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EXTRAORDINARY GOVERNOR. Governor Blease of South Carolin

is a singular personage and he stands before the country as the representative of a singular community. The state of which he is Governor for the second time does not approve of divorce for any cause whatever. None are granted in South Carolina, as Mr. ase proudly remarked at the conference of Governors in Richmond, even for the "scriptural reason." On the other hand, Mr. Blease boasts with even greater pride that he approves of lynch law and we are forced to be-lieve that the state of South Carolina approves of it, too. If it did not, he would not have been re-elected Governor, since his opinions are by no means novel. He has been proclaiming them with a blare of trumpets for years. No doubt Governor Blease finds disposition of some men to obtain sat-isfaction by scouting the ideas and beliefs which lie at the foundation of civilized society. The notoriety which they gather in that way is meat and drink to them just as Guiteau reveled in the evil fame he got by shooting President Garfield. "The hand that fired the Ephesian dome" was guided by a brain that expected immortal memory for the deed. Governor Blease perhaps looks for some similar reward for his extraordinary sentiments about

But he would not dare to use such language as he did at the conference of Governors unless he felt pretty sure that the public opinion of his state was behind him. He is a politician well as a boor, and he would do nothing which seemed likely to forfelt the approval of the voters of South Carolina. In some ways we may look upon Governor Blease as typical of that isolated and belated commonwealth. The people of South Caro-lina never have willingly conceded that are part of the United States. They have always felt in their secret hearts that they are an independent nation and they have maintained their connection with the rest of the states only because they were compelled to so by superior force.

It is not unreasonable to believe that if the war between the states had turned in favor of the Confederates, South Carolina would have carried out the shape of a letter from Valor its native tendencies by seceding from Smith. Mr. Smith preaches the asthe rest of the slave states before a great while. As a civic entity it seems the rainy day, and blames society for to resemble with startling accuracy the hole in the lazy man's roof.

There you have the entire Socialistic prime if in a remote mountain valley, and there, as he vegetates in unbroken solltude, broods over his real and ety nothing except a dreamy and important of responsibility. community which upholds Governor Blease in his antiquated sav-agery is the psychology of stagnation. The state is afflicted with the mania for a long Winter, society would let state is afflicted with the mania The community has beof solitude. come misanthropic and shows its mental perversion by adopting unchristian standards and grinning with flerce deflance at the disapproving world.

Governor Blease, the "favorite son" of South Carolina, upholds his love of law by saying that it is "in deense of the virtue of white women. He is prepared, he tells us, to carry this method of defense to astonishing extremes. Here is a quotation from a speech of his: "When the Constiution steps between me and the defense of the virtue of the white women of my state, I will resign my commission and tear it up and throw it to the breezes. To hell with the Con-stitution." The latter phrase has become so common in the mouths of blatherskites that it does not mean very much, but it is easy to discern Governor Blease's position. On the urface there appears to be something almost heroic in the shameless bar serity of his stand. What deep reverence for women! What sublime readi to sacrifice self for principle! But when we look a little closer we see either reverence for women nor sacrifice for principle. All that we see in a gross appetite for votes.

The strangest consideration of all in connection with this astonishing sub-ject is that there should be within the boundaries of the United States a community which, by majority vote, apof Governor Blease and his mid-African ideas. Lynch law is as futile as it is wicked. It does not and cannot protect the virtue of women. If South Carolina has not the moral stamina and the civic intelligence to protect its women by orderly process of law, then their virtue will stand in greater peril with every day that passes. With such a Governor and such a public sentiment back of him, South Carolina is headed straight for race war and the infinite miseries that must flow from it. He is too ignorant to know that anarchy necessarily be-gets anarchy. But it does, and unless South Carolina forsakes her savage contempt of law and civilization she is likely to see something far worse than an occasional isolated assault befalling her women.

NEGLECTING AMERICAN HISTORY. Diverse comment will be provoked the decision of the Spokane School Directors to omit American history from the high school course. Students will not be forbidden to take the subject if they wish, but they are no longer obliged to do so. The change it is reported, in order to permit students to give more time to for-

eign history in case they are fond of it. Some critics will see in this action the influence of the foreign vote. Many of our immigrants, good citizens as they may be, know nothing in particu. time is drawn beyond which a Parila-lar about Benjamin Franklin, George ment may not survive and before to do any of the other things which

Washington, the Civil War, or even Abraham Lincoln. They cannot see precisely why their children should be can all understand the reason for their preference, though we need not approve of it. People living in the United States and expecting to take part in our political life may fairly be expected to know something of the institutions and history of the country. It is difficult to see how they can play their part intelligently as citizens without such knowledge.

The Spokane directors, as we understand their action, have not re-laxed the requirement of United States history in the lower grades. They merely make it optional in the high school. In this way they probably be-lieve that sufficient knowledge will be acquired before the young people leave school, whatever choice they may make in the later years of their course. Whether this is so or not experience will tell. In the meantime, it may not be unprofitable to remark that occasionally a subject is studied best by studying something else. Arithmetic, for instance, is seldom mastered with much proficiency until the pupil has studied algebra a little. Perhaps the very best way to learn American his-tory is to give a few months to the history of England, Holland, Germany and the other countries from which we draw our institutions and National

Were this plan followed, pupils would come to know men and events in their broad relations and would no doubt understand them far better than they ever could by fixing their minds on this country as if it were the only one in the world.

ON A BREAD-AND-BUTTER BASIS. Oregon should be well represented at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and it will be. But an adequate showing can be made for a less sum than \$500,-000. Let us say to the enthusiastic promoters who are demanding \$500 .- the single-tax propaganda. 000 that they will not get it from the pleasure in defying the enlightened forthcoming Legislature. But if by Oregon now is to save the initiative sentiment of the country. It is the any chance an appropriation of so and referendum from Fels, U'Ren and great a sum were to be logrolled through the Legislature, the referendum would almost certainly be voked. Where, then, would Oregon be for 1915 at San Francisco?

We shall hear, no doubt, that Washington will expend \$500,000 to \$1,000,-000 and Oregon must not be behind its sister state. But Washington will not expend a million, or half a million, and possibly not half of a half million. There is a general outcry there against an extravagant appropriation and it

will not be made. The appropriation project must be handled with prudence and tact. The people are mightly interested in the Panama-Pacific Fair, for they desire California to do well and they look for benefit to themselves. But they have shown recently that they are desirous of lessening the tax burden, and they feel that they have nothing to spend on fancy commissions or expensive junkets.

Oregon is going to do the right thing by the Panama-Pacific Fair, but there will be no lazy men's jobs or fat sinecures for tuft-hunting women in the appointments to be made by the Governor or the commission.

SOCIALISM'S UTOPIA.

The Oregonian refers the investiga tor of psychological phenomena today to a curiosity in soapbox sociology, in

fancied wrongs, cherishes secret rebel-lions against accepted standards and there is no meat in one's larder, soci-other. lions against accepted standards and there is no meat in cheer in cheer in cheer is no meat in cheer in

you starve; and so forth, and so forth. Temperance, industry, frugality, providence, honesty—all will be of little account when the grand co-operative social scheme shall require the sweep of all existing combinations and individual to divvy up with the other entanglements." The Daily News fellow who has none of these virtues holds that England is under no obligaand has only one positive convictionthat the world owes him a living, and of the Near East or to pledge support you, who have something, must pay him who has nothing.

AN ABSURDITY IN OUR CONSTITUTION With every change of administra

tion, particularly from one party to the other, we are reminded that, wise as were the fathers of the republic in constructing the general framework of the Constitution, they erred egregious-ly in some particulars. The appropriations for the next fiscal year are to be made by a Congress of which the Senate is controlled by a party rejected by the people at the November election and of which the House includes many members who have been likewise rejected. Estimates for expendi-tures are to be submitted and legislation is to be recommended by a Presidence against the German mer dent who has been defeated at the she dare not return to her former recommendations will be treated with more firmly to her allies because

no consideration.

No general legislation can be expected of this Congress, for, even if it were decorous, the time allowed is insufficient. Men rejected by their constituents and who have nothing to hope for politically are offered every temptation to put through jobs in the mother country by building final hours, when bills are hastily warships which will guard their own sider under other circumstances. ministration are in the position of a she need harbor no doubt. Rhodesi defeated army, which picks up everything on which it can lay its hands dominion with her 1,750,000

before evacuating a fortress. This anomaly impresses itself par-ticularly on the minds of such men as A. Maurice Low, who, born and edu-cated in England, has long been in with American public affairs as a Washington newspaper correspond-ent. In an article in Harper's Weekly from the standpoint of wealth, to bear he contrasts the spectacle now pre-sented by the Government at Washington with the way they do things in England and France. In those countries an administration is no sooner defeated than it dies, and the victorious party immediately seizes the reins.
The people having given their verdict,
it is carried out without allowing the
old administration to hald over old administration to hold over for into a quarrel at the psychological m three or four months, time which is ment. It could refuse to go to war practically wasted. No dead line of because a petty Balkan state wanted

which a new Parliament may not be-

Abraham Lincoln. They cannot see precisely why their children should be compelled to study the history of these events and characters to the neglect of Cavour, Bismarck and Napoleon. We can all understand the reason for their preference, though we need not approve of it. People living in the prove of it. People living in the compelled to study the intervence of the prove of it. People living in the compelled to study the list work. Were we to take a leaf from the book of our neighbors, we should so revise our Constitution that no Congress should legislate after a new constitution that no Congress has been elected; that so soon as it is possible to count the electron of the compelled to study the library of these compelled to study the history of these control that no Congress should as revise our Constitution that no Congress should legislate after a new constitution that no Congress has been elected; that so soon as it is possible to count the electron of the congress has been elected; that so soon as it is possible to count the electron of the congress has been elected; that so soon as it is possible to count the electron of the congress has been elected; that so the congress has been elected; that s give way to his successor, and we should make an unwritten law that from the day when his defeat becomes certain he shall perform only the routine functions of his office. The new Congress should meet when the new President is installed and should impediately hearing executing the popular mediately begin executing the popular verdict. It should not be compelled to adjourn on any set date, but should continue in session until the necessary work of the year is done in orderly Then we should not be compelled to wait three or four years after public opinion on the issues of the day has been expressed before the popular verdict is given legislative effect.

ether from her European allies or from her colonies, without paying for it. She would gladly accept help, but balks at paying the price.

It may be that the heat of the legislative effect.

EXPLOITING THE INITIATIVE.

The people of Oregon may well reflect soberly on the motive and signifi. cance of the following resolution just adopted at the conference of the Joseph Fels Commission (single tax) in Boston:

That the Commission continue to expend, in its discretion, portlons of its fund in promoting measures for the increase of the people's power in government, especially the initiative and referendum, and for protecting such measures where they exist or may be secured.

The People's Power League of Ore gon, of which Mr. U'Ren is the guid-ing spirit, is dominated by the single-Organized nominally to pro-desirable legislation through mote the initiative and referendum and to protect that great instrument of popular government from misuse or attack, the People's Power League actually now is a group of single-taxers, devot-ed to exploitation of the initiative for the benefit of single tax, and hostile to any suggestion or proposal or pol-icy that does not accord directly with

The problem before the people of the single tax. The fight will con-

CANADA'S OFFER OF WARSHIPS.

Canada's offer to build three dreadnoughts as an addition to the British navy, following the action of Australia in providing several cruisers available should keep him warm. for the same purpose, may have an important effect on British adherence to the triple entente. The rise of Germany as a naval power and her growing rivalry with Britain caused the latter country to abandon its traditional policy of isolation and to join France and Russia in a coalition to counter-balance the alliance of Germany, Aus-

tria and Italy.

This entente has so far been of more service to Britain's allies than to herself, and it has been a strain on the party loyalty of the British Liberals. It has forced Britain to join Russia in practically destroying the autonomy of Persia just when that country was struggling to establish a constitutional form of government. It caused Britain to back France with a threat of war against Germany in the Moroccan dispute, though the direct British interest consisted rather in preventing German than in aiding French aggrandizement. It led Britain to wink at Russia's seizure of Mongolia. It may yet involve the British Empire in war to ald Russia in sustaining Servia's clams to a port on the Adriatic, though tounding doctrine of unthrift, scoffs at British interest in that dispute is imperceptible. If Austria should attack Servia, Russia might interfere. Ger-many, as her Chancellor and War Minister declare would then fight side by side with Austria. France would be drawn in, and after her Great Brit-

> Westminster Gazette says that if the result of the alliance and the entente were to be that "the two groups are to fly at each other's throats, it would be the obvious duty of the sensible people of all countries to assert them-selves without delay and make a clean tion to plunge into the racial rivalries to one party or the other. On the other hand, the Liberal London Chronicle maintains that, if England stands stoutly by France and Russia, the triple alliance will yield. J. L. Garvin, in the Unionist Pall Mall Gazette, warns England not to repudiate her

> obligations to her allies by saying: obligations to her allies by saying:
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> We cannot have it both ways. We cannot play fast and loose in Europe, asserting the privilege of detachment when we like and claiming the benefits of partnership when it suits us. We must choose between the fatal dangers of renewed isolation and the responsibilities imposed upon us, as upon France, by loyal combination. If England cannot make up her mind, she will drive Russis into the arms of Germany, she will lose the Balkan's league and the Turks slike, and she will well deserve her fate.
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> So long as adherence to the triple

So long as adherence to the triple entente is necessary to Britain as a defense against the German menace. polls. As he knows beforehand, his ley of isolation, in fact must hold the final hours, when bills are hastily warships which will guard their own rushed through. Some will surely coasts and which will reinforce her yield to this temptation. The President is tempted to fill every vacant of- Britain will be relieved in a measure fice at the eleventh hour, and, know- of the necessity of depending on her ing that his race is run, is likely to allies to ward off the German menace appoint men whom he would not con- Should South Africa follow the example of Australia and Canada, she will A general sense of irresponsibility pre-vails. The retiring Congress and Ad-tion of 17,640,000, of whose fidelity may ere long join the South African and New Zealand, with 1,100,000, would doubtless join in the general movement for imperial defense. colonies which rendered aid then have a total population of 20,490,000, or nearly half as great as that

the burden Thus strengthened, Great Britain might be able so far to outstrip Germany in naval power and might onclusively prove her ability to main-

But Great Britain cannot secure this give her colonies a veice in shaping the forcein pologic in support of which the first out the force in pologic in support of which the their sulfillier parties are not strongly complete without colonial interference, though some of them have expressed as desire for imperial referencia, the third with the first one of the market expressed as desire for imperial referencial electors with the first of the United States and the policies without colonial interference, though some of them have expressed as desire for imperial referential customs union, which would have the same general effects of the first of the

lamage suits such as that begun Brooklyn, the trust may wish it had been so completely dissolved that no court could find the pieces.

London journals hall as a great peace move the action of Canada in ontributing three dreadnoughts to the British Navy. Much like halling as a peacemaker the man who runs for his

Secretary Meyer says we need a bigger Navy. His views will not be shared by those millions of provincial Americans who seem to think this Nation is secure under some special charm

Massacre of unarmed Christians would be in harmony with the character of the Turks, who have been beaten by Christian armies. The natural sequel of a defeat in battle is a masse

If the Municipal Judge will send to the rockpile, without allowing the cases to be "squared," all men guilty of passing worthless checks, this class of crime will be checked.

Henry Disher, aged 73, is a husky Hawkeye father of twenty-three children, but the saving grace is that he

Wilson acts on the theory that in multitude of counsellors there is safety. Bryan will not object to his consulting others provided he follows Bryan's advice.

A Canadian navy will be real nice

but make the vessels small enough to run up the St. Lawrence to the lakes when chased too hard.

An Town man has just become par

Ashland suffers a dearth of candidates. Portland could most conven iently part with a few.

father limits his smoking extravagances to stogies.

This is the gladsome season when

famous as the Hood River apple when the Canal is open. Now that Greece is on the right rack, peace plans should slide right through.

Blease in the executive office much like a bull in a china shop,

The Fels fund does not appeal to the

go against the grain with British Lib. PLATFORM THE ONLY GUIDANCE

PORTLAND, Dec. 6 .- (To the Editor. Father O'Hara, in his reply, sees bu the individual in government.

This measure was passed by the Na tional party referendum by a majority of 2000 over a similar section cov-ering the remaining part of this same section after the foregoing had been section after the foregoing had been eliminated. The negative vote was not to favor crime, but it was deemed unnecessary by some delegates to regard criticisms of this sort that grew out of the McNamara affair.

C. W. BARZEE.

WITH HIS EYE ON THE PLUM TREE

Salem Paper's Interest in Cubinet Pos sibilities Thought Personal.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 4.—(To the Editor.)

—Your editorial today rightly classes
the Oregon Messenger as a "most audadous guesser" when it says that "the

Now, Editor Godfrey is a candidate for Postmaster at Salem. It was a first than the him, he thinks, if he could have the indorsement of National Committeeman King. So Editor Godfrey boildy declares Committeeman King vastly better entitled to membership in the President's Cabinet than Mr. Teal, who has done much faithful work for Oregon and the West.

Later on, Committeeman King may be expected to advise the President be expected to advise the President that Editor Godfrey's long and faither than Editor Godfrey's long and the West.

W. F. CATTON.

The father who appeals to the court to save his son from committing crime is made of the stuff of the Spartans of old. The remedy is heroic and worth the effort.

The Sickles having become reconciled again, no doubt we shall be regaled shortly with fresh accounts of their violent differences.

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Later on, Committeeman King may be expected to advise the President that Editor Godfrey's long and faithful service in the cause of the unterrified should be rewarded with the Postmastership. And then some mean fellow will probably object to King as the mouthpiece of the unterrified, because King was not long ago a Populist candidate for Governot of Oregon.

NOT A POP.

PLACES OF HISTORIC INTEREST.

Material as Well as Sentimental Valu in Their Preservation.

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—(To the Editor.)
—Societies are multiplying in the older
East (and why not in the West?) that

An Iowa man has just become parent of a twenty-third offspring. He should bear in mind that hoodoo numbers are to be avoided.

As the Socialist daily paper has falled, it is evident the Socialist as an individual does not "pungle." That is for the other fellow.

Wilson says he will rely on no single adviser. Still, William Jennings can console himself with the thought that he is married.

Governor Blease, of South Carolina, declared he would pardon any convict whom the people wanted liberated. Pilate said so, too.

One of the Camorrist leaders has gone violently mad. Nobody will suspect him of having covered very much distance, either.

Single-tax advocacy will receive its final death blow hereabouts if Angel Fels actually turns off the golden spigot.

It is sad that Mayor Rolph is no sooner absent from San Francisco than vice raises its head.

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—(To the Editor.) East (and why not in the West?) that have in view the preservation of places of historic interest. For the hand of the spoiler is on the land, and one hears with gried of the destruction of famous old houses where the value of real esticate thus cleared barely pays the contractor for carting off the bricks.

We should be able to read history more clearly if we kept about us reminders of history. An old house tells more to us, in a glance, of the state of the art and industries of the time it marks, of the social condition of the rain and industries of the time it marks, of the social condition of the people who made it, of their relations to the sail advantages there is reason enough for preserving the old buildings that have historic interest. For the hand of the spoiler is on the land, and one hearts with gried of the destruction of famous old houses where the value of real esticate thus cleared barely pays the contractor for carting off the chicks.

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Concord and Lexington?

This country is noted for National feeling that always rises in emergencies, yet the presence of our monuments and places of historic interest tends to keep that feeling alive through periods of peace. The memorials of nen who were strong and resolute in courage and virtue, who sacrificed themselves for the common cause, who held their country highest in their love, are reminders that there is always a place for their successors. We need every reminder, not alone for our own contemplation, but for our descendants and the thousands who are crossing the seas to find homes among us.

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MYRON K. MYERS. Binck for Night Scenes.

Kansas City Star.

De Daub — Poor Smare is painting nothing but night scenes now.

O'mpresso—How's that?

De Daub — He has only a tube of black paint left.

SOCIALIST REPLIES TO PRIEST.

Grave Charges by Father O'Hera Are ed by W. F. Catton

PORTLAND, Dec. 8 .- (To the Edi-2 appears an interview with Father O'Hara, in which he states his oppo

will then not be necessary to sigh for it or to pray for it, for it will exist in the foundation of the government itself and will therefore reach to every fireside in the Nation. So far Father O'Hara has been very much inclined to the economic side of Socialism as against capitalism.

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But now he takes another angle and says he is opposed because Socialism is "unchristian," rampantly irreligious" and "Socialism proclaims that man's life ends with the grave. Consequently his temporal life is his chief and only

concern."
Father O'Hara has made a grave charge, and if he could substantiate it Socialism would never have general support, neither would it ever become a permanent government. My answer to the charge that "Socialism pro-claims that man's life ends with the grave" is that Socialism makes no such proclamation. No National, state or local organization has ever yet inserted into its organization any such proclamation. And further it would be

the Oregon Messenger as a "most audacious guesser" when it says that "the people of Oregon would prefer Will R. King over Joseph N. Teal by a vote of ten to one" for membership in the Cabinet of President Wilson.

Let me turn a side light on the matter. The Oregon Messenger is a little paper started to help its editor get office. Will R. King is National Democratic Committeeman. A National Committeeman is supposed to be influential in determining the selection of Postmasters and other Federal appointees.

The editor of the Messenger is James E. Godfrey. Mr. Godfrey was the tailender among candidates for delegates to the National Democratic Convention. Just at the wrong mement he switched from Woodrow Wilson to Champ Clark. That was an unfortunate slip by the editor.

Now. Editor Godfrey is a candidate.

own belief on all other questions.

And again Father O'Hara says:

"Socialism denies moral responsibility
and thus undermines the basis and

Thift One of Society's Crimes.

PORTLAND, Dec. 6,—(To the Editor.)
-It is not possible to take up in one —It is not possible to take up in one letter an answer to your article. "The Case Against Socialism." but did it ever occur to you that thrift as now practiced is a crime against society? "Just because the present society compels a man to follow the example of the dog and bury bones when he has them, to keep from starving when the supply runs short, is no proof that such a practice is a good one. About the poorest use to which a person can put his life is to employ it in accumulating enough to insure a peacefully rotting old age. The only reason we have to save for a rainy day is that as a society we haven't had sense enough to build a shelter or buy an umbrella, to say nothing of using the intelligence which would enable us to control the financial and industrial weather.

would enable us to control the financial and industrial weather.

So long as panics and pestilence and poverty are looked upon as visitations of providence we will still be making hocus pocue signs and mumbling incantations over our burled heaps of bones. If we would ever look up from the rock heap in which we are trying to bury the food for next week's dinner we would see that the calamity against which we are trying to insure ourselves almost always comes from some social almost always comes from some social cause against which the individual in helpless but which would disappear at the first sign of social co-operation.
VALOR SMITH.

Adequate Funds Must Be Given.

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CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 4.—(To the Editor.)—Some comment has been passed recently and much more will no doubt be passed in the near future regarding the extent of Oregon's participation in the exposition to be held in San Francisco in 1915.

Oregon as a border state of California and one of the three great states of the Pacific Coast is in position to reap richly from the flood of capitalists who will be seeking legitimate enterprises for the investment of their money and secure homeseckers drawn to the West by the accounts of the golden opportunities here. A great number of the former and not a few of the latter will visit the exposition. If Oregon is to be properly represented there she must have an extensive exhibit which will show to the world her abundant resources and the quantity and quality of her "made in Oregon" goods, all housed in a building that will be an attribute to Oregon's prosperity.

If the coming Legislature will bear

will be an attribute to Oregon's property.

If the coming Legislature will bear in mind that "the first impression is a lasting one," and provide for funds which will enable Oregon to be represented as she should be among the states of the Union and the nations of the world, it will be doing a service such as few Legislatures can boast of JO SORENSON.

Nitts on Bibulous Hens By Dean Collins.

Nescius Nitts, sage of Punkindorf Sta Heard a hen singing songs of supreme jubilation.
With a quid deftly aimed then, he checked her elation.
And sent her in flight, squawking wild consternation: On wine and on hens then he made an

"I seen in the paper, a farmer of Had found that a diet of wine would The zeal of his hens, who by way of repayin'
Their boss for the treat, jest kept layin' and layin'.
Until in the ranks of prize layers they shines-And all on account of that diet of

"I tells it to Wiggins, who always jest To try an experiment anywise new.
'If he can succeed,' on the instant sa.
Wiggins,

That plan ought to work on the hens round these diggins.'

But wine around Punkindorf's somethin' we lack,

So Wiggins he gives his hens plain applejack.

In less than an hour, all them hens, mild and quiet.
Was loose in the streets a-creatin's riot; And every man runnin' to call all his

To look at them riotous applejack Which same, from their antics and squallin' and kickins
Was actin' a lot more like humans than

chickens. "One matronly hen, when a callin' her chick, Fergot how to cackle and gurgled 'Hic! Hic!'

'Hic! Hic.'
And others caroused till the Ladies'
Uplift
A rumor of them wild carousals had
sniffed.
And called Marshal Conner, with pleadin' and sobs,
To drive them pore hens from the gaze
of the mobs.

'And Wiggins he says, as he views with delight.
The Marshal a cussin' them hens left and right: The champagne of France, about which we heard tell, May help in encouragin' hens very well; But, leastwise in Punkindorf's peaceful

That applejack seems "most too doggone inspirin'." ." Portland, December 6.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of December 8, 1862.
The English papers are much worked upon by the conduct of Admiral Wilkes, who commands the American squadron off the Bermudas. His appointment to that place after the capture of Mason and Slidell is doubtless intended as a tacit defiance of the British maritime power. The activity of the obnoxious officer in capturing the Anglo-Confederate steamers engaged in the contraband trade to the Southern Coast is his principal offense.

New York, Nov. 25.—Refugees represent the rebel army as very large and say General Bragg has without doubt united his army with that of General Lee. They also state General General Lee. They also state General Jackson will remain in the rear and continue to menace Washington during the Winter. Cairo, Nov. 29 .- The Grand Army of

the West is in motion. General Sher-man with his forces left Memphis Wednesday. General Grant's Army struck their tents yesterday and started off on the Holly Springs road.

We have been made the recipient of an apple of the Gloria Mundi species, of the immense size of 16 inches in circumference, by measurement either way. It is the product of Benjamin Alden's orchard, formerly Levi Anderson's, on the Tualatin River one mile above the crossing on the Boone's Ferry road to Salem.

. The thanks of The Oregonian office are due to Mr. and Mrs. J. Bergman. who were yesterday married at the Jewish Synagogue in this city, for a liberal supply of bride's cake and champagne.

Relf Bledsoe, Eeq., Councilman for the counties of Idaho and Nez Parce in Washington Territory, leaves for the capital today.

Why Distinguish?

PORTLAND, Dec. 5.—(To the Editor.)

—If it is a good thing not to hang persons convicted of murder, is it a good thing to invest officers of the law with authority to sacrifice human life while apprehending, or attempting to apprehend persons committing crimes in

SPECIAL SUNDAY FEATURES

Bulgaria-An illustrated page on the virile little military power is provided by a traveler who was there when the war broke out.

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marked achievements during the

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