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PORTLAND, SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1904

ON THE CARNAGE AT PORT ARTHUR.

Realm of the rising sun, where erst arose

The printed page and War's explosive spark,

What mean these fires on thy horizon dark.

O'er hills where brave men's blood in rivers flows?

It is God's vengeance on an age of W068-

A million serfs, knout-tortured as they toiled.

Poland the war-swept, Finland the despoiled,

Poor, bleeding Kishinef, fell Siberia's SHOWS. It is God's blood-stonement; He re-

quires Vicarious victims by the thousands

piled In the blue sea and o'er Manchuria's wild.

From Harbin's hills to Arthur's funeral pyres,

Where Jap and Cossack blend their allen gore. To shrive the sins of centuries gone be-

fors. II.

On deepest night another steadfast star Fed by the fires of free

for years, and now is impatient. come soon by extension of the Harriman lines-a good start has been made tion in knowing that on the railroad by a miracle. side there is a better understanding.

THE PRODIGAL PARTY.

The Democratic party is like a certain son which wandered off into a far country and filled his belly with the husks which the swine did eat. But when he came to himself he said, I will arise and go back to the home of sense and honesty which I left and will ask to be taken back as a hired servant on probation. I will admit that I was wrong and have now seen the light and I hope to be restored through good behavior to my former place in the confidence of the folks at home and decent people generally.

of the history of the northeast pas-That is to say, the Democratic party sage." could be conscientiously likened to the prodigal son if it had acted on the lines ust laid down. But the attitude it We as a nation are a nation of lawbreakers actually assumes is something entirely it's a hubit, this disregard of the p stee. Nobody thinks anything of it. different. Without explaining or reprobating his actions of 1896 and 1960 when ake oaths and don't keep them. Never have any idea of keeping them. Mayors and Dis-trict Attorneys and Chiefs of Police all do the same thing. Oaths of office are a farce. Perhe voted for Bryan, Judge Parker asks the support and confidence of all goldstandard men because he somewhat ury in this line is a flourishing felony that patronizingly recognizes the gold standobody thinks anything of. It ought to be ard as "irrevocably established." He topped .- Sheriff Brown," of Baker, does not animadvert upon his own con-What the redoubtable Sheriff has in duct in leaving home or even upon the mind is the undeniable fact that some quality of the nutriment which the far of the laws that get on the statutecountry of populism afforded the Demobook are slightingly treated by officials.

cratic paunch. . The reason, which he ignores, is that As near as we can make it out, the they are not supported by public senti-Democratic idea is that the Elder ment and are passed with their neglect Brother should be thrown out on the in full view. Such is human nature world and the Prodigal Son installed as that legislators weakly yield to impormanager of the estate. tunate lobbyists and dishonestly enact

PLAYING AT "LONG BOWLS."

Japan's victories at sea have already influenced naval designers, as shown by a dispatch from London in yesterday's dispatches. The British Admiralty, it is reported, has decided to abolish 4.7- state institution shall be located away and 6-inch guns in battleships and heavy cruisers, substituting therefor 9.2-inch. This is an important decision, and can only be attributed to the success of Admirals Togo and Kamimura in their matches at what Drake called 'long bowls" with Admiral Withoeftnow in an ocean grave-and Rear-Admiral Jessen, of the Viadivostok squadron.

While Admiral Togo has not hesitated to expose his smaller vessels to risks of all kinds, he has nursed his in the fact that it is law, but in the inbattleships and heavy cruisers with a berent justice and feasibility of its proare commensurate with the importance visions. It is the universal custom of of the fate depending upon them. poor, sniveling, hypocritical humanity When the Port Arthur squadron to point with every assumption of outemerged, the Japanese battleships engaged it at a distance of from five to law in which the pointer is especially eight miles, and at the former range interested. The prohibitionist, who succeeded in striking the Czarevitch with 12-inch shells three times in fif- the anti-canteen law and then deteen minutes. Firing at these extreme ranges, the Japanese were enabled to is no better or worse than the rest of inflict a signal defeat upon the Russian squadron. Rear-Admiral Jessen, in his report of the fight with Kamimura's cruiser squadron, says that the action as opened by the Japanese at a range of 12,000 yards, at which distance their

S-inch guns did serious damage. Contrasted with the ranges at which the Japanese fought the Chinese at the hours to be a day! Where is the Demo-Yalu, these figures are astonishing. The Ting-Yuen, of the Chinese squadron, opened fire ineffectually at a range of 5700 yards, and the Japanese began when steaming across the Chinese line find in the fugitive slave law? How

to end by the protective deck, and have Whether the needed development shall massive bows fitted for attack by ramming. Details as to the coal supply, etc., are carefully gone over, and the on the Arlington-Condon branch-or conclusion is that Russia, by taking the later by independent roads, cannot be risk, might astonish the world with predicted, but it is certain to come. In her daring and prowess and let loose the meantime, there is some satisfac- a formidable fleet in Asiatic waters as

Admiral Melville does not discuss the military advisability or necessity of such an effort. He believes such an affort entirely practicable, and concludes an article that is of intense interest to naval and scientific men and of general interest to the world under existing circumstances with the following words: "In facing the possible dangers of this passage a determined mmander would find inspiration not only in the national need of his service. but in the memory of the fidelity and

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be a dead letter.

are violated every day.

UA.

stands awestruck before the majesty of

nounces the canteen when it is the law

Who ever heard of a trust promoter

would loom up in the labor leader's vis-

crat to refrain from denouncing protec-

shows over suppression of

ion if Congress should declare

ON THE SACREDNESS OF LAW.

move, made by that management seemed to disclose a policy in which the lance, broke the slave's arm with a

cause the diversion of this trade resulted in increased emoluments from transportation charges, but because it large cat when the lance threatens. aided in swelling the private fortunes of the land-boomers.

its function of a public carrier serving Impartially all communities through which it passed, was only a means to an end, and that end was the inflation of land values and the rapid accumulation of wealth by a few who were fortunate enough to have control of the road. It has been several years since fortitude of men like Willoughby, Chanthe Northern Pacific severed the largcellor, Barents, Behring, Nordenskjold, est tentacles of the land-booming octopus which held it, and it has been and a long line of explorers, whose steadily gaining in favor since it esnames shine brilliantly on every page caped. The immense traffic that flows

dictates of the Northern Pacific and grain men bought wheat east of the sorrow,' said another." Cascade Mountains they insisted that city for shipment, and that the flour when he kicks a fainting slave wheat should also go forward from this port without paying tribute to any naked maidens" on its circular terraces other port.

When our merchants bought goods in the East they insisted on distributing those goods from Portland, and not from any point in another state, even though that point be favored by the railroad company. The Portland mountain would not go to the Northern Pacific Mahomet, and after many years Mahomet began making tracks toward the mountain, and is now here. That

many a law which they fully expect to the railroad company will receive due credit and encouragement from our It says in the constitution of Oregon shippers is a foregone conclusion, prothat no negro shall come into the state vided always that we are given the or own property; that the Governor's service on even terms with other ports salary shall be \$1500 a year; that no which are served by the same road.

The O. R. & N. Co. is one of the from Salem; that the Secretary of State greatest factors in the commercial life shall receive no fees; that the Legis of Portland. It has grown up with the lature shall create no liability exceedcity and the city has grown up with it. ing \$50,000; that no county shall run There have been times when the selfin debt over \$5000. Efforts have been ishness, shortsightedness or stupidity made to change these provisions, but of nonresident directors has injured none of them has been changed. They Portland as well as the road. On the stand as the law; yet nobody, not even whole, however, it has extended so Sheriff Brown, is before the public or much better treatment to Portland the courts in complaint because they than this city has ever received from the Northern Pacific that the contrast Now, the sacredness of law abides not has always been striking. The determination of the latter road to come in and be one of us will place it nearer on a plane with the O. R. & N., and with both of the big roads working with Portland for the development of this raged feeling at the violation of some rich field for trade, Portland will prosper as they prosper, and will return in

ROME FROM LONG ISLAND SOUND.

shown it.

From the work of the press agent here is always amusement to be derived, and especially is this true of the calling on the President to enforce the work done by the publisher's press Sherman law with the same fervor he agent. We are interested in actors as men and women, but our interest in strikers? How the majesty of the law authors is more impersonal. There is therefore a humorous suggestion of mother of daughters as she now feels wasted effort in the items published about authors, for it is the books alone that count. We have a place in our tion as robbery, merely because it is hearts for poor Tom Hood, "spltting written on the statute-books? How up blood and puns," and the tea-swillmuch sacredness did the abolitionist ing Dr. Johnson; the vagaries of Byron are as pleasing to us as the domestic much shame do the descendants of the ity of Cowper. The book's the thing, quently diminished in the course of the Covenanters feel at the actions of their action to 2000 and once to 1000 yards. forefathers in suffering their right hand

however, and our interest in its author will never enable us to read one we do

ing under heavy brows, and, seizing a

transportation business of the organi- blow." On another occasion "the serzation was made subservient to its vice at his table had not pleased the land-booming department. In the pur- Prince. Leaping from his couch, he suance of this policy millions were struck down a slave and ordered his tion of a classic author. I have found squandered in the attempt to divert crucifixion." Frequently in the face above half the volume taken up with trade into unnatural channels, not be- and attitude of this amiable character there is a "suggestion of a monster to meet with a learned note upon a doubtcat," just as Herod "snarled like a ful passage in a Latin poet, I have only Antipater gives a banquet and his manuscripts for an et write an ac, or of guests are offered syondyll, tunny The railroad, instead of following out fishes from Chalcedon, and muraenas importance. Indeed, when a different from the Straits of Gades. Slaves kept | reading gives us a different sense or a new the goblets full of old wine. "In a dim elegance in an author, the editor does very light along the further side of the din-ing-hall was a row of figures, some only entertains us with the several ways draped, some nude, and all having the of spelling the same word, and gathers look of old marble. Two lay in volup- together the various blunders and mistuous attitudes, one sat on a bank of takes of 20 or 30 different transcribers, flowers, and others stood upon pedes- they only take up the time of the learned tals. They were all the varying forms | reader, and puzzle the minds of the ignorof Venus represented in living flesh. ant. I have often fancied with myself None, save Antipater and the slaves how enraged an old author would around him, knew that under each be, should he see the several absurdities bosom was a fearful and palpitating in sense and grammar which are imputed through Portland proved too attractive heart," When this banquet was over, "as to him by some or other of these various to be slighted. It would not follow the they were rising, the young Gracus re- readings. In one he speaks nonsense; marked: 'By Apollo! I have not taken in another makes use of a word that was pay tribute to Tacoma. When our my emetic.' 'To forget that is to know never heard of; and indeed there is scarce

It is all very amusing. We harthe wheat should be brought to this bor no ill-will toward Antipater liberty to read him in the words of some which was ground from some of this girl; we know he must supply lo- has thought fit to examine in the prosecucal color. The fountain with "rows of does not shock us; something must be swells will be very anxious to understand done to attract attention. It is all, as we have said, very curious and very amusing, especially when we notion of this practice, by endeavoring think of Mr. Bacheller, under the to write after the manner of several perinfluence of a great inspiration, writing far into the night with the cold spray breaking over his rough stone shack.

The Czarina, who with much peril brought great joy to Russia in giving birth to a son, heard no doubt with pride and thankfulness the booming of the guns that announced that the boy had been christened. Common respect print. for the feelings of the mother would in any other nation and under any other religion than that of the ironbound Greek Church have caused this grand function to have been postponed until the mother could have participated in it, at least by her presence. The Empress' mother-the typical' mother-inlaw, who more than any other person in the empire has treated the Czarina's failure hitherto to become the mother of a son as an almost criminal offenseaccompanied the Emperor on this great gala occasion. The English blood and English ways of the Czarina have exposed her to sharp criticism in the Russian court, her experience in that particular having been similar to that of her aunt, the late Empress Frederick, at Berlin. The son of the latter, the present Emperor William, an obstrepfull measure any favors that are erous, undutiful son in his earlier years. often referred scornfully to his mother as "that English woman," and, succeeding to the throne after his father's short reign, did much to embitter the few remaining years of her life. This is

too often the lot of royal and imperial mothers, and the Czarina of Russia will, no doubt, if she lives many years, have as devout cause for thankfulness for personal reasons in that she is the for reasons of state because she is the mother of a son.

It has been made clear by the man himself that Jack Munroe, of Butte, Mont., in the pursuit of an unworthy ambition spoiled a good miner to make others their wit. But as I find Corinna to States the "Canadian" thistle. In Caua very poor prizefighter. This fact be the name of a woman in other authors, ada the same unpopular plant is disowned came to Jack slowly, as he dizzily tried I cannot doubt but it should be her. to pick himself up after a four minutes' Stanza the third, verse the first. A long

ON VARIORUM EDITIONS.

(To the Editor.)-I have been nuch disappointed of late years

when, upon examining the new edi-

various readings. When I have expected been informed that such or such ancient some other notable discovery of the like.

a solecism in writing which the best author is not guilty of, if we may be at manuscript, which the laborious editor tion of his work.

I question not but the ladies and young what it is that I have hitherto been talking of. I shall therefore give them a notion of this practice, by endeavoring sons who make an eminent figure in the republic of letters. To this end we will suppose that the following song is an old ode, which I present to the public in a new edition, with the several various readings which I find of it in former editions, and in ancient manuscripts. Those who cannot relish the various readings will perhaps find their account in the song, which never before appeared in

My love was fickle once and changing Nor e'er would settle in my heart; From heauty still to beauty ranging, In ev'ry face I found a dart.

'Twas first a charming shape enslaved me, An eye that gave the fatal stroke; Till by her wit Corinna saved me, And all my former fetters broke.

But now a long and lasting anguish For Belvidera I endure; Houriy I sigh, and hourly languish, Nor hope to find the wonted cure.

For here the false unconstant lover, After a thousand beauties shown, Does new surprising charms discover, And finds variety in one.

VARIOUS READINGS. Stanza the first, verse the first. And

nanging.) The and in some manuscripts is written thus, &; but that in the Cotton library writes it in three distinct letters. Verse the second. Nor e'er would.] Aldus reads it ever would; but as this would hurt the meter, we have restored it to the genuine reading, by observing that

synaeresis which had been neglected by ignorant transcribers. Ibid. In my heart.] Scallger and others, on my heart.

Verse the fourth. I found a dart.] The fatican manuscript for I reads it; but this nust have been the hallucination of the transcriber, who probably mistook the dash of the I for a T.

Stanza the second, verse the second. The fatal stroke.] Sciopplus, Salmasius, and many others, for the read a; but I have stuck to the usual reading

Verse the third. 'Till by her wit.] Some manuscripts have it his wit, others your,

and was ten times a greater compli-

ment to the poet's mistress than an hun-

one.] Most of the ancient manuscripts

have it in two. Indeed, so many of them concur in this last reading that I am

very much in doubt whether it ought not

rhyme, and secondly because the sense is preserved by it. It might likewise pro-

seeing the figure 1 followed by a little

Fat-Frying Days Have Come.

Washington Star.

is necessary to secure attention or con-

Here's Another View.

Coburg Cor. Harrisburg Bulletin

They

Verse the fourth. And finds variety in

bullet he fired at her, wanders to New York, where Russell Sage takes up a collection and ships her to Havre.)

CHUNK X. On landing at Havre, Mrs. Popoff discovered her Beloved Husband in the grasp

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Samovar and Samisen.

Our great serial story of the Russo-

(Summary of previous chunks-Michael Popoff Fails in and Is Out a Rouble. Dis-

guised as a Bale of Hay, he makes his es-

cape from a Japanese Prison, and is on his way to Niuchwang when there is a Terrific

Explosion and Popoff is thrown into a Cloud.

which carries Him to St. Petersburg. He wakes the Cnarevitch, and his Fate is

frembling in the Balance when Port Arthur

Falls. Sliding into the Yellow Sea, Popoff discovers a Mine, the sale of which brings

him a Fortune, and he proceeds to Japan

to buy a sult of Saisuma Ware. By settling

Czar and the Mikado. In the meantime

Count Serge-Suit, the dreaded Chief of the

Third Section, forces his Attentions upon Mrs. Popoff. Furious at his Rejection, Count

Serge-Suit visits the Popoff cottage and raises his pistol. Popoff in the meantime is reminded of his Wife by a blow on the head,

and plunges into the Trackless Forests of

Central Wisconsin. He makes his way to Havre, when he is confronted by one of the Third Section hands Mrs. Popoff, after

Count Serge-Suit is killed by falling up

Japanese War:

of a Third Section hand. She quickly drew a sharp-pointed copeck from her hat and jabbed the hand until it fell, covered with blood. Then, in her joy at meeting Popoff again, she scratched his face, and even, in the exuberance of her gladness, tore out a couple of handfuls of hair. Popoff, equally delighted, responded by alternately kissing and walloping his wife's face. At this moment a burly pomme de terre approached and placed the loving souple under arrest for fighting. Angered beyond endurance by this unwarrantable insult, both Popoffs turned upon the meddlesome official, and although he peeled off his jacket, they soon had him looking like a boiled spud.

"Back to Pjoxtnsky, Munroe," cried Ponoff to the Wife of his Bosom "Dub," said Mrs. Popoff, scornfully, and

the pair began to make further demonstrations of affection. It was at this moment that the ringless bell of a wireless 'phone began to ring. Popoff took down the invisible receiver.

"This is the Czar, Popoff," came the message. "We need you at the front. Kuropatkin can't stand up to the Japanese."

"Right, O," answered Popoff. "Send him out my chair and let him sit down to them."

"C. O. D.?" asked the Czar.

"I should smile," replied Popoff, who at once called a franc from the nearest hackstand, placed his family inside, and ordered the driver to make full speed for Pjoxtnsky, promising him a pour-boire under the ear if he did not cover the distance in 15 days.

(To be concluded.)

A sore subject-Munroe.

Portland's prisoners are to become thistle-downers. What airy trifling for hobos.

Up in Seattle they fined a Deputy Sheriff because he acted as look-out for a poker game. To such lengths are people carried by these reform waves.

Judge Reid is to be congratulated upon the eminently judicial manner in which he decided the question of keno-is it gambling or not? He referred it to a higher court.

A certain species of fecund and undesirable thistle is termed in the United under the name "Scottish" thistle. Won-

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hem-bright Burns in the East, a beacon bold to light

Dauntless defiance to a tyrant Czar, O fair Japan, nurtured in chivalry,

Free from old fears that haunt the Saxon mind,

Fashioned for Art and all things true and kind.

Glad as old Greece, dream-bathed as Italy-

To thee we look as from a gathering storm.

E'en as we bend the knee at Mammon's shrine,

And tremble as the fiend-lit fagots shine

In fury round the black man's quiver-

ing form; And then rejoice in cleaner hands to see,

Upborne as here of old the torch of Libertyl

A BETTER UNDEBSTANDING.

It may be that the recent visit to Oregon of men having authority in that part of the Harriman railway system lying west of the Rocky Mountains will be productive of good results. In a letter published on page 29 of this issue of The Oregonian, Alfred Holman, editor of the Sacramento Union, writes freely of the impressions this state made on the visitors. What he says concerning William F. Herrin, head of the legal department of the Southern Pacific, and the change in his view of Oregon, is interesting, perhaps significant. His eyes have been opened. Facing facts that cannot be misunderstood and conditions that cannot be ignored, he finds | American Review, and gives therein his himself obliged to reverse former opinns of Oregon and her relation to the transportation companies. He admits now that the Columbia River is one of Nature's great highways of commerce. It may be that through him the attitude of the Harriman system toward Oregon will undergo changes beneficial allke to this country and the railroad.

Mr. Herrin is Harriman's "big man" on the Pacific Coast, not in the matter The only question to Admiral Melvilie's of rates or the operation of trains, but in wide-reaching affairs vitally affecting the railways and the country that ice successfully at this season and supports them. His position may be likened to that of the late Joseph N. Dolph in the Villard corporations during the period of construction from 1879 Behring Strait was first passed in 1646, the head of the Pacific Coast legal department; he was Villard's personal representative and man of affairs. Since Huntington's death and the change of control in the Southern Pacific. Mr. Herrin's "baillwick" is en- ticable route for a determined and able larged. The Columbia River Basin may he regarded as now within his jurisdiction. In Huntington's reign there was Angeles and Portland were stations on the line.

To the business interests of Portland and to the rich undeveloped sections east of the Cascade Mountains the rall- out and minutely traced by Admira road's duty and self-interest are clear. Melville, which they would take in as Mr. Herrin says, a fair understanding, a close sense of sympathy, with with ice and warred over by mighty absolute co-operation between those who supply freight and those who carry passage is entirely feasible. it, cannot fail to lead to the largest and most profitable results all round.

The Chinese cruiser Chih-Yuen attempted to ram, as was the intention of the Infanta Maria Teresa at Santiago. When the latter vessel sheered to the westward she was at a range of but 900 yards from the Brooklyn.

at a range of 4400 yards. This was fre-

It is evident that engagements in future will be fought at long range between ships of the line, and that the daring enterprises will be left to the less long-range heavy guns will assume an even greater value, and the British Admiralty, in recognizing and acting upon this view, are failing into line with the American practice, which has run in the direction of heavier metal than the British. The British cruiser Terrible.

built to offset the Russian Rurik, had a lighter armament than the Rurik on a much greater displacement. The abandonment of the 6-inch gun,

which has hitherto formed the secondary battery of every one of Britain's monster battleships and cruisers, shows the effect of Togo's success in this particular. In other respects the naval fighting has taught nothing new. The importance of torpedo craft, if not for their actual accomplishment, at least for the effect of their menace upon the enemy's nerves, has been amply demonstrated, and the traditional American for felony more in consonance with cry of "shoot straight" has again been sweetness and light, more becoming in proved, as in every war in which a gun has been fired.

THE BALTIC FLEET AND THE NORTHwash. EAST PASSAGE.

Rear-Admiral George Wallace Mel ville, U. S. N., has the leading article in the current number of the North views as to the practicability of the use of the northeast passage through the Arctic Ocean by the Russian fleet in transit from the Baltic to the Pacific. from the standpoint of an Arctic explorer, who for almost two years, ice fro over perhaps the most exposed and dangerous portion of this possible route. round Asia in safety.

Summing up the experience of navigators in far northern. waters since Senator Dolph was more than | and adding to this record his own experlence in those seas as cartographer of the lost Jeannette, he does not hesitate to assert that, when there is need to face its dangers, the northeast passage must be regarded as a prac-

Russia's Baltic fleet, available for service in Asiatic waters, consists of from only one Pacific Coast terminus. Los fifteen to twenty ships of large tonnage. The majority of these are battleships and armored cruisers. Their

presence in Aslatic waters is urgently needed. The route, as carefully mapped forcing the northeast passage, is beset trade of this port, and is preparing to winds. Yet he believes that such a

In support of this assumption he cites that the vessels which it is desired to Pacific Railroad was bending all of its brushing Antipater's hair, leans upon Oregon, including Portland, is ready move are armored to four fest or more energies toward the upbuilding of Ta- his head, whereupon the villain ing to the delegates from Utah, Be-

to be cut off rather than obey the laws like. and orders of Charles!

eight

The defense of all these lawbreakers is that of St. Peter, that they choose to obey God rather than men: and as God always commands a man to do what his judgment or sometimes his self-interest prescribes, it is the habit of serious-minded folk to regard unpalatable laws as concoctions of evil valuable vessels. Consequently the and agreeable laws as solemnly binding on everybody. If Sheriff Brown will turn his attention to the Oregon code he will discover a multitude of statutes that are more complete dead letters than the saloon and gambling legislation which has impressed itself so forciterpleces, but our real object is to call bly upon his mind.

In all this we do not wish to be construed as criticising the good Sheriff for his manly stand or as extenuating wrongdoing in Baker City or elsewhere. We merely seek to remind him, gently as in keeping with the dog days and the dangers of overexcitement and the desirability of poise, that when he talks of perjury in the entire official life of the Nation, there are extenuating circumstances which even a Sheriff, rough and ready and admirable mixers as all Sheriffs are, may properly take into ac-

count, and that there are euphemisms the polished gentleman of the world, more in keeping with the great truth that all is vanity anyhow and that 100 years hence it will all come out in the

NORTHERN PACIFIC'S AWAKENING. The purchase of the Weidler property

by the Northern Pacific Railroad or by parties working in its interest is another straw indicating the direction of the commercial wind in the Pacific Northwest. The announcement in The This question he considers solely Oregonian several weeks ago that the deal had been practically consummated was, on account of the previous atti with incredulity, but yesterday's confirmation of the story has removed all doubts as to the intentions of the big mind is whether heavy armored vessels railroad company. In acquiring such perial city. of high power can face the northern an expensive piece of unimproved property the railroad company offers indisputable evidence of the confidence that

It feels in the future of this city. Were it in the nature of things for the city to stand still or decline in prestige, it would be unnecessary for any addi-tional facilities to be provided for bandling the business of the port. The warehouse room and terminal facilities already possessed by the company in this city have thus far served to handle all of the business that was obtainable, and if the gloomy predictions of some

future would hold nothing in store that would warrant the extravagant outlay now being made by the railroad company. But the Northern Pacific, in keeping with the growing sentiment of a large number of our own business men, re-

alizes the possibilities of the future

It is certainly curious to know that Ford Madox Hueffer, who collaborated with Joseph Conrad on his latest novel. 'always writes standing, with a tame duckling fast asleep between his feet." We confess that further information would be welcome: Who tames the ducklings? And is "dope" used to make them sleep? Very curious information, indeed, but shall we rush to buy "Romance" because of a duckling that were better in the pot? We mention Mr. Hueffer because he appears to have reached the zenith of accomplishment in the accessories of turning out mas-

attention to "Vergillus: A Tale of the Coming of Christ," written by Irving Bacheller, whose manner of life and manner of writing are minutely described by an able press agent. Mr. Bacheller, like the author of a famous elegram, leaves his bed at an early hour and dives in for a swim. Besides this he fishes, he plays golf, he has long walks with a collie, "of which he is very fond." All his writing is done in a rough stone shack built over the waters of Long Island Sound. When there is "a lop on," the spray dashes over the roof of the shack, wherein Mr. Bacheller, as

the inspiration seizes him, works for hours at a stretch, careless whether it be night or day. Breezy surroundings these, and a "D'rl and I" seems a not unfitting outcome

"Vergilius," however, is what the botanists call a "sport," a varia-tion that cannot be logically explained, even admitting Rome's baleful attraction for novellsts. The splendor and squalor, the renown and corruption, the glamor and horror, appear to offer a setting that will "carry"

story, however slight. The novelist usually forgets that to suggest the atmosphere of Imperial Rome is a task requiring intimate knowledge and the power of broad execution. Dabs of "lobesst, in the Jeannette, drifted to and tude of the Northern Pacific, received cal colour" are poor substitutes for the sweep of a sure brush, and "purple patches" in a story but weakly show forth the pomp and pageant of an im-

> Vergilius is a young Roman who loves Arria, a Roman malden. The Emperor

sends Vergillus on a mission to the court of Herod, where he is tempted by Salome, and incidentally sees John the Baptist as a baby. Later he sees the Virgin Mary and her child in the stable. Arria comes to Judea, and she and Vergilius decide to go housekeeping in a temple "and call it home." That is the story. The local color is less tenuous. In addition to such small spatterings as a door upon the lintel of

which hangs a brass plate. "bearing in of our own pessimists were realized, the large letters the word 'Salve,'" slaves taking a guest's "pallium," and a King with a "purple tarboosh and crown of wrought gold upon his head," there are bills-of-fare, descriptions of ballets ington County man, late of Hillsboro, when tights were unknown, and nobles employed in murdering and maiming slaves.

"It had been a stormy day in the palace of Antipater (the tall, swarthy

meet the demands that will be made on villain). He had crucified a slave for There was a time, and it was disobedience and run a lance through not so long ago as to be forgotten, one of his best horses for no reason." when the management of the Northern Later in the stormy day a slave, in for this co-operation, has been ready below the water line, stiffened from end coma at the expense of Portland, Every "jumped to his feet, black eyes flash- yond this it is insignificant.

bout in the prizering with James Jeff- and lasting anguish.] The German manuries, the world's champion slugger. No script reads a lasting passion, but the loubt this was the best thing that ever happened to Jack. Once upon a time a sturdy young man who had gained some notoriety with the boxing gloves attempted to stand up in the prizering glass, by which means the etymology of the word is very visible, and Pelvidera against Jack Dempsey. The Nonparell quickly took a fall out of him that will signify a lady who often looks in her proved to be the making of him. This glass; as indeed she had very good re is a matter of local history, and it may if she had all those beauties which our serve to encourage the real friends of Munroe to believe that he may become permanent and useful factor in the

poet here ascribes to her. Verse the third. Hourly I sigh, and sourly languish.] Some for the word industrial world by a forced return to hourly read daily, and others nightly; the last has great authorities of its side. Verse the fourth. The wonted cure.] the honorable vocation of mining. The elder Stevens reads wanted cure

dred.

Stanza the fourth, verse the second, After a thousand beauties.) In several The Oregon building at St. Louis has made a decided hit with a staff correcopies we meet with a hundred beauties spondent of the Indianapolis News, by the usual error of the transcribers, who probably omitted a cipher, and had who writes his paper from the Louisiana Purchase grounds as follows: not taste enough to know that the word

The Oregon people are here booming the Lewis and Clark Exposition, to be held at Fortland in 1965. These Westerners have a picturesque building, and if a weary woman or a tired child happens in there is a cup of cool water and a soft couch on which to rest. And it is free. This hospitality, say the Oregon folk, will be the kind dealt out to their guests next year.

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It is worth while to read on page 40 of this paper what the Chicago Record-Herald has to say on the awakening of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. While there is nothing in the way of irrigation enterprises in the Pacific Northwest that readers of The Oregonian are not familiar with, it is gratifying to note that so able and widely circulated a paper as the Record-Herald deems them of enough importance to devote generous space to their exploitation.

a matter of so great uncertainty. SPECTATOR. A new paper at Bellingham is an nounced-the Puget Sound American. In the able hands that have made the Seattle Times so great a success, the new journalistic venture cannot fall to achieve great things for the thriving community where it is to be published We congratulate Colonel Blethen on his new departure and Bellingham on its new accession.

tributions. The corporations are ex-We think that when Judge Powers pecting the visit, and the great majorgets back to Salt Lake he will be sorry ity of them are ready to "come down that he went up in the air as he did at with the dust." It is business. the Mining Congress and ashamed of have become accustomed to it, and rehis ungaliant attack on Portland spond without dilly-dallyings or grumbwomen and his ridiculous proposal to ings. boycott the Lewis and Clark Fair. And this is probably all that needs to be said will win? What, therefore, does pru-dence teach? Contribute to both sides. about his lapse from sound taste and good sense. And that, as a rule, is done.

The traditional man whose superla tive meanness was embodied in the declaration that he would "steal coppers from the eyes of a dead nigger has been outdone in real life. A Washone Edward R. Austin, recently robbed his aged mother of every cent she pos sessed in the world and fled the country.

The triumph of Denver over Salt Lake in the contest for a permanent home for the Mining Congress made glad the hearts of the Colorado deleing monument to the folly of the United States Forestry Department in the course gates and was correspondingly depressting out of fires.

rhyme will not admit it

Washington dispatch to the Noticero Verse the second. For Belvidera I en-dure.] Did not all the manuscripts re-Sevillano, a Spanish newspaper: Washington, July 26 .- Public opinion i claim, I should change Belvidera into Pelmay with the approaching elections for the videra; Pelvis being used by several of the ancient comic writers for a looking-

Presidency of this Republic. The Democrats support Mr. Parquez, follow ing the advices of Cleveland, who in a manifes published recently recommends the aforesaid andidacy, judging that to vote for it is a atriotic duty. The persons aspiring to the Presidency who

nave the most probable chances of success are Parques and Roosevelt.

A correspondent sends us a lurid sketch entitled, "Future Punishment in Store for Those Who Wilfully or Carelessly Start Forest Fires." A large cage of barbe; wire is placed over a number of very active vocanoes, and a gang of imps with pitchforks is engaged in throwing the wicked through a trapdoor in the top of the cage. seems to us that a better plan would he to have Satan the Sorrowful present each of the guilty with a valuable timber claim and then compel the owner to start fires on It.

When a faithless lover skips out of to take place. There are but two rea-sons, which incline me to the reading as I have published it; first because the own, leaving behind him the girl whose heart he won with honeyed words and iced drinks, what is the jilted damsel to do? Shall she let conceed from the oscitancy of transcribers, who, to despatch their work the sooner, used to write all numbers in cipher, and cealment, like a worm I' the bud, feed on her damask cheek, or shall she go about, like the girl in the Song of dash of the pen, as is customary in old manuscripts, they perhaps mistook the Solomon, chasing her "one among ten thousand"? As a rule the forsaken dash for a second figure, and, by casting up both together, composed out of them damsel does neither of these things. Inup both together, composed out of them the figure 2. But this I shall leave to the learned without determining anything in stead, she chases up a new purveyor of cream and honey, and the sun shines as brightly for her as of yore. There is yet another line of conduct that the girl may pursue; it has been indicated for her by a young lady of Greenhorn, who was recently left by a young man The fat-frying days have come, the who had won away her heart. The young lady of Greenhorn, so called apsaddest of the year for both the big and satures of the year for out the big and little corporations. It takes money to make the mare go, and the campaign collectors know where to apply for it. They have their little lists and are con-sulting them. The injunction is, let parently because there are no green horns there, saddled a horse and loaded a gun. Then she set out after the faithless one, determined to bring back a lover alive or a deceiver dead; but alas no corporation escape. It is not a case a lover alive or a deceiver dead; but alass of begging. Not hat-in-hand humility for romance and poetic justice! the deceiver had a faster horse.

Because mice in the Postoffice at Pen zance ate some pigeons that were being sent by parcels post, the department had to compensate the sender. Some time previously the Postmaster at Penzance Why resist? Why make an enemy, when a friend at court is at times bad applied for an official cat, but the so necessary? Who knows which side Postmaster-General had refused to supply one. This recalls a story of red tape in the British army. A Quartermaster was asked to explain the loss of certain stores. He replied that rats had eaten them. He was ordered to report on the best means of getting rid of the rats. He replied that Once there was a man who lived in a eavy timbered county, and every Spring whenever he found a bunch of fern or marked "approved" by the general officer leaves that would burn he touched a commanding, and, after passing through match to it, and as a consequence he had a dozen offices, was indorsed by some small fires in the timber nearly all the Summer. His neighbors threatened him with the penitentiary, but he set fires all months the Quartermaster was ordered to with the penitentiary, but he set fires all the same. Two years ago, when the for-est fire destroyed so much valuable tim-her, the fire burned all around this man's ported that not a single rat had been timber and died out, and today his quar-ter-section of heavy green timber stands surrounded by a lot of burnt snags, a liv-to this the Quartermaster answered that To this the Quartermaster answered that he believed results would be obtained they are pursuing in regard to the put- from the trap if he were supplied with bait.

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