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A STATEMENT

The Oregonian had fully intended to say nothing about the attempt of Wil- ing purposes. This is its mission today, liam M. Ladd to procure indictment of backed by the money and by every inits proprietore, till after the grand jury | fluence wielded by the gang who have had finished its work, made its report and adjourned. But since Mr. Ladd causes his newspaper, day by day, to continue its attacks on The Oregonian, and to urge, press and roar for indictments; and since, moreover, It continues its studied and labored misrepresentations and misinterpretations of The Oregonian's cartoon of November 3, with evident intention of pre-occupying the public mind and forestalling the public judgment, by substitution of its promote schemes for this combination's the meaning and intent for the true one. The Oregonian now will have something to say. It supposes, too, that the nothing about what action it may take. This article is addressed to the public.

ship of the Hearst assassination litera- schemes, and the people know it; yet and on this pretense, supported by every newspaper of the United States, attended by insolent refusal to obey within a short time before The Ore- the laws requiring exhibit of the afgonian's cartoon appeared. The Ore- fairs of public service corporations,gonian's object in printing the cartoon all in the high-flown and high-blown was patent. It was, as stated, first, "to spirit of the monopoly proverb: "The concentrate attention on what Hearst public be ---!" Such a gang should journalism is, and second, to show who have a newspaper, of course; and, of is responsible for the imitation of it course, that newspaper will tell always, and support of Hearet and Hearst jour- and keep on telling, how dear every nalism at Portland." The Oregonian popular cause, everything that concerns said that Mr. Ladd was handing out an the welfare of the people, is to it and to imitation here; and its cartoon said, its masters,-while they pluck and skin "Here is what Hearst journalism is," the people to the bone! Hearst at that time was a candidate for Governor of New York; the attenwas opportune to identify here the par-

director and the treasurer of the jour- for if The Oregonian could be "shut ambition is to suck up the proceeds of mal of monopoly here. Why do we call up," not a voice could be raised in Port- the efforts of others and to avail itself, the Ladd journal also a Hearst journal? land against any of the operations or to the utmost possibility, of the indus-Because, in its style, make-up, methods, exploitations of our holy local plutoc- try that strives to accomplish things, news, editorial page and general char- racy. No one would dare to oppose its and then try to take its results away acteristics, it is a close imitation of the schemes, for the penalty would be ruin, and "wait for a rise." It is a curse to a hole in the middle. At least, so the Hearst newspapers It professes ad- The Oregonian, however, is here; it is Portland and long has been; for its miration of Hearst himself; it approves, on the side of the people; it cannot be methods are not alone such as we have supports and defends his political intimidated; it cannot be silenced. It described. They include and long have schemes, and it expressed earnest hope deals, however, only with public mat- included, a policy of keeping out of and enthusiastic desire that he might ters, or with individuals in their rela- Portland and of Oregon all capital or better than many. Blackstone's definibe elected Governor of New York. Its ion to them, On this basis both its enterprise strong enough to be inde- tion of municipal law will not compare news columns are largely filled from duty and its rights are assured. The pendent or to do independent things, the Hearst papers, and matter offered Oregonian, it was known, could not be By it capital has continually been as news has been appearing for years induced to serve the purposes of this warned away with such statements as, in its columns under the heading, plutocracy, never had stood with it; "O, there is nothing in what you talk "Hearst News Service." It is, there- and the combination felt the need of about. We have looked into it, and if fore, "an imitation Hearst journal"; an organ to support its grasping there had been anything in it we should take the circumference off and examine and it was right, therefore, to concen- schemes. trate attention here on what Hearst journalism is-for attention was con- Hearst imitation, is one of the instrucentrated upon it in all parts of the ments of a group bent on absorption United States by Hearst's own candi- of everything within its reach. The dacy in New York; and moreover, it effort has succeeded too well. Very was right to indicate who was respon- soon after the organ was started it besible for the imitation of it in Portland. | gan a series of abusive, virulent and Mr. Ladd, more than any other person, libelous attacks on The Oregonian. is that man. He it is who has given They were not noticed because The Orthe paper its existence; his name as egonian was unwilling to engage in and it affects Hearetlem, also, as a desociated with it, drew in the rest, to any contention with it that might ap- vice for fooling the people, and as a creation and maintenance of a paper pear to be merely a newspaper wrangle; further means to a common end.

that Mr. Ladd has always taken a and persistence he has shinned the streets of Portland, either alone or in director and the secretary of the organ, on this mission, with the purpose of impressing men in business with the idea that his paper ought to have sup-port, on the score of reciprocity be-But a change came. In May, tween him and them. These, indeed, the dog-like fidelity with which the one affair would be both proof and acknowledgement, if anything further were needed, of the relation between Kansas City, Mo.—Ricksecker Cigar Co., by day to coerce, browbeat and dragoon subject, of highest public importance Minneapolis—M. J. Kavanaugh, 50 South a grand jury for gratification of the A type of journalism had been introair and the clouds with its cries, en-

tried to raise its obtestations to Heaven, Of course Mr. Ladd had a right to start and he has a right to own, or to at the head of this plutocracy and deepbe a leading owner, in a newspaper. ly interested in its principal schemee-But the purpose of the paper was disguised, even from some who took paper and a director in the corporation shares in it, for they did not know that that, after the Hearst fashion, tries to it was to be devoted to the epecial objects or ends of leading promoters; and some refused to continue to feed man of the undertaking. So he has it, and dropped out. But Mr. Ladd said it was to go, if he had to carry it dummy nominally at the head of an unon alone. If he wanted to publish a dertaking is not the responsible man. newspaper, well and good; many per- They who supply the money are the sons thought another newspaper might actual parties in responsibility. be a good thing for Portland. But this organ began its career by vicious attacks on The Oregonian, and on every interest outside those of the group who had started it to support their grasp-

reach in Portland.

Right now is as good a time as any, under cover of pretense of regard for popular interests and popular rights, to Portland and Oregon shall make growth quiries into this case, but as no report | to grasp and appropriate the proceeds. ute to them, nor will allow it, if they sally known where the statements came for the further enrichment of the week, they had been published in The street railways, or held for dividends, Oregonian, and their origin attributed as the gas exploit, based on high to W.R. Hearst of New York. Events charges and excessive rates to the peohad caused their republication in nearly pic, under claim of perpetual tenure,

The real object of this effort to indict tion of the whole country was fixed is to try to muzzle or silence The Ore- vantage, its purpose is to permit nothupon that contest, and the Ladd organ gonian on all such matters as the fran- ing to be done in which it has not a of estates and engrossment of the busi- be exacted from every side. Hateful Mr. Ladd is one of the proprietors, a sailing, without 'question or noyance; and the represser of Oregon. Its chief son to be proud of our perseverance

notice than a giance of contempt. Hold- all the people, ing such journalism despicable, The

But a change came. In May, 1905, are small matters, one might say; but scheme to sell out for millions the franthey establish The Oregonian's affirma- chises of Portland, which our local plution of Mr. Ladd's interest in the paper, tocrats had appropriated by curreptiwhich he now pretends to disown. Mr. tious means, was about to be consum-Ladd, moreover, guaranteed payment mated, criticised and denounced the enfor the press on which the paper is tire transaction as robbery of the city; printed, and had to do so before the or- whereupon the organ of these highder for it would be accepted, But rollers redoubled its vituperative and virulent attacks, and The Oregonian newspaper rollows the master in this answered-then for the first time-that It was what was to be expected from a publication which had been established and was sustained as an organ and demaster and servant. Exclamatory ap- fender of these purposes of private agpeals for the maeter have filled its col- grandizement, at the expense of the umns daily; in hie behalf the paper has public. This, let it be borne in mind, called for "sympathy" for the "suffer- was the first notice the plutocratic orings" of members of his family who gan received from The Oregonian, Here never have been, even remotely, alluded was not a mere newspaper squabble to by The Oregonian; it has tried day about nothing; but here was a great by day to coerce, browbeat and dragoon subject, of highest public importance. master's vengeance; it has filled the duced here that was grafting the Hearst newspaper style and spirit on treaties and calumnies; it has even the schemes of local plutocracy, for support of both, and Mr. Ladd, as a man of wealth and eminence, standing one of the owners, also, of the news disguise the ownership, was named by The Oregonian as the representative been treated or dealt with since. A

During several recent years the Ladd-Hearst organ has uttered countless IIbels against The Oregonian and its publishers-libels of the most false, malicious and defamatory description, both by cartoon and by printed text, of which The Oregonian has taken no notice at all; for if their life-long work "taken in" everything within their here has not made them known and established character for them, nothing they could say for themselves, or their newspapere could say for them, could and here a very proper place, once avail them anything. Nor could grand more to repeat and to emphasize the juries nor trial juries, nor a sequacious fact that the Ladd journal, though im- herd of retainers and toadies clacquing itating Hearst journalism, is an effort at their heels and ready to bear witof a greedy plutocracy, masquerading ness; nor saintly airs, nor ostentatious I

moral or pietistic pretensions. The judgment and delicacy Mr. Ladd own misconstruction and distortion of own further enrichment and aggran- has shown in bringing the women of dizement. This plutocracy never has his family into this contention, both been willing, nor is now willing, that through his newspaper and through the chambers of the grand jury, the public grand jury has now finished its in- and progress too fast for its clansmen will pass upon, silently; for opinion is first glance this looks like a serious rehas been made, of course, it knows They want nobody to do business here is that it was very poor theatricals. on any important scale, who is not For there are other aged ladies and willing or cannot be forced to pay trib- other sensitive wives and widows here; not rich, indeed, since they have been Mr. Ladd has pretended that The can prevent it. They support their impoverished by absorption of their cifically mentioned brethren. The fifth the Eastern Washingtonians, who were, Oregonian attributed to him the author- newspaper organ as an adjunct of these property, through inordinate avarice and enormous greed, into estates alture, though it has long been known and this organ of plutocracy, run by the ready plethoric with wealth. Millionaires often reprinted, and its authorship multi-millionaire tontine of Portland, may appraise their own sensibilities; known, throughout the United States; pretends to be a journal of the people, the public is not bound to confirm the -of the people whose most valuable appraisement, but reserves the right to statements of complaisant members of common property, in franchises and believe that the widows, or wives and Lutherans occupy an inconspicuous pohis "set" that they so understood it, he uses, amounting to millions upon mil- children, of houses and estates lost and called for a grand jury. The forced lions in value, have been grabbed or swallowed up in the rolling accretione misinterpretation was and is mere pre- filched from them by the gang, through of aggrandizing wealth, may have sentense. No unbiased intelligence could open seizure or in surreptitious ways, sibilities too. The struggle against an have given the carfoon such construc- without payment of a dollar to the peo- all-devouring plutocracy is the same tion or interpretation. It was univer- ble for the property,-and either sold here as elsewhere and everywhere, and when such plutocracy sheds its tears from. Twice before, within that same grandee exploiters, as in the case of the in public for obtainment of sympathy, the spectacle becomes pathetic, indeed!

> There is an appeal to the public, in all matters that concern the welfare of society, which surpasses in dignity, in force and in effect any appeal to a grand jury; and in any appeal to the grander jury The Oregonian believee it is able to make itself heard and understood. Never yet has it failed to do so, and it thinks it will not now; for its of the crafty, insidious and always turn. tireless efforts of a local monopolistic plutocracy to secure advantages for itself, both from the public and from all private persons who can be drawn The Ladd organ, then, run as a capital enough here for everything that will pay." With such statements men who would have done important things for Oregon have continually been gent away. Political control is also within ite ambition, always; not, of course, for its own sake, but as a means to the further "promotion of our interests."

which should be always at command of so no notice was taken of its calumnies; This is the fight before the people of move at all. The point where the drive but unsuccessful sortic into the realm

The newspaper is part of the scheme;

bringing support to their echemes and to year. To engage with it on its own to the grander jury, which is to be confighting their opponents. It is a fact grounds, to descend into the gutter to tinued till the people shall have masthrow mud with it, The Oregonian dis- tered an arrogant plutocracy, The Orewarm personal interest in support of dained. Again and again the Laddpaper gonian does not doubt that it will find the bantling; and many in Portland complained of The Oregonian's refusal means of making itself heard, and that know that he has in person solicited to notice it, or the attacks with which the people will be willing to hear it. business for it. With great industry its columns teemed. These attacks The fight of the people of Oregon were usually scurrilous and venomous, against predatory fortunes and against and always full of falsehood. But its the practices by which they are conthe company of J. N. Teal, a fellow- libelous invective and victous cartoons | tinually augmented is on, in Oregon, as were alike passed over, without other elsewhere, and The Oregonian reaches

RAILBOAD REGULATION BILL.

By the transportation committee of The Oregonian, having learned that the the Chamber of Commerce of Portland the first draft of a bill has been submitted, for "an act to regulate commerce and common carriers in this state." It proposes to create a railroad mmission of three persons and to define their duties and powers. The bill is said to be founded on the law of Wisconsin, with additions from the law

of Texas and of other states. It is very long, because it deals minutely with a most extensive subject, and must therefore contain great mul-tiplicity of details. Merely to define the scope of the bill would require great space. It is to apply to every common carrier engaged in the transportation of passengers and property wholly by rail, or partly by rail and partly by water; and it enters into minute details as to switching, storing, transfer, exchange of business between transportation lines, regulation of terminal companies

and supply of cars. Rates are required to be "just and easonable"; and the commission is required and directed, upon petition or complaint as to rates, to hold an investigation, to which the parties are to be Should the rate or service be cited. found, in the judgment of the commission, to be unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory, or any service or equipment inadequate, the commission is to fix such rate or reasonable regulation. practice or service to be imposed, or equipment to be furnished, as it may leem proper and just; and if any railroad or other party in interest shall be lissatisfied with the rates or regulations, it may commence an action in the Circuit Court against the commission as defendant, to vacate or set aside the order-the rate or regulation meantime to stand.

We suppose thie bill, or one embodyng the main features of this bill, will pass the Legislature of Oregon the oming Winter. The public mind, which will be reflected through the legislative mind, everywhere is pushing in this direction. The movement has reached Oregon:

WHILE THE LAMP YET BURNS.

To the ordinary citizen, there is alvays something cheering and inetructive about prison statistics. When he reads of his fellow men who are wearing their lives away behind the bars of our penal institutions, he reflects, "how much better am I than they; how hankful I am for the moral principles administered to me by my mother as lay acroes her knee." According to the Literary Digest, a

ecent issue of the North American Review contains statistics that "yield in-teresting and suggestive facts." In the Miseouri state prison there are 1794 convicts, of whom 1267, or more than twothirds, profess some sort of religious belief. Of these 396 are Baptists. At free. And that opinion unquestionably proach to Baptists; but it is not, because, following along in the list close behind are 335 Methodists and 312 Catholics. Then come 120 Christians, It was not stated how these last differed | the mouth of the river. from their more numerous and speterians. Of these there are only forty-eight. In Oregon this would be a re-lumbia, and it also pleased a certain where the people are inquisitive and incredulous, it may merely indicate a general scarcity of Presbyterians, The sition with a membership of twentynine, while the Episcopalians have sixteen. Just why the last-named popular church is so meagerly represented was not explained. It may be that Episcopalians consider it bad form to be arrested, and no doubt it is well that those sixteen Episcopallans are where they are. The rear is brought up in a dignified manner by six Hebrews and five Dunkards

The moral of all this, if any moral an be deduced, is, be a Unitarian, a Spiritualist, or even a Seventh-Day Adventist and you will be free. Or is it poseible that these persons all joined church after they were put in prison? We have a horrible suspicion that some or many of them did; and the figures, therefore mean only that the Missour Baptists believe, more than any other denomination, that while the lamp helds object is to keep the people apprised out to burn the striped sinner may re

SQUARING THE CIRCLE

Persons who have looked into the hisory of science a little, know that there into its net and converted into prey, are a few problems which men have Intrenched here through hereditary ad- tried for thousands of years to solve and have never succeeded. Their failure is somewhat of a reproach to the here warmly favored Hearst. The time chise grabs, the gas abuses, absorption controlling hand, so that tribute may To have tried so long and accomplished nothing should put us into a humb! ness of Portland by the plutocratic to the people and full of abominations frame of mind, and doubtless it would, trust, so that there might be smooth in itself, it is the octopus of Portland were it not that we have still more rea-Does not mankind deserve some credit for continuing to work at the problem of squaring the circle, for example after all the thousands and tens of thousands who have tried it and failed?

A circle is a round straight line, with school boy defined it in his examination paper, and, while his logic may not please the sour cynic and the quibbling pedagogue, it will pass; it will serve It is as good as most definitions and with it for lucidity. A wagon wheel is a very good example of a circle, being round and having also the indispensable hole in the middle, which shows where the center is. It has the further edagogical advantage that or have undertaken it long ago. We have it at his leisure. In most wagon wheels the circumference, or tire, is made of iron, though modern luxury, consulting is einful case, has begun to use rubber

or the purpose. When a wagon is running, which noves faster, the top of the wheel or the bottom? We have heard scientists of high local repute contend that all parts must move with the same speed. neither top nor bottom going the faster, ut this ie an error. The cold, incredible fact is that, even when the horses are running away, the bottom of each wheel is perfectly still. It does not

the pluto-aristocracy of Portland, which however, continued from year Portland and of Oregon. In the appeal wheel of a locomotive touches the track of politice as a candidate for United is always at rest, unless it slides or

> Should one stretch a string from the would be the diameter; and if he should now wrap this same string on the outside of the wheel it would not go half way round; nay, not a third of the way. After applying the diameter to the cir cumference three times, there would still be a small space left. How big a space? There's the rub. There's the consideration that has kept your circle squarer busy for 3000 years. number expresses the exact ratio between the diameter and the circumference? Heaven knows, perhaps, but no body else does. Archimedes, the fine old scientist of Syracuse, tried his wits upon it not quite vainly. He found the approximate value which schoolboys etill use and perhaps he was ciphering out a better one when the Roman soldier came along and killed him. The great Newton tried his hand at this elusive ratio and gave a rule for computing it. The only fault one can find with his method is that it never comes to an end. An enthusiastic circle squarer might begin ciphering in the cradle and continue till he was laid at rest under the flowers in the churchyard and still he would not have the answer. De voted German mathematicians have carried out the ratio between the cir cumference and diameter to more than 300 decimal figures and still the end is not in sight. There are just as many figures beyond as if they had not com puted a single one. The number is like eternity. No matter how much you cut

off it is as long as ever. Mathematicians call this ratio "Pi." Some say the name is an abbreviation of "Pie," and refere to the seductiveness of the problem. Others insist that It is merely the name of a Greek letter The reader may make his choice be tween the two theories. The important point is that a German savant proved some years ago that Pi could never be found exactly. In other words the circle cannot be squared. This makes no the slightest difference, however, to the circle squarers. They continue to attack their impossible problem with tireless zeal and every once in a while one of them solves it or thinks he does His envious rivals then shut him up in

Circle-squarers discoverers of the perpetual motion and those philosophers who can prove that the earth is flat all belong in a class together.

JETTY APPROPRIATION IMPERATIVE. Paramount to all other work in connection with an open river is the completion of the Columbia River jetty. A forty-foot channel from Astoria to the headwaters of the Snake and Columbia Rivers will be of small avail as a regulator of rates unless there shall be sufficient depth of water between Astoria and the sea to admit of passage of large ocean carriers. The Columbia Basin has been retarded in growth and development by lack of both river and rail facilities. The condition of the Columbia River bar, before the jetty work had reached a stage where it showing results, was such that a large share of the products of certain sections of the Inland Empire was diverted to Puget Sound. With a perfect under standing of the situation and a full knowledge that improvements on the Upper and Middle Columbia would be useless so long as the entrance to the river was of insufficient depth to admit the uninterrupted passage of large modern steamships, the Puget Sound papers for many years urged heavy appropriations for middle river improvements, but with strange inconsistency fought all appropriations for

This policy had the effect of pleasing

place is held down by the Presby- of course, anxious to have improvemarkable showing, but in Missouri, element on Puget Sound which objected to any appropriation tending to improve the mouth of the river. Fortunately for the commerce of the Columbla Basin, there has been a change in sentiment both in Eastern and Western Washington Investigation has taught the people east of the Cascade Mountains that there will be no advantage in an open river above the Cascades if the products of the Inland Empire cannot find a deep-water outlet at the mouth of the river. Many of the products of the territory east of the Cascade Mountains are now being liftseek a deep-water outlet on Puget Sound, but with the completion of the North-Bank Railroad the natural route for this truffic will be down the Columbla River. This road will be com pleted within a year, and its advantages to Portland and the territory trib utary are to a great degree dependen on the condition of the entrance to the Columbia River. There is no question as to/the ulti-

mate improvement of the bar below Astorin, as the Government has already spent a considerable sum on the jett; project, and has demonstrated its practleability beyond doubt. It will be a matter of regret, however, if the project is not immediately placed under the continuing contract system, so that be introduced like common people? there will be no delay in rushing it to completion. Washington advices of the past few days are to the effect that there will probably be available in the next river and harbor bill \$1,000,000. with a possibility for the additional amount needed being carried in the sundry civil bill. If the amount needed is obtainable at once, so that the work can be pushed to completion next year, the increasing volume of commerce that will flow down the Columbia River to its natural outlet will make the open ing of the upper reaches of the river an imperative necessity, and will great ly simplify matters.

There should, of course, be no cessa tion in the work already begun on the Upper Columbia improvemente, but an appropriation sufficient to complete the work at the mouth of the river at once should not be jeopardized by asking too much for projects whose ultimate suc cess is dependent entirely on a firstclass entrance at the mouth of the river. Without such an entrance, the noney which is expended on river im provements farther inland is three away. For this reason the fate of the river and harbor bill at the coming session of Congress will be watched with greater interest than any of its predecessors.

The contract for boring the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul's big tunne through the Rocky Mountains has been let to Nelson Bennett, the man who built the Northern Pacific tunne through the Cascade Mountains and has recently completed the largest irri gation ditch ever constructed. Rennett several years ago made a brief

States Senator from Washington, and was so fortunate as to get enough of the game at the first attempt. The poloser by the fallure of Mr. Bennett to ranged himself comfortably enter, but his triumphs in the field of industrial conquest have been greater and more lasting than any that were possible in politics. The West is notable for its "big" industrial undertakceeded in proportions the building of that only an unusually determined talker Stampede tunnel and the mammoth Idaho irrigation ditch. When there is included with these great feats the usual, impressive pause, Jones looked building of a two-mile tunnel through the Rocky Mountains and the construc- his face into a contertion that he fondly tion of hundreds of miles of railroad at | imagined was a humorous smile. different points in the West, the record the more striking. Every admirer of loud, "Ha! ha!" that pluck and grim determination which wins success will hope to see Mr. latest important work in aiding a new rallroad to reach the Pacific Slope.

The inadequate pay of Government ment service is again brought to mind by the resignation of Major Gillette. This talented officer in the Army gave | could talk. up a life position, near the head of the to accept one with the City of Philadelphia for the term of five years at an annual salary of \$15,000, or more than three times as much as he was paid by the Government. There will. of course, be no shortage in material from which to promote his successor in the Army, and it is equally true that the City of Philadelphia can secure plenty of men at much less than \$15,000 per year. But the Government will be unable to secure or retain men of Mafor Gillette's talents for the regular salary, and the men that can be obtained by the City of Philadelphia for less ney than is paid Major Gillette are probably worth less than the ex-soldier.

The National Grange, now in seesion in Denver, stands earnestly for the es-tablishment of a parcels post and for Grange represents in these and other demands nearly a million members. Of the 1000 to 1500 delegates composing that body, all do not have votes upon the questions submitted, but all have a voice in the discussion of them. The 'aim of the organization, briefly stated by its chairman, is to obtain the reforms needed in the country and to give the farmer all that is coming to ilm. Worthy objects truly, but the magnitude of the work cut out is great. The demand for the farmer of "all that is coming to him" is likely to be dictated favoritism, and "reform" is epelled large or small according to the ideas of individuals. Nevertheless this great farmers' convention, with its enormous constituency, is entitled to and will have a respectful hearing up questions that it raises.

Captain Woods, an Astoria bar pilot, s quoted by Captain Morton, of the steamship Columbia, as stating that he had sighted the missing bark Iverna three times within the past week. If Captain Woods was correctly quoted, or there was nothing wrong with his vision, it seems certain that either the pilotage or tug service at the mouth of the river is in need of an overhauling. If the Iverna came in sufficiently close to be sighted by a pilot-boat on three different occasions in one week, some ne is at fault that she was not picked up and towed in. The experience of this unfortunate vessel, if she ever reaches port, will supply plenty of ma terial for an inquiry which ought to throw some light on the much-discussed

The death of Mrs. Maude Hurt Crefanother closing incident in a chapter of tragedies resulting from a strange religious mania. To all appearance kind Nature stepped in and relieved blundering man from further responsibility as custodian of this erratic, erring creature.

The outward, wayward life we see Its hidden springs we may not know

Her girlish face appeals to common umanity in her behalf, even while the record of her wayward, troubled life, written in blood and approved of folly, le an open page in the criminal annals of the times. Possibly she died a natural death; more probably she made ed over a high range of mountains to her own quietus by some means known only to herself and a confederate, mentally unbalanced like herself

More than 7,000,000 acres have been added to the Idaho forest reserves this month, and from the amount of water that is pouring down to the ocean it is apparent that the addition of a few million more might not be a bad thing for the supply of moisture which will be in greater demand next Summer

Caruso, the great tenor, ran afoul of the law because he presumed to address a few honeyed words to a good-looking woman who happened to be a stranger. Has it come to this, that a tenor must

The fertile valleys of the Puget Sound country laid waste by angry floods is a sight distressing to contemplate, even in imagination. Such a catastrophe comes but once in a generation, but once is quite enough.

George Ade is now engaged in revising old etories by telling them in twentieth century slang. His first product, Pocahontas and Captain John Smith. will appear in The Sunday Oregonian one week from today. Francie J. Heney was married in

Oakland yesterday. It may be hoped that he will not relax his vigilance in prosecuting grafters and land thieve upon the old plea of "having married a wife.

In his certificate of campaign expenses Hearst neglected to mention the ast sums for publicity in hie newspapers, which came out of his own

If Peary really wants to find the coldst spot on earth, he may look for it about midway between Senator Fulton and Senator La Follette.

Let two nations comfort themselves with the hope that Count Boni won't write a book on the failure of marriage

What would Hearst say of a rich man who spent a quarter of a million running for Governor?

The rumor that Senator Platt will resign is still busy. Give it time and it will do the work.

JONES ON THE JAPANESE

QUESTION. "What do I think of our educating the Japanese in our public schools?" bebottom of a wheel to the top, its length litical field may have been a distinct gan Jones, in a loud voice, as he arwindow on the front end of a Eroadway

car one morning last week. No one had asked Jones anything, but that did not deter him. By introducing his own topic of conversation in an ings, and few, if any, of these have ex- abrupt manner, he frequently got a start

could break in on, Just then as he was executing his at Jimpson. Jimpson was wrinkling up

Jimpson's long suit was dog stories. of this industrial general/becomes all He invariably introduced them with a The "Ha! ha!" had for its basis the humorous smile mentioned, which always preceded it. When Bennett encounter no obstacles in hie Jones saw that smile, he knew that unless he got in quick, Jimpson would spend all the rest of the way down town telling dog stories. Everyone liked Jimpson's dog, but no one cared for Jimpuployes and the attendant difficulty son's dog stories. He laughed so long in securing the best talent for Govern- and boisteriously during their progress that all his hearers wished that it was Jimpson's dog, instead of Jimpson, who

> "Well," continued Jones hurriedly, "if you want to know what I think about it, I can say this much, every son-of-agun of a Jap should be made to stay in San Francisco six months and be given free board and lodging, so that he could learn English before he comes North." "Doesn't you Jap talk good English?" nquired the motorman.

"English! Why every time that Jap takes a fall out of our noble language he reminds me of Jimpson's dog-'Ha! Ha!'s etaculated Ilmorson

"What's the matter, old man," inquired fones anxiously, seeing that he made a mistake, "Mother-in-law sick? No? Well that's too bad."

Ha! Ha!" said Simpson again "Say, Jimpson, that isn't your dog following the car, is it?" said Jones suddenly, looking intently through the win-"As I was saying," Jones started dow. Federal aid in building good roads. The off again after Jimpson had made a rush for the reur end, "our Jap's a nice

little fellow, but the way he talks English would make a dog laugh-" "Ha! Ha!" This from Jimpson, who had made a quick return. of dogs laughing-that wasn't my dog following the car-speaking of dogs laughing, I want to tell you of a thing that my dog did last night. He-"

"Yes," said Jones ponderously, ignor ing Jimpson's interruption, "the way that dog talks English would make a Jap Inti-"Ha! Ha!"

"Look here, Jimpson," said Jones ingrily, "If you're going to illustrate my remarks I wish you would practice up in private and not make a noise like a log laughs in Japanese that Englishman barks-I-I-er-er-"

"Last night," began Jimpson on an other tack, taking advantage of Jones' confusion; "last night I heard Lazarus in the basement-Jones named him Lazarus, you know. I raised him from a pup. He was a poor, sick, little felwhen I got him-an-and-a-oh, yes, I forgot. Last night, I heard Lazarus in the he-he-ha-ha-last night I heard Laz-ha-ha!-last-".

"Don't hurry yourself, Jimpson," advised Jones, "I'm going to get off at the bridge, but I've plenty of time." "Ha! Ha!"

"I guess, Jimpson, you'd better let me tell that story. In the first place, it wasn't last night; it was day before yesterday. You told it to me at lunch yesterday; and last night you told it to my wife. I gained additional details regarding that remarkable occurrence when I heard you telling it to Brown this morning on the way down to the car.

"To be brief, gentlemen, the history of that astonishing event is as follows: "As usual, night before last Jimpson's furnace fire went out. The consequent drop in temperature was not noticed by him. It's only a fall in the stock market that will cause Jimpson to sit up and take notice. After a while Jimpson hearing a sound in the basement, wended his way toward those subterranean parts to ascertain what was the so-called jocular demonstration that he afterwards as-sumed to have come from Lazarus, "You will understand me, gentlemen, I am not vouching for these facts of Jimpon's; I am merely repeating them. "Arriving in the infernal regions, Jimp-

on saw Lazarus standing there. Now Lazarus is quite a clover dog, even if he does belong to Jimpson. Lazarus was standing with a stick of wood in his mouth, one front paw on a copy of last week's Sunday Bugle, and a match between the toos of the of fore the furnace, trying to get the door open. Who laughed? laughed and thought it was the dog Good morning, gentleme

M. B. WELLS. That State Printery.

Dally Astorian. To a "man up, a tree," it looks as if Frank C. Baker's generosity (7) in foring to turn over to the State of Ore-gon, at the end of Mr. Duniway's term a bit far-fetched. After it has netted him hundreds of thousands of dollars; when he has been denied the chance to make any more out of it; when it has become old, worn and practically obso-lete; when the probabilities are reasonable that the state will go out of the business herself and put her printing out on public contract to the low-est and best bidders; when every value of a private nature has been stripped from the outfit, he declares his purpose to present it to the state that has paid for it ten times over. We may be pardoned if we depre-cate the inspiration behind the gift and express the hope that when the state unloads the long-borne burden of this de-partment, she will free herself absolutely declining the "junk-pile" in gracious

Another Merger.

A little bit of April An' a little bit o' June, A little bit o' August

When the day approaches noon A little bit o' Winter As the sky gets cold and gray; A little hit of everything in one October day!

Laughin with the sunshine And a-tremblin' with the storm

nin' 'cause its chilly now. And then because it's warm, It keeps us all a-livin' in A most uncertain state An' makes a feller feel jes' like

A weather syndicate! The Grocer's Song.

erotally correct." This means in effect, that is the way we weigh ur scales compute in amounts that suit, For that is the way you pay.

Chorus, out we love those scales. They increase out They said to our pile each day. They usually detect, and losses correct. Oh! they are the boss scales to weigh.