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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER-Maximum temperature, 71 deg.; minimum, 58. Precipitation. 0.03 inch

TODAY'S WEATHER-Partly cloudy; weat to northwest winds.

PORTLAND, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

"EXTRAVAGANCE AND BECKLESSNESS." Fortunately, the United States is not asking for new loans. The Governm ent is not Increasing its debt by long bonds or by exchange the debt by long bonds or by exchange bills for temporary needs. If in any month outlay exceeds income, the de-ficit is covered by previous surplus laid away. Individuals and corporations reach out for vasi sums in longs, but the Nation is not a horrower in any market. Its is is not a borrower in any market. Its in-terest-bearing debt at the beginning of the fiscal year 1898 was \$\$47,365,130, and the mnmal interest was \$54,357,515. A loan of \$290,000,000 was made by popular subscrip-tion for war purposes. Yet at the start of the current fiscal year that debt was only \$895,157,440 and the annual interest $$25_4$. 176,746. In the interval the Government has paid the cost of the Spanish War, \$20,-000,000 under the treaty of Paris, and \$20,-000,000 on secount of the Panama Canal. Now the Nation stands on a granite basis of credit, and over the door of the Treasury may be inscribed: "We are not borrowing unl interest was \$84,387,315; A loan of may be inscribed: "We are not borrowing here."-The Treasurer of the United States.

THEY DIDN'T HAVE IT. The Democratic campaign book records the painful but conscientious discovery, made by some of its disinter-ested and cautious compilers, that the average family contributes something like \$94 a year to the Dingley tariff. This is important, if true, and there is fortunately no need to quarrel over the exact figures. Ninety-four is a good number, near enough to 100 to be startling, and yet avoiding round numbers strata, so as to minimize the cost of Call it \$94 and let it go at that. The inference is, of course, that the \$94 are lost. Nobody gets anything for them. They are paid out but not taken in. They disappear, as it were, from the face of the earth, having accomplished nothing except to disturb the honest Democratic soul and furnish forth a chapter in the Democratic campaign book. It might be worth while to show that some \$284,000,000 s year are paid into the Treasury from tariff revenues and that the manufacturing interests of the Nation, whose welfare the tariff had in mind, continue to add something to the wealth of the United States and to give the average family something for its \$94. But let that pass. It is not important. We assume that the Democratic party, if it comes into power, will immediately fix things so that the average family will not contribute to the tariff \$94 per year, or any other sum. On reflection we incline to concede that this is very near the truth. The four years from 1893 to 1897 are not so far away but their memory can be vividly recalled. In those years our average familles didn't contribute \$94 a year, or any other sum, to the tariff. No, nor to anything else. They didn't have it.

the majority in New York are for Parosevelt, then Parker gets the vote anyhow.

The Presidential election in the United States is a fraud. It purports to be the free choice of an intelligent people. It is the free choice of an inteiligent people only in name and in part, Out of 239 electoral votes that are decisive upon the insues at stake and the men proposed, only 80 are actually so fought for and won if Parker wins, while the whole 239 are fought for and

won if Roosevelt wins. The 159 electoral votes for Parker are determined upon in advance. They are handed to him by a reigning oligarchy as absolute and unquestioned as the mandate of the Czar. Platforms are put out-they are addressed only to the people of the North, Candidates are groomed and advocated-but only to the voters of the North. Republican merits or mistakes, Democratic merits or mistakes, are subject for commenda. tion or reproof-only at the North. It is upon this basis of two-thirds of the result assured in advance that the Democratic party assumes the role of a candidate for popular approval. Parker takes two points in a threepoint game and is willing to play for the remaining one. The base of the Democratic pyramid is laid upon the disfranchisement of 8,000,000 blacks in the South, whose enumeration sends men to Congress to read us lectures on liberty and equality. Is it a fair game? Is the foundation laid one that can rightfully claim the co-operation of the eyed and flaxen-haired darlings that fairminded for the superstructure? Is

only chance of success is based upon a result attained where a free ballot, free speech and an honest count are unknown? -

AN UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY.

We are wont to say that the earth has been fully explored, so that with the exception of the poles nothing now remains to tempt the spirit of adventure. Yet there is a source of strange ploration which is practically a virgin field and which is almost infinite in possibilities of mineral wealth and medepths of the earth's crust beneath our feet. The British Association recently spent a session in cogitation upon this curious theme. Mr. Charles A. Parsons. chairman of the engineering section, offered some figures and other data on a hypothetical bore into the bowels of the earth. He calculates that the cost of such a hole in the ground, including air-locks and cooling, the time consumed in the work and the tempera-

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thought the undertaking might be worth while. At the present time the deepest mining shaft is at the Cape of Good Hope, and it is said to be about one mile in depth. The deepest bore hole of record is one in Silesia made by the Austrian government, also about a mile deep. What might be found at greater depths is what the geologists want to know more than they are able to tell in temperate language. The sinking of a shaft to a great depth presents, so far as are known, no insurmountable difficulties. It would be desirable to select for such an experiment a locality known or believed to be as free as possible from water-bearing pumping.

think of the traditions that would have ker, he gets the state's electoral vote. to be revised. Saints and angels are If the majority in Mississippi are for When Eve appeared to Milton's vision-

Etc. as a vell down to her stender waist. Her unsdorned golden treases wore distovelled. In later times the blessed damozel, who caused such a stir when she made her debut, had hair that "lay along her back" and was "yellow, like ripe corn," a description that moves the unmesmerized young person of the day to compare the damsel with the more frivolous girl whose golden hair was ion in connection with his address, aphanging down her back. From Helen, an inch from the tip of whose nose, as some one says, had changed the history of the world, and Cleopatra-"and she was fair as is the rose in May"-the red-gold goddesses have ever swayed the hearts of men. And it cannot be said that the blondes of history have shown any lack of capacity for struggling along in the world. Elizabeth was a bit of a boss in her time, and she might have passed for a pyroxide damsel of a later period. Scientists now and then make mistakes that laymen are able to correct. The savants of the Smithsonian are right in their assertion that blondes in America are decreasing in numbers. The cause, however, is not lack of vitality; it is an

even more powerful agent-fashion. That is the secret in a nutshell. Fashion's pendulum now swings toward the brunette. The blonde is temporarily out of it, especially as this is to be a brown season, the trade journals say Even the little girl buying a doll wants one with dark hair, ignoring the bluedelighted her mother's infancy. Let it the part of wise statesmanship thus fashion approve of brunettes for a long to reward and approve the party whose snough time, and blondes may die out, but the moment the inevitable reaction comes, presto the locks of gold will reappear

AIDS TO THE DRAMA.

Around few institutions, human or divine, has such a mass of critical writing accumulated as has been piled against the theater. Regarded from whatever viewpoint, it seems to awake the ltch for writing, and we have esand perhaps sensational terrestrial ex- says upon the stage from the moralist, the preacher, the artist, the amusement-lover-from every one, in fact, who has ever seen a play, and frequentchanical power. We allude to the ly from those who have not. Leaving aside the ethical and the higher criticism of the stage in general, how many fair pages have been spolled by critics of its more trifling aspects and its relations to the pleasure, almost as much physical as mental of the playgoer? Such nimble wits as George Bernard Inconsequential Chesterton-have occupled themselves with the matters of tures of rock to be encountered, would for the performance to begin, and the as low-priced as the home product.

> of the play. The supreme importance of the relation between a good dinner, and en- to buy an Eastern-made blanket when even yet been fully grasped, although eral essayists. One writer has even gone so far as to draw up a number of same pollcy. It is a sort of selfishness, theater. There would be an evident fitness in having, for example, a meal of pickles, cold boiled mutton and senns tea before going to see "Ghosts," while the proverbial "bird and bottle" would put one in the mood for "King Dodo." These suggestions may be all very well, but they cannot be accepted as final. food, and coffee-substitute advertisements, the American people must know the composition of their foods, the perdramatic season is upon us. A few freight charges. To send money East months' observation would decide what to buy something no better or cheaper, foods enabled a man to enjoy most the play, which modern customs bring immediately upon the heels of dinner. Discussion of the food question leads to one almost as important, namely, the question of drink. It cannot have esthe prosperity of the community. caped the attention of playgoers, especially those with tender corns, that large numbers of men bolt for the door. the extreme. Here is an illustration: as the curtain drops upon an act. Once A big railroad east of Chicago has a outside the theater, what do these men | freight agency in Portland in charge of do? It is useless to vell the fact; most a man who gets a lot of traffic on acof them make their way to a convenient count of his personal popularity and har, where they have something to the prompt service of his company. He drink. There is nothing in this to cause one to blame the men in question. They are merely seeking something that will bring their mental state into harmony with the play. At present they seek blindly, but if Dr. Wiley will experiment along this line the public will know in time what is the best thing to freight." They comprehend the value do between the acts. With some plays it is undoubtedly a good thing to go out at the end of the first act and to' force the plan persistently. While this stay away during the others. In the present lack of information on the subject, that is the only valid excuse for butting past a lot of people whose enjoyment needs no stimulant other than

There is no election at the South. If dark and fair darker and fairer. And who are so closely in touch with the of lesser importance, and "Frensied Lewis and Clark achievement and its coming celebration at this end of the adapting the truism regarding the re-

> The Oregon Country is indeed a grand theme. Its past, its present and its future-each is an inspiring topic. Over the first romance broods and tender memories linger; about the second earnest activities cluster and strive, while going out to meet the last are the hopes and aspirations of a growing multitude of loyal citizens. To these the words of will, however, serve as a "horrible ex-William H. Seward, quoted by Mr. Fen- ample," and as such may deter others peal proudly. "The Pacific, Its shores, its islands and the vast region beyond," said this sagacious statesman, "will the world's great hereafter." At the sunset gates of the great Pacific, facing the ocean wherein its felocitic, facing the ocean wherein its islands and the vast regions beyond are just awakening from the lethargy of the centuries, Oredicks, and the feeling which the writer gon stands ready to work out her grand has for his late associate is reflected in destiny. Every loyal citizen of Oregon his personal allusions to Addicks, who will echo the just and proud eulogies of he describes as "a financial guerrilla, her citizens at St. Louis on Lewis and balloony, mysterious, yet as sticky as a jelly fish, a votary of rotten finance, Clark commemoration day.

KEEP YOUR MONEY AT HOME.

It is not likely that any taxpayer in Portland will protest publicly or in private because the city let a contract for fron water pipe to a home concern whose bld was about one-half of one per cent higher than that of an Eastern competitor. Employment of home isbor whose wage will be several thousand dollars is a good and sufficient reason for violating the established rule to give the work to the lowest bldder. In a broad view, it involves no violation of economic law, though technically a very slight burden is taken from the manufacturer and transferred to the community. Here is an instance of protection simply to foster the home market.

Prosperity comes to a commonwealth not so much from the amount of the soil's product, the extent of its factories' output and the volume of trade prove them. as from the profits to labor and capital employed in agriculture, manufacturing and business. Therefore, carrying farther the idea of building up your home market, let it be your invariable rule never to send a dollar to buy a necessity or a luxury away from home that you can get at the same price at home. For the purpose of defining "home" so far as it relates to the subject in hand, be it set down that Western Oregon and the Columbia River Basin constitute the commonwealths where the principle should be established.

If in Winter you have no special choice between California oranges and Shaw and Max Beerbohm-a sort of Oregon apples, buy the home-grown fruit. Insist from your grocer upon the Oregon or Washington prune, not the costumes and settings, the best hour imported, which is neither as fine nor effect of dinner upon the appreciation | Perhaps you need a screen for the fireplace; ask your dealer for one made in Portland and save one-third. Refuse joyment of the drama has not those made in Oregon are celebrated as the best in the country. The East buys the subject has been treated by sev- from us only what it must have. No injustice is worked if we pursue the memus suitable for dinners before the this standing in with one another, that pays in the end. But our commonwealth manufactures

prevent its continuance here are uronly a part of the things we daily need. and the condition is not likely to change soon. Then give your local that which Rockefeller, Lawson et al. dealer the opportunity to make a' profit if he can do it without greater cost to you. Every magazine you pick up at ting suicide. Under our present laws Thanks to skillfully written breakfast this season of the year is filled with there is no immediate necessity for the attractive advertisements that appeal Rockefellers to carry poison around to the housewife. Send for the catawith them in order to defeat the judglogue or booklet; reading it will perment of the court. centage they contain of proteids and haps give you full information. Still other mysterious things. It is there- your first duty is to learn whether you fore up to Dr. Wiley to try something cannot get the very same article here practical on his poison squad, now the at the same price and save express or inspectors in the investigation of the

WOULD ANY AMERICAN DO IT? Finance" in literary form resulted. In

story is devoted largely to "Gas" Ad-

American cltizenship and all-around

hold up American laws, American elect-

ive franchises and American corpora-

the statements when it knows that the

accuser is drawing some of his inspira-

tion from a desire to get even. In this

case, however, the expert testimony is

coming from one who has been so close

Chicago Inter Ocean. There are 2006 schoolhouses in the Philip-pines. Over each schoolhouse foats an American flag; in each schoolhouse are an American teacher and a number of Filipino sults of a falling out among thieves we must perhaps qualify the reference to honest men. This family row be-American teacher and a number of Filipino children singing our National songs and learn-ing American ways. Suppose Judge Parker should be elected President agat November, would any American. Democrat or Republican, volunteer to go to any of those schoolhouses and say to the teacher. 'Judge Parker is President; the policy of the Government is to be reversed, and I come to pull down the fag on your schoolhouse?' Would any Amer-tean do that? Would any American pull down the flag7-Senator Foraker at the Audi-torium meteing. tween a flock of financial vultures' will not bring to life the suicides who staked their life on Amalgamated and lost all, nor will it return to other est men the money that was obtained from them under false pretenses. It from becoming entangled in the meshes spread by the Wall-street thimble-rigrium meeting. gers. The expose so far as it has pro-This is a pertinent question, and it

Would any American, with an eye single to the development and prosperity of the United States and with the necessities The latest installment of Mr. Lawson's

of our navy in mind, voluntarily reverse the policy of the Republican party in the Philippines, and pull down what has been built up?

Would any business man, acting as a business man, with only his own inter-ests and those of the country in mind, tarily change the policy under which business interests have been built up? Would he, if he could, pull down the perpetual candidate for the United usiness fabric that has grown strong States Senate, wholesale debaucher of

buintees faoric that has grown strong under Republican policy? Would any workingman, acting as a workingman in the interests of himself and family, reverse the industrial and tariff policy of the Republican pariy? Would he, with this one question before him, vote to pull down what the Repub-lican parts has built up content of the source of the second the source of the second s corrupter of men, a corporation political trickster, who has done more to tions to the scorn of the civilized world lican party has built up, or vote to maintain the policy? would he than any other man of this or any pre-

vious age, a man without a heart, with-out a soul, and, I believe, absolutely without considence." Usually in exto pull down the American flag in the Philippines, in Hawall, or in Porto Rico? Would any American, with an eye single poses of this character the public is inclined to underestimate the accuracy of

to National growth and influence, indo, if he could, what the Republican party has done in the last eight years? If not, why should he be indifferent to Republi-can success in November?

A Dead Organ of Infidelity.

to the throne and his statements are of such damning libelous nature that Mr. Brooklyn Eagle. After 70 years, the Boston Investigator has ceased to exist. It was the organ of Lawson has certainly imperiled his fortune if not his liberty by making such infidelity. It was founded by a clergy-man who had found the faiths of his fathers too narrow for him, and who was charges public unless he is prepared to Mr. Lawson by his own confescondemned by a graud jury in Boston for denying the existence of God, and sen-tenced to 60 days' imprisonment. That sion is a good deal of a financial buccaneer himself. He tells how he was no longer ago than 1834, and it was the last trial of that kind in the Bay forced up the sugar market in order to save a man who had misappropriated State. A Universalist clergyman was funds, to be used in purchasing options moved to exclaim: "Surely, the impris-enment of an old, white-haired man for a few fanatical, skeptical words was one in sugar. Owing to the skill of the Lawson manipulation the man was

saved from the penitentiary and the author of "Frenzied Finance" added of the most barbarous as well as impolitic expedients of the Nineteenth century. Abner Kneeland's moral character is as \$250,000 to his own bank roll. Mr. Lawclear of blemish as we can reasonably hope to see anywhere." Kneeland left the state soon after his release from son seems very proud of this achievement, but apparently overlooked the fact that while he was hauling the man who was "long" on sugar back from the portais of the penitentiary he was the portals of the penitentiary he was know about it. For few know the In-vestigator, or know that a paper has been maintained for no other purpose crowding the "shorts" into the bottomless pit. As the tale of a man who turns "state's evidence" in an endeavor to than to argue religious faith out of exis-tence. It has never been widely quoted, it has never exerted any marked influconvict his erstwhile pals, the Lawson story is a valuable contribution to our ence, it has never obtained a circulation current literature, and if its publicasuch as is enjoyed by the religious papers, tion will result in changing our laws so that the United States will no longer and they circulate none too largely

But the reason for its demise is that it s not needed, if ever it was needed. prove an open field for the operations of such financial highwaymen as the Speech is as free as thought, and requires no defenders when it is directed against the established faiths. Science has said guardedly, and as inoffensively as it Standard Oil crowd, many of the Lawson offenses will be condoned. Robbery on such a magnificent scale as noted by could, that dogmas so long held sacred were insupportable by reason and con-Lawson in his story of Amalgamated Copper would not be tolerated in any trary to nature. Tom Paine shocked our grandfathers, but we have listened pa-tiently to Ingersoll. There is, however, another reason for the infidel paper, and other country on earth, and laws to gently needed. The crime of Whitaker it is that although religion does not ap-pear to be gaining ground, there is a growing recognition of its social value Wright was modest in comparison with worked on the public, and yet Wright and an indisposition among even the irreligious to make light of that phase of it. Religion asks no law to defend it escaped a felon's cell only by commitfrom attacks. It points to its effects as

a moral conservator in the past, and the hopes it offers for the future. It points especially to the fact that science, after a brief divergence, is altering its course and is about to meet it half way. The study of facts does not lead one to rest The findings of the local steamboat on fact. It carries one beyond to causes, and it opens up new series of facts that

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Vesuvius is in eruption. Presidential ampaigns are catching.

Dramatic Note-Pinky Panky Poo has arrived in New York with Mrs. Pat Campbell.

Now that the slot machines are out of ommission, men will have more change suitable for the church collection box;

In yesterday's bit of "Lost and Found" omeone advertised. "Lost-two young cows, branded V between Molalia and Portland."

Fortunately for some husbands, the vision box" 'phone doesn't render it necessary to chew cloves before ringing up wifey.

Astoria is tired of the vertical system of writing, it is said. This is one of the instances in which it is a good thing to tire quickly.

The licenses of the Slocum's officers have been revoked. What relentless avengers the members of the investigat-

Thank goodness, Admiral Dewey didn't think it necessary to signalize the completion of his 50th year in the Navy by

vots to maintain the policy? Would any American, acting as an American and not as a party man, vote Just paid \$15,000 for breach of promise. There's nothing like marrying a woman

A horse has died in Mount Pleasant at the age of 33. But the colts are glad that they'll hear no more of the terrible writers of 'seventy-x and the great times horses had "when I was young."

English newspapers report the progress of a football team touring Denmark and Sweden. Football may yet prove the opening wedge for a universal language, many of its terms having already become part of the French tongue.

An industrious statistician shows that That 96 per cent of the inmates of American insane asylums are brunettes. Although the blondes are thus hopelessly outclassed, we're ready to bet they're all there when it comes to driving other people crazy

> A man bearing the somehow appropriate name of Solomon Grumbleton was recently arrested in London because he persisted in stopping persons he met in the street and talking religion to them. "Join the Salvation Army," was the advice given him by the Magistrate.

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 22 .- (To the Editor.) There's a comical misprint in this morning's Oregonian which deserves your attention. In the telegram from Belgrade, Servia, describing King Peter's coronation occurs the following ludicrous sentence: "When the King sat down, he took off the crown, weighs four kilometers."-(About 2% mil P. H. G. MEYERS.

No doubt King Peter will wish before long that his crown was away four kilometers.

Not infrequently do we notice in the "hatches, matches and dispatches" column the announcement of a new baby's appearance, and the addendum that the "parents are the best-pleased couple in Oregon, Dr. C. L. Large attending." Yesterday we were pleased to observe that the population of Scoggin's Valley had been increased by twin boys, "the parents of whom are the most doubly pleased couple in Oregon, Dr. C. L. Large attending." It almost looks as if Dr. Large had gone into the mail-order business.

Men cannot claim the monopoly of minds fitted to deal with great social and economic problems, not after the Penn-The sylvania woman's suggestion that her sex go on strike until female suffrage is granted. If this brilliant woman can only organize her sisters, she is certain to the baby, wash the diahes, hammer the typewriter, sell ribbons and listen to harsh tral." How long would the men hold out? About 10 minutes, and then they would Old Age a Disease, Not a Condition. be rushing after the women, beseeching them to vote, become Senators, Presidents, anything, so long as the strike was

THE BASE OF THE PYRAMID.

The Democrats hope to elect Parker by a combination of a few Northern States with the Solid South. There are 476 votes in the new electoral college. 229 being necessary to elect; and the has reached a stage beyond the one Democratic combination reads like this: Southern States-

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Alabama	Miesouri 1
Florida	South Carolina
STORES LABORATION 13	TVIIDORSEA
Kentucky	Virginia
Misminsippi 10	Total
Northern States-	
Connecticut 7 Indiana	West Virginia
New Jersey 12 New York	Total
	rial of strength, be
cause it is a gam	e wherein one side

takes 159 points out of a possible 239 e to start with, while the rest are to be fought for. There is no fight in the South. There is no appeal to the voters on issues, policies or the merits of the candidates. If the Democrats can carry the election on the lines laid down, we shall have the East, North and West divided like this:

Northern States	Republican-
California.	Nevada.
Colorado,	New Hampshire.
Delaware.	North Dakota.
Idaho.	Obito.
Illinois.	Oregon.
Iowa.	Pennsylvania.
Kanner.	Rhode Island.
Maine.	South Dakota.
Massachusette.	Utah.
Michigan.	Vermont.
Minnesota,	Washington.
Montana.	Wisconsin,
Nebraska.	Wyoming.
Northern States	Democratic- *
Connecticut.	New York.
Indiana.	West Virginia.
New Jersey.	

The Republicans may carry these twenty-six Northern States and lose. The Democrats may carry these five Northern States and win. The injustice appears when it is considered that

The great expense would lie in the necessary system of relays. The shaft would have to be sunk in singes, each about half a mile in depth, and at each stage there would be located hoisting and other machinery to be operated electrically. At each second or third mile in depth it would probably be necessary to provide air-locks, in order to sustain the air column and prevent the pressure from becoming too great to be borne. A greater pressure than twice that normal at the surface would probably be unbearable by workmen. Ventilation would have to be provided for by means of air pumps driven by electricity. To maintain the shaft at a bearable temperature at great depths powerful means of conveying the heated air to the surface and replacing it with cool air must be provided. The amount of heat conducted inward through the rock wall and requiring to be absorbed and carried off will depend upon the bonductivity of the strata. Among those who are studying this subject critically the opinion obtains that it would be possible to maintain a tolerable temperature at the depth of at least twelve miles. Beyond this it would probably be necessary to have recourse to something like the Belgian freezing process of M. Poesche for excavating through water-bearing strata It goes without saying that the exploration of the globe is only a question of time. It will doubtless have to wait until the accumulation of wealth now with us when vast sums are lavished upon polar voyages, airships and the collection of fossils. Still, if we can get down eight or ten miles for about \$20,000,000, we may yet see the day when a combination of rich and curious people may start the shaft, even if they have to leave posterity to complete it. The results of the bore would be chiefly geological, and in that respect of sur-

passing interest and value. Engineering genius may yet draw heat and power from the earth's interior, and it is certain that what is going on inside our sphere will, when ascertained, cast some valuable light upon many problems of the universe at large about us.

THE BLONDE'S ECLIPSE.

Backed with all the authority of the Smithsonian Institution, comes the announcement that the blonde is slowly and surely disappearing from America. Less hardy, less capable of victory in the struggle of modern life, the successors of the world's great queens of Institution, are doomed to disappear before the hardler and more tenacious if we must believe news so sad! Passing over the pitiful case of the poets who will be lost without hair of golden hue, to match and rhyme with eyes of blue, who is there that does not blackeyed beautica? It is all very well in the North the Democrat can vote climes and starry skies," but we want no more fitting or comprehensive words and in the South the Republican can- rosy Aurora both for her own sake and could have been spoken than those that

OBEGON AS HOST.

the play and players afford.

It is a matter of regret that so few cltizens of Oregon were present last Friday at the St. Louis Fair, when the ninety-eighth anniversary of the return of the Lewis and Clark expedition was celebrated. But it is a matter of congratulation that among those who were present upon that occasion were men so well qualified to speak for Oregon and the coming Lewis and Clark Fair as are Mr. W. D. Fenton, Colonel H. E. Dosch and Hon. Thomas C. Devlin, of this city.

The synorpis of the addresses of these men well bears out the statement that the Lewis and Clark Fair will be an educator. All fairs are indeed educators, but the Fair of 1905 will illuminate a theme the realities of which are instinct with grand romance. It will, moreover, furnish a fund of information concerning the present status, vast re-

sources and grand possibilities of the empire of the Pacific the existence of which was first made known by the intrepid explorers of a' century ago. It is true that tradition had whispered fore this time. But it remained for Lewis and Clark to open the door to honest men get their dues." Mr. Lawwine and honey, says the Smithsonian the beautiful wilderness that lay serene and smiling in the lap of Great Nature awaiting discovery and occupancy. The branette. What cause for tears is here, date of the return of the explorers with the wonderful tale they had to tell was fittingly celebrated at St. Louis. Oregon, the extreme limit of their explorations of a century ago, upon whose misty ocean shore they passed a dreary view with regret the prospect of a but not altogether lonely and inhosmonotonous world of dark-haired and pitable Winter, was the proud host of the day. She could and perhaps should for part of America's women to "walk have made a larger showing, numerin beauty, like the night of cloudless | lcally speaking, upon that occasion, but

works for Puget Sound business, but when he gets to Seattle he is turned down because he doesn't establish an office and live there. All the heavy shippers tell him: "Come over here with your office and your family and we'll give you every pound of our of a good salary distributed every

month among tradesmen, and they enin itself is a triffing matter, it shows the Seattle spirit. terests, do their best to keep active the principle of fostering the home market,

small part of the community. Wageearners are the main army that supin mind that they are contributing to their own welfare when they foster the as a rule there is indifference in this matter that ought to be corrected. The more profit made in trade the more numerous and larger are professional fees. rational needs is ever misapplied. It constantly adds to the permanent wealth of a community.

A FRENZIED FINANCIER.

That delightful serial "Frenzied Finance," by Mr. Thomas Lawson, millionaire stock gambler and all-around sport, is still scintillating through the columns of a monthly magazine. No recent contribution to modern literature has awakened so much interest as is shown in this remarkable expose of the methods of high finance, and not the least of this interest is due to the fact that the writer has for many years been a shining light in high finance of the existence of this vast empire be- himself. There is a world of truth in the saying that "When thieves fall out son admits in no uncertain or equivocal language that the men with whom he was associated in Amalgamated Copper were more kinds of thieves than were ever assembled outside of the walls of a penitentiary. He has not included himself in the category in which he has placed the Standard Oll crowd and a few more millionaires, but by his own admission it is apparent that he was at one time willing to be included, and was to a degree fully as culpable as any of his assoicates.

The latter, running a skin game on a removed the financial hide of Mr. Lawnot. There is an election at the North. for the sake of the contrast that makes were given tongue by the speakers, son along with those of other victims relief.

General Slocum disaster, on East River last June, present an appalling picture of incompetency on the part of the offior to place an order before finding out cers and crew of the boat. Nothing what the home dealers can do, is little short of an act of disloyalty to the is said, however, of the criminal greed. commonwealth. The merchant's profit of the owners or their agents, who were adds to the wealth and consequently eager to take the last ticket for which money was offered, regardless of the fact that the craft was already over-Now Seattle, for example, pushes the crowded, while the rotten equipment in idea of protecting the home market to

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life preservers was ignored, with the assumption that, had a full quota of sound life preservers been on hand, they could not have been used effectlvely in the brief space of time between the breaking out of the flames and the sinking of the steamer. The wonder after reading this report is not that the disaster occurred, but that any well-informed person took chances against such fearful odds of ignorance, ill equipment and incompetency that it would not occur by venturing on board. ----

In these days of high prices for hay, oats and milifeed, farmers will learn the value of good cows. It costs little if any more-to feed a good milker than a poor one, and the cow that will turn Trade organizations, recognizing the the greatest proportion of her feed into interdependence of all commercial in- milk has the greatest value. When hay is \$12 a ton in the Valley, as it is now, a poor cow can soon "eat her head off." but numerically their members are a as the practical farmer expresses it. Grading up the herds and eliminating the scrubs will go a long way toward ports retail trade. These should bear making the dairy industry more profitable. Few farmers can afford to buy thoroughbred cows, but all can breed to home market. Among professional men sires that come from stock with good milking records. That is the way to improve the general character of dairy stock, and every farmer should do his share, remembering that he is not only Indeed no money expended at home for advancing his own interests, but aiding in the development of an industry that has great promise in Western Oregon.

There are degrees even in depravity. Reckoned on the descending scale, Frank Allen, now in the City Jail as a vagrant, has reached the lowest scale. Self-initiated, conscienceless, degraded, he has not only found this lower level. but has dragged with him to the depths a young woman of simple, unsophisticated mind and decent parentage. It is hard to listen with patlence to this girl's story, so utterly foolish and cowardly does she appear in the recital. Nevertheless she is an object of pity, even if of loathing, and should be returned to her country home in Michigan as soon as possible. As for the man-the longest term in the Penitentiary that the law provides for the grossest of his crimes will be a totally inadequate penalty. The case, taken altogether, is one of the most revolting that has ever come to public notice in this community.

The rain that has fallen intermittently during the week has checked the forest fires, given dry pastures a longneeded drink, revived drooping potato vines, and in some locations has sent plowmen afield. Over in Montana they are waiting for snow to accomplish colossal scale, indavertently perhaps, these things, conditions of drouth being so incorrigible that rain does not bring You'd prove yourself a most egregious asal

materialism does not explain. When the harmony and order, of the conservation Just think of a strike of women, and men of energy, are revealed to us on any trying to cook, darn their socks, soothe ground disclosed by science, when the shaping to one another of the flower and the bee is explainable as without design. there will be room for a successor to the masculine volces over the line from "Cen-Investigator.

Chicago Journal. Had Ponce de Leon lived until today he need not have come to the New World in quest of the fountain of etercalled off. nal youth. On the contrary, he might

have combined the pleasures of the French capital with business. For Professor Metchnikoff, of the

disease; that, in fact, there is no such great persons of the country, as Newthing as old age. This disease, according to Professor

body. Some day the learned professor ex-

rum, or lymph, that will confine these diet. When that time comes no one need on neck for monkeying with what Stevenson calls the "rose among roots" die, at least not before he has attained the age and discretion of a Methuselah,

or a Tom Platt. Professor Metchnikoff's advice to recommendations of the Pan-Celtic con-

age should come to Chicago, where the death rate is so faw that even Ponce de one would be dressed alike. Think how on, were he alive, would be satisfied with it.

the phagocytes to act as sensible phagocytes should.

The Crepe-Trimmed Leiter Girls.

New York Press. The Misses Nancy and Daisy Leiter came to town from Bar Harbor about some law business, and the sisters of Lady Curzon showed themselves in Sherry's, to the

great interest of the out-of-town castomers. Nothing could have been more eye-catching than the entrance of these tall, good-looking women, with long creps vells floating behind them. Their gowns were floating behind them. Their gowns were works of art, and Miss Dalsy's was especially striking. It was cut out a little at the throat, and she wore a string of large pearls. Surrounded by so much black, the pearls looked whiter than ever. It is said the engagement between Miss Daisy Lei-ter and Major Eustace Cawley has not been broken, but will be announced when the time of mouring for L. Z. Leiter is at

To the Sphinx.

an end.

New Orleans Times-Democrat. Thou hast kept silence long, O thing of stone, With eyes that brood upon the burning sand As if the wisdom of thine ancient land Were closed in thy lips and thine alone! Thou knew'st Ceiris, and thou must have gr Familiar with the Ptolemies, and bland; And all the monster mechanism grand Of Memnon's melodies thou must have known! Thus men do urate in awe and wondering. Striving to read beneath your mience hid he score of the things that are to pass. I don't believe you know a blooming thing oming thing You will not speak, fearing that if you did

After all the pother over the theft of valuable jewels from Newport people comes another rumpus over the theft of Pasteur Institute in Paris says that old onlons. It is pardonable, one hopes, to age, instead of being a condition, is a show an interest in the affairs of the porters are, judging by the amount of This disease, according to Fromesor Metchnikoff, is caused by the action of certain germs called phagocytes, which wander about the body in scarch of other disease germs. When they can-a cook and gardener because they couldn't not find these they feed upon things which they should leave alone, and in any other product of the kitchen garden been missing, the penalty would seem too severe, but the onion is the most precious pects to discover an antiphagocytic se- fruit of the earth, and we feel that both cook and gardener justly got it in the

calls the "rose among roots."

A Pan-Celtic dress would be a great ad-Chauncey Depew, a Henry G. Davis dition to the variety of life, and if the nankind at present is the shopworn in- gress result in the designing and the junction to be careful about diet and to adoption of a distinctive costume, the practice temperance in all things. Unfortunately it is much easier to grow old than it is to follow advice. world is dully uniform. Were it not for Meanwhile, until Professor Metch-nikoff discovers a phagocytic regulator, persons desiring to live to a green old nurses, Salvation Army soldiers and the one would be dressed alike. Think how Washington street would be enlivened were a kilt of some pattern adopted by It is to hoped, however, that the were a kilt of some pattern adopted by French savant will succeed in training the Pan-Celts, and all the loyal Irish. Highland Scots, Welsh and French Celts wore, what was at once the racial garb and insignia. Then the Teutons might take up a similar idea and the Latins and the Scandinavians, and our streets would excel in splendor and variety of rigs the bazaars of India.

> Now that the churches of the country are in general shaking themselves free from the trammels of tradition and are making use of methods in keeping with the bustling spirit of the age-advertising, offering social inducements, using good lively music instead of dull old chants, and so forth-there is one forward step that we should like to see taken by the management of some up-to-date congregation. It is well known that the attendance at church is often smaller than might be expected, principally because the hours of the services are inconvenient. Some people don't get up early enough for the morning service, and they haven't finished their dinner, or something, when the evening service begins. Now, what's the matter with trying the plan used so successfully by many theaters-that of making the services continuous? Members of the congregation ould then drop in any time during the afternoon or evening, and this convenience would undoubtedly result in an unusually large attendance

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