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A FRUITLESS CONFERENCE.

Close of the Peace Conference is merely a reminder that such conference has long been in session. Promotion of universal peace, announced as the main object of the conference, is merely chimerical; since war is a necessary and inevitable consequence of the competiof nations. The second objectmitigation of the severities of war-is scarcely less so,-since the intent of war is destruction of your enemy, or at least annihilation of his powers of resistance. There are humanities, indeed, which nations observe in war, as tenderness towards the wounded and helpless, and forbearance when an enemy ceases to resist; but these are the long-established usages of war, and need no confirmation.

seem absurd indeed to can ture or destroy private property at sea that is an incident of the purpose to strike at an enemy's resources, by interception or annihilation of his commerce, and probably k will continue, in splite of all sentimental protest. Wars from personal piques or other slight causes ceased long ago, but there is no probability that wars will cease entirey, because their pregnant causes always exist in the disposition of nations to seek advantages for themselves; without which, indeed, the progress of any nation would be impossible. War simply is inseparable from man's posttion on the earth.

That is to say, the prime cause of war is Nature's cruel law, the struggle for existence; and man is so placed that he cannot escape it. Every nation feels that its own interests must be served, and it will judge for Itself by what method. If it is not weak it will keep the possibility of an appeal to arms always in view; and even if weak it will sometimes do as Denmark did when she defled Prussia, or as Greece did more recently when she challenged

National feeling, race, religion, are factors that will not be suppressed. At least they will fight; and when there are causes of war that lie in the competition of nations, these are powerful ele ments for support of the belligerent spirit. No nation can be censured for any other, its own safety or even its own aggrandizement; nor will England permit any international commission to tell her how large a naval force she may maintain, nor Germany how large an army she may keep on foot; and we movement of so many of our war vessels to the Pacific, would simply re-

spond by sending more. Religion is appealed to as a means of preventing war, but in vain; for religion, instead of proclaiming peace, has the strongest sense, he did not stop to always brought a sword. The religion inquire to what race, country, or re-of a people has always been closely ligion the sufferer, for whom appeal always brought a sword. The religion himself, if not incorrectly reported, said that he came not to send peace, but a without prodigality or ostentation, but sword. We know, moreover, about the sword, the cross and the labarum of lief given not temporary, but of per- of the game direct. A sister of the Constantine, and the sword and the quests of Islam and the bloody struggles between Protestant and Roman Catholic Christianity. To imagine that religion can be converted from its real nature, that of aggressive combat to advocacy and acceptance of univer sal peace, is to misread all history and the whole nature of man. of hosts," the "Lord mighty in battle." is expected to take interest in war and given up." bloodshed, even more than in peace and industry; he is invoked as one always ready to join in the fray and

ing his assistance. Is this obsolete? By no means. Hear the Kaiser: "We live in a time," he exclaims, "in which every young German capable of bearing arms must be ready to step forward for his fatherland." Again: "The signs of the times make All of this, and much more, in the and then a young Princess rebels and coming "biff-bang" battle for the light-

fight for his people-both sides claim-

fuse to believe that war should ever

Christian civilization. Anglo-Saxons." Murray, of the British Army, published or long ago, with an introduction by Lord Roberts, we have the statement stence among rival nations, in which, in the long run, only the strong-armed survive." Deprecate the statement as we may, it is true; and these enlightened times thus far have furnished othing to disprove or refute it. Small matters, about which nations never would go to war, may be settled through arbitration, and often are; but no nation that has confidence in its strength will ever submit to arbitration any interest that it regards as absolutely vital, or which engages the spirit of its people.

thy peighbor as thyself," which is very good; but when it was repeated to a Buddhist monk as the cause why Christian nations were so powerful, he replied that "there was another Maxim, ooting 300 bullets a minute, which he had observed Christian nations were very handy with, and relied on much

The nation that does not keep up its armament and its warlike spirit will lose, with loss of its practice of arms, even its power of resistance. Then even if not attacked, it will stagnate and rot and perish in its own luxury and prosperity. War cannot be stopped by peace conferences; and if it could there would be small ground of hope for progressive civilization.

AFTER FIFTY YEARS

In the early days of September, 1857, a man whose name was a synonym of integrity and benevolence broughout the wide and sparsely settled regions of the North Pacific Coast, ay upon his couch of passing, rather than of bodily suffering, in Oregon City. Faithful hearts and gentle hands inistered unto the needs of the still stalwart body, while the ministrations of the religious faith, in which he had lived afforded spiritual comfort. In the home he loved, and thus attended. Dr. John McLoughlin closed a career of remarkable incident and usefulness and of lasting honor on the third day of the month and year above named at the age of seventy-three years. Half century has passed away since his death, and each succeeding year has added a measure of understanding and appreciation to the sum of his life's

the name of Dr. McLoughlin is held in grateful reverence. In visible token of this fact, an educational institute is now nearing completion at Oregon City, which will bear his name and be dedicated to his with th memory with appropriate ceremonles on September 22. While this institution will be conducted under the auspices and authority of the Catholic church, in the faith of which he lived and died, its influence and endeavor will be far- a much healthler condition. reaching in the secular life of the state.

achievement, until now, among the

large body of persons who are well in-

formed in regard to the facts of the

early history of the Oregon country.

The incidents of Dr. McLoughlin's life are familiar to our people brief recital is still read with interest. or listened to with respectful attention. by those who are loval to the state and were in at its beginnings. He was born at Quebec in 1784, of Irish parentage. He was well endowed for the dutien and responsibilities that devolved upon him later in life, by a sturdy physique and a commanding presence. To these, nature added an endowment of courage and benevolence and a strong sense of justice. His educational was excellent and well suited to his duties. He became chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1821, and in 1824 was transferred to the Columbia. with headquarters at Fort Vancouver. The description of Fort Vancouver during what may justly be termed the reign of Dr. McLoughlin accords with that of a medieval castle, fortified against attack from without and governed within on lines of military precision, courtly deference, unquestioning obedience and unquestioned power Dim, but real, is this shadowy picture old Fort Vancouver, McLoughlin as its central figure, large of stature, erect, white haired, benign of countenance-absolute monarch of a wide realm of which Vancouver was the capital. From 1821 he had been really governor of the entire Pacific Slope, from Russian America (now thence more than half a century ago, Alaska) to the California line, This rule, always firm, was unsullied by preferring its own interests to those of abuse of power and was dominated throughout by loyalty to his country and his employers.

Jesse Applegate, in a letter written in 1865 to Frances Fuller Victor, now deceased, thus described Dr. Mc-Loughlin in 1843: "He was at that time ness; his stature was large and commanding; his countenance open and viting confidence. A philanthropist in bound up with its national life. Jesus, was made, belonged. Enough that he was in need. His needs were supplied with prudence, so as to make the remanent benefit. The Indians he regarded as untaught children, of undesystem of rewards and penalties; they arch; the Czarina was a few years gard their promises; theft and murder means of the political shuttle that has were never permitted to go unpunished; for the last the tribe was held responsible until the murderer was old as are the monarchies in the inter-

His phenomenal power over the Indians, thus briefly outlined, made pos- that Frederick William I of Prussia sible the establishment of early homes, immigrants enabled many to live until son, who afterward became Frederick novation has made a decided hit, the they could get a foothold in the wilder- the Great. But its essential elements fair sex thoroughly enjoying the biff-

and with much success still though years, however, after the manner of no longer affording the principal time in making amends for wrong, grounds of war, as in former times. It have corrected these errors of judgis rationalists or infidels only who re- ment. Dr. John McLoughlin's name stands today for benevolence, integrity e employed to spread the blessings of and justice in his dealings with men in the early years of the evolution of the In a book entitled, "Peace of the Oregon country from savagery to civilby Major Stewart ization, His place in history is that of a man of large responsibility, simple dignity, unflagging diligence and of justice and generosity. He was a mon that "history, as a whole, is nothing of remarkable parts who used without position gave. His mistakes in judgment have been condoned by time, or canceled by his manifest integrity of purpose. The people of Oregon honor themselves in paying just and generous tribute to his memory.

VICTIMS OF OVERIRRIGATION.

It was back in the early "eighties" when an unhealthy real estate bo was preparing a number of overfed Middle Western cities for an overwhelming slump, that one of the hot-There is a Christian maxim, "Love air artists was drawing a word picture of the ease with which money was made. "Jones bought that lot fo thousand," said he. "Then he sold is to Smith for twenty thousand, and Smith a week later sold it to Brown for thirty thousand." "And what did Brown get?" inquired the interested "Oh," said the real estate listener. "Brown got the lot." It is the man. ulmination of a similar system hilarious multiplication of profits in other lines of business that is responsibie for the present trouble in the East One or two great concerns, organized on enormous capitalization of various omparatively small manufacturing esrablishments, have lately got into trou-

The alleged economy of operation which is supposed to follow these con solidations never had an opportunity o assert itself, for the absorption smaller concern was almost invariably made the opportunity for opening the gates and letting in enough 'water" to drown any possible increase in the profits through economy of operations. Each one of these original plants that were included in the consolidation of the big concerns, like the \$10,000 lot of Jones, had a fixed staple value. When the water was turned on with the first Issue of new bonds and stocks, the outlook was still favorable o investment-seekers, and, like Smith's \$20,000 lot, there was still a market at which the stock could be sold. But, like the pitcher-which went too often to the well, the end came and those who invested last were in the same position as Brown with the \$30,000 to The factories, in spite of the high prices that were paid for some which were out-of-date, could still earn diviequipment, but they could not pay diviwater that had been poured into the stock. This pernicious system of overcapitalization, overexpansion, overorganization, has become so, general that squall the waterlogged craft are no longer manageable. Out of all evil and the powerful machinery harnessed some good is said to come, and the squeezing out of water will in the end leave the entire industrial system in

ROYAL MATRIMONIAL BARTER. Emperor William, it is said, is planning to marry his only daughter, Victoria, to his cousin, Prince Henry of Battenberg. The Kaiser's mother was an English woman, a fact with which he, in his youthful arrogance, was wont to taunt her with when she was the unhappy Empress Dowager of Germany, as something greatly to her discredit. The Emperor Frederick, then and for many years Crown Prince, took the earlier Princess Victoria to Germany as his wife when she was but sixteen years old, and, though she was he most accomplished of all the daughloyal wife and devoted mother, she was ield in contempt by Bismarck because the background as much as possible while the Iron Chancellor ruled German posed that the Kaiser treated his mother with even a degree of consideration. became one of the most spectacular monarchs of history, as he walked the fitful glare of the pine knots that lighted her midnight funeral proces-

to a life that was throughout a tragedy, It may be hoped that such restitution happy life of the English-German Prin. of her country associates. cess in Germany by a welcome that will be a prelude to a life of happiness will succeed her grandmother as a sistent with agricultural practice Victoria's oldest daughter.

Marriage in the royal familles of Eutlecock played between nations. The players are shunted back and forth tinent of Europe as chance favors or the political interests of the managers young Prince whom the Kaiser has selected for his son-in-law was a year or veloped mentality and untrained moral more ago projected into Spain to benature, and he governed them by a come the Queen of its youthful monwere taught to speak the truth and re- since thrown bodily into Russia by carried so many women of royal birth to an unhappy throne. The game is an ests of which it is played. Its demands are a little less bold than were those made upon King George of England. ness and mature crops from seed which are the same, being simply, now as bang sport." It will probably follow from Uncle Sam, Mr. Rockefeller can then those of bargain and sale. Now that half the attendance upon the

it the duty of the nations to strengthen way of incident and detail, is as a tale insists upon marrying to please herself tacks. Our faith must stand in our proved in the fact that it bears telling are urged as demanding of her the duty "women," under the time-honored in-selves and in the God of the father- again, and yet again, gathering of selt-sacrifice. Two of King Edward's terpretation of that word, will be land." France also rested her claims interest as years intervene. Crit- daughters are examples of this revolt there. on divine favor, and the God of one leism, harsh and bitter, assailed of Nature against authority, the one country was pitted in 1879 against the Dr. McLoughlin in his later choosing for herself and marrying the later | choosing for herself and marrying the God of the other. It was a form of years; his motives were aspersed, his Duke of Fife, the other choosing a sin- ize marriage with a deceased wife. speech, indeed; but it stirred the spirit benevolence accounted selfishness, his gle life in preference to the exalted sister will no longer trouble in Engof both countries. Our Civil War, firmness distorted into arrogance. Un- station of Czarina of Russia. Being a land. At last the House of Lords has similarly, had its religious side. So it der the shadow of this criticism he woman of strong character and individis, therefore, that religion does not repress war, but is invoked to inflame it,
by the sting of injustice. The passing weak young Emperor who came period. The whole subject has been

in his early youth to marry his beauti- Henry VIII., whose matrimonial adful young cousin, Princess Elizabeth ventures have played no unimportant now the widowed Grand part in history. Duchess Sergius of Russia, but Bis- from Catherine of Aragon, he put up marck sternly forbade and chose for the plea that his marriage with he him a robust German Princess of rela- was void, because she was the widow tively obscure birth and inferior ac- of the Prince of Wales, his uplishments, partly as a soub to the brother. cultivated mother of the young Prince by which marriage with a and openly because, as he declared, the wife's sister or a deceased husband's but a succession of struggles for ex- abusing the absolute power that his chief object of the marriage of Prince brother was forbidden, Henry declared William was to give heirs to the throne | this should be the law of England also of Germany. Six sons and one daugh- Thus he got quit of Catherine, and ter followed in quick succession this married Anne Boleyn, whose head he marriage. As years and sentiment caused to be chopped off not long waned the Kaiser became reconciled to after. Bismarck's choice of a wife for him. His own experience, no doubt, confirms him in the belief that marriage should ably has been pinched badly at his | But still when them uncovering, be devoid of sentiment, or at least that game, rails at President Roosevelt, sentiment should be made secondary to who, as the speculator asserts, has material and political considerations, destroyed property during the last two since the woman he would have married, if he had been permitted to choose for himself, though beautiful, refined, accomplished and of a high order of mentality, is childless,

SAFETY DEVICES FOR RAILROADS.

An expert is investigating for the

terstate Commerce Commission the

safety devices for rallways that have passed to patent, the purpose being to whether railroad companies have bought valuable patents and suppressed them for pecuniary reasons. regardless of the demands of public safety. Whatever the outcome of the will no doubt nvestigation, It assailed as untimely, since it may affect investments in railroad securities, already unsettled by the telegraphers' strike and by the rate investigations of recent months. This objection will not meet with public approval, since it s the recognized duty of rallroad nanagers to provide every possible Moreover, the railroad companies should welcome any process that will valuable life-protecting appliances with the double purpose of avoiding the expense of adopting them and of preventing rival interests from getting hold of them. We do not suppose, as the New York Commercial suggests, that, as a matter of fact, a well-in-

ourely pecuniary reasons. It is the bearing of such acts on the lives and safety of the very public dends on the actual money invested in from which railroads receive rights pioneered such a process, he will revo the plant, machinery and operating and privileges not otherwise obtain- lutionize the world's manufactures. able, that just now concerns the Inter dends on the excessive amount of state Commerce Commission. In the general view of corporate interests, human life is cheap. To make this assessment pass muster, however, it is to make a show of protect-It has tightened the money market and ing it, to the limit of buman ingenuity with the first breath of a financial as represented by safety devices, applied to the rolling stock of railroads

and for that matter every extensive

to manufacturing interests. Human life is, indeed, more than cheap; it is the cheapest of all comcheap, in fact, that the captains of industry and arbiters of transportation is the whole story, between the lines of stored away-purchased and controlled | pocket. but not used.

TEACHERS AND AGRICULTURE. Those public school teachers who

have been pursuing a short course in ters of Queen Victoria, and withal a agriculture at the State Agricultural College this Summer will find the work well worth while aside from the aid it of her political sagacity and kept in will give them in teaching the subject elementary agriculture in schools next Winter. Many a city-bred teacher goes to the country to teach her first term of school. One of the most frequent causes of failure is tack of such an understanding of subjects of son, though at his mother's funeral he interest to farmers as will place the teacher in sympathy with the people

among whom she must live and work. alone behind her bler-a dim figure in Not only is the teacher from the city ignorant of agriculture, but she has not enough interest in the subject to keep up one side of a conversation relative If Germany returns another Victoria thereto. Studying elementary agricul to England, for the one that she took ture for a few weeks at the college will by no means give a teacher a practical understanding of farm methods, but it should give information that will make as is possible will be made for the un- the teacher less "stupid" in the opinion

It has been said, and is doubtless true, that the textbook on elementary for the German-English Princess who agriculture contains assertions inconmember of the royal family of Great Oregon. It could scarcely be otherwise, ourselves, if Japan should object to the sixty years of age; his head was Britain, Prince Henry of Battenberg for textbooks have general application, crowned by long hair of snowy white- is the only son of Queen Victoria's and in a country varying as much in youngest daughter; Princess Victoria climatic and other conditions as the of Germany is the only daughter of the United States, it would be surprising benevolent; his manner cordial and in- Kalser, who is the oldest son of Queen if there were not some particulars in which the text is not applicable to all sections. Indeed, a book treating rope is a game of battledore and shut- agriculture in Oregon might contain assertions applicable west of the Cascade Mountains, but untrue as to conditions across the English Channel or the Con- east of that range. If the textbook contains information not applicable in Oregon, it will be part of the work of the teacher to ascertain and point out these passages and explain them to the pupils. The course of instruction at Corvallis will prepare the teacher for this work. President Kerr is entitled to credit for arranging a short course

It seems that no stone is to be left inturned to complete the humiliation of San Francisco before the world. Even the women of the city have grown enthusiastic over the coming fight between Joe Gana and Jimmy Briti. The gallant and pugnacious remote from civilization. The supplies when in the hope of adding strength to Gans, catering to this enthusiasm, has drawn from the company's stores at his kingdom he vainly sought the hand made Wednesday "Ladies' day" at his Fort Vancouver for needy and starving of Princess Amelia of England for his headquarters, and it is added, "the in-

Its defenses against unrighteous at- that is told. Its intrinsic worth is in defiance of "reasons of state" that of "ladies" (2). Needless to add, few

The debate on the proposal to legala-wooling to England, and refused ab- mixed up with political and ecclesiassolutely to marry him.

The Kaiser himself wished very much tention run back to the time of King Pleading the Levitical law

> A Wall-street speculator, who probmillions. That, indeed, is a heap of money, or would be if it were money. But it is wind or water, the sooner got rid of the better for legitimate industry and business. give the country little concern. Its actual business is sound to the core. Of course, the losses the sp compiains about, represent no real destruction of property. They represent liquid, or airy, capital, and ev great corporations whose stocks show very heavy decline are earning more money than ever.

The public may hope before this disussion ends to have the truth whole truth, and nothing but the truth. in regard to the practice of flogging prisoners in the Oregon Penlientiary, the degree and frequency of this pun Ishment, by whom, at whose order, and for what offenses inflicted. The flogprotection to the traveling public, ging of Albrecht is merely an incident which called out this discussion. infliction has been admitted and there aliay the suspicion that patents on seems to be abundant evidence that it was severe. Perhaps the challenge of have been bought up and pigeonholed Mr. P. H. D'Arcy will be accepted, an investigation that investigates will be actually need irrigation here. Trees Instituted, and its findings will be given to the public

The world awaits with eagerness further news from Raffle Boya, an formed and practical railroader can be Italian, whose claim to have discovered ound in the country who does not be- a simple and inexpensive means of getlieve every large railroad interest in ting at the natural supply of electricity, scientists have hoped that some one manufacturing interest-has scores of would find a way for tapping the patents bought up and shelved, for earth's inexhaustible storehouse wherein is contained this subtle force, without the enormous expense of steam of water power. If Boya has really

> Conflicting reports concerning the promise of the hop yield are usual at this season of the year. The heavy rain and wind of a week ago was un fortunate for this crop, and some loss is certain to result. The next weeks will tell the story. In the meantime all growers are not discouraged and an army of pickers will be affeld early this week to work out the prob lem of gain or loss to themselves and their employers.

Los Angeles is willing to take the noney of rich sojourners who are seeking relief from disease, but objects to damages as are fixed by statute for admitting the pauper class of seekers the relatively few killed in travel and for health. Probably quarantine regulabor than to reduce these fatalities to lations can be adopted which will be the minimum by equipping their plants legal on their face and yet can be This properly enforced by health officers who have easy consciences and which is read the fact that patents can use an X-ray machine to find out for safety devices of unusual merit are how much coin there is in a man's

> Oregon National Guardsmen have ought credit to their state in the National rifle contest. These men in order to rank with the top-notchers Such is the spirit now manifest among our citizen soldiery that next year, in a similar contest, Oregon will probably e higher than tenth in the list. We have the men; the chief need is more time to devote to firing at targets.

Two prisoners at Jollet Penitenniary scaled the walls of that institution and disappeared. There is some little satisfaction in knowing that the Oregon prison is not the only one whose walls can be scaled. Now if the Jollet convicts will stay disappeared they may have a safer, if not more eventful career than had Tracy and Merrill.

Portland is by no means the only own in Oregon enjoying a building While smaller cities are not putting up scrapers that cut so deep into the sky as do those in the metropolis, they are building business blocks that are a credit to the enterprise of their people

While the dry goods trade, the only facts, reports unprecedented prosperity to doubt every other line of retail business would develop like answer to like inquiry. It is impossible for pessimists to stretch the stringing beyond Wall street.

An enterprising advertiser propose to tell the plain truth about the hair Dan McAllen, Alex Charlton, and many of their fellow citizens will testify that he promises something about nothing, while no small number of ladies will maintain that it is false.

No man knoweth where a reform wave will cease its rolling. The lid has been but on Dawson City, Yukon Territory, despite the fact that "there is law of neither man nor God north of fifty-three."

Four more political reforms are vanted by Mr. U'Ren before he will be ready to run for United States Senator. There is nothing like patience.

Oregonian about the flogging at the quite in season. Penitentiary except the man who was flogged. It's his turn next.

With the \$83 witness fee received from Uncle Sam, Mr. Rockefeller can

COMMENT ON SUNDRY OREGON TOPICS

Wandering Statesmen's Discoveries-Diary of Railroad Magnate-Colonel Hawkins' Big Mosquitoes-Queerness of the Sneeze-Rights of Downtrodden Citizens-Aunt Polly's Philosophy-Politics in Dull Season Pure Cussedness.

So many people sneer about Their worth I almost ceased to doubt And thought them smooth tacticians, But now all's changed, my eyes are pecled;

I've heard them, in long speeches Tell wonders, modest mannered. In Klamath and in Tillamook.

They have been grossly standered.

Their speeches does resound, Vast resources, good harbors and Fine bables, pretty girls,

Yaquina, Coos, Grand Ronde.

They are explorers; every nook

They point them out (not speeche canned).

We clap, spine thrills, head swirls. Of course they're late discovering, We've had things (votes, too) ever, 'Tis better late than never.

Diary of a Rallroad Magnate.

"HE GREAT railroad magnate kept a dlary of his wagon journey through the vast region where there was no rattroad Monday-Dense clouds of dust all

day. Driver said there was fine country on each side, and it was too bad wind wasn't strong enough to blow dust out of our eyes. Tuesday-Drove through narrow can-

ons, perhaps two or three miles wide. Saw an antelope on top of rimrock on one side and coyote on the other Driver said there was great wheat country beyond rimrock. Lots of lackrabbits and rattlesnakes. Had to

Wednezday - Axle broke. Had walk 10 miles to dinner. Mayor town made long speech. If darned axle hadn't broken I wouldn't have had to stop. Don't see why they want railroad so badly. Car axles break

Thursday-Saw some good country, but wasn't much in sight. Driver always says there is lots of fine land. but it is so far from the road I can't see it. Guess I ought to stay in Oregon a while and travel crossways.

Friday-Gee, whiz! I thought Oregen was a wet country. Why, they grow too high. Can't see over them. Driver said vast areas fine land be youd trees.

Saturday-Passed through a town where children paraded. Mayor said abundance of fine children and bables showed a rich country, fit for railroad. Am not certain, however, whether that the country, whether steam or trolley- is just announced. For twenty years signifies. Bables grow everywhere. People seemed offended because I didn't kiss babies. Several candidates for United States Senator passed through here few days ago. Sunday-It has been long trip all

week. Everybody prosperous and says I haven't seen much. They all hope I will forget what my hired men said against building railroad here. I've got to hurry back to Wall street. Wonder if my hired man traveled the same read.

Colonel Hawkins' Big Mosquito. THE LATE Colonel L. L. Hawkins was fond of telling a mosquito story of

his own when Mazamas, gathered round their evening campfire, had to fight off the singing pest at the foot of snow mountains, where the "hot-footed birds" are often troublesome. "You can talk about your big mosqui-

toes," said he, after the tele-telling drift- wife has those attributes but not the Rodney Glisan and himself) can tell something about mosquitoes ourselves.

"We climbed Skinner's Butte, at Eu-"After we had watched the sun a while t was obscured by a dense cloud of tre-

endous mosquitoes. They bit us terri bly. They were the hugest I ever saw. Here somebody usually asked: "How olg were they, ColonelT "They were so big." was the response

that many of them welghed a pound." Strange to say, Colonel Hawkins never suffered bodily injury for telling this story.

More History.

66 ET sleeping dogs lie," cried Sir Robert Walpole, 200 years ago. But in those days there were no sleeping gas meters to keep on lying while the folks were at the beach Being only president of a kennel club,

president of a future gas company.

Fleeting Sand.

At the seashore, the poet laurente of he Necanieum, after viewing the play of children in the sand, wrote the fol-

TIMES sand is fleet, In hour-glass, And flows to meet · Spent hopes, alas! But from youth's land, Flows forth Time's cand As it does pass Time's hour-glass. He is a lad,

On seabeach glad; Each handful passed. A new one grasped.

Queerness of the Sneeze

WHAT a moment, what a doubt! All my nose is inside out— All my thrilling, tickling, caustic Pyramid rhinocerostic Wants to sneeze and cannot do it:

How it yearns me, thrills me, stings me How the rapture torment fills me! Now say, "Sneeze, you fool-get through

Ishi-ishi-most del-ishi! (Hang it, I shall sneeze till Spring) Snuff is a delicious thing. -Anonymous.

sneeze is a strange phenomenon. So are spickersness strange implements. And the ladies have turned the matter over to two are busy, betimes, though since the the authorities and if the sons turn recurring knifting period in politics has not up in jail, the parents must not be sur-Everybody has had a say in The yet come round, the snickersnees are not prised.

> says: "Summer smells are more condugon an editor recently gave some advice to careless possessors of back yards, which he said were exhaling odors offensive to olfactories.

odors that have the same effect on the "pyramid rhinocerostic." The Salem editor says:

throughout the land should lessen the

pasms of sneezing. Yet there are clean

Take paint, for instance. In every block ome one takes it into his bead to freshen in his woodwork for the Summer months. Miscrory nerves are very sensitive to paint, and, consequently, almost every person who asset the house is seized with a fit of sheezing. Then there are flowers. Even in the city there are many spots where one gots a whiff of flowers, many of which have a pangent odor that causes smeezing. The smell of mint is particularly likely to pro-duce that effect also. Even the very heat cays, regardless of germs, tickle the mosand cause no end of Summer sneezing

We can imagine, perhaps, Coleridge's plight when the odors of Cologne assailed bis postrils. English literature contains a verse which will exist always as a living witness to the spasm he suffered in that Rhine city. The verse runs as fol-

In Koin, a town of monks and bones And pavements fanged with murderous stones.

And rags and bags and hideous wenches I counted two and severily stenches, All well-defined and several stinks! Ye nymphs that reign over sewers and

The River Rhine, it is well known. Doth wash your city of cologne; But tell me, nymphs; what power divine, Shall henceforth wash the River Phina! If Coloridge could visit the Portland garbage crematory, something else might happen to match his rhyme on the

Rhine.

their money.

Rights of the Downtrodden.

T WAS a convention of aggrieved per-T WAS a convention of sons bent on demanding their rights from the people. Autoists declared they had as much

right as anybody to use the highways as they chose: Liquor men declared they had as much right as confectioners and grocers to use

Sunday as they chose. Pest-ridden orchard owners insisted that they had as much right as any landowner to use their land as they pleased. Directors of broken banks declared that they had as much right to save their fortunes as the depositors who pulled out

Butter men averred that they had as much right as any food seller to put up 30 ounces of butter in packages looking like 32 ounces. Stock barons announced that they had

as much right as any owner of paper securities to juggle their market in Wall street as they pleased. But one man wiser than the others rose

and said: "Perhaps these rights belong to all of us, but until we get them from the people we haven't got them.

"When young, we thought we had a perfect right to make mud ples, or go swimming or dancing when we pleased, but our parents didn't give us the right. Now that we are grown up we see it differently.

Likewise things will be very different when autolsts and the others become all the people.

Aunt Polly's 1 hilosophy.

WONDER why we were so eager to go away on our vacations? Only persons shabbily dressed are sure that fine clothes do not make the man-A man whose chief asset is good cookery is apt to esteem pretty face and fine figure as best attributes of beauty, but it is the opposite with the man whose

when they know that they can afterward

say, "I told you so." Life is too short to live long enough to know better.

Pure Cussedness.

"D URE, unadulterated cussedness" is a phrase used to brand a particular human animal resembling the ass, the hyena or other evil-mannered creatures which, perhaps, would better not be named. One of them, says the Corvallis Times, recently kicked a hole in a prize pumpkin, which a proud youth had been growing for the All-Benton-School Fair. The editor describes the animal as "some unknown miscreant, without a single principle of honor in his makeup."

But that miscreant, notwithstanding the editor's denunciation, is a saint compared with another at Myrtle Point, Sir Robert could not foresee how far he Coos County. The editor of the Enterhad missed his calling by falling to be prise, of that city, says the latter villair has a Rockefeller conscience, should be banished to the Fiji Islands. The offender stole four chickens from a "poor widow woman." This is a hard case, for a fact. In Portland there might be some mitigation of language since a chicken costs about 50 cents. and a small specimen at that, the high price being exacted by the alleged chicken trust. Chickens are tremendously costly and all other living, too which will account for a lot of cussedness. We have it on the authority of Ira Boyce, of John Day, who recently returned home from a trip in the Willamette Valley, that Eastern Oregon enjoys many blessings in cheaper cost of living.

Up in Douglas County watermelon respondent of the Roseburg News, "When those four town boys," he writes, "willo stole watermelons from one of our neighbors, feel they have had their money's worth, the neighbors would like them to call and pay their bill so the poor old man can have a taste of watermelon himself." Perhaps the boys recently gazed on colored minstrel billboards like those displayed in Portland.

The Dalles has its quota of cussedness in "hoodium boys, annoying the ladies who are trying to keep the reading room open," says the Chronicle The ladies have appealed to the par-Why more sneezes in Summer than in ents," says the editor, "who have failed Winter? This is a vexed question. The to keep their children from being a nuisance in public places. Now the

Cussedness is a trait that breaks out Up in Salem the editor of the Statesman always unexpectedly. This is true, whether it robs a widow's chicken room or an old man's watermelon patch or vents itself in hoodlumism. could all name a lot of persons endowed with cussedness. Usually they are our Now in truth the clean-up in progress neighbors.