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### A CHARMING FARCE.

Thomas Mott Osborne may derive all the pleasure and profit he expects and earnest, could not begin merely from his sojourn in Auburn Prison, where Major McIndoe left off. He up with vanity that he could not act Indoe to transfer to him the knowlexcellent person, who is chairman of about the folly of swapping horses the New York Commission on Prison while crossing a stream applies with Reform, has immured himself in one particular force to this case.

of the dungeons at Auburn in order If the Engineer Corps has a hardof the dungeons at Auburn in order to learn from experience just what and-fast rule of transferring its memprison life is. He has passed through bers every three years, it should the usual admission rites, such as change the rule. The work engineers shaving, donning the convict uniform have to do is not naturally divided and bathing. We may assume that into three-year periods; it is divided Mr. Osborne did not need the last by the job. The man who begins ceremony so much as some of his building a jetty or dredging a chan-

The inmates have been notified to some other job and go through with treat him like a brother. The offi- that, cials are to forget who he is. Everything is to proceed exactly as if Mr. Osborne were a real and not an imitation convict. The early reports of the experiment are most flattering. The convicts "are faithfully obeying his behest to be considered one of them." He has been assigned to a cell among the "idle gang," his meals have been served in the regulation prison style and "the officers and in-

mates have had no difficulty in losing

the real identity of the man." They must be wonderful officers and inmates if this is so. If a solitary one of them forgets for an instant who Mr. Osborne is and what he is there for from the moment of his entrance until the gates close behind him when he leaves we shall be surprised. He has taken his measures so maladroitly that his experiment, if it had any possible When value, must necessarily fail. the famous Haroun Al Raschid wanted to learn what the citizens of Bagdad were saying about him in the saloons and theaters he disguised himself and sallied forth after dark with his Grand Vizler and Lord High Executioner. But he did not, like Mr. Osborne, announce his purpose with a blare of trumpets. It was all done quietly. Nobody was required to forget who the Caliph was and pretend to act and talk naturally before him. for nobody knew who he was. Osborne's experiment is essentially different in this particular. Everybody in the prison has been carefully instructed who he is and warned to They will be as natural as a bad child at the photographer's. The prison officials will be on dress parade during the whole time of his visit. Auburn will be like a middle-class when a rich aunt is visiting the family. All the little tricks by which officers ordinarily "get even" with bad convicts will be kept in abeyance until "aunty" leaves. The convicts themselves will be smeared daily and hourly with moral molasses

sight until the great ordeal is over. Nor is it possible for Mr. Osborne to "lead the life of a convict in every particular" or indeed in any essential particular, except mere outward conformity. He lacks the most important factor of all, the sense of guilt, which differentiates a convict from ordinary people and makes the prison a place to him which it never can be to Mr. To be sure innocent men Osborne. get cast into prison now and then, but even they are totally unlike Mr. Osborne psychologically, since they are these times, consumed with the bitterness of the outrage they have suffered. Compare the complacent concelt with which the chairman of the Prison Reform Commission begins his immurement. We tinction between Mr. Osborne and orexit will be as hasty and inconspicu-

little performances by either of-

ficials or prisoners which do not strict-

ly jibe with the law will be kept out

count, and taken to the road to play ing Post: at being tramps. Some of their experiences are instructive and their narratives are usually entertaining, but most of them knew just as much and as little about tramps at the end of their farce as at the beginning. The secret sought will always elude the investigator until he puts it out of his power to escape from the lot he is imitating. The gulf between a man who is only playing prisoner or tramp and one who is forced to be the genuing enterty is measureless. Still was headed by a colored man carrying that the proposed form of government shall deprive the general electorate of the power to "guess" upon the merit of laws. The proponents of state commission government would recoil with horror from any suggestion that the initiative be abolished. They are among its strongest supporters.

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we should not like to see the career of Portland and Tacoma armies.

DON'T CHANGE ENGINEERS. The announcement that Major Mcto be transferred from the Lower Columbia River district to the Philippines will be received with regret by every person interested in development of the Northwest's great water-

his appreciation of the needs of the Columbia River ports and of the aid recommending that another dredge be put to work and that the jetty appro-Charity moves one to hope that priation be increased.

A new man, no matter how able but he ought to be warned that his ex- would need to study the work from periment is by no means novel. If the beginning and thus to do again with all his good intentions he fancied work which the present engineer has that he was doing something original already done. No process of mental he might possibly become so puffed absorption would enable Major Mcthe part of a convict to the life. This edge already gained. The old saying

comrades, but in order that the law nel should carry it through to commight be fulfilled, he went through it. pletion, then be transferred to begin

## HIS EXCUSE FOR REGULARITY.

Senator Chamberlain is most ingenious in his reasons for voting for free wool, but he is hardly ingenuous. He says that there is scarcely ever more than two cents' difference between the English and American markets, while the duty is equivalent to from 5 to 7 cents a pound. He cites this as evidence that the duty does not benefit the woolgrower.

The truth is that, while ostensibly enjoying the benefits of protection, the woolgrowers have been suffering all the ill effects of free trade. The wool schedule has been made the particular mark of all recent attacks on The Payne-Aldrich bill the tariff. was no sooner passed than President Taft, while approving the bill as a whole, pronounced this schedule indefensible. Ever since that time Congress has been discussing bills to reduce or abolish the duty on raw wool, This continual threat of tariff reduction has been a powerful weapon in the hands of the buyers wherewith to bear the price, until, as Mr. Chamberlain says, it approximates the English price. Such a condition is no fair index to the comparative effects of free and protected wool.

The Senator's statement that he favored a 15 per cent duty on raw wool as a revenue and not as a protective measure does not agree with the statements he made on the one occasion when he broke over the party nounced his refusal to sacrifice the interests of the woolgrowers of his do if your heart be true," state at the dictates of the caucus by voting for free wool. Now he denies that those interests will suffer.

It is easy to judge on which occawas evidently the spontaneous out-burst of a man who had long chafed at party restraint. His recent interbecause they expect tremendous "reforms" from Mr. Osborne's researches. labored excuse from a man who has going to the other extreme. been whipped into line,

### A MEMORY OF COXEY'S ARMY. Carl Browne, grand marshal of

to Washington and finish the speech terrupted by the arrest of himself and stepping on the grass. It is a "far with each new election." cry" from 1894 to 1913, measuring by the events which have crowded the this novel conclusion is implied in interval, but the spirit of 1894 still what precedes the quotation given. It lives in the cranks and radicals of asserts that the Oregon voters will

Browne was a typical radical. Be ginning as a supporter of Kearney's adds: the wrath of their burning souls and anti-Chinese agitation in San Francisco, he became successively a Greenbacker and Populist until he met Coxey at a free silver convention in fancy the reader will discern some Chicago. Each converted the other little difference. There is another dis- to his own fad, Browne making Coxey a Theosophist and Coxey instilling into diary prisoners. Say what he may Browne some of his own enthusiasm about the fixity of his resolution, he for a National good roads law, which can go whenever he likes and if prison would provide work for the unemlife does not suit him he will go. If ployed and a basis for flat currency he finds, for instance, that, like many They took up Senator "Whiskers' a convict, he is acquiring tuberculosis Peffer's scheme for the issue of nonin his cell, he will not pursue his re- interest-bearing bonds and Browne searches a great while longer. His proposed to gather an army of unemployed and march to Washington ous as his entrance was pompous and to demand of Congress passage of that bill and of Coxey's good roads bill. The sort of quest for "the real Wall street became alarmed at what which Mr. Osborne has under- it termed a savage mob, but the rest taken has been tried often and never of the country laughed. The Ameriwith much success. Occasionally some can people's saving sense of humor to the inner depths of tramp life in which, if taken seriously, might have this way. There are a number of assumed great dimensions. The army books written by men who have for- as it left Massillon, O., Coxey's home, saken all, home, friends and bank ac- is thus described by the Chicago Even-

While Coxey and Browne were Mr. Osborne can hardly help finding serving a sentence of twenty days in forty-two laws and amendments have out some facts which ought to be jail for stepping on the grass, the been adopted by the people. Of these known and remedied. Most of New army dispersed, but it had many imitatives were referendums. In other York's institutions are constantly being reformed and constantly growing "armies" of those who could not find biscite, been adopted by the Legisla-The prisons are no exception work and those who would not work ture. Another of the forty-two was a to the rule. On the contrary, they are assembled and started Eastward for repeal of an amendment and that singularly shocking examples of it. Some recent revelations show well Washington. They established bartwo. Thus two may hardly be said to

tle cautious. Tammany has a way of at Seattle caused Judge Hanford to directly from the voters. making things pretty warm for public summon troops from Vancouver and As the army progressed on its dis-Indoe, of the Corps of Engineers, is orderly way Eastward, it melted away utilities commission, but the and the Coxey flasco ended.

The same fantastic notions which Browne simmer today in many more What was good at the bottom has from the usual lawmaking for been taken up in practical fashion. full headway. A last sputter of the fiat-money flame was seen during the currency debate in the House, but we are to have no closer imitation of fiat money than Government notes secured by the banks' funds under rigid Federal control, which may yet be toned down before the bill becomes law. But the radicals are still with us in the shape of the I. W. W., who how! for free speech, by which they mean license in speech, and who indulge in riot and destruction of propthey have offered the Government, by ably with the Coxey army, of which the "general" proudly boasted, "not a chicken was stolen." If another army should follow Carl Browne to hear him finish that speech, it is more likely to be a disorderly and destructive mob of syndicalists.

TRUE CHARITY. Victor Hugo's priest who ran after Jean Valjean with the other candlestick will not shine quite so radiantly hereafter. His luminosity pales in comparison with the glorious rays emitted by a certain department store in Cleveland. Jean Valjean rewarded the priest who had given him food and two silver candlesticks. The kindly hay. father, seeing that his need must be extreme, ran after him with the other and made him a present of it, thus beying the precept to bestow your cloak upon whoever steals your coat.

The Cleveland department store hose firm name is unfortunately not published, excels this famous priest in self-sacrificing generosity. It has been robbed of \$1400 by a lad in its em-ploy. The mere impulse of human nature, unregenerate human nature, would be to send him to prison, but get the lesson. this business house thinks of other things than dollars. It digs down into motives and metes out rewards and punishments, not according to outer seeming, but according to the condition of the culprit's soul.

The bald fact that the lad stole \$1400 is of no consequence. The imit?" If he stole it for unworthy reasons of course he ought to go to jail. But if his motive was high he ought found? to be rewarded, not punished. Shall we hale people to prison for trying to do good? In this instance the motive was as exalted as possible. The lad robbed his employer in order to go to Oxford University. If a person is thing in the nature of a beneficent cligoing to steal at all we can think of no higher motive for doing it and ap- their own climatic blessings, parently the plundered firm thought the same, for instead of prosecuting the boy they have resolved to pay his way through the great British univer-This is returning good for evil with

a vengeance. If all business men who suffer by theft should act on the same principle how happy the world would grow. None of us would ever think of doing any work to support our wives and pay for the children's schooling. When the family purse runs low the proper proceeding is to go and steal a supply of cash. What traces. On that occasion, though his remarks were carefully excluded from crime is pardonable and some are pipe, the old man of the house is motive could be higher than to save for good ends. "No matter what you guage.

"It is thought by the Boston Translon Mr. Chamberlain expressed his script that the proposal to establish a by diminished number of pests next real sentiments. The expunged speech commission form of state government in Oregon indicates "a sharp reaction from the policies that have been on "The new proposition," says trial." view has all the characteristics of a the Transcript, "if accepted would be of leaving to the many the affairs of the state, they would be in the hands of the few and however good their intentions they would find it impossible Coxey's army of 1894, threatens to go to act in a representative capacity for violent change could hardly be inter from the Capitol steps which was in- preted as other than disgust with the unwieldy and unworkable mass of "General" Coxey for inadvertently legislation which has been piling up

How the Boston newspaper reached give a decision at the coming November election on the proposition and is

Hitherto, for some time, every voter, whatever his qualifications, could make laws. Without hearings, without knowledge or opportunity to know the meaning or eflaws. Without hearings, without anowards or opportunity to know the meaning or effect of the various measures that challenged his judgment at the polls, he was invited to add his guess to the guesses of others in the general electorate, and that is largely the way in which the recent laws of the state have found their way upon the

In short, there is a large quantity of misinformation lurking about New would the lambs get sheared. England newspaper editorial rooms Oregon will not vote on state commission government the coming November, although several referendums will come up then for decision. A commendation of the commission form for state government has been given by a Portland association of men engaged in business in a portion of the city outside the main business center, but the measure has not been drafted and sociologist imagines that he can delve reduced to impotence a movement it remains to be seen whether the in his shop. money required to circulate the petition necessary to place the amendment on the ballot a year hence will

Moreover, it has not been suggested

In the ten years and five elections in which the initiative has been in use order a new suit, enough what Tammany has been racks and collected donations of food making of them, and Mr. Osborne may and money which supplied them for bring to light more facts of the same weeks in idleness and lined the pocknature. If this is his intent, we hope ets of the "generals" and "colonels," thirty-seven were submitted by the

for his own sake that he will be a lit- A fracas with some Deputy Marshals Legislature and therefore did not come

The contrast between the laws officials who incur its displeasure and hastened the departure of the Seattle, adopted in the 1912 election and those They passed by the succeeding Legislature is an enthusiastic and promising prison had no fancy for marching and tried marked. Of eleven measures approved expert nipped in the bud. to capture freight trains at Yakima at the polls, only two can properly be A number of them were arrested and termed progressive or epoch-making. severely punished by Judge Hanford. The voters adopted a woman's suffrage amendment and created a state public public utilities bill was adopted in referendum after having been passed by the were entertained by Coxey and 1911 Legislature. The latest legislation in Oregon that departs from timeor less addled or inflamed brains. honored conservatism or stands apart local or internal needs is the product of the The good roads movement is under Legislature. In this may be listed the workmen's compensation act, the widows' pension law, the minimum wage law, the sterilization law and the "blue sky" law.

Eastern opinion of the Oregon sys tem is too often led astray by accept-ance of the measures proposed as defining the system's merit. The laws the people adopt are the only true gauge. More than half the legislation submitted to vote in Oregon has been rejected. The freak bills are in the discard almost without exception.

A professor named Dickson is credited by the New York Mail with the discovery that the earth's supply of wheat will soon be exhausted. suggests that we then sat corn, which can be produced to infinity. The Mail comments:

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Fifty grains, at least, there are which are a more economical food for men than wheat. The sorghum plant produces a head of grain which abounds in protein, besides being very palatable. At the same time the stalk of the plant yields sugar and the coarser parts of it can be converted into paper. The humble sandiower seed is produced, under skillful cultivation, in a wastly higher ratio to the acre than wheat, two cats or barley, and it is a fat food. eye, oats or barley, and it is a fat food

When we have exhausted the supply of wheat and corn and sorghum and lodging by making off with one of his sunflower seed, no doubt we can eat

> Attentive study of the Fall styles in the store windows discerns nothing immodest in them. The gowns are trim and comfortable. The slit skirt appeals to an unprejudiced eye as a triumph of common sense. The new coats which go with the buttoned skirts indicate that women have at last learned to set health and convenience above medieval slavishness to custom. We hope they will never for-

Agricultural education in the rural districts is threatened with a danger that hangs over all education. It tends to become a soulless routine. natural drift is toward "covering the required ground," giving the crank so many turns. What agricultural teachportant question is, "Why did he steal ing imperativtly requires is an instructor in every schoolhouse who is aflame with zeal. Where can such be

With abundant crops of hay, grain, hops and other high-priced commodi-ties, Oregonians can view with placidity their neighbor's claims to everymate and feel tolerably satisfied with

The announcement of a prominent Naval officer of his engagement to a San Diego heiress has been repudiated by the lady. Which puts the gentleman in about the most unenviable light Imaginable.

alrymen of having invaded Mexico. But they say they chased the Americans off. Right there is where the bogus marks creep into their story. In these days of putting up the

Mexicans accuse United States cav-

praiseworthy if they are committed given absolution for necessary lan-The farmer who puts up a trespass

> sign and enforces it to save the game fowls on his place will be rewarded season. A New York reformer has sentenced himself to a term in prison.

Just how much rugged justice there is in the sentence the reformer knows The male pheasant will cultivate a

sour disposition this month at the rank discrimination in a state of equal rights-that is, if he survives. Mexican border. But we absolutely refuse to become interested in any

The Mount Tabor gold strike is gen-But since it isn't in Labradon or Chile we refuse to become excited.

Another patriot doesn't want a \$10,000 job. And thousands still greedly awaiting the \$1000 variety.

sharply downward. Otherwise how

A Walla Walla couple was wedded in the jail corridor. Fitting place to enter on a life sentence.

Millionaire Bixby's lawyers made the jury weep. Bixby, also, may weep when he gets the bill.

The young man who goes to night school is in line for the job of boss in his shop.

Dut sclear—
And again, as an auctioneer.
And again and again, as an auctioneer.
She never can learn to say with ease,
"Now, gentlemen, make me an offer, please.
"Judge.

him through Oxford, Surely is a reckless youth. The jurors wept when they acquitted Bixby. That was a job for the

angels. North Mexico has formed a new nation. Let's see, how many does that

It must be admitted, however, that the tariff bill is no Spring chicken. It would seem that the police force has been a queer mess in the past.

Watch the game hogs,

The frost is on the fodder and the pumpkin's in the pie, The Portola girls are soon due. We

And the Fair is the fairest yet Liberal. Pity the poor pheasant today.

## Topical Verse

Well," I says, "I'm done with minin', "Well," I says, "I'm done with a An' I'll git a job on top, Where the sun is allus shimin' An' there ain't no root to drop; Nix on minin', muckin', tollin', I will guit an' git a wife, An' we'll keep the kettle bollin' An' I'll sottle down fer life."

Says a friend of mine to me, "Honest, be, you oughts see drivin'—it's a singer, hulla gee!
Yas, I know you've chucked the trade.
But you needn't be afraid
Fer to come an' look us over with the progress we have made."

So they got me all persuaded
An' they led me to the spot,
An' their progress they paraded
In the headin' wet an' hot;
An' the drills was barkin', barkin',
An' the mud would spatter high,
An' I found that I was barkin'
With a teardrop in me eye.

An' I wanted to be back
Where the mule car rolls the track,
Where you're fightin' rock an' water an' t
roof is like to crack—
They kin sins of "Mandelay"
An' the "wanderlust"—but say,
I kin feel the hard-rock fever just
wastin' me away,

Now I ain't a blame' bit happy
In my quiet little job,
I want drills a-barkin' snappy
To the air compressor's throb,
An' I want to handle powder
An' from job to job to roam,
Fer the hard rock's callin' louder
Than the longin' fer a home.

Here's a tunnel started new—
Out near Frisco there are two,
Oh, a hard-rock man can allus find a little
work to do:
An' I reckon I'm the lad
That has got the fever had,
An' it oughts make me sorry—but it only
makes me giad!
—Berton Braley in The Popular Magazine,

Fruit Sign Wanted. Ahi jus' da man I want to see!

You are sooch goods frand of mineI weesh dat you would write for me
A lectle sign.

Oh! justa coupla word or two,
Est ess not mooch I have to tal;
Een, two, tree minute you could do
Est verra wal.

You see I weesh to stop, my frand, Desc-how-you-calla?—"mean galoot" Dat com' some mooch to deesa stand An' spoil my fruit.

Dey taka peach, banan' or plum An' squeeze to see eef eet ees green, Or weeth da feenger and da thumb Day peench da skeen. An, w'en day put est back agen, Est ess ogly where day bruise Est's verra hard for sai est den— An' so I lose.

om, den, a sign een bigga type;
"All people dat much peench or
ome fruit to see eef dey are ripe,
Pleas' squeeza dese!"

Eh! What you theenka dat for style?

Eh? No! I'm only gona put
Dat leetle sign upon dees pile
Of cocoanut.

New York Sun.

"All on Account of the Baby." An action account of the baby.

An action in the back and an ache in the arms.

All on account of the baby.

A fear and a fright and a thousand alarms,
All on account of the baby.

And bottles and rattles and whistles and rings,
From ceilar to attic a clutter of things.

From morning to night and to morning again,

All on account of the baby.

All on account of again, More fuss and more fume than an army of men,

and a head that is stupid for lack of its essary in economic science, just as the classification of man among the mammala a heart where a flood of anxieties malia is necessary and not undignified in All on account of the baby.

Schoolboys in Transit.

When grandpa started out to school Each morning, long age,
He tramped along the country road

With younger folks in tow;
A-whisting in his simple glee,
He walked a mile or two or three.

Now daddy, not so long ago,
When he was a little tike,
With suntie on the handlebars
Hode schoolward on a "bike";
A-spinning down the village street,
As gay a sight as you could meet.

When I am starting out to school, Although it isn't far, I'm bundled carefully and sent In a whiszing metorcar; The grandson of my grandpa, I Think of my grandpa's days and sigh.

The future just and then I see
The future just as plain,
When in his turn my boy shall sail
To school by aeroplane.
Be it afoot, awheel, awing,
To go to school seems quite the thing!
—Frank Hurburt O'Hara, in the Christian
Herald.

Game hunting in the woods of chance
Is healthy sport, and great.
The chief thing, though, to guard against
is coming home as freight.
For really, of an absent friend
It is most sad to hear
This message sent in by a guide—
"Mistaken for a deer."

More troops being rushed to the fexican border. But we absolutely efuse to become interested in any pare Mexican crises.

Now, in this great, progressive age
There's surely one who can invent a scheme to tell a deer From the pursuing man. The man might sound an auto horn Onco every minute, say, and wear a hunting suit with bells—peer don't appear that way.

Now the Mayor decrees that city employes may receive no tips. He'll have the municipal hired help almost fuman in time.

Of course, this plan might scare the And make them vanish far, But then the hunter could return Aboard a Fullman ear. He might not bring home any game, Yet he would have more fun and thankful be that he escaped The other fellow's gun. The other fellow's gun, -Tom W. Jackson, in the New York Times

Don't Worry.
This motto life's Journey will Ease, as a crutch;
"Don't ever let anything Bother you much."
A club at your service, it sure beats the Dutch;
"Don't ever let anything Bother you much."
Of pain and hard luck it will Loosen the clutch;
"Don't ever let anything Bother you much." "Don't ever let anything

Bother you much."

The "God's in his heaven" of

Browning you touch—
"Don't ever let anything

Bother you much."

Your faith that "all's right with the

World" should be such

As to never let anything

Bother you much!

Bother you much!

Bother you much!

Where She Palls. There are many things that a girl can do.
If she's genuine suffrageite through and through;
But she falls—and the records show it

Eugenics Up to Date.

After Jennie wed 'Gene, their eugenical bliss Quite brimmed the hymeneal cup; Though never a chird Jennie had, 'Gene he bought Her the cutest augenical pup!

Exchange. A Cleveland boy stole money to put After Jennie The Inevitable.

"Refused? Then ring the bell! I kill myself! Farewell." "He's gone! Alas! Alack! He'll never more come ba Great Heavens! Who is this? He comes again! Oh, bliss!"

Oh, happiness! Oh, joy.
A girl has found her boy!"

"A gen'rous lad's my brother Ned,"
Said little Johnny Lovitt.
"He takes the middle of the bed
And leaves me both sides of it."

—Woman's Hame Companie

REFLECTIONS ON LIFE MYSTERY. Gold Hill Man Speculates on Secret of

Human Existence. GOLD HILL, Or., Sept. 29 .- (To the Editor.)—I have been very much in-terested in your editorial of September 28, relative to John Burrows' article, "An Ever-Present Mystery," and have thought that the following ideas might be of interest to you and some of your readers:

What is life? Life is a mode of mo-on. Modes of motion always existed. and life is produced through the vibration-the forth and to, the going out

point is reached where the return journey commences toward the point of starting, completing the revolution. starting, completing the revolution.

Every mode of motion seems to be subject to the law of vibration—the from and to, the forth and back, the potential and kinetic, the sleeping and waking—and everywhere in nature's realm exists modes of motion and life through the many of vibration. through the means of vibration.

The motion and life, animated and mechanical, the principle of vibration applies—the beating of the heart, the from and to of the blood circulation the swinging of the pendulum forth and back; the stroke of the pistoneverywhere the principle of vibration applies and appears to be nature's eter-nal principle through which she eternally produces modes of motion and

life Your will and mine came into exisence without our willing it so. Without our consent, nature, through the of vibration-the passing it the returning it back-forced our existence into being, and the mystery to be solved must be approached without an aggravated sense of the importance of our egos, and with unbiased minds investigating for the truth only, and without endeavoring to harmonize the facts, pertaining to the mystery. with our own peculiar or preconcernations, faiths or beliefs, and when the mystery is solved, the solution, no doubt, will be so simple that the scient that Mobile has been stripped of treops that world will wonder at its simplicity.

W. W. TRUAX.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Prisoners say that Mobile has been stripped of treops for Bragg's army and that some troops have been sent from Charleston.

# TAKING OF INTEREST JUSTIFIED.

That which has no exchange value, economic wealth. Now, value is deter-mined by supply and demand. Hence, when money is plentiful interest goes "Ingomar" was perform with all other commodities, including

having labor classified among the com-modities. Yet such classification is necbiological science. When this fundamen-tal truth of supply and demand as the A joy in the heart and a light in the eyes.
All on account of the baby.
A growing content and a growing surprise,
All on account of the baby.
And patience that conquers a myriad frets,
And a surshiny song that another begets.
And sureness of soul as a baby is pure,
And sureness of faith as the children are
sure.

All truth of supply and demand as the
cause of value is overlooked faise conclusions of all kinds result. Hence
the confusion in Mr. Barzee's economic
convictions. The legitimacy of interest, not only in a narrow technical
sense, but in a broadly moral and social sense, is that it furnishes an ade-And a giory of love between husband and wife,
And a samer and happier outlook on life,
All on account of the baby.

London Tit-Bits.

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London Tit-Bits. cial sense, is that it furnishes an ade tive and enterprise, and is in the last analysis the reward of responsibility analysis the reward of responsibility and alertness. Interest is based on profit, and profit, contrary to the ordinary Socialist claim of its being "surplus value" (that is, unpaid labor), is the reward of those who assume responsibility and risk, and exercise initiative, enterprise and alertness. But minor economic categories range themselves under the most comprehenthemselves under the most comprehen sive of all, supply and demand, which is the final regulator of all activities, determining their direction, purpose

and value. The citation by Mr. Barzes of the prohibition from Deuteronomy against be brought down while a flock of them usury is an excellent illustration of special pleading. Such a method of reasoning is in contradiction with the one sound contribution which Marx and Engels made to social science, namely, that a true historical perspective must take into account the economic foundations of laws and Institutions. Yet Mr. Barzee would encour age us to believe that the rules laid down thousands of years ago for the economic needs of a people not long out of a nomadic condition, are really applicable to society today. Had Mr. Barzee used a little "economic interprehave seen that his quotation has no bearing in the present day. FABIAN.

## LET WOMAN KEEP HER MODESTY. In Matters of Dress She Should Remain

Moderate. PORTLAND, Sept. 30.—(To the Ed-tor.)—I noticed a letter from a young lady on the subject of dress the other day, and it struck me it was quite funny how a young lady, at least one of the respectable class, could hold such opinions on such a matter. As gentleman how a lady can favor such apparent departures from the true principle govering its conduct of women as are to be seen lately, and women as are to be seen lately, and ling the dead body of its mother, just be liked, and in its anxiety over its loss of eight.

is part of its so-called new woman it fails to note the approach of eight movement. If woman suffrage is lead- or ten members of the expedition with ing to said departure from womanly lariats, who lasso the beast and in qualities it is questionable, in my mind, whether said woman suffrage may not lead to more evil than any good it will

It really seems as if the goodyaccomplish. The fountain head and mainstay of the higher, or domestic virtue is woman, and with that gone what is left as a true basis for society? May not there be better remedies for some of the present day's evils than or unfavorable criticism until it is some of the present day's evils than said suffrage? At any rate, the normal distinction between the sexes must

RECIPE FOR LOWER LIVING COST Farmers Should Have a Selling Place

for Produce, Says Writer. PORTLAND, Sept. 30 .- (To the Ed tor.)-The general opinion seems to be that on the opening of the Panama Canal there will be a large influx of immigration to the Pacific Coast and as an observer I have noticed that most of the California cities are making the inducements which will have great weight with those who intend to settle in some part of the Pacific Coast country.

What has Portland done in this matter of vital importance to her interests? One of the first things the new settler will look to is the cost of ing and I must say that in that respect Pertland offers no inducements, for the cost of living is higher here than in any city I have lived in on the Willie.

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I could not keep back my tears when I could not keep back my tears when I there is dismai glience now where his langifier rang.

Willie's gone away to achool, bless his little for the cost of living is higher here than in any city I have lived in on the Coast. There must be a reason for this and I do not think we have to look far to find the cause. The markets are in the hands of the commission men. If the city would establish markets, where the farmer could bring his supplies and dispose of them from his supplies and dispose of them from his supplies and dispose of them from his own wagon or stall we would at once see a marked reduction in the price of butter, eggs and other produce of the farm besides the benefit of fresher sup-

# Twenty-five Years Ago

London, Sept. 30 .- This morning the whole city was again startled by news that two murders had been added to the list of mysterious crimes which have recently been committed in

Whitechapel. Spokane Falls, Sept. 27 .- The running of the first train this week on the Spo-Life always existed, and the two are eternal. They are co-eternal and co-existent. Every operation of motion epoch in the history of this progressive & Eastern Railway marked a new epoch in the history of this progressive

young city.

and the coming in.

The starting from (let us say for convenience, in illustrating only, a neutral line or point) a point away, outward, upward or otherwise, until a

The Coloma will take quite a list of passengers to Hongkong George Strowbridge, Charles Lombard, Ashley Vantine and Mr. Brown will visit the Celestial Empire.

About 30 hunters went down to Sauvies Island yesterday. William Muir was high gun, having killed 36 snipe. Theodore Davis and Cy Merrick shot to ducks-mallards, widgeon and a few woodduck.

Mount Cavalry Cemetery was dedicated by His Grace Archbishop Gross

## Half a Century Ago

Washington, Sept. 22.—Meade's army s undoubtedly moving upon Gordons-ville and it would surprise no one to learn that a battle will be fought beween him and Lee before Sunday.

formation from Rosecrans lead to the belief that Sherman has joined Rose-crans and that Burnside's corps has most certainly effected a junction.

Common Council-A resolution was It Furnishes Adequate Motive for Inwith the gas company with a view to
with the gas company with a view to centive and Enterprise.

PORTLAND, Sept. 30.—(To the Editor.)—It is but natural that Mr. C. W. Just as the president was about putting the taking of interest canabruptly left the room, leaving the abruptly left the room, leaving the president was about putting the question, Councillor Dodge abruptly left the room, leaving the abruptly left the room, leaving the abruptly left the room, leaving the abruptly left the room. lieving that the taking of interest can-not be justified. As a Socialist he is committed to the Marxian fallacy of holding that labor creates all economic the absent member, but just as he wealth, that is, all exchange value, cleared the door Councillor Monnastes left. Finding it impossible to get a only utility, cannot be regarded as quorum together again, the members

> "Ingomar" was performed last even-So ing to a very good house,

## Perhans Mr. Brazes may object to 'MOVIES' SHOW EXTREME CRUELTY Carnegie Polar Stunts Are Held As

Wanton and Brutal. PORTLAND, Sept. 29 .- (To the Editor.)-The exhibition of motion pictures of boxing matches, or their interstate transportation, is generally prohibited on the grounds that such exhibitions are demoralizing and that it is inadvisable to display to the public the brutality of the fighting game. there is certainly gross discrimination when such an exhibition is permitted as is now to be seen at one of the Portland picture theaters. These are pictures taken by an expedition outfitted by a Carnegie Institute, but as a portrayal of the cruelty of "noble man" to helpless dumb brutes, it is

unparalleled in my experience. What, in the name of science, would Carnegie Institute want with half dozen polar bears, three of which were killed in one spot by the white men of the expedition and several others at different times, to say nothing of as many big horn sheep as coul-

remained within rifle range?

There is graphically shown the flight of a mother bear and her cub into the ocean, where they had doubtless theretofore found comparative safety. They are pursued for miles by a half grown steamship. There is shown their futile endeavors to escape, first by swimming and then by diving. Finally the cub is lassoed from the ship, the loop catching it fairly around the neck, and the struggles of the helpless beast and the tation" in reading the Bible he would the mother, now to help the cub and then to climb on board the ship and attack its captors, are truly heartrending. During all this may be heard the laughter of women (not men) at what may well have been the death struggles of the two brutes. bill states that on account of the fierce. ness of the mother bear, it was finally found necessary to cut the rope and loose the cub, but with the noose still around its neck, it is unlikely that it long escaped strangulation, even if it were not fired upon. The pictures such opinions on such a matter. As allowed to escape, although this may we were taught in youth that modesty be doubted, as men with guns in their would indicate that both bears were

H. MILLER.

# Going Straight To the Point

practically worn out.

This is an advertising talk for retallers.

Now is the open season for buy-ing and planning many lines of merchandise. You are being called upon to pick and choose from line after line. Traveling representatives visit you and you are enabled to see the best the market offers, in quality, style and workmanship.

The representatives of the most progressive houses who wish to sell you goods, will doubtless tell you

you some sort of aid, in view o your buying the line, to help you sell it to your customers. Right here is where you should put the newspaper proposition up eparely to the manufacturer's rep-resentative. If the manufacturer really wishes to help you let him choose the one sure method that hits the mark for you here in this

of the fame and name and popularity of the goods and will offe

ommunity. The way to sell goods to the peo-ple of this town is to advertise these goods in The Oregonian and other first-class newspapers. That is the only kind of manufacturer's advertising that will help you.— Adv.