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RETALIATING WITH SLANDER.

Portland has affronted certain discountry by the "American Economic League" of the Ohio city? The Amercan Economic League has Daniel thority and least discretion. Danziger for editor. Mr. Kiefer was chairman of the Fels Fund Commission. This commission promoted a single-tax campaign in Oregon last pect to see a great stir among rail- keeper who serves scattered customyear which ended so disastrously that the chief financial angel withdrew all or most of his support. Mr. Danziger's name is found in a list of enthuslastic indorsers of and contributors to frequently become unexpected travelsiastic indorsers of and contributors to the Fels single-tax fund. The Fels commission, we infer from its now prolonged inactivity in this field, is deof the common good" are bushwhack-

ing the old enemy under a new flag. Mr. Kiefer and Mr. Danziger have taken the Dock Commission's effort to upset waterfront titles of forty years' standing as a text to tell the world what Portland has lost by not adopting single tax. They ask the newspapers of the United States to print the statements that "there is in- careful. dignation in Portland" over the de-cision in this case; that "tolerated squatters" who have occupied "the whole waterfront" have been declared owners of that property, and that the indignation is "not lessened by the indignation is "not lessened by the emorgine that the Emergency Board will not do forth his wisdom and cloquence to a still owns a part of its waterfront and what the Governor wants it to do. It will now be better able to attract trade monopoly-gripped Portland." Had Oregon adopted single tax, declare these long-distance and uninormed observers, the waterfront all leads up to the distressing information that "as long as Oregon votes will be put in a hole, or try to put the populace it is deemed becoming down single tax, monopoly will flour- anybody in a hole. Let us hope so. to procure an entire train of cars in fown single tax, monopoly will flourish and the people of Oregon will live hand-to-mouth existence."

We trust that those Oregon citizens organization, the Fels fund, appreciate and it is already exhausted. graciously neglects to mention;

But for bold presentation of misinrmation the "American Economic be given. League's" statement of the waterfront se exceeds even the wholly misleador taxroll exhibits prepared eads as follows:

The truth is that the title of waterront owners to submerged lands is used not wholly on the act of 1869 out on subsequent acts that were speific grants. The titles were so un uestionably sound prior to the instiution of the litigation in question hat the city, before it began the ill. dvised attempt to overthrow long-esablished ownerships, obtained without difficulty a guaranteed certificate of title from a responsible title and rust company on the land it desired. Vithout single tax the submerged ands have uniformly paid taxes to or many years. Moreover, were they low taxed in accordance with the rected graduated single tax measure, he increased taxes would fall on comserce, if there is anything at all in Cincinnati league's theory of por valries and advantages, and would hereby work against rather than faerably for the port of Portland.

oward Portland and Oregon are now ndeavoring to do to discredit the The implied attack on he wisdom and justice of Oregon the untruthful comment ortland's harbor facilities and the ander of the state's prosperity are abodied in a printed circular distrib ited to the leading newspapers of the ountry, with the invitation to reprearticle without any cost. hole circular is indicative of the public conception of ingle-tax od faith and the rights of individu-The dock case was an attempted ablic grab of private property. So is ejected such theories for practical, very-day honesty and the prosperity hat goes with it. It has rejected sin-It has repudiated a public rab of rallway franchise rights. o not doubt that the city would mainain a consistent record were it possile to present the issues of the dock are to public vote.

The Wilson Administration is said

Great Britain to change their minds about participating in the San Francisco Fair. If they wish him to go, they must decide before he becomes absorbed in faunal naturalism in the heart of South America. Germany is said to be anxious for some excuse to and the Colonel might furnish it.

MAKING THE HIGHER-UPS "GOATS." The findings of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the latest wreck on the New Haven road embody a new version of the duties of higher officials and directors which will be approved by the public. It is held to duty of directors and officials not only to give orders but to see that they The Commission holds are obeyed. tools with which their superiors work, and refuses to accept the excuse that ket with baskets on their arms, buy these tools did not work as they were what they want and take it home

are followed. When the president at an average of 35 per cent. gives like instructions to his heads of departments he must see that they obey his orders. When the superin- not do so indefinitely nor need they and enginemen, he must see that they Philadelphia. How else may one ac- obey. The president can no longer lic market. Having once become ac-Philadelphia. How else may one ac-count for the half column of slander shift the blame to the general mana-and untruths concerning this city that ger, he to the superintendent and he is now offered to the press of the to the train crew, with the result that housewife could telephone her order are precisely those who have no au- could be attached to the market,

resigning and give place to men who will really direct. If, as we suspect, there be rules so impossible of obletters, they will be wiped out. When Portland can do. the men who give the orders realize that they, not the engineer or conductor, must be the "goat" if wrecks occur, they will become extremely

THE FIRST EMERGENCY.

There is an expectation of trouble when the Emergency Board meets at lah, where September is more ripe and Salem today, at the call of the Gov- golden than anywhere else in the ernor. is reasonable to assume that any body wives for a day and a half. He travof men who have had experience with eled in true democratic simplicity, the Governor's peculiar methods and buying his own railroad tickets and policies may readily find themselves in dispensing with special trains. This opposition to his wishes and demands. was a great sacrifice of the dignity would now pay a heavy tax or the Yet let us venture to hope that the which is supposed to hedge the high or operty would be surrendered. This session will be as calm and peaceful officials at Washington. When they as a September morn, and that nobody condescend to exhibit themselves to

icy. The Legislature gave him a spe- make fleeting appearances on the rear who contributed to Mr. Kiefer's other cial fund of \$1000 for that purpose, platform. Commonly it is not safe for organization, the Fels fund, appreciate and it is already exhausted. The law an official to show too much of himthe penalty of being less than gener- frowns down severely on deficits, but self to the public. The less he is seen Mr. Kiefer now advertises the it wisely provides that an Emergency and heard the more he is revered. But state as poverty-stricken and that it Board may, on occasion, to carry on Mr. Bryan has the courage to practice exactly the reverse of this astute of the fact that Portland's hand-to ment, authorize the creation of a definouth strugglers have provided \$2,- cit, through the expenditure of what-500,000 for the public docks which he ever sum the board may designate. the times when his voice is silent are

has no idea the Emer-Fels agents in Oregon last year. It gency Board will comply with his re- hour of applause at his side.

by constantly interfering in the af- best of men. fairs of the County Sheriffs and Prosewould give a Governor rather more cers of Oregon.

WHY NOT HAVE PASSION PLAYS?

One of the most curious dramatic performances in the world is the Passion Play of Niova mission, in one of tate, county, city and school district the Marquesas Islands, which belong enthralled multitudes. Nobody else to France. It was initiated fifty years could ever skip as lightly as he ago from the errors of protestantism. In to sit in the shadow of great ideas who now act the entire piece.

Of course the leading figure is the We trust we have made clear what ese former professors of benevolence fisher whose character is suitable to silvery grace as Longfellow in his the part only during Passion week, poems. For the rest of the year he is a drunk. popularity and that of our great Sec en reprobate. The good missionaries retary there is a remarkable resemwould gladly replace him by some on more sedate individual, but inasmuch below the surface of things and each senses. as no other islander has a beard the of them chants the trite and harmles change is impossible. No beardless in tones which are irresistibly seducman can play the Christus either at tive to the average American, Oberammergad or in the Marquesas

John the Baptist is particularly pleasing in his makeup. He wears a long Prince Albert coat formerly belonging to a Protestant missionary lost estate. whom he perhaps helped to consume just before Lent began. A tall silk ingle tax. In this respect only are hat, an umbrella and a pair of speche two related. But Portland has tacles complete his costume, which is as striking as it is Biblical. Pontius they only knew how. To the multi-Pilate also wears a silk hat, but not tude thus groping its way toward the quite so tall a one as John the Baptist. His coat is of white linen and

he wears American shoes. Its purpose by converting the natives a the Catholic Church. Any sensible person must admire the shrewd- diseases of his listeners with ness of the good priests, who under-

nel Roosevelt to induce Germany and gain their ends. The wonder is that river of thick molasses. They har-

made so potent. said to be anxious for some excuse to deliberately refused to employ it. statesman. He is a model of the dorescind its decision adverse to the fair, Their excuse is that dramatic representation of the control of the decision adverse to the fair, their excuse is that dramatic representations and the control of the decision adverse to the fair, their excuse is that dramatic representations are statement. the spectators would be incomparably more impressive.

ABOUT A PUBLIC MARKET. If Portland had a public market, could the housewives be weaned away the subordinate employes to be the from the telephone and the delivery system? Would they go to the marthemselves? If so, they can save as Hereafter when a board of directors instructs the president of the road save by having a public market. The to leave nothing undone that will con- Mayor of Des Moines estimates the reduce to the safety of travel, it will be duction in prices since the market was expected to see that these instructions opened at from 20 to 50 per cent, and

tendent makes rules for his trainmen continue to carry their purchases home if Portland should open a pubin whom she had confidence, the the men ultimately held responsible to him. One or more delivery wagons which would deliver purchases for If the Interstate Commerce Com- the buyers. Having all the business, sugge-tax campaign in Oregon last road directors and officials. Some di- ers. They could deliver telephone or. United States Bureau of Labor.

profits. noralized, so the scattered "soldiers from under this new responsibility by reasonably sure sale for produce. That increases the health and prosperity of the gardener and increases the supply and lowers the price for the conservance that they have become dead sumer. What other cities have done

MR. BRYAN ON THE ROAD,

Mr. Bryan made a Chautauqua tour the other day through the southwest corner of Delaware and that part of Maryland, My Maryland, which is known among the natives as "the Eastahn Sho." In that Land of Beu-It rises from the belief that world, the Secretary of State poured Governor West finds difficulty in some way, usually through the kind-carrying out his law-enforcement pol- ness of the corporation officials, and tunity to place himself on show and

There are certain aspects of this traction at the Eastern Shore Chau-matter that lead one to suppose that tauquas, but he was not the only one. quest. It is surprising, of course, that of Oregon the Cuty of Portland loses title to lands worth \$60,000,000. These lands compose its waterfront, the ownership of which by private monopoly is thus contifemed. Whatever the legal phases may be with which the Supreme Court justifies this decision, the substantial fact is that private parties are given title to valuable lands for which they have not paid a penny, and which they have not paid a penny and which they would hear. The young woman who gives "readings" also sat on the governor West has a so-called polying of the case begins in 1820, or a state of the control work as the band along the shore, out to deep water. This lact did not transfer title to the lands. The Legislature as a gent of the owners, only allowed certain purposes. The privilege was to go ahead, the responsibility of successor of all ure will be his. Law enforcement is desired by all law-abidates and sometimes of until the whole and so there are to blame. If authorized the proposes of the limbs and sections of the city has been accupied by private individuals to use the lands for certain purposes. The privilege was to go ahead, the responsibility of successor failure will be his. Law enforcement is desired by all law-abidates and the proposed an quest. It is surprising, of course, that baseball fans hastened to their faan executive who has expressed him- vorite diversion after he had finished forcement is desired by all law-abid- cise proportions which suit its audi- veins it would seem that peace palls ing citizens. Any influence that re-quires weak-kneed law officers to en-ship to make the people feel learned officers in enforcing the law, will be approved by the public. If it be said that the Governor by his hasty and Governor by his hasty and much soul-searching and just enough to be seen. actions is doing more harm than good which is said to be relished by the

Mr. Bryan's function at the Chaucuting Attorneys, it is not to be for- tauqua is to supply the graver element gotten that he is the supreme execu- of the vaudeville. His lectures flit tive of the state. The Oregonian with exemplary lightness over the surface of the deep questions of life. As authority than less over the law offi- Camilla skims the ripening grain without bending a stalk, so the Secretary of State manages to hover with un- faithful. fluttering wing over the profoundes questions of politics and morals withis the most agile master of common place who ever delivered himself to by some Catholic missionaries, over the abysses of thought without who invented it to allure the heathen ever slipping down an inch. He loves the beginning all the parts were taken but is careful never to touch their by white missionaries, but little by lit-tle they were transferred to natives, lose something of that exquisite charm of the superficial which is the oper sesame of his popularity. Christus, who is represented by a pearl tures Mr. Bryan twitters with the same Indeed, between Longfellow's blance. Neither of them ever goes

We came pretty near saying "the average unlettered American." happily we did not. Chautauqua diences are not unlettered, or, if they are, they are not content with their They ardently aspire to know what has been thought by the world's master thinkers. They dimly yearn to find out what art is and they would gladly listen to great music if true, the beautiful and the good comes the benevolent Mr. Bryan with exhaustless mine of bromides. He has The Passion play has accomplished a platitude for every insurgent soul, a balmy commonplace for every wounded breast. He heals the mental bal oplates. He feeds their intel-The Wilson Administration is said stood human nature well enough to lectual stomachs with perfumed wind, be considering the sending of Colomake use of a means so efficacious to His lectures are like a calm, bright

our American clergymen of the various monize wonderfully with the Septem-denominations have always overlooked ber sunshine of the Eastern Shore. a means of grace which might be They are to the brains of the people what cantaloupes and ripe persimmons It would be more accurate to say are to their palates. To millions of that they have not overlooked it, but Americans Mr. Bryan is an ideal sentation of the gospel story would be all the austere asceticisms which irreverent. To a rational mind it stand for Christian perfection to seems no more irreverent to depict the average Chautauquan. He uses these events dramatically than to no tobacco. He has said to the paint pictures of them or describe demon rum, "Get thee behind me, them in words, while the effect upon them in words, while the effect upon the does not swear. He is a the spectators would be incomparably consummate master of the fascinating art of delivering a long lecture with-out saying anything. These qualifications, which fit him so charmingly to travel around the Chautauqua circle

with the Tyrolean band and the dra-

retary of State for a great Nation or even to be its President. But there is one redeeming feature about Mr. Bryan. Without it he would be a mere Pecksniff, ranging through the towns of the Eastern Shore to gather in the shekels. With it he is a man who wins the love of the American people as often as they see and hear him. Shallow as he is, he is an honest man. His convictions are old-fashioned and sometimes ridiculous, but he has the courage to stand by them through good and evil re-He is not a prophet of revolution nor the bringer of any new gospel that will save the world, but the sheaf of ideas which he bears has been well tested by time and he proffers it with a beaming sincerity which makes him a model showman.

Prices of meat, dairy and poultry products increased in May and June, 1913, by comparison with the same months of 1912, according to the The declined 31.9 per cent, sugar 13.2 per cent, wheat flour 7.7 per cent and cornmeal 3.9 per cent. The prices of such foodstuffs as workingmen's families consume reached a higher level on June 15 than at any time in twenty-three and one-half years, except on the same date in 1912, and were 59.2 per cent above the average of the ten years 1890 to 1899,

A Wallowa County man who was confined in a sanitarium in this city for several weeks last Spring wounded, probably fatally, one daughter and tried to kill another yesterday at his Eastern Oregon home. He is said to have done this in a fit of jealousy over attentions paid the younger girl by a young man. This gives rise to the pertinent question: Is an insane man cured when he gets a certificate that effect? Incidents that follow with distressing frequency seem to say

These are the days of the professors. One of them is in the White House and has appointed others to high Federal offices. Now President Hadley, of Yale, has been elected a director of the New Haven road in the hope that he will help to rehabilitate it.

When the news spreads in the Flowery Kingdom that a Chinese widow with three children is drawing \$25 a month pension in Portland, English-speaking missionaries will be compelled to relocate heaven to fit the native idea.

Ex-President Taft resents the story that he has lost eighty pounds. He is Here is an emergency created by the remarkable for their rarity, like lulls only sixty pounds lighter. What would make a living skeleton of an ordinary Governor and he wants help. It should in the roar of Niagara, be given.

Mr. Bryan was the principal atman simply improves the looks of the

> ____ Gaynor cherished res toward his disobedient daughters, yet The plan of this committee was for-if death had not been untimely it is more than likely he would have 1. This must be a citizens' movement. if death had not been untimely it is changed that will in that respect,

The Colonel probably wouldn't have been so sentimental in his ditty to the Captain's wife had he suspected it vould be made public through the medium of the divorce court.

vidence as to the manner of Madero's death. All the witnesses are dead. Huerta saw to that, The Balkans are smoldering again

There is no chance to discover nev

Yesterday was the 400th anniversary of the day when Balboa mis-named the mightlest body of water on the globe.

An average of thirty-two new post masters a day is being named. Mere drop in the bucket for the hungry

Editors can make war, says Daniels out leaving a dint on the surface. He Not unless an enemy invades the United States under this Administra

> Mrs. Pankhurst says she is coming over mainly to answer questions. Our interviewers will attend to the matter,

> With the state asking 8.8 mills levy we extend sympathy to some of the city taxpayers over in Washington.

And now women are to wear sus penders. They'll get around to trousers yet. Visions of the Yankee dollar seen

to be bringing the greasers to their It would seem that local civil serv

ce used to be a neat little family af fair. Howard Elliott has fallen into

adly tangled railroad skein. Oh, you Muggsy! And then again oh, you Connie!

Price of diamonds is to advance. We should worry.

They've raised the price of pork again. Hogs! Muzzles will stay on dogs. Wis-

precaution. This fair weather is real Fair weather.

-Make your bets for October 7. RELIGIOUS TRAINING IN SCHOOLS Lowell Sees Moral Decline Since

Bible Rending Censed. PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 24.—(To the Editor.)—The fact that Portland is the only important city in the state, and hence the center of the civic, financial, political, educational and religious activities of the commonwealth, must be made the excuse for the interest which the whole people have taken in the decision of the Fortland School Board upon the restoration of the Bible to the public schools. The Oregonian this

stein helfers, all of which will soon adecision of the Portland School Board has calves, my neighbors insist that the board has upon the restoration of the Bible to the public schools. The Oregonian this best thing to do from a financial public schools. The Oregonian this best thing to do from a financial the best thing to do from the first few months of matic reader, fit him just as well, in the minds of his admirers, to be Secin Chicago was able to unite upon the decalogue, and there were represented all the great religions of the globe.

It is a strange condition of public sentiment when mighty organizations

of men conduct a ceaseless battle against the social evil and the saloon, both but external manifestations of a mistaken social policy, and ignore the almost universal practice of profune swearing, always an indication of either moral degeneracy or ignorance of the moral law, for the Master said: "I come not to destroy the law, but to fulfil! it," and the central column of the decalogic edifice is in the injunction: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who taket his name in vain." With that taketh his name in vain taketh his name in vain. With that commandment destroyed the remaining nine are in jeopardy.

The public school will never perform its duty to the citizenship of the Re-

Judge Jeremiah Black, shortly before his death: "Judge Black, have you not noticed in recent years, a tendency toward more liberal ideas in religious matters, a decreasing acceptance of the truths of the Bible?" "Yes," said the Judge, "and I have noticed that along with that tendency has gone that nice distinction between right and wrong which characterized the fathers." An analysis by school officials of the mind-attitude of our school children and of those who have graduated since the Bible disappeared from the schools, might change their views upon the question which your board has not solved, but avoided

STEPHEN A. LOWELL

HISTORY OF BIBLE READING ISSUE Ministerial Action Supersedes Movement of Year Ago.

PORTLAND, Sept. 25 .- (To the Editor.) -- Following the conclusion of the question of moral training and the Bible in the schools, it is due the Chris-tian ministers of Portland that a sum-

mary statement be made of their at-titude and action in the matter. A year ago the subject of public merals was under discussion, and the coming these corrupting

And until those who stand proved morals can unite in their recommendation to our school board, it will be useless to appear before them 2. They adopted the following basic principle: "To give effect and estabprinciple: "To give effect and estab-lish in character the principles and spirit of the authoritative moral law, our teachers should be encouraged to use entire freedom, in obedience to sound principles of educational philosin utilizing every incentive and appliance of experience, biography, sistory and literature, and that the sacred precepts, warnings and history of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures that apply to this end be given the

When men get the lust of war in their place they deserve. 3. To create an active interest among the citizens within their influence, it was determined to institute a cam paign of moral education throughout opposition of prejudice and indiffer-

> This has been our record until a ent meeting of the ministers, of which this committee was not apprised, to other action which superseded that a year ago and passed the resolution asking that "the Bible be read in the schools without comment," and appointed a committee to present it to

> the Board of Education.
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> This committee, on their own responsibility added the introductory state nent, which in summary expressed the judgment of the former committee. A ion were considered together by the Board, the question of reading the Bible taking precedence and determin ing the action of the Board.

I believe the outcome, which could not have been otherwise in view of the situation, has demonstrated that the attitude of the committee of last year is the only practicable one.

And now that this chapter ha And now that this chapter has closed, it will not be overlooked that ministers of Portland are actively loyal to the highest social and mora ideals of the city life, and will only they offer for the betterment of social conditions commend themselves to th good judgment of their fellow D. L. KIEHLE.

What Fixes Value of Gold?

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—(To the Editor.)-Will you please tell your readers whether the coiners of the work the governments of the world establish and regulate the value

The governments of the world ar the only legal coiners of money. The value of gold is not fixed by them, but by the relative value of gold and other that of other commodities, prices ris fallen. When the supply of gold decreases, or when the supply of other ommodities increases in greater proportion than that of gold, prices fall the Government that a certain quantity of gold is a dollar or a pound does not fix its value, any more than the declaration that a certain number of pounds of potatoes constitutes a bushel fixes the law of supply and demand.

SIDE LIGHT ON BEEF QUESTION.

Incident Given to Indicate Where Farmers' Just Profits Go. PORTLAND, Sept. 25 .- (To the Editor.)-I hope that the general public,

ter of adjustable stanchions for my cow stable. My neighbors all have the old-style, rigid, two-by-four wooden affairs, that are hard on the bossy that always wants to turn her head to the right or left when she lies down. I saw an advertisement of a particular saw an advertisement of a particular stanchion made in a Middle state, that had a kink which I regarded as being particularly desirable. I wrote the makers, as they invited me to do in their advertisement, and they referred my letter to their Seattle agent. I ordered my stanchions at 50 cents advance over the list price (an invistal) vance over the list price (an unusual thing). They came, and are excellent. But a local business man informs my superintendent that I might as well illtless who have ordered them through him, as With that got a commission on them anyway.

taketh his name in vain." With that commandment destroyed the remaining nine are in jeopardy.

The public school will never perform its duty to the citizenship of the Republic until the 10 commandments, the golden rule and the sermon on the mount, are restored to the school curriculum, through impressive services as the day opens, and the minds of children are fresh and plastic.

Some one said to the distinguished statesman and jurist of Pennsylvania, Judge Jeremiah Black, shortly before stanchion, and I am humane enough to hope that the visitors will in due course order some. Will I get a commission or remuneration for the time taken to explain these goods? No, but the local man will, and the Seattle man and the manufacturer will get their profit

There is something radically wrong in a system which mulcts me 20 per cent above the list price, so that Tom, Dick and Harry, who are staying by the wayside, and perhaps never saw a stanchion of this sort, may get some of my money.

So, in view of this and a thousand other ways of cinching the unorganized dairymen and producers of food for the Nation, we must watch the dimes very closely, if we are too jealous of each other to organize and treat the trusts and grafters

MARRIED WOMAN ON X-RAY DRESS Moral Standard Is Lowered by Always Seeing Evil, Says She.

titude and action in the matter.

A year ago the subject of public voices the opinion of every right-think-ing member of the community, maie opinion prevailed that our growing and selfish materialism is gradually corrupting our high feeals of moral character, and that home, church and school are our only bulwarks of safety. A committee of 12, which included the leading ministers of the city, was appointed and instructed to take such action as would support and improve ray campaign" has been at white heat doubtedly in the right. Her letter leading ministers of the city, was appointed and instructed to take such templated ever since the so-called "xaction as would support and improve ray campaign" has been at white heat the influence of our schools in over- to write The Oregonian, believing that deduction in excess of the actual cost respectable portion of the community. Now Miss M. P. M. has expressed herself so forcibly and clearly and in such excellent form that I shall not greatly enlarge on her letter. I simply wish to back her up in her right stand, for, judging from the letters that have hitherto inundated newspaper offices, such women as Miss M. P. M. need sup-

port in their high ideals. This idea of what is "sauce for the gander being sauce for the goose" lies deeper than most of us would believe. Women do not interfere with men in their way of dressing, nor is it proper that they should. I live near an athletic club, and almost daily in the season trackmen may be seen running on the street past my house. Now I, being of a sex opposite from

that of the wearers, acting after the manner of numberless "X-ray skirt oglers" (if the daily papers are to be believed) should do one of the followng things:
1. Commit suicide or murder; of

Call up the police, raid the large athletic club and order all athletics not requiring full dress stopped; or 3. Collect all my cronies, stand on the corner in wait and hurl vulgar remarks sotto voce as the "offenders" pass.

As a matter of fact, I do none of these things. I look the other way and

go about my business. Thus I don't find this trifling incident dwelling in my mind "when we discuss it among ourselves," for we don't discuss it. We all know (at least all of us who are women know) what women would think of another whose description of her Summer at the beach consisted in detailed accounts of the appearance of the men in their bathing sutis or of one who, after a return from an outing on the river, passed up the scenery and prattled incessantly of the appearance of the boys on the bank. As M. P. M. says, there is always something profit-able at hand to fill the mind, and the really sad feature of this whole affair is not that this type of dress is worn by a few mistaken women with a mis-taken idea of beauty, but that so large a part of the population should be wasting its time and lowering its standards by laying stress where stres

does not belong.

I am not defending the "X-ray gown." (I've never seen one, to frank), but being one of those almeobsolete creatures now nearly as ex tinct as the Do-Do, I believe in Declaration of Independence, and the right of every man—and woman—to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happi-MRS. LAURA WILSON. 468 Nartilla street.

Extend Campaign for Courtesy

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—(To the Editor.)—Will you not do what you can to extend the campaign for courtesy in this dealing with the public, start-ed by Mayor Albee, to include employes of public service corporations? commodities. When the supply of gold cause they are soulless does not sig-increases in greater proportion than nify that their employes are entitled to manifest only animal characteris because the relative value of gold has ties. It seems to be easier to shed the bristles than the snarl that originated with them, and the public suffers when they are unhappy because they are hungry, or bilious, or their feet hurt. No doubt they often get daft answers

because the relative value of gold has to their inquiries and are sometime risen. In fact, the mere declaration of asked foolish questions and others en tirely beyond their ken, but it doesn't seem necessary to add ill-nature to Ignorance. Some people prefer to walk than ride with a boor and choose kero sene and candlelight rather than to have their peace of mind smudged up their value. Value of gold is fixed by by an uncivilian whose light of life is the law of supply and demand.

A. T.

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of September 26, 1888. Olympia, W. T., Sept. 25.—General R. H. Milroy yesterday received a testimonial of remembrance from his old comrades of the Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, which was a part of his command in 1863.

Astoria, Sept. 25 .- Grading on the

George W. McBride, of St. Helens, and his brother, John R. McBride, of Salt Lake, are at the St. Charles. C. W. Knowles and wife left yes-terday on a visit to Coeur d'Alene.

Colonel Milton Weldler has just received from Washington a finely ex-ecuted picture of Colonel Matthew S. Quay. United States Senator from Quay. Pennsylvania, chairman of the Repub

Half a Century Ago

m The Oregonian of September 36, 1863. Headquarters, Army of the Cumber-land, Sept. 18.—A desperate engage-ment commenced this morning. The rebels made a heavy attack on corps of General Thomas, forming left wing of our Army, but were driven back. The rebels then made a furious attack on our center, which fell back, but General Thomas on the left and General Lewis on the right regained the lost ground. The intention of the enemy was evidently to get between enemy was evidently us and Chattanoogs.

New York, Sept. 20 .- A Morris Island letter represents the rebels busily repairing Fort Sumpter.

Quite a skirmish came off on Front street yesterday between two well-known citizens, from whom better things might have been expected, which resulted in black eyes and bloody noses.

Another party of emigrants arrived on the Hunt last evening.

A select and fashionable audience witnessed Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" at the theater last evening.

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—(To the Editor.)—A claims that United States gold coins contain their face value in Seeing Evil, Says She.

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—(To the Editor.)—When M. P. M. says woman's dress is her own business she is un
Please quote your authority. L. M. B.

> Gold coins contain alloy of baser metals. The value of the alloy does not appear to be included in that of the coin. Nelson's Universal Cyclopedia says:

> "Both Great Britain and the United States have free coinage of gold, but of coinage is known as The objects of seignlorage are manysometimes to debase the coin for the sake of the fiscal exigencies of the Government, sometimes to secure money like the fractional coins which shall be secure from the danger of being melted down for exports or for use in the arts. In all cases of this kind the Government makes an apparent profit on the issue of all such

Cuban Campaigns By Colonel Rooseve.t

In The Oregonian next Sunday the Roosevelt autobiography enters upon an unusually interesting and graphic stage, dealing with the days when he won his spurs in the Spanish-American War. His own story of the Cuban campaigning is a tense narrative which throws much new light on the conflict.

Suffragist Adventures-They are from the pen of Sylvia Pankhurst, who describes her thrilling struggles with the London police and tells of a term in prison.

Honeymoon Danger Points-Rita Reese writes entertainingly of dangers that beset newly wedded couples and points out many ways to avoid early marital clashes.

Too Many Pretty Women - They are the cause of much of the world's woes, says noted psychologist. John J. McGraw-The 'little Na-

poleon" of baseball who has never met his Waterloo, is discussed in an elaborately illustrated page article which all the fans will want to read.

Waste and Inefficiency-They are dissected in a scholarly article by Mr. Frank Koester, who charges that the toll of inefficiency is enormous.

Would You Live to Be 150?-Half a page is devoted to an illustrated article on some remarkable old people and how they got past the century mark.

Checking in the Immigrants - A page in colors on the people who knock at the door of the United

States for admission. Two Short Stories-"Melissy and the Milliner" and "Purple and Fine Linen," Complete Sunday, Haystack Rock-A color page of a wonderful scene on the Oregon

Old Doc Yak has a new adventure with his automobile and two little bears.

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