come from seeing the dead, the happy fead, in their own enchanted world

memory. When they came of their own will he forsook them. Now that

they do not come of his will he rea-

sons that they "are not." He gets rid

of the phenomenon which does not

obey him by denying it. In depicting the world of the unborn, Maeterlinck pleases as much by his satire as he

that the Bluebird has been all the time

hanging comfortably in a cage in Tyl-

tyl's own father's kitchen. All those

he had caught in the cave lost their

color in the light of day-New Year

revels, for example. This one could bear the light, but as soon as he gave

it to a little girl who sadly needed a bluebird it flew away. "The Kingdom

of heaven is within you." It cometh

Accidents occur now and then

ran

which appear to be altogether unfore-

often walks easily and swiftly, so that

he is not readily to be distinguished

from an individual of normal evesight.

As he cannot see vehicles and must

depend largely on sound, the blind man

throws the responsibility of his safety on others. Which being the case he

should indicate his infirmity in some

sistance in crossing a busy street in-

The open-air singing on New Year's

as a beginning of better things, it was

worth its cost in money and effort. Our local music is too stiffly pedantic

to be very popular, but that is a trait of youth which may be outgrown. The

way to overcome the hoodlum is to

It would be impossible to convinc

Diven from France, in danger of ex

Perhaps Anna Held only divorces

The output of \$25,000,000 the past

shows something doing in that sec-

The old pipe, cast into the dead

An exhibit by Holland involving ex-

Card men will look askance at pur

The new leaves turned over yester-

Did the postman bring you a pump

day are providentially loose bound.

kin or bunch of carrots yesterday?

McCarty won! Erin-go-bragh!

grass yesterday, can be found by the

scent tomorrow, which period is the average length of reform,

tion of the bowels of the earth.

Francisco on the map,

Childs' Public Ledger.

sources of the Northwest.

Year's gift to the people.

more enjoy the pleasures of being

handsomest man in New York.

man without a country

noticeable manner or else secure

tersection.

South America.

silent.

again.

given away. It must be earned.

perience of Frank Riggs, who down a blind man. The blind

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NO SECRETARY FROM THE WEST.

the "public-land" states, and the respective candidacies of many eminent gentlemen who live within the shadows of the Rocky Mountains or the sounds of the pellucid Pacific would appear to be futile. The Oregonian is not surprised; for it has had no doubt President-elect has had conjured up for his delectation on all oc asions the ghost of the Ballinger epiode; and it has no doubt also that the theoretical conservationists of the landless East and the treeless Middle West have flooded him with their perands to save the public domain and the free water powers from the despoilers and grabbers of the uncouth West. Any Secretary of the Interior from the West would be subected at once to the calumnies and intrigues of the Pinchots, the Garfields and the Glavises and other champions of unborn generations and foes of the present generation, unless he should at once make it known that he is in harmony with their extreme theories and starvation practices.

What true son of the West could say or do aught, in the Cabinet, but oppose the schemes that have turned over the forests to their primitive solitudes and stigmatized the honest settler upon the reserves as a vagabone matter and gun-using freebooter? ow could he, with his knowledge of practical conditions, accept the pracof sloth, neglect and incompe tence that have marred the record of the reclamation service and made paupers of hundreds who have in good faith sought to erect homes upon irrigated tracts? How could be stand idly by and see the streams and the waterfulls assigned to dreary non and scenic stagnation while private capital is discouraged and public en-terprise is smothered? How could be silent when the upright motives of a great body of worthy homesteaders are attacked, and every frivolous technicality and petty objection is interposed before their honest endeavor to get honest title to public land honestly and honestly cultivated? claimed How could he fall in with the greedy assumption that the states have no greater interest in the public lands and forests within their borders than the other states which have squan-dered their patrimony?

Yet the people of the West have a that a President lected on the Baltimore platform of 1912 will understand that the public lomain is for present use and develop. ment, not for sequestration, and that a practical conservation-not an experimental or theoretical conserva--is the true policy to be adopted. The Democratic platform has an exof conservation, and it makes declarations hostile to the ultra-Pinchot view, and friendly to the contentions and deserts of the people on the land. Says the platform:

The public demain should be administered and disposed of with due regard to the public welfare. Reservations should be limited to the purposes which they purport to serve, and not extended to include land wholly unsuited therefor. The unnecessary withdrawal from sale and settlement of shormous tracts of public land upon which tree growth never existed and cannot be promoted tends only to retard development, creats discontent and bring repressed upon the policy of conservation.

Clearly the platform intended thus to rebuke the bureaucrats who have tied up the public domain in a maze of red tape and made the deserving settler all but an outcast and a wanderer. The cause of the homesteader is indeed expressly favored by another clause in the platform, which declares toward the settler exhibiting a bona fide purpose to comply therewith." Clearly, too, it was intended that the public domain be "disposed of' and not held as a mere demesne

for an unappreciative posterity. Somewhere President-elect Wilson isolated and friendless situation of of legislation designed to encourage great territory ought to be immediaterecognized and fulfilled. But the Democratic platform seems to have spared him the necessity of formulating any new or strange doctrine conservation for the inhabitant of the great states of the West. He knows, or he ought to know, what his party forests is to fell their mature timber intervention might be looked into. and inaugurate a wise policy of reforestration; and the true way to

useful to the present generation.

vation. All were to attend church comfort. For at least one year and once each Sunday for four weeks beperhaps three or four years the Govfore Pebruary 11, and on that date he
would determine what to do with tion to this, let us suppose the Gov-

them. "Meantime," said the Judge, "make an honest effort to readjust

our affairs." 2.50 tion of such a woman must take place 3.50 necessarily in the closet, or out of the public view, and not in the temples

or on the streets. The judge, or the benefactor, who finds a quiet home for a scarlet wom-an, or a friend who will help her to a clean life and a decent livelihood, and a chance for a respectable marriage after due probation, will do vastly more for her benefit than one who sentences her to serve time in a place of public worship.

REWARDING OUR CANAL BUILDERS.

Now that the Panama Canal is about completed, Colonel Goethals is receiving widespread commendation for his excellent service. Bills are be fore Congress providing handsomely for the guilding genius of this greatest President-elect Wilson is reported to of engineering feats. 'It is well that have said that he will not appoint a he be made a Major-General and given Secretary of the Interior from any of other emoluments, for his compensation tion as a Colonel has been wholly out of proportion to the magnificence of

But in this movement the American people bid fair to overlook a personality of equal importance in the Pan ama Canal miracle. That personality is the chief sanitary officer, Colone Gorgas. Without the splendid genius of Colonel Gorgas the Panama Canal could not have been built. Death had entrenched itself in a thousand insidlous and hidden forms throughout the Canal Zone. Before the advent of Colonel Gorgas it was more unsafe to enture into the district than to walk coldly onto the firing line in a great modern engagement. It became the herculean task of Colonel Gorgas to drive out the most virulent of disease and prolific breeding places.

The problems this man had to face were no less stupendous than those of an engineering and executive order Further than that, they were new problems such as required the most fertile resources, whereas the engiproblems lay mostly along trails long beaten by experience.

Colonel Gorgas did more than the mere task assigned him. He transformed the very habitat of death and tropical disease to a district of model eanitation and wholesomeness. He had not one foe, but a thousand foes of mankind to vanguish. No general on the line ever did more brilliant, more heroic or more valuable service. In the light of these things we should not follow an inclination to

shower the rewards on one man. Colonel Goethals, as the executive nead, doubtless will receive the lion's hare of the credit for a task the like of which the world never before has But there is glory enough for both and the merits of the case demand that this glory be divided.

Most men make dunces of themelves occasionally, eminent men of science as well as others. Eugenics and able Dr. David Starr Jordan with an opportunity to show that he is not exempt from human frailty. Perhaps it is the mental malady commonly called "the bighead," perhaps it is some other inward affliction, that has caused him to fill his latest book with nonsense. Whatever the reason for it may be, the nonsense seems to be there and its measure is so full that whoever runs may read it. His new book. called "The Ideal Eugenics," sets out to prove that just about everybody of from our pleased surprise to see little any consequence in the United States children do so much and do it so well. ls descended from a certain Isabel de Vermandois, a lady of malodorous memory, who lived a long time ago. Her family includes at this date, if we may believe Dr. Jordan, not only that gentleman himself, as a matter of course, but John D. Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, Roosevelt, Astor, Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and a host more. Truly a heterogeneous assemblage The inclusion of so many persons of the most various origins in a single strain of heredity speaks more emphatically for Dr. Jordan's imaginaion than for his common sense. seems to have reached a pinnacle of self-esteem where he thinks he may say anything and still be taken seri-

Nothing whatever is known about the genealogy of many of these persons a few generations back. The genealogists of this country have built up an imaginary science with persevering inthat the "laws should be adminis-tered in a spirit of the broadest liber-dustry. It is so far reaching that, for a suitable fee, they can provide anybody with a family tree. If he has no ancestors they are perfectly able and willing to manufacture as many as he wants. The business of providing ancestors is almost as flourishing as that of creating antique works as expressed his sympathy with the of art. Indeed, a satisfactory ancestor is a work of art in the best sense of Alaska, and has declared that the need the word. The wonder is that such a man as Dr. Jordan should have been legitimate development of that fooled by this idiocy and should (apparently) have lent his authority to fool others.

PATIENCE AND PRUDENCE. desires; and he knows, or he ought to his detractors. The contention is put new set of immigrants to the know, that the way to develop the forth that he should long since have from the world of the unborn?

make the public lands, the forest reserves and the waterfalls all together ary of from \$18 to \$500 per month. that vibrate with eternal longing, beneficial to posterity is to make them In addition to that the Government Tyltyl and his timorous sister do not useful to the present generation.

to assume the care of the 259,000 catch the Bluebird after all their seek-EXPERIMENTS IN REFORMATION. Ical attention. Having taken this burthe land of memory where the blessed Cincinnati has a judge who will try den, let us imagine the Government dead dwell. As long as the children a new experiment in the reformation decided to move the populace in vari- stay the denizens are full of activity. of women following the oldest pre- ous directions, providing the multitude | Sweet emotions enliven them, fession. Fifty denizens of the half- with means of transportation for many are free from the worries of life. But world were brought before him that hundreds of miles by rail and then when Tyltyl and his sister go to the the majesty of the offended law might many more hundreds of miles by foot, be vindicated. "I do not want your supplying rations all the while, and money," said the judge; and he pro- teams with which to carry the rations, ory makes her own realm, and as long posed a scheme by which the unhappy as well as impedimenta needed to sus-defendants might work out their sai-tain the great body of people in asked of heaven? But the children

ernment bound itself to put on pen-sion those who should become sick or

halt among this vast cone Probably the judge believed that the That is just the sort of burden the presence of these women in church Government would take over at Mexwould do them good and make possi-ble associations that would lead them troops would be required for subduing into a different environment and dif-ferent lives. Much depends on the that, a death rate of 5 per cent is not .\$8.00 ferent lives. Much depends on the that, a death rate of possible cas 4.25 church. Yet, if a woman of that too great an estimate of possible cas his conclusion. summons, as the fairy promised. He is a true scientist. He has just

Plowing is suggested as a substitute for football at our colleges. Why not? Football is upheld as developing the physique, but so does plowing. What more calculated to harden the muscles of back, arms and legs than to follow the plow, pressing down on the handles, guiding the team and stepping over the heavy clods? Football is good outdoor exercise, but so is plowing. Football develops certain mental faculties, but so does plowing., Skill is required to run a deep, straight furrow, just as skill is required to make an end-run, to block interference and to kick a goal.

has the further recom-Plowing mendation that it is useful, produc-tive exercise. One husky member of an athletic club could probably plow, harrow and plant with potatoes a whole acre with half the expenditure of energy that goes into a practice game. Were each of the hundreds of nembers of the club to cultivate and harvest an equal area of land, he could be equally rich in health and strength, he would be richer in pocket and the whole community would be benefited by the increase in farm production

The lesson taught by the great Vasby in "Eastern Fruit on Western Dishes" is worthy of study. his characters, Koab, inherits a fortune, and, deaf to advice, squanders it in riotous living. He is found by ne of his relatives rolling barrels in front of a grocery. The relative jeers and says: "I told you so." Koab replies that, money being gone and Koab eaith gone, he might have consulted physician, who would have recom ended exercise and plain food. Had he taken the exercise at a gymnasium he would have been obliged to pay He was now being paid for taking equally healthy exercise, and the nallness of his wages forbade indul-

ence in any but plain food. We do not recommend the entire abandonment of football in favor of plowing, but we do recommend that those who feel the need of physical exercise and cannot afford to pay for it as a sport should adopt it as a means of earning a livelihood. They will then strengthen both body and mind and fatten their pocketbooks at the same time.

THE BLUE BIRD.

Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird" is surprisingly interesting on the stage. All our common presuppositions are against it. As a rule we do not like plays or novels based on abstract principles, especially if the abstract printiple is the main part of the plot, as ets out to instruct us that the active pursuit of happiness ends in failure and every scene in the play is contrived to illustrate his thesis. Worse still, the doctrine is as trite as the moral DR. JORDAN AND THE GENEALOGISTS.

With an obvious trulam for its theme the play has only the most commonplace machinery to carry on the action, a little witchcraft, two children seems to have presented the learned dreaming, a troop of "elements" and "mental qualities" not too vigorously alive. In some of Macterlinck's plays the spectator may please his vanity by unraveling a complicated symbolism, but that refuge is not available in "The Blue Bird," for its meaning is everywhere as plain as the nose on your face. Still it is interesting, far re so on the stage than in the b It is more than interesting. It is fascinating.
Part of its charm no doubt comes

Tvitvi has a part as long as Hamlet He goes through it with unimpaired energy, bright and spontaneous to the end. The other children have less to do, but they are perfectly drilled, and it all goes off as easily as life itself. Grown people are always ready to do for their applause, but in this case riticism might have been defied. What amazing things education can accomplish when it is gone about with a little common sense. Then there is the exquisite scenery. It wins more ap-plause than anything else in the play. Father Time sailing in with his engag-ingly gilded scythe is a figure to love. He grows more charming up to the instant of his mystic fading in the shadows. Night, the sable Queen, in her enchanted palace, makes another altogether alluring picture. The beguilements with which she tries to keep Tyltyl away from the Blue Bird's cave chime well with her black robe and raven hair where the illusory stars hint murkily of ignorance and the de-struction it trails in its wake. Poor Night, Queen of the besotted soul, is resolved to keep what miserable bits of her old secréts conquering man has left her, but Tyltyl is undaunted and we foresee clearly enough that her reign will not last long even if he does not carry off the Bluebird. In fact Tyltyl might peep into every she guards and still not catch the elusive fowl.

The mists rising by the graveyard are more real than nature herself. She seldom achieves such colors, such pertentous vagueness. And who ever has That President Taft has been alto-gether too patient with Mexico is a criticism heard now and again among his detractors. The contention is put treeless areas of the country is to en- put an end to the Mexican internal we might go on and account for one courage their settlement and cultiva-tion; and the way to conserve the tervention. To determine whether or water powers is to dedicate them to industry; and the way to utilize the elastic, the meaning and cost of armed the play by ex-ternals, but we should mislead the reader if we did. It is the thought of industry; and the way to utilize the thought as old as life, but at the same Suppose the United States Govern- time piercingly true. As common ment should take over the City of place as bread and fire and water, it Tyltyl and his timerous sister do not people in the city, providing them ing, but what sources of happiness with every necessity from food to med. they explore as they proceed! There is

goal they must stop for nothing that lies by the wayside. Stars and Starmakers Perhaps Maeterlinck's symbolism

does grow a little difficult in the grave-yard. The ghosts are to come out at midnight at Tyltyl's summons. He speaks his command boldly, but there By Leone Cass Baer. Baker Moore, of the Baker Stock Company, has severed his connecis no response. The heavy stones lie unshaken. The earth sleeps on as if The earth sleeps on as if to souls were prisoned down below. Tyltyl reflects upon the disappointment and it does not take him long to draw "There are no dead." That is why they do not rise at his

does by tender suggestion in the land of memory. Here below mortals toll and strive to write poems, make plays, devise inventions, reform their governments. Up there it is all fixed for Just after the curtain had fallen on thousands of ages ahead, fixed for eternity. Nothing can happen as it has not been planned. Everyone is born bringing his poem with him, his invention has been made already, his stupendous reform has been completed cash.

"There was no way out of it, so they can do is to work out in pantomime the shadowy reflection of the unalterable.

Macterlinck and Bergson would clash over the kingdom of the future. To the French philosopher the drainatists' babies waiting for Time to summon them with their destinles wrapped up in bundles would be the worst of humbugs. Life does not take its goods in neat parcels ready for delivery. It creates them as it goes along Thus the sages draw us different ways. There was no way out of it, so they all dering highway—all of the daring highway—all of the daring highway—all of the daring highway—all of the daring highway—all the shadowy reflection of the unalterable.

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"There was no way out of it, so they all yellows all cemplied. The daring highway—all time.

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The worst thing Winship has said, because there is personal injustice and place where he stopped for refreshments of the worst thing Winship has said, because there is personal injustice and places of the operation in it, is that with reference to the worst of the well as the was committing the 'crime' for the worst of the place where he stopped for refreshments at Wagontire. Winship and his because there is personal injustice and I know whereof I speak.

There was no way out of it, so they all yellows all the world, if we will because there is personal injustice and I know whereof I speak.

There was no way out of it. So they all yellows all yellows and injustice and I know whereof I speak.

The worst thing Winship has said, because there is personal injustice and I well as the crime' for the world would have been well treated the way and in the world in this because there is personal injustice and I well as the and discounted, and all the best of us

seen and unavoidable, and this would seem to be the case in the unhappy ex-

Mr. Thall was for several years a member of the San Francisco Alcazar stock and 12 years ago went to New York ahead of Florence Roberts' company in repertoire. Since that time he party over an hour. They also york ahead of Florence Roberts' com-pany in repertoire. Since that time he has been identified with the business end of the theatrical performance, "A Mod-ern Eve," of Berlin extraction, is un-der management of Martin Beck and Mort E. Singer. In the personnel of Mort E. Singer. In the personnel of More E. Singer. In the personnel of the country adeve made but feeble headway against the headlums with their cowbells, but,

Orpheum attractions at the Baker Theater, is not a stranger in Portland. The Stimulated, perhaps, by the Panama Canal there has been a great revival chanteuse was on the Orpheum circuit nearly five years ago appearing here in of work on internal improvements in Ecuador. It takes especially the form an act in which she changed from one of appropriations for the development of river navigation. Ecuador has several important tributaries of the Amazon by which a great commerce might reach the Atlantic if they were suitably improved. No doubt the opening of the Canal will give a wholesome. Then she went to Garmany when the content of of work on internal improvements in of the Canal will give a wholesome Then she went to Germany where she between Portland and Seattle, is un- prove that of the number of life-term-

The Asquith government shows its Waltz" or contempt for the House of Lords in record is Edward Prince, stage carpentwo ways. One is the creation of so few peerages on New Year's day, as though Liberals had no ambition to be ago with the Sea King Opera Company "elevated" to the Upper House. The other is the giving of a peerage to a Tory, a hint that peers have so little power as to make of no consequence an addition to the opposition party among them.

There are some criminal. The opponents of capital punishment agricultural land in every county in the "Prisoner of Zenda" Company. In Oregon. It is not the duty of any newspaper or citizen to condemn the lass warked under only four managers. These were Daniel Frohman, with the Pertiand newspapers in the habit the Portland newspapers in the habit of other in the punishment agricultural land in every county in agricultural land in every county in agricultural land in every county in newspaper or citizen to condemn the visitor who mentions them. Nor are the Punishment agricultural land in every county in agricultural land in every county in newspaper or citizen to condemn the visitor who mentions them. Nor are the Punishment agricultural land in every county in agricultural land in every county in newspaper or citizen to condemn the visitor who mentions them. Nor are the Punishment agricultural land in every county in newspaper or citizen to condemn the visitor who mentions them. Nor are the Punishment agricultural land in every county in agricultural land in every county in newspaper or citizen to condemn the punishment agricultural land in every county in agricultural land in every county in the opponents of capital punishment agricultural land in every county in agricultural land in every county in the opponent of capital punishment agricultural land in every county in agricultural land in every county in agricultural land in every county in the opponent of capital punishment agricultural land in every county in agricultural lan whom he was associated for 11 years; of doing it. There are respects in which Lady Frank Sanger, under whom he served Isabel de Vermandois was a super-wofor four years; the New York Hippo drome, where he was employed for cause her descendants to boast of their several years and Joseph Hart, who has direction of the "Eternal Waltz." pedigree. There are many pedigrees regarding which it is discreet to be

David Warfield will be at the Hellig Theater in January, and will appear in David Belasco's latest dramatic trithe suffrage army that Governor Sul-

Ethel Davis, a former Lyrician who was stricken with a serious illness in Fresno last week, just after her first appearance there, is resting well.

From the Blue Mountain Eagle.

He sat on the bench at noontime,

And all that afternoon,

He scattered pearls of wisdom

Down by the Brewery solous fresno beautiful and the same of the scattered pearls of the scattere zer is "just plain William Sulzer." To the travel-worn pedestrians he is the appearance there, is resting well in a He told of things that never were, Fresno hospital, but it is not expected Of events that happened too soon, lusion from the United States and Fresno hospital, but it is not expected not daring to land in Venezuela with-out an army, Castro's lot is that of the for a month or more. Miss Davis is bench, in private life Mrs. Will Armstrong.

Harry Burkhardt, star of "Circum-Ziegfeld this time that she may once stantial Evidence," at the Empress, is How old miner Dan once held a full an old friend of Harvey O'Bryan, of courted and married by him all over this city and was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. O'Bryan at a New Year's dinner party at the Multnomah Hotel, Burk hardt and Mr. O'Bryan have been intiear at Leadville and Cripple Creek mate friends for the past 12 years. The Empress star appeared in Portland for the first time several years ago with Otis Skinner, under whom he played a prominent part. Later he made a tour of the Orpheum circuit with Elits Proc-tor Otis in "Mrs. Bunner's Bun." He spoke of the data of the was nothing but justice known And a cinch was a fact nalled down with a tack, Burgess. C. E. S. Wood was a guest of pense of \$300,000 will cause some of Manager Pierong, of the Empress, Tues-the larger nations to hunt up San day night to see Burkhardt's portrayal day night to see Burkhardt's portrayal of the obdurate juror, Colonel Wood day night to see Burkhardt's portrayal of the obdurate juror, Colonel Wood attending as a representative of antihanging forces in Portland, Chief of From soup clear through to pie. Invasion of Canada by United States hanging forces in Portland. Chief of teel will be decried by brainless anti- Police Slover and five friends also at-Yankee agitators as a step toward an- tended,

Over at the Heilig last night all the ittle children who do so much toward making "The Blue Bird" such a wonder se by Cyrus K. Curtis of George W. ful production, were given a big party A chicken feed mine is the latest night performance. Arthur Weld, director, and Cyril Chadwick, the English For he loves to talk, and talk, comedian, with "The Eternal Waltz" at the Orpheum, were hosts at the party, and loaded the little ones with candles, fruits and toys. The big game of the vening was musical chairs, in which the English children fairly revel. A similar party was given for them last Christmas night in Seattle, at which The parcel post was an ideal New the hostess was Winifred Harris, the lovely and statuesque English woman We who plays Light in "The Blue Bird."

tor's Hard Experience. BURNS, Or., Dec. 27 .- (To the Edir.)-I notice with regret and consid-

wen, there was much indignation."
A little New Year's message from Miss Countiss' husband, E. D. Price, sends greetings to Portland friends and tells that on Christmas day he and Miss Countiss were made a study who is a woman of culture and refine. Miss Counties were guests at tea with ment and a member of one of the old, ment and an efficient of countries were guests at tea with ment and a member of one of the old, ment and her daughter. The presentable Willamette Valley families, years. I have also specifically made a told him she could not serve them dinner, but she would make a cup of coffice for them and the told him she could not serve them dinner, but she would make a cup of coffice for them and the told him she could not serve them dinner, but she would make a cup of coffice for them and the told him she could not serve them dinner, but she would make a cup of the possibilities and benefits that can accrue to this ity by an intelligent action of its merchants and possible to the possibilities and benefits that can accrue to this ity by an intelligent action of its merchants and possible to the possibilities and benefits that can accrue to this ity by an intelligent action of its merchants and possible to the possibilities and benefits that can accrue to this ity by an intelligent action of its merchants and possible to the possibilities and benefits that can accrue to the place to the possibilities and benefits that can accrue to this ity by an intelligent action of its merchants and place some miles ahead which made a place some miles ahead which made a place some miles ahead which made a place some provided the provided the provided that the provided the provided that the provided the provided the provided that the provided the provided the provided that the provide

Mort E. Singer. In the personnel of its company is Henrietta Tedro in the jacent to it were treated by a traveler in the same way relatively and with "The Girl Question," in which she carried off most of the honors. Miss Tedro written of this section, the Portland papers would be heard from in lively and Georgie Drew Mendrum are reway to overcome the hoodium is to assimilate him. Teach him and his garded by producers as twin sisters in best girl some pretty songs and he will renounce his beloved cowbell. Next year there ought to be hundreds of such youths in the choir.

Mabel Berra, prima donns of "The such youths in the choir.

Mabel Berra, which headlines the formatterisation of Oregonian staff who has come such youths in the choir.

The Oregonian staff who has come within its confines.

FRANK DAVEY.

A great many words are used in the foregoing letter over a very trivial

Activity In Highway Improvement. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. In 1912 over \$150,000,000 were spent to improve highways in the United States.

THE BREWERY BENCH.

And talked that afternoon.

He told of what fools others had been, When the dealer drew the fourth

He told of the time when men never And the church was leagues away When a quart of dust was regarded a

tray.

rust, And the getting of gold was play. He spoke of the time there was no law,

And beer was more than foam. He knew the way they found John

And lie, and lie, and lie.

BOSTONIAN'S STORY IS SCOUTED PORTLAND'S OPPORTUNITY GREAT Harney County Writer Minimizes Edi- City by Proper Steps Can Be Made Secand Greatest Port.

DAYTON, Or., Dec. 31 .- (To the Editor.)-In The Oregonian December 22 erable chagrin the delight with which was published a letter from Mr. C. C. with the organization and The Oregonian copies the slanders of Chapman, secretary of the Oregon Dewill leave for New York City next Sunday morning. Immediately on his arrival he will start rehearsals in one of William Harris' (of the late Henry B. Harris' company) productions for B. Harris' company) productions for early Spring.

Coming to the Baker as juvenile man to a royal favorite whose welcome back is assured. He is Walter B. Gilbert. He will open in "The Virginian."

The New York Morning Telegraph has a tale to tell of Cathrine Countiss, who is back in New York following her special stock engagement in Salt Lake City. Under a new picture of the smilling Miss Countiss is the headline "A Daring Holdup," then follows this: "There was a holdup over at the Criterion Theater last night. Robert Hilliard and his company, appearing in "The Argyle Case," were the victims.

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Mortman is spending her vacation from the Baidwin school at Bryn Mawr. Robert Hilliard, in "The Argyle Case," of which Mr. Price is business manager, has made a tremendous success in his New York engagement and is booked for a lengthy run at the Criterion Theater.

Charile Thail, a San Francisco product, and son of a famous father, Mark Thail, who was associated with the Belascos in early theatricals in Callfornia, is in Portland, touting a new musical comedy company, "A Modern Eve," coming direct from a successful Eastern run.

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MAN'S RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE. It Is Simply Applied to Cause of Society in Capital Punishment.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1 .- (To the Editor.) -Why should the law of capital pun-ishment be eliminated from our statites? In those cases where a criminal does not deserve the extreme penalty have we not two less severe sentences which may be imposed? On the strength that at such a time, when the circumstances justify the extreme penalty, why should we abolish the law because of the infrequency of its application? case of premeditated, cold-blooded murder, should the same punishment apply to each? Would it be fair to both?

It is said that tife imprisonment is to the entire continent of sang in English on the stage for a ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of each ticle to which Mr. Davey objects was leaded to the average term of the average t Another member of the "Eternal quoted by The Oregonian and com-valia" company who has a Portland mented on solely and clearly for the

> absolutely warranted in the use of the only certain preventive of crime known after countless ages of humanity. We need only to cite the criminal record of one of the men lately executed. The crime for which he paid the just pen-alty was the fourth of a series of crimes against the public. His prison terms previous to the last evidently did not swerve him from his criminal life, else why should the second offense have followed the first? One thing we now are certain of, we need no longer fear his further raids among us. The idea is, then, not to abelish capital punishment, but to make it cer-

tain to follow cases of first-degree. How many of the delegation that re-cently went to Salem to oppose the death penalty would hesitate in using means of self-defense, even to the extent of taking life, if their own life were in danger? We venture to say were such a case a stern reality, there would be no hesitation as to the course pursued. As before mentioned, we maintain that the state has the same right of gelf-protection—infinitely more so, as the lives of many are concerned as against the life of one

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Let Women Solve Social Problem. CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 32.—(To the Editor.)—I note what you say today in The Oregonian on the subject of the social evil. The last section of your suggestions was the best, but you did not finish it up. Better morals are not preserved to any great extent unless you have an honest enforcement of the law. The one must go with the other, or we can never hope to have good results.

I will make the suggestion that the

And the date of every lie,
He knew it all from Spring to Fall,
From soup clear through to pie.
He was here when there was no Canyon Creek,
And bunch grass grew on trees;
When an egg was a common thing in
town,
And the street was paved with
cheese.
The old man sits on the brewery bench
And he never bats an eye;
For he loves to talk, and talk, and talk,

good results.
I will make the suggestion that the
City of Portland confer police powers
on the organization known as the W.
C. T. U., and ask it to take charge of
the social evil problem. It will solve it
satisfactorily and charitably.
Make this experiment and I am certain that it will succeed beyond our
fondest hopes. This is a woman's
problem, and it will never be solved
until the women solve it right if the right
kind of women are given the power.

JAMES E. JOHNSON.

Arbitration and Self Interest.

The bench is old and whittled and cut.

And the men are wrinkled and gray:
It has been their home, the talkers throne,
For many and many a day.

When the census is taken for angel men,
And they respond to the final call.

And they respond to the final call. men,
And they respond to the final call,
We hope St. Peter will have a bench,
That's big enough for 'em all.

of himself and the three neighbors in
question, how many peaches would
Jones and his relatives have gotten?
W. R. S.