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### SUBCONSCIOUS MIND.

One of the ancient sages had a the that the universe was full of invisible forms or molds. They were supposed to float about through space in inconceivable abundance, faces, arms, stomachs, fins and tails, all separate, waiting for the gods to join them into complete men and animals. When a man, ever, has a word to say on its own for example, was to be produced, a set of molds, or models, would be selected, and so on; they would be pieced to-gether and according to their outline fish was desired another set of forms changes necessary to construct a being was shapely and suited to his environ-

Thus it came about that men as they arms? Why should not human beings he must have a model to guide his hand. When a hunter casts a bullet uto Cellini cast his bronzes he needed thinks of making a piece of machinery without a pattern. How then can the of men and animals unless there is grow from the wound. Why a tail? Why not a leg or a head? And why should the new tail be exactly like the old one? Is there something that replease account for the shape and size of the new tail.

All the recent attempts to explain these mysteries are sheer word juggling. Among the vainest of the many vain things in Herbert Spencer is his talk about this matter in his Biology; nor has any other thinker hit nearer the mark. Commonest of all things, it is the most occult. In the old school readers there used to be a lesson entitled "The World of Chance." It de ribed a sphere where Law, so-called, dld not control and men consequently had elephante' trunks; apples grew on cucumber vines and walnuts on tomato stalks. Some men had feet growing out of their shoulders; others had eyes the back of their heads. Well, why obvious reply is "Natural law." But behind these easy words which slip so glibly from our tongues? Law does nothing of itself. It is but an inert name unless there be some active agent to give it effect. Who or what is it that enforces natural law and makes our shapes as they are? What enables the liver to pick out from the blood its own particular nutriment, while the

brain selects comething very different? Perhaps it is chemical affinity. Very well. Then what is chemical affinity? Let us not be content with names that mean nothing to us. Let us enjoy for a moment the exhibitrating experience of delving to the bottom of things. person once asked a naturalist what it was that guided the wild geese in their migrations? The naturalist answered "Instinct." But when the inquirer pushed his question a step further and asked what instinct was, the naturaliet's only response was a displeased effence. Words explain nothing unless behind them there is a clear and welldefined entity. Behind the current explanations of most natural facts there is no such entity. The whole matter

But later thinkers are dissatisfied with the noises in the air which have been made to do duty for explanations, They seek the deep realities. According to Lombroso and others the key to many, if not all, the ancient mysteries

they say, is the active agent in all natural processes. It shapes the blade of grass and the human body. When the lizard losee his leg it is the sub-con-scious mind that remembers its shape and size and patterns the new one after the old. It remembers the proper that arms, and never fins or wings, grow from his shoulders. It is the subconscious mind that selects one species all moving and thinking under the

name "life,

According to Professor James of Harvard the subconscious mind is a reservoir of power, infinite in possibilities. Great men are those who have the gift the orator is an influx from this exhaustless source. The potency of the evangelist is subconscious mind workthe ability to take infinite pains, as Sir the ability to tap the subconscious. What the subconscious does is done always with surprising east, as Shake speare wrote his plays, not at all with care and pains. Genius never understands its own power nor knows how it | Representatives in Congress has thoughts that voluntary move harmonious numbers." There was no strain, no effort. The subconscious mind is the poet's muse and the sculptor's inspiring angel. It is Napoleon's generalship and Webster's oratory. It guides the ton, D. C. thisel of Michelangelo and the pen of Shakespeare. The phenomena of spiritism are modes of the subconscious; so are the healing miracles of Christian Science. Mrs. Eddy is a great religious genius because she has taught us to draw in some measure upon this exhaustless reservoir of power. Sacred shrines are bungholes in the cask of tue flows. All religions are methods of scope of the grab and loot. drawing upon it. It is the part of us which makes life efficient and the only one of our elements which survives death.

Thus thinkers weave their web of heory from the new and inviting lead us down into the primal mysteries of the universe

Perhaps they truly lead to the great secret which all the ages have sought in vain; perhaps they mislead. Those who live long enough will know.

### A SHORT REVIEW.

Sufficient explanation of a series of pisodes growing out of the attempt to ndict the proprietors of The Oregonian is furnished through the news report of the proceedings in the Circuit Court yesterday. The statement supplies that is necessary in explanation of the matters treated. The Oregonian, how-

It was the entrance of Mr. Wood into one for the face, another for the brain, the grand jury room, as a private prosetention. If he had a legal right, there the human being would grow up. If a was no moral right. Judge George, epeaking for Mr. McGinn, has stated would be selected and this time it the matter with clearness and force, would be fins instead of legs, gills in- Mr. McGinn's own full recital is his stead of lungs, with all the rest of the explanation. In entering the grand jury room his sole object was to inform the fit to live in the water. Sometimes the grand jury of Mr. Wood's relation to gods would become careless and join a the complainant, Mr. Ladd, and to enfish's fin to a man's body, but not often, ter his protest. It is not the province Usually the molds were selected with of The Oregonian to enter into any care and wisdom, so that the creature | contention between Judge Sears and Mr. McGinn. We suppose it to be, as between them, a closed incident,

ment, or new recital of the controversy men have wings sometimes instead of that gave rise to the publication. The Oregonian could not suppose that any have hoofs like cattle, or webs like one would hold, in the circumstances, ducke? Why should a living creature such publication libelous, within the intent and meaning of the law, and form? When a sculptor makes a statue | therefore carrying liability to prosecution. It was part of a long contention, begun in wanton aggression by a newehe must have a mold. When Benven- paper with which Mr. Ladd's name ie identified. On this point Mr. McGinn's statement includes The Oregonian's view of it, and the view also taken by the grand jury, which said: "The alblind natural forces build up the bodies leged libelous matter submitted for consideration might justify return of true bill, if presented independent of off a polywog's tail and a new tail will and aside from a controversy raging between the managers of two publications." But, "the complaint appears to have been inspired more by personal feelings, or for the purpose of revenge, members how the old one looked and than to punish violators of the law," that forms the new one according to Finally, "We have concluded that pubthe same pattern? If there is not, then | lic justice does not demand that the criminal courts be used for purposes of

The course pursued by Mr. McGinn was taken and pursued upon his own judgment as to what he ought to do for protection of his clients and vindication of himself. The Court-three judges present-deemed imposition of a fine necessary to the dignity of the bench; but allowed the right of appeal. We believe Mr. McGinn emerges from the contention without blame from a discerning and disinterested public. shall not further censure Mr. Wood. It

is enough that it is known to the public that he was present in the grand jury room to conduct an investigation for the state, with the vengeance of a private prosecutor. This could not be not? What prevents such misfite? The | right-even though the like may have

# THE JAPANESE.

"It took a vast deal of time and no small pains," eays Harper's Weekly, to distribute the races of mankind where they ought to go. It was only partly a matter of distribution. It was chiefly a matter of development, since ountry and climate were the chief factors in making the differences in people," In this view it is held that the peoples of Asia belong to Asia. They will not become Americans. The Japanese, the most adaptable of the Oriental peoples, will always be Japanese Clean, well-mannered, industrious; better folk by far than many other comers, they are not our kind and will not merge. They belong to Asia: their hearts and interests are there. deserve good treatment in this country and will get it until their numbers approach the danger point, as in Hawaii, vhen, being a resourceful Nation, the United States will take adequate and peaceable methods to check their advance. This is said in connection with the objection to Japanese in large numbers that has developed in San Francleco. It follows in spirit, though moderation, the opposition to the Chinese influx into California some twentyfive years ago. The Chronicle states

the case plainly in these words: We do not want them here in large num-ers because we find by experience, as white they come, white men who compete with them must live as they do. Wherever in America they go that will be found true. Therefore, we do not want them.

outline of a man's limbs and sees to it BIGGER LAND LOOT THAN IN OREGON. that land frauds in Oregon have been Fulton would be just as effective with exceeded in other states, as to richness of nutriment for the liver and another of plunder and extent of conspiracy. for the brain. Likewise it holds the The revelations, which are reported to body for nearly a century it will be earth in its orbit under the name of have led to indictment of the Union well to take it now and bury it, lest "gravity," joins oxygen and hydrogen Pacific, the Oregon Short Line, the in some after age vandals in the name to make water under the name "chem-ical affinity," draws fron to steel under officials of those companies in Salt play in a museum—a shriveled brown the name "magnetism" and keeps us Lake City last week and which have unsightly thing. This was the fate involved the two Senators of Wyoming and which are threatening to enmesh officials of government and land manipulators in other states, show that widespread fraud has preyed on the public lands and bulged the peckets of drawing upon it. The magnetism of of respected thieves with great wealth -only a small part of which dolugs

have taken place in Oregon, Yet for two years Oregon has been ing upon the conscious. Genius is not held up to the Nation as the biggest nest of hand thieves. One of Orego Joshua Reynolds mistakenly said, but former Senators was charged by Secretary Hitchcock with making his committee room in the National capitol a den for them, with the aid of another citizen of Oregon, then Commissione of the Land Office. One of Oregon's produces its effects. Milton fed on convicted of complicity in land fraud and the other Representative, who obtained his present office after ejectment from the position of Commissioner of the Land Office, stands under indictment in Oregon and in Washing-

But it is becoming known that other states were scenes of greater plunder, The loot in Oregon was large, but lands more valuable elsewhere have been trafficked in fraudulently, and have enriched the perpetrators more than in this state. The more the Government's sleuths and prosecutors delve into the black business the more hidden secrets the subconscious through which its vir- they find and the wider grows the

Oregon's frauds were unearthed and the probe for this whole business was started by enmity between Secretary Hitchcock and Binger Hermann, whom Hitchcock forced out of the General Land Office. Hitchcock asserted that threads of knowledge which seem to Hermann's tenure had been inefficient and dishonest. Hermann immediately came back to Oregon for "vindication and got it through election to Congress. Whereupon Hitchcock began the "probing" which brought to light the land frauds of Oregon and the complicity in them not only of Hermann, but also Senator Mitchell, Representative Williamson and numerous others. One of the first of the offenders discovered was Puter, who is now seen to have been the humblest of them all, and whom his powerful confederates offered as sacrifice, in hope of stopping the

probe The fraud methods used in Oregon were common everywhere. Chief of them was subornation of perjury, whereby speculators or hired agents paid individuals to enter upon Government land and to swear that they were securing the land for their own personal use and then to turn the land over to the manipulator or the grasping corporation.

The reputation for this evil business has rested on Oregon long enough. It is fitting that other states where richer steals have been perpetrated, should share their part of the infamy.

# FATHER AND SON.

To the credit of common decency and humanity, be it said, it is not often that a father holds up his head in a respec-Of the cartoon, which gave rice to table community and tries to defend this reversion to a policy so productive ject the fact that it is in flat opposigrew up always took the human shape. this whole affair, it is unnecessary for himself against the charge of parental of anarchy and bombthrowing is cercharacter of his young son. Such a spectacle as this was presented before the County Court a few days ago, the father asserting that his sixteen-yearsold son was unworthy of fatherly consideration. The probation officer, more kindly and humanely dieposed, testified that the boy was an unusually bright lad, not naturally disposed to evil ways, and had come to the trouble with paternal neglect.

Where was this father and what was he doing for his young son when the latter was consigned more than once to the care of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society? Who, if not this neglectful, irresponsible father was to blame that the energies of this lad-"unusually bright"-and restless-was not kept in school or given some useful, honorable trade? Did this father, when the lad ran away, after the manner of many another restless boy during the adolescent period, follow him with kindly admonition, induce him to return home. and encourage him to expend his ouperabundant energy in a useful, even if a lowly, vocation? Did he not, on the contrary, treat the boy as an outlaw and threaten him with violence if he returned, and seek to exculpate himself by blaming others for his own shortcomings? Oblivious to all sense of parental duty, to every instinct of common humanlty must a father be when he can rise up in court and shamelessly proclaim his own delin-quency by casting aspersions upon the character of his neglected young con.

The plea that a boy is wayward does not-cannot-absolve a father from a father's duty. To the question, who has sinned, this boy or his parents? in that he fell early into delinquency, there can be but one answer. It is somebody's fault that the influences of good home, the care, direction and restraint that were necessary to bring this boy out of an active, restless boyhood into an honorable, capable yo manhood, did not wait opon his childhood. Whose fault was it? Out of the father's mouth has come the answer. an answer that records his own delinquency and disgrace of which the delinquency of the boy is but the sad reflection.

# THE ROBERT FULTON MEMORIAL.

The Robert Fulton Memorial Associaon is considering the removal of the body of the great engineer, discoverer and inventor from its present restingplace in the Livingston family vault in Trinity Churchyard, New York City. to a place suitable for the erection of a monument that will be a suitable and dignified memorial, which it is proposed to erect in honor of his great achievement. The cost of the contem plated monument will be not less than \$600,000 and the most eminent artists and architects are to be consulted with regard to the design. Fulton died in By the simple process of earth burial, his body would long ago have been returned to its original elements. Shut up in a vault it may still be a tangible thing, which care-takers may handle without descration and deposit in another place. There is something

cannot maintain the American standard body, or the dust of a human body, which is being forged under the name comfort for the masses of our people in about from place to place in order to of the Panama Canal. Of this and

The world will grow wiser on this cubment of genius from the dust which it ice caused to pulse with It will come to light, soon or late, A monument to the genius of Robert out his body as with it. However, if folly or sentiment has preserved his officials of these companies in Salt play in a museum-a shriveled brown the mummy of the Great Pharaoh, though by the unexampled fidelity and of the Egyptians this fate was delayed for centuries.

> MORE TROUBLE FOR RUSSIA. The "handwriting on the wall" for Russia seems to be more legible than ever before. Among all the rulers of the earth, none had less cause for ekfiking and cowering in his palace. With a painful recollection of what nate all possibility of a recurrence of in the ascendency of the people. In the pariance of the frontier, the nobles now engaged in "stacking the are cards." They seem to have faith in can be depended on to "take programme" from them, regardless of the wishes or needs of the people.

An effort is making to change the final election laws so that the old system of class distinction will again be in force. If this can be re-established it will be impossible, of course, for the people to secure any of the much-needed reforms for which they have been fighting for years. The comparative liberality of the present election laws resulted in the seating of a large number of radical representatives people in the last House of Deputies. As will be remembered, the action of the Czar in promulgating these laws aroused violent opposition and criticism from the nobility, which could hardly endure the thought of having commo people represented in a legislative body which for generations had been exclusively in the hands of noblemen

It is very doubtful if the Czar himself was in favor of these laws, but they were put out for much the same reason that the Russian peasant is said to throw a child from the sleigh to the pursuing wolves. The peacant. course, desired to keep his child, and the Czar desired to keep the power where it was, but the exigencies of the case were such that action distasteful to him became a necessity. But the Czar did not act in good faith with the people, and when the members of the Douma discovered that there was a strong string on the election reform which the Czar had offered them, they demanded that which had been promised, and, falling to get it, engaged in "rough-house" politics, which jarred the nobility quite severely:

Now it is announced that the nobility will exercise such care in the selection of delegates that the masses will have little voice in the next Douma. This programme is followed, according to a St. Petersburg disputch. because it is feared "a second dissolu-tion of the house will shake the foundations of the throne." If the time-honored Russian creed, "might makes right," can be lived up to, the foundation of the throne may not be shaken by the dissolution of the Douma, but from other sources. With millions of people starving, the victorious Japanese crowding over the limits of the Far territory, assassination and anarchy rife at the capital, and a feverish unrest among all of the Czar's subjects, the pomp and glory of being ruler of all the Russias must seem dim. lusterless and wearying to the "Little Father," whose real position is that of a scapegoat for the merciless nobility which has cursed, embittered and im-

# OUR GREAT CANAL,

Without doubt, the President's visit to the Canal Zone and inspection of the water-way route will prove an important stimulation to the Canal construction. It will also furnish, through the report of his findings in his Annual age, information at first hand, concerning the work and the surroundings of the great enterprise that has long been desired by the American people. These will be given in the terse vigorous language of the Chief Execu tive of the Nation at a time now close at hand.

There has been a great deal of misrepresentation of Canal matters-some unintentional, due primarily to the ignorance of the narrators; some made with intent, to serve interests or uphold the hobbies of those who, for one reason or another, are opposed to the great undertaking. There has been indeed a wide misconception of the character and scope of the work to be done, and a tendency to belittle the importance of that already done as preliminary to this great scheme. Of ficial and other reports, relating to the subject, have been discredited and, in not a few instances, have served as a basis for charges of inefficiency, graft and greed of contractors and their eatellites.

To the average mind, the mind of the layman who understands his own busiess thoroughly and conducts it without delay or loss, the undertaking has seemed to be simply one of digging a navigable ditch through the forty or fifty miles of earth separating the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and, when all was ready, of letting the water in at either end of the ditch. As a matter however, engineering skill, of e very high order, is required to solve this seemingly simple problem. effort is toward utilizing the advantages and overcoming the difficulties, not only of ditch digging through most resistant barricade of Nature, but of canal construction in the most scientific, economical and expeditious

manner. The engineers, for example, are preparing to provide, through artificial means, a body of water the equivalent ered an especially distrable adjunct of the Northern route at first contemplat-This lake will be about a third of the length of the Canal, and will be made by constructing an immensdam across the Chagres River, thus impounding its waters and giving a long, deep fresh water channel as part of the great scheme.

This is but one of the many impor-

authoritatively in his forthcoming mes-

## PORTLAND AND ALASKA TRADE.

Shall our enterprising neighbors on he Sound be allowed to continue, without challenge by Portland, to clinch more firmly their practical monopoly on the most lucrative trade on the Pacific Coast?

The four commercial bodies of this lty in their representative capacity. and the great majority of business men ppear to have determined to say no to this question. It remains for all interested, and others who are not, to support the effort to establish on a solid basis the Alaska steamship line about to be organized.

There is in the present project evidence of a spirit of energy, a union of effort, which augurs well for success. thankegiving Thursday than the Czar, Hitherto Portland has waited-month by month, and even year by year-in the vain hope that such transportation happened when the people were given interests as have mainly built up San a little experimental power last Spring, Francisco and Seattle would bring the nobility is now preparing to climi- steamships to Portland and invite our nate all possibility of a recurrence of merchants to fill their ships with Oresuch scenes as marked the first step gon products, and at their expense, not ours, try an important commercial experiment. Meanwhile the ancient tubs and discarded carriers with Seattle began operations ten years ago, their ability to select such members as have won fortunes for their charterers and owners. The original two have developed into a flect of thirteen or fourteen ships, with more in prospect. And

this from the profits of the bueiness. So much for the ship-owners and charterers. What is the recent history of the commercial interests concerned? The Seattle ships have been constantly filled with Oregon produce, manufac tures and consignments, taken to complete cargoes after local orders have had first room, first choice, first terms, Thus Oregon merchants and producers have vainly struggled for a hold on Alaskan business in the face of such obstacles as have forced submission to conditions under which either toll was paid to Seattle, by orders being passed through its merchants and commission louses, and burdened with their needess profits, or else by such delays and obstructions in forwarding and delivery that Alaskan citizens have been taught that it was foolish to try to

trade with Portland, If the promise held out by the organizers of the Portland-Alaska Steamship Company is verified, and four modern steamships, far, superior in construcion, power and speed to anything in the Seattle fleet, are set going on the hree main Alaskan routes-Nome, Valdez and the Southeastern Alaska ports the evil days will have passed for good and all. Oregon produce will enter on fair terms into a wide and lucrative market, where excellence of quality and reasonable price will win Ite way, a golden stream of Alaskan exports will be turned to this city, and Alaskan miners, cannery men and aries to Oregon, Rev. Jason Lee. The raders will fill every berth on these fine and speedy ships.

Fortunately there seems to be no time for dallying. It is now or never. The opportunity is here. Shall Portland seize it?

WORTHY OF THE PLUNDERBUND. From a zealous but misguided man named Baker The Oregonian has reeived an invitation to assist in changing the name of the language we use from English to American. Were there no other objections to this alluring protion to popular tendencies would be If there were no molds or patterns to The Oregonian to make further state. negligence by attempting to defame the tain to cause some throne-shaking sufficient to condemn it. There is a who are the highest court of appeal in these matters and irrevocably decide all questions of names, to speak of our tongue as "Unted States." Sometimes an orator in his flight will soar a little too high and his audience will fail to follow. The admonition that comes to him in such case is "Oh, speak United

The Italian and the Russian Jew earn to speak, not English, but "United The unlettered mob has a deep affection for this term. If the name of the language should ever be changed, therefore, the new title is not likely to be "American." Mr. Baker assigns many reasons for his contem plated revision of usage, some of them peculiar. "There are American threshing machines," he suggests, "American beer and American woolens; why not an American language?" The best reason we can advance for there being no American language is the fact that there is none. We use the English language; that is the simple truth of the that he is going to prove the superiormatter. Had we invented a language of our own when we became indepen dent we might properly call it American; but, so long as we use English, if we are honest we shall call it English.

To call the language American will in no sense make it so. -We did not originate the language nor have we been in a large way contributors to its pernanent literature. Our literature was for many years an humble imitator of tate it seldom brings forth fruits meet for independence. With notable exceptions, the great literary monuments of the language are transatlantic. The fact that we have borrowed the language and have used it for some generations with more or less lack of skill gneak out of sight everywhere, as does not entitle us to claim it to the has tried to sneak out of sight and re exclusion of the Britons. To call the language "American" would be a singularly flagrant piece of immorality. It would amount to what the lawyers call "Trover and conversion," even if bailee. Is it possible that some of us have fallen so much into the habit grabbing whatever comes within reach that we are now ready to steal an entire language?

As the electric cars on Madison bridge have a franchise which will last some fifteen years yet and for which the care pay only \$100 a month, it might be well for the city to abandon the present structure when it shall be worn out and build a new one at Jefferson street. The heavy cars, for which the bridge was not designed, have worn it out twice. They should be compelled to pay tolls commensurate with the value and wear of the third etructure.

The death of President Samuel Spener, of the Southern Railroad, in the made a profound impression in railroad circles. President Spencer was a practical railroad man, having spent the active years of a long life in the transportation business. He earned his first laurels on the section of road upon of life and thought life in what they men in Hawaii have long since found, that grewsome in thus hawking a human tant links in the chain of endeavor which he los this life. As a fitting trib- the upper Valley people.

about from place to place in order to of the Panama Canal. Of this and the entire railway system of which he the face of the competition of an industrious do honor to the name and achievement other parts of this stupendous work was the head will stand still for five race which has a lower standard of life. If the President will be able to speak minutes today, beginning at 2 o'clock the time set for his funeral in Washject in the course of time, perhaps, and disassociate the unperichable, achievea clearer idea than they have hereto-fore had of the magnitude and status of their great undertaking.' humbly and faithfully in life will bear his body to the grave and his asso-ciates in business for a lifetime will be his mourners.

> It cannot be expected that the Ladd organ will report correctly anything against the interest or wishes of M: Ladd, or will fail to micrepresent, when it is supposed such course will sult his interest. Hence there can be no surprise to find it saying that "District Attorney Manning is accused by Mr. McGinn of carrying tales to Scott and Pittock, while they were be ing investigated by the grand jury. Mr. McGinn made no such accusation or statement. The grand jury made its report and adjourned on Thursday, November 22. It was the following Friday night that Mr. Manning spoke to Mr. Scott, who communicated the state ment to Mr. McGinn, as the latter says, in his statement to the Court, on Saturday, November 24. In all the state ments of the Ladd organ on this subject the public may expect studied inaccuracy, or more direct falsehood.

> Ruesia is said to be very much dis satisfied over the attitude of the Japanese regarding fishing rights on Amur river. It is even intimated that there may be a resumption of hostili ties which only recently closed with such disastrous results for Russia. As Japan has lost no time in strengthen ing her position in the recently acquired territory, and Ruseia is about as near bankruptcy as it is eafe to approach, it is hardly probable that the present dissension will attain propor tions at all serious. The Japanese will permit Russia to growl and protest over the alleged infringement on her fishing rights, but in the end Japan will take about what she wishes to have, and Russia will submit to the inevitable with as good a grace as possible.

"Jack" Matthews is taking no part in the fight for organization of Legislature; of course not. He frequents the political meeting places, without visible means of support, and sees" members of the Legislature and others simply for sociability. Mr. Matthews is in politics quite as much as when United States Marshal, two years ago, he denied that he was in politics, but "worked" politics for all they were worth and secretly importuned members of the Legislature to vote for Kuykendall for President of the Senate and A. L. Mille for Speaker of the House. It's the same old game. Meanwhile, he is said to have censed to be on speaking terms with thos with whom current report makes him allied. That's on old trick, too.

in a book the proceedings had at the services held last June at Salem, in memory of the earliest of the mission programme and all the addresses, with much other matter, are offered in this volume, in convenient form for permanent preservation. Thus they are recovered from the character of fugitive pieces, for ultimate embodiment in the history of Oregon. The career of Jason Lee stands at the outer door of our historical temple. None can enter it without passing his figure. His work egan the settlement of the Oregon ountry, and his place in our history is more assured than that of many late who since have seemed to bear more conspicuous parts.

Peary could have reached the North ele, no doubt, since he miles distant from it, but wouldn't have survived to tell about it. as essential as finding the Pole seems the successful getting back home, to enjoy the glory.

Not having heard that Boni has taken the bankruptcy law for relief from his creditors, we offer the suggestion, suppoeing that, as the French are reputed to be the most highly civilized people on the globe, their laws offer this haven to the storm-tossed.

ed rays of the setting sun illume naught but Mount Hood, there can be only one comparison-what Old Glory looked like to the boys in prison stockadee when General Sherman marched

Mr. Harriman thinks that Govern ment ownership of railroads would do no good to the country. Does he mean Ity of Harriman ownership, by furnishing more cars?

It would seem from the little investigation the Government is making of the Utah land frauds, that the admin istration of Land Commissioner Binger Hermann may be gone, but it is not

nomah and the Eugene football playere, that between Hood River Yambill apples is entirely satisfactory; the triumph belongs to Oregon.

the School Book Commission and to sponsibility in journalistn,

The people elect their legislators, but allow the politicians to organize them at Salem. The people choose their ser it were not outright embezzlement by vante, but the politicians put them to work.

> The estate of a Southern Gregon merchant was worth about \$20,000, but he deeded \$14,000 to the wife, which great y simplified the process of administra-

should choose their wives as stockmen do cattle is possibly husband to a 90-1b. bunch of nerves, ginger and vinegar.

The Chicago professor who says men

of us in denouncing the trusts, though he says he was. He emerged into fame as a supporter of the silver trust.

ther estimable persons than Auditor Devlin; one of them was Governor

From the looks of things Mr. Pute will be a free man when noble citizen and statesmen shall be behind the bars.

The new train of the Southern Pacific has solved the local-traffic problem for

#### THE PESSIMIST.

It was rumored about the streets on Thursday that the Thomas Thompsons were to eat turkey and cranberry sauce for dinner. We were informed later the John Does had turkey and cranberry nuce for dinner, also that the Richard Roes had turkey and cranberry sauce for dinner. It goes without saying that each of these distinguished families will have on Christmas plum pudding and brandy sauce for dfuner. Those who have been fortunate enough to dine with the Thomus Thompsons, the John Does, or the Richard Roes have doubtless noticed that the proper convention has been observed, masmuch as, when they eat lamb, they have mint sauce for dinner. Even the ommon people, when they feast on plebeian roast pork, always have apple sauce for dinner. Even the common people, when they feast on plebeian roast pork always have apple sauce for din-

Occasionally a high-browed philosopher, a Sir Isaac Newton, a Ben Johnson an Abraham Lincoln will eat turkey with out cranberry sauce, or lamb without its invariable concomitant of mint sauce, or even ple for breakfast, but such people as these are of no account anyhow.

#### The Worst Yet.

That impudent Italian Caruse Pinched a lady's fat arm in the zoo so Hard that she called A policeman, who hauled Him to jail, because he did do so. Jones' Views on Christmas.

The usual crowd filled the front vestioule of the Broadway car yesterday norning, as it waited at the draw for three log-rafts, two river steamers and a umber schooner to pass through. Jones and his favorite seat by the front window. It was evident that he had something of great importance on his mind. There was stern look in his eyes, an unlighted digarette was firmly fixed between his tightly compressed lips; and, since the ear started, he hadn't said a word. Jimpson was reveling in Jones' unwonted stence. He had finished his third dog story and was laughing botsterously when Jones sald sharply: "Jimpson

Jimpson stopped laughing suddenly and

casped: "Wha-wha-what's the matter, Jones?"

"Gimme a match," said Jones. While Jimpson was searching his dothes for the silver match box that his vife had given him for his birthday. Jones got a light from the man with whiskers who sat next to him, and, while Jimpson was still searching, he proceeded to unbosom himself:

"I'm sick of the whole thing already." he said.

"Sick" broke in Jimpson, violently napping the lid of his matchbox, which he had just found, to attract attention 'Sick?" he repeated, "Did I tell you of the fun I had giving Lazarus caster oll the last time he was sick? You know how dogs hate castor oil. Well, I had him down on the floor in the basement,

Fortunately at this moment-perhaps purposely-the motorman joggled Jimpon's arm by pulling the brake handle back. The car was not running, and it was not necessary for him to use the brake; but anyway Jimpson's match box fell from his hand and went behind the introller box. While he was digigng for t with his umbrella his conversational owers were in eclipse. Jones with a grateful glance at the motorman went on:

"I'm sick of this Christmas business" 'Christmas?" said the man with the whiskers, somewhat surprised-he thought Jones was going to kick about the draw "Christmas? You're a lifbeing open. tle soon getting unhappy about that, ain't you, Jones? This is only the first." "First?" echoed Jones, "that's the worst be all over with. The people in Irv ington are just beginning to talk about it, You ought to hear Jimpson lie to his little boy about Santa Claus. It is about time that that bewhiskered old fraud was

"I tell you." declaimed Jones oratoric ally, waving his cigarette, "the interests of Christianity would be better subserved by allowing that fat old nulsance to sink into oblivion. A considerable proportion of the scepticism of the present day regarding the resurrection, the raising Lazarus, and other circumstances related in Holy Writ, is due to the fairy tales

Claus when you were a boy, Jones?" in-"Yes, they did, and when I Hed I got licked. It isn't much trouble for me to recall the fearful retribution visited up me when I first departed from the path of truth.

told us when we are young and trustful."

"Didn't your folks tell you about Santa

mother were somewhat older. It was the same year of our Lord, on an eventful thristmas eve when it was bered into me that others lied besides myself." "How did it happen, Jones? "It was this way," said Jones, sadly.

I was a trustful child. The theory that

the stories of the bullrushes and of the whale were merely allegorical did not apcal to me. My sympathies for Moses and Jonah were profound, "Nevertheless," continued Jones rem iniscently, tifere were times when I regretted that I was not an eye-witness of some of those astounding occurrences. I

a scientific turn of mind, and liked to see how things were done "The Chirstmas eve that I'm telling about. I noticed that father locked the doors and fastened all the windows as

fidn't doubt them, understand, I was of

usual,
"'How is he going to get in," I asked.
I had been a good boy for a week, and
the advent of Santa Claus was certain." "Oh, he will come down through the chinney," my mother answered." "The paucity of invention on the part of

our parents has since been a source of great wonder to me. In these modern days a midnight benefactor should at least be supplied with a pass-key,
"In our house, there was no yawning
freplace with cavernous chimney; instead
there was an eight-inch stovepipe hole.

" Santa Claus is coming down through that hole, is he?" I inquired in a mildly tentative tone. "'Why yes,' my mother replied, 'Santa always comes down the chimney." 'Here was a chance denied me in the

matter of angels raining down stones and destruction on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. A miracic was to happen f "Well, said L 'I'm going to sit up and

"You go to bed, said Dad. "I went to bed, but I didn't go to sleep. After a long interval my wakefulness was rewarded by seeing the representatives of Santa Claus, in the persons of my worthy parents, sheak steatthily through the gloom, and deposit objects of great value in studied abundance around the

That's how Mrs. Lot was turned into a pillar of sult, is it? I mused after a period of reflection. When I grow up I'm going to move to Missouri

M. B. WELLS.