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THE GIBBET OF PUBLIC DISGRACE, President-elect Wilson thinks he ras found a punishment which fits the instrous crime of panic-breeding.

He would expose the gullty one on the gibbet of public disgrace—a gibbet as igh as Haman's. That might be very ffective if we could identify the gullty and conclusively fasten his guilt upon But can we? Even when a man has deliberately sought to create or aggravate a panic, he has of necessity worked in the dark. If he knew that nich a penalty would follow discovery, he would become even more molelike in his operations.

The author of a panic is not easy to though the causes leading up to it may be generally known. It accepted as a fact that panie of 1907 began with the raid Heinze's copper stocks, which ke the Heinze-Morse chain of banks and trust companies, but who made the raid and what provocation justification had they? reason had they to believe that their operations would precipitate a panic True, when the panic was in full swing, Gary and Frick went to Rooseand informed him that, if Steel Trust was not allowed to absorb see Company, the financial ruin would become greater.

prohibited Roosevelt erger and taken the consequences he might have put Gary and Frick in the pillory, but should not the brokers who had allowed themselves to be cornered and the bankers who were pressing them for payment of leans and the depositors who by de- shall hold a Federal job in Oregon. manding their money forced the bankers to call their loans-should not all these share the public obloquy? If so, the piliory would be so crowded that the identity of each occupant would be lost in the crowd and the punishnt would fail of its effect-

Perhaps Wilson had in mind prethat industrial depression ould follow radical tariff revision. Here again the number of parties to "crime" would be so great that the punishment would be ineffectual. A reduction of the tariff to such a scale that our manufacturers could not successfully compete with foreignwould have such widespread effect that all industries would be affected. To place all owners of closed industries in the pillory would give us such a multitude of objects for public scorn that the pleasure derived from one prisoner with decayed egetables would be dulled by the bundance of the sport. Further, the prisoners might "talk back" and might find support among the tens of even retaliate by placing the tariff revisionists in a pillory of their own. When one-half of a Nation holds up other half to scorn, the moral effect of the lesson is lost on both.

There has been one instance in our history where a single individual was held responsible for a panic. That was the panic of 1873 and the individdal was Jay Gould. But Gould condo business and amass ciches for nearly 20 years more, apparently indifferent to the curses esped on his head. When one man is cold-blooded that he deliberately causes a panic or pursues his ends areless whether a panic results, the filory of public opinion or the gibet of public disgrace has no terrors for him. His contempt for the people is so great as to be equal even to such

# A FOUR-YEAR CANDIDACY.

The demand made at the recent conference of the Progressive party that Roosevelt then and there accept the Presidential nomination for 1916 moves the New York Globe to sound warning against a continuous canldacy similar to that of Bryan in the Democratic party. Acclaiming as the "greatest achievement of his political reer" the polling by Roosevelt of 4.500,000 votes, the Globe, which has always been friendly to Roosevelt. says announcement of Bryan's candidacy for the 1900 nomination four years in advance was unwise. It says Srvan kept alive not only the loyalty of his friends, but the antipathy of his opponents, and that he did not run well in 1990 as in 1896, nor in 1908 as in 1900, but that his party came into power when he consented to step down and heartily supported

The Progressives can win only by winning over the progressive Repubcans or the progressive Democrats or both, or by capturing the Republic party and polling its whole strength. leaders of the progressive element in the two old parties see no necessity for joining the new party in order to promote their principles, for they are confident of their ability dictate the policy of their own parties. The rank and file see no such necesdty, for they share this confidence of their leaders. Personal antipathy will prevent many of these men from pass ing under the Roosevelt yokeanti-third-term prejudice strong with many. The third party probably attained the greatest strength possible under Roosevelt's With him out of the way, the chief obstacle to its reunion with the Republican party would be

The Progressive managers see the necessity of keeping Roosevelt to the front as the leader, in order to hold party together. They recognize that after the election enthusiasm and animosity in their ranks began to cool the tendency became strong for many to return to their old party al-There is also dissatisfaction with the prominent part in the party

the air last Summer and Fall. sm dictated the organization at Chicago. Perkins is placed at the wheel as chairman of the executive committee, which is to appoint the three heads of the legislative bureau and the committee on plan of work. A well-oiled machine run by Roos velt and Perkins is to manage the Will not such a machine chill the enthusiasm which caused million

to flock to the standard? The Colonel showed realization of the need to keep this enthusiasm alive and at the same time to maintain his place at the head of the Progressive movement by his indorsement of Bristow's scheme of Presidential initiative and recall of Federal court decisions. That scheme is the logical expansion of the principles laid down in the Columbus speech. option of it proves that, like all radcal leaders, he dare not allow any man to get ahead of him in radicallest he lose his leadership and He re be branded a reactionary. members how the French Jacobins devoured the Girondins and he must perforce preserve himself politically becoming as Jacobin as Bristow.

While Roosevelt dazzles his follow ers with more brilliant visions of popular rule, Perkins cunningly com mits them to the perpetuation of his beloved creations, the trusts, which that hopeless reactionary, Taft, will continue to bombard with lawsuits until the very last day of his term.

#### PEDERAL JOBS.

Senator Chamberlain's contention is substantially that the President has committed the grave blunder of postponing action on the Oregon Federal appointments and the only way to repair the mistake is to put them off a while longer. Some time after March 4, 1913, will suit the Senator entirely. The Senator promises to make trouble through appeal to "Senatorial courtesy" if President Taft shall send the names to the Senate. Senatorial courtesy is that particular species of Senatorial discourtesy to a President by which a single Senator is able to defeat the nomination to office of any person displeasing to him.

The appointing power for the Oregon jobs is divided into four parts, viz.: President Taft, National Committeeman Williams, Senator Bourne and Senator Chamberlain, not counting Representative Hawley or Repre sentative Lafferty. If any of these sovereign powers objects, nothing is done. If all agree, something may be President Taft proposes, but Senator Bourne or Senator Chamber

The Senate is the greatest deliber ative body in the world. It is able to deliberate for months at a time over the great National question as to who

### BUYING STOLEN GOODS

Mr. Hearst gave to the world through the medium of a public speech, at Columbus, Ohio, in 1908, the text of several letters written by John D. Archbold to Senator Foraker, from which it was obvious that the Ohio politician was less than Senator for his state and more than a friend of Standard Oil. The evidence that the Senator was under definite pecuniary obligation to the oil monopoly was crushing. Publication of the letters ended his public career.

From time to time Mr. Hearst has printed in his papers and magazine other Archbold letters, disclosing the political methods of the corporation and the mercenary practices of its creatures. The genuineness of the letters has not been seriously questioned; the public service rendered by their

publication was indeed great. Yet Mr. Hearst appears to know les about the letters' authenticity than of unemployed. They might is that he is not such at Washington that he is not such as the state of that he is not such as the state of that he is not such as the state of the originals; and he got them from one John Eddy, now in London, and therefore inconveniently out of Congres

But ex-Senator Foraker appears to be a little less doubtful about where letters came from. He says one Winkfield and one Stump took them from the Standard Oil offices and sold them to a representative of Mr.

Evidently Mr. Foraker knows what is talking about. Evidently also Mr. Hearst does not, except that he is willing to take the word of Eddy (of London) that the letters were all right and to base thereon grave charges affecting the reputation of well-known public men. It is possible of course, that Mr. Hearst did not care to enter into a public discussion of the method by which the letters were procured, and the price paid. It is a nice question as to whether a newspaper that buys stolen goods from a thief is not an accessory after the fact.

# A HAPPY THOUGHT.

New York has taken the initiative in a change for the better which may be hoped that every city in the country will make before many holiday seasons have come and gone Heretofore the metropolis has celebrated New Year's eve with a hideous blare of noise. Tin trumpets, cowbells, shricks and yells have marred the happy night and made peaceable citizens miserable. It requires not much sense and but little effort to make a frightful noise and for that reason, perhaps, the rictous way of celebrating New Year's has grown

more popular every season. But now a move for better things tas been made. with the co-operation of several other eminent New Yorkers, has set about substituting songs and band music for shricks and miscellaneous din. All along Broadway there are to be choir masters and brass bands to lead the crowds in singing familiar pieces. Nothing very grand or difficult wil be attempted. It is only "the good old songs" that will be sung, but how immeasurably better they will sound than a string of cowbells dragged along the pavement by a bad boy who

ought to be whipped and sent to bed-The Salvation Army, fervent in all good warks, is going to help forward this blessed reform. Instead of scattering its forces throughout the city. the Army will concentrate in Union Square and do its best to make that part of the city gay with pleasant music. Some people do not like the musical performances of the Salvation Army, but in our opinion they are better than tin trumpets infinitely blown in the ears of everybody that

goes along the pavement. Movements a like this are slowly making the world an agreeable place to dwell in. With our progress toward a sane and safe Fourth of July and the banishment of racking noise at New Year's much will have been ac-complished. In course of time pretty

tween cruel noise and happiness. In-deed to some observers the fact that our holidays are so barbarously noisy proves that we have not yet learned the art of being happy.

#### OPENING THE PRISON DOORS.

Probably it will appear to be a edless task to make any endeavor to relieve the indurated ignorance a paper like the Capital Journal at Salem; but The Oregonian will say nevertheless that the parole system of he state and the "honor" system of Governor West are not identical. parole system was found to be in active operation when Mr. West became Governor; but he was not satisfied moderate progress it was making in turning felons out of prison and he established as his own Individual project the "honor" scheme, which was in effect that a prisone enjoying the executive favor or confidence might be released on the per sonal parole of the Governor. Upon his own initiative the Governor has given their liberty in a given month as many as 134 prisoners. In two years the total number of "honor men who have escaped is forty.

Oregonian distinctly approved the parole system, though the mony as to its efficacy appears to be conflicting. Here, for example, is a statement credited to Lend-a-Hand, the little paper printed by the Oregon convicts within prison walls:

convicts within prison walls:

A careful review of the reports of various states on the parole system reveals a startling fact. Oregon shows the lowest percent age of men making good on parole. Mossitates show that from 10 to 15 per cent of those on parole are returned for violation, while the report of Superintendent Curtis shows that 30 per cent of those parole from this institution have falled to make good. This will never do. We have got it make a better showing than this or—declarthe parole law, honor system and enlight ened policies of Governor West a failure can we afford to do this?

The consideration of the convict

The consternation of the convict editor appears hardly to be justified, for his interpretation of the warden's report is not strictly accurate. Warden Curtis says that 121/2 per cent of the parole men have been returned to rank with true patriots. prison, while 17% per cent have no reported and are therefore listed as 'parole violators." Are we to understand that the authorities do know what has become of the 171/2 per cent?

The parole system of Oregon comfavorably with other states. But its "honor" system is unique, sol itary and peculiar.

#### A CHANGE IN EXAMINATIONS. Harvard University has begun a

eform of the traditional examination system which will probably go a long way before it stops. At present it is Umited to the division of history, gov ernment and economics. Hereafter students who work for the bachelor's degree in these studies will be required to stand an examination in entire "field of concentration" at the end of the college course. Such an examination will be something than a mere memory test. It will give the student a chance to sho what power of independent thought and research he has acquired. All his reading in the direction of history; conomics and government will tell in the examination. If he has done work outside the prescribed course it will show in the final test and naturally count in his favor. The reform will encourage thoroughness in daily recitations and at the same time induce students to read widely. They will learn the value of thinking as well as remembering. If a young man understands that at the end of his four years' work in college he must pass an examination in all that he has gone over he will be likely to pay attention to accumulating mere credit marks and more to acquiring I real knowledge of his subjects.

There has been a great deal of news. aner comment on the change in th Harvard examination system and all find something in it to praise. One writer rejoices because it is a blow the elective system. Another is delighted to think that it will discourage mere cramming. A third is gratiwide reading by the students. No doubt there is something in each of these hopes. The elective system was probably pushed too far by its enthusiastic friends in the days of its early triumphs. As a reaction from the miserable emptiness of the old classical 'course" it appeared so excellent that many supposed we could not have too much of it. President Gilman, of Johns Hopkins, was one of the few progressives who perceived that even so good a thing as the elective system might be carried to an excess and he modified it from the outset by restricting the student to a choice among several groups of studies instead of permitting him to range at will among the particular branches. This happy arrangement secured liberty as well as coherence in college vork. The new reform at Harvard is a step toward the group system and away from indiscriminate electives. No doubt for that reason it is a step toward thoroughness and sound

That it will discourage cramming is evident enough, but one may hope that it will not abolish the practice altogether. Cramming as a habitual method of study is as bad as possible, but as an occasional incident in col-lege life it is not without redeeming circumstances. A young man gains something by acquiring the ability to go over a good deal of ground at high speed. The power of concentration is good thing to cultivate, as everywill admit, and nothing strength ens it more than the occasional prac tice of learning a whole book in a few hours. The danger comes in when a student, finding that he can cram successfully, never studies in any other way. He becomes intense and narrow and pays for his sharpness by oss of that broad mastery which is far more valuable. But it ought not to be overlooked that the ability to ram is indispensable in most of the professions. A lawyer needs it when ne has to master a hard case in a few hours, a physician when he is suddenly brought face to face with a set of new symptoms which he must un-derstand in order to save a life, a minster when he has spent the whole week making pastoral calls and is obliged to write a sermon after 10 clock Saturday night. It would be pity if a reform in the examination system were to blot out the habit of cramming altogether, but we must confess that we have little fear that any ever will. It is too deeply rooted in our natural indolence and love of

procrastination. But if some reform could be devised that would do away with written examinations the true friends of education would rejoice. every young man were required to stand on his feet two or three times management given to Perkins and street music will be substituted for a year facing a shrewd and pitliess men of his kind. Notwithstanding the uproar at the Rose Festival. A crowd committee of inquisitors who would denunciations of bossism which filled can be gay without being riotous.

hallows, as the case might be a change would ensue in the habits of college students. Written examinaions are a device for veiling the shame of the idle student and at th pedagogic deficiencies of his teachers. It would be severe upon the profes sors to see every one of their failures paraded before an examining commitee in open court at the end of the It is much safer and far ess humiliating to let them fade away quietly in the seclusion of the written examination room. Bacon tells us hat writing maketh an exact man while speaking maketh a ready man. We opine that speaking under the earching criticism of a ruthless committee would make the college man both exact and ready. He would gain by the oral method all that he is suposed to gain by writing and a great

There is a decided revolt among American women against the tyranny of French fashions. Some are transferring their allegiance to London others are stepping out into the joys of independence. It is said that more and better artists than ever before are now employed in devising new fashions in the great American cen-The next best thing to having no new fashions is to invent the changes at home. The difficulty hereofore has been the lack of competent artists, but this seems now in the way

It is pleasant to learn that Mr. Foraker, the whilom Senator from Ohio, can explain the \$50,000 loan from Mr. Archhald But how much pleasanter it would have been had no such loan een made and no explanation been needed. Shady dealings between Senators and Standard Oll magnates are ow of the past, but the shame of them is a painful memory. The perwill never look attractive in history nor can the men who stained their fame by such transactions expect to

The proposed French tax on trans fers of pictures will spread gloom among our millionaire collectors. Two per cent is to be levied on the selling price and the proceeds will go to the artists' heirs for fifty years. The hardship on American collectors is evident. They never buy the works of a living artist, but when he is dead they bid his canvases up to fabulous figures. The new tax will assess this uxurious habit at 2 per cent, so that a picture which sells for \$1,000,000 will yield \$20,000 to the painter's famished wife and children.

The news of that Turkish victory at Janina has been a long time coming Was it won before or after the Greeks gained the success which they report? Or is it another version of the same Both Turks and Greeks have such facility at winning battles on paper that we cannot guess what really happened.

It will not be safe for would-be Senators from Texas to calculate upon a vacancy until Bailey has resigned and his resignation has been accepted. Bailey sent in his resignation once before, but there was a string on it which he pulled vigorously. Bailey enjoys being dissuaded from resigning.

If Taft should be taken as ator in the Balkan peace negotiations, he might win the Nobel peace prize, which is going begging. In that case the Nobel prize won by Roosevelt would lose much value in its owner's

That deluded white woman running over state lines with a Chinaman in deserving of pity more than contempt. At 24 the skies should have for her more brighter hue than saffron.

Tamed by twenty-six years' confine ment, what is left of Geronimo's band fied to believe that it will stimulate goes to the Mescalero reservation Only a part of the original number is left, but the blood is in them and bound to break out.

> Tons of candy have been pouring into Oregon City since the election at which women voted. Here's an opportunity for defeated candito point the finger of grave of suspicion. It was commonly supposed that

Foraker had been eliminated in 1908, but he comes back at an inopportune time for Hearst. Some men decline to stay eliminated. Carnegie's nephew has married a

in the luxury to which he has been accustomed? While the contestants in the latest they fought to a draw, it would an

pear they merely fought to a with-

working girl and gone to live with her

But can they support him

It would be far more in keeping with the spirit of the age if those tramping New York suffragists would end their appeal to Albany by wire-

A San Francisco girl will marry a Chinaman because she says he is inlustrious. The groom's motives are probably similar.

The bride of six days who declares she is unfitted for married lift has not the proper idea of fitness of things

The rose thief in Summer is a holly thief in December and the crime is all the greater because of slow growth of

nearly a quarter-million having been imported for the holiday trade, The Robert Dollar looked like Bobby Sixbits when she limped into

Yokohama safe and pretty sound.

Portland is "dolled up" this year,

When an elopement or love-at-firstsight marriage ends happily it is the Portland with it in April. exception that proves the rule.

Two centenarians fought a duel over a woman. Doesn't man ever grou old enough to know better? It is too had that hog cholera shoul

Republican plum gleaners may yet crimp in the Democratic ple estival.

Now what money baron dares start

# Stars and Starmakers

By Leone Cass Baer.

"Mere Man," in which Minette Bar ett, a Portland girl, has an important role, has registered a failure in New It is Augustus Thomas' latest play. Its presentation at the Harris Theater was discontinued before one week had passed.

In January David Warfield arrives in 'The Return of Peter Grimm." and with him is John Sainpolis, a former Baker leading man.

The tour around the globe of the famous Flemish author's classic, "The Blue Bird," will be virtually completed in Portland December 29, with the engagement at the Heilig Theater all New Year's week. Maeterlinck's poetle fantasy has taken successful flight to many lands. From the West to the East it has penetrated to the fringe of the Pacific with a six months' engagement in the Japanese language in Tokio and to the South seas with a two Melbourne. The other way around the earth Berlin, Paris, London, New York and Chicago have seen the play, and the New Theater production, made a hit in New York year before last, is now headed for Portland to complete the circuit of the habitable world. The company of 100 persons travels by speyears' run in Sydney. Adetaide and cial train and carries an enormous equipment of scenery and effects in several 70-foot baggage cars. On their big transcontinental tour of 22,000 miles they crossed the Rockies Sunday. It is estimated that 5,000,000 people have seen the play, which has been translated into eight different languages and produced in every importdelicate ant world-capital. It is a fancy of two children's search for happiness, gorgeously and spectacularly

Izetta Jewel opened in "A Romance of the Underworld" at the head of the Burbank Theater in Los Angeles last Sunday night. As might be expected this institution seems to be a marthe vivacious Izetta has purchased a velous one—marveious alike in its utilinew car, and is working off some of itarian simplicity, in its harmonious has relative entities and purchased as the content of the her pristine enthusiasm about the Los Angeles drives.

pieces.

"A Modern Eve," a sprightly, sparking musical comedy, founded on the suffragette question and answer, with Adele Rowland in the cast, comes to the Heilig just after "The Blue Bird." Miss Rowland's sister, Mabel, was second woman with the Baker company for about a month last season.

David Belasco has announced the cancellation of the contract existing between him and Blanch Bates, now Mrs. Creel, of Denver. The severance of the contract is by mutual consent. In making the announcement both Belasco and Miss Bates wish to put special emphasis upon the fact that the severance of their professional alliance did not in any way impair the cordial personal relations existing between them. Nor did it mean Miss Bates' retirement from the stage. So far as any retirement from the stage is concerned, Miss Bates declared that she has never contemplated such a step. she has never contemplated such a step. On the contrary it is her intention to resume her work next year.

Jules Friquet, composer of the music of "The Macy Models," headline umber at the Empress and musical director of that act, was in Portland 30 years ago as director for Patti Rosa, and his tour book shows he has visited Portland at least once a year ever since. Friquet became associated with Patti Rosa immediately upon her arrival in the United States from England and remained with her throughort to secure a marriage license is rival in the United States from Engout her early triumphal tours. Later Professor Friquet joined Dan Sully, with whom he appeared here in "The Corner Grocery." clated here with Henshaw and Tenbrook in "The Nabobs," with Alva Haywood in "Edgewood Folks," with Florence Bintley's "Pay Train." and with George Monroe in "Aunt Bridget." Friquet has been with John B. Hymer ever since 1908. He is the author the music of "The Devil and Tom Walker," Hymer's production, and made several tours of the Coast with Hymer in that act.

William ("Billy") Dills, one of the est-liked actors ever affiliated with Baker stock, is to be director and haracter man with the Princess Stock Company to open December 22 at Spokane. Leon Lindhard, a Portlander, is leading man.

Willard Mack is in trouble againnot matrimonial this time, however. He made defendant in a suit filed in the district court by the American Play Company, in which it is alleged that he is indebted to the play company in the sum of \$1380.31 for roy-alty and rentals on plays furnished Mack between October 12, 1908, and May 15, 1910.

Warda Howard, who used to be a leading woman at the Lyric when it was a stock theater at Seventh and Alder, is to open next week with the Bailey-Mitchell Company in Scattle.

Carl Stockdale, once a Baker player, but more recently of the Del Lawrence stock in Sacramento, is to play a feature engagement at the Bert Levy house, the Diepenbrock, this week.

Louise Gunning, the comic opera diva, is Wintering in Sierra Madre, Cal., where she owns a ranch.

With no leading man or woman, no stars or near-stars and no company to speak of, the Rainey pictures are playing to capacity houses this week at the Heilig.

Jacob Proebstel, a Portlander who this season has been understudy for the leading juvenile role in Henry W. Savage's "Prince of Pilsen," with Jess Dandy as the comedian, has been forced to discontinue his work through illness and is just now convalscent from pneumonia in Richmond, Va. He will rejoin the company after the holidays in California and will appear in

#### Fifty Park Bears to Die. Anaconda Standard.

develop just as spare ribs and back-

INSTITUTION IS LIKENED TO CITY Municipalities Might Well Adapt Super

intendent's Biennial Report. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 14 .- (To the Editor.)-Boiled down to its concrete and condensed form the essence f all the rancor in our urban governments is to be found in a lack of frank publicity of the activities of public officials And this, too, in an age where the demand for publicity has developed into such a banal craze as to

of his work, with the minutiae, precision and comprehensiveness of Dr. Steiner's report on the insane asylum. Indeed it would not be difficult to discover a deadly parallel between the asylum administration and a city administration. It is difficult to resist classifying the Salem institution as a sample, in practice, not in theory, of a municipal ownership form of government, though not of the Upton Sinclair brand. With the Superintendent assigned the classification already mentioned, you have the Board of Trustrees, indeed and appeared in front in great force. A buttle is expected near gist and dentist; its bookkeeper might the Columbia Riv
be styled city clerk; it has its own
to Pugat Sound,
orchardist; it has its grounds superintendent (yclept Park Commission);
its watchmen, alias police force; its
restaurants, its bakery, its laundry,
tailor, shoemaker and all the concomitants of a municipal community, including a population equal to and
in the city charte corporated cities of Oregon, even to its or pay for the removal of filth and mud unless the city pays one-half of the inshort, it has nearly every fundamental equipment but its own newspaper and that is only nearly fatal. I should emphasize its most important adjunct. It has its board of education. This would tally with its medical faculty. But there the comparison layer partially for the removal of filth and mud unless the city pays one-half of the expense.

At the last meeting of the City Council the bills presented for attendance upon a smallpox patient and the expense attending his burial appeared to have partially for the removal of filth and mud unless the city pays one-half of the expense. cluding a population equal to greater than seven-eighths of the executed with the aid of scenic and electrical art and an orchestra of 25

ical faculty. But there the comparison ends, else it would be odious. The school boards too often provoke that mischlevous Mark Twain raillery: "In the first place God made idiots. That the first place God made idiots. That was for practice; then he made school boards." The educational system in operation and Pyrrhic results. It trains the mind into an orderly state, a mind not in a raw, not in a virgin or chrysalls condition, but inchoate and demoralized state. And it has done so effectively in 66 per cent of the cases under its jurisdiction. Is there a school board in all the land that has reclaimed into useful prospective members of society a corresponding per-centage of 100 incorrigible boys or girls? No, for when confounded with such a condition they in popular par-lance "pass the buck" to the police arm of the government and that department religiously turns the rotation of responsibility on until it finally re-poses on the shoulders of the warden in that driftwood sepulcher, the penitentiary.

Now a corollary to this presentation.

be no stuffing to apologize for extravagant expenditure of state money. It
may be urged that the Mayor is militated against in that he has not an
unrestricted carte blanche as the asylum superintendent, that he is obstructed by an unsympathetic and
often hostile council. So, too could should not be necessary when we reas patriotic as they are practical, in that they are big minded and broad minded enough to concede credit where credit is due, and to do so in the case in point, spontaneously and hem con, by expressing their appreciation, in a foreword in the booklet, of the loyal and efficient service of the Superinpatriotic as they are practical, in

Where, in any one of the 200 or more Where, in any one of the 200 or more municipalities of Oregon, could you find a city or town council unanimously commending and thus unreservedly extolling its chief officer? And harking back to the original tune I say that the key to this enviable consummation is the system which demands this full and faultless chronicle of the doings of this asylum-city. Verb. Sab.

P. H. M'ENERY. P. H. M'ENERY. Sap.

#### SOURED MAN IMPEACHES CUPID, Marriage Is a Perilous Thing, According to Ex-husband,

PORTLAND, Dec. 13 .- (To the Edi-PORTLAND. Dec. 13.—(To the Editor.).—I have read many communications in The Oregonian, most of them deploring the difficulties of marriagable people becoming acquainted. It appears to me the better plan to let these people plod along in single blessedness, unhampered and not annoyed. The large number of divorces, approaching 300 in this county alone this year, seems to prove that the marriage relation is not one of pure happiness. The five women who met death at Spokane this week by drinking poistant which were all married and if

woman.

The man who marries must become a slave. He must work early and late to face the high cost of living, which is made doubly galling by an idle, extravagant or drinking wife. Every girl is taught to look for marriage only with men of means, and these are very few as compared with the number of poor men who must dense. girl is taught to look for marriage only with men of means, and these are very few as compared with the number of poor men who must depend solely upon their labor for a livelihood. If one of them, tired of waiting, finally marries a poor man, rather than be left an old maid, she is forever afterward dissatisfied because she cannot have all the fine raiment or expensive amusements she sees some other woman enjoying. Carping criticism of her husband soon creates lil feeling and dissatisfaction, which grows from bad to worse, and a divorce soon follows.

"Well, if you can't make enough money to buy me a new suit and hat, I know another man who can," is a common exclamation freely flung at the poor, slaving husband who is trying to earn an honest living by hard and grinding toil.

Think of the demands on the husband's pocketbook, as the holidays approach, when Easter bonnets are in bloom and when the ocean resorts call for their prey! Think of the higher animals and man, bills, bills of every kind, that must be

for their prey! Think of the bills, bills, bills of every kind, that must be met. No wonder husbands grow gray before their time. No wonder more and more men dodge the marriage shackles which would enslave them for life and make life for the poor unfor-

Anaconda Standard.

Because there are so many bears, mostly silver tips and grizzlies, in Yellowstone National Park that the lives of tourists are in danger, the park authorities intend to kill off not less than 50 of the animals this Fall. Many bears ask fabulous allmony if he has any arm of get it.

have been captured within the last few weeks and shipped to parks in Eastern cities, but the cost of capturing the animals is great, and as many of them are so bold as to be a nuisance in the park around camping outsits it is believed best to kill them.

ask fabulous alimony if he has any property, and get it.

The biggest "gold bricks" in the market today are scheming, extravagant, idle, drinking, worthless women, ware of that kind!

ONE WHO WAS STUNG. ONE WHO WAS STUNG. | positively enjoys it

### Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of Dec. 19, 1862.
The rebel army to Virginia is said, on good authority, to be suffering greatly for want of the common necgreatly for wan

Washington, Dec. 11.—At 6 o'clock this morning 143 Federal guns opened on Fredericksburg. The destruction of the city is certain. The enemy opened fire at 7 o'clock. During the night pondemand the revealing of the contribu-tors to campaign funds, producing a artillery placed in front of Fredericksmasquerade for fact which is nothing short of an incentive to perjury.

The pretext for animadversion, as frequently unjust as well founded, would be eradicated if the city's Mayor were obliged to present such a resume of his work, with the minutiae, precision and comprehensiveness of Dr. Steiner's report on the insane asylum.

At no time in the last three years has the condition of the streets been worse than at present. The accumulation of mud all over town is immense. Unfortunately there is no power in the city charter to compel property-

out of the notion of providing for in-digent persons affected with this loath-some disease, but the pest-house is a necessity.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of G. Richardson at the Plo-neer Hotel until the 2d day of Janu-ary, 1863, for grading, bridging and cadamizing a road from Portland to

#### OPEN LETTER SENT TO MAGAZINE Portland Physician Criticises Life's Attitude Toward His Profession.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 15 .- (To the Editor of Life, New York.)—I have been a reader of Life—more or less constant-ever since you began publication, but have at times for even years rarely looked at it, on account of your hostile attitude toward the medical profession, for which you never have a kindly word, but seem to revel in denouncing all medicos as unspeakable knaves and fools, ignoring the fact that physicians and surgeons, who are, I trust you will admit, human, and

structed by an unsympathetic and structed by an unsympathetic and often hostile council. So, too, could the asylum superintendent. The limitations on their quasi-plenary power tations on their quasi-plenary power what in favor of the Mayor. The it in Europe before Jenner discovered what in favor of the Mayor. The it in Europe before Jenner discovered to the simple and harmless means of pretaught surgeons many things by which the span of human life has ben pro-longed, including the successful treatment of intestinal wounds which used to be almost always fatal; but no normal human being, surgeon or other-wise, would wantonly injure or cause pain to any creature.

pain to any creature.

You have persistently tried to teach
the public that all surgeons are inhuman fiends who delight in torturing
dogs and other animals. Would you
favor a return to the conditions of the middle ages, when the plague and cholera, and smallpox and other pesti-lences, destroying countless millions of people who had no better protection than the exorcisms of good Cardinal Carlo Borromeo, carrying a crucifix as he walked barefoot through the streets of Milan? Or does it grieve you to see our Canal zone freed from yellow fever and other disease, or our army, through the use of the recently discovered antityphoid serum, practically immune to a malady that used to carry of many times more of our soldiers than used

times more of our solders than used to fall before the bullets of the enemy? If not, what is your aim?

To whom is due the credit of almost ridding the world of the above named and many other afflictions, if not to our earnest, studious, self-sacrificing professional brethren, many of whom have even lated down their lives in

have even laid down their lives in their scalous researches? Now is the time to make some good resolutions for the coming year; and let me suggest that you enter upon it with a determination to abstain from "all evil speaking, lying and slander-

point of perfect vision such as is found in the higher animals and man. Hence their noses, muscles, touch and hearing give them information about the world they live in.

# Look-In With Master Capid

"I shot an arrow in the air," Laughed Cupid, little Dan dumb. "It fell to earth I know not where, And what is more, I do not care. I often shoot at random.

# The Comforts of Home.

Philadelphia Record Blobbs—Your wife suffers from nervous prostration, doesn't she? Slobb—Well, semetimes I think she suffers and sometimes I think she