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#### THE PARCEL POST.

The parcel post, which comes into operation on January 1, will open a new era in the business relations of city to country and to a large extent of one city to another. It will vitally affect the business of the express companies and will be a revolutionary step in Government competition with private enterprise. It will, however, provide the people with much-nee means of transporting goods of light weight and small bulk at small cost with safety, expedition, the greatest convenience and the least labor. It a facility which the people have long needed, and, in the light of its cessful operation by every other modern nation, could not longer be withheld unless our boast of being the most progressive Nation were to be There can be no question that, prop-

erly managed, the parcel post can operated more econom cally, at lower rates and with greater efficiency than the express business. It will reach every corner of the country, however remote, which is reached by a rural remote, which is reached by a rural mailcarrier, while there are wide stretches of country untouched by ex-By the use of stamps it will tem of accounting used by express companies. The Postoffice Department already has the organization and mechanism necessary and needs but to expand them to handle the increased weighing eleven pounds or less in comthe parcel post. The is probable that the weight limit of judgment. the parcel post will gradually be increased until it approaches that of

By giving a local minimum rate of delivery in the same city or on the Nation who voted for is extensively used for the last-named man have been sighing. The farmer Railr and cheapness of transporting small ings of each individual is composed.

Any misgivings which the country merchant or the merchant in small felt about the inroads as Republicans. which the parcel post would enable business will be quieted by the adopthe zone system of postage For 14 cents a Portland merchant can send a ten-pound parcel to accomplish anything without the Prothe rural routes radiating from this achieve without the Republicans? A country merchant can send a parcel to any person on his own rural route at the same rate. To send the parcel from Chicago would cost. The local merchant thus enjoys protection against the merchant in the remote city equal to the differe between the railroad freight rate and the parcel post rate, which is about \$9 per 100 pounds. The parcel post, instead of injuring, will help the country merchant by enabling him to give quick delivery, while his customer must now spend time in going to the store to make his purchase.

The postage rates for parcels in this those of Great Britain, but higher for the outer zones. As that country has a flat scale of rates for much lower rate than we, but has a zone system on which rates ascend more rapidly in proportion to disthe initial rates established in this country are necessarily experimental and as we aim simply to make the postoffice pay its way, it is probable that as our service develops we shall make reductions which will place our rates below those of other countries, although their greater density of population gives them an op-

portunity of cheaper operation. The parcel post is a step even greater in importance than the postal vings bank in making the postal service a real servant of the people, enabling them to do their business with the greatest economy and ease. It is a long stride in National co-op-

A statement of the Nicaraguan Minister at Washington that continuance of peace in his country must depend on the maintenance of a firm policy by the Wilson Administration is taken by

Nicaraguan treaty and warships and rowed at exorbitant rates of interes marines will be unnecessary to keep peace in Nicaragua. By our control of the revenue we should then prevent revolutionists from securing the sinews of war and the revolution indus-try would languish. By our control of the custom-houses we have already snuffed out a revolution in Santo Do-mingo and prevented a war with Hayti. Our control enables Santo Domingo to pay her debts, deprives foreign nations of any excuse for interference, gives the government mor revenue than it formerly had and facilitates development and public im-provements. Financial control is a peacemaker and an instrument progress.

THE EVENT AT SALEM Four men were hanged at Salem

vesterday; but Webb, an execrable murderer, who slew a harmless man for the sake of lust and money, still lives; and Hassing, who foully assas sinated his innocent wife, also live both monuments of a mistaken clemency and exhibits of the fruits of the recent clamor against capital punishment.

Mrs. Kersh, paramour of the unspeakable Webb, lives, too; but she a candidate for parole, which doubt-less she will soon achieve. Eleven wanted to hang Mrs. Kersh, at her trial; but one objected and the result was a verdict for manslaughter, Another result will probably be he early freedom, and none will recall her infamy—except the relatives and family of her poor victim. But why should sympathy be wasted on men who are murdered by other men or by heartless women, or on young and blithe boys who fall by the roadside beneath the deadly weapon of a prowling beast on two legs?

Governor West and his sympathizers reproach the people for the spec tacle at Salem yesterday. The Governor has given them a lesson which he thinks will cause them to change their minds about capital punishment-He accepts responsibility for the great notoriety the quadruple execution has

had, and he has earned it. But why should the people expre regret, or feel humiliated, that by an overwhelming vote they insisted on vindication of the law? Let the Governor, if he can, revoke the reprieves of Webb and Hassing, and fix another date for their execution two years after another referendum on capital punishment. We rather think evoid the complicated and costly sys- the record of 1912 would not be reversed.

#### GUESSING AT THE FUTURE.

It is futile to argue with Mr. Abry, There will remain to the or with any other Progressive of simiexpress companies a large volume of larly perverse vision, that the Pro-business in carrying parcels exceeding gressive party has no future. But postal limit of weight and size. The Oregonian has an opinion on that in carrying goods in bulk, as well subject and has expressed it and will banking and money order express it again. If changing condi-There will be cases where tions or future emergencies should they can continue to carry parcels cause it to modify its views, it will the Philippines. By a simple change rest content in the knowledge that it of diet that disease, which was the has seen with the best light that could greatest cause of death and disability, express companies will not be driven out of business—not yet—although it accordance with its knowledge and having been in the year 1911 only

If there were nearly 4,000,000 vote creased until it approaches that of for Roosevelt as the Progressive can-Germany, 110 pounds, or of Belgium, didate, there were more than 3,000,-000 votes for Taft as the Republican greatest cause of licentiousness is the candidate. We think there were from abolition of the canteen. Mr. Stimson 15 cents for an eleven-pound parcel 500,000 to 1,000,000 Republicans in the same rural route as the place of is clear, therefore, that the division mailing, the parcel post affords facilibetween the regular Republicans and ties for merchants to deliver goods in the seceding Progressives is almost town or on a rural route extending exactly equal. But the element that from their town, for farmers to buy in voted for Roosevelt as a protest But the element that the city and for residents in cities to against Taft, and not as a definite post exchanges has been abolished. buy supplies of all kinds from the purpose to join a new party, is clearly While science is extirpating one class In Germany the parcel post a large part of the bolting 4,000,000. The weight of the last-named How many Progressives are there we may therefore expect to in Oregon, for example? Mr. Roosesee a great increase in direct dealing velt received 37,382 votes, but Mr. ally ruin their victims and greatly between the producer on the farm and Clark, the Progressive candidate for impair the efficiency of the Army.

the consumer in the city, which will greatly aid that economy of distribution and elimination of the middletion and elimination of the middle-man for which all except the middle-and the Progressive candidate for ble opinions on the subject of divorce years, during will be still further relieved of his isolation and the urban dweller of the high cost of living. We shall all be brought closer together, and business Without Roosevelt the Progressive party in Oregon, and, we think, in the Nation. Without Roosevelt the Progressive by Without Roosevelt the Progressive of the living and some which are not so sensible. In an article for the New York World which he prepared a few days ago he brought closer together, and business will be quickened by the greater ease party appears to have something less than 2,000,000 members; and there articles, of which the bulk of the deal- are approximately 2,000,000 citizens who voted for Roosevelt but for no other Progressive. Evidently they have not ceased to regard themselves

If the Progressives think they have houses to make on their destroyed the Republican party, are mistaken. They have caused its defeat, and may again. But what have they won? If the Republicans cannot any point in the city or on any of gressives, what can the Progressives

SPECULATION AND ITS REMEDY.

The testimony given at the money trust inquiry by New York stock brokers reveals a new golden rule which guides their actions. It is: "Get the money." That is the plain inference from Mr. Sturgis' admission that, the problem of early marriage bewhen a member of the stock ex-change simultaneously buys and sells the same stock through two different brokers for the purpose of creating men and women about the duty the appearance of an active market, the important point is that the broker's commission is paid. The same inference is to be drawn from the adcountry are lower for the inner zones mission that, when a broker fails and stock belonging to his customers is sold as part of the broker's assets, other members of the exchange are any distance and its maximum dis-tance is only 700 miles, while ours is ings; and from the further admission for a poor man to appreciate the beauings; and from the further admission a000 miles, our rates will probably average lower. Germany starts with a customers as collateral for loans. The sess them. Every normal man and customer is the sheep to be shorn, and never is paid until the broker has taken his percentage and until other break up their families by the inter

tion is frankly revealed as gambling and the broker is placed in the same category as the keeper of a gambling-The broker, like the gambler. house. The broker, like the gamoier, always gets his percentage, but, also like the gambler, he is not satisfied If he gave a "square deal," with that. that is all he would get, but he runs gether if he could. He seems to have a crooked game. He "rigs the mar- gained the surprising piece of inforket" to attract speculators, just as the gambler fixes the roulette wheels, marks cards and loads dice. gambler fixes the

der impracticable the legal prohibition of speculation as we prohibit gam-When a man employs a broker bling. to buy stock or bonds for him outright as an investment, there is no he does not satisfactorily explain element of gambling in the transacelement of gambling in the transac-tion, but if that were the only class of business done on Wall street, there the Springfield Republican as a hint would be fearful depression in the throwing the responsibility for his obthat the present rulers "would like stock market and the great majority stinacy on the Lord. nothing better than to be kept inden-nitely in control by American ships of war," but that journal remarks: "It life of Wall street and is purely spec-Its folly is counterbalanced by the redoes not follow that this is the policy visitive. It offers the temptation of which he makes over and which the United States ought to pursuch large profits and the risk of again that the real gist of the way. Let the Senate only ratify the

to carry stocks. Those high which no legitimate business pay, attract money to New York from all parts of the country, render mone relatively scarce in other cities an enhance the general rate of interest throughout the country. At the same time our antiquated banking law drives money to New York, where it giuts the banks. It causes them to shun time loans for commercial business and to prefer call loans for stock peculation. The banking law is thu a direct incentive to speculation and a hindrance to legitimate business.

The remedy was suggested by the testimony of C. W. Turner, of the National City Bank. He said that his bank never charged more than 6 per cent on loans, regardless of the call oan rate on the exchange. He said that if all banks did likewise money would not be attracted to New The National Monetary Commission's bill denies rediscount facilities of the National Reserve Association to note: secured by stock collateral. Let the Democrats incorporate a similar provision in any financial reform bill they may adopt and they will stop the flow of money to New York. Let them give the banks power to encroach on their reserve on payment of a tax graduated in proportion to the reduction in the reserve and then the New York banks will have less motive for preferring call loans to time loans. The country banks also will have le motive for carrying large balances in New York. Through the reduction to very small proportions of the supply of money on which it is based, stock peculation will be reduced to very no longer start panics and lock up th money supply of the country when it is most needed. The fever of speculation will no longer burn in the arteries of business, but give place to a healthy flow of money.

DISEASE IN THE ARMY. The United States has added to its triumph over yellow fever and malaria in Cuba and Panama the practical extermination of typhoid fever in the Army. Inoculation against this disease has been made compulsory for all recruits and for all officers and men over 45. Stimson says in his annual report that in 1909, when inoculation began, there were 173 cases and sixteen deaths. In the first eight months of 1912 there were only nine cases and one death. Of the 368 cases and thirty-three deaths occurring from the beginning of 1909 to the end of the eighth month of 1912, only eighteen cases and not a single death occurred in immunized individuals, and of the nine cases this year six were among the non-immunized individuals, among whom also occurred the only death Typhoid has been almost extinguished nd rendered harmless to life. Equal success has followed attacks

on beri berl among native troops in three cases and no deaths.

The greatest cause of sickness the Army is now those diseases which are due to licentiousness, and the says that during his recent inspection f nearly half of the Army posts he "found the military reservations ad-joined by dives and ill resorts of the vilest character," which "have arisen or greatly increased in number since While science is extirpating one class of diseases, well-meaning but misguid ed reformers are causing the spread of others which physically and mor-

those agreeable dishes of intellectua hash which he understands so well how to prepare. Mr. Chesterton be lieves that people should marry young and marry for love, two precepts which no person of genuine Anglo-Saxon prejudices will think of disputing as matters of pure theory. Ellot, of Harvard, preached the sam doctrines most attractively in his ad dress to the freshman class this Fall and his sentiments received universal approval. But when we come to ap ply the charming theory of early mar riage in practice we confront difficulties. It is easy enough for the wealthy. Their money resolves this difficulty for them as it does most But unhappily the rich do not form the major proportion of the

opulation. Ashamed as we may be of the fact, most of us are either poo or just on the verge of poverty and comes harassing in proportion to one's

lack of means. It is all very well to talk to young timely matrimony and the joys of a large and increasing broad about the family hearth, but if there is not money enough between the couple to provide a hearth, to say nothing of paying for beefsteak and doctors' services, the question assumes a delicacy which theorists like Mr. Chesterton do woman of proper feeling desire to live a family life and few wish to brokers have been made whole.

By these admissions stock speculais a world where we cannot all do as we wish and it happens occasionally that the best-laid plans gang agley Like many other people who conside the subject of divorce from an aca demic standpoint without proper ref erence to the facts of life, Mr. Ches gained the surprising piece of infor-mation in some way that all marriages are arranged by the delty and that it is an unpardonable offense to him There is just enough legitimate to dissolve one, no matter what the business for the stock broker to ren- cause may be. "Not all marriages can be expected to be happy, sagely remarks, "but all can be permanent." Just why an unhappy marriage ought to be made permanent lows the good old plan of clinging to his prejudices with a death grip and

their wives and break up their fami lies because they have too much money. The poor do the same thing because they have too little. Find some way to make a fair distribution of the good things of life, the material good things, and the divorce problem will not trouble us a great deal. He goes so far as to say that there would be no call for the services of the divorce court if we could contrive to relieve the distressingly rich of their super fluity and the distressingly poor of their want. We opine, however, that this is a doctrine of perfection. Do the best we may in the matter of improving living conditions, there always be reasons why it is well for certain mismated couples to separate. There will be physical reasons, for one thing. As long as there is no definite provision for bringing together couples who ought to wed, from eugenic considerations, and keeping apart those whose unions are certain to prove practical grounds to grant divorces whether we like to do it or not. If it is seen, for example, that a given union deaf and is bringing an idiot or a dumb child into the world with annual regularity there seems to be no good reason why it should continue and several good ones why it should be have found by years of experience wrangle and never can become anything better, common sense counsels separation,

Of course we can preach the beautiful doctrine of submission to the wife. We can tell her that it is her duty to put up with any amount of abuse and patiently endure cruelty and outrage year after year in the confidence that God has so decreed. We may advise her to refrain from asking why he should have laid so many of the burdens on the women and so We may pursue this plan if we effectual. The women of a former go almost anything in this life with the expectation that it would be made up to them hereafter. But times have change our methods of dealing with correspond with phases of progress. The modern oman is not a submissive creature and she is sloughing off every year a few more of the relics of sex slavery which she has has retained so far. Mr. Chesterton's theory that every marriage has been arranged by the delty is all humbug and women have seen through it-Some marriages are contrived scheming mammas whose connection with the deity is extremely remote Many are the result of hasty passion which mingles desire and ignorance in equal parts. Many are based upon financial reasons, and in order to sup pose that the delty approves of them we must allow that he is a good al more mercenary than it is agreeable to believe. There are plenty of marriages consummated every day which it is simply shocking to imagine the Lord could have looked upon with the slightest approval. growing conviction of the m The world is that in this matter as in most others we must cease our idolatry of the institution and fix our attention upon the welfare of the individuals concerned. The divorce courts will The divorce courts will not break up the family. It is in far more peril from miserable marital relations than it is from the severance of those which ought not to continue.

Irish home rule being now practi-cally out of danger in the British House of Commons, we shall soon see the House of Lords disturbed by dismal forebodings of the dismember-ment of the empire as a prelude to rejection of the bill. The great cause of anxiety to the Irish is the question whether the Liberal-Nationalist-Labor coalition can hold together until fast-moving autos, waiting for street-the Lords have rejected the bill a jection of the bill. The great cause of second time and the Commons have and dentist, and looking out for drizzly passed it a third time over the Lords' days, would seem to be a task for any That will require two more man.

It would have been a difficult task of the force election of a new Par for our fathers, who were jeans pants Altruistic Suggestion for Millionaires

A statistician has figured the United States spends \$1,000,000 a day on luxuries, about 1 cent per capita. There is nothing alarming in such

tem should by all means include pocket alarm clocks for members of

joy when he begins delivering eggs and other produce in parcel post acknowledges 549 East Forty-ninth Street. packages

If Friday, the 13th, is an unluck day, what is the 12th day of the 12th month of the 12th year of the century? Shortly the grocer will be able to

slap a stamp on a pumpkin or bunch of onions and drop them in the mail Every chronic grumbler now has opportunity to unload on the Council committee his streetcar grievance.

Those who believe in luck symbols shoe trust is in serious trouble.

It is a most unkind thing to suggest that Wilson may serve only lemon pie Exercise of patience when shopping

Philadelphia's ultra upper ten held

appropriate setting. Others who contemplate murder will be checked while memory is keen

Murder in Oregon has been ren-dered unprofitable, unpleasant and

PUTURE OF BULL MOOSE PARTY ADAM LONG DELAYED PROGRESS

HILLSDALE, Or., Dec. 12 .- (To the editor.)-The article in The Oregonian tor.)-In a late editorial The Oregooday which closes with the dictum nian mentioned a certain centenarian hat the Progressive party will pass and told how different many things are into history as nothing more than a now from what they were when he was Roosevelt holt, reinforced by all forms young. It reminded me forcibly of old of discontent, and a letter in the same times.

students of democratic go "leaders" post-gradu have found that when "leaders" post-gradu seriously deny to the people their right seriously deny to the people their right of free choice and action the result is of free choice and action the result is any man Adam had government n "leaders" swift and severe punishment which is ofttimes fatal. E. G. ABRY.

#### ECONOMICAL DAYS HAVE PASSED Writer Is Bound to Keep Up With Pro-

cession, So Signs Paving Petition. cession, So Signs Paving Petition.

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(To the Editor.)—Having contributed liberally to the campaign for the preservation of the country, exercised the right of suffrage in a highly intelligent manner, collected my election wagers and recovered somewhat from rude shocks administered by mental irresponsibles who disagreed with me politically, I can now return to the practical pleasan now return to the practical pleas antry of placating the grocer, butcher, coal dealer and milk man; appeasing the telephone, light and gas companies, the telephone, light and gas companies, mollifying the newspaper boy and

years, during which many things may happen to force election of a new Parliament.

Solution of a new Parliament.

When the Housekeepers' League of each city begins buying eggs from the Farmers' League and having them delivered by parcel post to each member, the cost of living will go down and the cold-storage men will be left out in the cold. out in the cold.

Sojourners at Kelly's Butte will heed the dinner bell, now that they mics in the matters of food, clothing

begin the Winter programme of two and pleasure.

meals a day. Many a poor mortal existing on the outside on one nearmeal a day will think the prisoners in luck.

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meals a day will think the prisoners in luck. some one to put down a pavement in front of our bungalows. It will cost only about \$1,000,000 for the district. This is in "easy payments," only \$20 this Winter there seems to be so little per annum for each lot, and who cares

The case of Homer Baker, ex-convict, shows need of a method of prisoners' aid, but the problem is ages old and far from solution.

for \$20?

Have your street paved? Most assuredly, Margarett! There are two milk wagons passing our house every night! Other folks are "signing up," and we've as much money as they. Yes, indeed.

Of course, the Democrats may not The proposed new police alarm system should by all means include pocket alarm clocks for members of night shifts.

Life of the letter-carrier will be all loy when he begins delivating and loy when he begins delivating are losses.

How Marion Voted on Bridge.

ST. PAUL, Or., Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—I see that a mass meting of the taxpayers of Marion County is to be called to consider the Columbia bridge. There is no need of this. The taxpayers of Marion County have spoken in favor of giving state aid to this bridge. The Democratic candidates for the Legislature said in their platform that they were "opposed to the state aid for a bridge across the Columbia River." The voters of Marion County snowed the Democratic ticket under with a majority of about 1400 votes. The vot-How Marion Voted on Bridge rity of about 1400 votes. The votmajority of about 1400 votes. The voters have spoken in favor of state sid for the Columbia bridge. It is the duty of the legislators to obey the mandate and vote as directed. If any Republican does not like it he has only to kick himself for it. "The people do rule."

JOHN F. THEO. B. BRENTANO.

Dignify the Name.

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(To the Editor.)—I note in The Oregonian that the National Democratic committeeman is called "Will R. King." Permit me an called "Will R. King." Permit me an earnest protest. I want you to stop using such a chewing-gum name as "Will" and to mention him as he is mentioned where he len't known—"Judge William Rufus King." If his Barkis campaign should aucceed, Oragon won't be honored by having a schoolboy "Will" in the Cabinet, when she might be represented by a cognomen of imposing character. Petter call him "Judge W. Rufus King" than "Will." However, it is noticeable that non-polico, the \$200,000 trained baboon? The litical bodies continue to indorse Joseph N. Teal, while the office-seekers are for Committeeman Will. A KICKER. puts a ray of sunshine into the life

usive Cannot See Personal Bolt King David Might Have Ridden in in 4,000,000 Votes. Auto But for Fall in Eden.

ONTARIO, Or., Dec. 11 .- (To the Ed!-

that the Progressive with the dictum that the Progressive was anothing on a state of discontent, and a lettery all forms of discontent, and a lettery in the same times. It is predicted that Roosevel as the Progressive standard-bearer in 1816 could not carry a single state; both overlook the principal element in the Progressive party—a single state; both overlook the principal element in the Progressive party—a single state; both overlook the principal element in the Progressive party during the recent campaign, but discontented ones in the Progressive contented ones in the Progressive party during the recent campaign, but discontented. When the the same to the progressive party during the ordinary reader would so interpret your editorial. It is act to assume that the Barons were "discontented." When they wroated to the back and "point with pride" to our work of the progressive party as a party passes into history dead or very than the progressive party passes into history dead or very party passes into history dead o

bow to do the silver and gold work for it, and again Solomon did not graduate from Yaie or Harvard, and then take a post-graduate course at Berlin University, and yet he was more learned than any man before or after him; and if Adam had not played hooky and gone to Satan's school he and his posterity might have been a race of illustrious savants, instead of being a herd of ignoramuses.

Suppose Adam should visit the world now and witness the effects of his act. He would see quarrelling, fighting, thieving, robbery, grafting, murders wars, etc., and the better part of humanity spending its time and money in preparing for war, each nation watching the other with jealous eye to see that it does not get more than its share of trade; condition of things almost like Catilene's "wan treachery with his thirsty dagger drawn, suspicion poisoning his brother's cup, naked rebellion with torch and ax." Is that too strong? Then how about the Becker plot, and with torch and ax." Is that too strong? Then how about the Becker plot, and those of Haywood and Pettibone, and of the McNamaras? Why are there so many detectives abroad, and so many investigations afoot, if there is no cause for it? Yet some tell us the world is growing better. Well, perhaps it is, but it must have been awful bad before

the advance, and there is wide room for improvement yet. COGITAT.

the letters on that page, particularly those relating to the cost of living and the rearing and educating children.

I think most young people are too optimistic on the subject of matrimony, and I wish we could all see a little further into the future before marrying and bringing a lot of helpless children into the world. It seems to be harder every year to get a decent living.

Now, I am not a Socialist-far fro it—but if you were a mother, with Christmas coming and no money to buy food or pay rent, to say nothing of presents, would you not be a bit discouraged?

Last Summer my husband, who is a read currently was able to find work

every job.

The goal of my life has been to have a pleasant home of our own to raise my children in, but just how to feed and clothe a family of eight and save than \$400 a year is a and clothe a tamily of eight and save anything on less than \$400 a year is a problem I have not been able to solve. Why cannot some of the rich men, instead of founding so many colleges, try a home-building association where-by honest men with families can gain

by donest men with familiary and a home by arranging payments on long time at low interest?

There is land enough in Oregon for each family to have from one to five acres, but if one has no money it is hard to obtain, to say nothing of buying lumber for buildings. ing lumber for buildings.
DISCOURAGED MOTHER.

Women Needed in Government. Women Needed in Government.

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(To the Editor.)—Oregon is another of the many states that have given women the privilege to vote, and I think it only a matter of time when the women of the ontire civilized world will enjoy the same privilege. The suffering of women in England and the sacrifices they have made for this cause I think have done a great deal toward the uplifting of women in this country, for we have women in this country, for we have benefited by their fallures. It seems to me that America grasps opportunities for enlightenment sooner than other countries. I don't believe in women ruling over the men but I do think the business world needs the spirituality and higher intuition of women, espe-cially in politics, including the Govern-ment in general, which will be better off with the votes of women. They have needed us for a long time, but didn't know it.

The minds of the women of the future will be a good deal broader than those of the past, for it requires thought to vote conscientiously, which will naturally make better laws and better conditions.

Lillie W.

#### Belated Claim, by Ghosh By Dean Collins

One Dekram Ghosh, prince of the Hindu races, Lecturer in our college, high-brow places, Brings many new things to our under-standing Of who in America made the foremost

landing.

It was not C. Columbus, but a bold
Hindu, if we believe what we are told
By Ghosh:

Oh, Ghosh, you tell us 'twas a reg'lar Hindu First sailed the briny waves to stumble into.
This vasty country of Pilgrims' pride.
For which our fathers bravely fought and died.

Iwo thousand years ago this Hindu came Unto our land, and we are told the same

Great Ghosh, if true, your story full of mystery, We must revise our High School U. S.

History. The earlier chapters must be expur-gated?
The fame of C. Columbus be deleted;
And in the pages of the hist'ry new Give honor to the Hindu; claimed as due By Ghosh!

Ghosh, old Lief Erickson was but a piker, And Heinrich Hudson, as an ocean

And Heinrich Hudson, as an ocean hitker.
Was way behind the times when for adventure he Salled hither, sometime in the sixteenth century.
To find a country and explore a spot Already found before. This news

we've got By Ghosh! Yet, Ghosh, if Hindus found indeed this territory, And your report be not a dainty fairy

admit, your Asiatic seamen ed few marks in this fair land of freemen; So credit for improvements now that

We claim, though told that we did not discover it By Ghosh! Portland, December 13, 1913.

### Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of December 15, 1862. Some inventive person at Nebraska Some inventive person at Neorasia City has invented a steam wagon and called it a "prairie motor." Great things were expected of it, but on trial it does not answer to the hopes of the inventor or the public. The Rocky Mountain News says it started from Nebraska City for Denver on from Nebraska City for Denver August 1 and by November 1 it proceeded just ten miles on its way.

If the dashing cavaliers who be witch the town with their elegant horsemanship will manage to restrain their impetuosity, or that of their horses, they will oblige a large num-ber of persons who are compelled to go out on foot.

The Golden Age, published at Lewis The Golden Age, published at Lewiston, denies pointblank the statements made to the Appeal that A. S. Gould, former editor of that paper, has been threatened by secessionists for his Unionism and had his office fired upon at night by them. The Age says Gould was well treated, that there is no secession sentiment to speak of in Lewiston and that the citizens subscribed money to help him establish his paper.

Who Carried California?

ROSE LODGE, Or., Dec. 13.—(To the Editor.)—In view of the split electoral vote in California this year, is it correct to say that "Roosevelt carried California" or not? That is, does the fact of his having received a majority of the electoral votes justify one in say-ing that he carried the state as state as a whole? If not, please explain.
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