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STATES' RIGHTS IN WATER POWER Postponement of action on the public land leasing bills to the next session of Congress being now a moral certainty, there is yet time for the Western states to marshal their forces and to formulate the terms for which they will contend. The proposition they will be called upon to meet will probably be clearly defined, for the Senate committee has already report-ed the waterpower bill with amendments and may complete work on the general leasing bill before Congress

Senator Smoot has put forward on plan on behalf of the West, in the shape of a substitute power site bill. He proposes that land necessary to the development of any power site be patented to the state on application of the state regulative body, subject to certain conditions. These are that the state shall not alienate the title to the land, but shall retain it for power development by itself or its lessees, subject to state and Federal laws regulating rates and service; that each tract shall be devoted primarily to power development and shall not be used for any purpose conflicting therewith; that all power thus generated shall be subject to state regulation, or, in cas interstate commerce becomes involved, subject to Federal regulation, shall not become the subject of com-bination in violation of state or Federal anti-trust laws; that power companies shall not be capitalized abov the cash investment, and, in the event of transfer to a state or municipality the price shall not exceed the cash

investment. Disposal of the land by the states in violation of these terms causes for-feiture of patent, for which the Attorney-General must sue. The Secre tary of the Interior must make rules to carry out the laws. Nothing in the bill is to be construed as affecting the state's control over water-rights. While the ultra-conservationists

may be expected to oppose this bill so bitterly that its adoption is improbable, it serves the useful purpose of bringing to the front the outstanding fact which the Pinchot crowd and the advocates of the Ferris bill have persistently pushed into the background. This fact is the at least equal right of the states to decide the terms on which waterpower shall be developed. A great majority of power sites are worthless for any other purpose, being in rocky canyons or on other barren ground. Hence they derive their value m the water. Power cannot be de veloped without use of adjoining land, Hence one is necessary to the other.

Were the land and the water each owned by an individual of ordinary ousiness sense, either party would sell to the other or they would agree as partners on the terms of a lease to a third party and on a division of the be developed." When the state pro-tests that, as owner of the water, it has a right to an equal voice in decid- and cheaper roads. ing the terms, Congress says: "You not competent to manage your guardians, lest you give it away or mishands of a monopoly.

and which was brought to a halt in its whole road situation. reckless course chiefly by the protests of the states over which it now attempts to exercise guardianship, Those states, too, are the foremost in preventing within their own borders the very evils which have followed the action of Congress and from which grass resembles a lecture on thrift spendthrift.

The fair arrangement would be for the Government to agree with the the value of it appears to be demon states, individually or collectively, on strated." of waterpower development. Congress might, after agreement with states, pass a law authorizing the and read it carefully. borders. While it may be impossible to save the farmer money. to carry out this plan and while an attempt to force its adoption would probably prevent action of any kind, it possible to make a close approach thereto than is made by the

A decided advance in that direction has been made by the Senate commit-tee through the insertion of a provise that no lease shall be granted until the applicant has obtained the neces sary water right from the state. Another amendment permits a lessee to make contracts extending beyond the term of his lease upon approval by the Public Service Commission of the state instead of upon approval by the Secretary of the Interior, These exam show a stronger disposition to the Senate than in the House to recognize the rights of the state. By persevering along the same line, the Western states succeed in procuring passage of eguize their true status as owners o

WISCONSIN IDEA UNDER FIRE. War has been declared on "the Wis constn idea" by Governor Philipp, the newly-elected stalwart Governor Legislature. For the first time since rise of Senate La Follette the progressive Republicans have lost control

One of the principal objects of attack is the Legislative Reference Bureau, which is termed a "bill factory" radical ideas, its officials being always n the lookout for new wrinkles in t through the Legislature.

Defenders of the bureau pronounce it a mainstay of democracy, putting farmers and busines men on an equal-

that it has exercised undue influence on legislation and has superseded individual legislative study. The La Fol-lette men are up in arms in its defense nd claim enough votes in the Senate o defeat its enemies.

The value of such a bureau for the purpose of collating information and of drafting bills is obvious, but the impetus given to the progressive movement by Mr. La Follette's driving force eems to have reached the bureau in Wisconsin and to have given it the character of a radical lobby. If such an institution can be restricted to its proper functions, it will be a useful adjunct to any Legislature, for it may prevent ill-digested legislation and much consequent litigation.

WITH ULTERIOR MOTIVES. Of course the state was told that there was no ulterior design in the effort to make selling of Multicounh County Speaker of the ower House. No, of course not. But it is a solicidence that nearly all the best chairmanships and the plums that the Speaker iss at his disposal went to the members of the Multicoun sh delegation. Perhaps the state will learn sometime.—Eugene Guard.

Perhaps the Lane County paper mah County delegation may have? Does an earnest desire to reduce state permit all taxes, come within argest county in Oregon?

demption of pledges made by all grant dogs. members of the House during the campaign, and that he has used his claimed for the utility of dogs, there pest judgment, without regard to geo- is still no reason why they should be raphical considerations, in so organ izing the committees that results will country disseminating disease. In the be obtained. Take the ways and rural districts they should be strictly means committee, for example. Its chairman is a very capable Portland business man, with previous Legisla- try they should be muzzled. tive experience. He understands seems to be Dr. Saurman's opinion and finance, public and private. He will be is supported by every consider to want to know all about every proposal of comomn sense and humanity. It is for every appropriation, and he will time that pity for dogs gave way to not act until he is informed. We are pity for human beings. sure that he was made chairman be cause he was thoroughly equipped fo he job, and for no other reason, for he was one of the Multnomah Legis lators originally opposed to the Speak-ership candidacy of Mr. Selling and for him finally only because Mr. Selling was the delegation's choice

Can our complaining contemporary at Eugene suggest a better nomination for the chairmanship than Mr. Cobb, of Multnomah?

LIGHT ON ROADS FROM YAMHILL. The Oregonian has a letter today from a Yamhill County farmer, Mr. Hurner, who tells why the Grange and its associated bodies are opposed to state aid for roads. One reason is in essence that the funds of the state are to be used for paving main thoroads are good enough and the county courts know how to build them better

than our State Engineer. It is obvious that our Yambill friend thinks the problem is completely with the greatest resignation. solved when there is a passable local voice does not count at all in the matroad to the county seat or any convenient market, and that he is not conpartners on the terms of a lease to a tent market, and that he is the terms of the third party and on a division of the cerned about any other part of the ary. It is the tenor's earning capacity or ent between them. But Congress, as county or state. The roads that are that fascinates New York.

Monte Carlo is almost the only spot agree to them, your power shall not not they co-ordinate with a general be developed." When the state pro- road system and whether or not any

The view of our Yambill friend is stent to manage your shared by many—too many—others. Sian royal operas are running feebly on salaries of \$25 a month to the prin.

We must act as your We think it is not the enlightened or cipal singers. This is perhaps as We think it is not the enlightened or cipal singers. This is perhaps as the economical view. But we shall not much as anybody deserves for singing manage it or permit it to fall into the now argue the matter with him, but Wagner, but the artists do not thrive we shall turn the discussion over to upon it. They wait and tearfully This comes from a body which has another Yamhill County authorityprodigally given away and wasted its the same county court our correspondobstance in the shape of public land ent lauds as competent to handle the

County Judge Pearce, of Yamhill, has a letter in The Oregonian today in reply to State Engineer Bowlby's strictures of former methods of bridge construction in that county. It is moderate and reasonably convincing statement. Three bridges built in Congress now professes a desire to rotect them. The attitude of Con-State Engineer, are, says the Judge, 'very good." He adds: "We heartily believe in the utility of county bridge direction by the Highway Commission

We hope Mr. Hurner and all others who think with him will get a copy representatives of the interested of the State Engineer's recent report, Secretary of the Interior to join the more then about what it is proposed several states in making joint leases to do through state aid and what it of power and power sites within their being done now. The chief object is

THE ROCKEFELLER FUND. The general education board which administers the immense Rockefeller fund has issued an interesting report of its standing and projects. large way the board aims to control the higher education in the United States. This it seeks to accomplish by supporting the colleges which come up to its requirements and discouraging those which do otherwise. By the systematic pursuit of this plan there is no reason, we suppose, why collegi-ate and university education throughout the United States should not ultimately be brought under the direction

of the Rockefeller representatives. They may find it a little dificult to control the state universities which depend directly upon popularly grantd funds, but even here they are not without good prospects. They can by their benefactions draw off the best teaching ability into private institutions and thus, as it were, reduce the state universities by the process of in- tion forces many unwilling fighters the Rockefeller board is already very
extensive and it is constantly growing. war has helped r-elected stalwart Governor of Any central body which perpetually onsin, and his supporters in the gains influence and never loses any must ultimately possess universal do-

minion in its particular field, The board's report touches upon of the state, and attack is to be direct-ed at the measures which they have It has gathered, for instance, a great nass of information as to the area ed by the necessities from which each college draws its stu-As a rule, this territory is as-We are accustonishingly narrow.

by its opponents, but which has been tomed to think of Harvard, Columbia copied by Illinois and other states. It and Cornell as National institutions, is denounced as a clearing-house for but even they are really local to a It and Cornell as National institutions, for but even they are really local to a ays great extent. "The circle," says the "from which a college chiefly board, legislation, always ready to put a new obtains its students is rarely 200 miles, idea in the shape of a bill and to work and often not over 100 miles, in diamand often not over 100 miles, in diam-eter. This marked tendency is equally

drafting bills so skilfully that lawyers all that it obtains 44 per cent of its

RABIES IN HARNEY COUNTY.

If all accounts are true there is som thing very much like an epidemic of rables among the coyotes in Harney County. The director of the state bac eriological laboratory, J. Shelley Saurman, has made a trip to that section and found conditions which threaten the safety of stock and human beings. The coyotes attack dogs running at large and subsequently the dogs attack men. Cattle have also been bitten by the rabid animals with fatal effect. In the brains of animals which per sh of rabies certain minute foreign

odles can usually be detected by bacteriologists. These are mentioned as teriologists. These are mentioned getting more for their models "negri bodies" by Professor Saurman getting more for their models in a letter to a local paper. He has hence should pay more. We doubt it. In a letter to a local paper. He has hence should pay more. We doubt it. The university is bigger than it was found them in the brains of several in Edward Everett's day, but students in their course than he coyotes in Harney County. They were also detected in the brains of some of the cattle which had been bitten by did, probably not so much if we count the rabid coyotes and died a little only real values. later. Hence there is little doubt that the disease so prevalent in that part of the state is genuine rables.

Of course it is liable to spread indiswill learn some time to choose its criminately. There is little or no reanguage with greater care. What straint upon vagrant dogs. They can go wherever they like and attack cat-tile or men at their own pleasure. Rabies appears to be endemic among the coyotes. From them it is dissemiulterior designs does it pretend to go wherever they like and attack cat-think Speaker Selling and the Multno-tile or men at their own pleasure. the coyotes. From them it is dissemitaxes, and so far as legislation will nated among the dogs and thence it population. passes to stock and men. Dr. Saurman Guard's inculting definition of the believes that the first step toward purposes of the members from the largest county in Oregon?

believes that the first step toward eradicating the disease would be to extirpate the coyotes, which would of The Oregonian has a notion that Speaker Selling feels a heavy sense of responsibility to the public for the redemption of pleases made by all sense of tween several counties. Almost equal-

Granting all that is commonly is still no reason why they should be permitted to wander at will over the confined to their owners' premises. When abroad either in town or coun-He understands seems to be Dr. Saurman's opinion and

NEW YORK AND CARUSO.

palling danger that she may lose her beloved Caruso. The mellifluous tenor has a standing agreement with the wicked authorities of Monte Carlo that whenever they want him he shall that whenever they want him he shall hie him to that sink of iniquity and sing for the lost souls within its pur-lieus. The transition from the purely virtuous atmosphere of New York voice. So his adorers say, and their walls over his approaching departure and discount what he said at the rate rend high heaven.

New York does not really care for Caruso except in one particular. is the highest-priced singer on earth loving metropolis cannot stand it to think of losing him. If he charged some thousands less for his performances his departure would be borne ter except as a sort of screen for the more important matter of nightly sal-

seems likely to pay. drums and trumpets. The four Prus sian royal operas are running feebly for better times. Paris cannot have any more music until the men com e from the war and the Italian are too much taken up with military preparations to think of warbling.

So for the present Monte Carlo is the only place where Polyhymnia can rest the sole of her weary foot. opern managers in the depraved little principality are speculating as to the possibilities of a season with blood flowing all around them. Hence they have summoned Caruso and hence also New York's sobs and wails,

WHAT IS GAINED BY THE RAID? What military purpose did the Ger-mans gain by their aerial raid over

the eastern counties of England? They killed a shoemaker and a boy, wounded a few people, wrecked or damaged a few houses and disturbed the slumbers of many persons. It is not apparent that they injured any military or naval base or wounded a soldier of any man of the navy. If the Germans' bombs were simed at armed forces or at military structures, either they are bad marksmen or good ain from a swiftly moving airship of aeroplane on a dark night is im-

On the other hand, what have they lost? Whatever their enemies gain in knowledge or military strength is a ss to the Germans. The British, by this raid, have gained experience meeting such attacks. By the proof thus furnished that attacks from the air are possible, their sense of security has been shaken and they will rush to arms with greater alacrity. relatively slight injury done by the Germans will calm the Britons' fears of such raids and thus render them less susceptible to This raid and that against the northeast coast have probably done as much to swell ranks of Kitchener's army as would a conscription law. It has stirred the fighting spirit in men who have the will to fight, while conscrip

This new violation of the rules of war has helped to justify the epithet "Huns," which is applied to Germany's soldiers by the British. The obliga tions of belligerents as defined by the Hague treaty were set at naught in several particulars. Enemy's property was destroyed, though "such destruction was not "imperatively demand tice was given of the bombardment, so far as the dispatches reveal, and no steps were taken "to spare buildings

dedicated to religion, art, science of charitable purposes, historic monu-ments, hospitals or places where the measured by the standards set up at The Hague and by the military results attained, the raid was an act of wan-

Defenders of the bureau pronounce a mainstay of democracy, putting whitman College is mentioned among those which has somewhat with lawyers among legislators and transcended local limitations, but for ment merely goes to show that the ment merely goes to show that the longer the war continues the deeper will become the oblivion in which will bureau's reference library be turned over to the state law library and that the bureau be abolished. He charges that it has granded by human-supposed to be, gets 47 per cent of its ity and the greater will become Euther bureau be abolished. He charges that it has granded by human-supposed to be, gets 47 per cent of its ity and the greater will become Euther bureau be abolished. He charges that it has granded by human-supposed to be, gets 47 per cent of its ity and the greater will become Euther bureau be abolished. He charges of war, but to expose, to denounce and to refuse to imitate it.

> What with the proposed embargo on wheat and other things there will be little left for the American producer to do for the next few years but fold his hands and smile. Since he not to be allowed to sell anything will be folly for him to go to the trouble of producing anything. We can all live by admiring each other's devotion to the cause of peace.

> There is an agitation for the increase of tuition fees at Harvard. plea is that students are all the time get no more in their course than he

The sad case of the Doukhobor colmists not far from Eugene contains a lesson for Oregon. These excellent people came from Canada, investing their all in 1000 acres of land supexperience Oregon will call vainly for

Oregonians will be interested to snow that Tasmania has 25,000 acres of apple orchards. The fruit is shipped to England, India and the United The unsalable apples are made into jams and jellies, which are also exported. This is pretty well for an island which, within living memory, was a convict settlement,

A fisheries commission has made discovery that white men are demoralizing the Aleut, especially the female of the species. This is shocking. So it was ages ago, when other good men made similar discovery. remedy is to keep the white out of that region, and it seems strange nobody thought of it before.

Are American ideals worth fighting for? Washington and Franklin thought they were. Some of our pa-New York quivers on the brink of cificists think not. They wish to meet frightful calamity. There is apalling danger that she may lose her missive meekness and love. So the

England turns down a good mar when she rejects Vice-Consul Cutright on the pretense of being a German sympathizer. As a newspaper man h would be sure to kill Caruso, or at had opinions and expressed them, least blight the beauty of his divine something he could not avoid. Great Britain should consider his training

The Stars and Stripes seem to be coming down altogether too often oughfares, and another is that gravel just now and for that reason our art- By and by some dinky republic to the south will try it; then this country will awake and make an awful example. Meanwhile the big nations will do as they please, knowing Uncle Sam is easy during this cycle

James E. Godfrey was a good citizen and a good printer, and was as well a good Democrat, in that he was a consistent party man. He will be missed by those who valued his friendhip, for it had the t

A law may be passed permitting all war veterans to fish free. So there's a fresh inducement to go to the front. If you escape the enemy's bullets why ou'll save a dollar a year in fishing licenses later on.

Whether an appointee shall serve two years or four is mere matter of opinion of the appointing power. Only the people apply tenure to office, and they tie a string to it in this state. The British have captured another

American vessel and hauled down the Stars and Stripes. Oh, do be careful. What if our State Department should Mr. Wilson is developing into a great

man. He objects to naming the White House baby for him, insisting on giv-ing the "kid" a chance.

Santo Domingo banking institutions

are discussing ways to get Bryan's ear. The principal discussion out this way how to get his goat. War orders for millions of feet of

Oregon timber again prove the saw that it is an ill wind that blows no good. We are inclined to-believe the typi-

Western Oregonian prefers the rain to this clear, sharp c Doc Osler will go to the front as irgeon. He should be assigned to the

landsturm as anesthetist. Villa, it is reported, has abandoned Mexico City. Now if he would only abandon Mexico.

Of course if you really want your easure to get through let Miss Towne introduce it.

men in trim.

Will the bars follow the banks in lacing discount on Canadian silver?

airmen.

And now the Legislature has its coat off and its ax sharpened. So beware.

Wheat is dropping. So we may be

able to eat bread more freely again. King George may have to take to he storm cellar of the palace.

It is now up to British airmen to go after the Kaiser.

The fitney bunch grows faster than

Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregenian of January 21, 1865.
Since the election, not all the Democratic papers in the land have continued the factious, miserable abuse of the Administration that characterized the conduct of so many before the election. Such papers as the National Intelligencer and the Louisville Journal, while not agreeing with President Lincoln, now advocate the plan of alding cordially in supporting the war measures of the President.

Olympia.—Governor Pickering salled yesterday for Victoria on his way to Washington City.

John S. Love, one of the County Commissioners of Jackson County, has deposited with the Treasurer of the state the taxes of Jackson County for 1863 and 1864. Jackson County now has about \$10,000 legal tenders and \$1000 to good deposited to her credit \$5000 in gold deposited to her credit on account of her taxes due for 1863 and 1864.

A Vicksburg paper says: "The residence of Mrs. Lucy Davis, a sister-in-law of Jeff Davis, was most beautifully illuminated lately in honor of the election of Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States.

Salem.—George Beal and G. Baker, arrested for the murder of Daniel De-lany, were examined yesterday before Justice of the Peace Hatch and com-Justice of the Peace Hatch and com-mitted to answer at the next term of the Circuit Court. Forty-eight wit-nesses were examined, and their tes-timony formed a chain of circumstan-tial evidence almost perfect, and hard-ly paralleled in the history of crim-inal trials.

J. W. Jordan, of Portland, and Emily N. Belt, daughter of Dr. A. M. Belt, of Salem, were married at Salem at the home of the bride's father, January 17. Right Rev. Bishop Scott officiated.

At the exhibition of the Portland Academy and Female Seminary last night at the Methodist Episcopal Church diplomas were presented to W. B. Lasswell and W. T. Wright, who have graduated with honor. Judge E. D. Shattuck presented the diplomas.

EQUAL RIGHTS WOMAN'S DEMAND Special Privileges in Jury Duty Not Desired, Says One.

PORTLAND, Jan. 20 .- (To the Editor.)-It was a surprise to many of us women of Portland to learn, through the papers today, that we were seek-ing special favors in the juror's bill

rather than righteous legislation.

As one who has been a part of the struggle for woman's legal and consequently meral and religious freedom, I can say that never did we plead for

favors or special privileres, but only for justice.

To demand the ballot because we be-lieved that we should assume the du-ties and responsibilities of government and then shrink and beg to be excus from the hard places that are involved in citizenship is childish and weak. The law has always exempted a certain class from jury duty and for real cause any one can be excused, but to allow the woman who prefers the matinee and bridge to duty of any kind, to ex-

them, the better it will be for home and country both.

The same old arguments against jury duty are heard that obtained in the early days of the equal suffrage movement. We have demonstrated that the polls can be as orderly as the church and there is no need for anything to occur within the precincts of a courtroom that would be offensive. There is nothing fillipy or indecent in the law itself and woman's presence in the jury box would be beneficial, as it has been in every public place she has enin every public place she has en-A juror has a splendld opportunity to

A juror has a splendid opportunity to serve humanity in the time of greatest need. Why should women he exempt from that service? It has been said that women are needed on juries when women and children are to be tried. I say they are just as much needed when some mother's boy is being tried, for the mother's viewpoint, the humani-tarian side has been too often ignored tarian side, has been too often ignored

in our courts.

To allow women to excuse themselves from jury duty would soon bring the law into contempt and make it a farce. It would be detrimental to cause everywhere for Oregon women to be made to appear so frivolous and childish, as they would be when the news was hearalded abroad that, after news was hearalded abroad that, after all, they were not willing to become true citizens; they were not sincere when they said they wanted to help to build up righteous government. They only wanted the ballot to use when it suited their whims, and preferred privileges and favors rather than rights. We greatly appreciate S. B. Huston's efforts in behalf of this and the property rights bill, but we hope he will efforts in benait of this and the property rights bill, but we hope he will be able to see that in all legislation affecting women there is only need for simple justice. We women must stand as firmly in opposition to sex legislation as we do to class legislation. The law must apply to all alike if we would have justice. have justice.

M. L. T. HIDDEN.

BY-PRODUCTS MEETING POSTPONED Conference With Fruit Organizations Not to Be Held January 25. PORTLAND, Jan. 20,-(To the Ed-

itor.)-I have just been advised by a member of the Northwest By-Prodects Committee of the postponement of the conference which was to have taken place in Portland at 10 A. M. Monday, January 25, between the by-products committee and all fruit organizations committee and all fruit organizations of the Northwest wishing to consider the organization of a central selling agency for the purpose of marketing the output of the by-products plants now in operation in the North Pacific States that wish to join the proposed agency, and of plants that may hereafter be formed, this organization to have a central board of control to endeavor to bring about a standardization of pack and a high standard of product by means of general superintendence of the output of all plants.

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ence of the output of all plants.

I take this means of notifying all parties interested in the co-operative by-products movement of such post-ponement, to save them the expense of a trip to Portland under the impression that the meeting would be held upon the date set. It is hoped that the delay in holding this very important conference, from the growers and by-prod-

China has consented to pay heavy indemnity. Moral: Keep your fighting men in trim.

Paris, too, is pulling down the blind to shut out the inquisitive German airmen.

In this connection I wish to call the attention of all growers to the following, from an address by George W. Russell before the Irish Agricultural Organization Society on "The Building Up of a Rural Civilization": Up of a Rural Civilization":

Up of a Rural Civilization":

The fact is that farmers have allowed it control of their industry to slip out of the hands, and they are squeezed because it organized industry always unloads its but den on the unorsunized. If farmers are tretain a surplus of wealth beyond the ban necessities of life, if they are ever to so in the rural districts any of the comfort and inxuries of the city, they must make their steady, persistent and fundamenta policy to work towards complete control in the rural districts any or the contract and invaries of the city, they must make I their stondy, peristent and fundamenta policy to work towards complete controver the manufacture and sale of all of the produce of the country-side, its crops, it by-products and the manufacturing business connected with these, so that they can ac in their own interests through their own agents in distant markets and push their produce with the energy of self-interest. It is interesting to see how closely these remarks apply to the fruit and vegetable growers of the Northwest, and are worthy of their most serious consideration. J. F. BATCHELDER.

COUNTY COURTS ARE DEFENDED. Errors Admitted, but Stmilar Mistake Are Charged to Mr. Sowiby.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Jan. 19 .- (To the Editor.)-We note with interest the report of Highway Engineer Bowlby covering bridge construction under the parisons of cost under his direction with that by the courts during forme years. An examination of his criti isms of Yamhill County work discloses that same, except with reference to two of the 13 bridges in contemplation, do not apply to the present Coun

Some statements giving only a part of the record are contained in his report that reflect upon the various courts—at least that would be the natural inference anyone would draw from reading bame. For example, he says the records show that the Yamhili County Court uaid the Coast Bridge Company \$15,500 five months before the contract was signed with them for the erection of the Newberg bridge. The record from which these figures were taken also discloses that this payment covered the purchase of the steel substructure and all engineering services for said bridge; but Mr. Howlby did not undertake to indicate all of this.

He also refers to a purchase of what Some statements giving only a par-

for said bridge; but Mr. Bowlby did not undertake to Indicate all of this.

He also refers to a purchase of what he calls 8.3 tons of I hars, which he says were purchased in November, 1910, at an excessive cost of \$544. Since no such material was purchased during 1910, we presume he got his wires crossed and has reference to a purchase of 18 18-inch I bars 40 feet lons, purchased in February, 1911, and aggregating 24.2 tons, some of which never were used and are now set up in good form on timbers near Dayton, but not lying "in the grass" as stated by him. We are all subject to error, and the purchase of those never used proved to be a mistake beyond dispute. But no more a mistake than that of his office failing to check the prefile of our Booth Bend bridge, through which failure the bridge was, under aupervision of his office, erected 19 feet higher than necessary at an additional cost for the substructure and the 1100 feet of suproceed of perhaps \$1000. No cost for the substructure and the 110 feet of approach of perhaps \$1000. No more a mistake than the failure of his office to provide "knee braces" in designing the same bridge, which will have to be supplied at much additional expense, and no more a mistake than the failure of his office to check the metal entering into the said bridge whereby, according to his own report, some of the members are under size.

some of the members are under size.

Much is said in his report about excessive cost in bridges erected in the past, all of which we believe to be substantially correct. For example, in 1910, the first year that steel bridges were undertaken by Yamhill County, 10 steel bridges were undertaken by Yamhill County, 10 steel bridges were purchased, three of which were erected that Summer and seven of which were delivered and erected the following year. The terms of office of the three members of that court have long since expired, but, be it said to their credit, they were ploof office of the three members of that court have long since expired, but, be it said to their credit, they were ploneers in that class of work, steel bridges were new to them, bridge men were probably pooled and the court did the best it knew and could under the circimstances. It was a case of history repeating itself as it always has and perhaps always will, in that anything newly introduced in a territory is usually without real competition. It will be remembered that upon the introduction of the twine binder it sold for about \$350. Now the same machine can be had anywhere for less than half that price. Even as garring a mistake as any of these, if they are mistakes, was made in the cost of the Booth Bend bridge under Mr. Bowlby's supervision, taking his own estimates as applied to other work which he criticises as a basis, to-wit:

Contract price for completed bridge. \$7956 Profile and inspection.

Total

Estimates.

22k tons structural steel at \$750.

Seeding 14 tons tubes at \$60.

Seeding 14 tons tubes at \$10.

Total

Estimates.

27k tons structural steel at \$750.

Erecting 14 tons tubes at \$60.

Seeding 15 per cent profit.

Total

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additional cost of error in height, and failure to provide "knee braces." But Mr. Bowlby, like the various courts, is learning the game, with experience, and our other three bridges built under his pervision, with the exception of pai-

supervision, with the exception of palpable, though inconsequential, error in design, are very good.

We heartily believe in the utility of county bridge direction by the highway commission; the value of it appears to be fully demonstrated. The only matter for discussion is the man at the head of it. We have no fault to find with Mr. Bowlby's good intentions, but one fault with him is that after he has encircled the protecting arms of his exalted position about a bridge lob he appears to assume an air arms of his exalted position about a bridge Job he appears to assume an air of "get the behind me, Satan" foward the people and the County Courts who pay the bills; his line of vision rises above the heads of the common, ordinary county official, and the latter are immediately in danger of being unseen and accidentally trampled upon. With a man at the head of the department with a few of the rough spots polished off, willing to extend ordinary courtesy to those whose employe he is, and possessing the requisite ability, we see no reason why much good in bridge conreason why much good in bridge con struction will not flow out of the high VINE W. PEARCE, a

MINISTER'S TEXT IS REVERSED Porkbarrel Brings Swine to Office, Ac-

cording to Socialist. PORTLAND, Jan. 20 .- (To the Edtor.)-Dr. Loveland, in his recent sermon on the "politicians," makes some very significant statements regarding

our political affairs. He very properly procialms the ini-tiative and referendum to be "blows at political efficiency" and then proceeds to deplore the condition of people under a democracy. Certainly, when the elected officials cannot be trusted and the people cannot care for themselves our affairs must be in a ery bad way.

while it is true that efficiency, on account of greed, festers insepportunity and misgoverns the people, it is not true that the people cannot be trusted to care for themselves. In no action to care for themselves. In no action they have taken by the initiative an they have taken by the initiative and referendism have they injured themselves of sought to reverse their former decision. It is true that they have not always acted wisely in deciding matters to their own interest, but their decisions have never wrought any increased injury except that they might there except that they might the property or they had their affairs mprove rather than hold their affairs

at a standstill.

If Dr. Loveland would change his golden text from "As long as we elect swine to office we will have a porkbarrel" to "As long as we lead to the long as we have a porkbarrel" to "As long as we have a porkbarrel" barrel (the profit system) we wil

barrel (the profit system) we will exceed a swine to office." he would have hit the nail on the head exactly.

This Government has been trying to elect efficient men since it was first founded and the church has been trying to make men efficient for 2000 years, and "the old ship of state is repking" as never before.

sars, and "the out of the conting" as never before.

Democracy will not commit "hari lit," Before we are consumed by polit," Before we are consumed by political firedumps we will take that other alternative, Sommism, and gethe doctor's text revised and the old ship of state will sail in tranquil water.

C. W. BARZEE.

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian of January 21, 1896. Washington—A special appropriation is to be recommended in the House to care for the Columbia River jettles. Representative Hermann brought up Representative Hermann brought up the matter yesterday and it is probable those working for the appropriation for the Missouri River work will ally themselves with the Columbia River improvement advocates.

La Grande-The snow blockade La Grando—The snow hlockade but the Union Pacific, which has held the trains in this vicinity for some days, has been broken at last and trains now are pushing their way toward Portland. Two deaths occurred on the trains near Union, Ov.

The Portland, Lower Columbia & Eastern Washington Railroad is an as-sured fact. North Yakima has raised the required \$100,000, and it is an-nounced the work on the road will be-

Salem-The First Baptist Church of Sheridan was incorporated today, A Gwynn, Dr. John Field and J. R. San

ders, Jr., filing the papers.

The Albina Courier is agitating the question of a high school for that city.

The first installment of the rolling stock on the cable road arrived yester-day from San Francisco, on the State of California. The cars are about three feet longer than the ordinary car and half the seats are under roof, the others facing to the outside.

Ed Feurry, an attache of the Stand-ard Theater, was arrested for snow-balling yesterday on the complaint of a Salvationist.

A biographer of David Bennett Hill recalls the fact that the backelor Gov-ernor never was fond of girls. He has always avoided their society and he has been known to walk around a block to avoid meeting one.

T. V. Mooney, of the Editorial Staff of the Boston Journal, is in the city.

Brigadier-General J. M. Siglin, of the Oregon National Guard, granted the Oregonian an interview yesterday in which he said the great need of the militia was funds.

At the special session of the school board last night Frederick G. Young. of Madison, S. D., was chosen principal of the High School at a salary of \$2000. Miss Sabin reported the night school had grown to the extent that a third teacher was necessary.

Ira F. Powers yesterday made it known he favored Salem as the site for the Reform School.

PARMER WRITES ON ROAD TAX

Let Handling of Fund Remain With

highway and other highway state. If Yamhill should get any part of it it would no doubt be used to pave part of the road from Rex to the Coast through Newberg, McMinnwille and Sheridan or the Pacific Highway toward salem. Now these are at present the hest roads in the county and

homes to our trading points, do you?

If you really wish to help us build our county roads just propose a state tax for roads, the money to be divided among the counties in proportion to the number of miles of roads in each count. number of miles of roads in each ty, the money to be expended the direction of the County Cou in the past and see how we will jump at the chance. I. HURNER

BRYAN SMILES AND RUBS HANDS. Glad to Have Public Know He Appreclates Service.

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Breckiter Easie, Jan. 15.

Secretary of State Bryan seized upon the publication of his leter to Walter W. Vick, seeking information concerning available jobs at Vick's disposal, as a good opportunity to break into print and let the public know that he believed in rewarding, so far as possible, all persons who take an interest in politics. When asked today if he cared to comment upon Vick's letter, the Secretary, wearing the Immous Bryan smile and rubbing his hands glecfully, said: statel:

"I am glad to have the public know that I appreciate the service of those who work in politics and feel an interest in seeing them rewarded, and as Mr. Vick received his appointment for political work, I thought he was a good man to address and express my contain on the subject." opinion on the subject.

Other than the above, Mr. Bryan would not comment on the testimony produced at the President's investigation into the Dominioan diplomatic

candal yesterday, Air of Conviction. London Tit-Bits.
The Swanky" One—I'm smoking a errible lot of cigars lately.
The Other (with conviction)—You're

ight, if that's one of them, The Domestic Problem

Mrs. Jones always looks well

Mrs. Bones seldom does. Yet Mrs. Jones does not spend half as much on her attire as does her neighbor, Mrs. Bones.

Perhaps Mrs. Jones has better taste—the knack of choosing welltaste—the knack of choosing well-but she has something elso—knowl-Mrs. Jones realizes she must make her dollars count. She likes to dress

So she never buys until she is

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She knows her needs and she knows her market and her most valued guide is the advertising in this newspaper, of which she is a nstant reader.