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### THE LEGISLATURE.

Viewed at this short distance of time. the twenty-third blennial session of the Legislature seems to have been quite similar to its predecessors. If it was either better or worse, the difference does not yet appear, though the developments of the next few months may show much to its credit or discredit, according to the manner in which its acts affect the business and social, public and private interests of the people of this state. The signing of the last bill does not disclose the record that has been made, for not until the laws go into operation and theory has been subjected to the test of practice will it be known whether the work is good or

The previous Legislature and to its In the high-pressure life of modern credit the enactment of the corporation-tax law-a measure that is conceded to be times, when increasing competition in one of the best acts of legislation in the tensifies the struggle for existence, life history of Oregon. But that assembly insurance appeals

has ignored the plain language of the ever, has not made his career spec constitution, which "fixed" the compensation of state officers. The. new schedule of salaries will not go into gitimate dividends. It is not improbaeffect until 1907, at the close of the ble that he desired control of the Equiterms of present incumbents. No table Life for the purpose of handling change, or attempt at change, was the \$400,000 assets of the company. Printer, although the constitution gives in handling this trust as to net the polthe Legislature absolute control of the icy-holders liberal returns, and he compensation of that officer, with the might, on the contrary, make an error single limitation that the rates shall such as he recently made when he adnot be changed during the term for which the Printer has been elected. at 40, only to experience the humiliation This Legislature could have changed of witnessing its rapid advance to 75. the rates so as to take effect in 1907, but when the Legislature of 1907 meets another Printer will have been elected to place their property in the hands of and no change can be effected for four a stocklobber like Thomas Lawson or a years more.

this reason they will be pleased to learn that the conservative element in the Just before adjourning the Legislacompany was sufficiently strong to preture rushed through a bill in the intervent the control of the company's afests of Government irrigation work, fairs remaining with one of these danthe measure, it is understood, conferring power upon the Attorney-General gerous men or drifting into the hunds of to bring suits to condemn private water the other. The great American public has no serious objection to seeing a fool rights where the Government desires to construct reclamation systems. The and his money soon parted, but it declines to permit the fool to handle its act creates the office of State Engineer.

money while he is engaged in the paswhose duty is to make hydrographic time of parting with his own. surveys to ascertain the quantity of appropriated and unappropriated water States of the local division in the in a stream where a controversy has GREAT MEN AND COMMON OBJECTS. arisen. The Engineer will have none If the shade of Washington could of the dictatorial powers in the control isit Portland in this month of his birth of the use of water, as was intended it is probable that the ghostly mind by the measure prepared by the Irriwould be greatly puzzled over the siggation Commission. In turning down nificance of the numerous hatchets disthe bill proposed by the Commission the Legislature pursued the conserva-

that these toys symbolized none other istic of Oregonians, but time may prove that it was a case of overcautiousness father of his country, it is entirely It seems improbable that five men of within the bounds of probability that recognized ability would study irrigathere would be an explosion of ghostly tion laws and conditions for several wrath. Time's whirligig plays strange months and then draft a code that pranks with great men's memories. would be so objectionable as the oppo-Feats of arms may be half forgotten, nents of the Cole bill considered the while every child babbles of a trivproduct of the Commission's labors. ial domestic incident. Washington's The measure was fought, however, by name is forever linked with a hatchet intelligent men, who were actuated by in the minds of youth, and the story of good purposes, and perhaps its defeat the cherry tree may be lisped when the was proper. If the law passed will enmist of centuries has made the hero courage the Government to undertake figure as vague as King Arthur.

reclamation work in Oregon, there can Alfred the Great, whose shining deeds be no particular harm in the eliminaa thousand years have not yet entirely tion of the other features of the original dimmed, is familiar to every child as the King who burned the cakes. But for that piece of carelessness-for the The work of the session just closed person who must have tradition authenwas hampered, as is always the case. ticated is a despicable creature-Alfred by the introduction of a multitude of would not be even a name to the thoubills that do not arise from any general

sands who now tag him with a charred demand or need. The slightest objecgriddle-cake. Then there is that other tion to any detail of the provisions of kingly character, the Bruce. Bruce? existing laws is made the occasion for Oh, the King that watched the spiderthe introduction of a bill, and the time "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." The name of Columbus doesn't of the whole Legislature, and particularly of the several committees, is occall up a picture of cockleshells daring cupied by the reading and consideraa voyage over the confines of the world tion of these measures. Charter bills so much as the picture of the sallor also occupy a large part of the attenmaking the egg stand on end. The tion of the Legislature, though the sevcaravels may be forgotten, but the egg eral members have no interest in has passed into the proverbial philosobills of this character and do not know phy that time cannot kill. their contents. The purpose of munici-Franklin, the essentially American pal incorporation is local self-govern-

philosopher, is best remembered by a ment, and something should be done kite. Newton, who compared himself. to hasten the time when the people of a city will frame and adopt their own a youth charter, without the absurd formality Picking up shells by the great ocean, truth,

of passing without question a charter is known to every child as the man that has been drawn by one or two upon whose head drouped the apple, a men, perhaps in the interest of some fruit, by the way, which seems a favorpolitician. Some means should be deite with tradition and with fame vised by which trivial measures can be There was the apple of discord among suppressed and local measures kept out, the godderses and the apple of discord so that the attention of the Legislature that Eve set her teeth into, although can be given to matters of large imsome sage has recently declared that the cause of all our woes was a quince. Tell must shoot at an apple, and Ad miral Collingwood munched one as the SAFEGUARDING THE POLICY-HOLDERS. Royal Sovereign went into action at Trafalgar. George III is better known for his question as to how the apple got all avenues of industry and labor in- into the dumpling than for his discov-

ery of how America broke out.

west than this country was with the and experiment station are doing their work well. The farmers' institutes are

It has been many a year since the esting. Every day the number is grow "Oregon" River heard "no sound save ing of successful and intelligent farmits own dashings," and when the on- ers and orchardists. The newcomer ward march of civilization destroyed will not feel himself or his family the wolf's "long-drawn howl on Onaluska shore" was seldom heard by hu-man ears. Now the "Northern lights come down of nights" upon the Arctic scope for all his powers. circle and are dazzled by the brightness of the electric lights of Fairbanks, a city of 7090 people. The explorer's work in Alaska, as well as in Ther that country is now ready for the surveyor and the settler who follows the

than most. But the country schools. If the suggestions of the Superintendent of Public Instruction can bear fruit and the resources of several weak schools be gathered to strengthen a centrally placed school, much will be effected. The local telethat trade is in genuine danger. The great proposed fiscal change lies at the bottom of all English politics.

short sessions and frequent elections.

# SOME FACTS AND COMPARISONS.

According to the census taken just prior to 1900, Belgium, with an area of 7,278,720 acres, had a population of dispatch under date of February 16 is 6,410,783, or one person to every 1.13 1-3 acres. By intensive farming and a rotation of crops in general use covering twenty years, Belgium produced nearly enough food for her population. Yet a good many miles are in the Ardennes Mountain region, yleiding no food products, and much of the level land is sandy and of poor quality. So the yield

per acre from the cultivated land is very high. Yet the Coming down to the present day, one though so successful in getting food remust wonder, in the light of the past, sults from their work, are to a considhow our notable men are likely to be known to the next century's children, erable proportion of low standard of taught by merit-system teachers to education, with poor ideals, little imagination, inheriting stagnation of mind take an intelligent interest in history. What object will be associated with the from many generations of tillers of the soil. The dead level of their farms is memory of President Roosevelt? Will paralleled by the level of life of the Cleveland be remembered in connection with some big bass? Will Sheriff Word farmers and laborers. The activities of the nation are found chiefly in the cities and a sledgehammer be coupled in kinand towns. Were it possible to apply a dergarten minds to the eclipse of Thor? measure to intelligence and to strike an average for the nation, the towns would raise, the farms would depress. that average. One of the results is that there is a drift from country to town of the more progressive and ambitious class. Their discontent with farm life and its vista of perpetual dead level can neither be wondered at nor blamed. In the British Isles there is an acre ge of 57,564,800, with a population in 1879 of 32 707 275 persons, or 1.707 acres to the individual. In a paper read recently before the English Charity Organization Society by Mr. R. Winfrey, it was stated by him that there are today 473,000 fewer agricultural laborers in Great Britain than in 1854. The number of farmers is also falling off, With a total acreage in the islands of the fifty-seven and one-half millions of land, only forty-seven millions of acres are in cultivation in crops or pastures. The rest affords space for the cities, towns and villages, and the uncultivated lands in woods, hills, commons, moors and in roads and lanes. Hence the British people depend, as every one knows, chiefly on the imports of wheat, and of meat and other food. And the yield from the British Islands does not keep pace with the population. Such conditions prevail, more or less, in other European countries. So comes the immigration into these Western States of the active-minded and intelligent classes, seeking here the chance for sethave reached the limit in mapping out ting up prosperous, healthy and at-and opening for settlement new coun-tractive homes. Now Oregon, with sixty-one and a half million acres of land and a population of about five hundred thousand at present, shows an average of 122 4-6 acres to the person, n contrast with the 1.13 in Belgium and 1.7 acres in the British Islands. From the point of view of acreage, then, there is abundant room for the swarms issuing from the old countries hives. What can be done not only to River and McKenzle River districts of attract but to settle" the best of these the Northwest Territory, and a delegapeople here in Oregon? What have they a right to ask. in addition to all tion of Manitobans are at Ottawa asking that the boundaries of their country the natural advantages of the Oregon farm? The first item is the opportunity to prosper. Without this the head of This frozen northland kept its mysteries from the explorer longer than the new family will not see his way. any other part of the world, with the The raw materials of prosperity are rooted in the fertility of our soil, Will exception of some of the more remote portions of darkest Africa. It is the he be obstructed in his work of making only land on earth which has yielded his investment profitable? He must up to science, not fossil remains, but hide, flesh and bone, the complete rehave, first, the power to produce largely, the second to market profitably. To mains of the mightlest animals that the bring the first about the farmer must world ever saw-animals that roamed know how. Without this interest the farmer's life is montonous and dispiritthe earth unnumbered centuries before the birth of Christ. So rapid has been ing. How can this newcomer learn to the exploration of Alaska that within meet conditions widely apart from another decade there will be nothing those he has left behind? Several agenis said to be in excess of the value of new to be learned of its resources and cies will help. The farming papers of

# NOTE AND COMMENT.

A Sacramento, Cal., physician has a litbeing multiplied and made more interthe f-year-old son, who already gives indications of following in the footsteps of his father. A few days ago he took his little son to a hospital to see a very doar family friend, who was under the father's care. As they left the hospital, the father produce largely, and find in his work said: Can the newcomer market profitably? "Mrs. Smith is very sick, Pierson; what would you recommend?" "Oil, father," the little fellow replied. Speaking generally, there is no limit to the sale of the products of the farm, "But don't you think I had better operorchard, dairy and range. But there is in Oregon, as elsewhere, much to be ste?" "No. sir." said Pierson, remembering his done before normal and natural marparts of the world, is completed, and ket conditions and prices can be relied experience with castor oil; "the oil will of course you may say but a few operate." on. Here, as eisewhere, we are looking forward to the removal of restric-

tions in the lines of transportation and reached St. Petersbug, ho is explaining so that all may thrive what a great victory he would have won, And it's right you are of the sale of products. The tidal wave of reform must reach and have full play before there can be entire satisfaction in these matters. But Oregon is surely Mrs. Chadwick denies that she owes her as well off as her neighbors, and better

maid seven months' wages at \$45 a month. No wonder. It is almost an insuit for a mald to say that she was to have been The other question is if life on the farm in Oregon is, or can be made, atpaid no more than \$45 in the Chadwick tractive, not only to the head of the house. Now, if it had been \$450 a month, house, but to the wife and children. the claim might have been admitted. This is a harder question. We must raise still higher the standard of the Refinement is becoming a Western trait.

Even Kansas is to establish a state refinery.

Rockefeller should remember that Kan- And 'tis quite sas is full of Lawsons.

Daring street robberies continue in New phone is a power. It destroys the sense of lonesomeness in the isolated farm-York, despite the presence of "Bat" Masterson, late of Dodge City. Perhaps every house, outside of its business worth to the farmer. It is to be encouraged to a one in New York hasn't noticed him in For which sharp word i am much ywider scope than it now fills. The par- their midst.

cels post is another agency for bring-Columbia University has a special gyming closer the town and the country. nasium for the professors. Next the pro-Whatever a commercial body of the city may say, it is demanded by the fessorts should have football teams of their own, and finally professors and stufarmers. We shall see which will carry dents should be completely merged. Then the captain of the team will be ex-officio The last point to be insisted on is the president of the university, and a lot of beautifying of the surroundings of the

trouble will be saved. grow better, where are they more easily Eastern golfplayers are kicking because cultivated, than in Oregon? And how of a golf-ball trust. This presumably accan the children of the farm be better counts for the high-balls. set to work? Truly, some of our farm

homes are "beautiful in situation, a Pennsylvania will confer the degree of joy to the whole earth." And there are doctor of laws on the Kaiser. It is only chances here for thousands more. In fair to the Kaiser to say that he gives these directions will be found the means more than he takes in the way of honors. for stopping that march of the best and

brightest of the farming population It has now been decided that Japanese from the country to the city, which, in all nations, is causing so much anxious 'photograph marriages'' are filegal, so far as this country is concerned. The ruling will probably prevent certain abuses

the idiotic period of courtahip that pro-

marriage is a good, sensible institution,

and should be introduced in this land of

Even the Nihilists must feel a bit sorry

"What are little girls made of?" and

"What are little boys made of?" are two

nursery rhymes that are in sad need of

revision. Little boys and girls of today

perishable. In the last report of the City

very

must be made of something very,

A final word: A social movement is the aggregate and result of numberless validity is unquestioned the photograph individual movements. He who has marriage appears to be a pretty good sort made life on his own farm prosperous of scheme. The man and the woman swap and attractive has done his part toward of scheme. The man and the woman swap photographs and write on the back of While sleep all undisturbed is mi solving one of the hardest problems of each other's portrait their willingness to

absurd customs.

for the Caar.

"What would this country do in the event of war with a strong foreign power and with our people without a sufficient number of ships to handle our business?" This is the question that is ever bobbing up whenever the shipping subsidy question is under discussion, and whenever it is answered by one of the subsidy-seekers, the answer is misleading. What this country could do and what it would be forced to do under such circumstances would be to adopt the policy that has made other nations great in the maritime trade. As an illustration the following London

Interesting: The Union Castle liner Roslin Castle, which arrived at Tilbury jast night, discharged her crew at once, took on a German crew, who were awaiting her arrival, had her hull painted black, holsted the German fing and was renamed the Regina.

It was explained in the item that the Superintendent of Schools in New York was a section devoted to the awful dangeneral belief was that the Regina was purchased on Russian account. This gers incurred by children through carrytransaction might help to explain what ing home their schoolbooks. The weight United States would do in case it

# VERSES OF THE DAY.

### Better

Edmund Vance Cooke in Booklovers. There's only one motto you need To succeed: "Better." The other man's winning? Then you Must do Better. From the baking of bread To the breaking a head, From rhyming a bailad To sliming a salad, From mending of ditches To spending of riches, Follow the rule to the uttermost letter: "Better! Can dq Better Now that General Grippenberg has And you're going to strive To follow the star. Set in the heavens, afar, afar; But still with your eyes On the skies To be riding a m Or guiding a school, Thatching a hovel. Or hatching a novel Foretelling weather, Or seiling shos-leather And -res mber you mus Be doing it just A wee dust Better As right For you to cits That the author might. Or ought to, write A heavenly sight Better, debtor,

Enowing none other could file my fetter Better, Better,

## Song of the Cowberd.

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John B. Kaye in "Vashii. I have no thirst for spoils or war, I care no single jot for fame; But o'er the breezy pastures far, Unvexed by care and freed from blame, tend at will the sweet-breathed kine Once Yima's charge, now, haply, mine,

With these I tarry day by day. And night by night they hedge me round, For I'm their King; my subjects they, Prompt and obedient at the sound Of voice or horn; my gentle kine, Groat Mithra's charge as well as mine

When bends the grass with jeweled drops, And Mithra from the Holy East Lays hands upon the mountain-tops, And steps into the world, I feast On morning's pomp these eyes of mine While feast on dewy blades the kine

over here, but in a country where its From midday's hot and searching sum Neath shade of plane trees and chinars, We seek our rest; and one by one With sighs of ease which nothing mary,

At night the sacred fire aglow marry the original. It does away with Guards us from Zagros' altars high, While blazing constellations show vokes the wrath and the laughter of man-The far sweet pastures of the sky Where I may some time roam, my kine kind in "civilized" countries. The young Then Mazda's charge as well as mine. Japanese keeps at work steadily, and does

not sit up half the night with the girl, to Thus 'tis I would not change my state the clouding of his brain next day for lack of sleep. The Japanese girl does not Upon the king of file of the Upon the kine; so fitly when, find it necessary to wear out her best I and my herd shall pass, 'twere mine Yond Chinvat bridge to tend the kine. smile, or to pre-empt half the house for her exclusive benefit. The photograph

# The Call of the Sea.

Louise Morgan Sill in Harper's Weekly, Come out to the open, brothers, The open plain of the sea! Leave children and wives and mothers, And range afar with me.

Afar where the winds are giving Their souls to wander free, Where life's for the justy living-Come, brothers, come with me.

The spray of the salted surges Cuts sharp with tonic pain, the spuine of the billow mer in ice, and stings again. merges

But down long ocean reaches Your course will/lis to the calm And aliver of tropic beaches. The green of the fruited paim.

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tacular by too close adherence to a cities of the Middle West a quarter of a century ago. financial policy that returned only lemade in the compensation of the State He might exercise such rare judgment Bryant's favorite synonym for solltude strangers in the new land. He can then vised the sale of Amalgamated Copper The policy-holders and the stockholders of this great company do not care spendthrift like young Mr. Hyde. For miner.

ANOMALY IN ENGLISH POLITICS. The dispatches announce a strange state of affairs in Parliament and nation. For about two years Mr. Chamberlain has been busy trying to persuade the people to make a change in their financial system from free trade to more or less protection. trade returns keep on belying his story of impending disaster. As fast as he and his allies point to a special industry as that one which, for its life and health, demands abandonment of the free-trade pollcy, facts and figures are piled up so fast to disprove it that he has to turn to another. It seems ludicrous that the only trade in real danger is that in confectionery and sugar played in the store windows. And goods, which is working under the when it was borne in upon the shade sugar convention, approved by Mr. Austin Chamberlain. The artificial rise than George Washington, the dignified in the price of the raw material has destroyed the manufacturer's profits, and

> All the single and side elections for a the day. year past have falled to bring in one recruit to Mr. Chamberlain, but in each one the issue has been on free trade or farmhouse. Where do flowers and fruit its displacement by some open or modified form of protection, and the freetrade candidate always wins. But by the unyielding party loyalty of the Conservative Unionist party in Parliament the opposition can neither obtain a majority vote nor compel a dissolution. The Prime Minister resolutely declines either to identify himself with Mr. Chamberlain or to disown him. He draws distinctions so fine that it takes a devout student of economics to appreciste them. Mr. Chamberlain makes thought today. a great speech and the sun seems to shine on protection. Out pops the Prime Minister into view. A cloud crosses the sky and a free-trade candidate is chosen. Back slips Mr. Balfour into his niche, and no thunder and lightning in the Parliamentary sky can our time. drag him out.

Meanwhile a famillar spectacle is seen in the English world. An old Parliament, which has long outlived the issues of its election, holds on by force of the Ministerial majority. It has to deal with new scenes, new conditions, new men. But there is no power to compel it to commit hari-kari, however loudly an obvious popular majority demands it. There is much to be said for

had also in its records a revision of the ssessment and taxation laws so defective that a special session of the Legislature was necessary to cure the error. No one act of this session stands out in such relief as to make it the starting-point of new and better governmental policies, and it is to be hoped that, on the other hand, there has been mothing done that will give occasion for the calling of an extra session.

Appropriations have been heavy at fered. In no small degree does it contribute to his peace of mind to know session, reaching approximately that, no matter how suddenly he may \$2,250,000, or more than at any previous be removed from life, his loved ones session except that of 1903, when the total was \$2,623,000, including \$500,000 will not be left helpless in their struggle with the world. for the Lewis and Clark Fair, \$265,000 But this peace of mind would be

for the portage road and canal, and sadly disturbed if there was a suspi-\$190,000 for the Indian War Veterans. cion that the custodians of the fund For ordinary state purposes the appro from which a policy was to be paid printions of this session are something were incompetent or careless in their like \$275,000 heavier than they were two management of that fund. It is this years ago and four years ago, and \$700, suspicion that is not infrequently di-0 more than they were six years ago rected against some of the big compa-The average annual revenue produced nles, and that promotes the growth of for state purposes in the last sixteen so many small beneficial and fraternal years has been \$692,000, or a tax rate of insurance associations. With these fra-5.16 mills upon the dollar, on the total ternal institutions the administrative taxable property. The revenue now necessary is \$1,125,000 a year, of which officers who handle the funds are in \$125,900 may be derived from the corimmediate friendship or acquaintance poration and insurance taxes, leaving a of the policy-holders as to admit of susmillion dollars to be raised by direct tax. This means a levy of 5.55 mills, or, if computed according to the total the big companies-and the big companies carry the vast bulk of the inrevenue, as was done before the indisurance of the country-this is impossirect taxes were imposed, would mean a ble, and in lieu thereof it becomes levy of 6.25 mills. It therefore appears quite clearly that the appropriations necessary that the management of these institutions should be vested in are growing much faster than the value of taxable property.

In keeping with the reform movemen of the day, the Legislature passed several acts intended to improve public morals. Among these were the act creating juvenile courts in cities of 50,000 inhabitants; the act forbidding proprietors of saloons to permit females under the age of 21 years to be in any place where liquors are sold or served, except in open restaurants or hotels; the act to punish the corrupt use of money at elections; the act to increase the penalties for keeping houses of ill fame; the act to provide heavier punshment for persons having illicit relations with females under 18 years of age, and the act to provide for the punishment of parents and guardians who neglect to exercise control over their children.

It is unfortunate that the Legislature did not pass some act to revise the law governing the taking of the census in 1905. This subject was discussed through the press and attention was called to it in the report of the Secretary of State. The present law was enacted nearly half a century ago, and is entirely inadequate to the needs of the time. The information to be gathered under the present law is incom plete and of comparatively little value. Secretary of State Dunbar prepared a bill to amend the census law so that it will correspond with the Federal statutes and rules, but the measure was defeated, apparently, because the members did not take the time to consider the need for the law.

In enacting a flat-salary law the Leg-islature has met a public demand, but paying standpoint. Mr. Lawson, how-In enacting a fint-salary law the Leg-

ever to our people, especially to those in only moderate circumstances. The prudent husband and father, realizing the uncertainty of life and understanding the difficulties that will be encountered by the wife and children in event of death, invests his money in life insurance for much the same reason that he invests it in fire insurance, to the end that there will be a fund that will at least partially repair the loss suf-

more strongly than

And to revert to our original hatchet, what homeric figures will tradition make Carrie Nation and Mrs. Belle Bales, of Washington County! -

NO MORE WORLDS TO CONQUER. A very small portion of the world which we now know had felt the tread of the conqueror when Alexander the Great sighed for new fields for conquest. It was a comparatively restricted territory in which Alexander made himself famous, and the low standard of civilization in that ancient era of warlike conquest in a measure dwarfed the vision of the great Macedonian. This same old, world has witnessed the rise and fall of many an empire since most cases not so far removed from the Alexander pitched his tent on "fame's eternal camping-ground." Each passing century since that time has left a record of new discoveries and new tericion attaching to their methods. With ritory brought under the influences of civilization, but not until the beginning of the twentieth century is it apparent that the end is in sight, and in reality there will be no more worlds to conquer. Warlike leaders with a thirst for

ndividuals in whom the policy-holders power will still fondly conjure visions have the utmost confidence. of conquest which will add to their The best method for gaining this confidence is so far as possible to mutualgreatness, but their craving for worlds to conquer can be satisfied only ize the business. Special attention is called to this matter at this time by the by working over old territory for which the nations of the earth have already prospective displacement from the head fought and bled. Industrial conquest, of the Equitable Life Assurance Company of young James H. Hyde, by inas well as warlike conquest, seems to heritance a large holder of stock in the Equitable Life. Young Mr. Hyde has been indulging in some wild extravatry, and in this respect there are no garices which have given him a Namore worlds to conquer. The current number of the Sunset Magazine has an tional reputation that has caused some uneasiness to thousands of policy-holdillustrated article showing the progress of a railroad from Nome to the Arctic ers in the company. The young man is immensely rich, and can undoubtedly Ocean; the daily papers are printing much news from Fairbanks, Alaska, a afford to spend the \$100,000 which he is reputed to have squandered on a single mushroom city in the Tanana district dinner party, but as the custodian of almost on the Arctic circle; miners and settlers are rushing into the Peace policy-holders' funds aggregating more

than \$300,000,000, his actions will not meet with general approval. He might continue giving these \$100,000 dinners and in the course of time get some of the property of prospective widows and be extended to Hudson's Bay. orphans mixed up with his own. Mr. Hyde is not the kind of a man that these widows and orphans would select to guard and invest their property, and wisdom of the other stockholders in the forcing him out of his prominent position is to be commended.

In the readjustment due to the retirement of young Mr. Hyde from management of the company very liberal offers for a controlling interest in the stock were made by Thomas Lawson and E. H. Harriman, the bid of the former being reported at \$10,000,000. This

flag would be limited only by our purchasing power, which is not small in war time, although it would be smaller if we wasted too much of our money in subsidies for millionaire shipowners.

Labor troubles, stirred up chiefly by agitators, appear to be an incident of every great exposition. The labor unions are not making the trouble at the Lewis and Clark grounds. They are fully as much interested in the success of the enterprise as all other citizens of Portland, and they do not seek to take undue advantage of the situation to urge their claims or press to the front their grievances, if they have any The Fair contractors have in the past shown a disposition to accede to any reasonable demands, and doubtless they will manifest the same spirit in future But they should not, they cannot, submit to any hold-up.

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Paris is to have a World's Fair in 1920. The Rouvier Ministry has indorsed the project, and a bill to that end has already been introduced in the French Chamber. Its purpose is to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the present republic. World's Fairs now in view are: Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland in 1905; Jamestown (Va.) Centennial in 1907; four hundredth anniversary of Balboa's discovery of the Pacific, at San Francisco, in 1913; semi-centennial of close of Civil War at Chattanooga in 1915; and Paris Exposition in 1920. Portland is in good company.

Count Inouye, the Japanese Minister in Berlin, expressed the views of Japan when he stated in a recent interview that a mere truce was above all things to be avoided. Should a patched-up peace be made, Japan would lose all she has gained by preparation. Russia would undoubtedly prepare for a resumption of the struggle at a more favorable time. A satisfactory arrangement now or a crushing defeat of the Russian forces is what Japan demands.

New York women are said to have in the Colony Club the most elaborate building for club purposes in America. It is a sign of the times that in this luxurious club the arrangements for athletics should be deemed worthy of special mention in the description of the building. It is not so long since the idea of a gymnasium in a women's club would have been something unprecedented. -

The most pessimistic American should cheer up on reflecting that he might have been born a Grand Duke.

Kansas may be the Winkelried to make a gap in the line of Standard

Oil spearmen. Niedringhaus, of Missouri, is holding A puglilist being operated on for appendi-

of the books on the arm tends to develop needed a few steamships when a war curvature of the spine, so the superinwas on. It would immediately drop the tendent recommends that knapsacks he antiquated idea that it is improper to used by children who have to tote books buy steamships where we can buy them | to and from school. This would be a halfthe cheapest. The number of ships that hearted remedy. Why not establish a could be assembled under the American | service of motor cars? The drivers could go from home to home collecting the ponderous volumes required by the pupils of our modern grade schools. A framework might also be devised to prevent the weight of a child's clothes from making it

### round-shouldered.

An "excuse" recently presented to a Troy teacher read as follows, according to the Troy Times: "Please excuse Willie for being late. He fell in a puddle on his way to school. By doing the same you will oblige."

The Senttle Argus has evidently had its eyes opened to the real character of the town in which it scintillates. Of Sheriff Word's recent trip it says: "An Oregon Sheriff was in town this week looking for some bank robbers. Whether or not he had any other reason for looking for them here than simply because this is Seattle is not stated."

Admiral Dewey has the grip, but the Nation doesn't sneeze with him now as it would have done seven years ago.

According to a Berlin letter the Kaiser recently ordered an equestrian statue of an Amazon. When he heard the price, ho sent for the soulptor and asked him if it was not rather high. "No, Your Majesty," replied the sculptor. "Not when you consider that I must buy a valuable horse and board it for many months while 1 study all its movements and characteristics." To which the Kaiser replied: "I suppose I must consider myself fortunate that you do not have to get an Amazon, too, and board her while you made your statue."

> At the last monthly meeting of the West End Republican Club, an organization of New York women, the secretary mentioned in her report that one of the great New York banks had bought 1000 garters for free distribution among its women depositors. It wasn't a valentine gift, or anything of that sort, for each garter has attached to it a neat chamois-skin purse with a secure lock. The bank does not allude to the things as garters, but calls them "secret receptacles to carry funds." The members of the club were much excit.

ed by the news and many of them promised to transfer their accounts to the bank offering such premiums. After that they listened to a paper on "Washington," and to Edwin Markham's recitation of his poem on "Lincoln." But what is a depos. itor going to do when she loses the key to the "secret receptacle," as will fre-

quently be the case? Call in a locksmith ? New York's Chief of Police recommends

the placing of a plano in every stationhouse, with encouragement to the men to practice on it. The "third degree" is rapidly becoming so barbarous that it will have to be abolished.

No wonder Russia is licked by Japan. out better than Addicks' barrel did in citis woud find it hard to stand off an opponent, WEXFORD JONES.

Thus day and night I call them, In Spring, in Winter drear; Whatever the futes befall them They can, but will not, hear.

They toll and bear in sadness The ancient yoke of Need-The guerdon of all their madness Nor pause, nor hope, nor heed.

They soothe a mother's sorrow, They guard a wife's repose, children borrow fragrance from the

Content with bribe and barter, And counterplot of care, Half sinner and half a martyr, They dare, and fear to dare.

Yet sometimes to my calling They turn with wlatful eyes. And under the laughter falling I hear their smothered sighs.

## Persuaded.

Frank Walcott Hutt in New Orleans Ti Democrat.

am persuaded from mine unbelief And to the keeping of my faith am wor. Because a little shining of God's sun Clears me a pathway through a world

grief; could not but accept the sweet relief, Since I had learned how hard it was to run Where sin's wild tangle, in the shadow spun, Denied my soul har rest, however brief.

Where in the crowd, hope cheers a droop

ing mate, Where kindness, in the sumshine and rais, Gives to the easement of the common pain. And points one past the gates of fear and fate-

Where prays a ponitent his inmost prayer, I am persuaded that the light is there.

## To My Wife.

George Sterling in "Testimony of the Suns Not beauty of the marble set

Not beauty of the margine to To Art's intensest lins, Nor depth of light and color met. 

Beyond transition stands;

And surer fealty to thes, O, fairest, J confess, For that beyond all fair I see The grace of tenderness, Past Art's endeavor to portray,

Or poet's word to reach; for all that Heauty seems to say Is told in feebler speech.

# A Song of Worry.

Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution. What's the use to sit an' worry if you loss, who thought to win? Kick the worry out the winder-let the livin'

sumshine in!

Time ain't sighin'-He's a flyin'; Worryin' is half a sin!

What's the use? There ain't a reason. mor the shadder of a royme. When the worl' rolls on in music, an' the

stars are keepin' time! Time ain't oryin'-He's a-flyin',

An' you're on the wings of Timet -----

# Keep A-Singing.

A. J. Waterhouse in Sunnet Magazing. Though the way be rough and long. Better keep a singing: Though the shades of trouble throng, Keep your tunes a ringing, For there's one thing we may know; Worry's a deceiver Who, in jogging to and fro, Always hunts the griever.