other evil consequences are coming to

light. But we can cancel the conse

quences by canceling their cause. Eugenics teaches us how to prevent

death, which formerly devastated Eu-

The falling birth rate, when looked

at rationally, affords no ground for

discouragement over the prospects of the human race. A low birth rate is

simply an expedient for preventing a

high death rate among the more in-

apparently a universal rule that, as in-

telligence increases and the standard

this fact we see the self-preserving in-

stinct of man at work to stave off the

consequences of the law of Malthus.

He does not submit helplessly to the

billed and brutal forces of nature, but

come when the population of the

whole world will precisely balance the

thenceforth remain stationary. This condition has been attained pretty

nearly in France and will be sought

Those who regard the woman suf-

frage movement as a sign of deca-

nme cry is raised against the Bahals

in Persia because they wish to free women from the veils of the harem

and against the republicans in China

because they wish to stop the practice

the agitation for women's colleges be-

gan, about a century ago, there was

shrick that it heralded the ruln of

nankind. Every step that has been

taken for the betterment of women's

condition since time began has been

deplored because it was going to over-

throw civilization and extirpate the

thrive fairly well and the race has

ot been extirpated. The human spe-

cles will do whatever its intelligence

eaches ought to be done for the im-

shricks will stop it. The universal life

force working through man will go its

hosen way in spite of everything. The

road it is taking today leads to equal-

ity of the sexes and we may as well

reconcile ourselves to see it traveled to

Several Oregonian readers, among

hem Mr. E. Schwarzschild, of Eugene,

have written to call attention to an error in the account of "The Napoleon

Baby," which was published the other

says that Louis, the son of Napoleon II, was never married. Victor's father

was the uncle of Napoleon III, and his

Oregonian incautiously followed

Mr. Schwartzschild for his letter,

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Mr. Schwartzschild correctly

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THE NEXT TEST OF STRENGTH.

Taft's victories in the New Hampthire primaries and in the Rhode Island and Iowa conventions take away part of the sting of his defeat in Illi-nois, Pennsylvania, Nebraska and Ore-The result in New Hampshire encourages him to hope that he may carry the neighboring State of Massachisetts. His managers have, there-fore, not only concentrated their forces of oratory and money in that state for the few days remaining be-fore the primaries on April 30, but have induced the President himself to make a direct appeal to the voters.

The vicious attacks made by Roosevelt on Taft and the Colonel's astounding misrepresentations of Taft's speeches and attitude have at last forced the President to decide on a more aggressive course. He realizes that the loss of Massachusetts would be a severe blow to his chances of renomination; that his cause has suffered by his own dignified moderation, a quality which does not restrain als rival; and that he must fight with some of the Colohel's own weapons. He has hitherto confined himself to defense of his own acts and academic criticism of Roosevelt's new progressivism. Hereafter we may expect him to meet personal criticism with as stinging retorts as the dignity of his office will permit.

After several state conventions, the action of which is a foregone concluthe next direct primary will be held in Maryland on May 6. We shall be able to judge by the result of that test of strength and of that in Massachusetts whether Pennsylvania is an exception to the rule in the Eastern states or whether the Roosevelt furore as strong in the East as in the West. The fury of the contest has brought

out charges of fraud and corruption one faction against the other such have been common only between marties after the nominations were The fact appears to be that both factions are playing practical politics. Everybody knows what that The only difference is that Roosevelt makes louder professions of purity and thus lays himself more open to the additional charge of hypocrisy

In Illinois Roosevelt used Lorimer as a club with which to beat Taft and was aided by Lorimer's work on Taft's behalf. He did not scruple to accuse Taft of approving Lorimer's methods, though the President is known to have condemned them. In Pennsylhis identification with Penrose by which The methods good enough for Roosevelt in 1568, ed are still good enough in Texas, where Cecil Lyon is lining up the convention for him, but no words of condemnation are too strong for them elect Taft delegates. The manner in run their affairs. Therefore Salem which the contests were decided by gets its just dues, which is pretty the Indiana convention provoked loud cries of "fraud" from the Roosevelt going. men, but they did not scruple to knock down, bind and gag the Taft men on the county committee at Scattle. is accused of sympathy with the "in-terests," but some of the interests must have furnished the \$100,000 distributed as scrip by the Roosevelt men in Pennsylvania, the \$250,000 spent by Flinn, and the total of \$700,000 which an employe of the Roosevelt bureau n Washington says the Colonel's agents spent like drunken sallors.

When both factions are out to win and are using any means available to that end, this bandying to and fro of charges of fraud is nauscating. It is the more so when the practice fraud is covered by a cloak of saintly purity.

ATTEMPTS TO FREE THAW.

Harry Thaw seems to have the cards stacked to win in his struggle for release from Mattenwan. His attorney is Clarence J. Shearn, who has gyrat ed politically between the Democratic and Independent League parties. Atney-General Carmedy, whose official duty it is to resist any efforts to procure Thaw's release, has had intimate political and professional relations with Shearn. The new superintendent of the asylum, whose dury it is to call upon the Attorney-General Thaw's release, is understood to believe Thaw to have recov-

ered his sanity. In these circumstances the opposition to Thaw's release is likely to be purely formal. Should Carmody of-fer opposition, he will be handicapped adverse testimony of the super intendent. Should his relations with Shearn prevent him from putting his heart into the work, he might refrain from calling to his aid counsel who cratic obstruction. are familiar with the case or allenists who have studied Thaw's mental condition and are competent to pass on it.

But the body of experts which declared Thaw insane declared him to suffering from an incurable form of insanity, which was likely to break out again in homicidal manta. If was insane when he killed White, but is now same, his mental bease was curable and these experts fred in defining the nature of the disease. It follows that Thaw's release would be a reversal of the verdict by which he was sent to Matteawan instead of the electric chair,

They care goes to show that an allen-

uning; and that any rich man or woman who is willing to spend unimited money and to take advantage of every political turn of fortune may be able to induce the courts of New York to reverse and stultify themselves. And for what? That a hopeless degenerate may be free to kill any man against whom he has a fancled grievance whenever the murderous mania seizes him.

FIXING THE SOUTHERN DELEGATES. Ormsby McHarg, the political procurer, is busy in the South, where his peculiar talents are having free and effective play. The report comes rom South Carolina that some of the delegates from that state, instructed by their conventions to vote for Taft. are going to vote for Roosevelt. The announcement is followed by an loquent harangue on the duty of the Southern delegates from the Taft press bureau, coupled with a blistering denunciation of the nifty McHarg by Manager McKinley. "If Ormsby McHarg," roars Mr. McKinley, "who is now in the South, for no other purpose than to persuade men to dishon-orable acts, can find any of that callber in that section of the country (South Carolina) the sooner the country knows it the better.'

The trail of the McHarg will be plain in time. It will be blazed with broken pledges, packed delegations, fixed delegates. McHarg is handy, and he knows how to get results. He does not always succeed, indeed, for great errand to Oregon to get the Legislature here to go back on its pledge to the people failed ignobly. But McHarg tried hard enough. He

earns his pay. The Taft people are uneasy about the South. That is plain. You never really have a Southern delegate until ou eatch him and skin him. They are in the game for what there is in Of course the National t, always. ommittee is for Taft and the Southern delegate who wants to be for mevelt at Chicago will have to present mighty fine credentials.

President Taft made a great blunder in discharging McHarg as Assistant Secretary of Commerce and La-He ought to have kept him to be a Taft fixer and then all the trouble over the Southern delegates might never have occurred.

GIVING SALEM ITS JUST DUES.

Salem is no hog. We have heard metimes that it is, but we have never believed it, and have ever strennously denied it. Circumstances of facie case against Salem, but when due explanation is made the charge invariably falls to the ground.

The latest unfortunate concatena of conjunctive conditions that has led to renewed accusations against Salem was the result of the recent primary. Every successful candidate Republican county ticket save one halls from Salem. Not one from Silverton, Gervais, Woodburn, Turner, Sublimity. Firooks mawa, Silver Creek, Mount Angel, nor the interjacent county, but all (save one) from Salem.

whole thing," declares the Capital Journal, "was an accident. Salem made no fight for it, in fact never thought of it." Sure enough; Salem never does think of it.

The wicked assembly could hardly have done worse; but there was no assembly. There was an assembly in 1919, and it nominated a Governor from the remote village of Condon; but the sovereign people rose in their might and smote the assembly and put in a Salem man (a fervent anti-as semblyite) for Governor. The wicked vania he took advantage of the upris- assembly "also nominated for State Ing against Boss Penrose, but did not hesitate to accept the support of Boss Plinn, who has grown rich as a their might and smote him and put in member of the corrupt ring which an anti-assemblyite, a Salem man, for long ruled Pittsburg. Taft suffers by State Treasurer. Then there was a Roosevelt's identification with the fice and the Governor, with great geoequally undestrable Filin passes un- graphical and political impartiality, canvassed the entire state for a candi. Southern delegates are elected were date, and of course put in a Salem man. But certainly the whole thing was an accident. Salem made no fight for it; in fact never thought of it,

The wicked assembly strove in its criminal way to apportion the tobs. But the people want no assembli much everythting politically that is

MUCH CRY AND LITTLE WOOL

The Democratic House has discov ered an admirable means of preventing direct election of Senators while ostensibly favoring that urgently needed reform. Knowing that Democratic Senators will never consent to surrender of Federal control over Senatorial elections, the House insists on that proviso as a condition of submitting the direct election amendment. ong as the Democrats adhere to this nosition there is no hope that the amendment will go before the people. If they should gain control of the Sen-ate and submit the amendment with this proviso, there is grave doubt that it would command the support of the necessary three-fourths of the states. Apparently the only possibility of se-curing direct election is to place both Senate and House under Republican control. The amendment would then be submitted to the states without the good prospect of ratification by the Northern states and enough Southern states outside of the black belt to nake the necessary total of 36.

Here we have another illustration of the oft-proved truth that the Democrats talk about measures of reform and progress, but the Republicans put them in effect. The only real effort at systematic tariff revision based on exact information has been made by a Republican Congress through the much abused Payne-Aldrich Jan. vv. which was signed by a Republican President. To President Taft is due the credit for putting in operation the machinery created by that law, and his inability to show results in the shape of legislation is due to Demo-

The first interstate commerce law was passed by a Democratic House, a Senate with a Republican majority of only two and was signed by a Demo cratic President. It was a weak and flabby measure with neither teeth no claws, and it remained for a Republican President and a Republican Congress in 1904 to put energy into it and for another Republican President and another Republican Congress to reinforce it in 1910.

With the Democrats it is a case of "much cry and little wool."

The parole board is trifling with the law in recommending pardons for the lynchers of Olite Snyder, Snyder, ist can always be found to contradict it will be remembered, was in charge

any other alienist, if fat fees are forth- of a Grant County deputy sheriff on not is a disputed question, but, even if the way to jail and was surrendered e way to jail and was surrendered it is increasing, we ought not to be him to the mob and murdered. frightened, since the eugenists have by him to the mob and murdered. Since these mon had a fair trial in the county in which they lived and were given life sentences, the least the board count do, was to let them serve time—if but for life, at least long that multiplied cases of insunity and enough to make an impression on others who might be tempted to commit a similar offense. Too much gush and maudlin sympathy will impel the people of this state to vote for capital punishment by a large majority in November.

> DR. PEARSONS AT 92, Overanxious friends of Dr. D. K. Pearsons have worried a little now and hen lest he should give away all his oney before his time came to leave the world and proceed to a better one. What if it should become necessary to pass around the hat for the benefit of the veteran philanthropist, to keep the wolf from his door in his last days? All occasion for such anxiety seems about to vanish now. Dr. Pearsons is probably in his last Illness and he still has some money left, enough, very likely, to pay the doctor and account for funeral expenses. How much more he has we are unable to any, but probably it is not a great deal. He has been scattering his wealth among the small colleges for a long tone with the expressed determination to give away all he had. When his time should come to pass through the eye of the needle, he was resolved not to have a bundle of sinful gold on his back. It must not be understood, however, that Dr. Pearsons has been an indiscriminate giver. No man of our day has distributed his charities more judilously or with better forethought.

Dr. Pearsons' plan was to select ome college of prominent merit in a given territory and bestow his donations upon that alone. He believed that it was much better to encourage and strengthen a few promising institutions than to promote rivalries which could only tend to weaken the cause of sound education. He gave to small colleges in preference to targe ones, but not to every small college which the ill-advised enthusiasm of

promoters might bring into existence Dr. Pearsons was of the opinion that there might be too many colleges. The people of every locality need proper educational facilities, but they are not benefited by having those facilities duplicated over and over again. Enough tional world as well as at the dinner table. The cause of true learning gains by concentration of resources, One thriving college is far preferable casionally appear to make out a prima to half a dozen starving parodies of facie case against Salem, but when colleges. When the resources of two institutions could be combined, Dr. Pearsons always advised union, Whatever may be the rule in the world of ommerce, it is certainly true that in education nothing is gained and much is lost by needless competition.

IS THE WORLD GROWING BETTER? Some of our Eastern contemporaries, weary perhaps of politics, have be gun to drop into a philosophical mood and discuss the question whether the world is growing better or What has set the editorial mind at work upon this topic is an article by Joseph McCabe in the Hibbert Jour nal, defending modern times against some of their traducers. The indictment against the age we live in to which Mr. McCabe replies contains these six counts: Religion is decay ing, conduct deterlorating, pauperism holds its own, insanity increases, the pirthrate is falling and finally women ere clamoring for votes. All these, if believe the pessimistic prophets are signs that the times are awry and that this wretched old world saw its best days long and long ago.

Most of these accusations Mr. Mc-Cabe, like any other intelligent man, answers without particular difficulty. What some people take for a decay of religion is morely a change in its form The old clothes are being removed and ones substituted. In the meantime the church shivers a little and pulpits are disposed to shrick, othing serious is likely to happen Religion has always managed to take care of itself passably well, and we may reasonably suppose that it always

The charge that conduct is deteriorsting is one that every generation has had to bear up under since the beginning of time. Just as each fond mother tells her son twice or three times a day that he is the worst boy the ever saw and that she is sure he will end on the gallows, so the moral guides of each successive generation tell their misbehaving fellow creatures that there never was such a perverse rew on earth before and that everything will go to destruction if they do not mend their ways. There is record that any generation ever did mend its ways, but still history keeps moving and the skies do not seem to The simple fact is that the gen eral conduct of mankind is a great deal better now than it ever was be We read of no epoch in the past when life and property were as rafe as they are today. Men cap think and express their thoughts with less danger to themselves and others, they can travel about with greater freedom and they can earn their living in more wholesome and agreeable ways. The only way to determine whether conduct is deteriorating or not is to look at the common facts of objectionable proviso, and would have life and these facts all point to the conclusion that the world's morals are better now than in any previous age.

It must be conceded that pauperism does not diminish, at least not very rapidly, but in this particular also we can find ground for comfort. may have as much pauperism today as there ever was, but we do not feel so helpless before it as formerly, for excellent reasons. In the past poverty was accepted as the inevitable lot of the larger part of mankind. "The poor ye have always with you" was re ceived as a precept of eternal validity ing was to bestow alms. Nobody had investigated the causes of poverty and nobody had dreamed of a cure. while we certainly have not begun to apply the cure very extensively, we are no longer ignorant of the causes of the disease. Various recipes have been proposed which profess not merely to miligate poverty, but actu-Whether any of them will work or not is another question, but the existence of the recipes proves that man's intelligence has seriously attacked the problem, and history teaches no that, whenever a remedy is persistently cought for any cyll. It is quite likely to be found sooner or later. that the disease of poverty has been wientifically studied only for a few years, we need not feel discouraged because the true cure has not yet been found and applied. Whether insanity is increasing or

probably discovered the right way to check its advance. No doubt we have

J. J. Mundwyler has presented to Curator George H. Burton, of Golden Gate Park Memorial Museum, San that multiplied cases of insanity and Francisco, for public exhibition, an interesting collection of programmes of entertainments in that city dated as far back as 1860, when the Willows, the survival of the unfit. In due time its precepts will be heeded and insan-Woodward's Gardens, Maguire's Academy of Music, Hayes Park and Platt's become as rare as the black Hall were the notable places of public

The collection embraces programmes of concerts at Platt's Hall from 1860 to 1876; Gilbert's New Idea in 1863; the Willows, at the corner of Mission and Eighteenth streets, in the same year; Maguire's Academy of Music in 1865; a playbill of William E. Sheridan in "Richelieu" at the Baldwin in 1880; New Germania Concert Society, in 1855; Mercantile Library Soiree, 1849; Wood ward's Garden, in 1873, and a contert

Priscilla Knowles, who never gave any particular evidence of histrionic ability during her stay in Portland as leading woman with the Robert Athon stock company at the old Lyric Theater two seasons ago, is having a record run for acting-whether good or bad the account neglects to say-at the Academy of Music stock house in New York. On April 16 she celebrated her 1000th consecutive performance in that theater. Since the organization of the ompany in August, 1910, Miss Knowles has been in every play presented, she has taken no vacation and has not nissed a performance in the entire 84 weeks. She is the only member of her company to achieve this remarkable

A suit has been instituted by Acton Davies against Edward J. Bowes, the Tacoma husband of Margaret Illington. Mr. Davies alleges that "Kindling," now being played by Mrs. Bowes, was made from a copyrighted story of his printed in the Evening Sun and later dramatized as a sketch by the author, who demands an accounting. Mrs. Hlington-Bowes will appear next month in "Kindling" at the Heilig.

Fola La Follette, the actress, has an rticle entitled "My Father," in this month's issue of the Twentieth Century Magazine, in which she tells, at con siderable length, her private opinion of her father, Senator La Follette,

It was characteristic of Henry B, Harris that one of the last acts of his life should have been a kindly deed to one of his fellow men. For, side by side with Mr. Harris when the Titanic disappeared into the waves stood Jack Baumann, an associate of earlier days whom Mr. Harris was bringing to America for a fresh start in life.

when Harris was operating an outdoo mother was Clothilde, of Italy. The misleading account of the Napoleon family in the article mentioned, and so fortunate, and on several occasions the error slipped into print without Harris, it is related by his friends, had assisted him financially,

We are much obliged to In London two weeks ago they met Much as we admire a man who can play the piano for fifty mortal hours nce undertook to cheer him up, purupon a stretch, we admire and pity the people who have to listen to him a chased his ticket for America on the great deal more. Professor Camille Baucia made a happy choice when he Titanic and assured him of further assistance upon their arrival in New selected Tammany Hall for this feat York. When Mrs. Harris bade her husof endurance. We dare say the braves deserve all they will get out of it, for band good-by as she stepped into the lifeboat, Baumann stood by his side. Together the two old friends watched the lifeboat pull away, and together may break down at the forty-fifth they faced the fate which they kney hour, or the forty-seventh. It is well by this time was inevitable. enough to show a little mercy even to

of smoke ought to be encouraged. There are two kinds of smoke-tobacc shall not undertake to decide. It is the smoke from coal that the new warfare is waged against, and we hope it may succeed. The disagreeable ingredient in smoke is fuel unconsumed and going to waste. The abstement of the nulsance means increase of comfort and money saved.

The Missouri schoolboy needs not to be shown in dire extremity. Expecting punishment, one donned two pairs of trousers, and, thus cushion-tired withstood the efforts of his teacher, who was subsequently arrested for her 'offense." The boy and the houn' dawg are not to be trifled with.

Mrs. Belmont's farm for women armers is a failure. The meek and owly bovine is not enough esthetic to ppreciate bands on her forelock and ribbons on horns and tail, nor to men. tion rubbers when the day is heavy.

One National bank of Portland shows a growth of nearly a million dollars in deposits in two months Items of this nature are mere pointers of the city's prosperity. Failure of Mrs. Belmont's suffragist

olony proves that society women do

not make good farmers, but it does

not prove that women do not make

roads into the vast undeveloped area of Central Idaho as it has extended

them into Central Oregon, Judge O'Day despises the informer. He could not be true to his blood and do otherwise, and the whole world joins him in the contempt,

Turkey's acceptance of mediation in the war with Italy is in fact a rejection, since she makes retention of Tripoli a condition.

Quartz from Grant County going \$50,000 to the ton would stampede the world, only that the region is reached easily by railroad. The world is moving, surely but

verdict for cold-blooded degree The House was ungallant yesterday in defeating equal suffrage for Alaska

slowly, when a Chinese gets a second-

by a tie vote. The Allen gang will not submit to the law until its members go to the

A baby farm is misnamed. It should The rain is merciful to the Beavers

be called a baby slaughter-house.

Stars and Stardom

at Hayes' Valley Park in 1864,

Baumann's association with Harris dated back a dozen years to a time amusement scheme in Denver. It was not long afterward that Harris began to prosper. Baumann was not always

again Baumann had failed in the en-terprise which had taken him abroad, and was down on his luck. Harris at

Theodore Mitchell, who is heralding the coming of "The Pink Lady," is in The men who want to rid the world Portland. Incidentally, mooning. The last time Mr. Mitchel came here he was ahead of that perensmoke and that made by garbage, coal nial and imperishable beauty, Lillian and wood. Which is the worse we Russell, in "Wildfire," several seasons agone at the old Columbia. To this praise agent is accredited-if accredited is the right word to apply to such a twisting of truths-the famous story that the fair Lillian intended publish ing a book of her love notes and billy doos from well-known men. The stor naturally caused widespread conster nation; it was published on the front page of every paper in the land, and of it Mr. Erlanger, of Klaw & Erlanger "In all my experiences that Is the best press story ever put over."

"Also we have in our midst" Louis Nethersole, whose claim to attention lies in two directions. One is that Louis is brother to the famous Olga, and tother is that he is bearing the banner of Margaret Anglin, who plays the end of next week at the Heilig in her newest comedy, "Green Stockings. By the way, the piece gets its peculiar title from an old English custom for unmarried girls of a family wearing green hose at the wedding of others in the family.

Thurlow Bergen's stock season in St. Paul does not seem to have met with success. He is, therefore, to try a new plan, by which he will play one week in the Metropolitan in Minneapolis and the next week in the Metropolitan in St. Paul, leaving the alternate weeks for the visiting attractions. There is an unconfirmed rumor that Bergen and himself in interpreting the law, and I Competition promises to extend rail. his company will be seen at the Moore in Seattle this Summer. Elsie Esmond former Baker ingenue, is his leading woman. ...

> The four Holloways, tight wire performers at the Orpheum, are nephews and grand-nephews of Lord George Sanger, who sold Barnum his first circus chariots, and from whom Barnum got the idea to house his performance under a mammoth tent. Lord Sanger was murdered in Finchley, London, last November in his 87th year by an ex-favorite circusman he had discharged. The murderer then committed suicide. The Holloways were born "under the white tops," and all have been in the show business since childhood. While only four Holloways are billed as appearing in the vaudeville act, six of the family actually take part, Abe, the uncle, being majordomo and little James being the property boy. George Holloway is the leader. Charlie impersonates a woman; Ernie is the comedian, and George, Jr., is the fourth in the act. The younger lads of the Holloways practice daily to be able to take any place in the act in case of agcident. Walter Pasmore, who traveled with the Holloways, was killed in Leipsic, Germany, two years ago in in Leipsic, Germany, two The Holloways ascertain if they are true to their ascertain if they are true to their have appeared with Ringling Brothers' pledge and oath, OLIVER M. HICKEY.

MEANS TO SAVE LIFE WASTED. Life-Rafts Could Have Been Built While Titante Sank.

tor.)—I presume the American people have reached a verdict with reference to the Titanic disaster. Whatever minuteness in details the investigation now in progress may develop, it can hardly throw much additional light upon the predetermining cause of the catastrophe. Enough is already known to support a verdict against the corporation and the Titanic's officers of such overweening confidence in the vessel as practically amounts to wanton disregard of human life. It is impossible to avoid the concusion that the capitals and his subscription and his subscription and his subscription and his subscription. captain and his subordinates not only refused to heed the repeated warnings of icebergs, those most deadly perils of the sea, but that they rather gloried in placed beyond peradventure, their presence, and would show the world that they could rush amongst them at full speed and pass through

Nothing stands out more vividly in Nothing stands out more vividity in the gloom of this awiul sacrifice of life and property than the supreme in-difference of the ship's officers, high and low, to the ever-present and lurk-ing dangers of navigation, and their absolute confidence in the unsinkable-ness of this last work in marine archi-tecture. This feeling was doubtless shared by the passengers, and it was that feeling on their part, inspired by the words of experts, which enabled the captain so easily to lull the passengers into a false sense of security after How else can we account for so little being done while the vessel was sink-ing? Four hours in such circumstances,

as some of the rescued say, was an eternity; and to save life, if guided by an officer of cool judgment, men can perform herculean tasks. The officers knew that at the uthoat the boats Dalles for Powder River, and still the could save but 950, and yet they were rush continues. sent adrift 250 short, with the remark able explanation that there were no others ready to go. Knowing this facable explanation that there were no others ready to go. Knowing this fact and knowing also that the Carpathia was but four hours away at the begin-ning and rushing to the Titanic's aid with all possible speed, the officers made no attempts, though this seams almost inconceivable, to construct temporary life rafts. There must have been ship's carpenters on board, with all needful tools for rapid and effective work (or if not, their absence would be toolby land, there is itself), and if a terrible indictment in itself); and if there was no suitable material that could be got at after the water began to enter the hold, there were at all events numberless doors, chairs, tables benches, etc., all of floatable material that could have been nailed and lashed together, each such raft capable of sup-porting in that calm sea three or four

persons for some hours.

Beyond a doubt, huncreds of precious lives could have been saved. They cannot be excused to say that in the stress of dire calamity they could not think to act; it might not occur to a landsman until too late, but officers of those great passenger craft are sup-posed and, indeed, required, to think in terms of life-saving equipment always and instantly

and instantly.

The sad truth is, they went forth believing they had a vesrel which could withstand all perils of the sea, and when it received its deathblow, they were too stunned to resort to the commonest methods of saving life. C. H. SHOLES.

THE BRIDLE HELD OUT OF SIGHT Single Tax Organizer Only Shows Buit to the Voters.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 22.— (To the Editor.)—The gentleman whose organizing the anti-single tax move men in Oregon, in his method of ap-proaching the voter there, puts me in mind of nothing so much as of a sting; old deacen I used to know trying to catch his horse with a handful of oats holding the while a bridle in his other hand well out of sight of the animal

The gentleman in question, from his preliminary argument, while tempting-ly displaying the balt (the exemption from taxation of personal property and improvements to the extent of \$500 value), is undoubtedly holding some thing behind him which he does not un for any circumstances intend that the voters shall see.

In his statement that the single-tax

measure cannot be applied to present land values he brings to mind a story which appeared in print a few weeks ago of a how whose teacher gave his a problem to take home for solution How long will it take a man walking four miles an hour to walk around township, the township being six mile square? Of course Johnnie was only a boy, so his father had to go out and walk around the township tog prove the problem, in which course there was about as much sense as in the asser tion that single-tax estimates cannot be applied to present land values. If Johnnie's father had been able to figure, he would have been spared the long walk and consequent loss of time from his work. As anything that has length, breadth or thickness or value can be measured, land is one of the can be measured, land is one of the easiest things to be measured, as its value or dimensions cannot be hidden from view or from observation, and therefore could not escape the measuring stick of the assessor and of the tex collector.

tax collector.

The single-taxers know what the gentleman of the opposition is holding behind him, that it is a good strong bridle, and that those who nose the ats must wear said bridle and be rid den over many rough roads and long miles to pay for their cupidity in trusting a man with something held behind him, in lieu of plenty and good treatment in payment for the labor they may perform. W. E. DAY.

LET DELEGATES KEEP PAITH. People's Verdict Obligatory on Oregon Representatives at Chicago,

PORTLAND, April 23 .- (To the Edi tor.)-Your editorial, Trifling With the People's Verdict," should receive the indorsement of all citizens, save those who might dare to tear down the Presidential primary law. Attorney General Crawford makes an ass of mly giving the lukewarm delegates as xcuse to evade the expressed will o the people, as shown by last Friday' election. Let any of the delegates override the will of the people, and I were better that they had never best elected. To break faith with the electorate of Oregon should mean public disgrace, whoever they may be Let each of the delegates chosen re-

member that he is no, released from his obligation after the first vote is taken at the convention. Section 3250 (d) in part reads: "Every such delegate, to a National convention to nominate" candidates for President or Vice-President shall subscribe an oath ... that he will, to the best of his Judgment and ability, faithfully carry out the wishes of his political party as ex-pressed by its voters at the time of his In no uncertain terms the people of Oregon—that is, the Repub-lican voters—have expressed their preference under this law for Theodore Roosevelt for President, Already it appears that lukewarm deleit appears that lukewarm dele-gates are beginning to equirm and are looking for an excuse. Let all such re-main at home, under the filmsy prefext of being sick, or acquit themselves

like men.
It may be true that the law as it now reads should be changed, but that now reads should be changed, but that is not for the ten delegates elected to the National convention to day. The people of Oregon will watch with keen eyes the acts of those (en men elected by the Republican voters and thereby ascertain if they are true to their standars and cath.

Half a Century Ago

PORTLAND, April 23 .- (To the Edi- From The Oregonian of April 25, 1862. To the Democratic committee of Jack-son County, Oregon: I have learned that at the Democratic meeting held at Jacksonville on the 5th inst. I was nominated as candidate for State Senator. As I cannot support the resolu-tions, I am compelled to decline the nomination. In my judgment no state has the constitutional right to peace-fully seeds from the Union without fully second from the Union without the consent of a majority of the other states of the Union or without the con-

sent of Congress. B. F. DOWELL. A large number of persons are new out on the John Day River, and the rachness of these mines will soon be

The work of grading for the Dalles & Deschutes Rallroad is now completed as far as Five-mile Creek, and the laying of the rails is rapidly progress-

Our town (The Dalles) is crowded with strangers, the great majority of them on their way to the mines. All the available places for lodging have been appropriated, but still hundreds are unable to find accommodations and are compelled to camp out. At this time the beach in front of the town is covered with tents, and up Mill Creek, and, in fact, in whatever direction the eye is turned, the first thing that meets the collision, whereby an hour or more the gaze is the canvas houses of those of precious time was wasted. who are here on their way to the mines.

The excitement in relation to the Powder River mines bids fair to eclipse the Salmon River furore. Within the last 10 days it is computed that not less than 1000 men have left The

Messrs, Morse & Co, have constructed large vawlboat, to which is attached a large yawlboat, to which is attached a pair of sidewheels which are pro-pelled by muscle. The boat is pro-vided with three small trucks mounted on wheels, for the purpose of hauling the craft around the portage. She is also provided with a sail, which will materially assist in propelling. A party will start on Monday next in this craft for Salmon River, and, judging from the speed made yesterday on a trial trip in front of the city, the company not sooner, than many "cayuse caravans."

Mesers, S. A. Cornell and L. A. Brey-nan will open a select school for young ladies and infants on Monday next at the corner of Second and Yamhill streets.

Where is the Street Commissioner? The sidewalks in many places are obstructed with empty barrels and boxes, etc., much to the annoyance of pedes-trians and contrary to ordinance. They should be removed.

The following extracts from a letter dated Florence City, April 3, we take from the Mountaineer of Wednesday: "New discoveries of gold have been made south of Salmon, some 30 miles from here, which I have reason to think are as rich as these, but are only known to a few as yet. Pack trains have at last got to the Moun-tain House, about 15 miles from here, and they were much needed, for flour had risen to \$2 per pound; sugar, coffee, nalls and dried fruit, \$2.50, and tobacco \$6 per pound,

As "Ed" Howe Sees Life

You give bad luck credit for a good deal that belongs to yourself.

Part of the joy a man finds in a When you are returning in the even-ing from a picnic, and singing so well that farmers along the road are prob-ably astonished at the volume and

sweetness of your voice, it is annoy-ing to have a poor singer break in. You are rarely able to flatter people into doing a good thing; flattery seems to be a friend of the devil.

People resent it when a doctor's band's "big operations," and "important

Many a girl who has high ideals is ompelled to give them up for stenography. A black-edged envelope looks

al that it should be excluded from the mails. When you get through with your rork, for heaven's sake go off and

rest; don't bother those who are still After a man passes 50, he would rather gossip about wickedness than

engage in it. The grandeur of mountain heights should be admired from a distance.

Democrats Show Heavy Gain.

Everything went Democratic at the

Everything went Democratic at the home of F. S. Myers, 515 Hancock street, last Friday. At the same time the Democratic registration on the East Side was increased by one. Mr. Myers is an active member of the Jackson Club, and upon returning home from his precinct election booth on the day of the primary election, was presented by Mrs. Myers with a vigorous specimen of young Democracy—a ten-pound son.

Up-to-Date Tactics in Gardening. Washington (D. C.) Star.

Washington (i). (i.) Star.
"Going to make another garden?"
asked the inquisitive neighbor.
"Yes," replied Mr. Crosslots.
"But I thought last year's experiment

"I had to be diplomatic. I couldn't af-ford to brag and have everybody with-in half a mile borrowing my garden tools and expecting me to furnish 'em with fresh vegetables."

Shrewd Definition of Discretion Cincinnati Enquirer. Willie-Paw, what does discretion

Paw-Picking out a small man when you are looking for trouble.

Indianapolls News, Chinese wild silk is said to be prac-tically indestructible. It can be buried for over a year without great ill effect,

One Face Alone. Smart Set.

One face, and one alone, I long to see.

Ten thousand others pass me on my way:
Ten thousand others! Yet I yearn for thee,
And yearning for thee, pine the livelong

The nesting thrush bath settled on her nest: The raven through the twilight seeks his home:
But, banished from thy side, with aching

I sit forsaken in the gathering glosm. Sweet from its turret peals the angelus; The pallid moon climbs yonder eastern

tree; Night folds around me, softly pitcons. One face, and one alone, I long to see

The laborer ceases labor; at his cot
His wife awaits him with her little brood;
Ab, humble swain, how happy seems thy Viewed from mine empty void of solitude!

(th, weight of utter, utter loneliness, Amidst a multitude, yet barred from the Without thee, all the world is wilderness. One face, and one alone, I long to see,