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# BRYAN'S DIPLOMATIC POLICY.

Secretary of State Bryan, by his changes in the diplomatic service, has raised an issue which must sooner. or later be decided by public opinion. He has opened the question whether our foreign missions are to be headed by trained diplomats or by men without regard to special training, but with regard only to personal fitness and distinction and to political service to the ruling party.

The merit system was introduced by executive order under President Taft but he was not bound to appoint heads of missions by promotion, and political considerations were not entirely excluded. He sent Jacob Gould Schurman to Greece during that gentleman's vacation year as President of He consoled Henry S. Boutell for defeat in a Congressional election with the Ministry, first to Portugal and then to Switzerland, and he sent his personal friend Theodore Marburg to Belgium. None of these men had diplomatic experience and all were appointed after the merit system had been introduced into the service. Examinations for admission to the lower grades were not then, and are not now, open to all. Candidates must be designated by the President, who acts upon the indorsement of eight Senators of his own Promotion of secretaries of legation to be ministers is optional with the President, but the Secretary of State is required to keep a roster of those secretaries of the higher grades "who by reason of efficient service have demonstrated special capacity for promotion to be chiefs of mission." Mr. Taft appointed ten nerve,

adhere strictly to it. The new policy pursued by Mr. Lowry in an article in Collier's Weekly. He says that Mr. Bryan has disregarded the roster altogether; he has dismissed twenty-four chiefs of misworked their way up on efficiency erty. markings; eight entered without competitive examination, but also worked their way up; five had what Mr. U'Ren joker. The U'Ren amendment, Lowry calls "fugitive diplomatic or consular experience," but were apcounty option in taxation, professed, pointed and promoted on political in order to gain votes, to repeal a grounds rather than on efficiency, and nine had no experience and were ly political appointees. All have been replaced by men without experience. Mr. Bryan's policy is thus explained by Mr. Lowry:

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Mr. Bryan's policy is thus explained by Mr. Lowry:

The Secretary of State does not believe in the merit system or civil service promotion as a sole basis in determining fitness for diplomatic appointments to the grade of Minister and Ambassador. He does not purpose disturbing the civil service protection accorded under executive order to secretaries of legation and men in the consular service. No dismissals have been made by Mr. Bryan in the secretarial grades of the diplomatic service or in the consular force. Mr. Bryan does not feel that civil service, Mr. Bryan does not feel that civil service principles extend to Ministers and Ambassadors, and until Congress passes a law covering them into the civil service he will continue the practice he has established of appointing such men as he seem fit and as he deems qualified to these posts. He has not yet come to favor or to look with sympathy upon the idea of building up a trained and permanent diplomatic force with a permanent tenure of office such as obtains in the Army and Navy and the Federal judiciary. He regards as one of the current risks of being a Minister the like-lihood of being supplanted and let out of office when a new Administration comes into power of an opposing political faith and having other conceptions of government. Mr. Bryan believes that Ministers and Ambassadors should be in sympathy with the Administration under which they serve. He regards unfavorably the "European system" as applied to a republic like He regards unfavorably the "E pean system" as applied to a republic like this, with a government by parties.

Thus, again to quote Mr. Lowry, "the effort to build up a permanent been stopped by Mr. Bryan. As far as he could, he has undone what had

The question is now before the peorisen through merit alone and who will continue in office without regard to political changes, or by men without previous training, selected purely on the opinion of the President and Secretary of State as to their qualifleations and their fidelity and services to the ruling party. The people must judge whether it is better to quire medical attention. Only 62 perencourage ambition and devotion to the public service by opening to subordinates the door of promotion to the highest diplomatic posts or to say every fifteen the driver of the autoin effect to these subordinates: "Thus far shall you rise and no father," Mr. to give any aid to the victim and conflict as to foreign policy and that, the society notes 162 such cases, or for this reason, the man who has about three every week. served one Admiristration as bassador or Minister cannot faithfully serve a succeeding Administration of of no consequence. naught the example of older nations. He does not consider diplomacy a profession, but views it as an occupation into which a man can jump without fear of discredit to himself or disaster to the Nation he represents.

The one thing needful in our foreign policy is continuity. Without it slightest chance of speeding over the the dealings of foreign nations with an American Administration will albe colored by the possibility that a change of the ruling party may bring a change of policy as to the safe hands it is a menace. But the matter they have in h nd. Party differences on foreign policy give other nations an interest in our domestic political controversies which is not conducive to our National security The highest patriotism demands that. when we, as a Nation, are dealing with other nations we should speak and act as a unit, hot only in war, but in those more frequent contro versies which arise in times of peace. As contributing greatly to attainment of this ideal it is desirable that our envoys be chosen by merit from It goes beyond the Wisconsin law by and Rembrandts, but nobody to paint every portion of such county. A pec-

### WORKING SMOOTHLY.

When Commissioner Daly presented Power Company, thus needlessly duplicating the work of the State Railroad Commission, Mayor Albee indulged in these highly moral observa-

"I look a this proposition in another light "I look a this proposition in another light. At recent meetings I have urged the people to have faith in public officials and I believe we should have faith in the Railroad Commissioners. The minute we find that they will not work with us we can do something else They are appointed to serve for the purpose of rate adjustments. That is their function the same as the City Commission's function is to govern the city."

have faith in public officials, Mayor Albee on the following day joined with the other Commissioners in endorsing Commissioner Daly's "expert" PORTLAND, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1914 project, the sum being fixed at \$5000. The Mayor had lost interest in pro-moting public confidence in the State Railroad Commission.

On the same day (Friday) Commissioner Daly put over his other hobby -a water meter in every house. for 5000 meters, which will cost, including installation, about \$11 each, item \$55,000. When Commissioner block. Daly gets through revolutionizing the and it offers no complications. As water department, by putting in 40,- between the Market block and any 000 more meters, he will have in-vested about \$500,000 in this useless question as to the decision of the pub-

and foelish plan. On the same day (Friday) the City Commission, through a majority (Albee, Daly, Bigelow) decided on an East Side site for the auditorium, though Commissioner Daly had on the previous day expressed himself in trouble for himself last Spring and favor of the market block as a site. Summer by a warning to American countries trail along as follows:

The "gentlemen's agreement" in girls who go to Europe to study music. The triumvirate that now runs the City Commission is in fine working trip abroad was unnecessary because

THE FALSEHOOD AND THE JOKER. On the back of a circular issued by the Homes Tax Exemption League, W. S. U'Ren, president, this circular carrying on the reverse side the text of the proposed \$1500 exemption, is the statement that the rich man's automobiles are now exempt from

It is hardly to be expected that the influences which put the poll tax fraud across in the 1910 election would confine themselves to statements of fact. Yet the assertion about automobiles is so preposterous that one must acknowledge that the "League" abundant possesses an

Every automobile in Oregon, unless it has been sequestered from the assessor, is taxed, and in addition pays Bryan is described by Edward G, the state a license tax. That not many automobiles have escaped the tax rolls is indicated by the public records of Multnomah County. In this county approximately 8000 autosion and has not disturbed seven. Of mobiles are listed and every one of those dismissed, two entered the serv- the cars will pay a direct tax at the competitive examination and rate that is levied against real prop-

Also the tax exemption measure contains the usually to be expected poll tax when the poll tax of \$1 per head had already been repealed and the road head tax was unenforceable. Likewise the new U'Ren bill, to gain votes, purports to exempt household furniture with other personal property

six persons per Sunday, if the statissystem and the beginning made has disasters are to be credited to Sunday her technical education much by doing than any other day. There is nothing about the rest day, of course, that yields this shocking result. If she can afford it. ple whether they wish to be served or in some other quiet occupation, respects we have a decided advantage abroad by trained diplomats who have Sunday could not be marred by so over Europe in musical matters. We biling by large numbers of people.

killed or injured sufficiently to resons were arrested following these accidents, or about one in every twentymobile ran away without attempting without making his identity known.

The automobile is ordinarily not to blame for these fatalities, but the authe victims who were riding in automobiles, and who were themselves killed or injured by collision, or other similar accident.

The number of automobilists killed by trains in attempting to cross railroad tracks is astonishing. strange that anyone should take the rails unless he knows the way is clear The automobile is a mighty contri-bution to commerce and to recreation.

In safe hands it is invaluable; in unautomobilists themselves know that there must be regulation, and their organizations everywhere-such as the Portland Automobile Club-are making proper and well-directed effort to punish the speeder and make travel safe to the rider and the pedestrian.

New Jersey has met the objections o laws for eugenic marriage, that hiring the best playing ability in they discriminate between the sexes In requiring medical examination, by rear any such ability at home. We making its law apply to both sexes.

satisfactory parentage. erty of the Portland Railway, Light & of degenerate children will not be dewell-meant laws is that they produce results opposite to those intended.

LET THE PUBLIC DECIDE. If any J. Rufus Wallingford should onceive a great auditorium project moters.

to do with a large public enterprise, time and slush. supported by public funds, what no private investor in his rational moments would dream of doing. It is no wonder there is general

talk of a referendum. There should was authorized to advertise for bids be a referendum, unless the City Obviously the location upon which It is the property of the city

### MUSICAL AMERICA.

John C. Freund, the editor of "Musical America," stirred up a peck of previous day expressed himself in trouble for himself last Spring and City Commission is in fine working trip abroad was unnecessary because 13.3; Spain, 10.2; Italy, 8.6; Russian struction, just as yearly installments be seen that the doctrine of Karma country as they can find anywhere. Russia, .8. But in case they were determined to go, Mr. Freund urged them to take hope of getting through by lucky ac-"musical atmosphere" and musical education, when they can do just as them. well or better at home? Coming from a source so important as Mr. Freund, this advice naturally caused a commotion in the European musical centers. Berlin was particularly excited. That capital draws several million dollars a year from American travelers and students. If Mr. Freund's counsels should be heeded, there would be a considerable lapse in its annual revenues.

So the boarding-house keepers of Berlin combined with the musical fra-ternity to make things unpleasant for They induced the American Ambassador's wife to preside over a great protest meeting where Mr. Freund's "slander" was vigorously repelled and "the honor" of American girls who go abroad to study was gallantly defended. It will be observed that the commotion was strictly financial. The editor of "Musical America" had not whispered a syllable against the honor of our girls. He had merely given them a sensible and timely warning about certain perils which we all know are very real indeed. But anything to keep business going. Of course the Berlin music teachers and pension people may perhaps not care what becomes of the American girls who patronize them, provided that their fees and board bills are promptly paid. Mr. Freund, on the other hand, is deeply concerned for the welfare of American music 302 persons in New York City last and musicians. He believes that year, an increase of ninety over the musical affairs are, upon the whole, previous year. In the same period more prosperous here than in Europe, and gives some interesting reasons for

his faith. One of them is, of course, the fact that our schools of music are giving quite as good instruction as can be obtraffic. These startling facts are tained abroad and often better. There are fakers in this country, Mr. Freund concedes, but so there are in Europe, and we possess our full proportion of musical instructors as honest and commobile accidents in a single city! Or petent as there are in the world. Even admitting all this, however, it does not tics are to be estimated on a basis necessarily follow that an American more nearly in accord with the facts; girl acts unwisely to go abroad for for it is true that more automobile study. While she may not improve so, she may broaden and deepen he culture, which is well worth while if But Mr. Freund the day were to be spent in church goes farther and holds that in many many fatalities. The reason is, of produce the great operas better and course, that Sunday is everywhere give more of them. "Parsifal," for given up to the pleasures of automo- example, was recently presented both in New York and Berlin. In his opin-The report further shows that in ion New York did it by far the better. New York City in 1913 there were There are no operatic performances in 1485 victims of automobiles, either Europe to compare with those regularly given at the Metropolitan Opera-The only opera in France is at Paris, and there the opposition to German music is always more or less vigorous. Only lately the director announced that he would produce no more German opera. In America such provincialism would be unthinkable. We choose the best from all countries parties are in radical and permanent in New York during the past year without prejudice. In Italy the opera season is short and very few works are produced. Such as are performed are usually chosen from the national rep-ertory. For us the repertories of all tomobile driver is. It is probably the nations lie open. Mr. Freund boldly the other party. He appears to regard fact also that the number of pedes- says that there are dezens of sym- principally in the interests of the City experience and training in diplomacy trians run down was far fewer than phony orchestras in this country better than one can find anywhere in Europe. Moreover, we pay higher prices for performers and therefore attract the best men to be found in every degree of perfection equaled no-

where else. All this is extremely flattering to our National pride. To be able to pay better prices than the Europeans can afford and thereby obtain possession of heir pictures, their violin players and their prima donnas is wonderfully delightful, but there is another side to it not quite so agreeable to reflect the Europeans, perhaps, but we cannot compose them nearly so well. When we want anything really brilliant, we must go to Germany, France or Russia to get it. Money, it seems, will buy everything but genlus. We can form magnificent orchestras by France and Germany, but we do not

The Dreymian | among trained men and remain undisturbed through political changes, as are officers of the Army and Navy.

| Among trained men and remain undisturbed through political changes, taken not only of specific diseases which may be transmitted to conjugal military situation in ancient Carthage. Thus we are destined to be born in partner or to offspring, but also of partner or to offspring, but also of the Army and Navy.

| Among trained men and remain undisturbed through political changes, as Mr. Freund depicts it resembles the military situation in ancient Carthage. Baker is a land of wonders, rich in partner or to offspring, but also of the Army and Navy.

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| Among trained men and remain undisturbed through political changes. The partner of the Army and Navy. The partner of the Army chronic infirmities, deformities and among her own citizens, but she had what not which may militate against what not which may militate against satisfactory parentage. But will not The plan worked admirably as long as mineral resources surpass those of us has been born the plan worked admirably as long as mineral resources surpass those of us has been born the plan worked admirably as long as mineral resources surpass those of us has been born the plan worked admirably as long as mineral resources surpass those of us has been born the plan worked admirably as long as mineral resources surpass those of us has been born the plan worked admirably as long as mineral resources are plant to the plant worked admirably as long as mineral resources are plant to the plan to the City Committion for action on the expense of examination tend to she had no foes but barbarians, but other Oregon county; more money is innumerable times already. No human Thursday his pet plan of appropriating \$7500 of the taxpayers' money to hire an "expert" to appraise the prophire and the result that the number of the Portland Pollway Light & conducting her art upon the same well up with the highest in the state; creased? The difficulty about many principle as Carthage did her wars. We buy everything and pride our-

> to pay for it. All this looks dazzling community could ask for. on paper. As Mr. Freund describes the situation, he makes us out to be music, he assures us, we have gone as for Portland, and should solicit stock far as our Rockefellers and Carnegies subscriptions from a more or less in- have in finance. Of course success has hold their own; united Baker ought to site would be in the immediate vicin-both cases. All that money can do we ity of East Ninth and Clackamas have done. Our musical expenditures people really and truly prosperous. As an incentive to the public to streets, more than a mile from the run up to some \$600,000,000 a year, civic center, across a great river, he which is two or three times as much would not get a dollar, except possi- as Germany uses for that purpose. The bly from interested real estate pro- only difference in results seems to be that while Germany gets Wagners and Yet the City Commission proposes Beethovens for her money, we get rag-

# NOBEL PRIZE-WINNERS.

awards by countries have been: question as to the decision of the pub-

go, Mr. Freund urged them to take century ago, the United States could tion of reclamation bonds in general. been worked out and every retribution along a mother or some other pro- have claimed credit for Fulton, the inalong a mother or some other pro-tector, and especially to provide ventor of the steamboat; Morse, the themselves with ample funds. The hope of setting through by lucky achope of getting through by lucky ac-hope of getting through by lucky ac-cidents, he warned them, was illusory Walter Reed, discoverer of the causes other amount. By the issue of bonds cannot see why the whole world and dangerous, citing instances of of yellow fever. Either the period secured by the reclaimed land itself should not adopt it. "young girls who had been stripped of during which prizes have been award- and redeemable with payments into everything, their money, their honor, ed is too short for fair judgment or the reclamation fund, the arid land their very belief in God," while studying in European cities. Why should
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## OUTLOOK FOR FRUIT INDUSTRIES.

On another page of The Oregonian here may be found an article dealing with the fruit industries of Oregon as viewed from the standpoint of Mr. H. B. Miller, a gentleman as widely and favorably known as any man in the West. Mr. Miller has had pecuiar and appropriate training as something of an authority on the fruit industries of Oregon. He has been a grower of fruits in this state for more than a quarter of a century; he has pense for long neglect. studied at close range the fruit industries of the Orient, where his position gave him the best of advantages for such work; for a number of years was the president of the State Horticultural Society of Oregon; he also served as president of the Board of Regents of the Oregon Agricultural

College. For the last four or five years Mr. Miller has been engaged in developing a large orchard tract near Sheridan, but the actual field work has state as thoroughly, perhaps, as any other man has ever gone in any section of the country.

Mr. Miller believes the marketing of products can only be accomplished in a way to insure the greatest success to the industry by co-operation among the growers in establishing plants to take full charge of all of the various fruits and vegetables that members may produce. further co-operation must step in and combine these plants or associations nto one great central selling agency to be located at Portland. This should be the clearing-house for the entire fruit industry of the state. It should have ample warehouse and cold storage space, good dock and railway facilities and sufficient capital to make such advances as the growers or con-

ignors might require. Another end to be accomplished by ntelligent co-operation is the knowledge it will confer on newcomers as to the varieties of fruit trees and berry oushes to plant. In a neighborhood where all of the growers were producing loganberries it perhaps means failure for a person to be the sole producer of raspberries. Heretofore newcomers have had to guess what o plant-and they often guess wrong. The lack of such facilities now is hampering the fruit industries of the state very heavily. If some plan cannot be formulated for relief our growers will far from reach the suc-

The County Court of Baker County makes an annual appropriation for the support of the Baker County Com-

mercial Club, of which Mr. Walter E. Meacham is the secretary. There has ecently been some opposition to such appropriation, coming largely from the farmers of the county. This opposition came about principally because the farmers as a rule did not understand the workings of the club, claiming it was an organization operated

Lately some of the foremost farmers In Baker County have gone more thoroughly into the matter and it has developed, at least to the satisfaction of country, so that our orchstras present a good many of them, that this idea was erroneous and that in reality the club was laboring for the upbuilding of the county as a whole. This feeling has been intensified very recently by several get-together meetings held in various parts of the county, the more recent being a dinner given to about 200 of the residents in Baker.

At this meeting some of the farm-We produce operas better than they perhaps voiced the general feeling throughout the agricultural communities and the smaller towns when they expressed their opinions that the Commercial Club was not only doing good work, but that the appropriation for its maintenance should creased rather than diminished or opped off altogether.

It is a splendid thing for the people of a county to stand together shoulder have millions to spend for Raphaels to shoulder for the upbuilding of

the agricultural products are enough to make any county rich. Baker Counselves enormously because we are able ty has about all the good things any

the artistic leaders of the world. In stay-together partnership between the whole people of good old Baker. vided they might not much more than terested public o.. the basis that the been achieved by similar methods in be one of the banner counties of the ciple of Karma is at work, they tell

> RECLAMATION CAN PAY ITS WAY. Allotment by Secretary Lane of all

Ger- pleted and settled, the Government return to earth and begin to square many, 18; France, 13; England, 6; can gauge with reasonable accuracy his accounts. So he proceeds from Sweden, 4; Holland, 3; Italy, 3; Spain, at what annual rate the money ex-2, and Norway, Denmark, Switzerland, pended will return to the fund. It each time he departs from this world Belgium, Russian Poland, Russia and can therefore judge how large an isthe United States, 1 apiece. Taking sue of bonds or certificates could be against him than there was before. the ratio to a theoretical 100,000,000 redeemed from this source by serial population as a basis, this puts Sweden payment without encroaching on the in the lead with 71.9, Holland next with 50.5, Norway third with 41.8, the completion of each project can held by Pythagoras and many other than the project can held by Pythagoras and many other than the project can held by Pythagoras and many other than the project can held by Pythagoras and many other than the project can held by Pythagoras and many other than the project can held by Pythagoras and many other than the project can held by Pythagoras and many other than the project can held by Pythagoras and many other than the project can held by Pythagoras and payment without encroaching on the project can held by Pythagoras and payment without encroaching on the project can held by Pythagoras and payment without encroaching on the project can held by Pythagoras and payment without encroaching on the project can held by Pythagoras and payment without encroaching on the project can held by Pythagoras and payment without encroaching on the project can held by Pythagoras and payment without encroaching on the project can held by Pythagoras and payment without encroaching on the project can held by Pythagoras and payment without encroaching on the project can held by Pythagoras and payment without encroaching on the project can be pr we have just as good teachers in this Poland, 8.0; the United States, 1.1; on street improvement bonds are ap- looks toward the establishment of plied, or the receipts can be thrown Had the Nobel fund been created a into a common fund for the redemp-

which recognition is secured among With due care, the operation could it correct," asks one correspondent be so engineered and financed that, when the last payment on the last be completed without ultimate expenditure of a dollar by the Government.

As Oregon has contributed far more to the reclamation fund than it has received, equity demands that Oregon projects have first consideration under this plan until all meritorious tion with the parcel post. projects In this state have been carried out. Oregon is entitled to recom-

# THE THEOSOPHICAL PATH.

guished British statesman seems to grower and consumer, have believed in something like the doctrine of purgatory. He says that "the Christian dead are in a progressive state," and adds that their sins 'will have to be effaced by a process been done by his son, Kenneth. This of discipline." He ventures to believe has given Mr. Miller time to go into also that while the results of the disthe study of fruit conditions in the cipline will be happy, we are by no the future state of the Mahommedans, votes. Buddhists and Mormons to considerable doubt, but it leaves no gap in our knowledge of what is likely to happen o Christians. They are to be purified by a disciplinary process "between death and the resurrection." If this is not exactly the theory of purgatory as it is taught in some of the churches the difference is inappreciable. chimes in very well also with the be- little chill we've had lately.

lief of the theosophists. His notion of a disciplinary interval etween death and the resurrection is easonable in itself, and it is supported There should be no need for enforce by the concurrence of innumerable ing such a sentiment. Christian 'theologians. It seems incredible that even the most righteous souls should be deemed fit to pass at once from the turbidity of earthly life to the immaculate serenity of heaven. Must there not be an interval for selfexamination and repentance? It is safe to assume that the best of us carry some stain of sin with us when we depart from this world. Of course dipper. there is a theory that all such stains are instantaneously obliterated at the them? Gladstone thought some time must pass before one could enter paradise and the disengaged soul would spend it in purgatorial discipline. The theosophists, as we intimated above, differ with him somewhat, but not rad-According to their tenets, the purification of the soul is effected on earth, but that, after all, is a matter of detail. The essential point is that the good work is done somewhere. Like Gladstone, they relieve us from the impossible supposition that human souls, with all their earthly impuritles, rush at once into heaven after leaving their bodies.

The theosophists have not quite the ame conception of heaven as other devotees. To their minds it is a place of rest and refreshment between our successive lives on earth. To enjoy it no especial purity is required, since it not a final home, but only a caravansary, as it were, or a camping place The real work of etween journeys. edemption and purification is accomlished here below. Thus the theosophist holds a radically different opinon of this world from some of our thristian brethren. The latter look ipon it as a vale of tears, a place of temptation, and our terrestrial life as a miserable pilgrimage from which the sooner we escape the better. "This earth is not our dwelling place, heaven is our home." To the theosophist earth is home. He goes to heaven ers were the principal speakers and now and then to recuperate, but the real business of his existence is here. and no matter how often he goes away he always comes back. How long we may expect to stay in heaven, with its neaceful river and serene meadows, we are not told, but the supposition that the periods of rest and refreshment there will be long. Katherine Tingley assures her readers that they will be longer than any mental image we can frame of infinite time. But each sojourn in heaven, be it long of

short, will come to an end, and then

Reincarnation is the means by which, according to the theosophists,

up the work it had dropped.

our redemption is accomplished. There is no such thing as a final judgment Let us hope this get-together spirit and a permanently lost condition of will resolve itself into a permanent the soul, if we may trust their teach-The worst of us will have miling. lions of chances to make good and the best of us will need them. Persistently through the eternities the prinus, tending continually to make the balance swing even between right and wrong, good and evil, happiness and misery. Each individual has his Karma, and so has the entire universe. We are permitted to believe that the the money now in the reclamation Karma of the whole world is worked fund, together with the proposed ex- out through the efforts of individuals. tension to twenty years of the time It is by attaining to self-redemption of payment for water rights and the that a man helps best to redeem the steady decline in proceeds of sale of universe. A person's Karma is his obpublic land, leaves the cupboard as ligation to right all the wrongs he has The Journal des Debats, of Paris, bare for further reclamation as committed and make good al his fail-has compiled the awards of Nobel Mother Hubbard found it. It is not ings. When one of his lives ends on prizes by nations, with the result that to be tolerated that the progress of the smallest nations appear to have reclamation should be restricted to debt charged to his account. He goes done most for science in proportion the driblets which will come in from to heaven, regardless of the record in making a total outlay for this little the public will unite is the Market to population. During the twelve land sales and water-right payments. the books, and enjoys his allotted peter \$55,000. When Commissioner block. It is the property of the city years from 1901 to 1912, inclusive, the From the projects already com- riod of recuperation. Then he must

> There is no conflict between theosocomplete harmony throughout the universe. When all obligations shall have

Some of our more erudite contem-"to say 'he is opposed to my studying grammar'?" We cannot believe it is acre was made, the last bond would correct. Why should "he" be opposed be redeemed. The work would then to such a wholesome, if somewhat hopeless, pursuit? The only sane objection to any one's studying grammar would be that his time might be better spent splitting wood.

One of the express companies has formed a projec of worthy competito deliver country produce directly to city consumers, collect the price and remit to the grower. In Germany the government does this. gr Here nobody has done it hitherto. The ex-In the February number of Cather- press company which takes up the ne Tingley's "Theosophical Path" a task will be a public benefactor and curious passage is quoted from Glad-stone's writings. It relates to the state charge a profitable fee for the service of the soul after death. The distin- and still make things better for both

It is not, however, from the classes, but from the masses that Judge Bennett will poll his biggest vote. It is his natural honesty, his admitted ability and his popularity among the rank and file of the party that make him the strongest candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor.—Albany Democrat.

What! A Democratic paper refusmeans warranted to believe that it will | ing to line up for the Residuary Legbe accomplished "without an admix- atee? But perhaps the Residuary of salutary pain." This consigns Legatee does not want Democratic

New York suffragists abandoned their twelve-hour meeting after an isn't the spirit that wins battles.

Deep snow has brought relief from bitter cold in the Eastern States. Warm sunshine has driven off what Greater respect for the National air

Congressmen disagree over the state

of general prosperity. considerable extent, a matter of locality these days.

A new asteroid has been discovered by science. Small compensation for the threatened breaking up of the

An expedition is being outfitted at moment of death, but what obliterates San Francisco to hunt for \$60,000,000 in buried treasure. Quick, Watson, the needle! Oregon growers oppose a California

olan for relaxed grading of apples. Oregon growers, you see, are on the square. A big English railroad company

having hired an American manager, dividends should pick up a bit. American cavalry horses were pois ned by drinking at a Mexican water hole. Typical Mexican trick

With water meters ordered, sparking Bull Run will shortly join the high-cost-of-living procession

Bryan has acquired a llama, With little coaching it should help him for \$2 a word. in his chautauqua work.

Whole regiments of the French army are down with measles. ally a measley army

At last! Costa Rica has accepted

for Congo Free State. Huerta is reported to be toppling

igain. But he may be merely another leaning tower of Pisa. Lina Cavalieri has wedded again

Got to be a regular habit with Lina. The meadow iris are singing in the meadows.

Gore insists that they're after his political gore.

The fans are growing restless. Regular Spring fever weather.

Straw hats next.

Gleams Through the Mist By Dean Collins.

Valentine Adaptable

Tis season of the valentine When I must sing a tender ditty, And offer up this heart of mine Unto that pearl of maidens, Kitty; Ob, faires; maiden of my time, Your voice the warden of my will is; love you-(but I lack a rhyme.)

I guess Pd better sing to Phyllis. Phyllis, sweet idol of my soul Your gentle eyes with love inflame me; For you alone—(I'm in a hole For rhyme again.) I'll sing to Mainie Mamie, my heart's delight divine. Your grace, expression quite cludeth,-(I'm stuck again for that last line, I'll have to sing the praise of Judith.

Judith, fair star, I'll praise you then; My warm heart beats alone for you-(Confound it? Where's that thyme again?) I'll switch my lay and sing of Sue ue, queen of all within my heart; Ne'er shall my firm affection vary— (Why can't I finish what I start?) Heigh-ho! I'll have to turn to Mary.

Mary, my own, my lady sweet: Loved I not thee, I'd be a felon (No rhyme to make that thought complete?) Sooth, I must yield my heart to Helen. Helen, sublime sweet evening star, Whose light my deepest spirit shook With wondrous mood—(and there you are.) Hang it! I'll send this to the cook To thee, sweet cook, I give my heart,

With burning, strong emotion toasting To practice on with all thy art-For hearts are better for a roasting Thine, thine alone, who feedest m Shall be this heart, and I'm not bluffing. If you will but agree to be A gen'rous lady with the stuffing.

It is a more certain sign of approaching Spring than the birds flying North, for one to see the Beavers getting ready to fly South.

Solemn Thought. Bravely I've lived the tange down. Hoping a fair "manana"; But now I face the "muxixe"

"Sir," said the courteous office boy, "are you interested in antique knockers?"

'Very much, my son," I said gently. Whereupon he slipped me a bust of Diogenes and fled. Passing It On.

The poet has an easy job, He never has to think; He only needs a fountain pen, The cook, she also has a cinch;

She never has to eat, But only move her jaws awhile And smell the roasting meat. The chauffeur has a sinecure. He has no woes or cares,

He can joyride and never have

To pay for the repairs, -Chicago Evening Post A life of ease the plumber has, As I can plainty point;

He draws his pay, and all the day Just hangs around some joint. The butcher man, he has a job That's really more like play; He merely stands about the block

And cuts up all the day. The bartender should love his job Immensely, I should think; For he can mix the livelong day,

And never has to drink, "Do you really think Hamlet was mad?" was the 140th question of the Young Thing to her escort. "Did he have to sit near you during the last performance?" interposed the

Mexican Society Notes.

Long Sufferer in the next row.

((From El Toro Gazette ) A comic valentine, sent from General Villa to His Excellency, President Huerta, was inadvertently opened by Captain Bombasto, one of the aides finger and shoulder straps were positively identified after the uproar had

The popular drama, "Arms and the Man," is to be staged near the border hour or so because of the cold. That by local talent, under the direction of, General Villa. Stage properties are furnished through courtesy of President Wilson, of the United States.

A "get-together" meeting for the promotion of peace in Mexico is to be held at the Capitol on a near future date, under the joint auspices of His Excellency President Huerta and Genwill be enforced at military posts. eral Villa. Gorgeous fireworks are to be a feature of the entertainment, followed by a general potlatch, in which gifts of real estate in six-foot plots will be distributed among many of the celebrants.

If Gray Lived in Portland.

Perhaps, in this political parade, Some heart is live with gubernatorial fire His hand the rod of empire might have swayed-And then, again, he may be just plain

Petitions to my eyes their ample page Rich with the spoil of names do aye un

And freeze the genial currents of my seu Yet even my course from insult to protect, No scanty refuge seemeth to be mine Petitions, with their uncouth scribblings

Thrust still before me-and I sigh and sign. . . .

Approximate History. 200,000 B. C .- Oldest antediluvian man in America wills his mummy to the Smithsonian Institute and crawls into the asphalt beds at Las Brea, Cal.

1014. A. D .- King Canute falls down on that well-known tongue twister: "The sea ceaseth, and it sufficeth us." 1493, A. D.—Columbus begins to write he story of his voyages-without reserving moving-picture rights, and not

1564. A. D .- Galileo born; originato of the expression; "The world do move." 1779, A. D .- Captain Cook acts as 'piece de resistance" at a banquet held in Hawaii in honor of the opening of

the missionary season. 1885, A. D.—"Volapuk" new universal the Bryan peace treaty dream. Now language, invented by L'Abbe Schleyer. Later "Esperanto" and "Ido" invented by others. English and other old languages are still spoken, however, in a few of the outlying districts.

FREEWATER, Or., Feb. 12.—(To the Editor.)—"A," being a divorced webset in Oregon, marries "B" four months after the decree of the court. Is her marriage with "B" legal and will she have to have a divorce from "B" in order to be legally married to

If the second marriage was prior to lune 3, 1913, it is legal; if subsequent thereto it is not. In the first event, before marrying "C" she should obtain legal annulment of the second atarriage,