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STANDING LIKE A ROCK. The Boston Transcript has the following highly interesting statement from its Washington correspondent as to regional reserve banks:

ton's chance of getting one rederal reserve banks is in some because of the spirited demand regional Preparate of the spirited separaty because of the spirited af some Democratic Senators in the canculate secure the banks for their own localities. Atlants, Denver and Mineapolis, representations of the spirited secure to the secure Atlants. Denver and Minneapons, are de-senting important voting regions, are de-termined to secure a bank, and the fael-ing is so strong that the caucus is said to be in danger of trading off one or more of the larger communities like Boston or Chi-cago, if necessary, to capture the votes of Senators who are demanding that their home sections be honored. The whole cau-cus movement is largely the log-rolling affair, with this much give and take as affair, with this much give and take as ever the most rancid public buildings bill. Said Senator James Hamilton Lewis, of Hilmols, the Democratic whip, today:

"I feel under the circumstances that I would be justified in making almost any sort of a trade to have a regional reserve hank for Chicago, and I think the prespects of Buston lesing out are just as good."

We are left to assume that Massachusetts will be penalized by a Democratic Congress for having two Republican United States Senators at Washington. Oregon has a metropolis, Portland, which desires to be designated as the location of a regional bank, and it has at Washington two Democratic Senators. But no doubt the Oregon Democratic Senators will be firm as a rock in withstanding Democratic discrimination against Portland for the benefit of Seattle, in a state which has no Democratic United States Senators, or Los Angeles, in a state which also has no Democratic Senators.

Is not the currency bill a Democratic party measure?

ON MORAL GROUNDS.

The Administration's opposition to President Huerta's rule in Mexico being based on moral grounds, the New York weekly paper named "Mexico" takes issue with it and affirms that on moral grounds the Wilson policy should be condemned. It affirms these facts as justifying condemnation:

1—The placing of greater emphasis on antagonism toward one man than on the real settlement of a suffering people's prob-

lems.

2—By that antagonism helping to ruin a nation, the vest majority of whose people want only peace.

3—By that antagonism and by moral support giving encouragement to hands of outlaws, pandits and desperadoes, who look blackmail and ravish as part of the day's work.

work.

4 By expressing, according to undenied newspaper reports, personal satisfaction at the temporary successes of the handits against the forces of law and order.

3 By instituting a financial blockade, a starving-out process, which although aimed esting feature of the exposition. The

suppressed private advices and state depart-ment reports are truly informing.

Nor is there any reason to expect Were he driven out, what assurance of peace and order? Would not Carranza and Zapata fight for suprem-Would the various rebel and andit leaders cease their ravages? Might not Villa rise against Carranga. as Orozco rose against Madero? sort of government would it be that depended on such a general? Every battle Villa has fought has been followed by massacre and looting. The York Sun says he "has a record of homicides which would make the best record of an American 'killer' look very short indeed," and that "for Villa was a proscribed bandit, subsisting from robbery and pillage." Carranza's other generals are little, if any, better. If Huerta's government

embarkation but on arrival was found to be afflicted with trachoma and the whole family was held for deportation. Two of the children died during detention and the father, who had been in this country for several years, was compelled to escort his wife and remaining child back to Europe at great expense.

There is no excuse for imposing this

hardship on immigrants and their The medical examination could as well be made by a physician ttached to the American Consulate at the port of embarkation. The busithorough. The loss suffered by the steamship company is small, being limably consuming the savings of years.

the Panama Canal, renders this a sub- elsewhere. ject of interest to this Coast. It will relieve New York to some extent and will divide the stream so that the exthe time to prevent entry of diseasesd immigrants is before they embark, not after they arrive.

WEONG CUT DOWN AT THE BOOT. How much more effective is constitutional amendment than recall of decisions in bringing law into harmony with public opinion is shown by the New York Tribune's comment on the effect of the workmen's compensation amendment recently adopted in address New York State. The Ives Pestage Raies—12 to 16 pages, 1 cent; 18 to 32 pages, 2 cents; 24 to 48 pages, 3 cents; 26 to 60 pages, 4 cents; 62 to 76 pages, 5 cents; 78 to 92 pages, 6 cents. Foreign post-bune says that law "was framed with age, double raies." which Colonel Roosevelt cited as an argument for recall of decisions, arose bune says that law "was framed with the limitations of the constitution in view," and continues:

view," and continues:

No attempt was made to give the state a complete system of workmen's compensation for injuries received in the course of their employment. It was regretfully admitted that in the face of the constitution this was impossible. All that the Wainwright commission tried to do was to meet the cases in which compensation seemed most flagrantly necessary. It was thought that an act providing for the automatic compensation of persons injured in extra-hazardous trades might somehow squeeze through the courts. It did not. The Court of Appeals held that even the case of extra-hazardous trades did not fall within the police power of the state.

If the Ives decision had been re-

If the Ives decision had been recalled and if the constitution had remained unchanged, the state would have been given power to require compensation for injuries in extrahazardous employments only. The constitutional amendment now permits compensation in all employments. The impatient man, in his haste to undo an individual wrong, thus would leave the general wrong unredressed. The patient man, who strikes at the root of an evil, uses the individual wrong as the ax-wherewith to hew out the roots and to bring down the whole evil growth. Not because recall of decisions impairs the dignity and independence of the courts; not because it is necessary to right judicial wrongs. but because it is reform by piecemeal, is the measure unwise. We had better by far wait longer and make a com plete job of the reform, as New York has now done by constitutional amendment.

THE LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION.

The International Livestock Exposition, which is held at the Portland Union Stockyards, grows steadily in This year there are 900 importance. entries, three times as many as ever Part of this increase must before. naturally be attributed to the expansion of the exhibition itself, which now admits dairy cows, as well as beef animals, swine, goats and sheep. The visitor to the exposition, which is eyes with the sight of many a champlon cow, pig and sheep.

The dairies of this and other states

are represented by their most famous inmates. The Jerseys and the Holsteins are present in the usual numbers, but the Guernseys make a better display this year than heretofore This breed of dairy cows is growing in popularity. It is said by some judges to combine the hardiness of the Holstein with the fine qualities of the Jersey, thus forming an almost ideal breed for the dairy. But in the estimations of its friends every breed is ideal. No doubt the Guernseys have great merits and the development of

The college exhibits form an inter-starying-out process, which although aimed at one man, has brought great loss and suffering to a whole nation.

6—By matching in the action of the exposition. The Universities of Idaho and California ness and struggles of a sick people, and not Washington all have herds gon and T-By permitting the press of the coun-try to misrepresent the true conditions in that there are "independent teams" of that there are "judging teams" students from these institutions who are competing in Judgment upon the merits of fine stock. Education has that Mexico's sufferings would be traveled a long way from mere "book ended by the elimination of Huerta. larnin'" in these institutions. No doubt the students know how to make should we have of the establishment good use of books, but they can also use their eyes and their common

The education which takes firm hold of the real things of life is the kind that will best serve the world in the long run. The economic salvation he remained loyal to his chief, what of Oregon, in fact of the whole Pacific region, depends upon the production of more and better stock as much as upon any other factor. We need more swine. For those who undertake to supply the growing demand for these products the rewards are swift and imple. The Livestock Exposition will the last five years of the Diaz regime naturally stimulate an industry which in its various forms is of fundamental importance to the country,

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is probably all that is said of him, but his enemies are no better.

HARDSHIP TO IMMIGRANTS.

From time to time the newspapers record an example of hardship inflicted on immigrants through their being ordered deported after rejection by the medical examiners at Ellis Island. A recent case is that of a woman who arrived with three children. She had been passed by the stemship company's physician at the port of embarkation, but on arrival

The correspondent's misunder- fore numerous miscellaneous groups ness done at each of these ports is standing may be cleared by the state- of men," where the gospel of social large enough to justify the employ- ment that at present each improve- hygiene was preached by competent ment of one or more physicians. Ex- ment is bonded separately, while un- speakers. Nor does this exhaust the amination by the steamship company's der the proposed amendment all im- record of the society's missionary efphysician is naturally unsatisfactory, provements would be grouped and re- forts. They have invaded the moving for he will surely give the immigrant turns from bonds applied to each impicture shows, held noonday meetings the benefit of the doubt in order to please his employers, trusting to luck provision to which he objects is inthat the immigrant will slip through tended only to facilitate acquirement at proceedings which must bear good at Ellis Island, where the crowd of of money for a general fund for pros- fruit in due season. In co-operation arrivals is so great and the number of pective needs. Money derived from with the public school authorities examiners so small that examination any particular bond issue will lose its there have been held a great number is necessarily hurried and far from identity in this fund. It may be expended for any other improvement daughter" talks, the obvious purpose then under way. By thus using proited to the cost of return passage, but ceeds from bonds which are to be gento the immigrant it is serious, prob- eral obligations of the city no loss is their elders concerning the vitally imoccasioned by failure of any proposed portant subject of social hygiene. The diversion of a large proportion improvement to be carried out—the pursuing this line of work, the society's Phoebe Cousins is at rest,

of the immigrants to the Pacific bonds issued in advance may be sold agents ran foul of appalling ignorance Coast, which will follow opening of as needed and the returns applied of the simplest physiological facts

Moreover issuance of bonds does not imply their immediate sale. The plan is to sell bonds to pay for work only amination can be more thorough. But as required. The system will work as well with the remonstrance preserved as without, so how any lawyer can see a repeal by implication of that safeguard in the improvement code is beyond The Oregonian's comprehension. city is to finance all improvements from a common fund, issuing its own bonds from time to time to replenish that fund and is to hold property benefited as security therefor to the amount of the benefit. The amendment provides a guide for the city to determine how much money it will need in the fund but the fund will be so flexible that there is no possibility of its becoming topheavy. Likewise the benefits when paid for by the property owners will go into common fund for redemption of any bond that has run one year.

It is an intelligent, businesslike

FARMERS AND PARCEL POST. The parcel post has already been a prodigious success, even under the restrictions with which it was started, and it will be a greater success when the weight limit is raised and the rates are reduced, as announced by Postmaster-General Burleson. But it has not come up to expectations in bringing together the farmer and the consumer, in spite of the obvious profit to the one and saving to the other which would result from direct dealing. Mr. Burleson estimates that direct dealing would eliminate four profits on eggs-those of the country merchant, the commission man, the cold storage house and the market man-and that the eggs would be fresher when they reached the consumer than they are after passing through four hands.

But farmers have done little or nothing to market their produce by They cannot or will not spare time to come to the city and canvass the residents for custom. They have not learned how to pack producso that it will travel safely by mail. They have not worked out a system of collection. Employment of at least one middleman seems unavoidable. An agency in the city might canvass for orders for a regular supply of dairy produce, fruit and vegetables forward the orders to farmer clients, instruct farmers in methods of packing, supply them with packages and make and forward collections, less commission. Some such machinery seems to be needed in order to initiate the farmer in the use of the parcel post for selling as well as buying pur

A profit of \$30,000,000 in the parcel post is predicted for the first year of operation, but much of this has been free to the public, may delight his made at the expense of the railroads and the rural carriers. Railroad compensation has not been increased, or if it has, certainly not in proportion to the increased volume of mail mat-ter. They suffer doubly, because parcel post has reduced materially their percentage of express earnings. Against their plea for more pay it is maintained that, in addition to being paid for carrying mail, they receive an exorbitant rental for mall cars, sufficient to pay for the cars in years. The relation of the Postoffice Department to the railroads needs re-

THE SOCIAL HYGIENE SOCIETY.

vision and the rural carriers' pay

should be increased before we can

know whether the parcel post is hor

estly paying a profit.

The report of the Oregon Social Hy. giene Society shows that at the end of its second year it has become a great and powerful organization. The "donors. patrons" fills two solid pages of fine print in the society's annual report, while the list of other members occupies three and a half pages more. All this goes to prove that social hygiene is a subject of lively interest to the people of Portland and Oregon. For many other places are represented on these lists as well as Portland. Ore gon City figures conspicuously, Hood River, The Dalles, Corvallis and many other towns have one member or more. The finances of the society are as judiciously as its propa ganda. It has received during the year a little more than \$13,000 and expended a little more than \$12,000, so that it has a comfortable surplus on hand But such surpluses are only too tikely dairies, more good beef catle and more to be evanescent. They are here to day and gone tomorrow, for work of this nature is always in need money. All of the society's bills were paid up to August 1, and it has no liabilities. We commend its thrift to the prayerful notice of other philanthropic organizations,

The activities of the society are by Carranza or Zapata. The latter is not content to fight soldiers, he blows up trainloads of non-combatants with dynamite.

The character and conduct of Huerta's ehemics do not justify hope that Mexico's condition under their rule would be at all improved. Huerta is probably all that is said of him.

BUSINESSLIKE PLAN.

DORTLAND, Dec. 8.—(To the Editor.)—
Section 345a of the present charter reads:
The improvement code must provide for the giving of not less than 19 days notice
of the intention to make any improvement, and of any proposed assessment.

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making of any assessment therefor, to issue bonds, etc."

The paving plant amendment confers the power on the Council to make any kind of improvement, and to assess the cost thereof to the property benefited, and subject to the same powers as in the above quotation.

To argue that these sections do not increase the powers of the Council greatly is to argue that the language of the amendments can be variously interpreted and that the anthor of same or his spokesman art he only qualified interpreters.

If the wording of a charter amendment is such that even the lawyers of the community cannot agree on its meaning, it is the part of wisdom for the voter to defeat the measures and compel the authors in future to make the wording clear enough to be understood.

The Correspondent's misunderspeakers. Nor does this exhaust the picture shows, held noonday meetings with the public school authorities of "father-and-son" and mother-andof which is to establish confidentia relations between young people and

among half-grown boys. A request was made of the boys who had lis tened to the talks to hand in papers relating to what they remembered. Some seventy-two compiled and their compositions "showed the woeful ig-norance of these otherwise intelligent young people concerning the whole great field of reproduction and sexual life. Even the simple and beautiful life of flowers is so unknown to most of them that they fail to grasp clearly the facts as explained to them." The truth of the mater is that boys' minds from their earliest years are so stuffed with vile falsehoods concerning the reproductive processes that there is ittle room left for real information even when it is attainable and it is only since the social hygiene society began its salutary activities that it has been attainable.

This society is doing some of its most effective work by means of exhibits and publications. The exhibits include pictures, apt inscriptions, plercing warnings and striking facts vividly presented. The society has kept one permanent exhibit in place. while a movable one has traveled from town to town. It was at Oregon City from the 24th to the 29th of July and attracted 795 visitors. At Dallas on August 27 and 28 there were 239 visitors, facts which indicate that the message of the society is as welcome verywhere as it is necessary. The day of silence and conniving taboo on the subject of sexual hygiene has probably forever. It did immeasurable mischief while it lasted, but we have now come to the time of better things. The truth can at last be spoken and printed and only prudes and those who draw revenues from vice make any protest,

The opening of the Panama Canal to navigation is now contingent upon the length of time required to dredge out the slides in the Culebra cut. The dredges must work as long as the earth slides, and it may continue to slide, until the rock is bare to the hilltops, but when that time comes w should be rid of the trouble for all time. Better wait a few months and have the canal open "for keeps" than open it too soon and be compelled to close it again by new trouble of this We have waited so long-four centuries-for the canal that we can patiently endure a brief further delay.

The "naval holiday" which the National House of Representatives fa-vors so decidedly is a sort of "God's truce" in building warships. If the great nations all agree to it they will obtain a breathing space. They can pause and consider the inevitable outome of their mad competition and nay possibly be led upon reflection to repent of their folly and mend their ways. It is relative, not absolute, naval strength that really counts.

Another prominent young woman has disappeared from New York and it may be the work of white-slavers. If such should be the case, there is no hope of recovery. Time will come when the white-slaver will be sent to the chair.

The New Jersey political revolt against Wilson will not be aided by Senator Hughes, Hughes' brother has been made police captain at Manila, and all is more quiet along the Potomac than it has been in many weeks.—Brooklyn Eagle. Are the two facts to be understood

as cause and effect?

Mrs. Pankhurst was so pacific as to be positively dull while in this country, but she no sooner returns to Eng. land than incendiarism breaks out. Did she spend the American dollars she took back on coal oil?

In describing the return home of a

local householder, who found a burg lar in his home, the police reporter notes that he "returned to the street to summon help." Gentlemanly po The several thousand foreigners will be protected in all territory under

room enough in that territory for several thousand persons? Belated passenger trains are arriving from storms in East and Middle How welcome the eternal

Mexican federal control. But is there

Western Oregon green must appear. If you want a real merry Christman this year go the limit in helping those who can't help themselves. It's an experiment worth trying.

There is anything you want to see at the Livestock Show-equine, ovine, porcine or bovine, all the finest of the fine.

the manner in which President Wilson finally met the suffragists' committee.

Speaking of real diplomacy, note

New Indian tribes have been discovered in South America. Whereupon the troubles of aforesaid tribes begin.

Cabinet ladies have finally consented to return the call of Congressmen's wives. Gracious condescension.

As to that back-to-the-soil move ment, we'll all join it, although many will wait for slow music.

Murderer Lopez appears to make up in fighting qualities what the rest of the Mexican people lack.

from the Middle West. But it was still here at press time, Get a new calendar and mark April 14, when Oakland opens the season

Springlike weather has

The man who wrote of the oale moon" looked at her in December.

All Oregonians do not care to be Governor. There are other offices. The deacon who dies in the pulpit

could not hope for better credentials. An Italian deputy was wounded in duel. Must have been an accident.

Tracks of Lopez have been found. but headed away from the pursuit. This will be the last election day of the year, which is some comfort.

The Queen has not yet called on the Sayres, but the week is young.

Oregon woolgrowers should have comething to say tomorrow.

Let us hope the perturbed spirit of

IMPRESSIONIST SCHEME IN ART COURT DECISION IS SOUND, BUT-Critic Sees Too Free Use of It in Exhibit at Public Library.

PORTLAND, Dec. 8 .- (To the Edior.)-I desire to express my opinion of the work of the Society of Oregon Artsts, now being exhibited in the Public Library. There is much merit displayed in this exhibition, but the impressionist school sems to bave taken too strong a hold on the work in gen-eral to allow the talent of many of the painters exhibiting there to show to the best advantage. Many of them seem to weaken their work by the exessive use of color and quantity of onint One artist displays a fine rine canvas (which is quite his best work there). In which he has, to a rreat extent, laid aside the impression st scheme as compared with other of his works. While all of the paintings of this artist are worthy works, the are less meritorious to the degree that the impressionistic scheme is employed. The same criticism will apply to many of the works of other artists exhibit-

The impressionist school has its place in art, but when it runs riot to the ex-tent that it is difficult at a distance of 20 feet, so to speak, to tell the difference between a subject that might be either "An Early Dawn" or "The Death of Cromwell" it is about time to pause and consider. With very few exceptions the work of all exhibitors shows to some advantage if viewed at a proper distance, but it should be con-sidered that when paintings are dis-posed of and are hung in the home, hat certain distance required to show the true effect attached or produced s not always available, hence to any conditions there is only a blurring of

along impressionistic lines when they are not indulged in to excess and I be-lieve it would be well for many mem-bers of the Society of Oregon Artists desiring their work to show to the best advantage to direct their work somewhat more to detail; to producing he best artistic result.

If many of the artists comprising the Society of Oregon Artists would tone down their impressionistic temperaments more work of real art and in trinsic value would no doubt result.
AN ADMIRER OF ART.

COMMUNITY BACKING IS DOUBTED Resident Thinks Rose City Park Does Not Agree With Mr. Seaberg.

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—(To the Editor.)—From the several articles on park bonds written by Mr. Seaberg II would appear to an unbiased mind tha Mr. Seaberg has laid himself open to the same criticism I made of Mr. Lepper, viz., that of assuming to speak for a whole community, when, as matter of cold truth, he, in his official capacity as secretary of the Rose City Park Improvement League, can only speak with authority as he is so instructed, and can then speak for the actual membership of the organization, and anything beyond this is purely professions. gratuitous. The opinion of any equally informed private citizen would count

So far as the league is concerned, Mr. Seaberg is within his rights, for such a resolution was passed opposing the park bonds, but probably no very careful study had been made of the subject except by Mr. Seaberg, and mental strabismus often accounts for

The Rose City Park Improvemen League, as at present reorganized, may have an enrolled membership of 25 or 30 of as good people as are out here, but it is not fair to assume or let the impression go out that the league is speaking through Seaberg for the whol of this great section, for it is not so I don't imagine that it even entered his head that to light the parks well would have any bearing on morality.
Mr. Seaberg's expression "Goddess of Liberty lights" shows how little real thought he has given the matter.

Commissioner Brewster is too wis to install any Goddess of Liberty statues in our parks. There will be some votes for the park bonds in Rose City Park. O. G. HUGHSON. 593 East Fifty-second street.

DOWN THE COLUMBIA.

Drifting down Columbia River, Where it flows to join the sea Winding with a glinting quiver Thro' the hills so tranquilly, Musing over many things, While she holds the tiller strings.

am but an idle rover. So I linger with her yet, Watching blue eyes glancing over At my somber silhouette Limned upon the lucent stream, Where the silver minnows gleam, She, a little bashful maiden

Scorning wealth and title, too, Frusting me to find that Aiden, Where no lovers may pursue, we loiter where we list. Happy in our troth and tryst;

Where is happiness, I wonder, If the effort prove in vain? Surely we must drift asunder, Nevermore to meet again-Heart, be still! I may not fear Law of man intruding here.

Gentle winds are sweetly wooing Lisping leaves on either side, Vill'd with fluttering and cooing. Where the little ring-doves bide unlight arrows slanting thro. Tint the schoals an amber hue,

Gilding pools and placed places, Where the water lilles bloom, Where the spider's silken laces Scintillate athwart the gloom, Bobolinks with joyous song Greeting as we pass along.

Leaving fleecy flocks untended, Comes the shepherd with his crool Mowers, too, with blades suspended, Pause awhile, and wendering look, As we drift along and pass Thro' their fields of luscious grass.

Wider grow the reedy reaches, And the sky grows wider, too, Blending with the brimming beaches Into pearl and purple hue, While the lark ascending sings, Spilling music thro' his rings.

Hark! I hear a distant walling Piercing thro' the breakers' sound, So I know we'll soon be sailing Where the gulls are flying round; connic blue eyes bolder be When they great the open sea.

Now the breeze is blowing strong, Turning to a jolly gale, We must loiter here no longer We must hoist our little sail. no longer: This is where-Ah, cling to me!-Where the tide is running free.

Courage dearest! In the distance Lies the haven of content, There our love without resistance Shall like sky and sea be blent, Hope's fulfilment nevermore, Wrecked ugon a hostile shore

G. O. FREEMAN. Portland, Or. Origin of "Hobson's Choice.

Kansas City Star. Many curious stories of the origin of Many curious scores in "Every-popular phrases are given in "Everypopular parases are given in "Every-day Phrases Explained" (Pearson). It is related that "Hobson's choice" arose from the fact that Hobson, a noted car-rier in Cambridge, would only let out his horses and coaches for hire in ro-tation, refusing to allow his customers to choose, a customer being compelled to take the norme pearest the door.

to take the horse nearest the door. Thus it became customary, when anything was forced on one, to say "Hobson's choice."

Judge Lowell Believes Constitution

Unduly Restricts Registration Laws. PENDLETON, Dec. 8 .- (To the Editor.)-1 observe that the Governor of the state has very properly designated an election laws commission, and I assume that this action arises because of the opinion of the Supreme Court recently handed down declaring the registration law of 1915 unconstitu-

ional and void.

Doubtless every lawyer in the state and probably a great many laymer knew when that law was placed upo the statute books that the Supreme Court would be obliged to hold it unnatitutional if it ever reached that bunal, but notwithstanding that fact, every citizen who desires fair elec-tions believes that the law was inherently correct, and that somethin kind is absolutely necessary in

the state. Our constitution was adopted at time when the state was sparsely set-tled, and when there was presumably no thought of the necessity of regis tration. Section 2 of article 11 pro vides as follows:

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Section 1. In all elections not otherwise provided for by this constitution, every citizen of the United States of the age of 11 years and upwards, who shall have resided in the state during the six months immediately preceding such election, and every presson of foreign birth of the age of 21 years and upwards, who shall have resided in this state during the six months immediately preceding such election, and shall have declared his or her intention to become a citizen of the United States one year preceding such election, conformably to the preceding such election, conformably to the swe of the United States on the subject naturalization, shall be entitled to vo of naturalization, shall be en at all elections authorized by

An examination of this language will make it appear to laymen as well as lawyers that the Supreme Court is correct, and that so long as the constitution thus speaks no comprehen-sive registration law is possible, because the right to vote is guarantee to certain people without restriction in clear and unmistakable language.

What is necessary, and, indeed, all that is necessary, is for the people to amend by initiative the constitutional provision above quoted by adding the fellowing proviso:

Provided, however, that the right to vote thalf be dependent upon compliance with such registration requirements as the Legis-ature may from time to time smact. The primary object of this letter nowever, is to arouse some public in-erest in a further amendment to sec-tion 2 of article 11, aforesaid, and hat is to strike out the following

And every person of fereign birth of the age of 21 years and opwards, who shall have resided in this state during the six mouth immediately preceding such election, as shall have declared his or her intention to become a citizen of the United States on year promising such election, conformally ar preceding such election, conformal the laws of the United States on the su ect of naturalization.

Thus denying the ballot to foreign-born ersons until such time as the have completed their naturalization

Voting upon the first naturalization papers is neither a good nor a safe practice. It certainly imposes so serious burden upon our immigrants to require complete naturalization before placing upon them the responsibilities of the ballot.

STEPHEN A. LOWELL.

LOVE'S KISS.

Love's kiss; they are but two short, simple words.
Said without effort, costing scarce a
And yet, within their slender bounds is heard

A strain that sweetens life, makes tranquil death— A strain of joy so rich that they who mtss

Its harmony have lost exquisite bliss. Ah! who can tell the feeling, who can mark The tide of rapture, that o'erflows and swells
In such bright waves of light; all else seems dark.

And conscious only of the bliss that dwells Sole monarch of two hearts, throned on each soul. Most willing subjects of the sweet con-

With slow and gentle touch the hand

is clasped, through the frame. y see that in each other's eyes is giassed

Love's torch, just lit, and bursting into flame. And gazing thus into each other's eyes, Their language, eloquent, is long-drawn sighs.

Those sighs increase, still tighter clasp their bands, Their fuscinated eyes deep gaze to More near, till by each other's warm

breath fanned. All sense is lost in that entrancing maze, Like the bright beams that herald coming morn, Thus from such rapture is the love kiss

born. Resistless as the stone hurled from the sling, Or steel attracted by the loadstone's power, The mingling breath and eager lips do

As if they no'er would part; ecstation hour! Why fly so fast? "Tis cruel to disseve The lips that fain would cling and kiss forever.

Intoxicating joy, magnetic thrill, Intense! It seems an agony of bliss, Each nerve a world of rapture seems to fill,

Earth, heaven, life, love, all, seem resolved in this; Like rays caught in one focus from above, Condensed in the burning kies of love. PHILIP F. ROSENTHAL.

Ups and Downs of an Elevator Boy.

Goin' up!
No, it ain't a bad perfession
When you gets to know your job.
I c'n run this elevator Good as any other slob. An' I meets a lot of people, Some that smiles an' some that frowns Every job's gut good an' had points This one's full of ups an' downs. Goin' down!

Goin' up! She's a classy little chicken. There sin't no stenographer In the buildin' got a figger, can drape it, just like her. An' she's pretty as a pitcher—
Jet-black hair an' eyes soft brown.
I've done my best to flag her,
Goin' up while she goes down.
Goin' down!

Gein' un! She comes down to work each mornin' Anywhere from half-past eight To nine o'clock or later; But I'm always just too late To be down on the ground floor An' rendy when she's there. An' I pass her when she's goin' up, A-flyin' through the air. Goin' down!

I'm not a pessimistic Or a hard luck kind of guy, But my disposition's sourin', 'Cause, no matter how I try To make the right connections, I get stung. It makes me sore.
I'm always flyin' upward,
When she's waitin' at her floor.
Goin' down!
The Stanley in Ju -Rainh Stanley in Judge.

Her Husband's Treasurer.

Chicago Record-Herald.

Many a woman finds it exceedingly difficult to give her husband a liberal allowance out of his salary.

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of Dec. 8, 1888. Olympia, Dec. 8,—I. C. Ellis, Repub-lican, has filed a contest of the election of his competitor for Representative, Mr. Fredson.

Spokane Falls, W. T., Dec. 8 .- The citizens have called a mass meeting for Tuesday evening to take action in regard to the early admission of the territory into the Union.

The horse harnessed to C. A. Malar key's delivery wagon ran away while he was feeding in front of the fish market yesterday.

The evangelist, D. L. Moody, and his helper, Mr. Winslow, arrived from Walla Walla last night. Division Superintendent J. Q. Bar-

low, of the Union Pacific, is at the Merchant with a party of 25 engineers Rev. George W. Foote, paster of Trin-

ity Episcopal Church, has gone to San Jose, Cal., to reside, having resigned. James Terwilliger, Esq., bought yes-

erday through M. G. Griffin 35 feet

n the west side of First street between heridan and Williams avenue \$2000 cash. Mrs. Churchill, of Drain Station, ar rived in town yesterday. She was on the lookout for her daughter, Nollie, who had eloped with Bud Scammon, of Goldendale. A telegram intercepted them at Troutdale, whence an officer

comely little indy of nearly 16. Mrs. Churchill forgave the ambitlous suitor and assured him that, when Nellie was old enough, he should have her. The Willamette Bridge Railway Com

brought them to this city. Neille lis-tened to her mother's advice and, to-gether, they went back home. She is a

pany received three cars yesterday from Hammond & Co., San Francisco. Mrs. James Humphrey has returned rem San Francisco, preferring Oregon

o California.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of Dec. 9, 1893. We condense the following items from the Boise News: A man named Kitiridge was shot and killed at Placerville in a dispute about a mining claim. A rich lode has been discov-ered near Bannock, on Bear Run. Good diggings are said to have been found between the headwaters of Moores Creek and North Bolse. A train of 25 wagong loaded with flour has arrived from Salt Lake. The wagons carried from 5500 to 8000 pounds each. The flour cost \$3.50 per hundred at Salt Lake and was freighted through at per 199 pounds. It brought \$31 at

The Walla Walla Statesman learns that there was great excitement on the arrival of the Idaho murderers at Lewiston, but that no fears were entertained C. an outbreak, Mr. Beachey was received with three cheers by the dizens,

We yesterday heard a proposition discussed to establish a line of canoes and mudboats in our streets, a la street ail cars in other prominent cities citizens constructed tial bulkheads at their street cross ngs, upon which travelers could walk comparatively dry-shod. The rain storm of Sunday night floated considerable lumber, which had been deoted to the public use of sidewalk and street.

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday by the Daly Gold & Silver Mining Company, William A. Daly, John McCraken, H. D. Green and P. C. Schuyler, Jr., incorporators; Colv Gold & Silver Mining Company, freen P. C. Schuyler, Jr., and Josial

Last night was eminently a social light. The ladles of the Presbyterian congregation gave a social at the ven-try, the proceeds to be contributed to-ward cushioning the news of their new The ladies of the Epis congregation gave a social ushioning the pews of their

chapel School tuxpayers can be accom dated with receipts at the intelligence office of Parrish & Mulkey,

"If I Had Known."

If I had known in the morning How wearly all the day The words unkind Would trouble my mind I said when you went away, had been more careful, darlin Nor given you needless pain.

But we vex "our own" With look and tone We might never take back again.

For though in the quiet evaning You may give me the kiss of peace, Yet it might be That never for me
The pain of the heart would cease.
How many go forth in the morning That never come home at night; And hearts have broken

At harsh words spoken That sorrow can ne'er set right. We have careful thoughts for the

stranger.
And smiles for the coming guest;
But oft for our own
The bitter tone.
Though we love our own the best; Ah! lips with the curve impatient! Ahl brow with that look of scorni 'Twere cruel fats

Were the night too late To undo the work of the morn, -Margaret E. Sangster. The Disobedient Lamb.

London Pelican.
A teacher had been telling a boy the story of a disobedient lamb that was eaten by a wolf, "You see," she said, had the lamb been obedient and stayed in the fold, it would not have been eaten by the wolf, would it?" "No, ma'am," answered the boy, "it would have been caten by us." would have been caten by us."

Telling a Nation What's What

New England speaks its message of mills and factories to the Great West The West tells the East and the South of its grain, its fruit, its meats, and its food-stuffs. The East meats, and its food-sturis. The East and South repeat in turn the stories of the products they make for the good and up-keep of mankind.

Daily, the advertising columns of The Oresonian and other good newspapers throughout the land tell a column on what is going on what is Nation what is going on-what is being done to make living more

worth while. Newspaper advertising in reality builds cities, puts new life into lo-calities, and Tires the individual to greater and better effort in his strike of progress. To some this may seem a bit boastful. But no reader of The

Oregonian who considers his newspaper advertising seriously can fail realize the tremendous power it erts throughout this community. Newspaper advertising is a Na-tional distributer of facts and information which none should neglect. As a most vital force in the Nation it is recognized alike by manufacturer, producer distributer, merchant and the public -Adv.