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DUE TO PLUTOCRATIC GREED

We suppose our country is "booked" for socialism. Greed of speculators is ringing it on. Exploitation of public utilities by our first families hurries it forward. Such incidents or operations as this one, under our own eyes, of capitalization of the streets of Portland for millions, in the interest of private individuals-the public expected to pay dividends on the usurpation-are making socialists by thousands, in every direction.

It is the same with all this exploitation of the modern time. Operators everywhere are selzing-their opportunity to "capitalize" the wants of the public, in ways to create great proper ties and to obtain great dividends. The people believe that the only check to these schemes of plutocracy lies in a socialistic movement, under which the productive forces-in particular those related to municipal functions-may be transformed into socialized effort.

The Oregonian has not been willing hunge. But in the

aw, framed apparently on the idea that gate of land and timber thieves, whon it was necessary to curb the dispos tion to make bequests to ecclesiastical bodies, under whose influence the tes-tator might be. Now, in order to make the claim upon the Reed estate, the contestants of the will of Mrs. Reed have assumed that she was a resident of California and, therefore, that dispo sition of her property must foll law of that state. But in fact the Reeds were citizens of Oregon and residents of this state. They were simply visit-ors in California, and their sojourn there was only temporary domiciliation in that state, for climatic change. Their home, as they always said, was Oregon, to which they returned with frequency; and both are buried here. The Reeds jeft a large estate. It was accumulated in Oregon, through an ac-tive business career, beginning in early pioneer times. They were loyal to Ore ron, and wished the bulk of the estate to be employed here, in perpetuity, for the worthy public purpose indicated in

peacefully buried there or the pleces the will dictated by Mrs. Reed, who, as the survivor of her husband, knew of them do; while in a shady nook may his intent as she knew her own. But be seen by the Summer tourist a neat grave already dug for the President's the assumption of the contestants of the will, that the Reeds had becom railroad rate bill. epitaphs on the timbstones in that last citizens of California, would, if allowed, the up the will, defeat the inten esting-place of so many murdered in of the testators, divert the property acfants! Here, side by side, tenderly with tansy and everlasting cumulated in Oregon from the publipurposes to which they devoted it, and slumber postal currency and flowers. perhaps waste large part of it through parcels post. The sweet babes have prolonged litigation. The technical me gravestone with a lamb carved on ground on which the will is contested it, and this touching verse: surely cannot hold. It ought not to To make the express buriness fat These lovely babes were slain by Platt. hold, certainly; for this couple, man

For the connoisseur of epitaphs, real and wife, whose active lives were spent here, whose estate was made possible, this Senatorial graveyard ere, who had that degree of reme is a fruitful place to glean in; to student of anarchy it is only less inbrance and love of Oregon which caused them to enjoin that they should structive than the Senate chamber. be buried here and the buik of their estate devoted to beneficent purposes in NAVAL BATTLE IMMINENT? the community where they accumulat Great events are imminent in the ed it, should not be defrauded of their

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intent, either by the greed of contestants or by figment of law.

TYPES OF ANARCHISTS.

There are hierarchies in the comm was last heard from at Ma-sam-pho, or wealth of thieves and distinctions of the Corean Peninsula. The Japanese rank among anarchists. The philo- have been fully apprised of the Russian ophical anarchist, for example, holds movements, and have been lying in his garment away from the touch of his wait. It is not easy to know whether bombthrowing brother; we hold ours it is the Japanese strategy to join issue sway from both of them. It is of two now, or avoid a general engagement other types of anarchists, who are not and walt for an attack at Vladivostok. proud of the name and would probably. The long delay would seem to indicate reject it if they could, that we wish to that the Japanese were not ready to speak. They are anarchists who re- fight, not that they were not reason semble verbs in that half of them do ably confident of victory, but that they and the other half suffer, so that they could take no chance of defeat. If they are rightly named active and passive. lose on the sea, everything is lost. The passive anarchist may be seen peculiar wording of a late Tokio disin full bloom all the year round in alpatch, however, would indicate that most every American city, but nowhere the long suspense is over and there would soon be something doing. The else does he flourish in such perfection as in Philadelphia. Here soil and clidispatch was extremely guarded, using mate are perfect for his type; he feeds the expression "transmissible news upon placid Quaker traditions and de-cayed fragments of Christian ethics; learn what "today's historic events." We shall and "today's historic events." We shall family pride fattens and paralyzes him. are whenever Tokio chooses to tell us In that enchanted city, where time has The Japanese censorship is exceedingly forgotten how to move and manhood rigorous, and has been throughout the has not learned how to assert itself. war. On the other hand, the corre spondents who have used the Russian the passive anarheist contentedly ripes and ripes, and then us contentedly goes wires in Siberia and Russia have been on to rot and rot; and thereby hangs permitted to discuss both political and military matters with astonishing freea tale of gas works and water works and typhoid fever-dom, so that the earliest and even the most authentic news has come as a rule

And other things you know quite well That I hain't time just here to tell, In the words of the poet.

The passive anarchist does not desire of getting prompt information except the overthrow of government and law, from the Associated Press. It may but he contributes to it by his superthat the first definite news we shall cilious indifference to politics and by get from the seat of the- conflict, if his meek submission to be pillaged by there shall be a conflict, will be from the active anarchists. He and his kind Shanghai, 500 miles distant, which is are like the flocks and herds which the the present terminus of the English ca-Gothic warriors drove with them upon expeditions of plunder. He denounces tant, is said to be cut. corruption with his tongue and sup-If there is no engagement at this time off the Tsu Islands, it is because ports it with his purse; he rails at inquity in his pulpit and salaams to it the Japanese will not fight. They have banks and parlors.

fewer vessels, guns and men than the He exists in his lamentable perfect-Russians, though larger gun power, tion in Philadelphia, but he is found greater experience and, presumably, everywhere and in all callings. He higher efficiency. gives away franchises to street-can companies, who despise him too much RELIGIOUS BODIE'S GETTING TOGETHER in return to provide him a seat, though he pays for it at twice its value; he side our range," may well be the watchboxes with which active anarchists word of journalism today. The world make man-traps on the pavements; he is poisoned by gas from leaky sewers; concentration in religious organization he is crushed under walls built without and dispersion, of passing mortar; he is drowned by iron life-preservers; he is burned up in theaters boundary lines, of recognizing the comparatively small and the essentially without exits; he is mashed to jelly be vital, is a case in point. Apart from all tween colliding engines and incinerated in the wreck. But he springs perennithe unseen, the student of the history ally young from his ashes; shudders, forgets, ad goes on multiplying hi of applied thought in religious affairs takes note of rapid changes, effecting self. The passive anarchist wants a social in one year more in one direction than machine that will run itself while he fifty years in the other. Increase of divisions in the Christian church, which attends to his eating and drinking and his business. Republican government followed the bursting of the bonds of is not a machine of that sort, so he procompulsory compliance with the Romclaims it a fallure. The failure is himish dogma and ritual at the Reformation, has been followed in all civilized self, not the government. Democracy countries by assumption by each divisgives him rights and arms him to de fend them; he-prefers to present an inion of a distinguishing name, adoption of a more or less definite offensive area for every boot to kick. creed. Pages of the census books have Fighting is brutal; he is a lover of been occupied by such names, and each peace; he takes refuge in high ideals; he wants the right of suffrage restrictcensus has noted a long addition to the list. No wonder that a Japanese, when ed to a chosen few like himself, who invited to join the Christians, should would elect perfect officials from cir-'Which Christians?" cles of perfect respectability to turn answer, the cranks of a perfect governmental there should be so many men of so machine. So far as taking a hand in many opinions on what are appropripublic life goes, he is, in brief, what Carlyle would call a perfect fool; and ately called the mysteries of the Christian faith was to be expected. Wonder the sad part of it is that he is very numay be well felt that the variant transmerous. Such is the passive anarchist; lation and significance of a single word may his days be short. in a written creed served as a dividing line between the Eastern and Western The active anarchist is a different sort of person. The others are the churches, with their millions of adhersheep, he is the wolf; they are the muents. Stranger still it was that so minute and mystic a distinction should tilated slaves of the palace, he is the virile Caliph. Of a sinister potency, in our own country have a similar dividing power. A reason may possistill he is potent. He acts, he does not bly be found in that, while such deit is efficient. It is probable that the bates and searchings of heart were in Almighty prefers him, with all his misprogress, there was among all interestdeeds, to the passive anarchist upor ed persons a substantial agreement on the few essentials lying underneath all whom he preys and without whose do cile complicity he could not flourish. Christian creeds, and also an unquestioning acceptance of the Bible, from beginning to end, as the record on The active anarchist, out of the superabundance of his plunder, some which all creeds and faiths must be passive anarchist is afraid to take it based. It is true that each age produced its lest the good name of the Lord be tardoubters-but the apologist met the doubters' arguments. Wide spread of research into historical records, and nished or the Virtue of his church se duced. How very frail must that virtue be! application of material methods to spir-The active anarchist has his earthly itual problems which have followed paradise no less than his passive vasduring the last forty years on the pubsal. The latter blooms in unrivalled beauty in Philadelphia; the former is lication of Darwin's and Herbert Spen found in his perfect estate in the United cer's books in English, and those of States Senate. To that Valhalia of lost contemporary German students) have reputations he has climbed upon the evolved the higher criticism in Bible States Senate. To that Valhalia of lost ruins of the moral or civil law, and study. The foundations of the Chrisoften of both; he has corrupted the en-tire population of some insignificant community like Rhode Island; he has tian belief have been shaken. Facts made himself the representative and steadfast champion of incorporate free-booters, as Platt of New York and deductions have, been placed in forbids a testator to devote more than one-third part of his or her estate to any charitable or public use. It is an oid the Standard Oil growd; he is the deles, is seen in the drawing together of the

eparated parts and divisions of the he defends against the law as the rob ber baron of former times did his l essentials, can appreciate the compar-ative unimportance of their grounds of B centious vassals. Such are some of the difference. It may be expected that the formation of further sects will men who pass bills against anarchy in the United States Senate. They do more to advance anarchy in one ses cease, while the present cor ndition con tinues. He who on trivial grounds severs existing bonds, and seeks to ession of Congress than all their statutes can do against it in half an eternity The President sees to negotiating reci tablish a denomination or commu procity treaties with foreign nations of his own, will, by common consent, e good sense of the country approves be deemed sectary and not reformer them; they would promote the The process of which all are witness welfare, but they would cut off here and resembles the scene when the plate on which quicksliver has been spilled there a freebooter from his accustomed rapine. The Senatorial anarchist who shaken. The little globules run torepresents those freebooters lies in walt for the treaty with his bomb; at the gether and blend themselves into the larger masses. Under the agitation the fatal moment he throws it with an aim segregating force which kept them which his brother in Moscow apart loses its power. The main bodies exercise a resistless attractiveness to Haymarket may envy in vain and the fragments of the treaty are carted the globules which vibrate around away to the graveyard. This Senatorthen ial graveyard is a flourishing place Therefore there seems no reason wh sprocity, arbitration, Haytian adot only Presbyterians, Baptists, Methministration, Canadian comity, all lie

odists and United Brethren should merge the several divisions constituting those generic bodies of the Christian church, but that the process should continue, to the blending in one church whose motto should be unity but no How pathetic the uniformity. Not being required to devote so much time and energy to the study and perpetuation of differences there will be much more of both to be expended on the common works of charity, beneficence and good citizen ship, by which the whole world will be the gainer.

POLICIES-OF THE STATE GRANGE. The practical nature of the subjects nsidered and of the policies proposed th for adoption by the State Grange is very noticeable. In common with nearly all thoughtful citizens, the Grangers feel that the pressure of taxation is not proportionate and therefore not just. Examining somewhat closely the adopted report of their committee Corean Straits. The conflict has possion this subject, it appears that two already occurred. The Russian fleet is satling boldly between Japan remedies are in mind. The first is the and Corea, in line of battle, inviting atassessment of all property at actual tack by the enemy. The Japanese fleet

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meet

from Russian sources. In this instance,

however, the Russians have no means

The cable to Chefoo, equally dis-

values, regardless, that is, of any arbi trary or customary reduction of per-centage of value by the Assessor. After all is said and done, this is only returning to the plain meaning of the law as it stands. It is easy enough to say "actual values." The problem is to ascertain and apply a clear and just ascertainment. Two sources of information appear. The one is return of property by the owner or his authorized agent; second, the opinion of the Assessor. Should they agree, owner and Assessor, there is no more to be said-assuming, of course, that there is no collusion. Should they differ, what then? The Grangers propose to apply this remedy, that the Assessor sho have the power to have the books of a corporation or business firm experted, with penalties in case property "con or covered up" be discovered. cealed Two observations are suggested by this somewhat primitive method. Why confine it to a "corporation or business firm"? May not individuals be equally culpable? Then, why to "business" It has been generally thought that erroneous returns were supplied by property-owners, in town certainly, but are the country people not also possibly in fault? There has even been a whisper that a thoroughbred horse, cow, sheep or hog might figure in a return just as an ordinary scrub not worth a fourth as much in actual value And so of farming lands. Surely they differ as much as one star differeth from another star in glory. It is not only books that may require "experting." And who is to pay for that pro-

The Grange and its committee think the county too large in area to be covered by one Assessor. So they suggest How are the mighty fallen! Mr. Bal-precinct or district Assessors, who, in four, sitting in the place of Peel and turn, are to meet at the county seat and Palmeraton, of Gladstone and Disraeli, "sit as a board of equalization." Rec-"sit as a board of equalization." Rec-ommendation No. 2 is at variance with a subservient majority, ignores the ac-netting makes an effective barrier if idation No. 1, which is that no tion of the House and tramples on it board of equalization shall have power to raise or lower the valuation. What. "Nothing of human interest is out- then, is to issue from the sitting of the Assessors? Doubtless the design is that by confining the action of the new Asmovement in all countries in favor of sessor to the precinct in which he liver he may be expected to have more exand relations in place of segregation act opinions on values, and it is anticiancient pated that in this way there may be less guesswork in results. Possibly there may be difficulty in securing a pleased. vital, is a case in point. Apart from all qualified Assessor in every precinct, personal relationships to the world of Be it remembered that character, even more than ability, is needed. It is mitted that the Assessor must be like Caesar's wife. It is putting him to a hard test to set values on his own property and that of his friends, relatives and neighbors, and no one else When he has the county to cover, the larger part by far in both numbers of property-owners and in properties are of necessity, outside the reach of personal influences, These are the most important recon mendations of the Grange. No doubt they will admit that the subject is very thorny. A commission of qualified persons was provided for by the last Legonly confidently looking on to the inislature to make recommendations to the next. It may be as well to wait That and see how they propose to deal with actual values and with Assessors. The initiative is to be invoked in support of a 1 per cent tax on the gross earnings of express, telegraph and telephone companies. If this measure shows a fair prospect of bringing corporations controlling public facilities into a just and uniform condition of contribution to the state funds, there will be little objection to it.

act that Portland com distinct loss to ourselves and to hu-

with the Southern Pacific Railroad A generation has come into life and and are doing everything in their power to extend the stop-over limit. As for the quarrel of the Portland and Seattle physicians, the less said about it the passed on to middle age since Mem orial day was instituted. It is too much to expect those to whom the Civil War and its vast sacrifice in human life is better. It is to be regretted that the but history to approach the day with Times and other Washington newspa-pers have not been sufficiently informed sorrow and join in its ceremonials with sadness. It may reasonably be expect-ed, however, that a sufficient number the state by the Exposition peopleof thoughtful persons may be found in greater by far than accorded to any nunity such as this to fill its a com ther state. Any interested citizen of churches on Memorial day and listen Washington can fully verify this statereverently to the eulogies that are pronounced in patriotic spirit, upon the stlent host that, for their country' sake went untimely to the shades. An of the plutocrats of Portland, the hour given to the memory of the heroes mouthpiece of their various schemes who fell in the strife for National life for capitalization of everything in the will be a kindly hour wisely spent.

SHIFTING OF POLITICAL POWER

Engrossed in the smaller politics of and state, notes of changes in city world politics pass almost without refamil mark. Battles and sleges, insurrections and pay for it out of the proceeds of and revolts, are followed by every various capitalizations on "public utilireader of the day's dispatches. Events ies," have been "working" the municimarking the gradual transfer of power pal government for all sorts of things from one representative body to another, or the equally important cession of high civic and municipal virtue. of power from legislative bodies to inplied with the persistency of "damna dividuals, are unrecognized as turning ble iteration." is becoming rancid and points in history. stale. But let us have no unseemly ex-When the French Republic was es citement. There are days yet to come

tablished, on the fall of the Louis Napoleon empire, two legislative bo were created, the Senate and House of Deputies. Their powers were most carefully balanced, to forestall croachment by either one on the rights and privileges of the other. In spite of this, the people's house, the Chamber has grown until it has become the focus and center of the life of the republic. It makes and unmakes Ministries at will. The policy of Ministers is framed and guided to hold a majority there. The Senate lives in dignity, it is true. Its members look on, hardly more than spectators of the conflicts and debates brought to issue in the other house. The French President has held his own through all these years, rather the arbitrator in reserve, and the figurehead of the nation. But the policy of France is that of the Ministry, as dictated by or dependent on the majority of the Chamber, through which majority the nation is supposed to speak. Therein lies the real, the active, control.

In England the process above de scribed is being, it may almost be said has been, reversed. Not even so large a body as the Ministry, but the committee of Ministers, now called the Cabinet, overshadows King, Lords and Commons-the historical powers of the British Empire. The House of Comons of Great Britaia and Ireland was called the mother of Parliaments. It steadily wrestled power from the monarch through the centuries, stood ever for the people's rights, reformed from time to time to gain greater strength from a wider electorate, until the closing years of the last century its right to claim respect as well as obedie from the nation was unchallenged Usages had grown up by which at any time a vote could be called for, and would be instantly conceded by the Ministry in power at the time, demanding that the opinion of the house be taken on any question, great or small The Prime Minister, or the leader of the house, was ever in his place to regulate debate, support his policy and to testify by his acts respect for the assembly. By equally long custom, time and opportunity were given to private me bers to introduce independent legisla tion, debate such bills, and challenge cess-the county or the culprits? either the support or the opposition of Rather a heavy bill for some one to the government thereon. The House of

Commons was a live assembly, th pride of the nation. The influence of its decisions was courted or feared.

no reform in the matter of meat inspec tion. Perhaps it is not so necessary as folk imagine, but there is one some thing that market proprietors should be forced to do, namely: protect fresh meats from the big blue-bottle fly. Glass cases are best; still, mosquito

OREGON OZONE.

Our Guarantee. Jokes you will never meet in this col-

The mother-in-law joke. It is a chest-

The old maid joke. It is ungentlemanly, The Spring-moving joke. It was copy-righted by Noah when he packed up to get aboard the urk.

A vaudeville troupe of evangelists has arrived in New York for a three-weeks stand in revival repertoire.

ment by coming to the Fair The Igorrotes have gone to Coney Island. Four-in-hand cravats are cheaper The Oregonian fears that the organ

burial.

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already lodged a vigo

out the generous attention given to

claim of disinterestedness, and

repaid tenfold by increased sales. No

charge will be made to the market man

who uses this fine advertisement. But

some cynic may say that the benefit

of the scheme is self-evident, or that

it isn't new. Well, it will be new in

The "gas grab" in Philadelphia-and

the gas grab of Portland-what of

them? Portland is not as big as Phila

delphia, but here is a gas grab, too.

In Portland the gas grab is even worse

than the gas grab in Philadelphia, be

cause the gas grab in Poriland has a

perpetual franchise. And this franchise

as you might expect, is in the hands of

tears up the streets without anybody's

leave. It is a branch of the first-fam-

ily ownership of the town. There is no

regulation. It pays not one dime for

the use of the streets. The reigning

families deem the streets of Portland

and all they can make out of them

their own proper inheritance. Their

Why shouldn't the Pacific Bridge

Company have had the Morrison-street

bridge contract? The Pacific Bridge

Company is the same thing as the Port-

land Consolidated Rallway Company and the rallway company has a theory

that the bridge was built for it, and not

for the people. The fine way in which

the bridge company carried out the rallway company's ideas is to be seen

in the guard rail, which was put there

as a permanent notification that the

public has no rights which the street

railway company is bound to respect

However, the people, who paid for the

bridge, are permitted to cross-on foot.

For the present, Portland is to have

newspaper organ will tell you so.

"first families" of Portland. It

Portland.

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in New York than in Portland. This is a strange world. Joseph Chester, a United States soldier who was city for dividends-though it makes wry faces and roars loudly-will have killed in a battle in Cuba seven years ago, was buried at his old home. Wheelto digest the venom of its spleen, though the operation may split it. For ing. W. Va., his aged father footing the undertaker's bill. The other day the dead man returned home and proved that many and many a year the reigning les, who have set up this organ he was still alive. Now he is suing the undertaker to recover the expenses of his

The Irrigon Irrigator.

At Irrigon, in Oregon, The Irrigator is The paper of the books the biz. of the people, and it always

The Irrigator irrigates the arid lives of folks

Who otherwise with thirst were curst and might succumb to chokes

This timely suggestion is offered to No doubt The Irrigator lies an ever-open the first meat market owner who is ditch

For "Old Subscriber," "Amicus," "Vox Populi," and sich, willing to adopt it: Put a stationary washstand in the most prominent part Who through its columns flow their stuff, to saturate the soil of your establishment. Require your

men to wash their hands in it-gublicly. Of those benighted souls (like moles) that only delve and toll. where every customer may see-every fifteen minutes. It is easy to imagine

The Irrigator's editor, I have no doubt, what effect it will have on women given to cleanliness. Never allow a

with that alliterative name, must daily with the rhymes. Ob, may be turn his floodgates loose, and salesman to wear a badly solled apron Let him change every half hour, if necessary. Cost of laundering will be

inundate the carth With songs of lilt and leap and sweep-whereof we have a dearth!

O Irrigon! O Oregon! O Irrigator (The)! I think I'd like to make myself your ed-itorial "we," Oh, take these limpid lavings of my some-

times tearful Muse And grow a crop of greens-by jeans, you couldn't grow the blues!

Commencement.

nmencement is with us once more. Con Like Christmas, it comes but once a year; when it comes it brings good cheer and big bouquets to the graduate, but only regrets to the middle-aged mortal who has a high school diploma, bound around its waist with a blue ribbon tied in a double bow-knot, lying somewhere nderneath the other rubbish in the attic of the house he lived in 25 years ago where moth and dust corrupt.

When we were about 17, and sat upon the costrum on the great day in early June, sandwiched in hetween two girls in white, like a grinning gargoyle between a pair of cherubs on a cornice, we used to wonder why it was called commence ment. "To us it appeared to be the finish We had achieved. We had arrived. We were there. The past-there was nothing to it, except the tears in the voice of the graduating girl who read the valedictory, beginning "And now, d-e-a-r class-mates-". The future-there was none. "Act, act in the living present," the dreamy blue-orbed angel who took that line for the subject of her commencement essay: and we were acting Some of us acted like idiots, no doubt: but we were "actors on the great stageof life," as the boy in the striped pants orated; and who was there so base as to insist that we should be passive instead of active?

There was, we must admit, since we come to recollect it, one adventurous damsel in the class who held up before us and shook in our faces a future, and her subject was "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy," Of course there was such an essay; who ever heard of a commencement during the 'soe-or anywhere between the episode at Appomattox and the affair at Santiago,

that matter_the Italy lying beyond the Alps?. In those days the world was full of Alps and Italies. There were no Tyrolean Alns-not until the World's Fair at St. Louis; they were all Italian. At one impending com-mencement we recall that there were two Italies and two Alpine ranges when the essays were turned in, and the girl with the golden hair hanging down her back gave up her beloved Alps only when the principal said she might write on the more poetic subject: "She slept, and dreamed that life was Sti Beauty: She woke and found that life was Duty." Then the Blessed Damozel with the dreams in her eyes and the delicious, dulcet lisp in her voice urged us, male and female alike man after his kind and woman after her kind, to climb and cross the Alps of Endeavor and slide down the other side into the sun-kissed, azureskied Italy of our ambitions. Some of us boys never could see just why it was necessary to go to Italy to succeed in life, nor why it was imperative that we climb over the Alps to get there, for we found nothing in the tourist guidebooks to indicate that there was a perpetual Chicagoesque railroad strike and tie-up on the Italian frontiers. But we will let that pass-alas! It has passed, and the world is none the better off. Nowadays a commencement is not what it used to be; it is a beginning, and not a finish; a change has come over the spirit of the dream; the world has grown strenuous in these 20 years last gone, and where once divine poesy reposed there is now only earthy prose in volcant eruption. When you go to commencement this year you will hear orations and essays on sociological and industrial subjects such as "Should We Shoot the Filipinos or Fatten Them on Dog Meat for Circus Features?" and "The Relation of the Panama Canal to the Panama Hat." These be practical days, and the practicality has robbed youth of much of its glory-that pristine, unspoiled, unsated glory when a commencement was not the commencement of hard labor and the be-ginning of a tussle with trusts and taintmoney, but merely an arrival, an apex. Let us buy a bouquet this year as big sround as the bulge of a barrel of sugar, and fling it at the feet of the one brave girl who dares, in this up-to-date age, to read a commencement essay on "The She-Heroes of Shakespears," or "Pluck Posies as You Go." Too many of us are engaged in plucking geese-in the maudlin of trade. You will observe that even the present writer, though he protests against the new order, is modernized, for he has not once mentioned the sweet girl graduate. ROBERTUS LOVE.

that is coming-forced by the greed of capitalism and of exploitation-it finds Itself compelled to yield to new conditions. In the contest between greed breaks his shins on the barrels and and privilege on the one hand, and popular rights on the other, it will follow the demands of the people, because it belongs to the people. It must stand with them, rather than with those who contend for the fictions of privilege and of vested rights. It will take its place the ranks of the proletariat, and struggle with and for the proletariat, rather than with or for those who have adopted the modern scheme of capitalizing the needs of the multitude and making the multitude pay dividends on the capitalization.

Everything tends towards this new division or alignment. It is emphasized by the demand of President Roosevelt for regulation and control of the railroads. It is furthered by efforts everywhere exerted, and witnessed in Portland as elsewhere today, to capitalize public functions, and .to turn them to private profit, for support of "first families" in luxury and idleness. It is not an issue which this newspaper has sought. Gladly, rather, it would have avoided or averted it. But it is upon us today, and it challenges atten m; and tomorrow and next year its demands will be more imperative still. The astonishing growth of it is due inordinate greed of a plutocracy which never will admit that it has had enough.

THE REED ESTATE.

It is seldom that the relations of a person who has a property and makes a will are willing to acquiesce in the sition of the property made by the testator. They who suppose themselves heirs at law think they ought to in- dream. His intelligence is devilish, but herit the property which they did nothing to accumulate. To them it mattery not what the wish of the testator was. Their relative was beloved, not for his character or wishes, but for the estate

S. G. Reed and wife were early citizens of Portland. The state of his times makes a present to the Lord; the health took him to the milder climate of Southern California. Before he could make the disposition of his property that he had intended, he was taken away by death, leaving everything to his wife. As the years drew made a will, by which she directed that large part of the property was to be devoted to a public use, in educational lines. The couple had no children. But the estate was a large one, and Mrs. Reed, in her will, gener ously remembered the relations of herself and of her-husband-dedicating. ever, large portion of the estate to the foundation and support of an educational institute at their home in

But there is a law of California which

MEMORIAL SUNDAY.

The Sunday before Memorial day has ome to be designated "Memorial Sunday." It is again with us, and again from many pulpits, sermons instinct with patriotism and breathing rever-ence for the soldier dead will be delivered. It will be well for our people to forget for an hour the political strife in which they are engaged, dismiss the cares of business, lay aside the fret and escape from the friction of com petition in the marts of gain and labor, and pass a quiet hour in memory of those for whom all striving has ceased. Looking backward, generally speaking, is not wise, since, in a sense, it unfits those who must still strive for the battle of today-the battle of every day. The injunction-

Let the dead past bury its dead Must be followed if we are to do our full part in the "living present"-foilowed not arbitrarily and stolcally, but reasonably and with deference to the duty in hand. Unavailing regret is a waste of the vital force and spiritual strength, without which life is a failure; reverence for life that was, and exultation in what it meant to those leted its tenure, is

best-established usages. The climax came during the past few weeks, when the word was passed to the supporters of the Ministry to take no part in debates raised by the liberal opposition on the protection policy of Mr. Chamber tain leave the House rather than vote and let the opposition of more than 250 members pass such votes of censure on the government and its acts as they

> So the world was treated to the sorry spectacle of the House of Commons re duced to the level of a college debat ing society, free to amuse itself by passing such resolutions as it pleased impotent to secure any effect, or influ ence by a hair's breadth the acts of the nation. It is a House of Commons held together by the fear of a dissolution which would efface a big majority of its members from political life. Meanwhile the British people look on as if stupe fied. So bred and reared in respect for law and custom, however, are out cousins across the water that they submit to oppressive and reactionary laws, month after month, year after year,

evitable death of this Parliament when its lease of life expires. Two years' terms and frequent elec tions have their drawbacks. But what has passed and is passing on the other side of the Atlantic goes a very long way to reconcile us to those evils that we know the worst of.

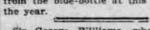
In the opinion of Police Judge Hogue Charles McGinty is a wifebeater whos offense is of more than ordinary mag-nitude. This fellow was hailed as the first candidate for the whipping-post under the law that went into effect May 18, but his act was so brutal and so serious in its nature and conse quences that it became a crime requir ing The attention of the grand jury. Instead, therefore, of calling upon a stalwart policeman to lay 29 upon the bare back of the brutal wifebeater, Judge Hogue placed him under bonds of \$200 to appear before the grand jury. The appearance of the woman in the Police Court and recita of her story would fairly justify the charge of assault with intent to kill. It would be a good job if McGinty were indicted upon this charge, tried, con-

It appears again to be necessary to assure the Seattle Times that the per

beauties of that fine city. The Times is much disturbed over the fact that the Portland doctors have not adver tle. tised Seattle in their literature, and

because California visitors will have 30 days to visit Puget Sound. another thing, to ignore which is a doubt the Times has overlooked the ever afterwards hold its peace.

adjusted with care. In weather yesterday a few hours is sufficient to develop living organisms in perfectly sound flesh. Too much care cannot be exercised to prevent contamination from the blue-bottle at this season of



Sir George Williams, who founded the Young Men's Christian Association in England sixty-one years ago, was the most conspicuous and interesting figure in the recent world's conference of that organization in Paris.

George, an octogenarian, but still vigorous, presented in his forceful pres ence a refutation of the assumption that a man of his age has outlived by a score or more years the period of his usefulness.

It hardly takes the bank clearances to prove that Portland is prosperous; but they may be regarded as a very satisfactory sign. For the past week the aggregate has been over \$4,100,000 an increase of 522 over the same week the preceding year. The total average increase for the United States was 45 per cent, so that the prosperity of Portland is not local.

A Salem man, who was bothered with a cataract on his eye, was mending his roof. The wind caught a piece of tin and it cut off the cataract, restoring the Salem man's sight and leaving the organ perfectly sound. If some interested friend could persuade the Municipal Association to embark in the tin roofing business, it might lead to beneficial results.

Chief Hant's police and Chief Camp bell's firemen made a fine showing in the parade yesterday. If Mayor Willlams is proud of what this administration has done for both police and fire men, the reasons were obvious to every one of the spectators along the line of march.

If the waters of Nauheim have really been of benefit to Secretary Hay, the press of the United States will not grudge, the immense publicity it has given them without price.

It has probably not escaped public notice that Dr. Harry Lane is holding Democratic meetings, not "citizens" or "independent" or Municipal Association meetings.

Municipal Judge Hogue decides that Attorney Vaughn is not guilty of con-tempt of the Municipal Court. Everybody breathes easier.

St. Petersburg is again full of rumors of a Russian victory. Rumors of a Russian victory always precede a bat-

Two Real Statesmen

Charleston News and Courier If any other railroad desires to build to Lewiston it should speak up, or for-ever afterwards hold its peace.

ple of Portland and the management of the Lewis and Clark Exposition are not in a conspiracy to prevent visitors to Portland from going to Seattle and en-joying the hospitality and viewing the

victed and given the limit,