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CENTRAL AMERICA PROTESTS. The Nation generally approves the policy of securing to the United States control of routes for possible canals in competition with that at Panama, but it will not approve attainment of this end in a manner to conflict with the interests and arouse the antagonism of Central American In negotiating the treaty with Nicaragua, Secretary Bryan had this laudable end in view, but he appears to have ignored the interests and ambitions of the Central American states in his manner of going to

A manifesto addressed by the neople of Salvador to those of the United States reveals the view of our pro ceedings in Nicaragua taken by Salvador and other Central American states and sheds light on the motive of Salvador for accepting so feadily Mr. Bryan's offer to submit to a commission of inquiry all disputes be-tween the two countries and to defer hostillties or military preparations during the inquiry. Salvador considserious grievance ers she has a serious grievance against the United States and by the new treaty she has bound us not to advantage of our superior strength, but to be guided by abstract justice in its adjustment.

Salvador's complaint goes back to the beginning of the revolution which deposed Zelaya and to the action of the Taft Administration in aiding the revolutionists and in suppressing the revolution against President Adolpho Diaz. It accuses us of having, "through diplomatic intrigue and military force set up a satrapy of native hirelings for the purpose negotiating a treaty in flagrant violation of the public opinion of Nic-aragua and of the other states af-This relates to the acts of the Taft Administration and to the Dawson treaty, whereby American bankers were to lend Nicaragua \$16,-# 500,000, provided the custom-houses were placed in the hands of American Adolpho Diaz' seizure of power is called usurpation and "the fruits of dollar diplomacy." Admiral Sutherland is accused of having taken charge of Nicaraguan affairs "like a military conqueror." These proceed-

The United States is seeking a bargain in the form of a treaty with Mearagia that grants to the aforesaid power the following: The exclusive right in perpetuity to build a canal through the San Juan River and Luke of Mearagia or suress any other part of its territory that it may choose; the rental to United States, for ninety-nine years, of the Islands of Great Corn and Little Corn, in the Atlantic, and of any point it should select in the Guif of Fonsers for mayal stations; the refullers in persecus for mayal stations; the refullers in per-Nicaraguans, and other unusual privileges. In compensation for all, the State Departent, at its discretion, will pay Nicaragua

ings are explained by Salvador

these words:

The rights conceded are declared worth vastly more than \$3,000,000. The canal rights alone are said to be worth at least as much as those at Panama. But "a compensation more rational and just" is held to be the improvement by the United States of the San Juan River into Lake Nicaragua, so that the largest ships may enter the lake and use it as a harbor. This would compensate Costa Rica also, which has rights in the San Juan River recognized by the United States. The grant of canal rights in perpetuity is, however, held to be such as no government would ever think of yielding. The United States is said to have It is suggested that a coalition of nations might "decide that the opening of the Nicaraguan route was canal there. The manifesto says the for after that period "Nicaragua and

granted the same rights in American weighty water front problems waters.

States in the Gulf of Fonseca are con- ment. Nicaragua, Honduras and Salvador and has been, since Spanish times, "the exclusive domination of leading statesmen. the contiguous states" in common. others. The concession is held to vithe principle of international law "that a nation must abstain from those acts that might jeopardize the security of its neighbors." The grant stitution of Nicaragua and of its and make us some port. freaties and tacit understandings with other Central American states."

protectorate and to violate Central American states. It would be

American states, to guarantee freedom of suffrage. Revision of the treaty so that there will remain no potential or implied impairment of Nicaragua's sovereignty is asked. The United States is asked to give full value for concessions and to come to terms with Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica. We are warned that if we insist or the present treaty we shall augment distrust and animosity toward us, while, if we deal out exact justice, our flag will be loved where it is now feared and we shall hasten the com-ing of a Pan-American brotherhood.

SLOW TO DO THEIR DUTY.

On Tuesday, February 3, 130,000 vomen registered in the city of Chicago, to vote at the forthcoming February primary election, where city Aldermen alone are to be nominated. It was the first apportunity the newly lot.

On the previous Sunday a mass meeting of women was held to stimulate interest in registration. It was was presided over by Jane Addams. It is worth while to quote from the of Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout, president of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association, who addressed herself to the woman who says she is "not interested in politics." Said Mrs. Trout:

"She is interested in politics whether she knows it or not. Every woman who rides is interested in good roads.

"Every woman who walks is interested in good sidewalks.

"Every woman who works is interested in a living wage and reasonable hours of

"Every housekeeper is interested in good water, good light, and good air.
"Every woman who eats is interested in pure food and the high cost of living, or the cost of high living, whichever way you

woman who has children is interested in good schools, or if she isn't she ought to be. And if she has no children of her own, she should be interested in other people's children.
"Every woman with a spark of humanity in her heart must be interested and must want to annihilate the white slave traffic that is sending thousands of young girls and men every year into corrupted and dishonored graves."

In Portland 4000 women have so and required to vote, if they do their duty as citizens.

WE SHOULD GIVE THANKS.

It is almost a matter for regret that Thanksgiving falls on a day so late in the year. About this season every oi-annium when election looms in the distance we have so much more to be thankful for; there are so many unselfish efforts begun to promote the

welfare of the common people. Regularly Joseph Fels, of Philadelphia, elects himself savior of a benighted people and contributes liberally from his hard-earned wealth that we may all be assured the delight of an economic heaven. Now to add to our already overflowing cup of gratitude another Great Leader promises to devote wealth and talent to pointing the way out of the hardships we have brought upon ourselves in our own ignorance and dense stupidity. Our new Guide is William Randolph Hearst. Truly we have much to

thankful for. It appears that Portland is only "a way station between San Francisco gate the matter."

what to do. It is very simple. Portland can be made a "regnant eaport" by wiping out private

Court the water front at present is tional restraints" and says: subject to municipal regulation. Rates and service and type of improvements can be controlled by We have all the essenthe public. tials of public ownership except the actual title to the land and the privilege of spending the taxpayers' money on it. But the people do love bond They enjoy spending the taxissues. payers' dollars. Grumbling over high taxes is merely a new way of passing the time of day. They who are in-"proclaimed the doctrine that no nation has the right to monopolize fortion has the right to monopolize forare only joking. What would we not elected precisely for that purpose and are only joking. What would we not elected precisely for that purpose and who go back into their districts and name? Promise of assistance in this land-

world necessity, while the United able enterprise is given in a special of not over fifty years on the route, purely unselfish motives on the part found signed article; by and flattering States of Central America"- may be pictures of local patriots. Dan Kelable to dig the canal themselves and laher-Common User Dan, whose pro-"exclusion from this opportunity found sympathy for the down-trodden would be an atrocious injustice and a impelled him to hold up by referendenial of their sovereignty." The proposed grant to Americans of gas, electric or streetcar rates-Comequal rights with the Nicaraguan mer- mon User Dan contributes wordly. chant marine in Nicaraguan waters is Also "Dr" John Brownlow Ziegler, held unjust unless Nicaraguans are who divides his time between solving Portland and working as a druggist The rights conceded to the United in nearby towns, supplies pithy argu-tates in the Gulf of Fonseca are condemned as contrary to international Frederick Mulkey sid in producing law, as that gulf washes the shores of the public demand after notice of which it, of course, was easy enough to gain the signed approval of our

"Dr." Zlegler, it appears, has Hence no one of these states can part drafted a bill that will wipe out all the with its rights without congent of the private titles, and Senator Lane will introduce it in Congress. Mr. Mulkey has devised an initiative bill designed to recover for the public the unused portion of the water front, valued at The grant \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000. Both will of a naval station on the gulf is pro- have the enthusiastic support of the nounced "in contravention of the con- Hearst newspapers. They will save us

But a really distressing feature of the business is disclosed. It is that The treaty is said to "nullify the a San Francisco newspaper has stolen independence and autonomy of Nica- the thunder of the Portland Journal. ragua" and to foreshadow an Ameri- While that newspaper has been aimdectorate and to violate the lessly emitting loud cries over the danger—that the pendulum, after of Washington among the split milk of water-front titles, its swinging far in one direction, may aragua from her neighbors. These But of course that need not worry greater centralization of power than sintes have been steadily working to the public. Between Mr. Hearst's was contemplated when the Constibreak off negotiations with "the spu- fort to crowd a greater proportion of the obstacles to needed reforms erument "of the people." by holding adversity seem to be parting. All we influence over Government, wellelection under the auspices of a need is a little more intelligence in meaning officials have taken short

willing to give the necessary educa-We should be thankful. tion.

THE END OF LIBERTY.

The retiring Chief Justice of the New York Court of Appeals is Edgar Cullen, a distinguished lawyer and a great Democrat. He left the bench because he had reached the age limit secause he had reached the age limit bauch, takes "a hair of the dog that seventy years. His last important bit him." Sorrowing over the young public service was to act as presiding Judge at the impeachment of Govsensational incidents of that momentous affair, Justice Cullen acquitted himself with such a calm and lofty sense of dignity and fairness that he easily dominated the entire proceeding, controlling with ease even the prejudiced anti-Sulzer members who, were bound to find Sulzer guilty at any cost.

At the recent meeting of the New enfranchised citizens of Chicago had York State Bar Association, Justice hesitating to forfeit temporary had to prepare officially for the bal- Cullen was honored with a great reception and banquet. He delivered a remarkable address on "The Decline of Personal Liberty in America." One paragraph will be of peculiar interest attended by thousands of women and in Oregon, in its interpretation of the Copperfield incident. It is:

The civil authorities did not refuse far registered in a total of 17,000. Yet law." They were not so required by there are nearly 50,000 women in law. The sole provocation of the Multnomah County qualified to vote, Governor was that the saloon owners were in control of the municipal government and had licensed the saloons to certain favorites. Governor West utterly ignored the civil law and declined to proceed against the saloons. through the courts; but he called on the militia to cure an offensive and Improper condition.

If law in the United States cannot be enforced except through the military power of uniformed soldiers, what becomes of the republic?

Or if the civil law is to be ignored, as at Copperfield, for any reason, or for no reason except that an end supposedly desirable is to be attained through the militia, what becomes of the civil power?

despise and neglect the general breakdown of all constitutional guarantees and a complete usurpation by the military power? What then becomes of the republication

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

few years have come so fast and have good and Puget Sound," but Mr. Hearst transferred our attention from one with the aid of the San Francisco subject to another with such kaleido-Examiner, the Oregon initiative and a scopic rapidity that it is well to take wise Congress, will make Portland the a general survey of the whole situa-"regnant scaport of the Columbia tion, that we may learn the general Gateway." We were quite halted and tendencies which prevail and judge Hearst newspapers began to investi- view has been made by ex-Represen-Now we know just tative Samuel W. McCall, of Massachusetts, for the New York World.

According to the Oregon Supreme breach in the "wall of our Constitu-

We have reached a point where the Na-tional Government feels itself justified by popular sentiment in leveling a Federal-edict against any acts which displease it, with but slight reference to the existence of He finds a change in the spirit of very great shock. legislators, from "men who were apt to grapple resolutely with the ques-Francisco Examiner, offered on the spirit of regulation among the people'

Through attempting too much Congress is doing its work badly and legislation is more loosely drawn than n any other great country. Mr. Mc-Call would have the balance between central and state government maintained and, "in the interest of free-dom and self-government," would solve doubts in favor of home rule He says "President Wilson should be able to do much to overcome the tendency to over-centralization," but 'political hysteria makes impossible settled public opinion," He con-

cludes: If President Wilson shall show himself able to maintain the due balance between the central Government and the states, and if he shall display the sanity and skill needed to put our politics upon a basis where it shall become chiefly an intellectual rather than an emotional occupation, he will indeed prove himself a statesman.

Mr. McCall calls attention to a real model and inspiration in a far distant swing too far in the other direction.

which render Constitutional amendment well nigh impossible, do we not by removing all restrictions, risk the loss of all those restraints which guarantee freedom to the individual? Disheartened by the inefficacy of the evil with more laws, like the drunkard who, the morning after a deman who becomes a slave to alcohol, we protect young men from the saloon, forgetting that self-protection is the essence of true manhood. Seeing the individual worker powerless to bargain on equal terms with masters of great masses of capital, do we not swing too far toward making him

a mere ward of the Nation or state? Mr. McCall does well to raise these questions in our minds and we need to look for men as public servants who will answer them fearlessly, not plause that they may gain lasting re-

FUTURE OF THE STAGE.

Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson con-Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson control components of the components tributes to the February Century the stance, authors were permitted to say short by the same amount. Today The civil authorities did not refuse about what they liked. Such men as all this has been reversed and, as far close the saloons "as required by Congreve and Wycherley worked under hardly any restrictions except that man is superior. would shock our ears.

> placently tolerate many an opinion upon marriage, divorce, crime and counted for, legislation for which both actors and authors would have been mobbed half a century ago. Forbes-Robertson loes not especially like some of these novel ideas, but he does not fly into a panic over them, as certain other critics of the stage think they must do. Any subject whatever, he believes,

The new liberty that the modern

Those who mourn over the imagdespair on Chakespeare. their front, thereby abolishing say \$800,000 as an extreme violation of the state in any former time. "There may be after bonding the city occasionally for regarded as a radical, but now is he concedes, but the whole conduct ones. several million dollars to provide branded as a conservative. He holds of the play has improved. There is not quite so bright as of yore, but they have a far more competent support. by rical Jeremiahs would say if they could see the miserable stage support edict against any acts which displease it, with but slight reference to the existence of constitutional restraints. This device of stretching the Constitution will, if it persists and is successful, put an end to all constitutional restraint, for Congress alone today," he says with grim satire, "I

us something very unlike Shake- as any of the short stories. purely unselfish motives on the part of the publishers. Therein are to be much as possible to work out his own the public to patronize the plays. The found signed article: by and flattering salvation." He says: competence he possesses. rich. To possess both blessings is the ston Forbes-Robertson. He is averse, however to blaming

the crowd for its neglect of Shake- better for them. speare. "Why should the man in the every-day speech. We must hear them

United States and the five Central Hearst and Mr. Fels are able and liberty. Impatient at restrictions their beauty is no longer popular. To or greatly liked. His stories once indraws good audiences and makes a laws we have, we seek to cure the little money for actors proves that the Hearth," by Dickens. The choice

> OUR EXPANDING BODIES. Wail as we will over the woes of the world there are some encouraging circumstances

too outstanding to be overlooked. It is acknowledged on all sides that we of this generation are a great deal more moral than our forefathers. Recent measurements have brought to light the equally cheering fact that we have bigger bodles. Dr. Minot refers to this uplifting

truth in his book on "Age, Growth and Death," In these words: "Any one can observe that the younger generation of today tends to surpass its parents in physical development." Our, superiority in this respect has been brought to light by measurements made at Yale University in 1910 compared with some made there in 1864,

they should shun decency. Dryden The reason for this is no doubt to be speaks out more freely than any mod- found in the improved living condiern author and it is well known that tions at Yale and all the other colmany of Shakespeare's expressions leges. The men exercise more than they did, live more in the open air and eat more wholesome food. Since writer enjoys pertains to ideas rather their mothers have also become more than forms of expression. We comvigorous by hygienic practices their development is readily ac-

THE BEST SHORT STORY. The New York Times has been

making a commendable effort to fix upon the best short story in the English language. It did not succeed, of course, for there is no best story, any may be fit for the stage. Everything mere than there is a most beautiful depends upon the way it is handled. rose or a greatest piece of music. courts and the authorized officers of that deal with man's happier qualities sought after by people of a pettily and exalt the virtues, but there is a critical turn, who have not the capac place as well for those which exhibit ity for genuine enjoyment of literavice. He has small faith in any official ture and art. By instituting vain censorship of the stage, holding, as comparisons among stories, pictures the great majority of sensible and ex- and songs they provide themselves perienced people do, that the public with an agreeable diversion and if is the best censor. Indeed, it is the they do not fall into the mistake of The political changes of the last only one that ever accomplishes any fancying that their conclusions have real value they probably do no particular harm. The Times followed inary decadence of the stage base the fashionable modern method of seeking information. It sent out to how the great dramatist is neglected," twenty-four authors the question they wall. "Nobody goes to see his "What do you think is the best short plays. Shakespeare means ruin for story in the English language?" Their thoroughly bewildered "until the whither we are traveling. Such a re-Hearst newspapers began to investi- view has been made by ex-Represen- ston laughs at this kind of talk. He habit and environment could make says boldly that Shakespeare draws them. To most of the authors who better audiences now than he ever did sent replies the best short stories Mr. McCall cites the rejection of before, at least since the days of seem to be those they read long ago, some \$60,000.000 worth of water years ago, because it was regarded that the plays are better acted than tion was plastic to fresh impressions. "There are no days like the old days' In yearly tax income and by there- rights doctrine and says he was then fewer stars" of the first magnitude, and no stories and songs like the old

A singular trait of the answers is funds for erecting public docks and the war with Spain and our conse-more public docks. the war with Spain and our conse-tistically done. The stars are perhaps None of the men who replied to the Times' inquiry deign to mention a solitary story by a female writer, though He wonders what some of our theat- they hit upon some peculiar choices from the pens of their own sex. One decides upon Mark Twain's "Jumping that bewildered and distracted the Frog" as the best short story in the than a bruiser out of the boy language. This little skit is really nothing but a translation from the Greek. It no more belongs to English would be the judge of what could properly am afraid that American and English literature than does the "Book of be included under the term general welfare, playsoers and critics would have a Puth" which another votes for Many playgoers and critics would have a Ruth," which another votes for Mary Roberts Rinehart casts a vote, but If all this is true it means that it goes to Edward Everett Hale, for to grapple resolutely with the ques-we are moving toward a more artis-tions before them and to exercise tic production of the Shakespearean ably this tale holds its own more ideal husbands. But where on earth we are moving toward a more artis- his "Man Without a Country," Probtheir own judgment as representatives plays. To the master himself every through patriotic sentiment than character was important. None of through literary merit. It is a good spend for the satisfaction of knowing who go back into their districts and them could be slighted without mar- story, but the lesson it teaches is so that the water front was in our own educate the people to their view," to ring the symmetry of the piece. Most much better that it has won a place men like John Allen, of Mississippi, productions of Shakespeare cut out in our National ritual of patriotism "who said that he often found it some of the speeches and all of them and nobody feels free to criticise it. easier to do wrong than to explain belittle the minor characters for the Mary Stewart Cutting thinks Kipling's States has no intention of digging a Portland Harbor edition of the San why he did right." The growth of "a sake of the star. This process gives "Without Benefit of Clergy" is as good United States should have an option streets at five cent; the copy from gives him great concern, for he wants speare's artistic concept and may par- Brown breaks the rule by voting for "to see the individual left alone as tially account for the reluctance of Dorothy Canfield's "Gift of Oblivion," published in Harper's Monthly not long ago. She might as well, or bet-Salvation." He says:

We have altogether too much government for our own good; we are being crushed under an excessive burden of legislation. The "New Freedom" looks to me very like the old slavery, when we chained and directed the individual.

The freedom of which we have made boast for a century and a quarter will disappear if we shall strip ourselves of our personal liberty and substitute for the impulse and purpose of the individual the hard and fast regulation of the state.

It is wits' that we should limit the National Government to those things which are clearly of common concern.

Through attempting too much Continued to of the state of the possesses. Shake
Through attempting too much Continued to effect a rounded production instead of a mere trajectory for the lonely star may help make Shakespeare pleasing to a larger tory for the lonely star may help make Shakespeare pleasing to a larger tory for the lonely star may help make Shakespeare pleasing to a larger tory for the lonely star may help make Shakespeare pleasing to a larger tory for the lonely star may help make Shakespeare pleasing to a larger tory for the lonely star may help make Shakespeare pleasing to a larger tory for the lonely star may help make Shakespeare pleasing to a larger tory for the lonely star may help make Shakespeare pleasing to a larger tory for the lonely star may help make Shakespeare pleasing to a larger tory for the lonely star may help make Shakespeare pleasing to a larger tory for the lonely star may help make Shakespeare pleasing to a larger tory for the lonely star may help make Shakespeare pleasing to a larger tory for the lonely star may help make Shakespeare pleasing to a larger tory for the lonely star may help make Shakespeare help shakespeare help on the first day he acted the part tory for the make Shakespeare help shakespeare help on the first day he acted the part tory for the make Shakespeare help shakespeare help so for the first day he acted the part tory for the make Shakespeare help shakespeare tory for Shake- is Elizabeth Stuart Phelps' "Madonna speare, we may infer, made him fa- of the Tubs." Upon the whole we mous, but lesser dramatists made him cannot get rid of the feeling that our women authors received rather scurv exceptional lot of men like Sir John-treatment in this election. Their male competitors showed them scant con sideration and their sisters did little The presupposition that the world

street support him?" he exclaims, and of letters really belongs to the men we are disposed to second his opinion. sticks out from almost every answer Shakespeare does not speak the lan- the Times received. Moreover there guage of our day and his thought is is an amusing disposition to stand alien to us. The Germans, who play firmly by the good old established Shakespeare more than the English, judgments, which are safe and re-have translations of the plays in their spectable. Kipling receives far more credit than he deserves. in an antiquated form, which of itself the main reason for it is the lasting destroys dramatic illusion and dimin- hypnosis of his early vogue. Most of ishes the feeling of reality. Moreover these active writers were caught in it Shakespeare is intensely aristocratic years ago and they will never free in his predilections, while the modern themselves from the obsession. Kipling man of the street is a democrat. We has done more to debase modern litall enjoy the spectacle of pomp and erature than any other man. Of course power, but we do not sympathize with Poe receives a goodly number of its point of view and we energetically votes. His "Gold Bug," "Fall of the an obstacle to the cherished design of city promotes and encourages a defi- Improved means of communication reject its dominance. Every scene of House of Usher," and so on, are the federation, for it would isolate Nicnite plan for mopping up the suds. have rendered possible and desirable Shakespeare's is feudal in feeling. The only great stories some authors ever aragua from her neighbors. These But of course that need not worry greater centralization of power than he despises. It is asking a good deal, of any flower but the rose and no therefore, of the base mechanic to sup. bird but the nightingale. Poe's greathat end.

The State Department is asked to lng taxation and Mr. Fels' tender efdanger of overdoing it? Impatient at port his plays. Those who really nees is incontestable, so much so that joy Shakespeare in our days fix their it suggests lack of thought to vote for rious Diaz government" and to use its the cost of government upon the which have been interposed by those attention exclusively upon his art, his stories in an election of this sort, influence to induct into power a gov- struggling home-maker, the clouds of private interests which had too great whether literary or dramatic. His That he is at the head goes without language and ideas have entered into saying. Bret Harte also receives the same realm as Giotto's pictures. many votes, but we cannot believe it commission of representatives of the managing our own affairs. Mr. cuts which weaken the foundations of They are inexpressibly beautiful, but is because he is still very widely read

appreciate it one must have culture, terested everybody, but do they still? historical perspective, leisure for un- Who cares for the annals of Poker selfish reflection, none of which are blat since we have acquired the cow-vouchsafed to the man in the street. boys with their chaps and revolvers? The fact that Shakespeare actually Owen Wister, prince of cowboy Owen Wister, prince of cowboy chroniclers, vote for the "Cricket on there is a great deal more culture is judicious, but it is a pity that mod-among the masses than some suppose. esty forbade him to select his own story of "Em'ly," the Wonderful Hen, which now figures as a chapter in "The Virginian." In its way this as good a story as you will find in any language. Mark Twain wrote some really exemplary short stories, though these authors do not seem to have read any of them. "The Man Who Corrupted Hadleyburg" is probably his best effort in that line. It is wonderful that none of our living au thors seem to think highly of it. One of the best stories we have seen for long time appeared in the Atlantic Monthly not long ago. It was called "Capital Punishments" and described the unavailing efforts of a conscientious father to awaken the contrition of his little daughter. This story has the invaluable quality of humor, which so few nowadays possess. ever had it. Humor is the rarest and most precious of all the literary values. Montague Glass, father of the Potash and Perlmutter brigade, ought to have received some votes, but he did not. His best stories make good reading. It is hard to find better, though Mary Kelly, who died so young, runs him a close race. Our onservative authors do not think it proper yet awhile to recognize the immigrant in literature. He has entered the sacred portal, but for some years to come he must be quietly ignored and the authors who deal with him and his dialect cannot hope for

> them justice. Quite a number of readers have offered communications to The Oregonian on Dr. Aked's sermon of last Sunday. While admitting that the views of Dr. Aked on the birth of Christ are interesting, there are reasons why The Oregonian cannot open its columns to general discussion of the subject Already more letters have been fered than space is available for, yet if only one were printed it draw out many others in reput Doctrinal controversies are invariable endless and result in a combat to religious opinions in general in which the original question at issue i finally overshadowed and never settled to anybody's salisfaction. The Oregonian must respectfully decline to print the contributions offered on the subject, because space limitations make that course the only way in which all contributors can be given the same treatment.

elegant praise just yet, but no doubt

posterity will rectify matters and do

Evidence was eaten by a local badsheck artist, thus weakening the case against him. There is the chance, however that the evidence of his infamy will lodge in the appendix where it can be duly recovered

While a single painting has been sold for \$700,000 in New York, it is one of Raphael's, which leaves intact the rule that a painter must remain dead for a few centuries before getting much for his work.

Now a Berlin experimenter an nounces a method of detecting falsehoods by the breath. Wives have been practicing that method since rum was invented

According to a London authority ook reviews often are botter literary products than the books. casionally found that to be the case to our sorrow.

When the season of plenty open dollars out of your wages, boys you will not have to depend on charity next Winter.

According to the findings of the Coroner, an Oregon City man ate him-self to death. That should serve as a stern warning to gourmands

Bob Fitzsimmons is grooming his on for a white hope. You'd think he'd try to make something more

A noted German engineer belittles the Panama Canal. At a late hour, however, there were some indications that the Canal might survive

Chicago bachelor girls have organwill the supply come from? Western jobbers oppose the bushel

as a standard of measure. You see everybody has learned just how much a bushel should be. A Pe Ell girl who married on

Alice twenty-four hours' acquaintance now wants 'a divorce. Which confirms the old adage. Another coup d'etat is feared by Huerta. In short, he fears someone

will serve him as he served Madero.

Yes, Harold, the articles of war are to be revised, but the principal articles will remain the gun and bayonet.

A Los Angeles woman has married Wonder stepfather will spare the rod?

Strange that with the many demands for Goethals, nobody ever seems to try for Teddy

Twenty poles fell on Schuyler

Almost equals the casualties at Warsaw. Competitors are going after the irug trust. Surely there is a cure for

English militants are now righting themselves. Anything for a continual rumpus.

this evil.

Man 88, bride 68, elope. Why, the groom is old enough to be her father. Turkish women go in for university educations. Exit the harem:

Soon the crack of the bat will be heard around the world. The elements have the weather man guessing again.

Our "watchful waiting" is entering on its final stages.

This is a hard season for the fans. That groundhog is surely a fraud.

Gleams Through the Mist By Denn Collins.

The Resurrection Sign.

The wind of the North may whistle keen,
And whites of the snow may fly about.

The frost may whiten the parkways green, And felcles hang on the waterspout, and Spring may appear from day to day, Angering weeks and weeks away;

But I have never a care or doubt, For I have seen On the branches lean, The pussy-willows a-peeping out.

rophets,old in the weather's ways,

May shake their heads and may read the stans. Predicting Wintry weary days Before the sun of the Springtime shines; ut I've seen signs that are more complete oys playing marbles upon the street.

And I have seen in the woods about,

On branches brown The soft, gray down Of pussy-willows a-peeping out.

What, though today the sky he stern And Winter townes his heavy locks? The fires of life in the branches lurn; The hand of Spring at the doorway knocks!

take no note what the prophets say; y message comes in another way.

For 'spite of the bonds of Winter stout. On the smooth brown bark Of the branch, I mark, Where the pussy willows are bursting out.

Seeing the rise of the "furlana" and the "maxixe" as substitutes for the Argentine importation, one is inclined to think that tangoing, after a little tangoing, will be entirely tan-gone.

One never reaches the heights of onsistency until he has achieved the habit of being consistently inconsistent.

. . . A Politician's Garden of Verses. In the campaign, till late at night, I'd work for votes by candle light: But after 'lection's rush and fit When votes are voted-I should w

The friendly voter, O indeed, I love him tenderly, And if I say so, when I need His vote, he'll vote for me.

"Sir," said the courteons office boy, a fellow showed me a centipede to ay more'n a hundred feet from head

"Impossible." "Nope," retorted the c. o. b., " se unted 'em and there was fifty on one side and-"Boy," I said, hastily, "I am very

busy. Run along and tell it to the bug

editor. . . . Passing It On, The fiercest thing on earth, I wot-Would be a baseball game between A lot of baseball scribes.

-Denver Republican. We here arise to ray Would be a drama acted by

The critics of the play.

-Youngstewn Telegram. Of all the things, the warst indeed, Surpassing all the rest, Would be a hotel managed by The loudly kicking guest

There's still another awful thing, To help you hunch of gibers, And it's a paper written by Dissutisfied subscribers.

But worse than any mentioned yet, (Great heavens, how we rue it!) Would be a child, trained up by those Who tell you how to do it -Peoria Journal.

But worse than those, than that, than all Of earth's most dire affliction Would be the weather made by those Who rall at the predictions

Nashville Banner Perhaus. All these are tough, we know, But what could worse be seen Than the stuff in print, rejected by

A funny magazine. -Judge When once they start to race up; Is how fool verses, such as these, Will fairly out the space up.

N. B .- This has got to stop somewhere, Mexican Society Notes.

From El Toro Gazette. Announcements from the fashlon enters of Mazatlan Indicate radical hanges in Spring styles for federal troops. Since the entrance of the insurrectos, it is said that very few of the best federals are wearing heads this month.

Social affairs of the present pre-Lenten season promise to be the most brilliant in many years. His Excellency President Huerta announced lately that he may even go into seclusion before Lent, owing to the exhausting whirt of social events. General Villa is planning an attractive assassination in His Excellency's honor but many believe that the guest of

honor will not be able to attend.

Letters from Peru announce that a

pleasant deposing party was held in compliment to the President at Lima, this week. It is thought that the bril-Hant and polished customs of assassination, which have made Mexico unrivalled in the social world, may be introduced there soon on a small scale. Miguel Tamale is said to have retired permanently from social activ-Ities. He departed for the zenith yesterday when a federal shell dropped into the wagon of dynamite bombs which he was bringing from the United States as favors for the cotillion which General Villa plans for next week in honor of the lifting of the embargo by Senor Wilson. Miguel did not state how long he would be out of the country, and his friends are still hoping that he may drep down almost any week-end.

If Holmes Lived in Portland. Build thee more tall skysorapers! Build thee more,
Each taller than before.

Leave the low-vaulted 14-story; Let each new building, for the city's giery Rise a notch higher, till traditions heavy Of old New York must flap Flat, and we've bucked the Weetworth build-ing off the map.

Approximate History.

45271 B. C .- Blackstone first cited as egal authority, when George Boneclub uses a hunk of it on John Thinkskull in a suit to culet title on the most productive fishing pool.

528 B. C .- Daniel called in to tostify as a hand-writing expert in 12- case of Cyrus, Inspector of Weights and Measures in Babylon, vs. Helshuzzer, accused of short weight.

1849-A. D.-Hudson Maxim inventor of effective methods of reducing to pieces, and prominent advocate of peace, born.

1889 A. D.-French Panama Canal Company gets out, so that a reg'lar ditch digger can have a chance, 1961 A. D .- Army canteens withdraw from competition with bootleggers.

1912 A. D .- United States troops ordered to the Mexican border. 1914 A. D.-United States troops still