have been a militiaman for readers in our public schools, hits only one thing in the public school system that needs hitting. about a year. I have spent 10 days in

The writer of these lines has been in

camp, got my rating as a marksman and think I know whom to look to for the business college work for the last six years, and, in that time, about 90 per cent of the students coming under orders and how to carry them out when I get them. I am still something of a his care are graduates of the grammar schools. I have found that not over 10 per cent of these students have any ookie," therefore cannot claim that am a good specimen of the average mi-litiaman although I have tried to learn all I possibly could and have not missed a drill since I enlisted. I was beginning to flatter myself that dea of the use to which their education

should be applied or what connection it had with their lives. Ten per cent will take in all that could find the cost I sg an individual, and the Oregon Na I as an individual, and the Oregon va-tional Guard as an organization, might be of some use to the country if called into the field, but on reading your edi-torial "The Valor of Ignorance." I feel inclined to ask "Cut bono?" of excavating the basement of a build-ing 24 feet wide, 30 feet long and 6 feet deep, and right angled at that, and less deep, and right angled at that, and less than that number could tell the day on which a note drawn on the 15th day of January, 1912, for 90 days, should be presented for payment. Reading and spelling abominable. Writing and a knowledge of the English language worse than abominable. If what General Chaffee says is correct we might as well turn our swords into plowshares and wait for some mili-tary nation to come along and kick us off the face of the earth. According to

One day a young man graduate of the grammar school, who had been a year at the high school, and a brother of similar qualifications (?) came into the served for Patten, the maker of a wheat corner. Difference in the point of view makes a great difference in the point the way one regards such men. not be on the street half the time

dressed like fools." This may account for the kind of ed-ucation described above. I could give instances by the hundred that have come under my own personal experi-ence, but this is enough. OLD TEACHER.

AN OLD MAN.

AN OLD MAN. As I sit here sadly plining for the friends that come no more; lo, behold! the lights are shining over on that other shore. And methinks I see the faces that I used to love so dear, who with all the gentle graces, hover 'round me, ever near. They will guide my footsteps weary, safely o'er the shining way, and I'll hear their volces cheery, just as if 'twas yesterday. All these aches and pains will leave me, and I'll To Lonely Youth. To Lonely Youth. To Lonely Youth. The second second

they're brightly glowing: hear those joyous words of prayer. Ah, I'm going: yes, I'm going: soon I'll join them over sweet. Your turn shall come! your turn, to greet High Friends, deep Love; no puppet-play, But Love's last pain and pride, some day. And nights like this, Tired Heart, will seem The least queer shadow of a dream;

failed to rouse his drooping head, earth gave forth her usual warning and pro-nounced an old man dead. G. NORBREY PLEASANTS,
And yet (great eyes and tear-wet currous out of the sector of the nounced an old

In their respective offices, if electer. One of these men is Walter H. Evans, grown years.

ons derived are uplifting. W. P. MORSE.

Effectiveness in War,

Of course we all know that regular

says is true we may as well forget what the Minute Men did to the British regu-lars in 1775 and "Eat. drink and be

To Lonely Youth.

GUARDSMAN.

Some day

merry, for tomorrow we

grown years. Suppose we would substitute in each of Mr. Morehouse's examples, men in-stead of animals. What would be the effect upon a child? The world is taught by examples-myths. Christ, so taught. Myths are well so long as les-rous derived are unlifting. made in discarding a good thing to look for a better.

Of the many things you hear. What per cent do you let in one car and out the other? Probably you retain much that you shouldn't, and let many good things get away with the chaff.

When a man is afraid of the future and sorry for the past, you can't ex-

peet very much more from him. When a man skys he saw 20 or 20 quall in one flock I know he saw less than 20.

When you call at a house and the phonograph is turned on for your amusement, they are sure to stick in Caruso.

Don't walk the floor over politics; let the candidates do it.

Men don't like wives who are forever putting on the gloves with them. Around home a man wants it understood that he is champion.

You hear frequent bursts of indigna tion because men in the penitentiary are abused. Of course they are abused; that's the idea of sending them to the penitentiary

TAFT AND SELLING WINNERS.

Straw Vote on Train Shows Trend of Oregon Opinion.

DAYTON, Or., April 8 .- (To the Edihim the organized militia is of no more use than a mob of civilians hurriedly tor.)-During a prolonged trip on the Dallas passenger limited (limited to not rought together and armed with rifles less than 10 miles per hour) out of Portand bayonets. The only salvation for the country is an immense standing army, but will the people of the United land last Saturday evening, a strav vote on preferential Presidential and Senatorial candidates was taken in the smoking car of the train. There were States ever consent to support a big stnading army when the success of the pending militia pay bill is very doubt-43 votes cast for President and 37 for nator, thus;

For President-Taft, 22; Roosevelt 6: LaFollette, 3: Clark, 1; Wilson, 6; Debs, 5. For Senator-Selling, 21; Bourne, 11;

troops are better than militia, but it seems to me that militia are better than civilians in about the same pro-portion that regulars are better than militia. However, I do not claim to be an expert, and if that General Chaffee says is true we may as well formet what Morton, 1: Lane, 4.

Thus giving Taft and Selling a clear Thus giving Taft and Selling a clear majority over all, including Democrats and Socialists. Those who suggested the vote expressed the opinion that this could be taken as indicative of the proportion in which the votes of Yam-hill and Polk Counties would be cast. The casting of the vote drew the people in the car somewhat together and many and varied were the oninand many and varied were the opin-lons expressed. The peculiarity of one induces the mention of it herethat the expense of Senator La Fol-leite's trip into Oregon is defrayed by Jonathan Bourne, and it is made solely in the latter's interest.

R. CHILCOTT.

Democrat on Republican Ballot.

LOSTINE, Or., April 7 .- (To the Editor.)-If a Republican wishes to vote for a Democrat in the primary and writes the Democrat's name on his balwrites the being count in favor of the lot, does that count in favor of the Democrat? A SUBSCRIBER. the

It does not count as a Democratic ote. If enough Republicans did the ame thing the candidate would be nominated on the Republican ticket But the Republican voter would not be counted in determining whether or not counted in determining whether or not the candidate received the Democratic nomination

It shall go. Just to see my loved ones meat me at the winding river's brink, just to hear them kindly greet me at death's door I will not shrink. See the lights.

there. As the gray glint of the morning