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It is but a comparatively few years since the phrase "conservation of human life" signified nothing more than the efforts of a more or less wellintentioned "apothecary" to cure diseases of whose causes he knew nothing and of whose prevention he had never dreamed. The programme of Conference on Vital Conservation at Reed College shows how widely science has extended the field. The care of the modern world for human life includes, of course, the old-fashioned "cure" of diseases, but this is not its most important purpose. The often heard but practicaly ignored maxim of our fathers that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure has scome the guiding truth of medicine as well as philanthropy. In these days our physicians, whether of soul body, think more of parks and playgrounds than of incantations and of their attention than drugs. They have developed the great science of of a century past was wholly un-It was an ancient reproach of gov-

People were urged from the pulpit desirable citizen who might perchance and enfoined by the law to multiply get a Commissionership. their kind, but there was scarcely a thought of taking pains to keep the mankind had was the hope that the grim Reaper would transplant them in ment of unskliful managers. "fields more fair." Perhaps he did The problem of the public n so, but now science is teaching us to

plantation. to the citizen is shown by such topics conscience; but there is danger of too es Dr. Calvin S. White and Dr. Eugene many cooks. Kelley are to discuss. Dr. White will tell what the State of Oregon has done for the conservation of human life and Dr. Kelley will describe Washington's recent achievements in conserving tions of the world are beginning to realize that human beings are valuable for other purposes than food for powder and looking after their welfare accordingly. When the physiclans of future years take up the same story that Dr. White and Dr. Kelley to relate they will find it a great deal longer and more exciting. on the threshold of human conservation as vet, but achievement moves rapidly in these days and much done in a little time.

It is said by some students of human welfare that adult life is now less protected than that of thoroughly The death rate of infants falling with encouraging speed for the last quarter century That of people in middle life, we are told, has remained stationary or even risen in some instances. The malaof childhood and youth have vielded one after another to medical science. The maladies of maturity, cancer, kidney troubles, breakdown the nerves, stand about as they did half a century ago, and in the meantime the stress and strain of exist ence have grown more rending. Adult life seems to resist these destructive influences with waning vigor. The average duration of human existence increases, but that is because more children survive the perils of early years and more octogenarians forge ahead into the nineties. It is in the middle period that life continues to show fatal

To meet this assault of the great enemy science turns to efforts for the lightening of toll and the enrichment of leisure in mature years. It invokes the refreshment of art and music for weary citizens at public expense. Parks are laid out for children, indeed, but with the hope that the little ones will entice their toil-harried parents to breathe the fresh air and make friends with the flowers. It is the re proach of American men and women that they do not know how to play But play is one of the great conserva tors of life, and the scientific luminaries at the Reed conference, as we see by their programme, will enlarge upon its benefits for young and old

At the congress of American medical men in Washington the other day Dr. Ross G. Harrison, of Yale, showed that small bits of tissue cut from the body can be kept alive grow in suitable fluids. His results are in the same line as the famous Dr. Carrell's, and all together they point to a time when wounds will be h enled with a speed which now seems incred. ible. A writer in the current Forum is enthusiastic enough to say that our really pressing problems in the conservation of life are no longer so much medical or political as economic. can produce all we need, but we have not, in his opinion, yet learned how to distribute it so as to prevent want and misery. This may not be the princinservation problem, but all must admit that it stands well to the front Of course it will be solved in time, fo persistently attacked a problem without finding the answer. All the points in conservation which are to be discussed at the Reed conference will be but he has proposed to attach impos-

ence time enough. Perhaps in the end they will double the present length of numan life or stretch it out tenfold.

But will length of days bring correwants to live long if he must live miserably? The hopeful point is that the than they are to pure food and social hygiene. Indeed, in the last analysis, what is hygiene but happiness?

reason why they should conceal there will be just ground for suspicion jections. that they stand to lose either political prestige or special favors under the new form of municipal government.

Mr. Duniway has shown a willingness heretofore to employ his services for purposes not to the best interests of the city. He has never disclosed the identity of the clients back of the Broadway bridge litigation, which cost the city delay in securing a needed improvement and for a time impaired its inancial credit.

That litigation was continued to the point of exasperation of public and judges. It demonstrated nothing so strongly as that the power to misuse the courts is held by an officer of the courts-the quibbling lawyer. Retainstrong an indication of ulterior motives on the part of his clients as dark lantern methods in instituting suit. against the charter mentioned by Mr.

prospective legal action savors more Kiernanism.

vanced for no good purpose.

THE WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF. In the jumble and stir over the advance of the Falstaffian army of the unfit on the city jobs, the recall appears to have been wholly forgotten Let us calm down a little over the possibility that the reins of govern-Wholesome food occupies more ment are to be turned over to crooks, blacklegs and grafters. We think there is no real danger; or if through social hygiene, which to our fathers any mischance it should happen that ome one of malodorous record should neak into office the recall is there. What a ready resource in time of trouernment that it was more concerned ble! Or it ought to be. We have to collect taxes and wage war than to many vigilant citizens who would inattend to the welfare of its citizens, stantly turn the recall on to any un-

The real gravity of the situation consists in the prospect that the city tiny flames burning as they were kin-died. The care of children was left cheap and incompetent tax-eaters, or wholly to their parents and death practical men, otherwise known as rioted madly among the tender buds politicians. A black record of criminof life. The Reaper, with his sickle ality, or actual malfeasance, is a comkeen, as Longfellow describes him. paratively easy thing to deal with; but reaped both the flowers and the beard-inefficient government and inexpert ed grain, but by preference the flow- and unintelligent public officials pre-"Shall I have nought that is sent problems most difficult to solve. fair," said he, "nought but the ripened Everyone knows what should be done As a matter of fact, it was with the crook and knave, but it is the buds and flowers that he gathered not so easy to diagnose and cure a most profusely, and all the consolation plain case of municipal maladminis tration induced by the poor manage-

The problem of the public now is to enarate the wheat from the chaff: rear the little things without trans- and to be able to unite in the effort to get capable men in public office How radically we have changed our The great activity in many quarters concepts of the duties of government indicates a thoroughly stirred public

MR. BUBLESON AS A REFORMER.

more must stand examination in or- rent property for such purposes would der to hold his job.

This will include many a country a side issue, partly to draw trade and stopped. There we come to the root partly as an accommodation to the of the evil. That root is the unbridled community. Such men may resign passion of men gratifying itself at the rather than labor through an examination. Mr. Burleson evidently knew usually goes unpunished, but the womthis. Had he exempted none at all from examination, there would have tion until the white slaver catches her. been resignations by wholesale, and Once branded as a scarlet woman, she in many cases no successor would have been available. He went as low her fall is ignorance or weakness, in the scale of salary as he dared with. mental or moral or both. Records in out risking such a catastrophe.

order having retained in the service, institution have the barest rudiments under protection of civil service laws, of education, about one-fourth are any kind of a human being who pays men who had not demonstrated their mentally defective and a considerable passage money. fitness is all buncombe. They had number are insane. Their fall dates demonstrated their fitness by doing from their 17th or 18th year, few them were not qualified, an adverse furnish grounds for removal. President Taft had only followed the Cleveland precedent and no calamitous re- resist the importunities of men. sults followed.

Having opened the door to the horde of petty office-seekers. Mr. the secret of sex, in parental care and Burleson tries to restore shaky faith restraint over children, in supervision form by announcing that second and inspiring boys with respect for wom third-class postoffices are soon to be anhood and girls with respect for guarded against the spoilsmen. That themselves. The law and all its offiis well. would have been accorded the more praise had he not sought to add to his verely punishing the seducer. Society glory as a reformer by trying to diminish that which was justly due to bation it now visits upon his vic-Mr. Taft.

### PINCHOT AND ALASKA.

Testimony of Gifford Pinchot and ex-Secretary Fisher places upon Congress responsibility for delay in legislation for opening Alaska, While there is a large measure of truth in the Mr. Pinchot and Mr. Fisher must share the blame. They have deliberately obstructed acquisition by individuals of title to coal land under existing law because they are opposed to the law. As to the source of the most indefinitely and even caused to opposition to the leasing system, they contradict each other. While Mr. chot accuses ex-Senator Guggenheim of having blocked legislation. Mr. Fisher has stated that the men interested in the coal fields were ready to

accept that system. Probably the worst obstacle to legistation for Alaska has been Mr. Pin- the day to fill our existence with hapchot himself. He has insisted on the acceptance of his plans as a whole and has based his stand on charges which by the news that a certain ingenious investigation proved to be unfounded. He has attacked the integrity of men by wholesale, confounding the innocent with the guilty, and has thrown such a cloud of suspicion about everything connected with Alaska that men than the builders of Babel ever got, mankind has never yet seriously and have feared to move or speak in ac- he will breathe a serene atmosphere, cordance with their judgment. The sleep the sleep of the righteous and Oregonian agrees with him that the trouble no man with the smoke of his leasing system is best for coal land, kitchen.

The trend of opinion in Congress is sponding increase of happiness? Who leasing system for coal land, possibly that the proper, the only suitable, position to leasing from some sections having the Government converted into which may be passed may well be so

Western Senators and Representatives must herve themselves to defy ments, especially outdoor sleeping the wrath of Mr. Pinchot, for he will rooms, on them. cranks, he refuses to compromise.

### WAR ON THE SOCIAL EVIL.

Gradually we are groping our way toward the true remedies for the so-The investigators have subject. ought out the roots of the evil and principal remedial measures. As we read the report of one vice commisment of an attorney who makes a sion after another and as we study fetich of technicality is almost as one article after another, we are imtion after another and as we study pressed with a sense of shame at the brutal stupidity and the abject failure of all attempts for centuries back to In common sense, whatever they deal with the problem of prostitution may be in a legal view, the points. The central idea of all restrictive, regulative and suppressive laws hitherto has been to punish the victim of man's Duniway are trifling. They are ad-The evil deeds and to let the evildoer go of scot free except for what awful revenge the victim may take by trans-mitting to one man disease she has ontracted from another.

Our laws relating to prostitution are the last survival of slavery in the lands which boast most loudly of their civilization. In old times conquerors ok women as slaves to minister to their passions, just as they took men to labor for them. Foreign women filled Rome's first restricted district Houses of evil were frankly licensed. some were even built and owned by the state far into the middle ages Then the conscience began to prick and nations made a pretense of suppression, branding the fallen womer as criminals and vagabonds. This only afforded a cloak to the police to blackmail them and to drive them into segregated districts for greater convenlence in blackmalling. In some European cities there has been a reit has brought only a fraction of the song. measures-segregation, licensing, medical examination and registration-have failed, for the great majority of the women evade them by every device known to female cunning

The outcast condition of these women has placed them at the mercy of those who, while protecting them, prey upon them. Hence has arisen the white slave traffic, in which they are transported from country to country, from state to state and from city to city. The Federal Government has begun effective war on this traffic by prosecuting the men engaged in it and is securing one conviction a day. But this work must be followed up by the states and cities in order to make it effective. Even then we shall have office which they considered worth take the women out of the vile houses fighting for. Therefore every post- and, if those houses could be kept master who draws \$15 a month or clear of the traffic, the opportunity to

But in order to do that, the supply expense of weak women The man an gradually sinks lower in degradacannot recover herself. The secret of ut risking such a catastrophe.

New York City show that over half
Mr. Burleson's talk about the Taft the women sent to the Bedford Hill

downward path. These girls do not lapse and, even if they did, very many of them lack the strength of will to

The true beginnings are in rationa

instruction of both boys and girls in in his loyalty to civil service re- of public places of entertainment, by We shall all be glad of it. He cers should enforce the same code of morality for men as for women, seshould treat him with the reprotim. Early marrying should be encouraged and young couples should be taught contentment with a modest the true Mexican spirit. beginning at a home. War upon the social evil should be conducted by women as well as men, who will act as friendly monitors to the young and erring, not by the police, who have already been thoroughly corrupted by

contact with it. The best energies and brains of the best men and women of the Nation should be enlisted in this war, for it is a war to save both manhood and womanhood from wreck.

## WASTED ROOFS.

The world loses as much in wasted jor. opportunities as by the actual destruction of health and property. We let enough slip by us in the current of piness if we caught and used it. We are moved to these moral reflections architect has built a bungalow on the roof of a skyscraper, where he purposes to live in more than rural sim plicity and peace. Far from the busy hum of earthly life, nearer to heaver This brings us to the first neglected Sunday.

speak. What perverse demon misled mankind to put the kitchen in the toward government construction of basement or even on the first floor of railroads in Alaska and toward the the house? Is it not perfectly clear throughout the country. There is op- place for the cookstove, with its nox-

The aggregate space included in the having the Government converted into a great landlord and because they roofs of a city as large as Portland fear that the development, freedom of action and taxable property of the attack the commission charter in the attack the commission charter in the courts, honestly have the good of the courts, honestly have the good of the courts. courts, honestly have the good of the They are entitled to as much credit for the architect of whom we spoke does city at heart, as he asserts, there is sincerity as Mr. Pinchot, and any law something in a small section of it, but even he neglects more than he puts to their identity. So long as they do drawn as to meet some of their ob- use. There is no reason in the world why every roof that is fiat, or nearly so, should not have outdoor aparting on us. For have we not, in five ments, especially outdoor sleeping short years, dispensed with parties and

be content with nothing which does The Independent, that fruitful not meet his full approval. Like all source of new ideas, describes some Independent, that fruitful nooks that New York people pretty have fitted up on roofs far above the city's racket. It is only fair to say Men are too busy to make themselves cial evil. One state and city after happy in such an innocent way. An another has held an inquiry into the awning protects the rugs and furnihappy in such an innocent way. An ture, a tea table cheers without inebriating, and a lounge beguiles the brain there is general agreement as to the to the restful novel. Does it not seem superfluous to travel to the seashore when one has a roof?

> The worst trouble the Panama Ca nal diggers have had thus far came fixed in position and the pressure of the overlying hills squeezes them out into the canal, whence it costs time and money to remove the debris. The engineers are now going to attack the trouble at its source. Their plan is to assault the treacherous hills with hydraulic batteries and wash them bod-ily away. This will forever end the fly away. nuisance of sliding strata.

At last the cause of woman's sufwon in the land of chivalry, but chivalry often means talk, while suffrage is action. Louisiana takes the lead by forming a "votes for women" party, which will not, of course, antagonize other parties, but seek to bring them around to its point of view. Once I voted? You know good and well I started in the South, the movement never voted before. Why didn't you will probably sweep over the whole tell me?" region.

It was a happy thought on Mrs. Kate S. Stephens' part to take the lapse to regulation under license, but state motto for the subject of the state "She flies with her own wings" women under strict control. Medical combines charming sentiment with a examination has been adopted, not out beautiful melody, two requisites for a of regard to the women, but for pro-tection of their male patrons. All has already acquired an enviable has already acquired an enviable the population is pirouetting in the vegue among musicians, and it seems ilkely enough to be accepted permanently as the melodious expression of tainly I'll write it myself! My slogan nently as the melodious expression of state pride.

> arms to the Mexican rebels with his failure to recognize the Huerta government? Officially, the United States knows of no government in Mexico. Then what offense can there be in shipping arms to an unrecognized gov-The President's action ernment? seems to be the first step in recognizing a ruler stained with the blood of Madero.

Sam Gompers and his partners would better take the little dose and wind up the agony. They have won the contention that started the trouble, To be sure, a question of principle is storekeeper who runs the postoffice as of women for white slavery must be involved, although slight. Stubbornness and obstinacy feed on principle.

If Mr. Kaufman, who was driver into bankruptcy by a vengeful trust against which he had testified, should be given a job under the Attorney General, he would probably be an enthusiastic trust-buster.

The immigrants prought to the Pacific Coast by the North German-Lloyd will be welcome provided they are of the right kind. That does not mean

Suffragists are taking many tricks the work required of them. If any of women of maturer years entering the in State Legislatures, while suffragettes get only rebuffs in England. report from the postal inspector would realize the consequence of their first Mrs. Belmont should weigh this well before she starts a militant campaign on this side of the water.

Germany is joining England in discontent over Panama Canal tolls. China is joining Japan in anti-alien law protests. How the world must

As Jack Johnson's past is brought to life, all the glamor that surrounds the champion bruiser disappears and he is revealed as a mere animal.

Six thousand Mexican insurrectos hired a couple of foreign birdmen to rout 600 federals at Guaymas. That's And just as the jobless and irre-

sponsible were planning on a political raid, along comes the committee of one hundred. If Marshfield would provide abou

200 hammers and abundance of rock to be broken, the I. W. W. would soon fade away. The Army scandal was hurrledly Republicans." and mysteriously stopped. Perhaps

the Captain got orders from the Ma-One man with an ax killed twentyfive persons in three years. It usually is done with an operating knife.

The competitive test will have to be made mighty easy for the man who holds a fourth-class office.

An educated monkey has been steal ing gems in Chicago. That comes of humanizing the poor beast.

It may become simpler to present list of those who are not candidates. Showers Friday make good roads

made clear if we give the men of sci-sible conditions with which no investor opportunity of which we set out to COMMISSION FORM NOT SO YOUNG. Gray Mule Expert Demands "New Government Next Enster."

PORTLAND, May 7.—(To the Edi-tor.)—Now that we have the charter commission government well on the way and a vast multitude of cantiious fumes and pestilential smells, is dates, answerable to nobody on earth conservationists are paying even more of the West. Some of it comes from attention to the means of happiness great corporations which from selfish ally situated would be on the next and pension, I say, we may now, for than they are to pure food and social motives wish to own, not lease, the floor below and the food would be let coal land they develop. Others op-pose the system because they object to joy of kitchen maids. we will not look at the new moon until

and we are going to go. Yassah.

Napoleon, in his palmiest days, when
he was disposing of "courts and camps
and crowns as if they were titular digconventions and platforms and legis-latures and courts as though they were the perfumery of fools? We have; and having made these resplendent changes, so pregnant with possibilities, we have but to abolish the office of President of the republic, elect three self-nomthat most of the people who have had insted commissioners to rule the roost, sense enough to do this are women. embrace Miss Emma Goldman and set sall upon the uncharted sea of progress our sails bellying with the gentle winds of prosperity. What care we for a captain? Any of us can "box the comass." We are progressives, we are. For 50 and five years I have liv

laughed, prospered and enjoyed every privilege of a freeman—a lord of cre-ation—under the institutions founded by illustrious Jefferson and perpetuated by the great and loving Lincoln. So have you who have seen as many years, and that which was mine has been from sliding strata in the hills along given to each and all; and you have the route. These strata are not firmly waxed "rich and kicked" under a form fixed in position and the pressure of of government that knew no material nge from Patrick Henry's

Now, however, we have something new. Well, have we? Not by a jug-ful. Commission government ante-dates the era in which we live.

"Is that so? Why, the idea! I thought it was something entirely new! That's why I voted for it. Can you possibly mean to say it is last year's style of government"?

Yes. Garalding.

Yes, Geraldine, dear, the Romans frage begins to gain ground in the tried it out; the chartered cities of South. One might have imagined ancient Gaul took a chance with it; that its first victories would have been Danton, Robespiere and Marat nommon in the land of chivalry, but chivinated and elected themselves commissioners to govern France in the year 1793; and Napoleon presided over the commissioners until his army collected some jewels for his new crown. Yes, honey, it's quite old. "Well, why didn't you say so before

The fact is, dumpling, I was away most of the time, looking for a dead gray mule; but if I had told you some one would have said I was talking in interest of the paving companies, and, furthermore, I married you right after you graduated. But don't fret, dearle; I'm going out temorrow and reminate I'm going out tomorrow and nominate myself for the Mayorality. Am I! Do you want your husband standing around on one foot while about half of will be Enster." "a new government next

How can President Wilson reconcile elected. You see I have a novelty for his prohibition of the shipment of my campaign. I'm going to give trad-

ing stamps.

Here, quit that. Turn me loose and get over here and ask me to announce the office. Do you think I want o ask myself?

ROBERT G. DUNCAN, 549 East Forty-ninth street North. CALIFORNIA'S OTHER ALIEN LAW

Native Son Mandate Held More Vicious Than Japanese Act. PORTLAND, May 8 .- (To the Editor.) only touched the fringe of the evil.

Despite intention and effort of the Use commissions in several cities have shown a keener realization of the state of the docket, litigation is bound to clear the docket, litigation is bound to make it the most property of the state of the

never has been given to any other class or race of people. They have just passed their famous anti-allen bill, excluding Japanese from ownership of their sacred soil. This is not strange or anything usual. Why shouldn't they? W usual. Why shouldn't they? What distinction do the Japs possess to give them any special rights or privileges? True. they are honest, trustworthy ard workers and tillers of the soil That is no reason why they should allowed to possess any part of the sa-cred domain of California. They in fact are just like any other human beings (outside of the state of California) who want to live and let live.

This is not the first anti-allen law the mighty people of California passed. Many years ago they passed an anti-alien mandate against all the people of the United States, and which mandate is in full force and effect. The "native son" mandate which was and is more pernicious and victous than the anti-Japanese bill.

Under the "Native Son" Association a son devil from another state was

poor devil from another state was hounded from pillar to post. The op-portunity of earning a livelihood was denied so long as there was a native son to be taken care of—even a poor washerwoman from a sister state could starve on the streets by reason of their

But being so bountifully possessed need the aid of sister states. Being the chosen few, they do not believe in Napoleon's theory that God is on the side which has the heaviest artillery.

Long live the Native Sons of California!

Voting for Other Particles Agency Agen and sacredly blessed, why should they

PORTLAND, May 8 .- (To the Editor.) Can a voter who has registered as a Democrat, write in a Republican can-didate's name on a Democratic ballot at a primary election? If so does this vote count? This is with the supposi-tion that there is a Democratic can-didate up for this office. G. E. V.

in the name of a Democrat on his primary ballet, but the vote is counted as to these many years. Portland is now for the Republican not the Democratic assuming proportions and should be nomination. In the recent election the name of A. L. Barbur, Republican, was written in on enough Democratic tickets to give him the Democratic nomination. He was also nominated by the

Toilet Preparations. EUGENE, Or., May 7.—(To the Editor.)—Can a person sell (i. e., would bad, a thing in my opinion altogether it be lawful) face bleaches and creams overdone, may I give an incident of recent date in my old home county in one mixes himself if he has no phar-macist diploma and is not a doctor? In Illinois? other words, can anyone mix and sell skin preparations?

E. W. L.

Yes, if their contents are not such as are prohibited by law.

available for study at the Portland grass growing in the front yard. Public Library.

MRS. DUNIWAY IS NOT CANDIDATE. She Scores Ignorance of Some Voters

and Asks New Registration. PORTLAND, May 7,-(To the Editor.)
-One feels that the spirit of common sense is yet alive in the city reading the leading editorial in Oregonian this morning. It seems that just such a shock as the primary vote of Saturday was necessary to arouse the majority of citizens from the apathy and ignorance under which they had

been sleeping.
All patriotic women must heartly commend the spirit of awakening that now proposes the appointment of that much-needed "Committee of One Hun-dred." It is too much like "locking the stable after the horse has been stolen" altogether to satisfy the women who foresaw the workings of that proposed commission charter and did their feeble best to focus their light upon the attention of the majority of really honest and capable men and women could have checkmated the political trickery they now attempt to combat if they had done their duty at the pri-

mary election.

I have no word of censure to offer the large number of women who tell me they voted yes on the "charter," merely, as they thought, to get it on the ballot for the June election, and now discover themselves entrapped. But I must say to men, to whom the exercise of the franchise is not new who are pleading the same excuse, that they ought not only to be ashamed of their ignorance, but to be ready to sus-tain the proposed Committee of One Hundred in its efforts to redeem our city from the ring rule which had the audacity to line up its petitioners of 100 for its political slate within call of headquarters" before the polls wer closed on primary day.

By all means let the demand be made

for a new registration, so that tardily awakened voters may know what they are now up against.

I learn that many women are talk-

ing up a scheme to ask me to become a candidate for the Mayoralty. Couldn't intil Roosevelt threw his hat in the do it, ladles, though I thank you for your allegiance, which I shall always Now, however, we have something do my best to deserve. I think I am a pretty good woman as matters stand, but there is danger, if I should become a candidate, that I might learn of hav-ing some time done something naughty. which I now know nothing. Only think of it! One of our very leading citizens who became a candidate was actually accused of being a member of club with headquarters in San Francisco! Not only that, but he had to bear the disgrace of buying an automobile from the agent of a ABIGAIL SCOTT DUNIWAY.

### WOMAN FINDS MANY KIND HEARTS Worker in Homes Treated Well-Churches Not Narrow.

PORTLAND, May 8.—(To the Editor,)—In reply to "Ten Years a Working Woman": There must have been a lucky star in the heavens at my birth, for I must say right here I found Port-land the "city of kind hearts." I came here two years ago, no income, handicapped in many ways. One of my children was stricken by that dread disease, infantile paralysis. I was reared in the Southern states; was not taught to look upon drudgery as a blessing Those whom I have worked for hav treated me as though I was their mother. Civilization does not require and pin on her false hair while women starve for the want of the goes into powder and false

I will admit, as times are, that even salt pork and potatoes cost considerable and poorly fed people may perhaps become saints, but they will be vigorous workers for some church. I vigorous workers for some church. may be classed as self-styled Chris tians. I attend the Evangelical and Baptist and Mormon and Christian Science churches, although I am a Unitarian, but am not able to pay car fare and don't feel strong enough to walk. I find the churches are able to risc above a narrow prejudice. Knowing that pure pleasure is seldom possible, I

do not seek it.

Those two girls born and reared on farms deserved praise for not killing their babes before they entered this life. When girls make a mistake in that he has been awake to public crittics of his reported plans for modified with the most prosing for medical care, reformation, educations service rules. He felt the necessity of giving "the boys" a chance at every office which they considered worth office which they considered worth of the make it the most prospect to overwhelm them. Going to law is ductive and wealthiest state in the union. It is wonderful in the people to overwhelm them. Going to law is ductive and wealthiest state in the union. It is wonderful in the people to overwhelm them to a better life that will in some them to a better life that will in some of the inherent rights of the citispecific way to grapple with it by prosposing to treat prostitutes as subjects to overwhelm them. Going to law is ductive and wealthiest state in the union. It is wonderful in the people them to a better life that will in some the posing to treat prostitutes as subjects one of this great and glorious commons wealth when he has the price and the liming to overwhelm them. Going to make it the most prospect to overwhelm them. Going to law is ductive and wealthiest state in the union. It is wonderful in the people which it contains—they are God's choose them to a better life that will in some to overwhelm them. But let me tell you that we are virtuous and noble today and as the contains—they are God's choose them to a better life that will in some to overwhelm them. Going to overwhelm them to overwhelm them. But let me tell you that we are virtuous and noble to dever the limit to overwhelm them. But let me tell you that we are virtuous and noble to dever the limit to overwhelm them. Going to overwhelm them. Going to overwhelm them. But let me tell you that we are virtuous and noble to dever the limit to overwhelm them. Going to overwhelm them. But let me tell you There will be a resthouse for tired, honestly.

There will be a resthouse for tired, honestly, we are living in the 20th century.

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There will be a resthouse for tired, honestly. the spirit and in the brightness on the ther side of life. M 403 East Sixth Street. M. E. OADES.

### COLORED SIGNS ON STREETCARS. Ald for Night Patrons of System Suggested by Writer.

PORTLAND, May 8.—(To the Editor.)
—Standing on a Portland street corner
the other night, patiently waiting for
a car, the writer was one of a goodly
number of citizens homeward bound. A streetcar emerged from the mist, and as it approached the group there was much speculation as to its destination, craning of necks, and anxious looks di-rected toward the illuminated destination sign in front of the car. A few short-sighted folks even ventured off the sidewalk to the roadway to assure themselves whether it was "their" car or not, thus risking their necks at the hands of the omnipresent, reckless chauffeur-necks that may perchance (at least some of them) be needed some day for a loftler purpose, and should not therefore be exposed to present dangers.
It was observed that the illuminated

sign was the usual black background with white letters. Can The Oregonian inform whether the law governing that color design is immutable in this state?

Purple background with white lettering,
Portland Heights car.
White background with black lettering,
St. Johns car.
Red background with white lettering,
north-bound car. Green background with white lettering,

Should it be too prodigious an undertaking to make such a radical Alteration at one fell swoop, the change could be made gradually, so that the shock to the public would not be too severe.

A registered Republican may write the scheme. It has been tried and adopted in the chief cities of America A. W. NEALE.

One on the Mother.

PORTLAND, Or., May 7.—(To The Editor.)—From the epidemic agitation now going on from pulpit, press, and women's clubs and vice commissions about the girls of our day going to the recent date in my old home county in

A girl in rummaging over some pa-pers found an old love letter written by her father to her mother when they were in the haloyon days of their courtship. The daughter read this letter to her mother, substituting her own name

Where to Find Treaties.

PORTLAND, May 8.—(To the Editor.)—Will The Oregonian please inform me where I may obtain a copy of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and of the Hay-Pauncefote treaties?

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around after her.

The mother was instantly in a rage, and forbade her daughter ever speaking to a fellow who would write such a letter to a girl as that. The daughter then handed the letter to her mother to look over, and the house suddenly belook over, and the house suddenly belook over. Volumes containing all treaties are came so quiet that they could hear the

## Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of May 9, 1888, The Multnoman Street Railway Com The Multnoman Street Railway Company is negotiating with parties in the East for the conversion of its lines into a cable railway system. The Fortland Cable Railway Company are making preparations to go on with the work of constructing the road to Portland Heights. Yesterdny car No. 5 was put on the Morrison bridge railway line. Three more cars have been ordered from San Francisco. Efforts will be made to extend the line to Lone Firest and the state of the made to extend the line to Lone Fir Cemetery by Decoration day.

Mr. George Evans, who has inder engagement with the Northern Pacific Railway Company at Tacoma for past three years, got lost last even-in trying to find the residence of brother-in-law, P. E. Brigham, on Nob Hill.

Judge Stearns made an order ves-Fenstermacher to the state. The property is worth about \$15,000.

Rev. Arthur J. Brown will be in-stalled as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church this evening.

C. B. Woodworth, secretary of the Northern Pacific Cannery Company, has been to San Francisco.

J. H. Jones has let the contract for the four-story brick building which he is about to erect at the northwest cor-ner of Front and Madison streets to Mr. George Brown.

Recently Archbishop W. H. Gross, of this city paid a visit to Union County and was hospitably received.

A. Noltner, United States weigher and gauger, has been appointed postoffice inspector for this district in place of

### Half a Century Ago

the late George Mason.

From The Oregonian of May 9, 1863. New Yory, May 2.—Wheeler's brigade marched out from Fredericksburg, in-tending to check the advance of Hooker's Army, but, hearing of the magnitude of the movement, he ordered his brigade, which was panic-stricken, back to their fortifications. Generals Lee and Jackson are in command at Fredericksburg. Four brigades were three miles above the city, with orders to fall back on the rifle pits on the approach of the Yankees.

Chicago, May 2 .- Memphis dispatches Chicago, May 2.—Memphis dispatches to April 30 say Ferguson's cavalry, which started from West Tennessee, had penetrated to Central Mississippi, threatening Columbus.

Russia has granted a full and entire imnesty to all Poles and Russians who lay down their arms and return to their allegiance by May 30. The amnesty has been universally rejected and a protest against the amnesty circulated The insurgents were victorious at Cischo, Cinco, Konin and Polabi. The insurrection is gaining ground.

L. C. Fuller bought yesterday from a packer named Tregasens \$4000 in gold dust from Boise River, where he had taken it in trade in less than six

The wharf boat belonging to the People's Transportation Company at Lower Cascades sank on Thursday with considerable freight on board.

Plen to Young Meu. PORTLAND, May 8.—(To the Editor.)
-In The Oregonian's editorials many times have appeared articles which have discussed the problem of the girls, Some of them stated that the cause which makes girls go wrong is that the parents of children do not teach them properly when they are young. Others said that it was the small salary; but the main cause, I think, no one has mentioned.

Now these facts are from my own experience. I am 20 years of age, and going to school and making my own way. I have three sisters and they are younger than I am. We were left orphans when I was 14 years of age and we never had candid advice from that time. But let we had candid advice from

ized people today, so then let us use our own conscience and do what is the only proper thing to be done—treat each girl as though she were our own

Life of Napoleon. SALEM, Or., May 7.—(To the Ed-itor.)—Please advise me as to what you consider a good work on the READER.

Life of Napoleon, 2 vols., by J. Hol-

## SUNDAY FEATURES

A Kicker-She is beautiful Olive May, and she has kicked her way into the English peerage. An absorbing page tells of her eareer from chorus girl to wife of a Lord.

Yachting-A feature page, elaborately illustrated, on the fast craft that sail Portland har-

Theodore Roosevelt-Another chapter in his autobiography in which he tells of early associations and the very beginning of his political life. A most interesting part of the Roosevelt autobiography is here unfolded.

Go Barefoot-Paris ladies are doing it, and it promises to become quite the fad.

Gibson Pictures-The widow becomes a trained nurse.

What Do We Read?-You will be surprised to learn the trend that Portland readers have taken in their reading.

Grow Your Own Pipes-You may easily do so with the aid of a few calabash vines.

Firing Miss Cohen-Another Potash and Perlmuter tale, by Montague Glass.

In Old Tunisia-An account of the strange human ant hills of that distant realm.

At the War Game-Further observations of an Oregonian correspondent at the Navy maneuvers off the Virginia capes last month.

Many Other Features-Order today of your newsdealer.