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A TOPIC OF THE TIME.

Portland bids fair to obtain noto riety as the leading city of the United States in the "hold-up industry." 11 may be feared it has that bad eminence now. Why should robbers be more numerous in Portland and throughout Oregon than elsewhere' Is it not most probably due, in som part at least, to the looseness of ideas about the rights of property, steadil; proclaimed here? Is it not further due in part to the slowness of justicand to the facility with which enforce ment of the penalties of the law is continually obstructed?

The doctrine is taught openly in Oregon that the property which peo-ple have worked for or paid for, and has grown to value in their hands, either through careful administration or the general progress of the country, both, is not rightly their own, but belongs to "the social organization" which these robbers are units. The

robber therefore holds-for he has been taught-that he is merely "coming into his own."

The scheme of socialism favors this doctrine. Our "reform legislation"certainly many of the attempts at it-is tinged with it. The owner of property, not the robber, is the criminal and the public enemy. It is a soil that breeds anarchy, robbery and murder.

The attitude of the lawyer, the obstruction of justice, the tenderness of the courts towards known criminals. the belief, well founded, that through the hesitations and delays that attend the administration of law and justice, on a highly artificial systemsystem that could hardly be worse if devised expressly to afford immunity to criminals-are factors also in production of a situation like this, Society is not organized for its own protection, as it should be. There is not sufficient moral force, nor severily enough, either in the administration of the law, or in public opinion. There is nothing but mischief in the harangues of street orators and agitators against society, property and gov-ernment, and nothing but evil in toleration of tramps and hobos;-and the politicians who bewail the fate of these people "deprived of their rights and victims of oppression," are the worst pests of all-except those lawyers who prostitute their calling to the open protection of the enemies of all order.

There is a close relation between the laxity of public opinion and these robberles; between these robberles and the high cost of living, against which there is so loud complaint. One great reason why the cost of living is high lies in the agitation against great many of them. They have been the rights of property; in the dissatisfaction thus produced with earnest,

purple-faced and panting into a seat, he does not look like a candidate for "heart failure." Why not, good women, ask such as he to join in the petition to the street railway company to lower the steps of its cars? Do not for a moment think that the names of these men would not carry weight.

struggles of Frederick the Great, The essential difference is that Austria, who led the fight against Frederick, is the close ally of William, while England, who saved Prussia from de-LOVELY VENUS AND GHOSTLIKE COMET struction in the former struggle, is Many persons who never before now at the head of her foes. Otherstudied the sky see the planet Venuswise the array stands as it did in the the bright evening luminary-and eighteenth century. Russia and France are eager, now as then, to strike down think it a comet. But so long as they

don't know the difference between a the power of Germany, so that the planet like Mercury, Earth, Mars, Kaiser will be assalled on both flanks, while the British attempt to sink his Jupiter or Venus, or a star like Sirius, Interminable fighting may Capella, Aldebaran or Betelgeux, and ships. probably kill off his fine troops, dea nebulous ghostlike "A-1910," perstroy his discipline and exhaust his haps it does them good to behold for treasure, just as it did for Frederick. the first time the radiant beauty of Venus. It may be of interest to them If it were not for William's war balloons and the incalculable part they o learn that the Beauty torch which follows close behind the sun is the are bound to play in the next war, one could not help trembling for the ommonest object in the sky and is fortunes of Germany. earth's next-door neighbor in the solar system and nearest reesmbles Earth in size, mass, atmosphere and DEMOCRATIC BOSS "BUNEUM."

hope.

length of day of any of the sky ob-Though Democrats held an assem

bly just before the last state election For many weeks Earth's beautiful made a slate, named a ticket and neighbor has been beaming in her adopted a platform, they have no oveliness, but few mortals have rememory of it now, and rall at Repubsponded to her glances, until now she is taken for a comet. That's a doubtlican assembly. The brethren assume an air of sucompliment to loveliness, isn't

perior virtue and call party assembly Soon she will change her beauty wicked and baneful and dangerous to time from sunset to sunrise, and then primary-law privileges of the people. will be called the morning star, for Possibly the Democratic assembly was she will be looking at the earth from thus wholly bad. Unlike the delethe other side of the sun. That will gates who will sit in the Republican be the place Halley's comet will be assembly, they were not "chosen"; they gathered themselves togetherseen from, next May and June, and then again Venus may practice her posses and politicians, officeholders, ex-officeholders and seekers of office, committeemen and chairmen-and

recommended and they nominated and

Let the Democratic brethren not

or reject them as nominees. Then in

the election they will either accept of

indulge in such false pretenses?

EXPENSIVE ECONOMY.

engineers will be taken care of in the

bill soon to be reported in the House

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tion.

for doing so.

Filrting with Venus is too sentimental a business when one is searchdeclared themselves the Democratic ing for a matter-of-fact comet. And lest the gaysome planet make an party. But now-O tempora, O mores!poor mortal imagine she is the "whole they say Republicans cannot hold a state assembly, of delegates, picked in the counties by fair and open

thing," this warning is sounded.

GERMANY AND ENGLAND.

deceptive arts just as now.

Jects.

In the February McClure's, Mr. insulting the intelligence of the peo-William Bayard Hale writes enterple. Perhaps they imagine themtainingly upon the prospect of war selves immune from criticism through the saving grace of the statute of limbetween Germany and England. Mr itations. More probably they are talk-Hale paints with a liberal brush. He oves vivid colors and lays them on ing "bunkum." thickly. In his fondness for excite-Truth is, Democrats rail at assemment no doubt he treats the breathbly this year because it will enable ess reader of his article to many a Republicans to name fit candidates, thrill which the facts do not guite whom the body of Republicans wid warrant, and yet there is no denying support. Democrats dread peace in that war between England and Ger-Republican ranks. They thrive on facmany is a contingency which must be tional war and strife of Republicans. reckoned with. It is probable and They want no majority movement may be imminent. Very likely the among Republicans. And because asworld is on the verge of one of those sembly is the one means Republicans transpositions of commercial supremhave of "getting together" and agreeacy which have happened frequently in the past. One of them carried the ing upon candidates, Democrats cry that assembly is wicked and prohibtrade of Europe away from the Gerited by the law and by the will of the man cities of the middle ages to Italy. people Another may carry it back from Eng-But the people will decide this in land to Germany. Commercial leaddue season. In Portland, last city ership has flitted over the world much election, they accepted the recommenas a flirt's affections go from one dations of a representative assembly and gave the assembly candidate for Mayor majority in both primarles and man to another, lighting here and there, without apparent cause. Of course, there is always a reason, but in election. The man the assembly

sometimes it is far from obvious. The erratic movement of trade since history began to trace it followed first the shores of the Mediterranean. Seated originally at Tyre, it passed to Carthage and then to Athens. In Roman times there were several commorcial capitals scattered about the empire. . Later the leading marts of trade were the free cities of Ger-Italy then gained the prize, but did not keep it long, and it passed over to the Dutch, who lost it to the English. From this curiously erratic history the portentous fact stands out very clearly that no naval empire has lasted long. The world has seen a

powerful, brilliant, progressive, but

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cost \$50,000 each. Let us make the with the jubilant vigor of youthful supposition that \$000 women attended But for all that, the outcome Wilhelm's party. Their gowns at an average of \$400 would come to \$1,is by no means easy to predict. The contest must involve all Europe and the alignment of the nations will be 200,000. The twenty American dresses at \$50,000 each would make up \$1,-000,000, leaving \$200,000 to pay the much as it was in the life and death expenses of the German women. Thus the average cost of their modest at-tire would fall below \$70, which appears to us to be a reasonable figure. We know of whole families whose entire annual clothing bill does not exceed \$70. It is a pity if a woman cannot array herself for a single night with that sum.

HIGH MEAT PRICES.

Retail butcher trade costs consum ers big money on the present plan of many shops, expensive deliveries, high rents and many clerks. That's one reason for high prices for meats, just as for groceries. Then again, consumption of meat has heavily increased with the growth of population and of extravagance. Greed of the meat trust boosts prices also. though probably not as much as has been commonly supposed.

The retailers' margin, in price of meat to consumers, varies in different parts of the United States from 31 per cent in the North Atlantic States to 54 per cent in the South, according to statistics of the Department of Agriculture. In fifty cities the Department finds that retail price exceeds wholesale price by the following percentages:

uth Atlantic States

The housewife demands these days that the butcher shop have a full complement of clerks, so that she be

not kept waiting; also that many delivery wagons, horses and boys be choice, without breaking the law and maintained, so that she may have meat for early supper, without herself carrying it home. Often delivery costs the butcher more than the consumer pays, but he feels that he must keep trade.

Cost of retail business perhaps can be reduced and the trust may be induced to take a little less, but there is no likelihood that cost of meat to consumers can be brought back to prices of ten or even five years ago. For while production has lessened, with the well-known decrease of catthe ranges in the West, population and

High beef prices will turn the people more to vegetables, chickens, hogs and farm life for food. The change works hardship, but the results will

elected has already proved himself one of the best Mayors Portland ever place in their affections. At the cap-ital of France everything in the way improvement and beautification orry nor howl. The people will that we would like to do, if we had the intelligence and courage, has acjudge the state assembly candidates in the primaries, and either accept tually been done. Human reason has there had free play for hundreds of years, and the outcome is a municireject them as officers of the state government. The people will protect pality where all that exists aims dithemselves against any boss imposiare designed for comfortable traverse. They have the best of facilities Hence they are broad, smooth, desti-tute of pitfalls and invariably kept in The "bunkum" in the Democratic repair. The public buildings are not tirade against assembly shows in the intended merely as roosts for politiface of the record and in the smirks cians, but as places for the transac-

their work of destruction. America to England to enjoy all its advantages and Europe would not care half so much about a flood in Rome or London as they do about this one in We are all interested in the Paris. capitals of England and Italy, but the feeling is comparatively foreign and remote, while anything that happens in Paris is like an event at home. It touches the heart as well as the brain. Every intelligent American who has never been to Paris expects to go there before he dies, or afterward, and naturally the fortunes of the city concern him intimately.

It is built on a level bottom, not more than 200 feet above the sea level, and it is enclosed by a ring of hills. The Seine, which cuts through the middle of the city, is lined all the way with noble buildings and spanned with bridges, each of which is a work of art. When the river has risen high enough to overflow its banks there is little to hinder it from spreading over the entire city and as the current is naturally strong, one can imagine the damage that must ensue. The Parisians, unaccustomed to great natural calamities, are at their wits' end to account for this one. Not perceiving any natural cause, they seek for an explanation in the realm of occult, and since they know that Halley's comet is approaching the solar system, they jump to the conclusion that it is responsible for the deluge from the Seine. Just why or how it is responsible nobody explains. The comet is still many million miles dis-

tant from the extreme outer limit of the solar system. The naked eye can .21.4 scarcely discern it. The light which it sends us is still almost imperceptibly faint, and yet in spite of sense and reason a whole city full of unusually intelligent inhabitants, at a loss to account for their misfortunes ascribe them to Halley's comet. When all is said and done, common sense is still but an insignificant factor in

human affairs.

HOME RULE.

In the new British Parliament the Irish members will hold the balance of power. The Liberals, strictly socalled, are outnumbered by the Union-Conservatives, and can only ists, or control the government by the assistance of other sections. The labor members and Socialists have their own purposes to look out for and cannot be depended on for unwavering loyalty to either the Liberals or the Unionists. In the main they will vote with the Liberals, but at any moment circumstances may divort them to the Conservatives. They openly express contempt for all par ties except their own and profess al

legiance to nothing but their class interests. The Liberals can only carry on the government, therefore, by maintaining a strict alliance with the

Irish members. This ought to be easy enough, since the Irish demand but a single fundamental concession, home rule for their country, and the ministry has agreed to grant it. The reader may hastily conclude that there is but little difference after all between the reliability of the Irish members and the socialistic laborites as allies. Both these sections seek their own advantage frankly and stand ready to sacrifice everything else to it, but their position is not the same for all that. The Socialists may hope for almost any amount of concession from the Lords. The Irish can hope for nothing from them. Hence before a great while we may perhaps see the Labor members joined with rectly at the material and intellectual the Unionists against the Liberals. satisfaction of mankind. The streets The Irish will either vote with the LAberals through thick and thin or

they will become obstructionists treaty of amity between them and the Unionists is impossible. It is highly probable, therefore, that a home rule bill for Ireland will be

fore the voters in the recent elections

public opinion has been unfavorable

out of office. So, as we have said,

the home rule bill will likely be

colleagues any very bitter grief.

between them and the English.

of climate and natural resources. It is not a sterile region, like much of Scotland, nor a land of barren mountains, like Wales. It is an extremely fertile island and it is large enough. were its resources developed, to become a dangerons rival to England in trade. This is what the English are afraid of. It is what they have dreaded ever since the first destructive legislation was aimed at the Irish voolen and linen industries. They have passed hostile statutes against Ireland for precisely the same reason

as they sent hostile fleets against Holland time and again in the seventeenth century. The same cause makes them build dreadnoughts to fight Germany when the inevitable crisis shall come. England feels driven to suppress Ireland exactly as Elizabeth could not avoid beheading Mary Queen of The belief is that one of the Scots. two islands must perish commercially, and England does not choose to be the one. Home rule for Ireland would unquestionably lead to the revival of its manufactures and foreign trade. This prospect terrifies, not the landlords, who may be defied if need be, but the English middle class, who in the last analysis govern the empire and who cannot be defied by any party without peril. In opposing home rule the Lords are in sympathy with the fundamental passion of the English middle class, the passion for assured commercial supremacy, and we may be pretty certain that they will

sustained by the electorate in by throwing out any measure for that object which they Liberals may enact. The court at Mesaya has acquitted

General Medina and other members of the court-martial of responsibility for conviction and execution of the Americans, Groce and Cannon, were shot a few weeks ago. The Nicaraguan courts in war times have never been famed for their impartiality, and for that reason there was never much danger of any one being convicted for an act that was intended to further the cause of Nicaragua. Much as the loss of the two bright young Americans is deplored. it is hardly probable that this country will take any decided stand in a demand for punishment. They lost their lives while engaged in the

dangerous and foolhardy practice of fighting against a government in which neither of them had any proper special interest. The calling of the soldier of fortune has always been an extra hazardous one; but the hazard can be lessened only by those

who engage in it.

No law has been enacted to abolish the Normal Schools of Oregon, but the appropriation for their suppor and executive direction was withheld by the Legislature of 1909. It with now be proposed to enact by initiative a law for revival of the school at Monmouth, Polk County, and for appropriation to support it. The report of the committee having the matter in charge is submitted through The Oregonian today. This effort probably will call forth similar ones at Ashland and Weston, and all doubtless will go to the electors together but in separate bills. Hood River also has been laying plans for a normal, but it is said such proposal for a nev state institution must first be adopted by the Legislature and then go to the people. This whole matter doubtess will be one of the subjects of debate during some months preceding the general election in November next.

> The Republican party, in holding assemblies or conventions for suggestion of candidates for the primary. does not propose to "set aside" the

TOPICAL VERSE

If You're Waking.

If you're waking, call me early, call me early, Bridget, dear, There's jam to make, and bread to bake, and the "Ladies' Ald" meets here; I hope I do not ask too much, but I

must early rise, To dust and wash and make the beda

and bake the weekly pies.

I used to think a maid would do these

tasks at twenty per, But I have learned not to expect such mental work of her; Pve learned to be most grateful to have a maid at all,

So, if you're waking, Bridget, don't for-get that early call.

-L. Case Russell, in Woman's Home Companion. * * *

The February Tree.

Now blooms for all the world to see The February cherry-tree, Whereof, with all veracity now set down the history.

First Cupid saw it standing fair And cried, "A tree, I do declare!" Then, whipping out his knife, with care He left initials carven there.

George Washington then cut it down In order to acquire renown, And since in every vale and town The story serves his fame to crown.

A few years later Lincoln came. He also wished to make a name. Pursuing thus the noble aim. He split it into ralls and fame -Lippincott's.

The High-Heeled Boots.

He stands upon the city street, keen

eyed and brown of face; He seems to bring a breath of all from some broad prairie space; He's perched upon a pair of heels that fit the stirrup's curve.

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meet the bucking bi plunge and counteract awerve: And of all the chaps with whom the

gods are ever in cahoots me the cattle puncher in the Give high-heeled boots.

He brings a hint of wider skies, of

Thing that are vist, Of manful vigils in the days when sweeps the wintry blast: All out of step with things in town, he

- sees the crowd surge by; The sage is in his nostrils still, he hears the gaunt wolf cry; He rides as Alexander rode, the bell

rings when he shoats, gallant cattle puncher in the high-heeled boots. The

He is the last of that old guard de-

Those knights who jousted for the cause, blood brothers of the

But now they've fenced the water hole,

they're harrowing the plain, They're changing all the sage brush flats to fields of waving grain; The cowmen will be gone, they say.

Good-bye, Arthur Chapman, in Denver Repub-

Reincarnation.

The wonder child at Harvard They call a fresh edition Of that world famous Grecian, 'he mighty mathematician.

If there's reincarnation To ruler, sage or hero, My neighbor has a youngster Who might be naughty Nero! —Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

In Former Times.

King Solomon, he handed down Some very fine decrees, But he held sway before the day Of technicalities.

onsumption have increased. be beneficial. PARIS. There is no other city in the world which every civilized person knows so intimately and loves so well as Paris. It is said that all Europeans have two countries, first their own and then France. Certainly Americans, if they have two cities, give Paris the second

honest and gainful labors in the stories of riches in the cities and may partially account for it. Naval towns-"riches that belong to the people"; in the inducements thus offered to the multitude to flock to the cities where this "agitation" is continually in progress, and in the desperate condition to which many are reduced. Character and physique deteriorate who are attracted by the clamor and glamour. Useless as it may seem to say these things, it is just as well to know what they mean. The system or tendency fosters "robberies, murders and detested sins.'

So-called reform effort in Oregon, abandonment of the old landmarks and safeguards of society, which it openly boasted has proceeded further here than anywhere else. cause Oregon to be advertised as a paradise for persons in search of their "rights," as against society and government. Much as this journal may regret to say this, it yet is a truth which our people should ponder. To know what an evil is affords the only way to fortify against it. Encouragement of the agitation of socialism and quack remedies cannot but produce disorder. And here in Oregon is a spawn of isms which no man can number.

We have departed too far from the faith that was delivered to our fathers, and which our fathers delivered to us. It was a consequence of our too long isolation here, from general contact with the influence of the outer and larger world. We shall correct our errors through experience and through the help that now is coming and will steadily come from increased intercourse with other peoples and their advent from other states. It is out of regard for his state and his desire for its welfare, above all things else, that this writer, an Oregonian of Oregonians, makes these remarks. Necessity will force the cultivation anew of the old virtues here, assimilation of what may be good in newer ideas, and elimination of errors and follies. It is a weakness of society to pity and to pamper those who are averse to labor and who complain of their lot in a new country like this, where millions of acres are unoccupied and the resources of nature are as yet scarcely touched by the industry of man. What s to be expected of such a mistake but a crop of criminals?

The Woman's Club is about to inaugurate another crusade against the high steps of the streetcars in this It is urged that these steps are unnecessarily, even cruelly hign, and that they can be lowered from hends the insidious approach of defour to six inches, thus contributing materially to the comfort and health Women and children of passengers. and Germany is all the more danare not the only sufferers from the cause of which complaint is made in protest in petition. Just watch the fat man board one of these high See if, after he has pulled steppers! vast "mutations" his 250 pounds avordupois up these high steps by main strength of his

this is so is perhaps a puzzle, but one empires usually subsist on trade rather than agriculture. Their profits are exorbitant. Riches rapidly accumu late. The love of ease engenders the love of life and the dread of death. and some new nation, eaver and ambitious, finds it easy to supersede the decadent possessor of power and wealth.

although the full amounts asked for may not be granted. If this policy is Between Germany and England carried out, there should not be much this may be the present situation. loss through delay in the many proj-England has already held naval su ects now under way in the two states premacy about as long as it usually although all of the estimates of the abides in one country. She has been engineers for these waters were on a the leading trader of the world for very conservative scale. In comparia century and more and has felt the son with the enormous sums of money full effect of accumulated riches and appropriated for other branches of the relentless spirit of greed on the the Government service, the amount souls and bodies of her people. The actually needed to prevent loss on the British lower classes have lost/their uncompleted river and harbor projects. physique, energy and military spirit of unquestioned merit is so insignifiby herding in cities and toiling in uncant that there should be no attempts wholesome factories. They no longer at the expensive economy which reafford suitable material for armies. sults from paring down appropriations The wealthy classes love their money for river and harbor work actually bebetter than their country. The

chances are that they would sooner Not even the most drastic financial see England become subject to Gersqueeze would cause a railroad commany than sacrifice their fortunes pany or any other form of private en-What difference does it make who terprise to close down an uncompleted governs them so long as they can work on which as much money had enjoy their dinners, their horse races been spent as has been used in some and their fox hunts?

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The situation between England

of the river and harbor work in the Germany is in many respects the Pacific Northwest, However, we have youngest nation in the world and is the repair work on the dredge Chiby all odds the most ambitious and nook well under way, and there will intelligent. It makes ingenious and probably be sufficient funds to keep profitable use of scientific discoveries as fast as they appear. It the craft working on the bar next Tta Summer. This work, with enough to people are highly instructed, discikeep the other projects from falling plined, hardy and prolific. In Gerback into decay until a sufficient apmany there are few enormous forpropriation is forthcoming, will be tunes and but little, dire poverty. The better than the treatment we have government is in form a medieval had in some previous seasons, almonarchy. In substance it approxithough it will not be what we are enmates to a democracy, for it is a govtitled to. ernment of intelligent ideas. Brains ----play a more important part in Ger-

any other Christian country. This According to some current reports, means that the Germans are upon the Senator Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, is due troubled in spirit over the boundless extravagance of the American people. attention to popular opinion. In Germany what is called by publicists An esteemed contemporary, desirous "the social consciousness" is pervasive of chastening his fears, points him to and energetic. The people are eage a court function held by Kaiser Wilfor power. They feel capable of worldhelm the other day, where the beleadership, both in war and trade, and jeweled costumes of the ladies cos believe that their numbers, intelliupon the average no more than \$400 gence and discipline would win it for aplece. This example is instructive, but, to our apprehension, it lacks ap Th British, on the other hand, are plication to the matter in hand.

OUB NATIONAL EXTRAVAGANCE.

proves that the German court ladies spend money rather stingily on their gowns, saving the residue for their stomachs, like true philosophers, but ve cannot see that it proves much about the habits of American women. or men, either.

To be sure, there were twenty gerous because it is not voluntary It is the work of subconscious forces American women at the Kalser's party Perhaps it has been arranged by evo and our subtle contemporary wishes us to infer that they were clad as sothose by which races berly as the Germans, but we are not transform their destinies. When war to be caught by any such wiles. An comes the British will fight with the average price of \$400 for gowns does not too muscular asms, and dropped, sick ferocity of despair, the Germans not exclude twenty costumes which anxiety while the waters carry out

of the brethren. They were well within the law when they held their on of business intellige Hence they are commodious estly. assembly, but are they within the and architecturally correct, while they in the House of Lords is more dubirealm of decent citizenship when they are grouped in masses which show

capable good sense in those who erected them. It is not probable that a single public building in Paris was Washington advices state that all ever placed where it stands to boom and almost everywhere in England Oregon and Washington river and anybody's real estate. harbor projects indorsed by the Army

The Parisians admit with candor the existence of certain bodily needs made more noise and has interested which the more delicately modest Americans never will confess that they experience. Consequently there are conveniences at intervals on the Parislan streets for which our citizens must resort to the hospitality of saloons. The example is typical. In the French capital nothing that actually exists is denied or evaded. All the government, and there is a lively susnecessities of mankind have been carefully observed, and intelligently provided for. The enjoyment of life to the Irish members and put the is looked upon as an end worth planning for and the planning has been with keen appreciation of the their promise they will promptly go problem. Because Paris looks so frankly to the comfort and enjoyment of its citizens many people say that troduced and passed; but it will be it is a wicked city. These people are

beset with the false puritanical belief that in order to be good we must be miserable. 27.12 The Parisians, are just as good as the Portlanders, while they have so

arranged matters that their lives are He would concede that right to a great deal more complete and enjoyable. Of course it is unfair to make comparisons between the public less regret than to the sister isle, for advantages of an old city like the capital of France and a young city danger to the empire. like Portland, and therefore we shall not do it. The proper proceeding is to hold up what the Parislans have

done as a shining model for us to partly racial, but we do not lay so much stress on what is called race work toward as we grow older. The banks of the Seine, for one thing, are antipathy as some persons do. There lined with clean and beautiful quays and the buildings which border the such radical differences as exist easily river are the most exquisite in the give way under association and habit. city. Some time the Willamette, as it The Welsh are as much Celtic as the

flows through Portland, will be freed from the monstrous structures which line its banks and the streets parallel with the river will be adorned with monuments comparable with the This must naturally be a Louvre. work of time.

cient city, but it is one of the oldest of modern capitals. Caesar speaks of it in his commentaries by the name of Lutetia. In his day it was a collection of mud huts on an Island in the Seine and its inhabitants were a miserable tribe of filthy savages called Parisii. It was only after the Roman Empire had fallen and native monarchs had begun to construct the French monarchy that Paris became a place of importance. After the rulers of the nascent nation had chos-

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grow and in the course of centuries it acquired those features of beauty and convenience which make it the admiration of the world. Some of these features are now threatened by the great flood which has deluged the city, and the nations look on with

accounted for on the ground of inveterate wrong on the one side and Paris cannot be called a truly animperishable resentment on the other. There have been wrongs, of course deep and gross ones, and the Irish have resented them, sometimes with a ferocity greater than their tyrants ever exercised. But, after all, England never has treated Ireland with the consistent and unvaried cruelty which has been the fate of Sicily. The Sicilians, too, are not of the same ra-

> and Ireland are superficial. The real secret of the matter is the same as

existence. Ireland lies near enough land

conform to it strictly, just as the Democrats 6Md when they "invited" mons and promptly passed. Its fate men to become candidates and named an entire ticket-Chamberlain for ous, but the chances are that it will Governor, Gearin for the Senate, be rejected. Home rule for Ireland Sroat for Secretary of State, and w has been one of the leading issues be-

on-which ticket they supported throughout in the primary and nominated for the election. Then again, in 1908, their assembly named Cham to it. The question of the land tax berlain for the Senate. They didn't violate the primary law; nor will our American doctrinaires more Republicans when they do the like

warmly, but one may guess that th English paid large attention to the In the opinion of Dr. James Withyprospect of granting local independcombe, director of the Oregon Experience to Ireland. The Liberals know ment Station at Corvallis, the WI very well what their constituencies lamette Valley can be made the greatthink of home rule. It has just barely est dairy section on earth. To be missed losing them the control of the sure it can be. No well-informed person doubts it. The trouble is it picion everywhere that if they dared get people who live from hand to they would repudiate their promiamouth in the cities and towns, groaning over the price of butter and cheese and milk and cream, to make subject off indefinitely. They 'do not dare, however, because if they break practical application of this information.

in Of course it was awfully funny to passed with a lively anticipation on take advantage of the temporary abthe part of Mr. Asquith's government sence of John Reed from Harvard to that the Lords will reject it. Nor will notify the papers and the police that this anticipation cause him or his he had disappeared. It ought to be easy for the joker to explain in per-N normal Englishman really wants Ireson to the anxious parents that it was land to become locally independent. all a joke. He should by all means be given the opportunity. land and Wales with incomparably

Hungry folk will not appreciate J. he would believe that it entailed less Pierpont Morgan's gift of \$100,000 for digging up relics in Assyria and Egypt. They would rather eat the The simple fact of the case is that the English distrust the Irish promoney up and lick their chops for foundly. The feeling is no doubt more.

-The Democratic assembly, they say, was "another thing"-not the pro-posed Republican assembly at all. Yes, are no pure races in the world, and was another party. That is the whole difference.

Irish are, but there is no antipathy Mr. D. M. Watson was shocked when Speaker Cannon asked if he was are inclined, on the other hand, to one of those "fool Statement-one Rereject the opinion that the bitterness publicans." So would any Democrat between England and Ireland can be

To take the place of the Peary-Cook row we now have the polecat rivalry of Mr. Jeffries and Mr. Johnson. Mr. Jeffries still calls Mr. Johnson "skunk." But a hand-to-hand battle with a skunk is usually one-sided.

But for the baneful comets, it might have been easier to keep those New Year resolutions.

The more the farmer gets for his products the more he must pay for what he buys.

Countless light specks are in the sky, any one of which may look like a comet.

Colored folks saw all kinds of com-

ets the night Jeffries was in Port-

American Girls Too Shy.

(The Duke of Benevente and the Marquis Lombay have been arrested at Gaudix as counterfeiters. A complete plant was seized in a cottage owned by the Duke.--Madrid News.) Deserving rebuke are the marquis and

duko For making and shoving "the

queer"; Yet ne'er could they live on the rents

they receive That point is sufficiently clear;

And coveys of girls in American whiris Grow shy, and yet shyer each year,

His title was once for the verlest

dunce Quite good for a thousand a week; If, taking a wife with the consequent strife

A marquis would pose as a freak; Now Pittsburg is coy, and Chicago's

fly And 'Frisco's demand is hut weak.

And, as for a duke, he could not score a fluke. In days not forgotten as yet:

The heiresses rushed, and jostled and pushed

To grab at his sweet coronet:

ow maidens most flip wear their scorn on the lip. And papas will tot up your debt.

'Tis Vassar and Smith they are reck-

oning with; Yes, Berkeley, Mount Holyoke, Bryn

Mawr; The duke and marquis had no heart, it may be,

With fate unheroic to war; So, fearing to roam, they made money at home;

And that's what their punishment's for!

-Brooklyn Eagle.

My Donkeymobile.

I can't afford a motor car, But I've a donkey fine

Who satisfies my yearnings in The modern motor line

When he doth break the stillness with

His strident morning bray It sounds just like a touring car

A-honking on its way.

When't comes to speed he doesn't go So fast he breaks the law,

And hence it is I never come Beneath the copper's paw.

- But when he stands there never was
- Such virtue as is his: You'll find if you would move him he's The fastest thing that is.

to here's my little Donkabout,

He needs no gasoline; Three quarts of oats are all he asks To keep his spirits green.

He never skids, he never souds; He never strips his gear. To make him go I give him just

One spark-plug on the car. -Horace Dodd Gastit, in Harper's.

Personal Vision.

'O, wad some power the giftie gie us,

To see ourselves as ithers see us! So sang the Scot-and yet

I doubt, If he knew what he sang

about. Had we the power, and used it then

Who'd ever want to look again? -Exchange

cial stock as the Italians, and yet they have managed to overlook the injustice of their fate and feel as loyal to, the common government as Lombardy does. Many current theo-ries which profess to account for the ineradicable distrust between England

the root of the present hostility between England and Germany.

It is a phase of the struggle for

en it for their capital it began to