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THE NEW COMMISSION CHARTER.

The citizens of Portland are to have an opportunity in November to choose between the present cumbersome and complicated system of city governernment and the simple system emodled in the proposed commission charter. The unsatisfactory, unworkable character of the present charter be no doubt of a majority in favor of however, danger that it may fall of the act. Section adoption through division of the commission forces between two or more alternative schemes, while those who oppose the change will at least be

The charter proposed by the committee of nine includes all the essen-It has also borrowed from the experience of our neighbors some additions to and improvements on the Oregon system. It is a distinctly progressive charter, without attempting to try any experimental fads on this city.

The most distinctive feature of the commission plan is adopted in the provisions for a Mayor and four other Commissioners, all sitting together as a Council, in whom is to be concentrated all the legislative and executive power now scattered among the Counthe Executive Board and various other boards. These Commissioners are all to be elected by the city at large, not by wards, and will therefore represent the whole city, not a number of fractions. Each one of them is to devote his entire time to city's business, is forbidden to grant until the election next June. interest in any concern which has dealings with the city, and is to have entire charge of one of five departments into which the city's af-

It is made worth the while of able men to seek these offices under these conditions, for the salary of the Mayor Commissioner is made \$5000 a year, and after the new plan is in full operation the term of office will be four years. The Auditor is the only other elective officer, the charter makers deciding that, as he is to keep check on the Council's acts, he should be independent of that body and should receive his mandate direct from the

At the first election under the new charter the Mayor, four other Commissioners and Auditor are to be elected, but the Mayor and two Commissioners receiving the highest vote are to serve for four years and the sioners for two years. Thereafter all terms will be four years, so that there

attention on the retiring officers and office under such a system, or, if by any mischance they should, well defined responsibility and full authority Rooseveit, 28,905; La Follette, common lot. George Haven Putnam tone of the tribal council or will prevent their shirking blame for 22,491; Taft, 20,517; total, 71,913. The does not believe that his father felt chant of the stricken brave. fined responsibility and full authority their misdeeds. The voters can recall Democratic vote was: Within or at the worst retire them at Clark, 7857; total, 17,445. the next election

cial against the willingness of another, lowing queries: competence. The commission will have in the April primary nearly 10,000 necessary for him to adopt respectable no more power than the present city more than the total Republican vote opinions. The economic motive degovernment, except the power to ap-point all subordinates subject to civil present in no other state? the revised and ripened views of many a wise man upon both politics Commission. But the power now existent will be concentrated, whereas

party divisions in municipal affairs. there be more than two candidates Taft have enough, even with all the rather shone in diplomacy and impressed the voters will express La Follette vote added?

It has since become known

The Commissioners are given power losses, if there are losses? to appoint the city treasurer, engi-

employe is to be reinstated. This added 21,000? Or Wilson the extra that imperial genius at anything like provision appears to meet all legiti- 40,000? mate criticism on the present civil

vrongful removal. There is ample provision to protect the people in their relation to public utilities. The Commissioners are given power to regulate rates, and to exact reductions in lieu of added taxes; to value corporate property; to compel full reports and to buy in public utilities at a fair valuation. Exclusive franchises are forbidden and commonuser clauses are made obligatory. Full publicity of proposed franchises is required and 2000 voters may call for a referendum on them.

Should Portland adopt the commission charter, this will be the largest city in the United States having that form of government. It has worked beneficially in smaller cities and Portland should have the courage to give

cusable abuse of the initiative in the proposal of complicated and obscure measures of miscellaneous legislation is to be found in the proposed act (No. is to be fou Medford Traffic Bureau. The capthe ballot, is:

A bill for an act fixing the percentage that freight rates on less than carload lots shall bear to carloads and to establish minimum weights and maximum freights and providing penalties for violations of the act.

It is clear enough to the voter that has been so clearly demonstrated by the measure has something to do with painful experience that there should railroad freights and weights in Orethe measure has something to do with gon. If he seeks information he will the commission system. There is, encounter a stone wall in the text of however, danger that it may fall of the act. Section one, for example,

reads as follows:
Section I. The classification ratings of freight shall bear a uniform relationship of one class to another class, and the percentage of the first class shall be 100, and the other classes shall be the following percentages of the first class:
Classes . 1 2 3 4 5 A B C D E Per Cent'gs . 100 84 70 59 50 42 35 29 24 20

tial features of the commission plan. The people of Oregon are herein together with all those provisions for asked to resolve themselves into a direct popular rule which have come body of experts and determine classi-to be known as the Oregon system. fications of freights and their intrifications of freights and their intricate relationships. It is an impos-sible proposal, on its face presumptuous and preposterous.

Are the proponents of this measure

seeking to make the Oregon system and the Oregon electorate ridiculous before the world?

THE SAME OLD GAME.

The Northwestern Electric Company has been granted a power and light franchise by the City Council, and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company sets afoot the circulation of and power concern is obvious. It would defeat the franchise if it could; but in any event it would hold up the

Here now we find one corporation employing the machinery of popular government to fight another corporation. The public be damned. The motives of the Portland Railway, be eventually successful. It cannot hold the field alone and it must soon

the larger part of a year. the identical influences that have resisted and denounced all proposals for

large blennially, instead of the swarm of officers and Councilmen we now chairman of the Oregon Republican Cabinet as president of the Board of likely to search the ancestral line for simple. The circumstance which chairman of the Oregon Republican Cabinet as president of the Board of likely to search the ancestral line for a gift that has been handed down to the public attention is concentrated at election on a few men instead of being lost among many.

Who can recall the names of the fact that the ought of course to be considered in conjunction with the fact that the members of the Executive Board, let alone the various other boards? With the members of the Executive Board, let alone the various other boards? With the members of the Executive Board, let alone the various other boards? With the members of the Executive Board, let alone the various other boards? With the members of the Executive Board, let alone the various other boards? With the members of the Executive Board, let alone the various other boards? With the members of the Executive Board, let alone the various other boards? With the members of the Executive Board, let alone the various other boards? With the members of the Executive Board, let alone the various other boards? With the members of the Executive Board, let alone the various other boards? With the members of the Executive Board, let alone the various other boards? With the members of the Executive Board, let alone the various other boards? With the members of the Executive Board, let alone the various other boards? With the members of the Executive Board, let alone the various other boards? With the members of the Executive Board and the most modest that the most modest was a lift that has been handed down a lift that has been handed down batch the most modest was left that has been handed down batch the most modest was likely to search the anecestral line for a lift that has been handed down batch the most modest was left that has been handed down batch the most modest was left that has been handed down batch the most modest was left that has been handed down batch the most modest was left that has been handed down batch the most modest was left that has been handed down batch the most modest w With has been making a profound study of almost forgot how great the man was three men to elect, it will be the returns in the recent Presidential with whom he was talking. No doubt not be traced to some romantic versi- is a society woman. His friends are for the voters to fasten their primary in Oregon, and is greatly a certain pomp is usually essential if fier of the Emeraid Isle. Jack Murphy, wealthy, tition on the retiring officers and encouraged to find that Mr. Roosevelt magnates wish to receive the homage we are told, is a full-blood Flathead sake all to weigh their merits against those of had then a considerable plurality of which is their due. Few statesmen Indian. He was born on a Montana their would-be successors. No "light- Republican votes (or rather of citi- can stand the test of familiarity. Roosevelt, 28,905; La Fo

Wilson, 9558:

That is the great merit of the comdiscussion of questions that can be velop in later years into the most ure of the tuneful viol or lute of our settled only by the official verdict in hardened conservatives have often own medieval ancestors. of checks and balances, which a cen- November; but we refer these inter- been hot radicals in their youth. We esting figures to the political prophets should not be surprised if the elder check initiative and achievement and and expert mathematicians, with a Putnam were discovered to have cherto balance the obstruction of one offi-

service rules and to remove them sub-ject to appeal to the Civil Service April over 20,000 less than the vote In those for Bryan in 1908?

now it is diffused. The people will Republican primary? If so, how his principal occupation was the col-thus be in a better position to ob- many voted for Taft? Or did these lection of material for his "Life of serve, reward and punish their public 20,000 Democrats remain at home? Columbus" and other works on Span-servants, If they remained at home, where did ish subjects, but he ran over to Lonthe surplus Republicans come from? don now and then and was made
Will Roosevelt get in November all much of by the lights of the city. Candidates for office will be nomihis 28,905? Will he get part, or most,
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determined by adding second and third choice votes will elect. The ing Taft, Roosevelt, Wilson, Debs., voters will be called on to choose men of the choice votes will be called on to choose men of the choice votes will be called on to choose men of the will save \$50,000 each. That answers one will take a medical course in London fatteringly by the Prince Consort and of the World's questions and proves and finally, after he reaches China, naturally had to make a speech in Parker to have told the truth in one he will learn the language of the because they are the best men to (Taft had 62.530; Bryan had 38,042) reply. What he said was, "I beg to particular, transact the city's business, not be- Will Wilson carry all the Bryan votes return you my most sincere thanks." It has als

may appeal direct to the Civil Service crat who entered the April primary to home.

Commission, which shall investigate if vote for Taft? Who does not know Putnam naturally became acquaint. Ker's charge.

As confirming the suspicion that one who should try to follow him in the control of th

The Oregonian is quite unable to service rules from the appointing of-ficers and to protect appointees from men who know all about it will find

the answers easy.

PACE TO PACE WITH A CRISIS. The election of a Presidenital candidate for a third term involves a parture from the historic policy of the Government, held inviolable from the beginning and preserved for more than a hundred years as a sound principle of our unwritten law. If we elect Mr. Roosevelt, we declare to the world that the apprehensions of our fathers were groundless and the repeated admonitions of our statesmen foolish.

Mr. Roosevelt is himself a reconstruction of the new theory that any him out. The next day he repeated the performance. The outcome of it was his "Eureka," which in fact construction who may have been twice was his "Eureka," which in fact constructions of the performance.

mous pledge to the people that "under ject and his essay is therefore as no circumstances" would he be a can- purely original as if nobody had ever

President Roosevelt stoutly adhered circumstances he would have rivaled to his contract with the people during the splendor of Leonardo's achievetion of the bill, as it will appear in his term of office, resisting successful ments as far as variety and perfecly the blandishments of the second tion are concerned. The country ective term boomers and the appeals only beginning to understand what a of political mercenaries,

Repeatedly after he left office he could not be. He wrote to a Pittsburg would be a "genuine calamity."

seek the office, and invented the shalnomination.

Defeated at the Republican convention for the nomination, Mr. Roosevelt is an unusually interesting work. became the candidate of his own specially organized party at a speciallyonducted convention.

If Mr. Roosevelt shall be elected to

third term, he may fairly claim a fourth term, for the country will have demonstrated to his satisfaction that the need of his services entirely overbalances all considerations of precedent, caution and experience. He will be warranted in accepting his election as a mark of the supreme National confidence in him, and in him alone; and in assuming that it was intended to place in his hands alone the Nation's authority and the Nation's welfare.

Is it safe or wise to elect Mr. Roose human being?

AN INTERESTING BIOGRAPHY.

The biography of his father which George Haven Putnam has written is an extremely entertaining book. The The elder Putnam, founder of the publishing house of which his son is the head, Light & Power Company are selfish was a man of letters, a soldier, a puband revengeful, and its tactics are lisher and a persevering traveler. In arbitrary and high-handed. It can the course of his journeys through have no hope that the referendum will Europe he met many interesting authors and statesmen who figure in the biography, among them Thackor late give way to the public demand eray. Charles Read and John Bright. He had a house in London for a time monopoly will not be disturbed for where he received some of the revowhere he received some of the revo-lutionary agitators of that day. The Here again is the logical operation time was about 1848, which is known of the free-and-easy referendum.
Some voices that are now raised in vigorous protest against the insolence used to visit his house and Napoleon of the light and power monopoly are III, who was then an exile, also came but not with Mazzini. of 1848, when the Chartist agitation safeguarding the initiative and referendum. Petition-hawking and namebuying is a game anybody can play at, even a corporation.

TAFT. WILSON OR ROOSEVELT:

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who used to meet at his London house, those days and only renounced them dissected by philosophy or science. Why was the total Republican vote when his business affairs made it

In those days Washington Irving or Bryan in 1908? was to be seen in London occasion-Did 20,000 Democrats vote in the ally. He was Minister to Spain and Columbus" and other works on Spandon now and then and was made

his true value. Like so many others of that crudely provincial period he saw Poe's addiction to liquor highly offered him by George H. Earle has magnified and overlooked the essential elements of his character. He told tion by Taft and has been the means discloses more of the narrator's limitations than it does of Poe's real nature. He came hurriedly into Putnam's office one day, half tipsy, "a condition in which much of his work was done," said the publisher conwas done," said the publisher contemptuously, and announced "in a fine frenzy" that he had made a discovery which would revolutionize the thought of the whole world. He sat down at the desk and began to write furiously. When Putnam went home for the day he was still writing and heneficially in smaller cities and to land should have the courage to give in seeking a third term.

On the night of November 8, 1994, when he had just been triumphantly re-elected to the Presidency, Mr. Roosevelt voluntarily gave out his fanothing of their writings on the sub-

> great man he was. It has been so much occupied with his grog that it declared he was not a candidate, and has forgotten all about his genius Another of Putnam's interesting newspaper editor that his nomination descriptions refers to Daniel Webster's oratory as compared with Henry Clay's. He was charmed with Clay's beautiful enunciations. His whispers nomination, if tendered, but would not could be heard farther than other men's shouts, but when it was a queslow subterfuge of the "consecutive tion of explaining a difficult point terms." His method of proving that he give him Webster. The godlike Danwas merely a receptive candidate was iel could unravel the most compli-to run all over the country after the cated difficulties without apparent effort and make a child see through the thickest millstone. The biography lights up a period of our history with which most Americans are only dis-

tantly acquainted.

The following fine poem has already good that it deserves to be reprinted see and appreciate it.

Jack Murphy, the author, is a Montana cowboy, but life on the range the same until it died of its own folly. has not put him out of favor with the Now it has been succeeded by a Muses. The sentiment of the verses is still wilder streak of mental pervertrue and tender and some of the lines sion. are pure poetry. No lyric in the lan-over petitions to invoke the referendum. The interest of the established light Would it be safe or wise to elect any sic and manly loyalty. And think of who instruct our sic and manly loyalty. And think of who instruct our youth imagine that being roped and tied with roses.

Lay on the iron; the the holds fast
And my wild record closes;
This maverick is down at last,
Just roped and tied with roses;
And one small girl's to blame for it
And yet I feel no shame for it;
Lay on the iron! I'm tame for it;
Just roped and tied with roses. loped among the wildest bands Of saddle-hating winners.

Of saddle-hating winners,
Gay colts that never felt a brand,
And scared old outlaw ainners.
The world was pasture wide to us.
The wind was rein and girth for us,
And our wild name was pride for us.
High-headed, bronco sinners!

So loose and light we raced and fought And every range we tasted. And now since I'm corrailed and caught. I know those days were wasted. From now the all-day gait for me! The trail that's hard but straight for me! Far down that trail who'll wait for me? Aye! those old days were wasted!

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In reservation. His schooling has been China for the good of its inhabitants. or grafters can sneak into zens who voted in the Republican judging of heroes we are all valets if limited to that offered by the mission the primary). Mr. Taft was third. The people to whom he is actual returns were as follows:

The people to whom he is among the most wretched bright seemed to be exempt from the forebears knew was the solemn monoward. Their religion is Mo common lot. George Haven Putnam tone of the tribal council or the death anism, which does not encourage any sympathy with the revolutionaries was there, perhaps, but not rhyme. who used to meet at his London house, Crude lyrics they were, sung to the We shall not enter into a fruitless but one never can tell. Men who de- beat of the tom-tom, not to the meas-

> "The Maverick" is not one of these. It is too far removed even to be termed a refined outgrowth, Truly. genius is yet to be pinned down and

WHERE THE FUNDS CAME FROM.

by the New York World on October They may hear from their friends once been contributed to his campaign fund by the beef trust, the paper trust. fund by the beef trust, the paper trust, the coal trust, the sugar trust, the oil trust, the tobacco trust, the steel trust, the been trust, the steel trust, the steel trust, the insurance trust, the National the insurance trust, the National trust, the steel trust, the insurance trust, the National trust of some brother missionary cause he could not get the nomination. banks and the six great railroad the visit of some brother missionary trusts. Judge Parker followed this up on October 24 by charging that the traveler may cross their threshold, trusts were supporting Roosevelt and but no other human beings will they on October 29 he said they were fur-nishing campaign funds to his oppo-Mr. Borden seems to have no

the reason appears to be political, religious or not in good faith for the

La Foliette or Roosevelt?

Where is Taft to get the extra 30,000

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of enforcing restitution of nearly \$2,000,000; and his refusal to prosecute the harvester trust.

indiscriminately as crooks and corrupt cross and follow me. For whosever men, he invites unusually searching will save his life shall lose it and

If one pair of shoes costs \$6, how many pairs can you get for \$1323 There are two ways of doing this sum in simple division. One has been used by all sensible people for a million years and will be used till the day of judgment. The other was invented by a visionary in one of his foggiest day dreams and willed to the Portland public school children for their sins. To do the sum, any person not utterly out of his wits would, of course, say "Six goes into 132 twenty-two times Hence you can get twenty-two pairs of and there the matter ends There is no more to say about it. The subject has been settled and disposed

But the faddists who lay down the law for school children thought otherwise. They devised the following puzzie, which to their vision improves matters wonderfully: "You can get as many pairs of shoes as \$132 are times \$6, or twenty-two." Now no child under the skies can understand this lingo and for a very good reason. It doesn't mean anything. What sense is there in the phrase "\$132 are times \$6?" It is a crazy man's jargon. Dollars are not times.

The pedagogical machine runs incurably to fads. Not many years ago t was overwhelmed by the marvelous discovery that "you cannot multiply by a fraction." Some unparalleled Some unparalleled genius had discovered, what every educated man had known for centuries, that multiplication by a fraction involved division by the denominator and like the cock that found a grain of corn in the dung heap he began to "chortle." Within a few months every teachers' institute in the country was chanting the chorus been printed in The Oregonian, but not that "you can't multiply by a frac-in a very conspicuous place. It is so tion." Everybody who knew a little geometry understood perfectly well here, where more readers are likely to that you can multiply by a fraction and must do it in order to compute areas, but the paean was sung just

over "division of separation and division of measuring." The sapient guides The schools have gone there is some marvelous difference between taking one-fourth of a number and dividing it by four. The fact that in order to take one-fourth you But since a friend of Senator Bourne must divide by four escapes them completely. What a pity it is that those who undertake to impart knowledge to the young have not first acquired a little for themselves.

A MILLIONAIRE MISSIONARY. It would be absurd to pooh pooh William W. Borden's resolution to become a missionary or assume that it is a whim of which he will repent in year or two. No doubt he will see moments of discouragement, as every man must who undertakes a difficult task lasting for years, but there is no reason to believe that his courage will fail. He has a sister who has long been a missionary in India and during his college days he found social work particularly to his taste. He established the Hope mission in New Haven. The property for it was bought with his money and he directed its work as long as he was a student. This Hope Mission ministers to the needs of the lowest human wrecks. Every Winter night it shelters more than a hundred miserable creatures

The circumstance which we are told, is a full-blood Flathead sake all these earthly delights and and a team of trailers can have good Indian. He was born on a Montana bury himself in a remote province of sport and produce good results by the The people to whom he is going are

Rhythm progress. Famine has been ravaging the population of late and disease has followed in its tracks. Of course the in poor creatures are fanatics of the most hopeless sort. There are no such furious bigots in the world as Mohammedans who live cut off from the world in the interior parts of Asia. Christianity to them he will probably incur serious danger. He may lose his life. His existence will be solitary in the extreme. Of course his wife will go with him and the change will be even greater for her than for his life. Roosevelt was asked ten questions be even greater for her than for him.

Mr. Borden seems to have no illu-till sions about the work he has undernent. Roosevelt did not reply till sions about the work he has under-three days before the election. Then taken. He has counted the cost and for each office, the voters will express their second choice; if more than three capdidates, their third choice, and in the latter cases a majority determined by adding second and third choice votes will elect. The made up his mind that the enterprise country. After such preparation he transact the city's business, not because they are Republicans, Democrats or members of any other party.

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was even less of an orator than Hawprimary farther from the necessary t to appoint the city treasurer, engineer, attorney and municipal judge. The Council is given power to remove 50,000 (approximately) in November these higher officers named, stating the cause in writing, and the officer than Roosevelt, with his 20,517? Will Wilson removed may make a counter-state-ment. Subordinate officers are to be appointed and removed by the Comment. Subordinate officers are to be appointed and removed by the Comment of the state of an orator than Haw the necessary throne, who was dumb whenever he they was even less of an orator than Haw the necessary throne, who was dumb whenever he could be. Preclous few of Irving's could be. Preclous few of Irving's countrymen have inherited this countrymen have inherited this in 1904 and 1906. That answers a countrymen have in the first of the kind that Jesus had in mind the steel trust's counsel, Mr. Linda-the steel trust's counse appointed and removed by the Commissioner at the head of each departmissioner at the head of each department, but subject to civil service
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absorption of the Tennessee Coal & that it has become easy to follow the Iron Company; his failure to prosecute Savior. But it is not so. It is just as the sugar trust, though the evidence difficult as it ever was. The trials have changed their form, but they are nered him by George H. Earle has have changed their form, but they are not been made the basis of prosecutor by Taft and has been the means of enforcing restitution of nearly 2,000,000; and his refusal to prosecute the harvester trust.

When a man describes his opponents him deny himself and take up his disconnected to the character of the contract of the character of the chara way to save it. The coward dies a hundred deaths in anticipation. brave man dies but once and the Christian never dies, for in his faith he crosses the river without sinking under the waters. "For," Jesus went on saying, "what is a man profited if his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" iam Borden has pondered upon these questions to good purpose. He has seen into the depths of things and to offer and he has made up his mind that the one thing worth all the rest is service.

The servant of all is the greatest of all, as Jesus told the disciples. He is greatest not only in power over circumstances, but in happiness and tope. There is no real joy in selfish pleasure. Gratification which does not flow outward to others is sterile and disappointing. It is to the man who gives that life brings the deep satisfactions. One who is always making demands never gets what he wants. In the economy of God no-body ever reaps unless he has sown with his own hand. The harvests we gather from others' toil are illusory. They count for nothing in eternity and for next to nothing in time. Borden's resolve is one among many signs that the gross falsehoods of materialism which have been leading the world astray for years are losing their spice. Men begin to see again that sensual indulgence is not the true object of existence things worth living for. The world of service has better rewards to offer and he who enters it and abides there finds a finds a treasure of happiness and peace as imperishable as the laws of

The Portland Spectator, a poor lickspittle weekly, prints an extract from the Ad Club speech of Ex-President Roosevelt, made in Oregon on September 11, lauding Senator Bourne for his labors in behalf of the Oregon system. The Spectator adds this comment:

The Spectator relies upon obscurity and littleness to escape the consequences of the hebdomadal falsehoods it prints about The Oregonian has brought the statement to The Oregonian, with request for an expla nation, we shall furnish it. The expla nation is, of course, that the Spec tator lies. The reference to Senator Bourne will be found in full on page 9 of The Oregonian, September 12 Moreover, the extract printed by the Spectator was in all likelihood taken from The Oregonian's report of the Roosevelt speech.

The cynic who said "Christianity was not a failure because it had never been tried." overlooked such preachers as Dr. Aked. He has "tried Christian. taught it, and he has persuaded others to try it. His preaching is one of the While folks may beg to get an great factors for righteousness in the modern world. His life is full of courage. He stands for all that is Christlike in thought and effort. To the gray-headed warriors who may sometimes think that victory is long delayed, Dr. Aked's glorious faith brings renewed hope. To the young he is an inspiration. To all of us he radiates the influence of a strong, valgood man and consecrated

the political spellbinder and it is good political strategy. The philippics delivered by the Colonel while he was President went unanswered largely

Tve got dyspepsia, man." and he has become so accustomed to come careless. His irascibility renders himself vulnerable to criticism sport and produce good results by the encouragement to "heckling" which they offer the Colonel's audiences.

The Colonel shines when there is no letting him orate. Their religion is Mohammed- reply to him, but not in a joint debate, Good temper, a sense of humor and readiness to concede the honesty of an opponent are requisites to success

lacks. The Medford Sun waxes indignant over the widespread canard that Roosevelt was drunk while in Port-

riends once even go so far as to declare that The only Roosevelt is a common liar.

President Taft has settled finally

entine over the garb worn by the teachers in reservation schools. It should never have been started. Perhaps it would be better to let the

the boy the mystery of birth, but to

many mothers leave their boys to find

The Democratic National Commitee needs three-guarters of a million

Succeeding houses followed suit
And killed the show with chicken fruit.

--New York Sun. tee needs three-quarters of a million to run the campaign. Also it needs votes more than money. Here is op-

portunity for patriotic endeavor. The voungest Vanderbilt has a \$50 .. 000,000 handicap up to which he must live. He will not have a fraction of the joy of life experienced by the

The McNicholas brothers demon strated the old truth that a sucker is born every minute. Everybody but Turned down the only parlor light. the sucker seems to know it.

Lotharlo Dickes has a continued than he deserves. But your midnight He spoke his love in burning phrase, rounder usually has.

And acted foolish forty ways.

Is Kellaher a standpatter? It's When he had gone Maud gave a laugh been nearly a week since he last And then turned off the dictagraph, bolted —Milwaukee Sentinel,

The Ballad of Freshmen By Dean Collins.

Attend ye well, my gentle friends
And lo, I will warble thee
How gates of Learning were opened up
For venturous Freshmen three.

The lamp of Learning can ne'er be lit

Unto the proper blazing
Within the soul of the Freshman green
Save through the art of hazing:
So, airuistic, the Sophomores
Gathered the Freshmen three: Come, gentle youths, and we will ope The gates of learning to thee."

And one they playfully bound and

gagged And laid on the railroad track And stole away—but the train went by Before they came ambling black, "Tis sad," they sighed, as the few

remains
On the lid of a box they raised-But he never could be a college man Until he was properly hazed."

And one they placed in a barrel and

From the brink of a hill with glee.
If thou survivest, thou hast the stuff
For a collage man in thee." They sent him home in a lacquered

And a note to his parents ran: 'He scarcely showeth the staying That maketh a college man."

and one, through a mill of divers stunts With wonderful nerve came out,

With wonderful nerve came out.
And soon, by means of an invalid chair,
Was able to be about:
And when he recovered reason and
speech
With humbleness he began To thank the Sophs, who had proven Fit stuff for a college man.

For the lamp of Learning can never With a blaze of the proper hue Except one proveth himself of w At the cost of a bone or two. Portland. September 28.

TOPICAL VERSE

LULIABY.

Ah, little one, you're tired of play, Note the one, you're thred of play,
Steep's fingers rest upon your brow.
Ou've been a woman all the day,
You'd be a baby now;
Oh, baby, my baby!
You'd be my baby now.

Perhaps you had forgotten me.

Because the daisles were so white,
But now you come to mother's knee
My little babe tonight; Oh, baby, my baby! My baby every night.

Tomorrow, when the sun's awake, You'll seek your flowery fields again, But night shall fall, and for my sake You'll be a baby then; Oh, baby, my bab; My little baby, then. and you'll grow big, and love will call,

Happen you'll leave me for your man, And night times when the shadows fall I'll greet as mother can; Oh, baby, my baby! But now, my little heart of May, Lie closely, sleep is on your brow You've been a woman all the day, You'd be my baby now; Oh, baby, my baby!

My little baby now. -Richard Middleton in The English

Immune, He laughed with glee, and said, said he, "I care not; no, not I. Let it go to the sky; While folks may beg to get an egg. Serene I shall be found.

"Where folk like me you'd quickly see Food prices take as fall,
For trusts so bold, with goods unsold,
Would soon begin to drawl.
They'd make a flop and rates would

Be cheap as cheap could be; to bust each wicked trust

"I do not care for food that's rare, Care not for food that's plain; Why, its mere sight upsets me quite, To taste it gives me pain. What do I eat? Some water in a pan I've got dyspepsia, man,"

-New York Press.

The World and the Egotist. Sometimes a man of lefty pose, Adopts a wise, assertive tone. Which nearly everybody knows

He never lets a chance go by To offer all his wisdom for And when he isn't saying "I debate which he conspicuously And yet the world says, "Bring him It cheers me up to hear him shout,

> "For jokes are scarce and laughs are few, Of all the jests upon the list, The best arise, 'twixt me and you,

Thanks to this man I oft relieve Dull care by laughing in my sleeve."

—Washington Star.

From the unconscious humorist.

So it is. So it is. Some people He wrote a playlet in one scene, wen go so far as to declare that And said it was nectarine:

He grew exceedingly elate The leading lady was a peach And all her lines went with a screech;

But gloomy thoughts succeeded soon— The leading man was such a prune. the fuss made by Commissioner Val- He felt forebodings of despair, So ill-assorted was the pair.

The rising catcalls made him wince-Particularly yells of "quince." Producer swore he'd bought a lemon, mother, rather than the teacher, tell And changed from "angel" into demon,

> The critics gave the play a dig And said it wasn't worth a fig.

A Good Memory. I remember, I remember
The flat where I was born;
Where bill collectors came around
From the first peep of morn.
The landlord was a funny man; He used to want his pay,

And so when I was three months old.

We had to move away.

—Pittsburg Post. Modern Maud. Maud Muller, on a Summer night

Lothario Dickes has a better wife Of wedding bells and diamond rings.