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THE BLOW THAT SPLIT DEMOCRACY.

Champ Clark's speech and the subsequent canal toll exemption are evidence that the Democratic party has reached a crisis in its history. The sharp di-vision in its ranks may presage a defeat as crushing as that of 1896. Democracy reached the high tide of its success in 1892, but was divided and scattered four years later. It again swept the country in 1912, but

already, only a year after its return to power, it is once more divided. The division has arisen on a question whereon victory for one faction the other is yet doubtful and, as the directors had no right to dismiss her, and second, that she had an inalien-

of cleavage will be more sharply de- able right to teach her own peculiar fined and passions will become more socialistic doctrines in the public aroused, thus rendering the breach schools. more difficult to heal. Mr. Clark, as the spokesman of

the old Democracy, was able to rally tion of Socialism in its practical appli-to him fifty-two members of his party in the House, notwithstanding the school sought in due form to displace natural tendency of men to yield to Mrs. Foreman, they took the law in the tremendous influence of the President, an influence which Mr. Wilson is peculiarly skillful in wield-He has doubtless weakened the allegiance to the President of many must have voted reluctantly for Mrs. Foreman, they purposed He, with the prestige of shove Socialism down their throats has led the first revolt anyway. the bill. Speaker, against a President who has hitherto the almost undivided allegiance of his party. As the Administration grows old and stale and as more causes of difference arise, the habit of voting against the President is apt

to grow and more of his reluctant followers are likely to desert him. Over-confident in his control of party has hopelessly divided it at the dawn of his second year in office. The division will be continued and

accentuated by public opinion. The ringing words of Mr. Glark will find and in essence. an echo in the breast of many a patriotic Democrat who looks back with pride to Jackson at New Oralso float over the Socialists' proposed to Cleveland bringing England independent school. to book in the Venezuelan dispute as

the ideal Democrats, and who has small patience for the flabby, falteryielding, pacifist foreign policy Wilson and Bryan. Such men will light is still Mayor of Portland and is recall that it was a Democratic President who sent the American Army to They will Mexico City. They will recall that this Nation, with foreign aid, defeated England in the Revolution and, unaided, fought a drawn battle with England in 1812. They will not relish Idea of yielding to her in 1914 without having even threshed out the merits of the dispute by diplomacy

and arbitration Though disclaiming motives of revenge and ambition, Mr. Clark was evidently fired by those sentiments and they added force to his masterly ripping-up of the President's pleas for repeal. His summing up of the case for exemption is so terse and unanswerable that it will become lodged in the minds of the people and will

election was not the only election held since 1903. Mr. Rushlight, when elevated to the Mayor's chair, also counted the votes in the large district now

orable to the truly American conten on will have been made far more difficult by the action of the Presi-dent and Congress. Passage of the repeal bill will not, in itself, be an admission that we have no right un-der the treaty to exempt coastwise vessels; it will mean simply that we have decided not to exempt that nave decided not to exercise that right at present, in case we have it The diplomatic negotiations are still open and can be renewed by a suceeding Administration.

Thus Mr. Wilson has opened an agitation which will continue for at least three years with its accompani-ments of Democratic discord and onstant agitation. That will weaker the Democratic party and will greatly diminish its present leader's chances of renomination and the party's hances of renewing its control of the Government. Far from improving our relations with Great Britain, it may end the era of good feeling which has existed between the two countries since the Spanish War and may cause elations to become more strained as ssion becomes more heated. Had the President permitted the question to go to arbitration he could have

prevented all public controversy and procured a final settlement in the alm atmosphere of a judicial tribunal. By the course he has adopted he has finally settled nothing, but has divided his party and has furnished his opponents with an issue on which they have a good prospect of defeat ing him for renomination and re-election.

THE ROW AT QUINCY.

The real contention of the clamor ous and riotous supporters of Mrs. Foreman at Quincy is, first, that the The

socialistic community Quincy have thus given a demonstra cation. Because the directors of the their own hands. Because the majority of the public resented the introduction of socialistic instruction in the public schools and recalled the the courage to imitate him? directors who were responsible for to

There may be reasonable ground for controversy over the exact nature tional American ships. But has Oregon of Mrs. Foreman's teachings; but right to complain? there is none over the right of the people of Quincy to recall their school directors for any reason, and to substitute a public school board which will carry out their will. The action

Oregon has contributed to the of Mrs. Foreman and her followers is a lawless opposition to the orderly administration of school affairs, and it is proper that the authorities should insist that the law be observed in form The American flag floats over the

Quincy public school; we hope it will indicated where he is.

interests of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest are damaged heavily.

frankly glad of it. The interesting conclusion is based on the theory that directly lost millions of dollars since 1963 all annexations to the city through repeal of the original reclahave been illegal and that the city mation act. The Oregon Senator is proper rejected the commission char-

We have heretofore suggested that there is a brilliant opportunity for the man with a speculative and mathematical turn of mind to figure direful nsequences from the recent decision of the Supreme Court. But to attract attention one ought to be really sensational and a good digger into fig-Government and the attitude

measures of its great parties do not It will be recalled that the charter directly concern him?

settled as between this country and cept in the hideous disguise Great Britain, though a settlement fa- "Welsh rarebit." This monitor is scarcely a trace of it. Wells, Gais-This moniter has worthy, Bennett understand and use into the streetcars it. What American writer can or ound its evil way into the streetcars it. and stares banefully down from the wants to do the same? advertising rack at distressed passen-gers. Why not pass an ordinance ance of this new religious expression against "rarebits" as well as cigar-

MR. TAFT AND THE FLESH.

The imagination of the country is still excited by Mr. Taft's efforts to rece his flesh, Most fat men have sooner or later undertaken the heroic task of thinning themselves, but very few of them determinedly persist enough to make much of an impres sion on their weight. Mr. Taft has persisted. That is the peculiar circumstance in the epic of his great-ness. He has fasted, thirsted and exercised away a full seventy-five pounds of superfluous flesh. Having once convinced himself that there was "too much of him." he set

resolutely to work to bring himself within tolerable limits and he has persevered to the end. Not to say that he is now anything like a wan and feeble specter. Mr. Taft is com-fortably extensive still. Perhaps he is uncomfortably extensive. But nothing can obliterate the fact that there is seventy-five solid pounds less of him than there was when he first be-gan his regimen. Nay, he has the hardihood to belittle the pangs he has endured in paring off his mountainous redundancies. "My diet has not been severe," he writes lightsomely to

a friend. It is thus that the pale mar-tyr smiles amid the flames. Even so did Socrates jest as he swallowed the hemlock and Sir Thomas More ex-

change witticisms with the heads Mr. Taft may say what he likes. The task of reducing flesh is not one to be undertaken lightly or encountered with hilarity. It is a serious business and the fact that he has transacted it victoriously is to his credit. He has set the Nation an example which all of us may well imi-

tate, that is, all of us who are fat. "Long shall the tale be told, yea, when our babes are old," of how the grand ex-President waged war upon his hydro-carbon accumulations and put them to flight. He will live longer and far more happily for his triumph. Who among our rotund millions has

WHAT IT COSTS OREGON. The free tolls act is to be repealed y a Democratic Administration. which had pledged itself in its Naplatform to free tolls for

Oregon cast its electoral vote for President Wilson and repudiated a President who had persuaded Con-gress to grant free tolls,

prestige and power of the Democratic Congress and a Democratic Execu-tive by electing two United States Senators. It is aside from the mark to say that one of the Senators is for free tolls. If he is, why is he a Democrat? The other has not clearly

The significant and controlling fact is that repeal of free toils is being pushed through a Democratic Congress by a Democratic President, The

Since we have had one Democratic Senator in Washington the state has

chiefly responsible for this blow to Oregon. Since Oregon has had two Demo cratic Senators, a tariff bill placing on the free list many of its important products has been passed. Now the free tolls act is about to be repealed. Can any man or woman in Oregon say that the political policies of the and

OUR FEEBLE FICTION.

Robert Herrick, who is an eminent

"Our imaginwriting about it." says Mr. Herrick. Again, we are fearful prudes in the

matter of sex. In spite of all that has been said about the desirableness of

free discussion in this field, our fic-tion is still tongue-tied. Or else it is brazenly and shamelessly bold, which is a great deal worse. Mr. Herrick thinks sex ought to occupy the same space in literature that it does in life. Certainly in all the great literatures of the world it does so. The effort to make an exception of ours does not appear to have been brilliantly suc- ington, D. C., for the two seasons cessful. The boast we so often make sister was leading woman there. that our books would not bring a blush to the check of the most innocent maiden may possibly mean that it would not rouse an atom of interest

in an intelligent mind. Finally, our literature is too aristo cratic to please Mr. Herrick. We are devotedly fond of the lives of the rich and idle. Their adventures in love, divorce and extravagance form the staple of most of our fiction. What else does Mrs, Wharton deal with? What else do we find in any of our best sellers? Nevertheless, America is a democratic Nation and the literature it produces will always taste flat until the ebb and flow of our common life splashes freely into it. We mus

write more about Lincoln's "common man.

There's a curious tendency in the word "inspection" to become synonymous with "blackmail." No our meat, fruit, bread and everything else we eat, drink and wear should be inspected at our expense. But when the inspectors league themselves with the inspected to deceive and plunder their paymasters, fortune seems for the moment to dim her smile. What has become of the old-time dealer who could keep himself honest with-

out inspection? The savage is always betrayed by his jokes. He may disguise himself

as much as he likes with the outer trappings of civilization, but as soon as we know what he is. A person who amuses himself with the miseries of ten or eleven years old." jobless and hungry men would find

congenial companions among the Irequois, who boiled bables to see them squirm. The veneer of civilization is very, very thin on some of us,

Keeping a postoffice bids fair to be come an exacting business as the par-cel post expands. His new duties will make the postmaster something of a middleman between rural producers and urban consumers. This will leave him less time for politics, but will enlarge his usefulness. There is a de-cided disposition all around the circle to make officials useful servants of the public rather than mere routing grinders of chaff.

What has become of Jessie Wood? She lives at Ridgefield Park, New Jersey. Jersey. Tuesday night she left home to go to a meeting of Campfire Girls the earth. There are terrible stories afloat of white slavers' exploits. Is Jessie Wood one of their victims? No wonder Ridgefield Park is in a fever

of distress and fear. The railway postal clerk who took

\$20,000 from the mails two years ago and has just been arrested omitted one important point in his calculation. The department never sleeps on the trail of a thief and never lets up until after conviction.

The man who brought a wagonload of hogs from Vernonia to Portland and profited thereby was fortunate in finding a road on which he could travel. Not all hograisers are so

lucky in the early Spring.

Stars and Starmakers BY LEONE CASS BAER.

Inetta Jewel is taking a trip to Panama for "pleasure and business," ac-cording to a news item in The Dramatic Mirror. When she returns to New York she is to appear in a play written for her. This is according to a note on my desk, from the Izetta, dated New York.

Speaking of Izetts, a Washington dispatch tells of the secret weiding, in October last, of Hazel May Jewel, the had dropped the name of Jewel, was ingenue with the Poli stock in Wash-ington, D. C., for the two seasons her sister was leading woman there. The story given out is that Miss May closed her engagement on March 29, to retire from the stage and assume her position in seciety as one of the matrons of the young "navy set." A courtship in Newport last Summer cul-minated on October 7 last when Miss May became the secret bride of Donald C. Godwin, ensign, U. S. N. The young couple parted immediately after the ordered to Maxico waters. But now that the officer's duties call him North again, cards have been issued in format announcement of the marriage. Florence Roberts has returned to the Bainbridge Stock Company in Min-mapoils for a three weeks' engage-mand agad. The other two plays she will when a good play is written nowispatch tells of the secret wedding, in October last, of Hazel May Jewel, the

be seen at the head of a big company in the clever French divertisement, "Marlette," from the Albambra Theaat a neighbor's. On the way she dis-appeared, vanished from the face of six years for the notoriety connected with her name to die out before return-Is ing to the stage.

An old Baker Player, Jimmy Gleason

s playing with Kitty Gordon in "Pretty Miss Smith," which is having a good run in Boston. The musical c seems to have made a favorable impression on the villagers.

Broderick O'Farell, who among other things is the husband of Myrtle Langford, is having a brief dip into vaudeville at the Republic in San Fran-

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Salem, April 1 - A contest was filed W. H. Biggs on behalf of the Gov-nor's Railroad Commission against

e commission appointed by the Legis-

Spokane Falls, April 1 .- Miss Mabel

Clagett, daughter of Hon. William H. Clagett, fled from her father's house at Georgetown, Idano, and west over the mountains at night to marry, where she joined Fred E. Lucas. They were married by Rev. T. G. Watson, of this city.

The medical department of the Wil-

There was great slaughter of chi-

Mrs. Eather Holladay, widow of the

John Wards the new appraiser of merchandise, has returned from Wash-

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of April 2, 1864.

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in Holladay, is in a very critical

to Fan-to Fan-to Fan-set ac-Drama-to New ay writ-ng to a lovely shington to New an lovely to regentance of the states of the set of the From The Oregonian of April 2, 1883. ature. Seattle, April 1.- The trustees of the Denny Hotel tonight decided to let the contract for the construction of the building to James Parke. The County

the taxpayers. To illustrate. A few years ago I examined the books of Jackson County Commissioners decided to submit to vote of the people an issue of \$100,000 in bonds for the erection of new coun-ty buildings ty buildings

Omaha, April 1 .-- A rumor is affost that the Union Pacific is making ar-rangements for the purchase of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company. The medical department of the wil-lamette University yesterday gradu-ated a class of 13-1. Victoria Hamp-ton, Ozsian J. West, John F. Wetzel, E. Ordway Bostwick, Cecil C. Killam, Jacob S. Barblow, Harry Greene Hill, Emma M. Linden, Myra A. Brown, William H. Fuller, B. Wellow, Coules William

ton, Osnian J. West, John F. Wetzel, E. Ordway Bostwick, Cocil C. Killiam, Jacob S. Barblow, Harry Greene Hill, Emma M. Linden, Myra A. Brown, Will H. Palmer, B. McBride Caples, William H. Parrish, George Bresk. The exer-cless were opened with prayer by Rev. John Gordon: Miss May Cook rendered a plano solo; the president of the uni-versity, Rev. Thomas Van Scoy, made a brief address; the commencement ad-dress was delivered by Rev. Ross C. Houghton: Miss Jeanne Blodgott gave a recitation and Professor Gustav Mil-ler a violin solo. Professor James Brown delivered the address to the graduates and R. McBride Caples the valedictory. when a good play is written now-adays the choosing of a title is one of the hardest taska Jack Lait, a one time San Francisco newrong of the profession and the terms of the taska date the chief clerks get \$3000 a year one time a profession and the terms of terms of the terms of the terms of terms of the terms of the terms of terms of the terms of took salmon at Oregon City yesterday. C. H. Prescott is making arrange-ments to Improve a large tract of land adjoining the Holladay Addition.

When a good play is written now adays the choosing of a title is one of the hardest tasks. Jack Lait, a one the hardest tasks. Jack Lait, a one the hardest tasks. Jack Lait, a one second the hardest tasks. Jack Lait, a one tasks and the hardest tasks. Jack Lait, a one tasks and the hardest tasks. Jack Lait, a one tasks the second the hardest tasks and the hardest tasks. Jack Lait, a back the hardest tasks and the hardest tasks the story of the old Southern negress, who was a costed by a traveler. She had a plekaning hanging to her skirt, and the singer asked his name. He was informed that this child had not yet been named.
"Not named? He must be at least the deal of the tone labor. In my time and harder diverties old."
"Not named? He must be at least the of eleven years old."
"Not named? He must be at least the deal of the tone would be they do, but that is not true. The rule of the tone would be they do, but that is not true. The rule lait the case of the low of the items which could be properly reduced in the official system of Oregon out of that same session law book and the reduction would be \$\$5,130 for none years. That eliminates the luxury of an Attorney-General's office, leaves in the failers and the reduction would be \$\$5,130 for none years. That eliminates the luxury of an Attorney clearer is hopelass. It does the same as here filow professionals, is the deairs of the low rule has the may be judged for her arrefeliow professionals, is the deairs of filow professionals, is the deairs of filow professionals, is the deairs of the low rule has a bit.
The neat the had of a big company in the clave free will open the way to cut off some of the low roles and the luxuries, toor they are nothing eleven the case of the poor. The Portland Rowing Club last night elected the following directors: E. M. Arthur, J. P. Marshall, D. Loring, J. H. Spadone, E. H. Palmer, A. B. McAlpin, A. S. Whiting and F. R. Strong. The stockholders of the Portland Ca-The stockholders of the Portland Ca-ble Railway Company re-elected the old board of directors as follows: Ira B. Storgis, Kenneth Macleay, S. Heitshu, Ella Talbot, A. W. Oliver, R. H. Thomp-son, E. D. White, Captain W. Young, P. C. Smith. Sol Smith Russell scored a hit in "A Poor Relation" at the New Park The-ater last night.

From The Oregonian of April 2, 1864. Chicago, March 30.—Copparheads went into Charleston, Coles County, II. linois, with guns concealed in their wagons and armed with pistols. Some of the soldiers in the Courthouse were drawn into an affray and a general fight occurred. The Sherift fired his pistol at the Union men. Being out-numbered, the Union men. Being out-numbered, the Union men. Being out-fired from doors and windows. Colonel Mitchell, of the 54th Illinois, and five-pitvates were killed, Two Copper-heads were killed and several wounded. Several companies of the regiment ar-rived in the afternoon and sant de-tived in the afternoon and sant de-tive friends. There is a large force of rebels at Coppetin's Mills, 10 miles outh, and another sight miles were of that place and an attack was capected. Union City Ticket-For Mayor, Hen-

will open the way to cut off some of the luxurious and sentimental fads which have grown imperceptibly into our official system. I do not desire to pose as a reformer, nor anything of that kind, but it seems to me as a citi-zen and taxpayer of this state that good work can be done when the peo-ple are informed of the fast and loose methods which generally ramify our official system, but for which they pay in high taxes. J. H. WILSON.

Ours to Control. Ours to Centrol. DRYAD, Wash., March 31.-(To the Editor.)-The real point at insue in the tolls question is, in my opinion, not whether it is for the best interest of the people of the United States to grant free toll or not, for that is our business, we can settle it as we see at, but the point is, has the United States the right to do it, regardless of what any other nations or nations think. It seems to me there is but one

breed a growing resentment, which will find expression at the polls in Here it is. Let every reader 1916 of The Oregonian read, ponder and remember it

To whom does the Panama Canal belong, yway? To the United States of American

Why did we build it? In order to secure ing day, way water freight rates. Who fought the building of the canal for long, wearisome years? The transcon-

would be the chief beneficiarise of peal hill? The same transcontinental

The Speaker brands the President the repudiator of a plank of his platform which he had specifically idorsed and reminds him that "a National convention is the highest authority for the declaration of party Then Mr. Clark speaks principles." words, which send a thrill through the breast of every patriotic citizen, be he Republican, Democrat, iess. Progressive, Prohibitionist or Social

We most earnessly desire peace with all nations; we will huy peace from none. We want war with no nation, but rather than surrender our right to sur complete soversignty on every square fost of our slobe-encircling domain we will cheerfully and courageously face a world in arms. the Interior;

He meets the argument that exemption is a "mistaken economic polby asking if our policy of excluding foreign ships from our coastwise commerce is also mistaken. He answers the contention that exemption contravenes the Hay-Pauncefote treaty by quoting the Supreme Court how about a Government officer 4000 miles away? As Secretary Lane is resentatives were doubtful of the validity of their own claim. He asserts "the plain, unvarnished truth" that thus

we have considered our constwise commerce "solely as our own husiness and that foreign nations have absoand that foreign nations have abso-iutely nothing to do with it. It is that if Mr. King is more diligent with it." He finally declared He finally declares repeal tracts. of exemption to be practical abandonment of the Monroe Doctrine.

That speech breathes a spirit so con trary to that which has animated the President and his advisers and supporters that it will cause the tide indignation to rise against the policy of pusillanimous surrender. That sen timent may stiffen the spines of some doubting Senators to the point where they will take courage to oppose the President. The Senate is far more evenly divided than the House, a prolonged contest is ahead in that body and the President's victory is by no means certain. The longer the troversy continues, the more deeply King called off. Meanwhile the epiinterested will the public become. gram is preserved for the enjoyment Whichever way it is decided in Con- and wonderment of ourselves and our gress, it will be continued on the plat- posterity. form and in the press. It will be

continued with the dominant party divided against itself and the division will surely be carried into the next good old "Welsh rabbit," a classic exconvention

ught by some not to be a part of competent critic, has but a poor opinion of contemporary American literature. Things went Portland. Perhaps Mr. Rushlight was not legally elected. Then who is better in the good old days when Em-Mayor? Joseph Simon?

The uncertainty is very annoying Longfellow and their peers erson, were writing, but now the gods just at this time. It positively ought to be settled so that we may know 7 To the United States of America. Just at this time. It positively ought whose bonefit did we build it? Pri-to be settled so that we may know benefit. dead and there are not even demigods to take their vacant places. In spite of the rich home material which lies

PASSING IT ALONG.

VERY DISTURBING.

One of Portland's newspapers is uite firmly convinced that Mr. Rush-

for the best plays and to England fo No wise statesman who thinks of a clever epigram should keep it locked in his own bosom. The man would be hard to deny his assertion. in the employ of the people who con- He might have perfected his lament sructs a good thing in word-play has a little by mentioning Norwegian no right to nurse it, sleep with it plays among the others and including and chuckle over it in privacy. The Swedish novels with the British, but right of the public to enjoy it is, or ought to be, assured by the spirit if not the letter of the corrupt pracno matter.

In the main his depressing account of our literature is only too true. Most tices act, the direct primary law and the constitutional guarantee of every of it, he assures us, is little better than journalism, poor, transistory man's right to the pursuit of happistuff here today and gone tomorrow. Doubtless Governor West had Not merely our magazine output, but these considerations in mind when he gave out for publication the folour drama and our books are "mere journalism, things done for the m lowing telegram to the Secretary of ment." Lest we all faint under this

condemnation, it may be well to re-If Will R. King will spend less time dat member for the consolation it may n Oregon politics and devote mer-his duties as an officer in the Rec afford that Shakespeare's plays were written for the moment, and so were amation Service, our chances for less whi by and more water in Oregon will improv Homer's ballads, which now make up The Governor asserts that the telethe Illad. Herodotus composed his gram is self-explanatory. Of course it is-to the local man who underhistory to be read at an Olympic meeting. Happily, these specimens of stands that the Governor is imprejournalism survived their immediate sario of a political opera bouffe en-titled "The Only Honest Man." But purpose and so may some of ours. Mr. Herrick ascribes the low estat of our literature largely to the persomewhat out of touch with Oregon whose timidity and greed have comnicious influence of magazine editors state politics he will probably reason mercialized both the serial novel and

the short story. What the magazines The Reclamation Service being en print he describes with scant courtesy, gaged in putting water on land, Govbut full justice, as "machine-made literature." It must be cut to a certain pattern and religiously conformed Oregon will have more irrigated to prearranged sets of ideas. But be Whisky being a concomitant sides the pestiferous editors there are of politics, every good Democrat is other destructive influences at entitled to his portion. Mr. King's work upon our literature. For one thing, it activity in local affairs is distracting is "sentimentally weak," Mr. Herrick to the party. The politicians being tells us. Not that we are really a driven away from their toddy by his silly, sentimental Nation, but our novpernicious activity, there is a surplus elists have made it the fashion to deof whisky in the state. If Mr. King scribe us in that way and apparently will let politics alone the Democrats nothing will ever change their habits will drink more and there will there-fore be less whisky in Oregon. Quod Look at the immensely popular 'Rosary," for instance. What, in Mr erat demonstrandum. Herrick's view, could be more sirupy!

Mr. Lane will, of course, hasten to The publishers complain that Ameri take a course which he believes will can fiction is now read only by boys and women. Who could expect grown encourage the conviviality of the Oregon Democracy and the Governor will men to find pleasure in such sacchahave gained his point by having Mr. rine trash? Then, in the second place our novels are weak religiously. Th living world has pretty thoroughly discarded the old religious expressions and is vigorously at work

framing new ones. The coming re-ligion is intensely social. Its bottom It is a pleasing pastime to watch the growth and decay of words. The tenet is the golden rule understood in the large human sense without any

If the bill should be passed, the the disapproval of the Ladies' Home new religion brims over in the current sion, has lost countenance under theology to dilute and poison it. question at issue will not thereby be Journal and now seldom appears ex- fiction of England, but in ours there with your swatter,

An Oregon man finds he has been paying taxes on a neighbor's lot for twenty-five years by mistake. Regardless of the victim's feelings doubt the neighbor is duly gratified.

> An Eastern Oregon prospector wa vashing his washing his "last pan" when he struck a rich pocket. It remains to seen, however, whether this was

ready for anybody who can use it, we have to go to Austria and Germany luck or misfortune

General Gorgas has been given degree by Oxford, Those English certainly appreciate what our canal makers have done for them

Coal miners are going on a big strike. So long as the ico men stay on the job the country may be able to worry along until Fall.

Even as the soldier argues that the performers 100 weeks of continuous other fellow will get mowed down in work. battle, so does the candidate view the for a lifetime, as they can play it over approaching election. again.

An American adventurer has jus found his wife after thirty-seven eight years ago with penny arcades in years. Oddly enough, she had not acquired a successor.

Rockefeller is absorbing the Gould interest. Having devoured all the tween that city and Toronto, until he little fish he is now going after the had 47 theaters before he bought the big ones,

A new altitude mark has been se by a German aviator. An aerial Columbus will yet penetrate to distant shores,

The transcontinental tourist must pay extra to see Portland, but the lew is worth the money.

German avlators are reaching the while Freuchmen greatest altitude, make the dullest thud.

John Bull, however, should not prematurely celebrate acquisition of the Panama Canal.

The meanest man on earth is the ne who played an April fool joke on in bearing. the unemployed.

With many bogus coins in circulaion it will pay to inspect all \$5 pieces shall not be extinguished by any adhandled.

The Man Who Came Back has the right of way in Portland today.

Villa has captured Torreon only our times thus far this week.

Anyway, the home team started out in pennant-winning form

We should now abolish July 4 and celebrate Empire day.

Enroll as a "fly cop" and get busy

olneidence has a grand opera atmosphere, with its heroine a grand

opera singer.

Claude Archer, last season stage manager for the Baker Players, has closed his engagement with the belle Fletcher stock company in Vanouver, B. C. His wife, known professionally as Jean Devereaux, was ingenue with the company. The two are now in Oakland, Cal.

Marcus Loew, who has purchased the

Sullivan-Considine circuit of theaters, comprising over 50 theaters throughout the West, says that the purchase of titled land.

the property will enable him to offer This means practically work

Mr. Loew's rise in theatricals has been truly phenomenal. He started

Cincinnati and New York, bought the Royal theater in Brooklyn seven years ago, enlarged his circuit to include 22 theaters in New York and many be-

Sullivan-Considine circuit.

Marie Baker, who played character roles with the Baker Players two years ago, has just ended an engagement with the Bailey Mitchell stock in Se artic.

> Brander Matthews has written a play called "The Welcome Guest," in which Amella Gardner, a one-time Baker Player, will have the lead role. Mrs. Louis James is of the cast also.

Mistakes in Road Survey.

Mistakes in Road Survey. HOOD RIVER, March 31.—(To the Editor.).—Can you tell me if a road can be changed after it has been in use 12 or 15 years? In laying out the road a mistake of 12 feet was made and to change it now would mean the loss of several shade, and fruit trees in bearing. SUBSCRIBER.

"The right of counties in this state to public roads, or to open public roads, verse possession, however long tinued, and no title to lands included in such public roads, when such publiroads are once established, shall be

acquired as against such county through the operation of the statute of limitations." L. O. L. ser. 6372, This applies to surveyed roads. Land once surveyed and set aside for a public road, may be taken later even th

it has been fenced and a house built m, according to decisions, unless of petition of six freeholders of the road district in which the road has been established, the County Court makes an order vacating the road.

ville at the Republic in San Fran-cisco. He is in a sensational sketch called "The Law." Bessie Barriscale, a San Francisco actress, is giving good accounts of herself, histrionically speaking, in New York in "What Would You Do?" Tonight grand opera and Henristta Crosman, comedienne, are rival attrac-tions. Miss Crosman's offering is "The Tongues of Men," which by a peculiar

money, then also has a right to say whether we have a right to pass our coastwise vessels from Astoria to Portland free of tolls. In fact, she has more, for the Columbia River was made by the hand of God, and we only maintain it, while with the canal, it was built by us and the ground on which it runs bought by us. If the Democratic party by Mr. Wilson's or-ders votes to give this right away without a protest, then they should be at a protest, then they should be I down and out. R. S. C. cicked down and out.

Where to Buy Tax Titles.

FLORENCE, Or., March 29.- (To the Editor.) - Kindly give me the address of the proper person to write to for inin regard to buying tax

FRED E. GHARISH. Information regarding the purchas of land sold for taxes may be obtained

from the Sheriff of the county in .senoor which the land is situated.

Name of Dramatist.

PORTLAND, April 1.-- (To the Edi-tor.)-- Kindly publish the correct pro-nuclation of "Brieux." the dramatist. E H RORING

There is no exact equivalent for the ronunciation but can be expressed in written English. The name is prosounced in two spllables-"Bri-e." The accent is on the second syllable which has a sound similar to the "e" in her.

Distinguished.

(Punch.)

A Philadelphia banker has distin guished himself by giving a supper party at which monkeys mixed with the guests. To avoid confusion the guests wore evening dress

Beaver Ballad By Dean Collins

'Tis early in Spring To cut loose and sing And burst into prophesy bright; But I have to give praise To the opening days For the Beavers have sure started right.

Let honors loom big For the hurling of Hig. That drove the wild Wolves into

flight; Make a wreath for Hi West. As we holler with zest: The Beavers have sure started right."

We know not what thing

he season may bring. But this we are certain of quite. From the style of their play On the opening day-

The Beavers have sure started right. Let us fashion us dreams Of the pennant's bright gleams And boost things with all

right.

Hurgren. Who that has lived in Portland the past eight years does not know "Old Gris," the famous St. Bernard and Sit-ka dog owned by Robert Pittock, cor-ner of Morrison and First streets? Ho was shot through the left eye Thurs-day night or Friday morning and is in a critical condition. He was brought from San Francisco at an expense of 5106 and has saved three persons from drowning.

About 50 persons came down on th

steamer Senator from Oregon City last evening, among them several of the Union State Convention delegates.

The What Cheer, the new hotel of Mr. O'Conner, has so far neared com-pletion that the proprietor has already commenced to furnish some of the

Dr. Chapman has become a neighber of ours, having fitted up a fine office in Carter's block opposite the Pioneer Hotel: entrance on Washington street.

"Leah, the Forsaken," will be pro-duced by Mrs. Julia Dean Hayne.

Why an Anarchist?

Why an Anarchistf PORTLAND, April 1.- (To the Edi-tor.) - Being somewhat acquainted with the life as well as the writings of Hnr Dyal, the Hindu philosopher, I fail to see how he can be classified as an amarchist. One of my near relatives among a bund of German patriots was made a citizen of this country by special act of Congress because ho struck for freedom of the Patherland from oppression, as did Har Dyal for

rom oppression, as did Har Dyal for its native land.

Was Jesus an anarchist because he devoted his time and substance for the betterment of humanity. This is exactly what this man is doing. While teaching at Stanford University he refused to take ealary: in fact he is ever willing to dispense his great stock of knowledge free of charge to all. His idea of government is the "bear ye one another's burden" kind, and ye one another's burden' kind, and his compassion toward all living things seems almost to equal that of our master. It surely will be a step backward to deport a man of his caliber. C. T. STEINLEIN.

Easter Presents

It is a pleasant custom to remember your friends and relatives by little presents on this day of rejoicing. If you read in The Oregonian the advertisements of our leading shops, you will find suggestions for num-berless little gifts that will gladden the hearts of old and young alike. The ingenuity of the manufacturers has enabled the relatiers to place be-fore you dainty trifles that by their beauty and freshness convey the epirit of affectionate greetings. You have only to read the an-nouncements contained in the adveryour friends and relatives by little

You have only to read the an-nouncements contained in the adver-tising columns of The Oregonian to perceive your many opportunities for procuring charming tokens of re-membrance.

For a lucky beginning Goes far toward a winning; And the Beavers have sure started