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PORTLAND. FRIDAY, APHIL 26, 1912.

## HOW GOES THE BATTLE.

As the contest between Taft and to come. Roosevelt for the Republican nomination progresses, Roosevelt is gaining on Taft, but he is still far behind. Of the 650 delegates so far elected, 387 are either instructed or pledged for Taft, or are so decidedly favorable to him that they may safely be counted for him on the first ballot. Of the rest, 201 are for Roosevelt, 26 for La Foliette, 8 for Cummins and 18 are uninstructed with no known preference or seriously contested. Tait has a majority of 124 among the 650 delegates elected and lacks only 152 of a majority of the entire convention.

Since the Pennsylvania primaries Raosevelt's gains in Nebraska and Oregon have been offset by Taft's gains in Connecticut, Delaware, New Hampshire, Iowa and Rhode Island. The battle is now in Missouri, where a contest as fierce as that in Michigan under way. Next week it will be in Massachusetts, and a week later in Maryland, in both of which states the party will decide directly between Taft and Roosevelt. We shall then have an expression of Eastern opinion unhampered by such local issues'as Lori. marism and bossism, which clouded the isaue in Ilinois and Pennsylvania.

So much stress has been laid on Taft's dependence on the Southern delegates that it is as well to analyze the figures. Of the delegates from the North, the territories and the islands so far elected, 210 are for Taft, 168 for Roosevelt, 36 for La Follette, 8 for Cummins and 8 contested and not credited to any candidate. Thus there are two more anti-Taft than Taft delegates, and if Taft should win the Michigan contest he would have a ma jority in the North alone up to date. Of the Southern delegates so far elect-ed, 177 are for Tafi, 32 for Roosevelt and 10 contested, with some show of Of the delegates yet to be reason. elected, 268 are from the north, including Porto Rico, and 160 from the South. Should Taft make an even break with all his rivals in the election of the remaining Northern delegates, he would need only nineteer more Southern delegates to assure him a majority. It is admitted that he can ount on many more than nineteen additional delegates from the South, but unless he should have a clear maority in normal Republican or doubtul states, he might he so weakened in the eyes of the delegates as to cause some of them to break away from him.

Only a sweeping victory for Roosevelt in the remaining Northern states can prevent Taft from securing a majority of the delegates. The result of whether or not a cannon ball dropped the direct primaries held to this date into the sea will ever reach the bottom. such a victory. But Taft, though slow to anger, has put on his fighting clothes at last and his speech at Springfield implies that hereafter he will deliver blow for blow in the polit. clent ical duel with his former friend. He may warm up the fighting blood of his supporters to such a point that Massachusetts and Maryland may turn the tide in his favor.

educated, the illiterate ranging from a mere fraction of 1 per cent to lens than 4 per cent. Those from the Scandinavian countries were also intellicent to a degree, only four out of each 1000 being unable to read and write. But of the undestrable classes perhaps over 90 per cent were illiter-

and sublime.

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THE BENEWAL OF AN OLD PLEA.

The complaint of property owners

in the vicinity of the zoo attachment

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tration of Mayor Lane, against the cruelty inflicted upon these creatures

by confinement in quarters wholly un-

sulled to their needs. The mountain

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room in which to turn; the cinnamon

bear sweltering under the heats of

void of a spear of greensward; the

birds confined in unbirdly cages-all

A well-ordered, well-equipped, well-

quite another. Not a single lesson in

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AN ANTI-SUFFRAGETTE.

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our City Park.

less elements. A more graceful,

der and heroic exodus from life than There is a measure now pending bethis has never been chronicled. fore Congress to impose a literacy test upon all immigrants over 14 years of age. Such a law would undoubtedly keep out a good deal of the "scum, Yet there is no denying the fact that much of our troubles arising with the of the City Park that the animals foreigners comes from the educated agitators, and not from the uneducatthere kept are a nuisance to the people thereabouts is without doubt well d followers. An educational test only ouches one phase of the siluation.

There is only one real remedy and hat is a character test, but it is one that is difficult to apply. Character and reputation are, in a way, similar erms, but we might allow persons with good reputations to land only to find them the most difficult to assimlate or control. Even if certificates of character and reputation were exacted, we would find it hard to enorce such a law. So, upon the whole, is a vexed question and one to bother our fawmakers for some time

### THE SHRENKING SOUTH.

The hesitancy of the South to preas the claims of Mr. Underwood for the Democratic nomination, simply because it fears that hailing from the South may make him incligible, has stirred the ire both of Harper's Weeky and the Atlanta Constitution. The former paper says that Southern residence is mentioned as an obstacle "frequently in the South, rarely in cage that afforded barely sufficient the North, never practically in the It pronounces the sectional West." bogy "dead as a doornall." The Con-Summer; the elk making weary prestitution attributes the paucity of tense of browsing on the hillside de-Southern candidates and the feeble- void of a spear of greensward; the ness of support they receive in the have excited the pity of the pitiful and South to "the shrinking attitude of have excited the pity of the pitiful and our own people." It affirms that the the idle curiosity of the curious with-North invites the South "into full fel- out conveying a single lesson beyond, owship in the Nation's counsels," that ectional acrimony was extinguished by the Spanish war and that, when the South helds it not discreet or exconducted zoo is one thing; the keep-ing of animals in captivity without pedlent for a Southern man to offer himself for the Presidency, "we insult proper equipment for their comfort is ourselves, we debase our manhood, we

natural history is to be learned from willing to concede us." But the nearest approach to runprison bars, unless perhaps in viewing ning a Southern man for President is the candidacy of Clark, who hails their weary, discontented lot, the mind from the border State of Missouri. "in rune with the infinite." recognizes in these signs of unrest the subtle kinwhich is wobbling in its political alleship of the world to which they begiance between the two parties, and long to the life of the world that holds of Wilson, whose Southern birth and Northern residence enable him to them in thrail. Since we have no suitable place to keep these creatures, straddle Mason and Dixon's line. The we have no right to hold them in cap ost ardent support of the New Jertivity. If, like Colonel Roosevelt, we sey Governor comes from the South, feel called upon to seek them out in while Underwood's boom flaps half their mountain retreats and kill them infinted. Clark's successes in the for sport, that is one thing. Man's su-Northern primaries show absence of premacy in the animal kingdom may ectional prejudice against him. Then be thus established without the inflicwhy do not they trust-baiting Henry tion of cruelty, long drawn out, upor of Texas, the versatile Bailey of the his subject creatures. To keep them same state, or the fire-cating Tillman of South Carolina holst their standalive in a state of abject wretchedness for what pleasure can be derived from ards and give us a taste of Southern oratory and statesmanship? The lists gaping at them, is another story, and one that has been told for years with many sad illustrations by the zoe in are open and the herald calls.

surrender the rights the North is so

#### FLOATING AND SINKING.

Since the loss of the Titanic two of wholesome odors and unseemly hight voices the present complainants sucthree readers of The Oregonian have written to inquire how far an object ceed in securing a decree abolishing will sink in the ocean. One maintains this adjunct of the City Park, they will, considering the limitations unthat a ship, or other wooden object, der which these creatures are kept, will go to the bottom no matter how secure greater relief than that for deep the water may be. Others hold secure greater i that it will only sink to a certain which they pray. depth and there remain. One asks letter from a woman of Eugene in The principle upon which the answers to all questions of this kind depend was discovered by Archimedes the greatest man of science in the an world. In seeking to ascertain the proportions of gold and silver in Hiero's famous crown Archimedes discovered that a body plunged into wa-ter will be uplifted by the weight of a mass of fluid equal to its own volume. This buoyant force will be the same no matter how far down the body sinks. It is the difference hetween the upward and the downward ressures of the water on the lower and upper surfaces of the submerged We take it for granted that the reader remembers the rule that the pressure of water at any point is exerted equally in all directions. Evidently, therefore, a submerged dy will continue to sink as long its own weight exceeds the weight of the water it displaces and by this rule everything that sinks at all will sooned or later go to the bottom. If a body weighs less than its own volume water it will float and not sink. If it weighs exactly as much as its own olume of water it will stay wherever it is placed below the surface must remember, however, that water at great depths exerts a powerful force of compression which tends to increase the density of wood, and perhaps metal also, and therefore falitates its sinking. Water is virtually incompressible so that a cubic inch of it weighs but littie more at the bottom of the ocean than anywhere else. Roughly speaking a cannon ball will sink as rapidly at the depth of a mile as at the surface of the water. If there is any change it will sink faster because it becomes slightly denser at great depths. An object which will not float at the surface of the ocean will not float anywhere in its depths, but will continue to sink until it reaches the bottom.

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most nil-nearly all were in a measure derness of touch that is at once subile be "blinded" when she goes to cast her vote. Why should anybody be blinded on that occasion? If none of "Entreat me not to leave thee," the candidates is decent enough to ame in the supplicating tones of a enderness and purpose that have permit her to vote for them she Las come down to us through the ages, as this aged woman, like Ruth of old, clung to her husband asking only the always the privilege of staying at home on election day. But in states

like Oregon, where there are direct primaries, if undesirable candidates are nominated after equal suffrage has been granted it will be as much the women's fault as the men's. If it does not smirch a woman's self-respect to vote against improper candidates at a church or lodge or club,

why should it be so extremely defiling to vote against them at the polls on election day? It is time for weak sen- locate timentality to be put aside in thinking of this subject and a little common onse admitted into our counsels. Our correspondent goes on to state

placed. The counts in the indictment against the creatures are that of disathat "woman cannot clean up poligreeable, unhealthful and at times an Perhaps not. But it is undealmost unbearable odor, and of the tics." niable that each particular woman noise that they make from time to time. Whether these amount to cause can keep her special portion of poli-of action for damages lodged by the tics clean and that will be something omplainants the courts, having been of a help. "Woman" cannot keep all called upon, will decide. It is not the houses in the world clean, but eccessary, however, to go to the every individual woman can keep her own home clean if she tries. The suffrage is to be granted courts, beyond the open court of combe granted mon sense, to decide that this city is not legitimately in the soo business. That is to say, the city has no proper place for the confinement and care of animals of the wilds, and the places to women in their individual capacnot to the world corporation ed "woman." Nobody expect HN. called expects woman" to do anything whatever, but women have accomplished a great where they are kept are unsuitable both from the standpoint of humanity deal for the betterment of humanity first and last, and we may reasonably as applied to the treatment of captive expect them to do a great deal more they have the opportunity. The Protest has been frequently made,

task of cleaning up politics is one of such magnitude that it will require the united efforts of both sexes. has been pretty thoroughly proved that men cannot do it alone. We suppose our correspondent is right in saying that women cannot do it alone either. But what will happen if both sexes unite their strength and skill? Neither the man alone nor the woman alone ever expects to build up and maintain a perfect home. by working in harmony the two together accomplish the task now and then. The world is our common home. To make

what it ought to be we must draw upon all the available resources of that which these helpless creatures illustrate, of man's stupidity and cru-We have only space to touch upon

one more of our correspondent's ob jections to equal suffrage. She is afraid that if women receive the right to vote some one of the sex will run for President sooner or later. "How

many women's hats will be in the ring in 1916?" she asks with a shudder. To this the proper reply will occur at once to every person who has read any history. If a woman can be Queen of England, or Russia, or Austria, why tot President of the United States' Nobody ever dreamed that it was "un-womanly" for Victoria to open Parllament, command the British army and navy and act as the head of the stablished church. The various Queens of Russia have been at least is able as the Czars, and Austria neve had a monarch of greater ability than Maria Theresa. Before the question of equal suffrage can obtain a fair hearing from some women it is necessary to sweep their minds clear of a huge accumulation of sentimental rub-bish and false information. Perhaps the only way to do it is to listen patiently to their unreasonable objections and answer them with fact and togic. The best argument in the world or equal suffrage is the primitive

feminine intelligence which has been created by political serfdom.

Those Britons who protest against in American inquiry into the Titanic disaster were properly reminded by Mr. O'Brien in the House of Commo that many American citizens lost their lives in the wreck. No doubt a great

majority of the passengers Americans or immigrants to the United States. We certainly have a The Oregonian has received a long har Br sufficiently protects American lives on British ships coming to American If we find that it does not. ports. we have a right to impose regulations of our own, the observance of which is a condition of allowing vessels to enter American ports Before we had postal savings banks

DIAGONAL STREET PLAN UNWISE PROVIDENCE AND NATURAL LAWS Cannot Charge to Higher Power Man's Carelessness of Nature's Forces.

What is "an act of God?"

istence that leads man to seek some-thing supernatural as its inevitable cause. The definitions seem to differ

rather in expression than substand

Ordinarily an act of God is considered to be some accident produced by force

of Nature over which man has no con trol. But here comes in a distinctly marked boundary line. Knowing about these forces, can man avoid their prob-able effects?

It was long ago settled by the law

that where a person makes an express contract to do a certain thing, acts of God not being in reserve, he cannot ex-cuse himself on that ground, but must

perform or respond in damages if he fails. In any event, if the negligence of the carrier contributes, together with an act of God, to produce a dieas-

ter, it cannot be excused because the so-called act of God was the immediate

and charge the disaster to man's neg-

The office of prayer must certainly

be for divine comfort to all those who are sorely afflicted in heart because of

these things, or that the wisdom of man

may be increased so he may prevent them. It is not to turn aside divine

wrath nor for God to intervene and at

rest the laws of Nature. If a man falls from a high eminence and Divine Prov-idence should arrest the power of grav-

his life it is because he gambles on the

hance. The Creator does not interfere in the

least with Nature, but reigns supreme in the mind and soul alone. The psaim-ist wrote only too well these words:

When I consider the heavens, the work of hy fingers, the moon and the stars, which hou hast ordarined; What is man, that thou art mindful of imf? And the see of man, that thou

REPUTATION OF WEST UPHELD

Senator Borah's Experience With

Woman Who Had Mining Stock.

Exchange.

Senator Borah asserts that his State

ROBERT C. WRIGHT.

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Writer Criticises Important Feature of the Bennett Plan.

PORTLAND, April 21 .- (To the Edior.)-Recently our Library Board was censured by the Greater Portland Association because it would not accept as deific the Bennett plans. Though we may appreciate the plans as indicating an awakening of civic pride to the need of docks, parks, drives, etc., still are not the plans rather showy sketches along civic lines than always practical

They locate the Federal building near the Courthouse; practical men lo it near the terminal grounds. cated locate the Auditorium at Nineteenth and Washington; practical men have decided that the cost of a site there would be a needless waste of money. Further, instead of widening some of our present surfeit of streets, where

need be, for business or drives, they propose additional diagonal streets, which would be a useless waste of noney. Already over one-quarter of Portland's area is street space. -We have 200-foot blocks, with 55, 70 and -foot streets. Surely we do not need so-root streets. But we do not how additional streets. But we do need some of our present streets widened. Further, solitary diagonal streets here and there across our present right, angle streets in all busy centers, as the city grows large, will cause a conges-tion of traffic at every point a diago-nal street croses other streets. Keep traffic traveling at right angles and it has many routes to select from to reach any given point, and all streets will be in service and business spread. Cut proposed diagonal streets and each disgonal street will accrue to itself a prestige none of the other streets en-Hence, how much better to omit these arraignments of Providence. It now de-velops that the Titanic had no search-lights nor its lookout any glasses. These failures in duty, and probably others, surely eliminate the act of God joy, thus doing an injury to surround-ing street frontage, while injured prop-erty pays for the diagonal street. The arger the city grows the greater will be the congestion on a solitary diagonal street, and movement becomes walking pace, not a rapid short cut, and worst of all, it blocks and congests every street it crosses, endangering

lfe. Moreover, Portland's problem is the ongested east and west traffic. ring the widening of Burnside and Madison, what relief do these plans suggest? None at all. In fact, they tend to increase the east and west traf-fic congestion by planning to bring the traffic of the great future terminal

the traine of the great value over \$7,000,-000) on the park blocks, west of what is and always will be the most con-gested streets of Portland, and then force that traffic to fight through Port-land's narrowest and busiest streets to reach the Fart Side. Is that a practical reach the East Side. Is that a practical

lution? Surely not. The widest (80-foot) streets are thos unning north and south. Why not blan to divert traffic as much as possi-ble into Portland's widest streets, in-If the people build near Vesuvius they know it may overwhelm them. Man knows the perils of the sea. If he lose stead of into its narrowest ones? Sure by that would be wisdom. This the Bennett plan fails to do.

Bennett plan falls to do. To my mind the great traffic plaza of Portland ought to run east and west just south of the joint terminal grounds, then all the wide, fine 80-foot streets of Portland, with their north ends widened, where need be, would drain and feed this traffic plaza, and best of all, the east and southeast through terminal traffic could be car-ried directly across the river and south on Grand avenue, or in the reverse di-rection, and thus not needlessly con-gest Portland's narrowest streets, but ring Portland's widest streets, 1116 Grand avenue, 70-foot Second street 0-foot Third street, Fourth, Fifth Sixth, Seventh, Tenth to Fourteenil streets, to the front. Shaping, not up setting, as the Bennett plans largely lo, present advantages and existing nditions.

Senator Boran asserts that his State of Idaho is so good that even the peo-ple who get cheated within its smiling domain make money by the transac-tion. On his way home from Washing-ton, D. C., after adjournment of Con-gress, he was introduced on the train to an Eastern woman who immediate-been to tell a long and story should Space forbids details, but surely our Library Board is wise in not accepting the plans as delife, but as but stops to more practical ones. While all thanks are due the securers of plans, still, are ly began to tell a long, sad story about the robberlike practices of Western people in general, and Idaho men in they always practical?

Yours, working for a practical, greater and more beautiful Portland, J. WALTER SEABERG. 455 East Forty-seventh street North

## Moving of Zoo Opposed.

"and one night in Boise City some of your people gave him too much to drink, so much, in fact, that he didn't know what he was doing. The next morning he waked up and discovered that he had bought \$1400 worth of mining stock at 4 cents a share. Think of that, the greatest outrage I PORTLAND, April 25.-(To the Ed-itor.)-I read the article in The Ore-gonian today about moving the city ark animals, and I consider it unfair

## Half a Century Ago

PORTLAND, April 24.—(To the Edi-tor.)—The editorial last Sunday regard-ing the unjustifiable arraignment of God for the Titanic disaster was most From The Oregonian of April 26, 1862. Fortress Monroe, April 11.-Partles ho have arrived from the Army report special change in affairs. Contin-di skirmishing was going on. The ued skirmishing was going on. The rebel position extends across the penin-sula from Yorktown to Warwick, hear Viewed under the cold, white light of the lamp of the law, a definition has been sought lames River. The latest figures give More or less ingenuous been made to define it, the rebels 55,000, which are daily being increased from Richmond. Information received through deserters, scouts and but never satisfactorily. Bryant says but never satisfactorily. Bryant says. Yet a few days, and thes The all-beholding sun shall see no more in all his course, nor yet in the cold ground Where thy paie form is haid with many tears. Nor in the embrace of ocean, shall exist Thy image. It is this blotting out of human ex-tense that leads wan to seek somebands shows the enemy has near-

y 500 guns. New York, April 10 .- A letter from Beaufort, April 1, says the place was occupied Thursday night by a detach-ment of Packer's brigade. They land-ed without opposition and without even finding a guard stationed to challenge their approach.

Washington, April 8 .- In the House the Pacific Railroad bill was considered. It contemplates two branches, uniting with a main trunk, which is to he located within 3000 miles west of the Missouri River.

Washington, April 8.-The Senate bill abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia passed the House today by vote of 98 to 39.

New York, April 11 .- The Asia has arrived from Liverpool with dates to the 23th, Queenstown to the 30th. F. Smith has given notice in the House of Commons that he would call attention to the engagement between the Monitor and Merrimac and ask whether, In consequence of the results, the government had not better suspend the construction of plated ships until the question of ironclad gunboats was con-

Liverpool, March 30 .- Rebel schooner unknown American ship alongside. The Union flag was lowered when the

emy held a meeting yesterday to make arrangements to celebrate the first of May by an excursion and other gay festivities. They chose Miss Leonora Blossom as May Queen and Samuel Moreland as King for the occasion.

Wilmot were chosen as delegates to represent Sauvie's Island at the County convention to be held today at the Courthouse in this city.

have ascertained on inquiry rould be so. The laws of Nature are inexorable

ory, revolution be

For every promise, there comes a set-

After we get what is coming to us from the railroads, let us go after what we should have had from them in the past. That would be more prog-

Employers say that when they get a really good man, they are not compelled to pay him big wages, ire forced to go to the trouble of ooking him up.

realize his worthlessness; but such a hing never happened on the face of

After a girl has been engaged four or five years, there is something about her that reminds you of a married woman; she may not have her eyes entirely open, but she is beginning to

A man's estimate of his prospects or his popularity is as unreliable as a candidate's estimate of his majority a week before election.

Honestly, now, did you ever know a big-hearted man to give away any-thing except smiles?

Big talk goes with being a Repub-lican; but I am a Republican, and get nothing out of it except the pleasure of abusing Democrats, and the excitement occasionally changing masters.

sidered.

C. S. Evans was passed on the 4th of March, en route to Bombay. There was

ships parted company. The students in the Portland Acad-

ity to save him, it would cause greater disaster by its effect on other persons Mr. Leonard Jewett and John F. There is indeed no calamity which man might not escape by the use of some precaution. Instead, he gambles daily with Nature and takes his chances

with her, or else he is knowingly neg-ligent, or negligent in a manner he As "Ed" Howe Sees Life

When muskets take the place of ora-

lement day

So many men are worthless that it is surprising that at least one does not

the earth.

#### RESTRICTING IMMIGRATION.

One of the most difficult problem our National lawmakers have to solve that regarding immigration. It is a question that has vexed us for many wars and will undoubtedly vex us for many more. In the earlier days of the republic most of our immigration ame from Ireland and Germany, and never have we experienced anything it good from the immigrants from those countries. Much of the very cest blood of our country is made up mixtures from one or both of them. While the Irish and Germans locking to our shores in hordes, there were also many Scotch, Scandinavians, French and the better class of Italians, and as a rule these all made good citizens, some of them taking rank as leaders in various walks of life.

It was not until after the Civil War, about 1870, that Southern Europe began to dump the undesirables on our shores. At first the stream was small the price of a steamship ticket being prohibitive to the very poor from those far-away lands; but as the passuge rates were lowered and the great steumship lines began to scour 174 countries for those who could raise money enough to buy tickets to our shores, the incoming steerage quarters were filled with these undesirables.

At first we paid no attention to the influx, but later Congress took up the work of regulation, first excluding contract laborers, later shutting out those with criminal records and the discused, following with a property or ioney requirement, each immigrant being compelled to produce a certain um of money as a requisite of land-

dumped a myriad of illiterate refuse mon our shores, and they have later given us so much trouble that Congrees is again trying to solve the vexed question of regulation.

In the year 1997 this influx reached the high-water mark, amounting to a million and a half, and a large per-ventage of these were people with whom we could have got along much Mrs. Strauss h better without. Indeed, in spite of all be taken into a lifeboat, but finding that is said against the Chinese, we might better have had the heathens from the Far East than those we got fate. from the offscourings of Europe. The Chinese do not mix with our political to leave his side and the faithful com-and industrial affairs farther than to panions of many years-years that work for the lowest of low wages.

Since the close of the Spanish War the great seamships have landed at and on to old age stood upon the reel-York, Boston and Philadelphia. the most of them at New York, over 5,069,000 immigrants, about 50 per cent of whom could read and write Many have come from Ireland, Ger-many, Scotland and France, and from and those countries the Illiteracy was al-

#### AN HEBOIC EXODUS.

A pathetic picture that has been drawn by and stamped upon the imagination in connection with the Titanle disaster is that to which reference was made by a correspondent whose letter was published upon this It is that of Mr. Wednesday. page, and Mrs. Isadore Strause, of New York, a couple well along in years. who perished together as the fated

Mrs. Strauss had an opportunity to that her husband could not go with her, resolved to remain and share his The husband, as unselfish as the wife, urged her to go but she refused panions of many years-years that had extended from early manhood and womanhood through middle life

ing deck of the groaning ship, their arms about each other, until the vessel disappeared beneath the icy waters. Heroism, fealty, the oneness of two lives comented by the love, the hopes vicissitudes of 1300

which a number of points are made against equal suffrage. It is not prac-ticable to discuss all of them, but perhaps a few may be profitably quoted and commented upon. No doubt this woman expresses the sentiments of a large number of her sisters. The remark has often been made that the chief obstacle to woman suffrage is the objections of the women themselves, and this letter confirms that view of the subject. On the other hand, it must be confessed that the force of these objections, if they have lies in something else besides their truth or logic. The urgency with which empty arguments are put forward to hinder the cause of suffrage reminds one how greatly many human beings are influenced by imposing forms of words guite irrespective of any meaning they may bear. For example, our Eugene correspondent says, among many other remarks of great simplicity, that she "does needle-work, but does not try to compel her husband to do it." The implication, of course, is that since men do not rtitch hems women ought not to vote. Reasoning of this sort illustrates the contempt which anti-suffragists feel for the most obvious facts. The best sewing in the world is done by men not by women. When a fashionable

dame wants a really artistic gown made she goes to a man dressmaker to obtain it. In view of this fact what becomes of our correspondent's argument? Here is a sentence from the letter "Do Chris which we are discussing: tian mothers want to take up men's failures and be blinded by voting for a politician they would be ashamed to see their daughters in company with?" In our opinion there are a great many Christian mothers who are exceedingly willing to take up men's failures in politics and economics and transform them into successes. Is it not better for women to do this than to allow the failures to go on forever unredcomed? If women have the ability to accomplish something which is beyond the ability of men, is not that a plain indication of their duty Lord has given them the ability If the and denied it to mon, is there any possible doubt of his desire in the mat-

ter? If women have the capacity to "take up men's fallures" in any direction and bring about order and harmony where men have created chaos. are we not bound to believe that this particular work is within their natural sphere? Did nature form woman

to do the work she can do or the work she cannot do? When man has persistently failed to, do any piece of work well, what better proof do we of want that it is outside his sphere and within the sphere of woman! As to voting for disroputable poli-

ticians, we cannot see that it is any more shameful for women to do so than for man. The hope is that women will enter the political field with clearer perceptions of right and wrong than men have and refuse to

vote for some politicians whom men tolerate without any particular disstands out in this picture with a ten- gust. A woman need not necessarily

t was predicted that if they were established they would curtail foreign money orders. This has come true Young as the banks are, foreign money orders fell off some \$2,000,000 last year through their influence. It is turning out that the postal banks onfer many benefits upon the community without a solitary evil effect that anybody can designate. The same thing will be true of the parcels post if we ever get it. The harm it will do is a bugbear of the imagination, the benefit is real and substantial.

Justin McCarthy, like Moses, died within sight of the promised land, though not allowed to enter. The home rule bill now before the British Parliament was partly the fruits of his ong life of devotion to the cause of Ireland. His writings had extended the circle of his friends far beyond the shores of Ireland and by their reasonableness and moderation had done much to overcome English prejudice against Irish home rule.

If our torpedo-boats use real torpedoes in practice, naval maneuvers will become as costly as war. We can not afford to sacrifice such a vesse as the Maryland, which cost nearl \$6,000,000, on what Mark Twain called 'a darned experiment.'

Why should an Asiatic be allowed to contribute to vice under guise of ostensibly respectable business? As he is a foreigner, all should not yell the newer at once.

The traditional bugaboo of a Presidential year does not deter Portland people from putting money in the bank, from which it radiates in industry

British Columbia courts do not fool" with Industrial Workers. They give heavy sentences with a promptitude worthy of emulation this side of the line.

The most dangerous of the five es caping lunatics has been captured. and that means comfort to women on lonely farms.

With approach of the first of May industrial unrest in Spokane is a incident in the course of patural events.

The good work of the vice commission is again apparent in suppression of "noodle joints."

Wouldn't it seem humorous if the Colts outclassed the Beavers?

Ha! The short, ugly word has the swish of the boomerang.

unpopular to move the Zoo to au solated spot. It also appears to me there is too much commercialism con octed. with this movement. Why should a few property owners or a corporation that owns lots around the park dictate as to having these ani-mals moved, and why move them when the attractions in our City Park are so imited?

Any one visiting the park on any afternoon, particularly on a Sunday, will find hundreds of children assem-bled around the various cages and hav-ing all kinds of pleasure by feeding and looking at the animals. In mix travels I have found in many European cities that the Zoo or Zoological Gar-dens, as they are called, are in the heart of the city. New York has the wonderful and world-renowned Cen-tral Park in which the animals are less than 200 feet from Fifth avenue, on of the finest and greatest thorough fares in the world, lined with fine resi dences and palaces. You may at any time pass between Sixty-second and Sixty-fifth streets, on Fifth, avenue

and hear the llons roar. In this part there are more than ten times amount of animals there are in park. No one seems to object to then they are the amusement for the idle class and poorer people, and middle class and poorer people, and they should not be removed to an isolated spot.

I am sure there is no law that can move the Zoo, unless it was by vote of the people, and I would say, if it came to a final issue, that 99 per cent would vote against the removal of the ani-mais. A CITIZEN. mals.

HOW DEEP WILL OBJECT SINK!

Correspondents Discuss Effect of Great Depth on Bodies in Sea.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 24 .-- (To the Editor.) -- A student of one of our State Universities asserts that a large Ship will not sink to the bottom of the sea, where the water is two or more miles in depth. I say the ship will sink to the bottom of the sea. A short discussion of this subject will interest many of your readers.

#### Cannon Ball in Water.

FOREST GROVE. Or., April 24.-(To the Editor.)-is there any place in the ocean where the water is of so To the solution, his there any place in the ocean where the water is of so great depth that a cannon bail dropped therein would never reach the bottom, because of the density of the water? If this is true, please give scientific explanation for it, E.S. SPARKS.

PORTLAND, April 24 .- (To the Editor.)-Will you kindly say how low down the Titanic lies in the water? My understanding of the law of hydraulics is, that she would not lie more than one mile deep, and in water not affected by the storms and currents? The press is quoted as saying "that the boat and bodies lie two miles deep." C. H. PIGGOTT.

The foregoing questions are answered a another column on this page.

#### Auto Traveling Guides.

WHITE SALMON, Wash. April 23.-(To the Editor.)-Could you give me information where I might be able to obtain an auto traveling guide? NORMAN E. WRAY.

Any automobile accessory house can supply traveling guides. Several ad-vertise in The Sunday Oregonian.

ever heard of. I have never even looked up the mine in which the stock was sold, but the experience has taught me that Western promoters are merely burglars. My poor, dear husband was robbed as surely as if those men had held him up at the

"My husband was a traveling man, she explained, in lachrymose voice "and one night in Bolse City some o

point of a gun." Mr. Borah asked the name of the mine, and she told him. Without say-ing a word, he picked up a newspaper and pointed to the stock quotations. Right there the Niobe-like woman got the shock of her life. The stock was shown to be worth \$140,000 that day.

#### E Is Right.

PORTLAND, April 25 .- (To the Editor.)—In an argument regarding the pressure of water at a certain depth. W contends there is a depth where the pressure on top of an object, and with no pressure on the sides, a cube of lead or iron of any size will flatten out like a wafer. E says the pressure on all sides of the cube will be the same regardless of the dept). E. W. HOFFMAN 305 Sturk street.

A Spider's Hush-n-Bye Trick.

## Judge.

Dorothy (after watching a spider capture a fly in its web)-Oh, mamma, come quick! A spider is putting a fly to sleep in its hammock!

#### Electrical Power in the Alps.

London Tit Bits. Engineers declare that the waterfalls of the Alps are capable of generating enough electrical power to run all the railroads of Switzerland.

The Titanic was built by Harland & Wolff, Belfast, Ireland.

# New Special Features of The Sunday Oregonian

Roadbuilding, Least Known of Sciences-Samuel Hill, noted authority on this big topic, gives his ideas on a work that is of greatest importance in Northwest.

Stopping Child Marriages-This is a stirring account from a Bombay correspondent of the plucky work of an American girl in India. Illustrated with splendid photographs.

Portland's Nearby Trout Streams-An illustrated half page on the haunts of speckled beauties close to the heart of the city.

Science Probes Love-Laura Jean Libbey writes of the efforts to dissect and analyze the tender emotion.

Looking After the Children-Uncle Sam at last establishes a bureau that will seek to wipe out the scourges of our social evils among the little ones.

Gentle Heroes-They are the leper-tenders who rule the islands of horrors. An article of the deepest interest, profusely illustrated.

Two Complete Short Stories.

The Jump-ups-Jim goes into the shoe business with dire results. Sambo loses his commissary, Mr. Boss meets with a mortar bath. Hairbreadth Harry becomes King, Mrs. Timekiller wins another vote and Slim Jim is received at Grassville.

New cut-out clothes and a donkey puzzle in colors for the children. MANY OTHER FEATURES

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#### Icebergs for Safety.

Icebergs for Safety. PORTLAND, April 25.—(To the Edi-tor.)—In discussion of the Titanic dis-aster it has never been suggested that the survivors might have found rescue on the iceberg on which the ship fad struck. Is it not probable that there would have been sufficient level space to have a placed a jarge number of those to have placed a large number of those on board where they might have await-ed assistance? Is it not still within the realm of possibility that many bod-ies may be found if the incherg is les may be found if the locberg is reached before it passes to warmer C. N. 5085?

## Dr. Montessori's Book. HOQUIAM, Wash., April 22 .- To the Editor.)-Please advise me where I

can buy Dr. Montessori's book, com-mented on in an editorial April 21, 1912. Also if the book is written in English was much interested in the editorial and as I have a boy whom I believe this idea is the proper treatment for, I would greatly appreciate your assist ance in helping me get the book. WILLIAM E. CAMPBELLI.

Dr. Montessori's book has been trans-lated into English and is for sale at the book stores.

#### Titanic Builders.

GRESHAM, Or., April 23.—(To the Editor.)—Will you kindly inform a schoolboy where the Titanic was con-structed and by what ingenuity—Eng-lish or American? CLYDE RUEGG