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SPOILSMEN RAID AGAIN.

Emboldened by success, Democratic Congressmen are attempting another Having raid on the civil service. withdrawn deputy marshals and deputy collectors of internal revenue from the operation of the merit system, they next excluded income tax and Federal reserve employes. They now propose to add assistants of first though it is doubtless true that large and second-class postmasters, numbering about 2400, to the spolls. They propose to do so by the pernicious. underhanded means of a rider to the postoffice appropriation bill. They have not the courage to come into A man with one leg is no fit entry the open and attack the civil service for a footrace; and a party with one law with a bill for that express pur-They cover their work by hiding it in an appropriation bill, by fornia is safe for the Democrats, which means also they provide the President with an excuse for conniving at it, namely, the plea that he

cannot veto the obnoxious rider without vetoing the entire bill and thus injuring the public service. The people have been sparing of

their criticism of Mr. Wilson for his the village. Sixty-three were taken have recognized that he must make called by Colonel Lawson and a search some concessions to the accumulated around town increased the collection appetite of sixteen years in order to to more than 200. carry through the great measures for which the country is waiting and on the act of carrying a weapon into a which he has staked his Administra-tion. But the opinions of several lead- ownership of 140 odd firearms not shi ing Democratic newspapers, which are friendly to Mr. Wilson, indicate that proclamation of martial law? the people consider concessions to the

spollsmen to have gone far enough. The New York World indorses the orated by statute. Governor West pro-Civil Service Reform League's description of the postoffice rider as "a jobs to pay political debts." It de-scribes the Postoffice Department as "incompetent and stupid monopoly," which "has suffered further demoralization under the burdens of the den by law to take firearms from the parcel post" and which "is likely to collapse," if turned over to the spolls- owner are required to keep the peace men. Admitting that "many, if not or defend the state. Private citizens most. of the assistant postmasters were not impressed into military duty were appointed originally for political at Copperfield. reasons," the World says they have become experienced and familiar with right to bear arms are as follows: their duties, are removed from the field of active politics and "are public servants, not partisan servants." It

says that to remove them to make places for untried men "would be an act of inexcusable folly." It closes with this warning

The spoils no longer belong to the victors, and if the Democratic majority seeks to im-pose a government by spoils upon the country, the Democratic party will soon beaus to sporre cease to movern

The New York Times is equally em-

will remain of the merit system when Mr. Wilson's term expires. A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF. The Oregonian reprints today from the San Francisco Argonaut a sum mary of the California voters' regis-

tration in various cities of that state, compiled ten days after the books were opened. The Argonaut warns the public that no safe conclusions can be drawn from the early showings; yet a deduction or two is obvious and may be indicated.

There was last year in California a psaudo-Republican party controlled by men wha had really deserted the .75 party and who had an avowed purpose to destroy it. These men and their followers have abandoned the masquerade and have set sail under their true colors. The residue are registering now as Republicans; and registering now as Republicans, and it is safe to assume that they intend to stand indefinitely by the old or-Washington, but in every other city Eastern Business Offices Verree & Conk-b. New York, Brunswick building. Chi-ganization, sink or swim, survive or perish.

The early returns disclose that more citizens have so far registered as Republicans than as Progressives. FORTLAND, THURSDAY, JAN. 22, 1914. Whatever the final figures it is probable that the two parties will have strength somewhere nearly equal. The nembers of the new party are recruited almost wholly from the Republicans and there have been few gains by the Republicans from the Democrats; so that two partles have risen in California on the ruins of one.

What will be the result? The Demo ratic party in California is virile and numerous. It lost the state in the reent Presidential election by a hair, numbers of Republicans then voted for Wilson. Some of those Republicans, if they find the outlook hope-less, will doubtless continue to affiliate with the Democrats as the easiest way to escape a Progressive triumph, A man with one leg is no fit entry wing will not fly far in a political If no change occurs, Call-

THOSE WICKED GUNMEN

One of the indictments against Copperfield enumerated by Governor West in an address before the Ad Club was the number of firearms found in yielding to the spoilsmen, for they from persons who attended a meeting time.

We would not for a moment defend carried into the meeting justify a

The right to bear arms is guaran fesses to have acted in accordance with statute in usurping civil authori. trary, it not only is lawful, but both civil and military officers are forbidsorial bodies to imitate it as closely as owner unless also the services of the

The sections of the code on th

right to bear arms are as follows: 3355-Every white male citizen of this state above the age of 16 years shall be entitled to have, hold and keep for his own use and defense the following fire-arms, to-wit: Either or any one of the following named guins and one revolving pistoh, a rifle, a shotgun (double or single barred), wager or musket; the same to be exempt from execution under the laws of Oregon.

Oregon. 2850-No officer, civil or military, or other person, shall take from or demand of the owner any firearms mentioned in this chapter, except where the services of the owner are also required to keep the peace or defend the state.

As reason for martial law the Gov- works of Grillparzer, the nation's phatic in its condemnation. Detect-ing in Congress "a determined tend-ancy gradually to break down the census of brickbats and potato fairs were at their darkest. Any time-honored precept of "grain taken companies, ashera. line of play or opera which the

Post, there is small chance that much plain, simple and easy, as befits those ing leadership to frame some sensible who have condescended to study it. measures for educating the public and There is a royal road to knowledge, little or nothing in the way of penaliz-ing the theaters. Penalties abound at least to the kind of knowledge that pleases the brain of fashionable far too much already.

Washington. A few words of learned length and

thundering sound, a few catch phrases and cant terms, some doses of saccharine sentiment, some "moral-ity" of the up-to-date variety, mix meanings, which, he suggests, should these ingredients well together in a mortar with a little risky sexual al- follows: lusion and you have the psychology

which fascinates the upper circles at the Capital. The ethics which our social luminaries have undertaken amuse their lighter moments to by studying is of a similar character. It begins with the motto that "self-ex-pression is the first law of life" and ends with the precept that the highest form of self-expression is attained by running away with your neighbor's

where idle people with too much money for their own good are gathered together. Even a fashionable mind cannot be satisfied forever with pervision. There is some danger lest utter vacuity. It has to pretend to our zeal for other people's morals exact itself once in a while, or insanmay degenerate into puritanical faity would ensue. Hence these new "studies." sure to follow, which will leave mat-

CENSORING THE STAGE.

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Experience does not encourage us o expect any positive results from a censorship of the stage. The Portland committee, of which Dr. Foster is chairman, seems likely to give its atsays that this "should open tention to constructive measures rather than to mere faultfinding with what is had. He says the committee should seek "to devise some positive method to improve the character of vaudeville productions," instead of insisting upon "negative aspects of the matter," Although this committee Although this committee will concern itself officially only with vaudeville, still the principles upon which it plans to act are applicable to all sorts of theaters. Denunciation of the bad has never been so fruitful as promotion of the good. The Drama

League has probably hit upon the only method of "elevating the stage" that will ever lead to anything of consequence. The silent disapproval of undesirable plays, with a steadfast direction of patronage to what is bet ter, will work wonders in course o

Probably the only effective censor ship of the stage we shall ever at tain must come from the great public itself, rather than through drama leagues or some similar organizations. countries where official censor-

ship has been long established and active the people have uniformly refused to be guided by it. The sures way to make a play popular, of late years at any rate, is for some censor to condemn it. Experience show that official judgments upon literary productions of any sort are likely to e not only insufferably stupid, but vitiated as well, by social and political prejudices. The Russian censorship is, of course, the model of all that is had in that direction, though, secretly, quarreled with W. R. Hearst. it is the ambition of many local cen

they dare. The scope of the Russian censorship is unlimited. It covers all dummy. printed and spoken matter as well as the stage. Such innocent and meekly conservative publications as Dr. Ly man Abbott's Outlook cannot be cir-

culated in Russia until the more "subversive" pages have been inked out. The native press is ruled with an iron hand and writers who incur the disapproval of the official critics are bundied off to Siberia without delay. No American censorship can hope for a

grant of power quite equal to this, but it is the goal toward which such The Austrian censorship enjoys the glory of having suppressed the best

Stars and Starmakers BY LEONE CASS BARR. It is time to try something more effective.

"A CTRESS is Peruvian beauty, shricks a headline. If she looks A writer on the Boston Transcript like the picture printed of her she's has converted the name of John Lind

As nigh as I can figure it out, every be incorporated in the dictionary, as actress who gets mixed up in taxi accidents, railway wrecks or burning hostleries suffers a compound fracture of her jewalry department.

LIND, n. A project secretly conceived and carried forward in mystery, from which great results are expected, but of which nothing comes.
v. 1. To intermeddia, where there is a half-assumed right so to do.
2. To consume a great deal of time in waiting seriously for what does not hand. In a little town out from Los Angeles licenses are required for chickens. The musical comedy profession well may shudder.

President Wilson's Mexican policy Emma Goldman is described as wearcan be said at least to have enriched ing "an anarchy veil." Made of bombazine, I suppose,

Is there any good reason why the German and Swiss societies should See where a business man has married four actresses in succession. not be permitted to amuse themselves Greater admiration for a profession has never been known. as they like? Their members are good citizens of trustworthy judg-

Report says "quinine will be cor nered," In which event its pronunciation will probably be established. Louis Leon Hall is playing a role be

naticism. If it does so a reaction is likes-that of the hero traveling salesman-at the Baker this week, "My best pal was a traveling salesman, drummer, so-called." said L. L. H., "and like Kip-

ferring to The Oregonian's recent dehabits, reputed and otherwise, of the brotherhood of salesmen. Students who sire for a supply of competent instructors in co-operative management, have closely observed the animal in his haunts will know that 14 times out vocation for intelligent and active of nine he is bending over a musty old young men." In the same connection we may mention that our progressive Agricultural College will soon open a new course of instruction in co-operative management in harmony with or maybe to the girl at home, while the

and one on onions reduced me to tears. Tha fact gives ground for expectation that

he will be a good Mayor. At least he will be Mayor, not Mr. Hearst's to protect themselves from mashers. Well, unless the chorus ones are better looking than some that have been sent

The modern Democratic platform in Oregon: To hades with the civil power. Down with the constitution . . . Let the military power rule. All other Lilian Tingle is preparing menus for public officials but the Governor are crooks, and he is the only honest man. marching L W, W's.

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SANDSTONE IS OF GREAT UTILITY Northwest Product Admirable in Color and Stability.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15 .- (To the Editor.)-Fearing that the public may get the wrong impression regarding the qualities and usefulness of sandstone hardly worth Peruvian barking about. for buildings from the statement published in The Oregonian a short time ago, made by Mr. Mason, condemning the stone taken from the old library

building, I beg to submit the following: Fifty years' test ought to prove the worth of any sandstone, at least one of the better known sandstones in the Northwest which has been used for building purposes and has been subject

to this test and in no way found wanting. Others have, although not so long in service, indicated their usefulness and ability to stand for ages.

The stone used in the old library building was what is called surface stone, taken from the surface of the quarry which carries all over about 10 feet in depth. It has a rich buff

color, and when properly selected possesses great stability and while it is used mostly for interior work, it is also used regularly for the exterior. Our blue-gray sandstones are, how-ever more admirably adapted for gen-eral building uses, interior and ex-

terior, than stones of other color Many notable examples of this variety of stone may be observed in various so-called," said L. L. H., "and like Kip-ling, who learned from others, I learned from my friend a lot about habits, reputed and otherwise, of the brotherhood of salesmen. Students who

sap when quarried, and easy to cut and carve. This makes its cost very reasonable. When exposed to the air a very short time it becomes very hard;

sand years, and there is no better building material to be had.

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Gold Production and Prices.

See where a bevy of chorus maids the Editor.)—Please answer the fol-have banded together to carry canes lowing question: "Why does an increase in gold production make prices higher?

Because it makes gold worth less i us of late the problem can be solved proportion to other commodities, and by taking the blinders off the mashers. the only way to give effect to the reduced value of gold is to raise the price of the other commodities as expressed in gold. The situation can be easily understood if we first dismiss from our duced value of gold is to raise the price breakfast, luncheon and dinner for the in gold. The situation can be easily

Japan is very impatient at failure of the United States to answer its diplomatic correspondence. But the Tapanara should bear in mind that minds the idea that gold is money and tion for a grand festival. Coast with "Polly of the Circus," or apples. If one farmer trades his po-plays the role of Amy in "Little Wom-tatoes for another farmer's apples and buildings on the leves opposite North-rup & Co.'s and is erecting a third Secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes. The secretary Bryan is too busy to attend to such triffes.

Editor McManus, indicted for help- Angeles and San Francisco and then versed. The buyin

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of January 22, 1889. Salem, Jan. 21 .-- A lot of innocentlooking envelopes were distributed in the Senate this afternoon. Steel opened one and withdrew a printed circular letter, charging that the railroad com-pany had spent thousands of dollars to secure the re-election of Senator Dolph.

Washington, Jan. 21 .-- At the State Department and in the German legation there is considerable anxiety and ap-prehension concerning the state of affairs in Samoa.

New York, Jan. 21-Admiral Gerhardt says in case of war with Ger-many over Samoan afairs the scene of operations would probably be confined to the island, and although our Navy is weaker than Germany's, we would have a decided advantage in being able to throw a large body of troops on the ground much quicker than Germany. the

Albany, Or., Jan. 21.—Considerable excitement was created in this city to-day by about 100 Italian laborers who day by about 100 Italian laborers who had not received full pay from the con-tractors, Scarle & Dean, for work done on the Oregon Pacific Railroad. They collected in front of the First National conjected in front of the First National Bank. Mr. Scarle tried to reason with them, but they would not be appeased, and as he turned to enter the bank they selzed him and one or two drew knives and threatened to kill him. Mayor Cowan and several citizens in-terfered and the moh was dispersed terfered and the mob was dispersed.

Sergeant B. S. Pague, of the United States signal office, leaves today for Salem in the interest of the bill for a state weather service.

East Portland City Council-Mr. Crosier introduced an ordinance amending the franchise so that steam motors can be used only on N street and horse and electric power on other streets.

A. J. Brownlie, of Major Handburys office, returned yesterday from Cape Meares in company with Mr. Leaman, who has the contract for building the lighthouse, and Mr. Rogers,

D. D. Oliphant returned yesterday from an extended trip East.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of January 22, 1864. Mr. Henderson, of Wells-Fargo & Co., informs us that navigation is still closed above The Dalles and is likely to be so for some time. He learned from a man who came on foot from Umatilla that the river was frozen from Grande Ronde Landing to the mouth of the Deschutes.

the Deschutes. The subject of divorces has received a quietus in the Washington Terri-torial Legislature. The committee to whom the first case of the present ses-

sion was referred returned it with the recommendation that it do not pass and a memorial to Congress was passed organic act he so amended as to for-over close the doors against such a question.

There is a famous resort for all iwashes just below the Garden Field House and night before last it was the cene of a bloody encounter between epresentatives of the Spokane and

Yesterday was the dullest, wettest day Portland has seen this year.

Hon. Joseph Engle, of Belpassi. Marion County, yesterday gave us facts of a move to aid the sanitary fund.

Mr. O'Conner, of the What Chee

The Senator made her first trip to

merit system and to o en the way to mashers. restore the old, bad spoils system,' the Times denounces the rider as "a more determined and dangerous attack upon the merit system" than any that have preceded it. Recalling the quiet revolution wrought by the civil service law in the last thirty years, it accuses "a large part of the Demo-and, again that the Vancouver tax crats in Congress" of wishing "to go system was responsible for the treback to the miserable method of ap- mendous building and industrial ac- is exercised by an official of the court pointment for political or personal fa- tivity then in progress in the British voritism." It says that, while signing which carry such riders, the was forced to admit that Vancouver President "has explained that his be- did not have single tax-only nearlief in the merit system is unshaken single tax. Nevertheless it was free and that he means to enforce it," yet dom from certain taxes that induced these measures "seriously cripple his manufacturers and building investors to enforce it. His position is to flock to Vancouver, we were told. called feeble and exposed to further attacks and he is warned that he is business depression and upon invita 'definitely threatened with a break- tion from a Portland evening newspadown of the merit system that would per with single tax leanings one of be disastrous to his Administration." the single-taxers who used to delight and vicious plays to proceed unhin-He is urged to have the rider stricken in making invidious comparison beout or to veto the bill, for "no plea tween Vancouver and in excuse would in any degree palliate cities on the American side of the his failure" to do so.

The rider is termed by the India- planation. apolls News another wedge thrust into the merit system. It says the pears, is that the city did not go the spollamen hope to force the President whole road in single tax. "With sixto approve the bill and thus to turn sevenths of the rental value of land over these 2400 offices to them. The to speculate with the real estate boom News maintains that the President produced just what it did in cities of should have power to veto separate this country-an ultimate relapse," items and Congress should be pre- says this eminent tax authority. vented from attaching riders to bills. and that, in the absence of that power, he should veto the postoffice bill,

jectionable provision included." statement by the Brooklyn the effect of the step toward single Eagle's Washington correspondent of tax the same propagandist is now adthe number of postmasters appointed by Mr. Wilson in the ten months he emption on improvements and perhas been President gives little hope

that he will stop the raids of the spoilsmen. He has appointed 2982 boom and an ultimate relapse in Vanpostmasters, nearly a third of them in the South, where Republican post- fect in Oregon? Are the single taxers masters who formed a part of Presi- deliberately steering us toward a hard dent Taft's steam roller have been dis- fall? Is it their purpose to teach with Nearly a third of the replaced. movals have been in the South, 216 of glory of full-single tax? them in Texas alone and 103 in Ok-

lahoma. Referring to the large numher of removals in normally Republican states, the Eagle correspondent #8.95:

It needs no political expert to see at a flance that all of these well-favored North-in States are strategic from a political they have taken up. Psychology and standpoint.

of Congressmen and political leaders cratic favor. According to reports, that they do not receive enough patronage, the correspondent says:

That such a complaint is justified con-cerning President Wilson is not generally regarded here as being borne out by an examination of the figures.

The President seems to have adopted a species of reciprocity with Congress, whereby the members get jobs interested in all that pertains to the for their favorites in exchange for higher regions of thought. The psychology which has become their votes for his constructive legisbe so and

HURBAHING FOR TROUBLE.

Columbia city.

In the subsidized single-tax cam paign of 1912 Oregon heard a great deal about "single tax" in Vancouver. and again that the Vancouver tax Now and then one Today Vancouver is experiencing a Northwest line comes to the rescue with an ex-

The trouble in Vancouver, it an he same way. Bearing in mind that, on authority

of the same writer expressed in 1912, the Vancouver boom was promoted by hould it come to him with the ob- near-single tax, we are led to more serious misgivings than ever as to vocating for Oregon in the \$1500 exsonal property.

If near-single tax will produce ditions. couver, will'it not have the same efthe adversity of near-single tax the

INTELLECTUAL WASHINGTON.

We feel no apprehension whatever

that the Washington smart set will strain their minds to the danger point in pursuing the new studies which ethics are the branches which have that "all dancing and theater-going Referring to the frequent complaint been thus distinguished by aristothe rage for these intellectual diversions bids fair to drive out the tango they satisfy nobody of more than inand make bridge teas desolate. Th fantile intelligence. rumor that the President's daughters promise in the feeblest effort to eduexpect to attend one of these classes cate the public taste and morals than in whole volumes of restrictive ordibefore a great while gains some credence, since these maidens are deeply nances. Our good people have been saying "don't" for so many centuries that the human race is weary of their "the ulti-

their votes for his constructive legis-lation, in other words, the legislative mate scream" at the National Capital code of "do's." Dr. Foster's position skids are greased with spoils. If this is, above all things, new, No delving as chairman of the censorship comunless the President heeds into the mines of meditation. No mittee is singularly happy, inasmuch the admonitions of the leading Demo- waste of time pondering over perplex. as he fully understands the potency cratic newspapers we have quoted and ing problems. Nothing of that vulgar of constructive thought. We shall exof others like the New York Evening sort. The science has been made peet the committee under his inform

censor's imagination can distort into an attack upon the government or efit of a more or less farcical censor-The difference between Noah and ship for many years. The function an Oregonian is that the historic Adwho has been ridiculed by Bernard miral never went ashore during the Shaw until all the world knows what wet spell and had little need of a an anomaly the censorship is in this raincoat. age of the world and what a simpleton usually performs it. Shaw says indeed, that no person intelligent enough to be a competent censor could be hired to exercise a duty so mean and malignant. However that stand. may be, we all know how the British censorship has worked out in prac-tice. It has uniformly allowed foolish When the idle begin to burn Van

dered, while it has been the consistent they were in the easy-going States. enemy of good dramatic art and sound morals. As far as we have had any Two Vancouver couples came to experience with official censorship in the United States it has operated in censes. they could be proud of.

France and Germany, which are neasurably free from the meddling of official censorship, are the two coun-tries in which the drama flourishes best. We shall be told at once to look nations are "odorous." at Norway, which has produced Ibsen and Bjornstjerne Bjornson, but, un happily, these geniuses are both dead and neither of them received much of a welcome at home until the more liberal foreigners had sealed their fame It is in France and Germany, with their intellectual freedom, that the theater thrives best. England, to be sure, is doing very well, but that is because her censorship is nothing but pretence in most cases. It only be omes active when some play is of-

fered which seriously attacks vice con In the United States a grea many good people take it for granted

that the theater is a sink of iniquity which is past redemption. At its best it is hopelessly evil. At its worst it is not much blacker. This mistaken

feeling leads some ministers to preach against all play-going as if it were one f the deadly sins. What we need in this matter, as in so many other di-

rections, is the power to discriminate between the good and the bad. Of course, it is temptingly easy to say are immoral" and there end the matter, but unfortunately judgments of that kind are so hopelessly inane that

There is more mouse

What's become of Mexico!

. . .

An odd commentary on the speed of photo-playwrights, the Balboa Amuse- gold were scarce. If, as was the custom Old Political Ambition an attack upon the government of an odd commentary on the spect of smacking, no matter how faintly, justice is found in the St. Louis liti-of "sedition," is sufficient in that blessed country to blight the entire bless blessed country to bless three reel drama to be submitted bless blessed country to bless three reel drama to be submitted bless blessed country to blight the entire bless blessed country to blight the entire bless bless three reel drama to be submitted blessed country bless three reel drama to be submitted bless bles

before May 1.

A Methodist minister at North Yak ima disputes the story of Jonah and the whale; but, as he fails to offer anything better, the biblical tale will

they ate three-year-old eggs. that's nothing. I eat one every day or

Ann Swinburne's picture in colors decorates the front cover of this week's paper? Dramatic Mirror.

Portland to get their marriage li-Must have wanted records

Mirror, says that "Thais Lawton has Governor West is busy trying to excontested honors with Mantell all along plain he was not slurring a man for the route, and the public and critic his misfortune, and, as usual, explahave showered her with such praise that this may be the reason for her

A note from Miss Lawton says that she Between starting things and explaining them afterwards Governor is to open in "The Family Cupboard" class. If the composition of the paper West keeps the publicity pot boiling in New York. right merily.

The Kaiser forbids German offiers taking hold of the female arm but neglects to mention the waist.

Your true Prohibitionist laughs at cisco. these continued rains as he contemplates a possible long "dry" period. Milan to rejoin the La Scala organization. She says she hopes she will never

The carload of smelt sent from Kel- see the Pacific Coast again. so to Kansas City will spoll the appe-tite for mudcat along the river.

One woman mauled two policemen What chance has mere man got in the world any more?

Dealers at the Chicago stockyards are paying record prices for beef. Pity the poor consumer.

Idaho University has raised the ban on the tango. Too late. The tango passe now.

A party of four has about as much to fear from a cougar as from a field

eason is a rich and tempting one.

Washington society is going in the study of ethics. High time,

The annual revival of the yellow eril appears to be about due.

Are we to have a snowless Winter?

commodity for gold. When gold is abundant, a man gets more gold for To stimulate interest among the a bushel of potatoes than he would if

now at an end the baby has grown to best three reel drama to be submitted payment for other commodities, we In making the offer the Balboa com- increased in abundance, it would be as Till the

pany reserves the right to reject any correct to say that gold was cheaper as And the brains are full of hope, scenario submitted, and to buy any it would be to say that other commodi-others at reasonable rates. Scenario ties were dearer. Having for conven- On the office of the Gov. writers are requested not to write ience adopted gold as a measure of drama of military or Western life, as value with stipulated quantities named

by this firm of producers.

quet for its Commercial Club, where exchange for it, Huh,

when the idle begin to but a bit of into print about it. so-older than that, and never rush

from A. Kaufmann, of the Dramatic

Patents for paper cups might be sition of matter. Paper towels would sudden separation from the company."

be patented under the composition of which cups or towels are made is patented no one other than the owner

Fanny Anitua, an Italian contralio of the patent would be permitted to By Political has arrived in New York after a brief make drinking cups of the same paper. and disastrous experience with the If ordinary paper, not protected by any Western Metropolitan Grand Opera patent, is used, then the article,

Company, which played a short season whether it be towels or cups, must be at the Tivoli Opera-House, San Franpatented as a device. Mme. Anitua is returning to

Variations of Compass.

Guilty.

How

READER.

As to Patents.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 16 .- (To the Editor.) - Kindly let me know how many degrees the needle of the sur-The Sothern repertoire for the week veyor's compass varies from north and

outh, say on Willamette meridian, C. W. RHODES. of February 9 is here given in its revised form: Monday and Tuesday nights and Wednesday and Saturday matinees.

In regard to the amount by which "If I Were King"; Wednesday and the pointing of the needle of the sur-Saturday nights, "Hamlet"; Thursday veyor's compass differs from the true night, "The Merchant of Venice"; Frinorth and south meridian, this varies in different localities which may

near the same north and south line. The average variation is between 21 degrees and 22 degreese, and the needle points that much to the east of the true north. The variation is sometimes let has been written by Edward Weitzel greatly affected by the presence of iron in the underlying rock formations, but

the above are good averages for this vicinity.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 21 .- (To the Editor.)—In the course of my custo-marily attentive perusal of The Ore-gonian today, I discover this gross

lapse: "Business lays neglected." do you justify it? REAL It cannot be justified. The writer, See where a woman named Myrtylia the editor, the compositor and the

Pounds is running for office. Well, her proof-reader are jointly guilty of a nomination gives avoirdupois to the high crime and gross misdemeanor against good usage and sound English.

Gubernatorial Hop By Dean Collins.

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should quickly realize that, when gold increased in abundance, it would be as Till the veins are full of d Things are humming, More are coming, Bigger yet the list is summing More those subjects are not deemed available dollars, cents, etc., our only means of Of the men who got the wish y this firm of producers. Bead where Trenton, N. J., had a ban-wet for the Commercial Club means the price of the commodities we How the people's voice is hisbbing. When they felt the gentle jabbing Of Political Ambition, with the needle

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 17.—(To the Editor.)—Are patents granted upon useful devices made of ordinary paper? Or must they be of specially prepared Or must they be of specially prepared Finds the list of victims steady. ecorates the front cover of this week's pramatic Mirror. A telegram sent to this department A telegram sent to this department the paper's A. B. C. Of the Gubernatorial hop. And he'll get a many more Ere this new campaign is o'er. Patents for paper cups might be granted under devices, but more prob-ably would be patented under that class of patents which covers compo-"Aw, come on here with your needle: And the people's voice they hear Fairly bellow in the ear, So that they can understand

in his hand.

Just as soon as they are jabbed. Just the instant they are stabbed y Political Ambition, with the needle In his hand.

A Friendly Word,

(Louisville Courier-Journal.) "I have no bad habits," said the young man. "I don't smoke or drink." "Then I hardly think you will be happy with my daughter," said the old man. "She does both."

Investments in

Under-vestments

This is the "between season" for a great many women in buying out-er clothing, consequently it is a good time to turn the attention to replenishing the stock of underclothing. You have only to read the adver-tisements in The Oregonian to see what an infinite variety there is to suit each person's individual requirements.

Study the pictures and descrip-tions furnished by the retailers in these columns and you can easily decide what styles sult you best. There are a great many trade-marked brands of underwear that are backed both by the receiver

are backed both by the restation of the manufacturer and of the mer-chant who sells them in this city. Such a double guarantee makes you

doubly sure of the quality and cor-rectness of the garments. There is so much valuable infor-mation furnished in The Orego-nian's advertisements on this subject that if you read them carefully, you cannot go far wrong on qual-ity, fit and style .- Adv.

day night, "Taming of the Shrew." It has come at last, a playlet founded on the affair between the late Melvin N. Couch, of Monticello, N. Y., and the woman whom the New York Journal is pleased to call a "love slave." The play-

ticket

and James Clancy, and is now on the bill at Poli's Theater, Bridgeport, Conn. For several years Mr. Weitzel was

The crop of political plums this He also is the author of a vaudeville of the staff of the Detroit Free Press sketch called "The Magpie and the Jay. Of course, one of the principal char

> acters is Adelaide Branch, the woman in the case. The death scene is intro duced and the character of Mrs. Couch is made prominent.