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## THE EXIT OF LORIMER.

Expulsion of Lorimer from the United States Senate is a result of the power of public opinion to compel reluctant public servants to do their duty. It is a landmark in the history of the Senate. It is a dramatic evidence of the opening of a new era in American politics.

The defiance of the popular will,

which at the direct primary nominat-ed Hopkins for Senator, was a last impudent attempt to uphold the theories that public office is a private snap, that pledges made to the people are held binding only by weaklings, that the guide for a legislator's conduct is not the promises by which he secured election, not what will benefit the people, but what will enrich himself and help his friends, that politics is a legitimate confidence game in orange before election and handed a emon afterward,

When the charges of bribery were made against Lorimer in the confes-sion of the twice-bought White who never stayed bought, they were credited, despite their vile source, because were known to be consistent with the Lorimer methods, with the established customs of politicians not only in Illinois, but in other states. When they were corroborated by other confessions, all of which led to the same conclusion, doubt was removed from many minds which had refused to credit White alone. Belief in Lorimer's guilt was strengthened by the means adopted to secure the acquittal of Lee O'Nell Browne, his Democratic go-between, on charges of bribery. This evidence, adduced narrow limits, almost convinced the Senate of Lorimer's guilt, for in March, 1911, it voted to clear him by majority of only five. Then came solicited his aid in raising a "slush fund to put Lorimer through"; the by the Illinois Legislature; the use of a pliable judge to save Tilford from being compelled to produce documentary evidence of subscriptions to the "slush fund"; the demand for a new inquiry by the United States Senate; the attempt to pack the Senate committee with friends of Lorimer; the plea advanced by the major-ity of that committee that the case had already been decided by the vote on the first farcical inquiry.

An innecent man seeking vindication from unfounded charges does not seek to limit inquiry. He does not countenance jury-tampering to save one of his Bentenants from conviction. He does not countenance the action of a judge, who owes office to him, in He does not witness without protest attempts to pack a second committee of inquiry with men known to be prejudiced in his favor. He protests against the plea of "once in jeopardy" as a reason for a vote to Not only the evidence directbearing on the charges of bribery, but all the circumstances and the conct of Lorimer and his friends justify the verdict of guilty rendered by

Lorimer's confused ideas of right and wrong are betrayed by the plea to the Senate. He was accused of owing his election to bribery; adds to his denial the plea that he is a good husband and father, clean In his private life, honorable in his siness dealings. This is no more palliation of his offense than were King Charles' private virtues palliation of his crimes against his peo-ple. King Charles lost his head for attempting to destroy his people's libs plighted word to them. Lorim loses his seat for corrupting the balof the people's representatives, which is the very fountain of liberty

Lorimer's expulsion is a landmark in the history of the Senate, for it marks a fundamental change in the view Senators themselves take of their office. Hitherto they have regarded the Senate as a club, in which fellow-feeling among its members to be held superior to public duty. Their disposition has been to hasten to the defense of any Senator accused of wrongdoing. This has been partictrue of a Senator accused of official misdeeds or of obtaining office by unlawful means. By its vote against Lorimer the Senate admits that its highest duty is the performance of a sacred public trust and that the fountain of law must be kept as free from taint as the fountain of

The new era in politics, in which the casting out of Lorimer is a strik-ing event, is being brought about by the abolition of indirect election of Senators, under which bribery was easy and secret, and by the adoption of the new system of direct election. That new system will undoubtedly be vote of three-fourths the states. It will fix the position of ators as representatives of all the people of their states, not of any particular class or interest or combination of interests. It will impress the Senators with a sense of responsibil-ity to the people. It may develop new evils, but as these become appar. ent a corrective will be found. It will end forever the conceptions of the Senate as a club and as a bo resenting special interests; of the Leglature as a body chosen to elect a Senator rather than to make laws; of the people as a body of "easy marks" to be bamboozled out of their votes by a choice coterie of political

Having rested our vocal chords us now root for the home teams at ekholm and on the diamond. A notch towards first place. The American athletes at the Olympiad are certainly entitled to some laurels for the manner in which they have upheld the National athletic fame.

WORRIED. We have it now from the Pendleton East Oregonian that Roosevelt is no progressive at all. "Compared with

Perkins and Hanna."

ing back with a hand not often in recent years raised against him-not much-abused word. since a Democrat ran against him for But presently we run into light in chot clique of conservationists has the following:

The East Oregonian is an earnest supporter of the progressive movement and in the coming campaign this paper will support Governor Wilson as the truest progressive and most worthy candidate in the race. We take this position heedless of the advice of Lafferty, Ormsby, McHarg and Horry Waldo Coe.

Yet their advice was good with this Democratic newspaper when it was a question of Roosevelt against But now it is different. The third party Roosevelt movement in Oregon has scared your Democrat nearly to death.

REMEMBER THE INITIATIVE BILLS. In view of the number and im-

ortance of initiative measures to be voted upon in November, interest should awaken in the negative argu-ments that are permitted to be pubwhich the people are promised an lished in the pamphlet to be distributed by the State among the voters.

The day for filing affirmative argu ments is past. In fact, only the per-son, committee or authorized officers of the organization proposing an initiative measure may file an affirmative argument, so this duty has no doubt been attended to where deemed necessary.

Any person, however, may file negative argument but such argument must be submitted to the Secretary of State on or before July 22. Th who submit arguments must pay the actual cost of their printing in the

What is likely to be found an unfortunate omission in the law is the lack of legal provision for obtaining copies by persons interested therein of the affirmative arguments before an inquiry purposely confined within the final day for filing opposing documents. The law does not make it the duty of the Secretary of State to provide preliminary copies for this purpose either at public or private exdeclaration that Hines had pense. The arguments are public declaration that Hines had pense. The arguments are public declaration that Hines had pense. The arguments are public declaration a "slush records, but few persons know how The arguments are public to obtain copies of them. It rests with the good nature of the Secretary of State whether they are aided or not.

The record of this year's proposed direct legislation also calls for the adoption of an act requiring filers of initiative petitions and those submitting negative arguments to give a sworn accounting prior to election of the source of the money used in paying the expense attached thereto. The voters could also be saved annoyance and the State large expense by a provision prohibiting the acquisition of pies, or preserved in maraschino and funds from other than citizens of darkening the bottom of the cocktal Oregon or non-resident owners taxable property in Oregon.

The origin of measures when known, discloses much concerning to secure evidence. their purpose and often leads to a It is a symbol for the redness of a ser investigation of the merits of the bill. Concealment of origin leads to deception of the people. The single tax wedge adopted two years ago went before the voters ostensibly the product of the Central Labor Council of Portland and the Oregon State Federation of Labor. The amendment actually originated with with the Fels Fund Commission, a single tax organization. The endorsement by the labor officials gained thousands of votes for the measure that would not otherwise have received. while after election the Fels fund commission proclaimed to the world a victory for itself. Expense accounts are now filed after election. The revelation comes after the mischlef is done.

# TAPTS CLADI TO LOYALTY.

Advice which is being given Presi erty and for numberless breaches of are not loyal to him will receive the from his political lleutenants. President is held responsible by the people for the success or failure of that holds Mayor Cotterill up to scorn, administration. Success or fallure is the result of the work of his official family. In choosing them he may exercise good judgment as to demagogic faith in the perfectness of their ability and integrity, but he is people's rule that they would outrobbed of the benefits of that good radical every other radical who has judgment if they fail to render him that loyal support, not only in carrying on the Government but in defending his acts and upholding his policy, to which a chief is entitled from his lieutenants. If they do not feel such loyalty, they should get out. If they do not get out, he should put them

out. A great source of weakness to the President has been Secretary Wilson. He allowed Pinchot to manage the Forestry Bureau either without reference to him or with only a perfunctory submission of matters to him for approval. Thus it came about that Pinchot sent his defiant letter to the Senate when a firm and loyal chief would have forbidden its transmittal and, in case of disobedience, would have demanded his dismissal. Wilson also allowed McCabe and Dunlap to thwart Wiley's efforts to administer the pure food law without fear or favor and to form a cabal designed to disgrace Wiley. Regard not only for his own political interests, but for the good of the public service, would long ago have caused the President to re-move Wilson and to replace him with a younger, more vigorous man who would have been loyal and a source

of strength to him.

The President knew long ago that Hitchcock was coquetting with Roose-velt and was using the extensive ma-chinery of the Postoffice Department to weaken him with the people, when loyalty required that he should instil that sentiment in his subordinates. When Hitchcock embarrassed him by announcing his scheme for

the Beavers and Colts to climb a explanation which should have dehave been removed.

In his choice of an Attorney-Gen-

first-class ability, and Wickersham's deceptions. fidelity and success in prosecuting trusts and other lawbreakers vindicat-Wilson," it says, "Roosevelt is a ed the choice, but from a political standpatter. He pitches his voice to please the progressive ear, but the words he uses mean nothing to the heard of in politics and very soon because, and appeal instead to men like trayed his ignorance of political strat-Perkins and Hanna." egy. At the very time when Taft All this from a former ardent culo-gist of the Colonel interests us might-gents were the rising force in the Reily. Because it interests us, and may publican party and should have coninterest others, we quote again: "The ciliated them, Wickersham made Colonel denounces bosses, yet never speeches denouncing them and readfalls to travel with them when he ing them out of the party. He may can do so to advantage. He de- have been loyal in purpose, but in nounces the predatory interests, yet fact the consequence was disastrous. accepts enormous sums from that It gave ground for the belief that the source for his campaign purposes." Administration was tied to the reac-When we reflect that the editorial tionaries, when all its policies were lash is laid on the Colonel's shrink-hostile to them and were essentially progressive in the true sense of that

Fisher is a recognized progressive President—we are lost in amazement. but his close affiliation with the Pinplaced him in antagonism with the West, which desires to harmonize conservation with development. This has become apparent through his op-position to the Borah homestead and irrigation bills which are strongly approved by Western sentiment. Some bureaus of his department are recking with disloyalty to the Administration and he cannot be held blameless for

the fact. Secretary Meyer is a hold-over from the Roosevelt administration and still cherishes a friendship for the ex-President which probably explains his failure to become an open champion of his present chief. Secretary Stimson is a progressive, and, though he openly declared for Taft when Roosevelt's candidacy was announced, his tongue seems since to have been fettered by a lingering affection for the Colonel.

Taft has shown on occasion that he does not lack the firmness and determination to act decisively, but his good nature and easy-going disposition have allowed him to be deceived in men and have caused him to act only after the mischief was done. Were he now to cast out the false or half-hearted friends from his official family, they might join his enemies and cause a great uproar, but an open foe is far preferable to a false friend.

### THE SALEM CHERRY FAIR.

Each of Oregon's principal cities is gradually coming to have its annual ence. festivity associated with the distinctive product of the city and its surroundings. Portland has its roses, Salem its cherries, Hood River and Albany their apples, Roseburg its are not to be lightly regarded. strawberries, Medford its peaches, Pendleton its round-up, Astoria its regatta, Tillamook its cheese, Burns its live-stock, and each celebrates in an appropriate way.

Salem has just finished paying homage to Queen Anne and King visitors, notwithstanding the strong rival attraction of the Elks at Portland. The Capital City thus impresses on the State the fact that it has other claims to distinction besides being the of government, and they center good claims. The cherry ripens just at the right time, when the luscious strawberry has begun to pall on the taste. It is welcome in any of many ways-in its natural state, plucked ripe and ruddy from the tree, or in darkening the bottom of the cocktail glass, or simply "put up" in the way all housewives know of. It affords the children a tempting excuse for climbing trees in cherry-picking time. cheeks. Boys find amusement in stringing its pits into chains. If the mother has but patience, she the seeds from the pits to add a delicher preserves. prospect of all these delights gladdens the heart, when the cherry trees become a mass of white bloom in the Spring.

Salem, then, has good cause glory in her pre-eminence as the Cherry City of Oregon and to hold an annual fair to celebrate the ripening of the cherry. Therefore, long live Queen Anne and King Bing.

# PRESERVING MISTARES.

Mayor George F. Cotterill of Seattle is a man of brilliant attainments. He has had long experience as a legislator and is accomplished drafting of laws. Yet Mayor Cotterill dent Taft that he get rid of those drafted an ordinance, secured its members of his administration who passage by the Seattle City Council and thereafter felt compelled to veto indorsement of every unprejudiced it because an amendment adopted in man who has a true conception of good faith was capable of construcwhat a President has a right to expect tion he and the Council had not in-

> There is nothing in this incident We are all likely to make mistakes. Yet it ought to convey a lesson to those persons who put such blind or demagogic faith in the perfectness of people's rule that they would outpreceded them.

The State of Washington this Fall will vote on a constitutional amend-ment providing for the initiative and referendum. For the most part the amendment is moderate and conservative. It contains one section, however, to which the lesson of Mayor Cotterill's veto applies. That section provides that no bill approved by a majority of the voters can be repealed or amended by the Legislature within a period of two years following such

This provision seems to be founded on the theory that the framer of an initiative measure is unable to make an error in wording that will controvert his true intent and the intent of the people in adopting it. Experience in Oregon has shown that this is a false view. Had the same re striction been upon the power of the Legislature in this state the gree fishing industry of the Columbia River would have been paralyzed for a long period of time following an

election in which two antagonistic fisheries bills were both adopted. If men such as the Mayor and Council of Seattle draft a measure in improper form and the measure gain approval of the City Council without discovery of its weakness, it is not unreasonable to suppose that similarly imperfect measures drafted by men of equal attainments may attain the endorsement of a majority of voters at the polls. The initiative is absolutely perfect in its workings. Initiative laws do not spring sponlet us now root for the home teams at Government ownership of telegraph taneously from the people. Direct Stockholm and on the diamond. A lines, the President's easy good nature legislation machinery is as open to onel. Much little such encouragement might help prompted him to accept a plausible use by tricksters, special interests, preliminaries.

selfish classes and rattle-brains as ceived no man. Hitchcock has politi-cal ability of no mean order, but when he used it secretly to undermine in-is the Legislature, but it is not necesstead of sustain his chief he should sarily freer from the wiles of the cunning or the frailties of the mind. The public welfare should not be made to suffer permanently when eral. Taft was most unfortunate. He chose Wickersham as a lawyer of the voters fail to detect mistakes or

PROSPERITY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Eleven years of American rule in the Philippines have fully justified our occupation of those islands and proved our capacity for governing a tropical country in the interest of its inhabitants. In the 11 years which have elapsed since Taft became Governor of the Philippines, the country has become self-supporting, having closed the last year with a surplus of about \$1,000,000\$. It brings no example, and when you come to your own manitenance of troops and for the maintenance of t dredged, inter-island shipping extended, coasts and waterways charted and lighted, peonage abolished and labor emancipated, education provided making English the common language of all the people, manual language of all the people training introduced, land thrown open to homesteaders, agriculture fostered, a stable currency on a gold basis established, taxes reduced, an insular police organized which offers security the everywhere to person and property, and a judiciary system organized which commands respect and confidence. Finally, self-government has been introduced, as complete as that enjoyed by a British colony. The prosperity of the islands has

been immensely enhanced since free between the islands and the United States was granted in 1909. In the fiscal year 1910 exports and imports increased 30 per cent over the preceding year as compared with increase of only 9.9 per cent in tray the preceding eight years, and in 1911 there was a further increase of 16.4 per cent. The aggregate in the latter year was \$89,597,351, though the total under Spanish rule seldom exceeded \$30,000,000 and the highest mark was only \$54,000,000 in 1870. For the first time in history commerce with the United States that with Great Britian in 1910 and promises to continue preeminent.

It is for those visionaries, both in the United States and the Philippines, to consider whether these practical benefits of American control, with all he essentials of self-government, should be exchanged for the merely the sentimental advantages of independence. Enjoying all the good which could possibly be derived from indewhich in the case of a weak nation

When Portus Baxter, the Post-Intelligencer's sporting writer, married, Hymen scored his greatest triumph Baxter knows all about baseball and is a lover of the rod and gun, but homage to Queen Anne and King matrimony—pshaw! he never thought Bing, and has drawn its thousands of it. But just as every champion meets his match, every bachelor meets his fate.

> Composer Mascagni is reported to have eloped from Rome with a beau-tiful actress. He denies it in bitter

a million dollars in checks, sent by a 15-year-old boy to the bank by a New York concern Saturday, was picked up on an Albany street later, means the boy went so far and go; cold feat.

The conference of 11 Western Governors promises to accomplish more good and raise less Cain than the

Eugene is well up in the front rank of progressive Oregon cities. It would be interesting to know

hymn Cannon's friend Lorimer was reciting about the time Cannon was reciting "Beulah Land." Streaks of purple and white now spread frm Portland to all parts of

the country, marking the route of the home-returning Elks. Now that the community system of hot-water heating is established, why not elaborate a chilling arrangement

for the hot season? 'Tis cruel of the betting men to put Colonel in the field. They must be parties to the conspiracy against

If the clixir of life should do all that is claimed for it, many doctors will have to go back to the darm.

No city of this size, or larger, made such record of scarcity of crime as did Portland during Elks' week. Harney County is putting a bounty

on jackrabbits, which means that to many coyotes have been killed. Norelli now knows what is endure by a stranded company of barnstorm

Some of the surplus heat of the East is about due here, for Portland has been favored so far,

ers, driven to "step the ties."

Lebanon is not a very large city but it has let the contract for a mile of hard-surface paving.

Little coin is in sight on the Colonel. Much of it was spent in the

## AT THE CAFETERIA By Addison Bennett.

"We have had a tremendous week," he proprietor was saying to the little bout worked to the limit of endurance.

my place is more successful than any other establishment of the kind in the city; if they only knew that I am fortunate enough to have the best corps of assistants of any eating place they would have the answer."

In closing, the object of the "single tax" is to take the natural resources the enemy suffered terribly. At dusk

Bones and Veg. Down the line they ing their "land value went selecting their modest meals, Fat taking nothing but a glass of buttermilk and some graham bread, Veg tak-ing a dish of every sort of fruit and vegetables displayed, likewise bean milk and some graham bread, Veg taking a dish of every sort of fruit and
vegetables displayed, likewise bean
soup, while Bones went as far as his manner that single-taxers propose to

and the great carnivals at Venice—but gain an income from it and still pay is seven days. I never saw any occasion where there no taxes, Gold is a representative of was more real pleasure and good-fellowell and the great carnivals at Venice—but gain an income from it and still pay seven days. lowship and better order maintained than in our own city during its occu-pancy by the Elks.

pendence, the islands suffer none of the probable evils and escape the international responsibilities and risks seen pageants where one piece or float. seen pageants where one piece or float, as we call them, cost more than the whole procession of last Thursday, But In our festivities there was that that money cannot buy, that numbers cannot give, that royalty cannot approach bounds of decorum."

"I do not know just who was tiful actress. He denies it in bitter terms. Rumors that his wife is to sue for divorce are likewise published and denied. It would seem Mascagni is getting in bad. But we suspect he merely has hired an American press agent.

The fact that a bag containing half a million dollars in checks, sent by a right kind. Hundreds of thousands, millions of people, have read about the server and traveler, has taught him as it has taught all men of his type, that the way to true and lasting reform does not lie in the emasculation of the very vehicles that have made this country and this people the most progressive and prosperous on God's footstool, that is the Immortal Charter of our liberties and the organic principles upon and each one will be an animate, standing ad for our city and state."

here, but I think we should give credit are many so-called reformers who are no to every member of the lodge and to those who a year or more ago put up the money towards a fund to pay the expenses. I hope every cent thus given has been returned many fold, and it surely has been in the satisfaction reaped by the donors, if not in real money."

In thick we should give credit any formers which caused Lowell to write expenses. I hope every cent thus given has been returned many fold, and it and Thoreau to say: "I love reform, but hate reformers." However true or false these statements may have been, most of us have come into contacts with the pseudo-reformer

Please give the number of electoral

votes cast for Republican and Demo crat Presidential candidates in the last Presidential election. C. W. WELLS. The electoral vote for 1912 is appor tioned as follows: 

New Hampshine
New Jersey
Shew Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota 4 Oregon ..... 29 Pennsylvania 15 Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota. Washington ... West Virginia

Total 531. Necessary to choice, 268. In 1908 Taft received 331 electoral otes and Bryan 162.

CLIFTON, Or., July 13.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly advise where to get a copy of "Business Philosophy." by Benjamin F. Cobb, with author's address. S. NORDKJOS. This book can be obtained through pression

eading Portland booksellers, and is any greater fall. published at \$1.20 by Thomas Y. Crowell Co., 426 West Broadway, New York City. Mr. Cobb's address is not given in "Who's Who in America."

Lion Can See. FOREST GROVE, Or., July 13.—(To the Editor.)—Will you please state whether the lion at the City Park can see or not? It is reported that about two years ago its eyesight was destroyed.

Walk She

E. T. Mische, superintendent parks, who lives within a stone's throw of the old lion, says the beast is not blind; that he can see very well.

GOLD HAS COMMUNITY VALUE Yet Single-Taxer Would Tax Only the

Land That Produces It WESTPORT, Wash., July 11 .- (To the Editor.)-One of your correspondents is puzzled over the term "land value," as used by "single-taxers." The term plonde cashier, "and I guess we are all "land value" applies to all natural resources, be it a corner lot in a busi-

regulating hours of work—and employers and employes would be more prosperous."

And as the proprietor went back towards the kitchen he was likewise comwards the kitch muning with himself something like the following: "People wonder why my place is more successful than any other establishment of the black of settled controlled in the following of the black of the bl

In stepped the three poultrymen, Fat, out of the speculative market by taxing their "land values" for the support pelled to abandon their position. Early

tray would permit him—he had it tax land? Mr. Guilford's idea of taxheaped up and running over with dishes
ing natural resources does not fit the
filled with about everything chalked
case. The single-taxers would collect heaped up and running over with dishes filled with about everything chalked up on the board.

"There is no use talking," remarked Bones as they were saated at the table, "Portland has had a great week, a gold mine every year, But the product of the mine preserves its value. It is did world some considerable, taking in every place from Nagasaki to St. Petersburg, both ways around. I have seen the Mardi Gras at New Orleans, the Durbar in India, a coronation in London, the Winter fetes at St. Petersburg, gala days at Paris and festal burg, gala days at Paris and festal pay no taxes. He might lend it and proposed for the fight was renewed. The where the fight was renewed. The greater portion of the transportation safely crossed Turkey Island bridge. The fight was renewed. The greater portion of the transportation safely crossed Turkey Island bridge. The fight was renewed. The greater portion of the transportation safely crossed Turkey Island bridge. The fight was renewed. The greater portion of the transportation safely crossed Turkey Island bridge. The fight was renewed. The greater portion of the transportation safely crossed Turkey Island bridge. The fight was renewed. The greater portion of the transportation safely crossed Turkey Island bridge. The fight was renewed. The greater portion of the transportation safely crossed Turkey Island bridge. The fight was renewed. The greater portion of the transportation safely crossed Turkey Island bridge. The fight was renewed. The greater portion of the transportation safely crossed Turkey Island bridge. The fight was renewed. The greater portion of the transportation safely crossed Turkey Island bridge. The fight was renewed. The greater portion of the transportation safely crossed Turkey Island bridge. The fight was renewed. The greater portion of the transportation safely crossed Turkey Island bridge. The fight was renewed. The greater portion of the fight was renewed. London, the Winter fetes at St. Peters-burg, gala days at Paris and festal days at Berlin, papal holidays at Rome pay no taxes. He might lend it and still pay no taxes on it. 20,000. The enemy's loss in killed pay no taxes of the could buy jewelry with it and still far exceed ours. The loss of the value. If gold's value is community tained made, then the value of what it represents or purchases is community made the promissory note should pay yearly

> SMALL-SOULED REFORMERS MANY Self Exploitation Is Object of Type

Self Exploitation is Object of Type
That Poses as Progressive.
PORTLAND, Or., July 14.—(To the
Editor.)—Of Mowry Saben, who writes
in the July Forum on "Conservatism
and Reform" this may be said: Here is
a man a radical of the radicals with a
deep and abiding sympathy for his fellows and were it in his power, would "I do not know just who was the main instrument in bringing the Elks here," remarked Veg, "but whoever it was did the greatest stunt ever done for Portland. Nothing since the Lewis and Clark Fair has given us a tithe of the publicity showered upon us during the last week, and publicity of the right kind. Hundreds of thousands, millions of people, have read about us which this government was founded. Genuine reformer that he is, words will carry weight. Harken: his

The genuine reformer is always a lover, and a great lover is necessarily a genius. I are many so-called reformers who are not sponses to accomplish more good and raise less Cafin than the letter of seven Governors which was published last February.

Banks in nearly all sections of the country report large gains in cash, yet many people complain of a lack of it, probably because they do not bank their money.

Uncle Joe Cannon, at 78, thinks Beulah Land" a grand hymn. Even the worst of the opposition, must admit the former Speaker is swinging around.

The Governor is off on his ride to Idahe in his cow-boy rig. Being a high official, he will resist temptation to show they of the firm ready high official, he will resist temptation it os shou to the the kiamath reclamation in the swing server farms ready for the homeseekers.

Work having begun on the second unit of the Kiamath reclamation by more to the construction of \$1,000,000 to With construction of \$1,000,000 to the town how and then. Power the section of \$1,000,000 to the town how and then. Power the work is the section of the section of the section of \$1,000,000 to the town how and then. Power the work is the section of

The ropes used by Alpine climbers are of special manufacture, combining as far as possible the differing qualities of strength, flexibility and lightness. Three qualities are in general use, being made from sisal, Italian and Manila hemps, respectively, and occa-sionally, when cost is not a consideration, of silk. The latter, though very tion, of silk. The latter, though very light and strong, is not so durable as the others. That which finds most favor among British mountaineers is known as Buckingham's Alpine rope; it is made of the best Manila hemp. In the year 1864, Mr. McLeish recalls, a committee of the Alpine Club made tests upon a number of ropes suitable for mountaineering. Of the two that for mountaineering. Of the two that were approved, one was made of Italian hemp and the other of Manila. They both had a breaking strain of two and sustained the weight of a 12-stone man after falling from a height of ten feet. Non-mountaineers have sometimes con-sidered this insufficient, but it is high-

Just a Matter of Dress.

ly problematical whether the human anatomy could survive the sudden com-

of a thin rope arising from

Boston Transcript. He—A woman in a hobble skirt just stopped me in the street and wanted to know the quickest way she could to know the quickest way she could walk to the South Station. She—Of course, you informed her. He—I did. I told her she'd walk there quicker if she put on a looser

Baltimore American.
Bank President—But why do you wish to work in a bank?
Serious Youth—I believe there's

# Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of July 15, 1862. Elk City, W. T., July 6.—Two mass political conventions were held in this city last Sunday—Union and Socesh—to nominate candidates for county officers. The Union convention nominated for Joint Councilman, Nez Perce and Idaho Counties, Judge Gilmore Hays, formerly of Olympia, now a resident of Lewiston and for Representations.

talk of hanging Terwilliger unless leads them soon to the promised rich diggings. Terwilliger has become much alarmed and tries to get away from the company.

Franklin were left in the woods at P. S. GUILFORD. boldly, being reinforced. About o'clock it was thought that some por-Monday morning the enemy came up boldly, being reinforced. About 3

## Chicago, July 5 .- Vicksburg is ours.

Cairo, July 5 .- News from Vicksburg sents or purchases is community made also. The gold and the jewelry and the promissory note should pay yearly town. The firing was renewed on Friday, being directed on the town, over which shells were seen to burst. Fires were seen in different parts. Five thousand negroes had been ordered by General Butler to open a canal across the bend in which Vicksburg or its remains is situated.

Supreme Court, Monday, July 14.— Present, R. P. Boise, chief justice; P. P. Frim and N. W. Page, associate justices; J. G. Wilson, clerk. R. Mal-lory and William T. Welcher were admitted as attorneys, Examination at the Portland Acad-

emy and Female Seminary-The annual examination of the students of this institution will commence today

### STUDENTS OF RIDDLE OF LIFE. Their Common Error Pointed Out in Letter of Other Correspondent.

PORTLAND, July 13.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian Friday W. T. Wilson, of Corvallis, seems to have been refreshed by your "sound and trenchant condemnation of spontaneous generation as opposed to ovular. whatever that means; and states that his present object is "practically to approach the question of created and propagated life." He then proceeds to make a somewhat concise statement of the Berkeley theory of spirit and matenthusiasm to denounce the other fellow's position, has com mitted the "universal sin"—that of telling how it all must happen, dog-

matizing certain principles, that his pet conclusion shall be obvious.

This is a common mistake with well-intentioned people whose minds are concerned with the riddle of life, and

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Plain words indeed, but who can gainsay them? Surely not reformers for office and pelf only. J. H. M.

LIFE LINE FOR MOUNTAINEERS

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Fry's Magazine.

The ropes used by Alpine climbers

Cats and therefore takes no philosophic account of them.

Who will say that a boy who dons the ripened manhood of the parent? When the poetry of the Bible finally is explained it should be explained scientifically. Evidently Mr. Wilson is in over his head, as his conception of "past, present and future eternity" would indicate, B. F. SMITH,

# THE COUNTRY LAD.

A crowd of boys in the dusty street Were playing "keeps" in a "Boston" ring; They toughed its circuit with their feet And each in turn would take his filing. A country lad fresh from the farm

Came up. They asked if he would play Saying, "Oi' sport, there ain't no harm, But he replied, "Think not today." Years passed on and the selfsame crowd

table Sat round a table where was dealt that Draw-poker, and their laugh was loud, For whisky, ideal fears can melt; Their shoulders stooped and eyes were In rags their breasts were almost

The country lad, I thought of him. For search had falled to find him

A bank cashier of modest mien Approached me as I gave a draft, And, ah, it was the boy I'd seen Refuse that game, though comrades

laughed. No signs of sin's decadent rust Were stamped upon that firm-set face; His eyes bespoke the sacred trust And honor of his well-filled place.

So much for they who spent their

years
Along the balmy primrose way,
So much for he who met their speers
And said, "I do not care to play."
The tale is old, I must admit, Yet there is many a youth at sea.
Who might make something out of it.
When he shall meet iniquity. -Glenn Norbrey Pleasants.