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MAKING A GREAT PORT.

Portland is inclined to think that it is expending great sums in improving maintained. Why do the Democratsits channel and in building docks, but in order to view our work in correct proportion we must consider what other ports are doing and what they need to do in order to attain equality with Portland in channel depth and Armageddon? with other ports in dock facilities.

London's supremacy as the world's chief port has been threatened by the of Hamburg, Liverpool, inroads Southampton, Havre and other contineutal ports on its commerce. The old port authority, the Thames Conservancy Board, had power and re-sources too limited to accomplish The channel was shallow in much. many places and the docks were passing out of date as to depth, capacity and facilities. Parliament created a new body named the Port of London Authority, which has jurisdiction over about 100 miles of the course of the Thames, embracing practically the whole navigable channel, and which has large borrowing power. The Authority has surveyed the whole river

from Teddington to the Nore and has begun execution of plans involving expenditure of \$70,000,000. These include dredging the channel to a depth as a result. of thirty feet at low water from the Nore to the Albert Docks, twenty feet and, impliedly, against Healey and the thence to Greenland Dock, sixteen feet law, because Stros was one of the unto Thames Tunnel and fourteen feet to London Bridge, a total distance of that marched upon Salem. Then he forty-seven miles. This work requires removal of 22,000,000 cubic yards of

material in addition to the constantlyaccumulating sil*. There were under construction in the year 1913 additions and improve-

ments to the docks costing \$18,750,-Docks are made necessary by 0.00 the tides, the range of Spring tides being seventeen feet at Southend and

twenty-one and one-half feet at London Bridge, while that of neap tides is thirteen feet at the former and seventeen feet at the latter place. London Dock the passages are being widened and deepened and a jetty 800 by 190 feet, is being constructed

and covered with a two-story shed. At West India Dock two of the quay walls are being widened and three great sheds erected. At East India Docks the entrance passages are be-

ing widened and deepened, great sheds erected and pumping plant installed. A new dock is being constructed at the Royal Albert Docks, having sixty-\$00 feet long and forty-five feet deep. A cold storage-house to hold 250,000 work,

sorting floors at these docks, while another cold storagehouse for 78,000 carcasses is being erected near Smithfield Market. At Tilbury the main dock is being extended 1611 feet, transit sheds erected and a reinforced concrete jetty constructed 1000 feet long.

ment they have done what they set out to do. SOME EARLY FIGURES.

The Oregonian will make no at-

tempt now to interpret the 1914 registration figures for Multnomah County, since they are quite incomplete and the results before the books close may be much modified. But it is well enough to show what the surface indications are and to suggest that something or other ought to be done by somebody or other if (1) the women are to display an appropriate interest; (2) the Progressive party is to survive; (3) the Republican party is not to perish from the earth, and (4) the Democrats are to abandon their

old habit of registering in large numbers as Republicans. The men are registering more nunerously than the women-nearly our to one. Why do not the women egister? Was the old-time contention of the anti-suffragists that only small part of the women wanted the

ballot well founded? The Republicans outnumber the Democrats three to one; but in no election ever held in Multnomah County has such proportion been The or some of them-continue to be Post has been publishing in installashamed of their own party?

The Progressive registration is one in last week's number. Giving himin twenty or thereabouts. Where are self the fairly appropriate title of a the brave patriots who once stood at "Goldfish," the "successful man" pro.

MARTYRS OF THE "SYSTEM."

Tim Healey is a veteran of the spanish-American War and a special officer of the law. Three months ago to was married. All his life he has been a good citizen, a faithful friend him. and a deserving worker. dying at St. Vincent's Hospital, with his weeping bride at his side, and a shocked community stirred by his untimely fate. He was shot by a vagaoond in the performance of a policeman's duty.

The man who shot him, one Louis Stros, was himself shot by Healey who discovered him prowling about Portland Heights with a companion When Healey, in the pursuance of his duty, demanded that the strangers give an accounting to him, pistols were drawn, and two men are near death

Now there is an appeal for Stros employed. Stros was in the "army" came to Portland and joined a fellow vagrant in a scheme of burglary. "What kind of a country is this," he is reported as saying, "where a man can neither eat, sleep nor be sheltered.

and where a man is forced to commit burglary to keep bedy and soul together? It is not such a country. It is des

picable and detestable that there are individuals and newspapers that clamor loudly and continuously that it is. "They blame the "system" indis-At criminately for both the sins and misfortunes of individuals.

Stros was a loafer and an idler jailed many times for vagrancy. Undoubtedly he would not work. But he had a pistol and he attempted burglary and when thwarted he promptly committed murder.

Who shall be held accountable for crime but the criminal? Who is to blame for sin but the sinner? Yet we have fallen on times when soclety and civilization are indicted for the four acres of water, two and one-half deeds of individuals and men who toll miles of quay and an entrance lock and save, and obey the laws, moral BRYS, and civil, are held to be in a gigantic while another dock is being enlarged, conspiracy against men who will not

carcasses is being erected with transit Poor Healey! Poor Mrs. Healey!

pose through the common schools and designed only to give him a year's within the limits of human achieve- travel in Europe with all the per- more polite to the public to adopt quisites and prestige of an Ambassa-That letter was said by Mr. Pin-

dell to be even more remarkable than the one which was published and sion is apparently preparing the way which Mr. Lewis denounced as a

forgery Letters written by Mr. Pindell to showing some of the railroads how they can increase their revenue with-Representative Stone, of his district, concerning appointment of postmasters were also condemned, Mr. Burton saying they undoubtedly suggested a Frisco officials and of excessive allowplan to use postmasters in promoting business for Mr. Pindell's newspaper. Mr. Wilson cannot escape an iota of to get down to bottom facts on not responsibility, for he had seen these letters before he sent the nomination to the Senate The President's persistence in the

face of the revelations which have been made is in line with his disposition to "bull things through," once he committed to action. He displayed

this disposition in accepting Mr. Mc Nab's resignation and in retaining Mr. McReynolds and William B. Wilson in his Cabinet and Mr. Caminetti at the head of the immigration bureau. H is a new kind of standpatter and the fact is not to his credit.

FOOLING THE READER. "Confessions of a Successful more in the good roads problem,

Man," which the Saturday Evening which is basic everywhere, ments, came to something of a climax

"Goldfish," the "successful man" pro- long time for his wife. They are to be ceeds to describe the education he received in his boyhood and to point out ceived in his boyhood and to point out how it might have been improved which the immediate future holds out ipon. The incautious reader must not magine that this individual was sucssful in anything but money-making

He married a wife long years ago, but she never has been a helbmeet to Her part in his life has been Now he is to bear three children and spend large sums of his money. Beyond her capacity for those duties he knows nothing about her. His children, two girls

and a boy, are even more strange to him than his wife. Occasionally he meets the latter at home and ever stops to speak to her, but the children who are now grown, only come hom for much of the immigration. On the to sleep and not always for that. They other hand, this country gets the are lost, as far as their father is brightest and best young men and concerned, in the whirlpool of society women of Canada for the mere price It is doubtful if he would readily rec of a welcome and opportunity to pros. ognize them on the street.

per. They are educated, pollshed, efficient

for their parts in the world, but one does not discern much humanity amongst them. The son is a successful West Virginia coal strike, it is as well lawyer like his father. He has a desk that there should be inquiry into mar in a prosperous firm's offices and tial law in Michigan and Colorado. We manages to make a good deal need to guard against drifting into ab. money first and last. Just how he does it his father cannot explain, but solutism under the guise of public nethe dollars are concrete evidence of that the excuse for perpetuating his the young fellow's ability. The father, who purports to write the articles for rule. It is but a step from public nethe Post, makes about \$50,000 a year by his law practice. From what he

ells of his knowledge and general capacity it is difficult to believe that he could make fifty cents without friends to help him. But he comes of good family and has hereditary friends who give him business, so that fees accumulate. The practice of such a lawyer

in New York consists of drawing up papers, arranging transfers and so on It requires no oratory, very few arguments in court and scarcely any publicity. It is purely machine work, so that after all even a man as incompetent as our author depicts him-

elf might manage to do it fairly His principal complaint is against the education he received, which, he believes, is far less satisfactory than his father's was in the good old days of plain living and high thinking. He "I was an imitation educated like grafters, man but though spurious I was a suf-

ficiently good counterfeit to pass current for what" he pretended to be. Apart from a little Latin and some considerable training in English comprobabilities. It would have been LIBRARY FLOOR PLAN CRITICISED DREDGING FOR BIGGER PORTLAND Patron Finds Inndequate Room in Most some other device. Frequented Department. PORTLAND, Jan. 27 .- (To the Edi

sion is apparently preparing the way for that advance in freight rates by showing some of the railroads how they can investigate the source of the source of

This department should have been improved when abandoning the old building, but if any change has oc-curred, it has been for the worse. The visitor on entering jostles between two crowned people who are ready which are The same double the state of the states. out outside help. It is just as well that the ground be cleared of syndicate operations like those of the building, but if any change has oc-curred, it has been for the worse. The visitor on entering jostles between two counters or desks, around which are crowded people who are ready to leave. The same door is made to serve for en-trance and exit. The two counters most ances to industrial railroads before the main question is touched. We need merely what the earnings are, but what they should be at present rates under economical and impartial man-agement.

An Eastern contemporary well says the library starts as a circulation room That remains, and should remain, the main feature. Other departments are added as needed. In our new building hat better rural schools must precede any real movement back to the land. ountry homes are often broken up other departments, useful as they are, to give the children an education in seem to have been given all the room town. It is possible to have model A cubic half block of air space, from th second floor up, contains a card cata-logue and information desk-nothing schools in rural communities, but only by combining the resources of several districts for each school. This obliges some of the children to g) a long dis-tance daily and requires some sort of transportation. Thus we land once more in the good roads problem, which is basic everywhere.

Which is basic everywhere. We fear the Montana rancher who has plighted his troth to Miss Virtue, the suffragette, will have to wait a long time for his wife. They are to be married as soon as English women imports and exports of our married as soon as English women

Portland is small, compared with de Daylight enters this criculation-room mand for a great city on the Columbia

married as soon as English women get the right to vote, an event of which the immediate future holds out no promise. Miss Virtue is at present pining in a dungeon deep and damp for refusing to move on when a London policeman so ordered. We suppose her lover bold is mustering his gallant cowboys to rescue her. Here's wishing him luck.
A newspaper publisher yesterday testified before a Congressional committee that the Canadian government paid him \$42,000 a year for publishing "dope" to allure Americans across the border. That is a high price to paid to much of the immigration. On the
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A newspaper to allure Americans across the border. That is a high price to pay the the pay the south days, said we ought to keep a dredge at work there constantly. We should now get a leviathan dredge and not wait for more jettles. . I do not wish this to be construed as an attack on the corps of librarians or

attendants. I have found them courteous, efficient and willing to please, H. C. SCHAPPERT,

749 Water street.

UNIVERSITY EQUIPPED FOR WORK Not Expensive to Maintain Engineering

Board of Higher Curricula in regard to engineering courses at the State Uni

If three Bull Moose out of the local party numbering sixteen are seeking office, that is a fair average-18 per the enormous waste and unheard-of en travagance, such vast sums spent in duplication of courses? But such figures are not reliable. The great body of Progressives

> power with an army of slaves. In this age, however, no less skill and scientific engineering are de-manded, but a better adjustment of the rights of clitzenship, equitably ad-ministered. Utopian dreams and cen-tralized commissions should be avoided, lest large sums expended on scene and has turned out from the university some of the best engineers in the Northwest. To keep some branches go some of the best engineers in an Northwest. To keep some branches go-ling is not expensive, and it will be an advertisement for Oregon worth many times its cost, while removing these courses will cause widespread unlest large sums expended on scenifriendly criticism which will injure the

Destiny of Columbia Basin's Port Calls Twenty-five Years Ago for 40-Foot Channel.

PORTLAND, Jan. 27 .- (To the Edi-The Oregonian of Japuary 29, 1880 -Occasionally, some without due Salem, Jan. 28.—Simon, of additional mah, and Tongue, of Washington, had a tilt on the Portland water bill in a tilt on the afternoon, nsideration claim that Portland's 270,000 population is top-heavy in pro-portion to Oregon's 750,000 people-over one-third the state, they say. But such

Tacoma, Jan. 28 .- M. C. Sullivan, Portland, with a force of men em-ployed as guards at the coal mines near Scattle, arrived today and says work has been resumed.

Seattle, Jan. 28 .- William Walker to day sold to J. J. O'Connor, of Elmira, N. Y., a lot on Front street, between Marion and Columbia, for \$58,000.

diaho, and parts of Wyashington, the whole of Idaho, and parts of Wyoshing, Nevada and Western Montana and a large por-tion of British Columbia-all drained down to this city by cheap river tran-sit-ways, and with down-grade hauls for railroads and other forms of land transportation which basis doub Washington, Jan 29.-McComms, of Maryland, offered an amendment in the House to the sundry civil bill appropriating \$50,000 for the education of children in Alaska. He said Con-gress had been negligent in its treatfor railroads and other forms of land transportation, which basin drain has now a total of nearly 2,500,000 people. In addition, Portland is somewhat at present, and prospectively, a great competitor for immense additional territory in portions of Alberta, Sas-katchewan and Manitoba, in a down-to-the-sea outlat for their immense ment of Alaska,

Constable Aleck Keegan has been indisposed for several days with a cold.

Simon Harris returned yesterday from the East and California.

A band of journalists, composed of N. J. Levinson, Will H. Parry and Martin Egan, took flight for the Sound last night. The majority of their con-freres here live in hopes of going to the Sound-when they die.

There were 578 round-trip tickets sold on the Portland & Vancouver Railway last Sunday, which was 78 more than ever sold before on one day.

Dr. E. A. Jones will supply his two new cottages on the motor line, south-east of Lone Fir, by means of a wind-mill and an elevated tank.

R. L. Polk & Co., publishers of the Portland city directory, estimate the population at about 48,000.

In about 10 days the remaining derka of the Southern Pacific con-nected with the auditing and treasury pariments will go below. They in-ude F. O. Heints, auditor of freight of ticket accounts; J. L. Wickersham, ookkeeper, and Max Crandall. and ticket a

Half a Century Ago

Portland's commerce demands greater depth. Our foreign imports and ex-ports ought now to be eight times that of Puget Sound, rather than the From The Oregonian of Jan. 29, 1864. Our dispatches this morning speak a movement in Congress for the erection of a new territory out of por Dredge out the bar to 40 feet and keep it dredged. The interests of our tions of Idaho and Utah, to be called Montana. This is the name that was to have been given to Idaho. whole country demand it. Then, "keep

Adjutant W. P. Kapus and Lieuten-ant Halloran, of the First Washing-ton Territory Infantry, have tendered their resignations.

Washington, Jan. 18 .- The House committee on territories will soon re-port bills authorizing state govern-ments in Colorado and Nebraska. The new constitution of Nevada will be adopted by Congress.

The citizens of Oregon City are to give a festival tomorrow evening in ald of the sanitary commission. The Mechanics' Band and Captain Thayer, of the steamer Fair Play, have volunutery commands serious consideration teered their services. Much of the road work in the past as been misapplied without system,

The Adelaide, formerly used at the foot of Salmon street, has been brought into use at the Stark-street ferry, run-ning in connection with the Pony.

If any one doubts that business is picking up in Portland, let them take a walk along the wharves from Tay-lor street to the steamship landing.

CRUST WILL CONSERVE MOISTURE Farmer Advocates Protection Against

Wind in Dry Climate, GRANGEVILLE, Cal., Jan. 17.-(To the Editor.)-When the tests were made at the Agricultural College at Corvallis to determine which method of cultivation will conserve the moist ure best 1 believe one condition not taken into account, though it lition was

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 27.--(To the Edi-tor.)-A recent article in your paper signed "Granger" gives a wrong im-pression and an unjust criticism of the

reputation all over the United States or account of her treatment of the Uni-versity. What must intelligent people think when they read the articles about

The fact is, Oregon educates her stu is overwhelmed with modesty-after dents at about the lowest cost per cap-ita of any institution of its class east their leader. P. S .- A long way after. or west. Other states give liberally and say little about the expense. We give very little, and talk of the comgive very little, and talk of the comparatively small sums as if it were a ism ruled at the Progressive nominating convention. Since the total atmost heartbreaking affair to give any-thing that could possibly be withheld. If the university had no equipment tendance was but sixteen, the worst charge that might arise must necesthere might be more reason to talk, but the state has spent large sums of money for buildings and experiments The New York grafters kept a book to record distributions of pie. They

may also have a card index of highway and canal contractors who contributed graft, for they are business-It now appears likely that the Adstate. ministration will lift the embargo on

We fear "Granger" is salling under

whole country deniand," your eye on Portland," M. C. GEORGE. Course, Says Writer. LOCAL ASSESSMENTS FOR ROADS

versity. They have done what is prob-ably best for the general good of the state. Oregon has been gaining a bad class has grown to be a very large per cent of the traveling public, hence the

with prompt action. o little profit, beyond temporary ne ing, even under direction of college ex perts, with "split-log drags" has passe and the demand calls for scientific en gineering, going back 2000 and 3000 years to the builders of the "Appian Way," made possible under despotie power with an army of slaves.

highways, tourists routes and roads to pleasure resorts for joyriders, instead of embracing all the roads needed in entire state, includi

Mr. Odell Offers Plan for Statewide Highway Improvement. PORTLAND, Jan. 28 .- (To the Edipr.)-To the coming of the automobile and the motorcycle is due the awakenand the ing and increasing outery for "good roads," Automobile owners, tourists, pleasure seekers and joyriders, all see the need of good roads. This increasing

everse at present.

unities

The Thames does not compare with the Columbia in natural advantages and tributary productive country, but Improvement begun by the Danes over a thousand years ago has been con tinued and has given London the greatest commerce in the world. By much smaller proportionate expenditure Portland can secure a broader, deeper channel and equal dock facili-We have the present and poten ties. tial commerce to justify a much larger expenditure, if it were necessary When we consider our great opportunities and compare them with London's and when we consider what London has achieved with much less opportunity, the sums we have spent and are spending on jetties, dredging and docks seem beggarly.

WHAT THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAVE

Often the best friends of the public schools are their severest critics. Their enemies are not silent either, and between the wounds of friends and foes it sometimes seems as if the little red schoolhouse, with all it stands for were doomed to go under. That the public schools can and ought to be made better than they are few will be bold enough to deny. That the system ought to be destroyed is a thought which no good American would tol erate for a moment.

The rational plan is to make the schools as good as possible in every way, both by spending more money upon them and by raising the quality of the teaching force. With all their faults the schools have accomplished wonderful things for the American people since the republic was founded. In the last forty years they have ed-ucated 90,000,000 boys and girls, acuse? cording to figures given out by the Federal commissioner of education the same interval they have reduced the general illiteracy of the country from twenty-two to seven in the hun dred

Among the negroes the schools have done still better work. They have Russia as his representative he is welreduced illiteracy from ninety-five in come to that kind of a man and the the hundred to fifteen. Among the Senate will not interfere with his foreign immigrants the percentage of wishes. That is the position taken by illiteracy has gone down to twelve. the committee on foreign relations in These statistics show conclusively that the public schools are granting, confirmation. genuine bulwarks of our liberties. For The Senate cannot thus evade its

liberty in a democracy like ours de- share of the responsibility. The Senpends upon the general intelligence of ate is required by the Constitution the people and in the modern world not only to consent to but to advise there can be little effective intelligence upon appointments. It advises and without the ability to read and write. consents to the appointment of Mr. An illiterate person may in exception-Pindell with full knowledge of all the al instances attain to some success in facts showing his unfitness. The comlife and be, upon the whole, a worthy mittee's inquiry showed these facts citizen, but such instances are so rare to be more damaging than those that we may neglect them. As a rule which have been published and they an illiterate person is defective both prompted Chairman Bacon to criticise in mind and morals.

the nomination. Mr. Pindell admitted It has always been the ambition of to members of the committee that he American people to give every did not expect to remain long in the opportunity to acquire the diplomatic service, thus corroborating the impression created by Senator really confers it upon the reader, who fundamentals of human knowledge They have sought to attain this pur- Lewis' letter that his appointment is is expected to believe this mass of im- Armory ret?

ANOTHER "NO" ELECTION

Before good money is expended in initiating bills and amendments for with his head empty and came away with it full of conceit. He got "the governmental novelties the proponents semblance, but not the substance of education." He learned to talk premay find it profitable to glance over the prospective direct legislation ballot, hark to the noise of the campaign tentiously about dozens of great writers and famous captains, but really for office already beginning and recall knew nothing about any of them

what has happened in the past to When Bergson came over to New York verloaded ballots The initiative ballot has a fair start to lecture, our author could not listen to him intelligently because he "had with ten state-wide measures submit-

not the rudiments of knowledge nected to the voters by the Legislature essary to understand what it was all Definite work by the direct route has about." In history his case was worse ommenced on six more, a list of which was published in the news still, if that be possible. Of this branch he says that neither he nor any columns of The Oregonian Tuesday of his fashionable associates knows anything whatever. "I pass socially," Not mentioned therein as probabilities possibilities are three measure he assures us, "as an exceptionally from the anti-saloon element-a pro-

hibition amendment, a prohibitio cultured man, one who is well up on' such matters as history and biogstatute and a repeal of the home rule raphy, "yet I confess to knowing today amendment; Mr. Bourne's bill to proabsolutely nothing of history either ancient, mediaeval or modern." hibit paid petition circulating and two or three others of similar import: an This is the kind of education he and amendment to abolish the State Senate, and a measure to do something his chums received at college. It not only lef' them densely ignorant, but or other to water-front titles in Port-

it destroyed their capacity to learn Innet anything in later years. They all pos The list thus already gives promise sess the faculty of talking as if they knew a great deal, but their heads are

of exceeding twenty-five in number, notwithstanding the fact that the gen quite empty. His set is ignorant of eral election ballot has by special election been cleared of five referendums. the common facts of life. Though he is a lawyer, he does not know the A United States Senator, a Governor, names of all the Supreme Court a Representative in each Congressional district, members of the Legis judges and only remembers who one of the New York Congressmen is lature. Justice of the Supreme Court. About such subjects as good governseveral state officers and a large num. ment, Tammany Hall and reform they ber of county officers are to be elected. never trouble their heads. Why should they? For them the world is There will be much to think about aside from lawmaking.

all cakes and ale. No matter how the It has been very plainly demonstrat-ed that a long ballot means a generalcity is governed, our author's valet will ly negative vote on initiated and refcome into his room precisely at 9 in the morning, light the fire and tell erended measures. Legislation really him his bath is ready. His elegant breakfast will be served and the day lesirable is often defeated when the public is annoyed by the noisy clamor will pass as luxuriously as heart could of a hobby-wedded minority, while freak bills thus advertised have scant desire. He and his friends are the chosen of the earth. They have no prospect of enactment. What is the human worries. Money smooths every How many rebukes must the thing for them. They have no learnpeople give to pernicious law tinkering before it is ended ? ing, no patriotism, no family affection

STANDING PAT FOR PINDELL.

ure and nothing else. Even this pleas The Senate has decided that if ure lapses finally into a stupid same-Henry M. Pindell is the kind of man ness and ceases to satisfy. President Wilson wishes to send to The articles of this diverting series are all brightly written. The one which describes the "Goldfish's" education is particularly meritorious from a literary point of view. The author describes himself as a perfect fool and recommending and by the Senate in does it with consummate skill.

> proves himself utterly ignorant of history by displaying an incredible wealth of historical knowledge. He demonstrates his incompetence in everyday affairs by telling how suc cessfully he has mastered them. convince the reader that his education

was worthless he explains that he has made a fortune practicing law and puts the narrative into English so clear and pungent that we are charmed from beginning to the end.

They live through the luxurious rou

tine of their days for their own pleas

Some inconsistencies are permitted to every writer, but there are a few too many in this case. The author chose his fool injudiciously. While pretend_

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ing to fix the honor upon himself, he

FIRE FOR the benefit of Mexican reb-Which is a most effective way els. position he confesses that "he had no culture at all." He went to college of storing up future trouble for ourselves,

> In estimating the height of women the San Francisco registration booths, hats, hair and heels will count. In many cases a division by two would be necessary to arrive at the real height.

After what the Senate committee

earned of dictatorial rule during the

essity, for a dictator always makes

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cessity to divine right.

cent.

There are three things due-the end of the world, free locks at Oregon City and a new postoffice building at Port. land. It is devoutly to be hoped the other two beat the first.

The Japanese are said to be furnishing Huerta with arms. But those little .25 caliber Japanese army guns would hardly inconvenience a coarse grained Mexican rebel.

Election petitions may no longer be circulated in corridors of the Courthouse. It will now be possible to com plete a brief business visit there in one day.

> General Kuropatkin has challenged a newspaper writer to fight a duel. The offending editor must have referred to that "I regret to reportsky" episode.

In celebrating his sixty-fifth birthday Samuel Gompers is subject of con-gratulation for the good work he has done in the past generation. the purpose of affording a depository where the poorer classes could place their savings and have absolute secur-

In the interest of an early Spring, Mr. Beals is asked to continue the bad weather until Tuesday at least. This is a ground-hog case.

The growth of graft is insidious and the City Council very properly declines to pay for telephones in the unnecessary, if for no other reason than that many accounts would be liable to withdrawal, being so ensy:

The President of Haiti is now a fugitive. Thought the Wilson policy in Mexico was going to put a stop to that sort of thing.

states are made, is facing a deficit that would hardly feaze an Oregon county.

Jerusalem will have trolley cars and

A Japanese farmer sent Secretary Brvan a radish. Recently, also, a Jap in Tokio cabled him a lemon.

It's a rare Winter day now in Portland when we don't get a peep at the sun.

The policeman who shirks in the face of danger should lose his star.

The Pope pronounces the tange dull. That's the surest way to kill it.

Anna Held does not mind the taint on the money.

Picked out your 1914 car at the

false colors, in preaching e closing his article with a velled threat of moving the university to Corvallis. That would be very expensive. It

would cause the state much loss, would greatly increase expense; it would in-jure both institutions and give the state nation-wide notoriety of a very unfavorable character. The action an-nounced by the Board would incur so little expense that it would not be a matter of dollars and cents to most taxpayers, it would be a matter of only a few cents each year. Public spirit has built California and Washington ahead of Oregon. Littleness and penurious-ness on the part of Oregon's citizens alone could keep her in the lower ranks.

Any citizen of Oregon who would do anything to impair the usefulness of either of our state institutions is sadly lacking in public spirit. Let us stop unjust criticism, look over some acts and faults, as we see them, of our officials and all join hands in the up-building of Oregon and she can take her place in the sisterhood of the states, fairest and most desirable of all. JONATHAN JOHNSON.

CHANGE WOULD IMPAIR SYSTEM

Mr. White Opposes Removal of Postal Bank Limitations.

PORTLAND, Jan. 27 .--- (To the Edi-or.)--In The Oregonian I find the ollowing: "The removal of all maxifollowing: mum limitations on amounts of postal savings deposits"; "establishment of

checking account privileges." The advocates of the Postal Savings Bank wished the system adopted for

ity (I. e., as safe as the foundation of the Government) and not be at the mercy of the unscrupulous.

To the best of my knowledge there To the best of my knowledge there he such scheme. What I did Suggest was no idea of the Government going into a general banking business. I admit there should be facilities for the admit there should be facilities for the

depositor to get his money without a lot of "red tape," but I believe the checking proposal is both unwise and it

and the further fact that many small accounts now transacted in legitimate banking institutions might be trans-

ferred and thereby cause friction. The maximum might be raised somewhat, yet if the depositor can ob-Rhode Island, about as small as tates are made, is facing a deficit hat would hardly feaze an Oregon ounty.

things alone. I am not a banker, nor depositor in try, therefore am somewhat with this subject. E. C. W 535 Savier street. E. C. WHITE.

Irishman Keeps His Job.

mentative irishman named Pat, so he saved discussion by putting the dis-charge in writing. The next day Pat was missing, but a week later the boss was passing through the shop and he saw him again at his lathe. Going up to the Irishman he demended forcalin. to the Irishman he demanded flercely:

"Didn't you get my letter?" "Yis, sur, Ol did," said Pat. "Did you read it?" "Did you read it?" "Sure, sur, Oi read it inside and Oi read it outside," said Pat, "and on the inside yez asid I was fired, and on the outside yez said, 'Return to Baldwin's Locomotive Works in five days,"

tricts as well as prominent thoroughfares. To this end let each county in

The day for neighborhood road work-

the state be divided into districts of sult-able size under carefully guarded and wise legislation by which the real es-tate owners in each district shall be authorized to designate the sections or roads to be improved, together with such other discretionary powers as may be deemed reasonable and just; let all work be by contract, carefully supervised by competent engineers; when the work is accepted payment to be made by the adjucent land owners in the same maner as is usualy pr vided for payments for improvemen

of streets in our cities under careful bond restrictions. bond restrictions. This plan, fully worked out and properly guarded, would place the cost of the improvements upon the adjacent lands, which would be enhanced in

thereby compensating the ownrs It would embrace every nook and orner of the state, and the opportunities for graft and favoritism would be Under this plan road building would

be modified by local conditions and adjusted to meet the demands for serv-Scenic highways and extended there is seen in highways and extended theroughfares or boulevards would re-ceive greater care and more extended improvements; and the adjacent real estate be proportionately enhanced in value; so that the burden of cost would be adjusted to the benefits received. If this plan has merit it needs no beasting assuments in more than the

boosting arguments in support, if not boosting arguments in the less said the better. W. H. ODELL

What Mr. Fording Proposed.

that I wanted Republicah clubs to in-dorse certain candidates. I suggested no such scheme. What I did suggest

to each voter a first, second and third choice, and to do this before the pri mary so that we need not vote for men who in fact have no show of nomina-

tion. No suggestion was made to form clubs in the interest of any candidate or to bind the club to support any can-didate or even request the support of any candidate. Because we can have

but one guess on primary day we thought it a same method to throw some light on the feal sentiment of voters. be raised

It is true that some protested against any move that might throw light on the chances of candidates for nomina-tion and held it to be a violation of law

to in any manner interfere with the sacred right to keep the voters de-ceived and divided. Some of the latter class insinuated that any practical work to throw light upon the voter which would make it possible to avoid wasting his vote on a friend would be assaile by the enemy as an indersement of the club. Such claim did not seem to de-mand any denial and I protest against the accusation that I even hinted at club indersement. T. J. FORDING.

Little Hint in Bill Revision

Brief Fashion Note.

London Sketch. Luncher-Look here, waitar, I'm vary sorry, but I've only just sufficient money with me to pay the bill, and nothing left for a tip for you. Walter (confidently)-Would you mind just letting me 'ave another look at the bill, sir? at the bill, sir?

Boston Transcript. Mr. Snapp-Well, all the fools are not

dead yet. Mrs. Snapp-I'm glad of it. I never did look well in black.

hold moisture better even than the

fine dust covering. I do not know if those tests were made in the open air. They should made in the open air. They should have been. Every farmer knows that wind will dry the soil more than any amount of heat. It follows that condition which will safeguard against

The condition which will safeguard against wind will do best service. The condition is this: The soil is prepared the same as in the test that won out at the college. A packed soil with a light covering of very fine dust. then sprinkle just covering of very line dust, then sprinkle just cough water over the surface to make a thin shell crust, the thinner the better—just so that the surface is scaled. This will prevent the wind sucking the moisture out while it does not interfere with the ef-tioner of the time surface

ficacy of the fine surface. The purpose of the fine surface is to prevent moisture coming to the surface and escaping. This is good, but sealing the surface will prevent suction by wind. Let nature have her way when she seals the ground all Winter to hold the moisture, but when It is necessary to break it for seed-ing let it be closed as seen as possible by a covering of fine, even surface. Then should it rain just enough to form a thin crust the thickness of a let it not be broken by any tool whatever.

One can try this out in a garden by One can try this series means of a sprinkler. URIAL GROAT.

Position Is Sound,

Position is Sound. VADER, Wash., Jan. 27.--(To the Editor.) -- My attention was lately drawn to your timely indorsement of the sentiments of Granger, whose arti-cle appeared in The Oregonian Janu-ary 20, and I have read your editorial with much interest. As one who has been fortunate enough to receive some of the besefits of attendance at one of the higher in-stitutions of learning in the good old state of Oregon, permit me to commend your attitude as to the most practical arrangement of the curricula at the two principal seats of education in your state. Your position is well taken and state. Your position is well taken and worthy of the deepest consideration by ose in authority to regulate such atters. W. R. DILLEY. BAtters.

"All the Comforts Of Home. This is an old and familiar phrase that suggests many genial and com-fortable thoughts to one's mind. It was a happy expression years ago and always will be one, it is hoped. The comforts of home, however,

have multiplied many, many times in recent years.

When one considers and compares the bare household necessaries of fifty years ago with those of today the advancement is recognized as most marvelous.

Any one who is at all familiar with the home equipment of a generation or two ago knows well what remarkable strides have been made.

There isn't a department of the that hasn't benefited by the inventive genius and skill of an advanced civilization.

Are you right up to the times in all of improvements?

If not, there is no better way than turn to the advertising pages of the Oregonian, wherein is set forth daily, interesting information of every possible description—all point-ing to and describing the things that go to make the home modern and comfortable .- Adv.

electric lights. For a young city Je-rusalem certainly has a progressive spirit.

Lippincott's, Philadelphia. One of the bosses at Baldwin's loco-motive works had to lay off an argu-