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#### WHO WILL HEED THE PEOPLE'S WILL?

WHO WILL HEED THE PEOPLE'S WILL? Lagislative candidates who ratuse to take featurement No. 1 should be viewed with ra-picken. Voters have a right and a good right to surpact that in the event of the election of anti-statument men. those men may not not in accordance with the wishes of the electorate. By refuzing to take Statement No. 1 they say in effect that they will do not they please regarding the election of a Semator and will not give heed to the wishes of their constituents. They may go to Salem with one hand held out behind, prepared to sell or trails away their Sura-torial votes, as such votes have been sold and traded away in the past, to the disgrace of the state. -Pendleton flast Oregonian.

This is the view of a Democratic paper that has always supported Demcraffe candidates and promoted Democratic policies and had therefore regarded with high approval every device or trick or enterprise that would demoralize and ruin the Republican party. So it is for Statement No. 1. It wants another Democratic Senator. It has no other reason.

Republican legislators who refuse to take Statement No. 1 do not say la effect that they "will not give heed to the wishes of their constituents" as to Senator. They desire to be free in give heed to the will of the people. They will not be trapped into a situation where they are obliged, in order to fulfill the terms of a pledge foolably given, to violate their duty to their consciences and disregard their constitutional oath and vote for a member of an opposite party for Sen ator, who is not and could not be the These men actual people's choice. believe that there is a difference between political parties; the Statement Overs think there is no difference, and act strictly according to their bellef. By a combination of a minority of Republicans, Democrats, Populists, Socialists, and members of no party, all voting at a Republican primary, they are able to put up a for-

midable front. Men who are independent and frank and open with the public are de-nounced by the Pendleton paper as legislators who "may go to Salem with one hand held out prepared to sell." In this infamous and detestable etc. group, then, is included the Republican candidate for State Senator for Umatilla County (Pendleton), a man widely known for his upright and straightforward character and for his midely known for his upright and hatred of all cant, humbug, pretense | and the other group was for the most and hypocrisy?

## LABOR SUNDAY.

In all but five states of the Union Labor day is set apart. Oregon is not one of the exceptions. Labor day marchers who have laid aside their le and forth to

social problem of the church, espe-cially as it has to do with the life of working people, emphasizing the not church's obligation to the industrial masses from the social and economic vlewpoint." It may well be that, faced with the

duty of preaching on these lines, ministers will find, as will many of their congregations, how hard it is to lay down in plain words why the working classes, as a rule, turn from the church, and how far harder to propose a remedy. But until the churches received enlightenment have proceed to act, it is vain to hope for the bridging of the gulf. The churches must make the first move.

As will have been seen, the idea was that from sermons by their own ministers, all congregations should receive instruction on the duties of the church towards what is collectively called "labor." The Chicago ministers have shifted their burden, and no light burden it is, on to the shoulders of the union leaders. Special invitations have been given to this end, and the pulpits of the Chicago churches will be so filled. Doubtless return invitations will be in order, for the ministers to address the unions on the duties of "labor" to the churches. All of which is deeply interesting, and, if saying strong things rather than smooth things by both sides is honestly practiced, it should prove most useful.

# SOUNDING THE ALARM.

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# Now is the time of year when the

hills resound with the agonized cries of an alarmed group of patriots who are loudly calling upon the people to march into battle in defense of their boasted liberties. It is a coincidence not worthy of special note that these same guardians of the public welfare are also candidates for public office. monly known as negroes and colored Here and there some one rushes into Here and there some one rushes into print or to the public platform merely for self-advertising purposes, but it's stir up race hatred against them. To reall in the game and it goes for what it inforce the accusation that the news-

is worth. The concern of these excited patriots is, of course, 90 per cent for themselves and 10 per cent for the public, but that is as much, perhaps, as the people have a right to expect. Somebody has to fill the offices, and it is well that the candidate should voice the alarm that he always feels during the campaign for the future of tha Here is the old, familiar republic. cry from one excited place-seeker:

I am opposed to the assembly movement because its purpose and desire is to evade the primary law, nullify its provisions and iturn the government of the state backwards into that old system from which the people struggled long to escape . I am op-posed to surrendering my pollical liberty and am therefore opposed to the assumbly and the assembly idea.

So he runs for office. But are the people to be trusted? Do they know their own mind? Are they to be allowed to express it? In what particular has the assembly evaded the primary law or attempted to avoid the full and free verdict of the people at Do not the assembly the primary? candidates go before the primary on precisely the same basis as the antiassembly candidates? How has one group of candidates an advantage before the primary over the other group? Is there the slightest differpart privately and secretly named?

# INDIANS AND FOREST FIRES.

The Indians, it is said, were wiser in methods of forest preservation than are their successors in the Pacific is when the streets are given up to Northwest. They kept the undertold it in headlines just as colossal brush in subjugation by running fires as they used for the negro. No race through it yearly and thus kept the animosity can be discovered in this

fires.

taining industry.

terly censured. The Indians' man- vance the cause of their people agement of forests was no manage- great deal faster than they can by ment at all. It was simply a let-alone sending out sentimental epistles policy; the settlers' management is marred by bad grammar and incorinfrequently mismanagement. rect spelling to say nothing of dis-The one perpetuated the wilderness; torted facts, the other subdues it. So between the two the choice is not difficult.

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GREAT BRITAIN NEED NOT WORRY. for a few years, more or less, have Great Britain is taking some of the utterances of Colonel Roosevelt en-tirely too seriously. The Colonel's demand for the fortification of the Pan- quired for the dethronement of the ama Canal is characterized by the political idol varies somewhat, but it Westminster Gazette as a "direct re- seldom outlasts a decade. Many of jection of the terms of the American the highest and British agreement of 1901 under which the neutralization of the canal is guaranteed." Admitting that it

would be reasonable for the United States to assume some military control over the canal, the British paper suggests that such a change in the agreement should be effected "through diplomatic methods and not by the repudiation of its engagements.' That is exactly the method by which the United States will secure all or

any changes or "repudiation" of its agreements. Colonel Roosevelt is very popular just now and is making nunerous statements which are hardly intended for acceptance everywhere at their face value. The American people, however, have no intention o setting up a dictatorship by which in ternational agreements can be violated or abrogated by hasty speeches made on a political tour.

AN UNWISE APPEAL. By the "Council of Upper Classmen" of Howard University in Washington City a curious circular letter has been

sent out to the press. It is printed elsewhere. Its aim is to mitigate, if possible, that animosity toward "the considerable body of American citizens comthe United States to vilify them and

papers treat the negroes with devilish malignity, the Howard University students, who themselves belong to the oppressed race, cits a number of instances on which we have pondered attentively without discovering much poison in them. One of the worst is headine from a Baltmore paper, 'Negro seizes white girl," which the olored students complain was printed

on the first page in bold letters. In ontrast with this enormity, the news that two negro heroes had rescued a white man from death was obscurely tucked away on an inside page. This regrettable. Virtue ought to be throned on the housetops, and vice oncealed in the cellar, but, alas, that not the way of the world. Crime has more news value than

self-sacrificing heroism in the ordiary course of things. Our opinion of ur fellow men is so exalted that we expect them to do deeds of high emprise, and lay down their lives for one another's benefit as often as they have a chance. Hence the account of such a deed lapses into the commonplace. Few are thrilled by it and the newspapers cannot be expected to herald it with big headlines. Crime, on the contrary, is the exception There is something so abnormal, so monstroug about it that people are al-

ways painfully excited when it occurs. Hence the news of crime is displayed with that excessive pomp of typography which justly draws down the reprobation of the young negroes at Howard University. Had a white man seized the girl and fled with her to sylvan recesses, the papers would have

teen schools out of twenty-five are POLITICAL IDOLS. in regular receipt of books. Without question further funds will be made Political idols, after knocking about available as needed. The Library invariably become common clay and Association pays salaries and expenses are rejected as unworthy of honor of management and distribution; the still less of adoration. The time reschool moneys go for books only. These books are circulated among the children, who take them to their seldom outlasts a decade. Many of these are broken before their hopes of Who can tell how far-reachhomes. ing, then, is the benefit? political preferment is

schoolchildren are the first care. realized, and their names pass into teachers are not forgotten. From history, representing failure. This the Portland Library a specially chowas true of Douglas, the little glant and one-time the idol of the South; sen set of text and reference books are at the teachers' disposition. it was true of Clay, the idol of the Needless to say that the books from Whig party, who went down to defeat the Portland Library for the children for the third time in the effort to and their teachers are no'less desirreach the Presidency; it was true of able than those catalogued in the Cass, who, after the skillful maneuv-Salem lists. Lot the good work grow. ering of years, secured the Presidential However, this library plan of reading, nomination only to be defeated at the polls by bluff old Zachary Taylor, who and passing on, delightful as it is, should not replace the buying of books for one's very own. No public came to the contest with fresh laurels won in the Mexican War; it was true library shelves have the individual the end of Van Buren, who, as idol value of one's own gifts and purof the Democratic party, swept the chases. Those scanty shelves hold country in 1836 only to be defeated friends, not books; friends who never four years later by the uncouth old grow old and lose their beauty and Westerner, William Henry Harrison; first freshness. Not once but twenty it was true of McClellan, who, banking times read, till sentences, aye pages, upon his fame as a soldier, made utter meet the eye familiarly when taken failure in his attempt to become chief from the shelf. Studied is too cold a magistrate of the Nation; it was alword: our own books are fed on till to most pitifully true of Blaine, whose forget them is impossible, for they are valiant fight for the Presidential nompart of our very lives. ination ended at length in victory in

# AS TO SAENGERFESTS.

school department as now organized

and officered received \$10,000 a few

months ago from the School Direc-

tors, to be spent in books. The money

is not yet all gone, but about seven-

the rate of about forty to a room are band and children finds the truest

conceded that she and her three elder

sisters, the unhappy Grand Duchess

Sergius, Princess Victoria of Batten

move the crops of the Northwest.

know of no help, no aid of any kind,

we will need from the East, except

perhaps that we may ask some of the

When the East wants money, it bor-

rows from the West. When the West

is hard up, it is no longer obliged to

blg crops and high prices and money

for the last crop still due from the

East, it will be difficult to bring on

Wheat shipments from Russian and

the

shipments

furnished to the public schools. This pleasure of life in visiting the home

While

sonable moods.

rayed against him at the polls. Benja-The name "saengerfest" indicates very hard times. pretty clearly the nationality of the min Harrison was called from obscurity to accomplish Blaine's subsequent singers who have gathered at San Francisco to participate in a festival defeat in the nominating convention Danubian ports for the week ending only to be himself discarded four of song. Our German fellow-citizens vesterday reached 10,160,000 bushels. years later, during which period the are not less shrewd and successful in Last week the shipments from business than are the children of the same ports were 9,960,000 bushels. No History repeats and again repeats Pilgrims, but they have time in the such weekly shipments have ever be itself and nowhere with greater fidelintervals of their vocations to study fore been recorded from Russia. The the masterpieces of music and pracity to detail than in the case of the enormous totals are so far in excess of great party gladiators of the political tice choral singing. The Scandinaprevious shipments that the American arena. The latest example of this was witnessed recently in the utter vians of Portland have their musical club, too, and the same may be said ply wheat for the shortage in the of others, but the public has not been shattering of the Bryan idol in Ne-French crop will hardly have an opinformed of any similar organization among the native-born Americans. braaka. The state that had cheered portunity. itself hoarse for him in three Presithat the Russian and Danublan crops dential campaigns, turned against Music is said to be our National him without mercy or compunction in art. Most families in comfortable cirtime that the American crop is ready. a trivial local issue, and as far as Nacumstances possess a piano and some the size of these weekly tional leadership is concerned, he is effort, more or less serious, is made seems all the more remarkable. With to teach girls to play upon that mildly the season opening with shipments av-The Roosevelt idol is still worresponsive instrument. Boys are eraging 10,000,000 bushels, it is reashiped, but for how long? It shows taught to play now and then, but not sonable to expect much larger shipas yet but few signs of crumbling, commonly. Neither do girls learn the ments later in the season, especially but if the testimony of history counts art well enough to make it worth if prices are maintained at their pres for anything, the time for its overwhile in the majority of cases, and ent high level. throw is fixed, though not yet dethose who do master the piano usuallared. Either this, say the saplent ly give up their music when they marry. All this seems to indicate that interpreters of political signs and trans-Atlantic trade, despite their omens, or the America Republic will our love of music stops with what sharp competition in building big pass into a limited monarchy with Roosevelt as constitutional ruler. We money can buy, which is a long way steamers, do not seem to be much short of the heart. ahead of the trade even with

In that charming book, "Little latest creations. The passenger traf-Rivers," Henry Van Dyke tells of a fic has reached such great proportions village he visited in the Tyrol where that the Lusitania, the largest steamer a local musical genius unknown to afloat, arrived at New York Friday One of the popular acts of the Legthe outer world had organized the with every stateroom on board taken, alature of 1905 was the passage of young people of the place into a musiand an overflow of cabin passengers the library commission act and cal club which rendered the songs of who were obliged to seek quarters in school library law. During the five the good composers with faultless the stoerage. The Lusitania has acyears, full trial has been made of the beauty. Such things are not rare in commodations for 900 cabin passensystem then started and the progress all parts of Europe. They show per-haps that some European peasants been booked up to capacity. The ingers and on every trip this season has made is of general interest. Nearly all the counties in the state availed have a more adequate conception of crease in business seems to be keeping themselves of the beneficent proviwhat life is than some Americans of pace with the increase in the size of sions, both for school libraries, and the steamers. By the time the White high social rank. for traveling libraries in rural com-

A peasant who enjoys Heine's songs Star line's thousand-foot vessel is munities, and towns and villages too set to Schumann's notes gets more ready for service, the height of the small, or not advanced enough, to out of his earthly pilgrimage than the season will undobutedly show the same support public libraries of their own. man does who gives all his time to shortage of accommodations that is The school libraries are in active opmaking money. It ought not to renow in evidence. eration, supplied by the State Comquire all there is in the American man special tax of 10 cents for each child of achool age. The vital question is as to whether the hole whether the back of a special was claim to be a s

Who fifty years ago, or forty or

THE MAPLE AT THE GATE.

BY SAM L. SIMPSON.

of her childhood-the simple palace Like a goddess in sorrow dishevelled. in which she was born and where her October sits grieving alone By the rivers where beauty has revmother lived and died in Darmstadt.

She is more to be pitied than envied, this wife of the autocrat of Rus-In the odorous days that are gone; sia and mother of a menaced and numerous progeny. But it is generally

fillet of scarlet leaves lonely Surrounds the ambrosial hair That is flowing upon her profusely And crowns her all womanly fair.

The scent of dead leaves and dead berg and Princess Henry of Prussia, ruses.

are the most talented and accom-Yet lingers where rapture was born, plished of all the grand-daughters of But a mystical whisper imposes A silence so deep and forlorn; Queen Victoria. Her face in its selfabnegation and repose is that of a For the music is done, and the dancers Have gone their mysterious ways to weep or to sleep, but no answer run and discredits the silly reports of

her ungovernable temper and unrea-Return to the last that delays.

The hearts that have swelled in soft James B. Forgan, the Chicago laces, Like waves in a blossom of foam.

banker, who seldom views the financlal situation through blue glasses, is he love-molton lips and fair faces. All gone where the pale Summers out with an interview in which he says that "the West will not need to call

roam; And the rustling of robes, and wan on the East for money with which to shimmer

of tresses unbound in the sun. Ake memories, fainter and dimmer, Ramind us the revol is done.

Eastern banks to pay us what they owe us." No small share of the un-And we envy the doom of the flowers That sighed a good-night ere they

slept; Their Summer was richer than ours, easiness that the East his displayed over Western financial conditions in Yet they have not lingered and wept; the past has been due to the fear that the West might call on the East

They lie among grasses and briars. Unheeding the joys that have fied. And the night winds, responding like for money which it owed the West. friars. Chant over the beautiful dead.

borrow; it merely asks some of its Here sadly at evening I pender By the maple that leans o'er the creditors in the East to pay up what they owe. So long as the West has

When the sun rests its shield over yonder

A-weary of empire and state;

For the maple is solemnly glowing, A glory of funeral fire. And the sibyline Autumn is throwing

Red stains on the sacred attire. What troths have been plighted, I won-

In the flickering shade of her bower? What hearts that have wandered asunder

Met here for a passionate hour? What rosy caresses, what kisses Of lips that were wreathed with

flame speculators who had expected to sup-When the stars from their blue wil-

dernesses Looked down without shadow of When it is remembered blame!

But the birds that once sung as they come on the market about the same braided

Soft nets in these tapestried halls Are gone with the days that have faded As her coronal withers and falls,

The loves were requited, or broken, The romance has grown weary and

And the falling dead leaf is a token That life is unlovely and cold.

While the loves of us all are thus

falling And wild o'er the billowy world, We listen for fate's muffled calling And drift with our sails darkly furled: Steamship companies engaged in

s we carry our dead as we wander, And dream of a lovelier shore, As we

While many the tears that we squan

Yet know not the loss we deplore.

Illumined and tinted each page! But the maple has lent us her story: And Winter may come, chill and houry, And trample her wreath in his rage. But we, that have read it discreetly Have come to be wise in our grief, or our tremulous spirits take sweetly

the lore of the orimsoning leaf. For the leaves, ere they wither, must

nourish The buds that shall banner the May, And the rootlets will strengthen and flourish

In the generous mould of decay, and so, with relentless endeavor,

Yet nearer and nearer the stars, The soul builds its kingdom forever In the dust of its woes and its wars,

THE HOBBLED ONE.

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convention, only to meet defeat by a

small margin which accident ar-

death of Blaine occurred.

down and out.

shall see.

on their one day of the year, to patriotic speeches and to rational sports. But what Sunday is Labor Sunday? That name has been given by the delegates of the American Federation of Labor at Toronto, at their recent gathering there, to the Sunday immediately before Labor day. The name is to mark a fresh step forward in an alliance between organized labor and the Christian church, long hoped for, but only now taking visible form.

For long time there has been steady growth in problems of life and morals, increasing with every development of modern industry, while a dividing line between the working clusses, so called, and the church, sometimes called organized Christian ity, has widened and deepened, until many on both sides believe it to be impassable. Were this true it would not only a National calamity, but a reproach, for organized labor claims to embody the same principle and practice of right and wrong, the same code of morals and of sympathy with man on which the church is founded. The church excludes from herself, in theory, no class, whether counted by millions or by units. But estrangement, well nigh absolute division there is-plain and indisputable, and the gulf has grown. Whether really true or not, wageearners have felt themselves uninvited, almost unwelcome, in the churches. Certainly little heed has been paid to their special troubles or to any aid to be gained from organized religion for their relief.

In all great spiritual movements the advance from individual conviction to open and associated action is alow. The soil has to be prepared as well as the seed sown. So in this vital question of our day. In quite recent years the eyes of many of the leaders of the unions have opened to a sure conviction that they and theirs would greatly gain if the othics of the Christian faith could be made necessary terms in the never-ending argument between capital and labor on questions ever pressing for solution but never solved. From the other side the leaders of the church have been groping in dim light to find how the door of entrance to the churches could be opened wide to the multitudes of weary workers.

the recently-formed Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America had done nothing else but advance this great question towards a solution it would have amply justified its formation. The department of church and labor of the Presby terian Church, the Methodist Church in the platform adopted by its National body, and the Episcopal Church, had already moved, when the American Federation of Labor at its Toronto meeting proposed that organized labor join with ministers in the observance of Labor Sunday. The commission on the church and norial service had been created by the Federal Council as its agency to Ings organize and make general the efforts his control. of the churches to grapple with the wrongs tainting the social and industrial systems of our times. Grasping its opportunity, this commission rec-

forest floor clear and open. This is incident, unless perchance in the colprobably not true, since they could ored brother himself who, if he had not have burned the brush without been filled with the true spirit of igniting the trees. love, would no doubt have stolen a In point of fact, the Indians did no girl of his own complexion.

clearing of land for homes and crops. The other items which the students They had no incentive therefore to set cite from the newspapers to prove The woods formed their game that they are disposed to villfy the preserves. It was to their interest negroes, are still more trivial. They to prevent fires from running through do not prove anything except the them. Notwithstanding all this, there proneness of all papers to magnify was abundant evidence in blackened things which are likely to interest the forest trees and charred, decaying public. Had these young men taken ogs of the sweep of flames fed by counsel of some wise old professor in mighty winds throughout vast sections their university, he would have pointed of forests when the first white men out a number of ways in which they pitched their tents and began to hew might have strengthened their appeal out homes in the Northwestern woods. to the press. It certainly does not As for undergrowth, there was no help their cause to say of the Washscarcity of that in those early times. ington, D. C. Times that it "is a low as the first white men found, who dirty sheet and catering to the rabble." attempted to follow game, or other-Apart from the had grammar of this wise make their way through the sentence, of which "upper classmen" ought to be ashamed, it exhibits a

wilderness. Many, perhaps most of the forest spirit which can hardly be comfires of recent times, have followed Nor is it statesmanlike to mended. say of "the newspapers of this counthe attempt of the settler to subdue cooded areas to agriculture. Fire is try" that their methods "constantly the chief element in such subjugaappeal to the putrid passion of race The ax and the plow perform hatred. They cause rapine to break their part; but between the sturdy wielding of the first and the patient loose by nurturing rancor. They are weak-kneed and appoligizing (slc) following of the last, fire is a neceswhen the hour is bloody," and so on. sary intervention. Without it no. Would an impartial reader deduce brush land, still less no forest land, from this language that the Howard would or could ever be transformed students are themselves entirely clear into grain fields and orchards. The of the stain of race hatred? greatest care experienced in applying

The letter is too childish to be sent the match to slashings is sometimes out by representatives of a respectable futile. A sudden wind may spring college. The faculty ought to have censored it severely. Such expressions up, a vagrant breeze may shift, and the servant set to perform a necesas the following display a boyish vansary task becomes master and spreads ity which is pardonable enough in a ruin far and wide. sophomore class meeting, but not in a

document meant to mold public opin-It is possible, therefore, that the settler has been unjustly censured ion: "Fully alive to the bigness of our task, we go about it with a will and, many times when fixing the responsibility for forest fires, and it is almost withal, a cheerfulness that is amazin the nature of an insult to compare ing to many observers." We fancy him in this respect unfavorably to the determination and cheerfulness of the Indians of prehistoric times who these young men will not amaze anymade no attempt to subdue the wilbody half so much as their concelt derness in the interest of self-sus-The disagreeable fact seems to will. be that they have been coddled and The careless settler who, reckless of

pitied and praised into morbid self-conconsequences, beyond his own clear- sciousness. They look upon themselves ing, fires a slashing in midsummer as prodigies of industry and devotion and in so doing sets ablaze the woods to a great cause. Secretly they rejoice of a wide area, cannot be too gravely in heing martyrs. They glow with holy pride in the consciousness that red, nor too severely punished. But the man who, at what he conthey are victims of relentless tyranny. elves to be the proper time, calls fire In short, they exhibit many of the to his aid in clearing land for his faults of spoiled children and lapdogs crops and finds that, through unforwhich have been petted too much.

us circumstances the fire gets be-The negroes of this country are, yond his control, is not the monster upon the whole, pretty well treated. that, when forest fires are raging Nobody except a few Southern colonels round about us, we are wont to paint him. No man who has succeeded, wishes them III. Most people want to help them forward. Their achieveafter a vallant struggle, which withments are chronicled and commended in the papers. Their wrongs are properly recorded, and Texas and out the aid of fire would have been bootless, in transforming a few acres of wooded land into a commercial Arkansas are berated as they ought to be for permitting the hideous lynchorchard, is likely to censure the setther for using fire as an agency for ings which occur in their country hamlets. If a negro shows ability, he has a chance to exercise it. To be clearing land. The very best that any man can do in this endeavor is to sure, he is seldom treated as the pre-cise equal of the white man, but in choose the time for firing his slashwith judgment and prudence and time that will come whenever it is deserved. Meanwhile, if the young watch it constantly lest it escape from

men at Howard University will stop For the vagrant wind that sometimes springs up and defies his ef- their whining and attend to the pre-forts he is not responsible, though for cepts of Booker Washington, they will mmended "that each minister preach its riotous interference he is often bit- find healing for their sorrows and ad- From the Portland Library, books at withal and though devoted to her hus-

as to whether the books chosen by that State Commission suit the children, and tempt them to read. For

LIBRARIES FOR COMMON USE.

it is certain that the reading habit must grow-not be forced-and that once naturally developed it is the child's precious possession to his life's

end. The list of books issued by the Commission speaks for itself. From primary class to high schools all tastes are suited. For the little ones are, first, nursery rhymes. "The Wonder Book" for girls and boys, six nursery classics, and the like. Then for the 8-year-olds come "Short Stories of Our Shy Neighbors," "Little Mon," 'Andersen's Fairy Tales," "Scudder's Fables and Folk Stories," "Stories Mother Nature Told," "Seton's "Lobo, Rag and Vixen." and a similar long list. Volumes for the 10 to 12-yearolds are many and good. Some have not grown old in fifty years, others bear new authors' names and titles. Here are "Robinson Crusoe," the

'Swiss Family Robinson," "Black "Alice in Wonderland." Beauty." "Tales From Shakespeare," Lane's "Under Sunny Skies," 'Towards the Rising Sun," "Hero Tales From American History" and a score or two others equally good.

For big boys and girls there is shoice enough. For the practical boy the "Book of Inventions," "A B C of Electricity," "American Boy's Handybook," "Electric Toymaking," "The For the imag-Triumphs of Science." ination of the child food is provided from Cooper, Kipling, Stevenson, Scott, Alcott, Hawthorne, Dickens, Mrs. Ewing, Tom Hughes and the rest. Solid food is also set before them in abundance. But it is so temptingly edited and illustrated that a youngster is beguiled into learning. One who has grown old on books

admires and wonders at the variety and beauty of the children's books of today. There is a kind of self pity in recalling the scanty list of one' own childhood, and, perhaps, how fiction and story books generally were kept as a kind of mental candy for treats very wide apart. Surely

the education to be got from books begins at a very early age in this generation, and is sugar-coated from Czarina inherited and was trained in the very first. But, after all, where can the peo

ple's money be better spent than in carrying books for young and old to the very doors of the ranchman in foothills, the tradesman in little town, the invalid in a lonely room, the children clustering in the Winter night around the open fireplace? Books used to be a luxury. too costly for the scantily-filled pocket. Now, without cost, as a right recognized and supplied by the state itself, the business part of it managed by the best brains the state can furnish, the books go into the highways and byways. No fear that any check will stay the full development of books for the people, young

old. and While the work of the State Library Commission is distributed over the counties, the metropolis is not neglected. For this the Library As-sociation of this city is responsible, and dignity. She is a beautiful woman

happen that we are so oppressed with the machinery of life that we have so little time to live? How do the Scandinavian and the German find leisure for Saengerfests, while the American sion. can seldom spare ten minutes a day

from his business?

YOUNG MEN FOR FOREIGN TRADE. excess of last year, apply for admis-In our wider commercial field there sion to the public schools. Good times is an insistent call for an army of and bad for the last thirty years the young men. Ex-Vice-President Fairopening day has always shown an banks has been abroad seeking and increase over the previous year. finding knowledge in this field. Here is what he says: "If we are largely to increase our export trade particularly himself to the front as a reformer to the Orient, it is necessary for us to among other distinguished reformers train and send into the countries with and signing himself an "open, notorwhich we would deal bright, active, ious, and continuous so-called insurprogressive young men who will learn gent Republican." There will be no the language, habits and customs of dissent from the second adjective. the people and who will become in a degree a part of their commercial life.

tional railroad running the entire If we want a larger share, as of length of the western hemisphere may ourse we do, of the markets of Japan, not be a dream, but it will be a long orea, China, the Straits Settlements, time before you hear Ed Lyons' sta-India and so on, this is the way to get tion masters at Sixth and Irving call it. In this way-that is, through the out, "All aboard for Cape Horn!" live, well-equipped, persistent agents -our trade with the Oriental coun-

tries as well as with Mexico and the Latin-American States can be made to grow and thrive. The day of the polltician, sent out on a "job" as Consul to a foreign country, seeking an extension of our commerce with that country, should be ended. The quicker the better for our standing as producing, trading Nation in the marts of foreign commerce. Men equipped for the work, who are enthusiastic in it and who will stay by it, will be beneficial as consular agents. and it is useless to send out men of any other type.

A NUN-FACED EMPRESS.

According to a court gossip, the Czarina of Russia has a violent temper and upon occasion throws herself on the floor and kicks like a spolled child. This is stuff and nonsense. A daughter of the Princess Alice of Hesse Darmstadt, brought up in England by her grandmother, Queen Victoria, the the virtue of self-control. Naturally amiable she was known in her childhood as "Princess Sunshine" or "Sun-

the Queen of England making note repeatedly of these simple facts. That she has had much to try her patience and physical endurance and make her jealous and hysterical as charged, since she went to live in Russia, is no doubt true. In her effort to

she bore five children in about that number of years, the fifth of whom relative to widows.

ficiency in rainfall. It can't be made good too soon to suit the populace of so many daughters when a son was Oregon. so ardently desired, she grew to hate

them cordially. But she has been through all a devoted mother and a loyal wife, jealous of her prerogatives memory of John Brown, of Osawatomie, would be honored in 1910 with I cannot dance the old steps a public park, and the wild abolition danced a year ago; ist be eulogized by an ex-President of My hobble skirt would trip me And hinder me, you know. I dare not try the polka the United States? Time cools pas

Here is Julius Silvestone pushing

Ambassador Thompson's interna-

What a pity Frank Pettygrove in

1845 didn't think to give up 100 feet

for Washington street. The entire

strip that width from the City Park

to the river wasn't worth as much

then as a lot at the base of Mount

Eugene hits on something new when

t proposes to have an apple show

which shall cover the entire length of

its retail district. Oregon's choicest

worth of onions on one-eighth of an

acre, the record has a tendency to

nullify the argument that agricultural

lands of the Pacific Northwest are

Hurry up with that 3-inch de-

Only seven days more of play, and

then the school youngsters of Portland

must take up the white child's burden

canyon goes merrily on.

delightful dramatization of it.

Hood is worth now.

world.

Which once I danced with grace Unless they will revise it One week hence we shall have further evidence of Fortland's growth For half-a-foot of space. when 2000 or more school children in

I used to do the two-step And scoot across the floor, But now I stand screnely And I two-step no more I tried it just last evening My partner was surprised He asked me very gently If I was paralyzed.

I cannot do the schottische. stagger in the spurt And find myself completely Dissuaded by my skirt O, tell the band to stop it! My feet beg for a chance. Or I'll try in a minute The old St. Vitus dance

I cannot hear the music Vithout a vague regret That I no more may stalk through The stately minuet. They'll have to make new dances If they would fill the bill:

Devise a merry figure We can dance standing still. I cannot dance the old steps For fear that I will fall. In fact, since I've been hobbled

I cannot dance at all. I can't sit this out with you-Don't lift your brows or frown Because the solemn truth is

That I cannot sit down. -Chicago Post.

#### GOOD INTENTIONS.

GOOD INTENTIONS. From the land of good intentions you can look across the years. Fur above the diamal valley of distressful doubts and fears. You can see the golden future smilling in the morning sun. You can hear the din of battles that are lightly fought and won. You can see the broad road leading to the Country of Success. Winding through the pleasant meadows on the hills of Happiness. fruit will add to the attractiveness of show windows in any city in the

When a farmer across the river in Clark County, Wash., raises \$160

The present Mr. Barnes, of New Cork, is not destined to be so popular a Archibald Gunter's hero of the ame name who entertained a former eneration in a popular novel and a lelightful dramatization of it. Merely to put the vast sum so that t may easily be remembered, let's

generation in a popular novel and a

it may easily be remembered, let's throw off the odd thousands and call

it may easily be remembered, lot's throw off the odd thousands and call the building permits in Portland for August two and a half millions. It develops that Fritz Augustus Heinze has not heeded the advice of Old Man Weller to his son Samuel relative to widows.

That the Land of Good Intentions is the Desert of the Phat, -J. J. Montague.

### The Difference.

Good News. Teacher-Now do you see the dif-erence between animal instinct and uman reason?

Bright Boy-Yes'm. If we had in-Work of building the Alder-street Bright aby reason and have to study ourselves mos' blind or be a for

# held too high. York, is not destined to be so popular as Archibald Gunter's hero of the same name who entertained a former

ny," her mother's published letters to

produce an heir to the Russian throne

was the coveted prince. Heaped with reproaches by her imperial relatives, first in line of whom was her hus-band's mother, because of the birth of