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CONTRACT PRICE-FIXING.

Under the caption "Cut-Throat Prices; the Competition That Kills," Louis D. Brandels makes a plea in Harper's Weekly for legal sanction of contracts by which manufacturers of patented and trade-marked articles have been declared in restraint of trade by the United States Supreme Mr. Brandels admits "such a contract does in a way limit

competition," but he adds: No man is bound to compete with himself.
And when the same trade-marked article is
sold in the same market by one dealer at a
less price than by another, the producer, in
effect, competes with himself. To avoid
such competition, the producer of a trademarked article often sells it to but a
single dealer in a city or town, or he establishes are exclusive sales accord. No one lishes an exclusive sales agency. No one has questioned the legal right of an independent producer to create such exclusive outlets for his product. But if exclusive selling agencies are legal, why should the

Mr. Brandels must know that the maintenance of exclusive sales agencies for indicidual articles would restrict sales and increase expenses ture? Why the initiative? Why not sensible instruction in their youth, but as compared with sale outright to a let U'Ren be the whole thing? we fear that Provost Smith would not number of merchants who carry a general stock. He pleads that contracts of the kind in question do not unreasonably restrain trade, yet he admits that they restrain competition. Any device which restrains competition is a restraint of trade, as our experience with the trusts has proved.

Price contracts are based on a false

assumption—namely, that conditions under which all retailers do business are the same. It is notorious that they are not the same. One merchant may pay a lower rent in proportion to his volume of trade than another; good management may reduce the cost of running his business below that of another; ample capital may enable him to discount his bills, while a competitor must take all the time the producer allows. One merchant can thus sell at a lower price than his compett. tor and yet make the same percentage of profit. He can thus increase the volume of his sales. Even though the two men's cost of doing business be the same in every respect, one may prefer to increase his volume of business by selling at a smaller profit than his neighbor, thus applying the principle of small profits and large returns as against large profits and small returns. One merchant may be for which there is immediate demand his own business according to his own circumstances and according to his bassador or the most noted General. pleasure of the man from whom he buys? Having bought the goods, he owns them and they should be his to dispose of as he pleases.

What assurance have we that the price fixed by the manufacturer of John D. Rockefeller's exits and ento sanction price contracts, it from Delphi in all its glory, also determine whether the should also determine whether the prices are reasonable, all the more so his luxurious motor and basked in Thus we come to the point of gov- light. Not intellectual light, When we recall the daily, sometimes more persons to go to church. revises the price of a service so stable necessary.

There is but one safe means of fix- build. ing prices. That is the law of supply just reward to the manufacturer of an shine. Let those sweated his product that law will punish him and Colorado. in selling.

Government price-fixing.

POBTLAND TRADE WITH ALASKA. Establishment of a direct line steamships between Portland and happy.

It would be interesting to learn Mr.

It would be interesting to learn Mr. must be placed to the credit of the Chamber of Commerce, particularly of the committee which has assured stead of through other cities has been due to preoccupation

occupied. tory. It is but natural that these investors and prospectors should buy in their home city, price and quality being equal. So long as there was no direct steamship line, Pertiand mer-

compete in prices with the mer-PORTIAND, OREGON.

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Chants of that city. This is a distinct in the future as in the production per farmer can increase at the same time that the proportion of farm laborer decreases. It is to this release of make Portland at market and a point of trans-shipment for Alaska products, which have attained great volume. which have attained great volume. They carry north investors and pros-

on its feet during the depression of the ninetles. It was proved on a much rium between cost of living and earn larger scale when that city began, during the same period, to build up population, trade with Alaska and thus laid the . foundation for the great commerce which has given Seattle a strong hold on Alaskan trade and which has been chiefly instrumental in causing the great growth of that city. It has been all so well meant that we suppose they and American steamship lines have created.

good "drummer" for Portland trade. graduates of both sexes that they can-It will broaden the interests of the city, which have been too much con- of thought in elegant English. To fined to the immediately surrounding territory.

WHY IS ANYTHING? Again a doleful voice from Oregon fix the prices at which their goods City. The Courier bemoans the loss These contracts of the new supplies ordered by the place the address properly on an enments of the registration law now de- are as bad as anybody else in these pie? Why a Legislature, anyhow, in many students in the university who

findividual manufacturer of a trade-marked article be prevented from establishing a marketing system under which his several agencies for distribution will sell at the same price? There is no difference, in substance, between an agent who retails the article and a dealer who retails it.

In the dark, the registration law or the people mastered those branches he is educated to a far greater extent than 50 per cent of the men who enter our university today."

Poor readers indeed furnish lamentages. in the dark, the registration law or young student, and when he has once way of finding out. That law, too, Poor readers indeed furnish lament-has been declared unconstitutional, able examples of faulty education. "Why do we permit men who don't Listening to their mumbling, grunting know law to make laws," in or out and sighing, we ponder sadly on what

Grande Messenger, in commenting on haps we ought really to class it among the abandonment of the New Year's the lost arts, like that of tempering reception at the White House, "that copper and staining glass. Who ever President Wilson spend his brief va- heard a minister read his hymns and cations in social events, or in seclu- Scripture selections agreeably? There sion, where he finds rest and recrea- is a tone of voice supposed to be sion, where he finds rest and recreation and returns to his duties better uniquely adapted for pulpit use be-fitted mentally and physically to cope cause of its extreme reverence. It is with the vital questions confronting a sorrowful tone, overladen with the Nation and millions of people?"

A President in seclusion is a new pressing. We dare say the habit min-type. No other ever ventured to with-isters cherish of reading in this way draw from the traditional social ac- accounts for many an empty tivities and duties of the Presidency; They would do better if they had been no other ever dared to hold the peo-ple at arm's length. President Wilson but theological seminaries know as litis entirely justified in declining to be the about good reading as the secular hauled here and there to banquets or colleges. The deplorable performance public gatherings; but he cannot es- that passes for reading aloud in the

ing and mingling with the multitude voice to it and lingers mournfully over and he will not do it. It is irksome the task while his intellect attacks the to him to shake hands with a miscel- more formidable problem of "pig." By laneous lot of visitors and exchange commonplaces with them. Yet it is nounce "pig" the word "the" has bear great political blunder to exclude come a linked sweetness long drawn overstocked with a contract article them from the White House on the and may desire to sell it at cost in one day in the year when they have "pig" and the two mingle their music He should not lose heart. Look at for which there is immediate demand day is everybody's day at Washington begins upon "can." Thus the poor lit. got appointed to something. Why should his freedom to manage been, free to meet the President on at the outset, and of course he never the same terms as the greatest Am- corrects it. For who cares how

The President has a strange way

LITTLE RAYS OF SUNSHINE

rade-marked goods is reasonable? A trances at the Cleveland church have price which is reasonable in the in- become international events. What- was a valuable family expedient. The fancy of a business may become un-reasonable as that business grows to ever the minister happens to say in little flock gathered round the evening great proportions and as volume of adulation of his exalted parishioner is fire and the good mother, drawing to hang on his practice as a policesales increases faster than overhead reported from one end of the world to charges, but it may be maintained to the other. Mr. Rockefeller's chance cover up overcapitalization or inefficlent management or to pay interest into or out of his car are listened to day, gave everybody a delightful hour en wornout or obsolete plant. If the by breathless nations, as if they came

protection of patents and trade marks, discoursed genially on the benefits of arate volumes of their own, and a little because it gives the manufacturer the the radiant Cleveland sunshine, he ernment price-fixing. Then if the you, nor spiritual light. What Mr. Government is to fix the price of pat-Rockefeller approved of was sunshine, ented and trade-inarked commodities, the kind that was pouring graciously why not of all commodities? If the down upon him at that moment, Government is to fix prices, it must "Plenty of sunshine," he murmured also revise them from time to time. With that rare smile of his, "induces hourly, changes in prices and the de- petual sunshine and an equal distriliberation with which the Government bution of it would make churches un We suppose that is the value as transportation, we can reason why they do not build any conceive how impracticable would be churches in Los Angeles, or at any rate rarely go inside those they do

The best remedy for the implety of and demand under a system of free the masses, Mr. Rockefeller believes competition. That law will give his with almost inspired wisdom, is sun-just reward to the manufacturer of an shine. Let those sweated London article so excellent and so necessary shirtmakers, who earn 40 cents a week that a general demand springs up. If by seventy-five hours' work, get out a manufacturer seeks an unreasonable into the beauteous sunshine and all profit that law will pare it down to their complaints against Providence a fair percentage. If a manufacturer will vanish as if by magic. A little attempts to preserve a high ratio of sunshine is all that is needed to setprofit by depreciating the quality of the the miners' strikes in Michigan Mr. Rockefeller's reducing the demand for his goods. faith in sunshine is enhanced by its It will enforce efficiency and economy cheapness. It requires no income tax, production, energy and enterprise none of those other seditions expedients which are becoming all too common in this wicked period. But, as he remarks, the sunshine "must be equally distributed" before it can do its perfect work and make us all

about the equal distribution which seems to be so important.

tering the Alaska trade directly in- NEW VIEW OF RACK-TO-THE-FARM, able it may be. The New York Times takes a new of Portland view of the back-to-the-farm move- Smith was well advised in recommendmerchants with the field they aiready ment. Referring to the statement of ing a narrowing of the school curricu-held and to reluctance to branch out an lows professor that in 1896 98 lum to the "three r's." Fundamental into a territory which seemed already per cent of the population were farm- as these branches may be, they are ere against 35 per cent now, it says still only the foundation, Tet much Portland capital has been that one man now can raise more not the superstructure, and even the invested in Alaska and many Portland than a dozen could then, citing as humblest citizen cannot be expected to men have gone to the northern terri- evidence the use of power plows and spend his whole life in the cellar con

the freight by rail to Seattle in order the farms is not more men but more brains." It continues

They carry north investors and prospectors and bring south Alaskans to winter in the Oregon metropolis.

Then why the increased cost of food and why the great army of unemployed in cities at times? It would and which did much to keep that city needed in farming, but more farmers are needed also to restore the equilibings and between urban and rural

READING ALOUD.

College graduates are receiving a great many invitations of late to consider their shortcomings. These are international commerce which British marked improvements will follow in The Alaska steamship line will be a Bok patiently reminds the college not spell, write or express their want show how universal the sin is of which he complains he commits the same faults which he charges up to others. Postmaster-General Burleson sticks more pins in our National conscience by admonishing us that we cannot write legibly and are ignorant how to county to conform with the require- velope. College graduates, it appears, clared unconstitutional. "Why do we particulars. But it remained for Propermit men who don't know law to vost Edgar F. Smith, of Pennsylvania make laws?" it asks. "Why do we University, to bring home to them permit men who are incompetent for their most miserable falling. He does the work to tackle such a job and so in the following piercing rebuke: blunder a great expense onto the peo- "It is a deplorable fact that we have a state where the people have the law- are unable to read a page from a textmaking power?" book aloud to the class and read it cor-Riddles of wisdom, these! Which rectly. Reading, writing and arithmebook aloud to the class and read it corwas the greater example of legislating tic will furnish sufficient labor for any

of the Legislature? Why a Legisla- might have been had they received limit his objurgations to university students if he knew the world as well as some persons do. Good reading aloud "Is it better," demands the La is one of the rarest of the arts. Pergroans and tears, monotonous and decape the formal social obligations of schools begins early in children's cahis great office and he should not try. reer. Suppose Tommy has to read The truth is undoubtedly that President Wilson has no instinct for meetreads aloud?

The chances are that in the whole course of his humble progress from the schoolhouse to the grave he never will once be called upon to practice and books were scarce, reading aloud "The Scottish Chiefs" or "The Children of the Abbey" from the sacred nook where they reposed during the or two with her silvery voice and intelligent expression. But with the progress of the years light grew and books became plentiful. Tommy Mary and Susan might easily have sepreflection will show how tiresome it would have been to wait for mother to read them all aloud. The various members of the family, consulting the priniciples of modern efficiency, all books and each "sat sullenly apart, gorging himself in gloom," or in joy ording to the tenor of his author. Cheap printing has been perhaps the most formidable foe to the habit of reading aloud. The free public librarles have almost as much to answer for The guilt must be about equally parti. tioned between the press and the libraries if we admit that there is any guilt in the matter. Stlent reading is, of course, far more rapid than reading aloud, and, if we may believe a cloud of witnesses, it is apt to be more profit. able. When one pronounces word he is presently seduced by the drone of the voice into a sort of auto hypnosis where not much is understood, and a similar lapse is only to

apt to occur when one is listening. The somnolence which besets the churchgoer is accounted for on this principle by some philosophers. Much readin does not necessarily mean much profit from it, but upon the whole the mar of many books is preferable as a social unit to the man of one book. "Beware of the man of one book," a wise obperver warned us long ago. He is apt to be intense, narrow and fanatical What the modern man needs to make his way through the world is a marketable knowledge of one subject and a comfortable smattering of many. This cannot be obtained from one ook, no matter how big and vener-

Nor do we believe that Proves

once in a while, their counsels would | HOME RULE PROMISE NOT KEPT gain as much in common sense as they might lose in academic calm.

Progressive leaders in Illinois proas to concentrate their efforts on electing at least thirty-five members of the lower house in the next Legis lature with a view to holding the bal ance of power, says the Inter-Ocean. The greatest means of expanding the trade of any city or country is direct lines of transportation. This has been proved on a small scale by the mosquito fleet, which piles from Seattle to all ports on Puget Sound and which did much to keep that ally proposed in cities at times? It would still legislation unless their programme is enacted. This includes initiative of modern farm machinery; in fact, that the movement has been excessive. Most certainly more brains are and the principal items in their social and which did much to keep that the number of farm hands all legislation unless their programme is enacted. This includes initiative of modern farm machinery; in fact, that the movement has been excessive. Most certainly more brains are and the principal items in their social justice code.

The attraction which a soldier's life possesses for descendants of a man who has distinguished himself in war is shown by the leaning of the Grant family to the Army. The great Civil War General was followed by his son. General Fred Grant, and now his grandson, Chapman Grant, has left civil for military life. He sees a proved on a much larger scale by the must be welcome, and no doubt chance of war and will join the Fourteenth Cavairy on the Mexican border all the walks of life to which the critics as a Second Lieutenant. The longing direct their kindly attention. Edward for a fight seems to be in the blood.

The municipal factory for employ ment of the blind is a practical step to help men to help themselves. There no sound reason why men who have is no sound reason why men who have tions, appointing election boards and lost one of their five senses should the like? The chanes are that in every not be able to earn a living by use of one of these 12 cities it was a fair exthe other four instead of making capital of their infirmity by begging on the streets. There are among the the streets. There are among the blind many self-respecting men, who them by the Home Rule Association in shrink from becoming dependents. 1910, that they would be good I am They need only a start to become selfupporting.

In at least one demand of the Na tional Federation of Labor all enlightened persons will concur. That is a minimum wage for schoolteachers. It is coming to be understood that the in ountry schools are our most important institutions, but those who teach in them are often miserably underpaid. Here, as everywhere else, there ought to be some correspondence be-tween the social value of the work and its remuneration.

The latest civic watchword is Make a hero of your community." The point is that a community, be it village, city or country neighborhood, is larger and nobler than any individual. It is worth living and working for. Our great need, we are told, is become , "community conscious. The modern pageant helps toward this the that we are to have one or more at

the next Rose Festival. With all its queerness Kansas jusice has some traits which might profitably be imitated elsewhere. The village magistrate who sentenced a pair our development which we have long of "drunks" to assign their wages to their wives for a year was no Dog-berry. Through his wisdom the poor wives will be lightened of their burdens. If he had imposed fines in the usual way he would only have made their lot harder.

Colonel Goethals is reported to have declined an offer to become Police Commissioner of New York City under Mayor-elect Mitchel. perhaps considers digging a canal a mere picnic by comparison with heading a newly-muckraked police force. The latest "bunk" is that Ulster is

recruiting in this country. That is waste of effort. The only way Ulster can win is to induce Irishmen to do her fighting, as does the mother country.

An Arkansas man has been running

order to make room for other goods been free to go there. New Year's as Tommy, after prolonged meditation, Bryan. After all hope seemed lost he There were 135 fatalities in twenty-

one states in the hunting season just Tommy utters his vocables when he closed. It would seem that the hunters, rather than the game, is threatened with extinction. Only his grape-juice record saved Bryan from a grilling by the Ne-

In olden days, when kerosene was dear ance in drink, saves him from intem-Delay in the Sweek case appears

> A bunch of fowls seems to have little individuality, yet almost everybody can see a resemblance in rooster to some one he knows.

> court lawyer. Since when did the

party set up such high ideals?

A lunch-counter car is being tried on the Pennsylvania lines, Looks as if poor people were going to have chance to eat while traveling

why doesn't some staunch Mexican buried themselves in their own chosen suffragette rise up and become the mother of her country. A punctillo must be removed before

Germany and Great Britain may exhibit at the San Francisco fair Where's Dan Lively?

Turkey apologizes to Russia for a That should be the minor affront. keynote in Turkish foreign relations hereafter.

The state can make a substantial entry in its credit sheet on the announcement that John L. May will re-

Somehow these pictures of Santa Claus do not pan out when Christmas comes. No boy realizes all his hopes A billion is naked to run the Gov

ernment during the next year. but aren't the Democrats economical A Wisconsin woman has just be come the mother of her twenty-ninth

and next year may be "36" for her. Huerta was reported to have fled Mexico yesterday. He doesn't impress us as a fleeing sort of man.

An Ogden man says his mind is blank. Bet he's a Spug trying to forget that Christmas approaches.

Nurses in California are subject to eight-hour law and appendicitia will come that much higher. Congress may conduct a series of

news for sunny California. Women now demand recognition of

It's different from dealing with poer old Huerta.

No. Gerald, the chicken show is not chants found it necessary to absorb and says truly that what is wasted on would venture out into the living world in the form of a musical comedy.

Wets Crittelsed for Not Accepting Majority Rule in Late Election.

SCAPPOOSE, Or., Nov. 19.- (To the Editor.)-I have been very much interested in the attitude the saloon keepers, in some of the cities which went dry in the recent election, are assuming. After all the fair promises the home rule amendment in about being perfectly willing to the majority rule, getting the cities to the majority rule, getting the cities to adopt model licenses and obeying laws, we had suposed that when the major-ity voted them out in any city they would be submissive. But it seems otherwise, and it is astonishing what a lot of wickedness these "dry" people have been suity of

have been guilty of. However, what seems grossly wrong in one city and is held to be a cause sufficient for the courts to declars the election illegal in another city same thing which was not done salme thing which was not done con-stitutes the illegality, as, for example, in Salem and other up Valley cities it was all wrong because the city au-therities did not conduct the election, while in Rainier, down the river, the contention is that the filegality was in the fact that the election board was not appointed by the county but by the City Recorder. Oh, consistency, thou art a jewel!

art a jewell

If the saloonkeepers were so anxious
for majority rule in 1910, why are they
not willing to submit to it in 1913,
even though there were some little irregularities in petitions calling elecpression of the voters who took part in the election, and these gentlemen should abide by the votes and thus pressed editorially in your columns about two months ago, that what we need more than anything else are a lot of model saloonkeepers, for it seems that our present lot will not reform the business and are not willing to let other reformers take a hand in it. "Vex populi, vox Del" is not always true, but in this case the ma-jority of the people should rule just the same as in the towns and cives which went "wet." We hear of no

ontests in those pinces.

These gentlemen are only making arguments for the repeal of their smendment, but for statewide prohibition. C. L. HATFIELD.

SCHOOL AMENDMENT TO CHARTER Department of Education Proposed to Supersede Vilinge Plan.

PORTLAND, Nov. 20-(To the Editor.)-It would appear from reports of the last school district meeting that the proceedings were largely a farce, The modern pageant helps toward this the proceedings were largely a farce, end. Hence it is pleasant to know and certainly far removed from expressing that sober judgment which ought to govern the educational affairs of the community.

Is it not high time that the whole machinery of administration of our public schools be reformed? The exoutgrown. It was probably efficient in Portland's village days; but under present conditions it is utterly impossible, in a town meeting, to obtain a true expression of the mind of the

In view of the fact that the present city charter eliminates party politics, would it not be practicable so to amend it as to provide for a Department of Education as part of the city adminis-tration, thus giving the voters of the city a really effective means of con-trolling this most important branch of public business?

There is no doubt that a great ma-jority of those most deeply interested in education feel that the present system is a farce, for it is physically im-possible for the people of the district to express their convictions at an election.

A reform in this direction is long overdue, and the recent flasco will help to hasten it; the result will be great gain. JOHN BAIN.

Tiferculous Livestoria, SHERWGGD, Or., Nov. 30.—(To the Editor.)—Is there a state in re-quiring a person that is selling cream to have his cows tested for tuberculosis? If so can a person sell the

CHARLES P. TAYLOR. Milk or cream may be sold from

lows that have not been tested for tuberculosis except in such cities as have local laws to the contrary. The state law, however, makes it the duty the art he has acquired so crookedly. braska Anti-Saloon League. Temper- of every person who has in his possession any domestic animal which he suspects of being affected by any infectious, contagious or communicable disease to report the same to the state veterinarian. There are certain regulations governing the sale of beef from tubercular cows and a plan for Indemnifying the owner for the slaughter of infected stock. Persons interested should write to Dr. W. H. Lytle, State Veterinarian, Salem, Or

On Trading Checks.

ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 39.—(To the Editor.)—A gives B a check for \$30 in exchange for B's check for \$30. Later A finds out that B has no unds in the bank on which his (B's) theck was drawn. A then notifies his All the male chiefs having falled, A's) bank and stops payment on his

In the meantime B has persuaded C cash the check that A gave him. Who is the loser? Must A make the eck good? X. Y. Z. check good?

If A's check fell into the hands of an innocent purchaser A is the loser.

Superstition as to "13." PORTLAND, Nov. 30 .- (To the Edi-

tor.)- Would you advise your readers what reasons, if any there be, that people look with omen upon number when it designates time, num Please state the origin of this super

stition, and oblige.
INTERESTED READER. Superstition concerning the number

"13" grew out of the incidents attend-Judas at the Last Supper.

B In Right. GOLDENDALE, Wash, Nov. 28.—(To

distance from his farm buildings and number of feet higher. He will lay three-inch pipe from said reservoir to within a short distance of his buildings that point reduce it to one inch, intending thereby to get a greater

B says that he will not have more pressure than he would if he had used an inch pipe all the way. Which is right, A or B? W. COWLES.

Marriage After Divorce.

PORTLAND, Nov. 30,-(To the Editor.)-How soon can people diverced in Oregon marry again in the states of Washington, Idaho and California? ONE INTERESTED.

Marriage of a person within six months after obtaining divorce is inexperiments for killing frosts. Great valid ne matter in what state per-

13.083,207,

Verses by a Hindu Written by the Winner of the Nobel Prize, Robindranath Tagore.

THESE are some of the poems of Rabindranath Tagore, the Hindu poet, to whom has been awarded the Nobel prize for literature. This is the first time that this prize has been awarded to any person not of the white

The poet's attitude towards his own work is mirrored in the following stanzas:

You came down from your throne and stood at my cottage door.

I was singing all alone in a corner, and the melody caught your ear. You came down and stood at my cottage door.

Masters are many in your hall, and songs are sung there at all hours. But the simple carol of this novice struck at your love. One plaintive little strain mingled with the great music of the world, and with a flower for a prise you came down and stooped at my cottage door.

High praise is given by W. B. Yeats Love":

have ever loved thee in a hundred form Age after age, in birth following birth.
The chain of songs that my fond heart did weave.
Thou graciously didst take round thy neck, age after age, in birth following birth.

When I listen to the tales of the primitive past,
The love-pangs of the far distant times.
The meetings and partings of the ancient

I see tay form gathering light
Through the dark dimness of Eternity
And appearing as a star ever fixed in the
memory of the Ail. We two have come floating by the twin currents of love.
That well up from the inmost heart of the Boginningless.
We two have played in the lives of myriad lovers.

lovers
In tearful solitude of sorrow
In tramulous shyness of sweet union,
In old, old love ever ranewing its life, THE WOMAN IN SORROW.

Ah, who is she who dwells in my heart, the woman sorrowing ever?

I wooed her and I failed.

I decked her with wreaths and rang songs in her praise.

A smile shone is her face for a moment, then it faded.

"I have no joy in then," she cried, the woman in serrow.

I bought jeweled anklets for her feet and fanned her with a fan gem-studded; I made for her a bed on a golden couch. There flickered a gleam of gleanness in her eyes, then it died.
"I have no joy in them," she cried, the woman in sorrow.

seated her upon a car of victory, and drove her from end to end of the drove her from end to end of the earth.

Conquered hearts bewed down at her feet, and shouts of applaus rang in the sky.

Pride shown in her eyes for a moment, then it was dimmed in tears.

"I have no joy in conquests," she cried, the woman in serrow.

I asked her: 'Tell me, whom is it the Seekest?"
She only said, "I do not know his name."
Days pass by and she weeps.
"When will my beloved come whom I know not, and be known to me forever?"
she cries, the woman in sorrow.

. . . THE BRAHMIN.

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sun had set on the western margin of the river among the tangle of the forest,
hermit boys had brought back the eattle home, and sat round the fire to fixton to the master, Gautama, then a strange boy come, and greeted him with fruits and flowers, and, howing low at his feet, spoke in a bird-like voice—"Lord, I have come to thee to be taken into the path of the supreme Truth. My name is SatyaRama."

ssaings be on thine head," said the

Satyakama."
sings be on thine head," said the
master. "Of what clan art thou, my
child? It is only fit for a Brahmin
to spire to the highest wisdom."
er," answered the coy, "I know not of
what clan T am, I will go and ask
my mother."

what class I am. I was go and water, my mother."

saying, Satyakama took leave, and wading across the shallow stream, came back to his mother's hut, which stood at the edge of the sandy waste at the end of the siseping village.

lamp burned dimly in the room, and the mother stood at the door in the dark waiting for her son's return, clasped him to her bosom, kissed him on his half, and naked him of his arrand to the master.

errand to the master.

It is the name of my father, dear mother?" asked the boy, "It is only fit for a Brahmin to napire to the highest wisdom, said Lord Gautama to me." woman lowered her eyes, and spoke in a whisper, "In my youth I was poor, and had many masters. Thou hadst come to thy mother, Jahnia's arms, my darling, who had no hus-band." The

the early rays of the sum glistened on the freetops of the forest hermitage. The students with their tangled hair still wet with their morning bath, as under the sucient tree, before the

came Satyakama. He bowed low it the feet of the Sage, and stood

"Tell mu." the great tencher asked him, "of what clan art thou?"
"My lord," he answered, "I know it not. My mother said when I asked her, I had served many masters in my youth, and thou hadst come to the mother Jabain's arms, who nad no husband." rose a nurmur like the angry hun af bees disturbed in their hive; and the students muttered their wrath at the shuncless insolence of the out-cast waif.

cast waif, we design the seat stratched out his arms, took the boy to his becom, and said, "Best of all brainings art thou, my child. Thou hust the noblest heritage of truth."

THE TEMPLE.

With days of hard travail I raised a temple.
It had no doors or windows, its walls were thickly built with massive stones.
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The right there was everlasting. It by the lamps of perfumed oil.

The canceless smole of incense wound may beart in its beavy coils.

Niespiess, I carved on the walls fantantic figures in many lines, bewildering winged borses, flowers with human face, women with the curving limbs of a serpent.

No passage was left anywhere through whileh could enter the song of birds, the murmur of leaves, or the hum of the busy village.

The only sound that echeed in its dark dome was my own chanting of inscributions.

My mind became keen and still like a pointed flame, my senses swoomed in exitations.

I knew not how time pansed fill a thunder storm and struck the temple, and a pain stung me through my heart as it were a snake of fire.

Suddenly a gap yawned in the stony walls, the daylight streamed in, and voices came from the world.

The carvings on the waits, like chained dreams looked meaningless in the light, and van tried to find a hiding place.

The closed at the image on the altar. I saw it smilling and alto with the living the captive night spread its wings and vanished.

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PORTLAND. Nov. 28.—(To the Editor.)—I read your editorial of November 27 conterning taxes, and am one of those people that have no children at the present time old enough to enjoy the opportunity or privilege of taking advantage of the schools, playgrounds etc. Yet, I have paid my \$40 to \$50 per year taxes choerfully.

I have also voted cheerfully the bond issues, but I shall not do so any more, for the reason that I have carefully ob-

for the reason that I have carefully ob served in the administration of all the departments of the city the enormous extravagance practiced in doing the work. It is not an uncommon sight to work. It is not an uncommon sight to see the men in the park departments standing around in the rains-when no one can work—making the effort to put in their time. I know of instances where the engineering corps have stacked their instruments at noon and would not go in till' 4 P. M. I have been surprised and disgusted to think nen in the city department had so little

Population of Mexico.

AUMSVILLE, Or. Nov. 29.—(To the Editor.)—Please state the population of Mexico?

Mexico in the city department had so little honor or pride as to make a feint in order to draw down their salaries.

I think you will find most all the people do not object per se to any of these tax levies, but they do know they do not get over 50 cents on the dollar in returns. What is the use to say more? JOHN TEN EYCK.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of Dec. 2, 1863, Chattanooga, Nov. 24.—Today Hook-r, with Granger's and Osterhaus' divisions and two brigades of the Fourth Corps, carried the north slope of Look out Mountain. Sherman's corps, with three divisions of 15,000 and one division of the Fourteenth Corps, carried the northern extremity of Missionary Ridge.

Chattanooga, Nov. 25 .- General Bragg vacuated the summit of Lookou Mountain last night. Our troops now occupy that position. General Sherman attacked the enemy on Missionary Ridge this morning and gained a con

Arrangements have been made at The Dalles for a course of lectures for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Sabbath school library.

H. A. Cunningham, of Albany, is the the following poem, "The Infinite district deputy grand sire for Oregon the present year of the L. O. O. F.

During the alarm of fire yesterday William McMillan, an old and respect-ed citizen, fell at the corner of Front and Alder streets, dislocating his shoulder. He was assisted by Judge Strong and Dr. Drew upstairs to the office of

By the assessment roll of this county the value of land is \$542,170; all lots, \$1,397,200; personal property, \$29,050; total, \$3,768,430. nal property, \$1,-

There are 1595 men liable to do mili-tary duty in Mulinomah County.

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of Doc. 2, 1888. Auburn, Dec. 1.—J. C. Harris, of Seattle, was acquitted of the oplum-smuggling conspiracy today.

Hon, John F. Caples, the prominent Portland attorney, returned yesterday from Corvallis.

The Oakland (Cal.) Enquirer in its report of the proceeding of the grand lodge of sorrow, A. F. and A. M., sald: "Edwin A. Sherman said he would that J. C. Ainsworth, 32d degree, were here to utter words in memoriam of John B. Congle, past grand master of the grand lodge of Oregon."

William Currier returned yesterday

William H. Gray, the venerable Astorian and author of an early history of Oregon, fractured his shoulder yes-

R. Abraham returned from his stock ranch in Umpqua Valley Thursday

Oregon's first Catholic Church, built at St. Paul 43 years ago, is undergoing remodeling costing \$1200.

BEEF THAT INSULTED THE DOG Another Man Tells of His Experience With Australian Product. PRINEVILLE, Or., Nov. 28 .- (To the

Editor.)—I read, with some interest, the letter of C. E. Cline, of your city, on the excellent qualities of Australian beef. He says that it was tender and ulcy, and in every way to the Queen's taste. I don't know what Queen he refers to, or just how sensitive her refers to, or just how sensitive her taster or smeller is, but I am quite sure his Queen must have been mothered by a she-wolf or coyote, as were Romulus and Remus of old, for otherwise she never could have cultivated

such a taste as that.
I was in Portland when this shipnent of beef was distributed, and, out of curiosity, purchased a slice of bect, and, taking it to the house of a friend, we fried it in it's own fat, but the stale

smell was enough, without tasting it. We offered it to a neighbor's dog, who took one sniff and ran away, barking. Mr. Cline will have to furnish argument fully as strong as the smell of his beef if he puts that down the good people of Portland, who use the quantity of choice beef that they do, and ion't kick much on the price, either.
As for his New Zealand butter, I an sure we will need a "little" salt with

that comparison, also.

H. S. CRAM.

Foreman Not Gullty. MOSIER, Or., Nov. 29 .- (To the Ed)or.)-I note in The Oregonian about the 20th and the 22d, and again about the 27th, mention of a negro suspected of being Mike Donnelly, who recently escaped from the Washington State Prison and who made his get-away from the officers near Hood River, and later made a section hand at Moster file the handcuffs off of him. About the 27th you mention it as the "section foreman" who filed the handcuffs off.

I am the section foreman, and have not filed off any handcuffs. I have several men working for me who will tes tify to the inaccuracy of the charge. I would be glad if you would correct these statements, as they might cause a reflection on me and cause me to lose my position. I have a family to sup-port and do not wish to be caused any trouble when I am in

JAMES PIERCEY. First Congressional District. TAFT, Or., Nov. 29.—(To the Editor.)—(1) How many votes did the candidate of the Democratic party the First Congressional District Oregon receive in the [212] election? (2) When was Mr. Hawley elected to

(1) Vote for R. G. Smith, Democrat, 15,410. (2) Mr. Hawley is now serving him fourth consecutive term in Congress-

Congress

JOEN OSTERMAN.

He was first elected in 1906.

Clarence L. Reames. TOKELAND, Wash, Nov. 20.—(To the Editor.)—Please inform me who is united States District Attorney for the Portland District. A READER.

Keeping Up With Advertising

Alert and progressive merchants are urged to keep their eye on the advertising columns of this news-

The merits of so many fine products for the home and for personal use are being advertised, and readers are informing themselves so thoroughly now on the subject of what to buy and where to buy that it behooves every merchant, big or little, to know what is going on.

He should see that his shelves carry the best grades of dependable merchandiso that the people are asking for.

His salespeople should be trained And in the windows and In the

should be given to the merchandise being advertised in this newspaper and demanded by our readers. In this manner retailers may in crease their sales and profits by

store every prominence possible

taking full benefit of the various standard commodities that are constantly described in the newspapers. Not to be prepared to serve customer with an article be has made up his mind he wants, fre-quently means the loss of an opportunity to increase the regular

patronage of a store .- Adv.