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ELECTION OF PORT BOARD. Members of the Port of Portland Commission should be elected by direct

vote of the people, as are the officers of other departments of government which handle the public's tax money. And they should receive compensation for their services. Heretofore, they have been elected

by the Legislature, after being chosen ments at Salem over a telephone wire. Legislators have wrangled over selections when they should have devoted their energies to the serious business of lawmaking.
As one faction has triumphed over

another or has had disagreements in is own ranks, it has supplanted of-fending members of the Commission with others, until it has become customary, at each session at Salem to 'tluker" with the personnel of the body.

These fights between eessions of the Legislature have broken out in the Commission itself. Factions fought for control. Deals have been made to put down certain members and to lift up others. Nor does it ar pear that Portland's channel to the eea is deeper or wider thereby.

After each convulsion on the board the public has expected that fighting would cease and that the board would settle down permanently to business. But trouble has recurred. Even now there are bliter animosities on the Commission and an attempt is to be made again to "clean it out" in the

Legislature this Winter. The Commission, in the last fiscal year, handled some \$250,000, of which more than \$200,000 were receipts for the twelvementh and about \$110,000 was raised from taxes. It is therefore one of four large branches of government Multnomah, the others being the

county, the city and the schools, The government of the port, unlike that of the city, the echools and the county, is not chosen by the people. It is, therefore, quite to be expected that the Commission should not respond promptly to demands of the public. An example of this was seen in the unwillingness of the Commission to approve the Portland & Seattle Railway's ridge plans, below Swan Island, which on overwhelming public demand forced the Commission to approve. Just recently the Commission canctioned an extension into the river of the wharves of the Portland Gas Company, Allen & Lewis, J. C. Flanders and the O. R. & N .- a harbor grab that might have been secured by the wharf owners, had not Major Langfitt and then Colonel Roessler, United States engineers auccossively in charge of this harbor dis-

No branch of government in Oregon outside of Multnomah County, handles so much of the people's money, except the State Government, None of the thirty-two other countles collects so much money from the people. Yet the officers of those other governments are The officers of the Port of Portland Commission also chould be chosen by the people, be made amenable to the public will and be held respensible to the people, from whose pockets comes the money which they handle. They should receive compen sation as do members of the county poard or the City Council of Portland, so that members of limited means car afford to devote time to the public

Five members would constitute a sufficiently large board. Like those of the School Board, one could be elected each year, in the successive city and general elections. And the senior member should be ex-officio chairman, so us to avoid wrangling over control. make these changes under the initiative, but the Legislature can make Multnomah County have opportunity to render a needed public service.

The "no questions asked" policy of settling criminal affairs le not only government. The victim of theft may think the thief sufficiently of the property stolen, but the comconsequences as the compromise with a bank clerk or other trusted employe

The Oregonian thus avoid the penalty of his crime.
The administration of justice in criminal cases comes within the province of the State and not of the individual, for it is to the State that the Individual looks for protection and redress. The civil claim the injured person against the wrongdoer is one that may properly be compromised by those directly concerned, but when the settlement carries with it an agreement not to proceed criminally, every party to the agreement becomes a party crime. Vengeance is mine saith the Law.

THE DIVISIONS OF A PARTY. The New York Times, an independent Democratic newspaper, presents an interesting analysis of the constituent elements of the Democratic party, which it finds divided into three parts, each of which is hostile to the other two. The Times says, however, that the astonishing thing about it is that this division, which would be fatal to all animal organisms save some of the ower invertebrates, is actually a eign of the party's unconquerable vitality. It is sturdly and beiligerently alive in each of the fragments, and they are animated by the common purpose not to go out of business." But there is base appetites and desires, but there o probability that they can be got together.

The Bryan Democrats form one part. Undoubtedly they constitute the largest element of the party. But there is tendency among large bodies of men who have been acting with the party towards more extreme ideas and purpoees than those for which the leadership of Bryan stands. Hearst has put himself at the head of this body. The Times says: "A man who is able and willing to spend \$256,000 in a five weeks' campaign for the Governorship, who is known to have spent other large sum building up his organization and preparing for the capture of the nomand who, furthermore, spent several hundred thousand dollars for newspaper support of his ambitions, is pretty formidable antagonist in faction fight. He cannot be dislodged by conferences and resolutions."

The third faction in the party is com posed of Democrats who adhere to the old faith and who may be called "conservative." It includes a large class, which "enforces its will at the polls by voting for Republican candidates against the two false leaders."

Divided as it is, therefore, the Times concludes, that "the Democratic party is not in a position to win victories. Indeed it is beyond mortal vicion to see how it is possible for the party to be victorious so long as Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hearst continue in the field, each putting his destructive ambition above party interest, party union, and party The conservative Democrats believe these two men to be about equally dangerous; they are equally by the Legislative delegates from Multnomah County. This method has been one of crooked politics. A boss in Portland has dictated the appointand defeating them. The union of the Hearst and Bryan forces would increase the danger, but it would also increase the resources of defense. The menace of a Bryan supported by a Hearst would augment the Republican reinforcement from the Democratic camp. The Republicans and the conservative Democrate together consti tute an undoubted majority of the voters of the United States. Notwithstanding the spread of new and de lusive ideas, we are confident they will be in the majority in 1908."

LAURELS OF ALL SORTS.

Victories were cheap at the Trans-Miesissippi Congress in Kansas City. Few causes did the congress fail to indorse. Few brows did it leave unlaureled. \Rivers and harbors were treated most generously. The Father of Waters received a touching recogveston was patronized and the harbors of Oregon were commended for improvement. Mr. Root's project to en dow the monopolies with a subsidy and Mr. Bryan's resolution condemning monopolies were hailed with hallelujahs

equally vigorous. It is true that Mr. Bryan's resolution was opposed by Mr. John P. Irish, but the silver-tongued son of the Platte will probably take this for an additional tribute. It only adds brilliancy to his victory and verdure to his laurels The general feeling of peace and joy with which one peruses the proceed of the congress is somewhat chilled by an apprehension lest so mapy opposing indorsements may neutralize one another. A convention which indorses everything differs only imperceptibly from one which indorses nothing. approve Mr. Shaw'e ship subsidy and Mr. Bryan's anti-monopoly plank simultaneously equals the performance of the Ohio Republican convention which commended Roosevelt and Foraker in the same sentence. Such a reconciliation of opposites is truly Hegelian in subtlety, but it seems

The young author whose novel was rejected by fifty-three publishers swift succession contended with some show of logic that rejections so numerous really amounted to a publica tion. Since all the publishers had read book, or said they had, it had reached a wide and very select public Whether the indiscriminate indorsements which the congress so generously showered upon all sorts and conditions of men and upon causes of every color will effect anything more than if it had denounced them all may be doubted; but it showed at least a kind disposition. What is more admirable than kindness?

shorn of much practical value,

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS WEALTH. Andrew Carnegie appears in the North American Review in a strong argument for the disposal of the sur- tunities such as Leoncavallo's vielt are exceeded the total amount of money the benefaction instead of doling it out art not only by its cost, but also by and the total cost of the war into error and another reversal, piecemeal, so to speak, in small quantum the limits of the theater. Moreover, which he had teased and builted the sition and inferentially at least in sup- and exiguous unless the ear is hab- According to the figures supplied by port of his disbursement of his means ituated to it by frequent hearings, the Japanese embassy at Washington tailment of liberty always encounters for the establishment of libraries, the Much of the musical enthusiasm even Japan spent about \$650,000,000 in the opposition, Cooper Institute, from which a steady of the well-to-do who can pay the late war with Russia. The latter na s to avoid wrangling over control. stream of benefactions flow to the prices of opera tickets is simulated. The voters of the Port district can best portion of the race in New York. This is not said in reproach. The simamong those not possessed of means ulation is a tribute to art, perhaps the and compares these with the rethem quicker. The lawmakers for sults that would have followed for the try, but it were a much finer tribute good of the masses from an equal eum distributed by Mr. Cooper in his lifetime in the form of wages-the highest form of distribution, since it is for work performed, not for charity becontrary to law but subversive of good stowed. Much of this sum, Mr. Carpetty negie truly says, if given outright in small quantities, would have been punished by a return of all or part wasted in the induigence of appetite, some of it in excess, and he doubts promise is as wrong and as evil in its whether the part put to the best use namely that of adding to the comforts listy their ears with "A Hot Time in sum as Great Britain floated on her of the home, would have yielded re-

day and year by year to the wages Portland? plants, would have blossomed in added pleasures in thousands of homes wherein dwell wives and children to share them. A part of the sums thus paid would no doubt have gone to gratify is peason to suppose that the larger portion would have multiplied the pleasures that honestly earned competency brings to American homes. And why should the honestly earned wage or any portion thereof be withheld from the earner because, foreooth, he may not spend it to his employer's likng? Mr. Carnegle sees danger, or at best but temporary good in allowing wealth to circulate in small sums among the masses, beyond the point somewhat indefinitely designated as a 'living wage." Surely no estimate ould be more antagonistic to a wise public policy which recognizes individual effort in the maintenance of the home and the family as the first duty of the American citizen.

LEONCAVALLO.

In the modern operatic school of Italy three men stand out with a certain prominence. They are Puccini, Mascagni and Leoncavallo, Of them all Puccint is probably the best musician, but Mascagni and Leoneavallo have en-Joyed in their turns a world wide popuarity. Mascagni leaped to fame in 1890 with his Cavalleria Rueticana, an opera in one act whose plot deals with and whose music is intenec, melodramatic and unmelodious. It abounds with harsh dissonances which doubtless add to the fierce expression that the author seeks. The orchestration shows an effort to make the instruments folow the themes of the play, developing a double drama as Wagner did, one in words and one in musical sounds. The old Italian opera consisted of a series of airs, almost invariably beau- tug service. tiful, strung together more or less loosely with recitative. It was an irational sort of composition, but it was delightful. The Wagnerians have aswith complete success and the world will probably see no more of it except in some transient revival of Rigoletto r Il Trovatore and their kin But, as Webster said of Dartmouth

progress. Verdi was its last supreme naeter, and even he in his later and greater works deserted his original nanner and followed the ways of Wager. In Aida and Otello he successfully combined the lyric genius of Italy with the dramatic impulse of Northern Europe. The younger Italian composers cek to do the same, but they are not so successful as the veteran who wrote Faistan at the age of fourscore, Leontwo years before and in their essential features the two operas resemble iot dissimilar. In Pagliacci the tale is old of an erring wife and a vengeful husband. The characters are actors a company of strolling comedians. Nedda, the wife of Canlo, has two lovers besides her husband. Their names ire Tonio, who is of low degree, and Silvio, who is somewhat higher in manners and estate. Of the two she pre fers Silvio, as women have since time began. Tonio meditating revenge, verhears their fond vows and brings the jealous husband upon the scene of their sweet endearments, but he arrives only in time to see Silvio vanish, and with his efforts to extort a confession from his wife the first act ends. The second act involves a dramatic device not unfamiliar to the English It is a play within a and for the same purpose. The mimic play repeats the plot of the real one. omes reality and Canlo slays his wife the distressed Government. upon the stage. Silvio, who is among to share her fate. Such is the upon the financial elde ack of opportunity

tickets for the sake of instruction. If Jay Cooke the less gigantic. The they did their purpose would fail for Franco-Prussian war increased of cities smaller than Portland enjoy demnity in an equal sum which Bishe privilege of hearing the best music marck exacted of the prestrate enemy ently and cheaply. In this country Mr. McKinley long since taught us aghast at the enormous exaction, dethe pernicious effects of cheapness and clared while negotiations of peace were we continue to heed his lessons. Oppor- in progress that the sum demanded plus wealth of the individual in bulk rare and necessarily expensive. The then (1871) in circulation in the entire sufficient to insure the permanency of masses are excluded from enjoying his world. But Bismarck was inexorable at it. Perhaps there will be another tities. He cites in support of his po- the enjoyment of good music is thin French nation was about \$1,850,000,000. only tribute we can pay in this councould we in some way establish and support domestic companies of the short duration, but the debte incurred quality of Leoncavallo's. Why can we shrunk by comparison with the amount not? Why must opera in cities like added to the American war debt by

expensive luxury? who gives up the plunder merely be- sults for the race, as a race at all odies of Verdi. We say they are more 1816—the period of her long struggle American heiresses.

comparable from those which are flow- artistic by nature than the Americans against Napoleon and her second Amering and are to flow from the Cooper are; and this may be so. But still lean war. Nor was this all. There Institute from generation to genera- the enjoyment of art is greatly depend- were the debts of the loyal states and ent upon opportunity and habit. Had municipalities as well as a vast amount Without deprecating in the least the our plain people the same access to mu- of obligations that never were paid benefits that a very large number of sic and the better drama which Europe- which represented the self-si persons derive from the great benefac- ans enjoy, one campot doubt that they the people of the South to their ideal, tion of Peter Cooper, this last conten- would soon appreciate them almost as Indeed, it is said that the most caretion of Andrew Carnegie may be se- deeply. It may be gussed that an ex- and expert of statisticians riously questioned. That which adds, quisite taste for art and music is at compute the full money cost of the through the wage-earning power and least as valuable to a people as cheap Civil War. achievement of the working man, to novels and yellow journals. Whether The vast expenditures made neces-the comforts of the home that his an endowed theater would not prove a sary by the exigencles of war; by our toil provides for his family, has an in-fluence that is far-reaching—so far-is debatable. We have nothing to say the haste and consequent waste in getreaching indeed that no estimate pure- against libraries, but there is much to ting troops into the field, could not be y financial can cover it. It means the be said for theaters. It is not an igcultivation of a love for and happiness | noble wish that sometimes in the fu- Government of the United States, The in home life that is at the base of all ture our great givers of money may de- great financial ability of Jay Cooke civilization, all growth in grace, all en-during pleasure. The libraries gen-erons y established and richly endowed by Mr. Carnegle have given pleasure or forms of art, especially music. What of an individual type to thousands who a change for the better it would effect the sub-treasuries could not sell them. love books; the amount in aggregate in our civilization had we an endowed of these endowments if added day by theater in every city of the size of brokers whom the anxious and puzzled

> BAR SERVICE, HERE AND ELSEWHERE. from the people the great sums ab-In another column this morning the Oregonian notes a number of cases where ships have been delayed and placed in great danger while endeavoring to enter the Straits of Fuca. At ention is called to these storm delayed vessels, not for the purpose of castng any reflection on the entrance to Puget Sound, but simply to show that the came conditions which have prevented vessels entering the Columbia River have also served to keep them out of Puget Sound. There is such a strong northerly current setting toward the weet coast of Vancouver Island that vessels approaching the straits exhibit more caution than is necessary when approaching the Columbia River. where the opportunity of working out of a dangerous position is better. the same time wrecks are much more frequent proportionately near the entrance to the Straits of Fuca than they are at the entrance to the Coumbia River.

In the face of such a showing as just entered Puget Sound, it is difficult to understand why foreign shipowners should continue to cite the matter of delays off the mouth of the river as one of the reasons for demanding a differential on freights. The practice of blaming the Columbia River and the Port of Portland for all of the delays that happen to shipping coming to this port has perhaps become too popular among some of the shipmasters. pilot service at the mouth of the river sword, he perished by the sword, has had much to answer for in the past, and the tug service has also come in for its share of the blame. although since the retirement of Capain Bailey, of Puget Sound, there has to a certain extent improved with the But tugs and pilots alike are unable

successfully to withstand the slaughts of such terrific gales as have swept the Pacific for the past six weeks, and, in the final results of these, unprecedented gales, it will be nated by municipal law. found that, wherever shipmasters have exercised ordinary judgment, they have experienced no worse weather or worse pilotage and tug service off ollege, there are those that love the old-fashioned Italian opera in spite of off the Straits of Fuca. This is a fact which should be impressed upon shipowners and couragement should be offered enlarge on the alleged disabilican never have the best possible pilot service so long as the existing system of compulsory pilotage remains or the pilots are not held responsible for their delinquencies, General Manager O'Brien cavallo made his great hit with Pag- of the O. R. & N. Co., has made a liacci in 1892. It took the world by radical improvement in the tugboat storm, as Cavalleria Rusticana had service by following the old Flavel precedent of keeping the tugs down each other closely. Even the plote are at Astoria. If he can add to this improvement another strong feature of the Flavel regime and take charge of the pilote, thus bringing the entire bar service under one head and management, the shipowners will have the last vestige of their cause for complaint over the bar service removed.

THE FINANCIER OF THE CIVIL WAR. mighty hard to reach. Ellis Paxon Oberholtzer, under the title 'Jay Cooke and the Financiers of the Civil War," in the November Century, brings some very interesting facts to view that are not recorded in has apples of the "just-as-good" sort the battle and military achievements should be building highways "just as of those far-away, troublous times. Ingood" as brushed rock surfaces can cidentally he depicts the enormous make them. waste of war, but his primary pur pose is to show the rare financial skill such as Shakespeare used in Hamlet and sagacity with which the great financier placed the five-twenty and seven-thirty loans for Secretaries As it progresses the passions of the actors gain the upper hand. Play be- gave the thews and shews of war to at Kelly's Butte would do them good.

To write the history of wars on their the spectators, rushes to her rescue military side is one thing; to write it tale which Leoncavallo has set to music other. And when this last is done it in Pagliacci. The music partakes of will be more clearly understood how the character of the plot. It is violent, much armies and navies depend for haety in movement and somewhat the victories that they achieve upon poor in melody. Harsh discords ex- the energy, determination and strategy prese the undisciplined natures of the displayed in assembling the great actors. But the orchestration is skill- sums of money needed to wage modful and the opera excites and interests ern warfare. The world have grown if it does not much instruct. Probably larger in many ways in forty years, most Americans do not buy opera but this does not make the task of debt of France about a thousand mil-In Germany and Italy the inhabitants | lion dollars exclusive of the great in of Germany. French representatives which takes no account of her vanished navy.

These sums geem great-are great Both these wars were relatively of Portland remain a rare, exceptional, four years of civil strife. This enormous aggregate reached nearly \$2,800,-So long as this is the case the masses 000,000, exclusive of all that could be, regard to public ownership, nust continue to listen to ragtime and and was obtained by heavy faxation. to believe that it is really more en- The record shows that we raised in Italy the class of people who here sat- without foreign aid almost as great a lionaire,

met by any methods known to was called to meet the emergency. He ury notes when the department and be surpassed all other bankers and secretaries tried, and became known to them as the one man who could dray sorbed daily in conducting the war. After its close he was the unco

romising foe of repudiation, regarding the debts which he had been instru mental in distributing among the per ple ne sacred business obligations. He thus became a wholesome influence in political circles, as he had been powerful factor in financial matters. Viewing his achievement through the light of the years its magnitude is nore apparent than when it pressed losely upon the sight of a people saddimmed with tears. The record furniches a chapter in finance well wort studying, since it produces by shifting the kaleidoscope of events, the cost and wastefulness of war and the financial acumen that is necessary to carry on war by distributing its enormous burdens over years of recuperative effort.

The personal and family history disclosed in the trial of Sidney Sloane, he 18-year-old boy who killed his father with an ax at his home in Spomade by the storm-bound fleet that has kane eeveral months ago, is at one disgusting and appalling. An effort will be made to prove that the youth was mentally irresponsible, owing to the excessive use of intoxicants by his father for years prior to his birth. If this charge or contention is sustained by evidence, the young parrielde should end his days in an insane asylum rather than upon the scaffold, while the rerdict of intelligence in reference to his father will be that, having taken the

If the city has power to compel own ers of lots and blocks within its limits to construct sidewalks so that pedesrians may get to and from their been small cause for complaint of the and places of business, it should use no tug service and the pilot service has discrimination in the exercise of this power. Whether a private citizen owning a single lot or a real estate comlay and maintain a sidewalk abutting upon the premises owned, the order should be obeyed, if not willingly, by compulsion, after the manner desig-

Dr. Josiah Strong, president of the American Institute of Social Service puts a statement of the loss of life the mouth of the Columbia River than annually incurred in prosecution of our 'peaceful industries," in a startling way. He says: "Taking the lowest of our estimates, the total number of asualties suffered by our army in one year is equal to the averof the port for the purpose age annual casualties of our Civil War, of hiding their own shortcomings. We plus those of the Philippine War, plus those of the Russian and Japanese You are going to do great things; you say War."

The official canvass shows that Chicago did not elect as judge the negro who had unofficially a small plurality. Senator Tillman wasn't allowed to speak on the race question in Chicago but he was there long enough, appar near the mouth of the river instead of ently, to introduce a few South Care-Hna methods in counting election re-

> The Oregonian, by turning back over its files, could find many an editorial written twenty to thirty years ago, and even further back, urging purchase by Falls. Somehow this result has been In our enthusiacen over Oregon ap

ples let us not lose eight of the Good

Roads movement. Every county that

Portland has a lot of Caruso "mashara," especially cigar store and street corner "johnnies," who, while not "pinching" their victims, otherwise

make themselves a nuisance. Regimen Seven men have been brought down by bullets in Marion County in six mouths. That is a pretty bad record county as peaceable as Mario usually is. Three of the victims were

peace officers. Now we are getting the clear weather the farmers need to complete their Fall work. One season with another the weather man is pretty good to the Oregon agriculturiet.

Hood River will have another lnning next etrawberry time, and the "just as good" claim will go up from ere. But let's not borrow trouble. Many persons who have wanted the

person who has accomplished more for Jaspar Jennings is to have a new trial. Well, don't be too long getting

Of course Carueo's fine is an insult o a gentleman of his set. Any cur-

next in order. Here's a tip to Dan Mc-Allen.

In recent years Thanksgiving has ac

quired a new meaning; it marks the

end of the college football season. Mr. Harriman this time is on the band wagon of public sentiment, in

joyable than Pagliacel or Rigoletto. In five years by long loans and virtually Caruso had he been a Pittsburg mil-

Let Boni cheer up. There are more

ONE COLUMN OF VERSE.

Ballads to Gentle Jane. Some weeks ago the Baltimore News printed three verses telling about the adventures of "Gentle Jane, the Auto Fiend," and since then there have been additional verses printed in newspapers in various parts of the country. Some the best additions;

Gentle Jane whizzed through the town, Running many people down Still she gave her car but praise, Said: "It has such killing ways!" —Carolyn Wells.

Gentle Jane raced down a hill In the rain, and had a spill; When she pulled berself together.' Jane exclaimed: 'It's falling weather!' Last week Tuesday Gentle Jane Met a passing ratiroad train; "Good afternoon," she sweetly said,

But the blamed train just cut her dead. -Yale Re Rest in peace, poor Ill-starred Jane, Tangled in your sprocket chain, She is dead, but up above her Lawyers say she can recover.

Scorching down the golden streets, Jane strikes every soul she meets: When she "honks" the spirits jump, Thinking it is Gabriel's trump.

—Cleveland Leader.

-Houston Post

Man, your wits are all at sea, Heaven is not for such as she; Jane went down below and got Hers for scorching, good and hot -Boston Transcript.

And the Devil danced to see Jane take hers so mecrily: Said: "Giad to board you, gentle soul— Your job is to shuffle coal. -S. P. M.

A. Hymn Revised.

(A corporation has been formed to bettle and ship water from the river of Jordan fo. baptismai purposes.) On Jordan's stormy banks I stand. And cast a wintful eye cross the stretch of barren sand-

The stream has pumped dry, weary pligrim, here I wait, My fevered brow to lave— But by transcentinental freight They've shipped the bounding wave.

Long time ago I turned my feet Fair Jordan's banks to strike. The river glimmers in the heat, As dusty as a pike I see across to Canaan's land, Where shovel, scoop and dredge Are loading up the soll and saud And setting fields on edge.

On Sinal's mount the drills now hum And blasts fill all the air-They're quarrying new tablets from
The rock formations there,
Each hallowed spot that once I dreamed A place serene and dear Is now with excavations seamed To make a souvenir.

With Sinal carved in tablets small, This thought my soul must yex; Do we now face the dreadful day And is it near at hand. Then sinners in a hurry ma Get their religion canned:

What Have You Done? S. E. Kiser in Chleago Record-Herald. You are going to do great things, you say But what have you done You are going to win in a splendid way,
As others have won:
You have plans that when they are put in

Will make you sublime; You have mapped out a glorious upware But why don't you climb? You're not quite ready to start, you say; If you hope to win
The time to be starting is now-teday—
Dan't daily; begin!
No man has giver been ready as yet

Nor ever will be; You way fall ere you reach where your But try it and see."

You have aptended plans Your dreams are of heights that are far

They're a hopeful man's— But the world, when it judges the gase for you, At the end, my son,

But of what you've done.

Affred Tennyson It is the miller's daughter. And she is grown so dear, so dear,
That I would be the jewel
That trembles at her ear;
For, bid in ringlets day and night,
Us tough her real. I'd touch her neck so warm and white

And I would be the girdle
About her deinty, dainty waist,
And her heart would beat against me In sorrow and in rest; And I should know if it best right, I'd clasp it round so close and tight

And I would be the necklace, And all day long to fall and rise Upon her dainty bosom, With her laughter or her signs; And I would lie so light, so light, I scarce should be unclasped at night.

McLandburgh Wilson in Lippincotts, Give Copernicus due credit, And a culogistic toast. For explaining just the workings Of the planetary bost.

Give a meed of praise to Newton, As we quaff another cup, For his lucid explanation And, regarding definitions

For the ignorant to hunt, Nogh Webster's dictionary Did a modest little stunt. But you realfze these sages

Had an easy job to swing. When you first explain a ball game

It Simplifies Matters. Pendleton Tribune. Our evening contemporary (Pendle

ton East Oregonian) has discovered that the reports of the Associated Press are "doctored" by the trusts in order to hamper the alleged "growth of the Government ownership idea." It Gould millions scattered forget that the | refers to its reports as "news," in quo tation marks. This discovery of our contemporary is so absurd that it is positively amusing. The Associated Press reports are taken by all the leading papers of the country, including the Tribune-papers of every conceivable sort of belief on public questions. The claim is too flimsy to discuss. But one good feature of the "discovery will be to relieve the Portland Journal and a few other Oregon papers of any feeling of envy as to alleged monopoly of the privilege of the A. P. reports Nobody cares now if The Oregonian does have a monopoly of a thing that nobody else wants. And then, besides, there is nothing quite so sour as really sour grape.

Chickens With Horned Heads.

Nativoo (III.) Rustler.

A man residing near Mount Sterling is the possessor of a number of fresk chickens. The fowls in question are chickens. The lowis in question are small, weighing when full grown about four pounds, and the peculiar circumstance is that they have two horns which grow on the top of the head and measure from four and one-half to five inches in

THE PESSIMIST.

Sir Thomas Lipton says that he is in to hurry to be married, but that he expects, when his time comes, that the Lord will provide him with a suitable bride. In the meantime, no doubt, he would appreciate it very much if the Lord would provide him a yacht that could win the America's cup,

Occasionally there is a strong movement among the Christians throughout the world against any further degradation of the guileless Hindoo by selling him factory-made gods. The present agitation followed the discovery that manufacturers in America were selling a superior god for less money than the British god factories could turn out. The excitement is peculiarly intense among the orthodox in England,

One reproach that has been leveled at Portland is that nothing ever happens here that gives rise to popular excitement. Portland has been singularly seaceful. Quite recently, however, all sorts of things have been doing, and Portland has been like other cities. Abanfoned bables have been left on strangers' doorsteps; a belligerent harbormaster took a shot at the man in the moon; number of laborers were seriously infured during the progress of a recent strike, just like they do in Chicago; and now a lady named Rhude has had her prother-in-law arrested because he was

This lady whose name is spelled Raude With a strong idea was inbued That her sister's "hub" blick, Was gurfaithful and slick, But her attempts to expose him were crude.

By phone she did often allude To the doings she claimed to have viewed. But the recalcitrant Dick Quite properly and quick Said to her, you're a meddlesome prude.

It was then for a warrant she sued.
To arrest her brother-in-law rude.
He was taken to juil
But he had his own ball,
Oh, the troubles that this lady has brewed!

Science Notes.

Those Americans who imagine that members of the royal family of Europe are ornamental merely, will be surprised to know that the Prince of Wales is quite un inventive genius. His latest ef-

fort is a revolving fireplace. A necessity for the strictest economy on the part of the average British householder furnished the Inspiration for His Royal Highness' noble conception. He graciously conceived the idea that a fire which would warm the dining-room and at the same, or rather pravious to that time rook the dinner, would fill a long-feit want in his eminent father's kingdom. In America the same result would be altained by eating in the kitchen, but in England such an undignified performance

would be impossible. Pull details as to the workings of the Prince's fireplace are lacking, but it scents that, in appearance it resembles storm door. It is mounted on a pivot, and by means of a long handle and a bevel gear the fire is somehow or other transferred from the kitchen range to the dining-room grate. Difficulties that might rise from differences of opinion between the mistress and the cook as to when the fire should be in the diningroom and when in the kitchen are o viated by placing the handle in the kitchen. The smell of frying beefsteak, am an' heggs and other odors is excluded from the dining-room by the

storm door arrangement. Of course, it will be seen that this device is available only in bouses where the dining-room and kitchen lie alongside each other. Where the kitchen is in the basement and the dining-room is above, two separate fires will be necessary, but the kitchen fire may be turned

nto the scullery to cheer the scullery The Poet's Corner.

The Sunday before Thanksgiving is our annual clearance day for left-over poetry. The following letter from a Teutonic friend was delayed in transmission, otherwise it would have appeared at a more Dear Pessimist:

It looks dat way to a mann under a segon, ISENNICH E. His enigmatical sentence doubtiess reers to a poem which he inclosed. Owing o the fact that our staff interpreter is tway on his vacation, we are compelled to print the poem as it is. This is the

way it looks in manuscript! Der Sulvashim Off Pertland. Jake und Shill went up to Hill
"Und say, Jim, say how is it?"
Shpoke slily old Jim. "The shance is slim.
For Fortiand bud I'll save it."
Dhen Jake he tooked a fit and shooked
Tremenjously mitt laffler.
He tumbled to his joke, you know,
Und Shill came tumbling after.

Answers to Correspondents. HOMER,-"You are always poking fun at other people's poetry. How about that thing you wrote yourself in last Sunday's paper, it is about as retten as

hey make 'em.' You are right, Homer, but be calm. All poetry is rotten, particularly the poetry that I write. Some day I will write a good poem, and then you will be sorry

good poem, that you spoke. Princeton, N. J., Oct. 12, 1906.—Dear Sir: You state in The Oregonian of October 7 that people make tun of such atreet naming in our city as results in 712 East Twenty-first street north, etc. Woat would they do in Atlantic City where the same principles gives these combinations. North North Carolina avenue, South North Carolina avenue, North South Carolina avenue, The East does surpass us in some things.

W. L. WHITTLESEX.

What would they do? A person who had been drinking would sign the pledes.

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M. B. WELLS.

Infinted Profits. Speaking of the recent showing of

the Pullman Company and the Wells Fargo Express Company's enormous profits, the New York Press says: There is only one way to put a stop to this highwayry, and that is to have a valuation of railroad, express and sleeping-car property by the Government. It is the set-tied policy of the Nation, as fixed by the United States Supreme Court, that a corpo-

ration enjoying privileges from Government has a right to charge for public service only crough to pay a fair return upon the capital actually invented. Sleeping-car and express companies, which exist only by favor of Covernment and of railroad di ctors who own the majority of their stock have no right to capitalize their grip upon the public and then force the public to pay mormode dividends on that inflated capital. ization. Valuation of the property of these corporations will establish what would be fair rates for the service they give and then the Government could hold express and sleeping-car charges down.

> Ahem! An Eel Story. Liverpool Post.

Some Eels are hard to kill. A fisherman f Port Isaac, Cornwall, England, recently four pounds, and the peculiar circumstance is that they have two horns which grow on the top of the head and measure from four and one-half to five inches in length. The horns are shaped the same as those of a goat. Why nature has provided them no one has been able to explain. teeth. The finger was badly crushed