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the great mass of indifferent people give the pumps less to do.

who have no positive opinions and no We wonder what the sage advice desire to form and express them?

himself, or woman sees herself, or if not as much as possible? others are able to get a clearer in-It is not likely that anyone other.

The President of the United States is a mere human being, of course, not delfied by his incumbency of exalted station, yet transformed by spective by his mightier elevation. I dent Wilson that he could not look upon himself as the President, but only as Woodrow Wilson, given for the time a tremendous job. Doubtless it was true; and he is none the less a marvelous man and a real President because it is true.

The President seemed to feel keenly that the people recognize him more as a mere thinking machine than as a man with emotions, passions, feelings, desires, prejudices and peccadfilos such as all men have. reason probably is that the country has not had before an Executive apparently dominated by cold intellect with the ordinary humanities deliberately subordinated and even ig-This is not to say that moral and spiritual considerations do not have due weight with him, for they do; but it is to say that the President reaches his judgments on great questions in the light of pure reason -that is to say, of his own reason. It is all right. So did Abraham Lincoln. But how great a place the tender side of Lincoln's lofty character has in the affections of a grateful and reverit Nation. But it is well enough that Wilson is what he is. There is no desire anywhere that he be, or try to be, another Lincoln, or another

It is no surprise to know that Woodrow Wilson holds the Presidency in so great respect, or that he regards himself only temporarily as the chosen head of a mighty people, giving way in his turn to another 'he Presidency is the people's, not his; but the dignities, honors and duties of the place are his own, for the present; and he employs and enjoys them fitly.

The American people think well of Woodrow Wilson, his purposes, his are in the balances. It can benefit no American if they shall

WORLD'S SHIPBUILDING RACE.

The great powers having rejected Winston Churchill's proposal on behalf of Great Britain that the nations take a naval holiday by not increasing their naval armament, he now proposes to give the other powers their fill. That is the apparent meaning of the programme Mr. Churchill submitted to the House of Commons. He asks Parliament to authorize four new battleships besides four cruisers, twelve destroyers and a number of "Great Britain will have ten of the new big-gun battleships in the water world has two." Mr. Churchill invites, but does not rely upon, the aid Africa of the example set by Austra-Ha and New Zealand. The estimates reach the enormous total of \$258 .-000,000, an increase of nearly \$14,-

Germany will expend only \$114,-000,000, providing for one battleship and one battle cruiser; France will one battleship, spending in all \$122,500,000; Japan, one battleship, spending \$50,000,000 and providing \$78,000,000 for building to be spread over seven years; Russia will spend us the need of a larger Navy, that we about \$120,000,000, of which about might retain this command. Accord-\$57,000,000 will go for new construcnounced, but she has under way of two and one-half battleships a year are invariably persons of high culseven battleships and four battle and rose to second place among na-Austria is building two and Italy seven launched, when all other nations rec-United States is to build two battle- style battleships to the second line marines and four small harbor de- Since that year we have averaged only gramme, will cost \$43,338,044.

All battleships now building are of 25,000 to 30,000 tons, England alone fifth place. showing a disposition are of large caliber, in England, Ger-

14 inches. All naval powers are adding to their submarine flotilias and Mr. Wilson would not know how to are increasing size and speed to the deal if Congress did not repeal coast-

ocean warfare. Great Britain displays a purpose to maintain a 60 per cent superiority in mands is to be measured by comparicapital ships over Germany and to son of the number of big guns behind increase her lead to the point where it with the number behind the other her rival cannot overtake her. The nation's diplomat? race appears destined to continue to Has he found it the point of financial exhaustion. In is in a position to outlast any nation will be useless against mail-clad ships of a power having much inferior re-Bources

of the Mayor of Detroit would be if It was a remarkable address the the level of Lake Eric were by divine President made to the National Press interposition to be raised several There undoubtedly the real hundred feet, and the 600,000 water-Wilson spoke. He held the mirror up hampered citizens of that city were to himself for his own view and for to get unlimited water by gravity his auditors' view, too, but he knew that the rays were refracted and the vision distorted. It may fairly be waters of Lake Erie by requiring the asked if any man ever really sees public to use as little as possible, and

A great thought occurs to us, as would know his own voice if he heard the Detroit Mayor. Let us abandon housewife it for the first time projected from Bull Run and go back to the Willamsome other place; so he would fail to ette River for our water. True, we recognize his own characteristics, or should be obliged to install a pumppeculiarities, or defects, if they were ing system, but by the universal use to be present and manifest in some of meters, the cost could be reduced to a minimum. Thus the meters cess.

Portland has, after all, the great est financial genius in the world at greater responsibilities and graver the head of its water department. duties, and thrown out of close per- To prevent the "waste" of superfluspective by his mightier elevation. It ous water, he proposes as a substi-tute the waste of \$500,000 and more of the taxpayers' money.

Gifford Pinchot made a speech at Huron, South Dakota, the other day after having thoughtfully furnished the newspapers of the country with an advance copy, for which we have no fault to find; but it seems to explain why it has been printed in numerous Democratic, near-Democratic, near-Republican, and nearindependent newspapers.

The speech was a funeral oration over the Republican party and a caustic and contemptuous farewell to its leaders. Cummins was described as a good man "hopelessly out of touch with the political thought of the day"; Borah has "well earned the pitying contempt of men who believe that principles are things to stand even to a man's hurt"; La Follette is "living example and warning of the inward corroding power of hate"; Bristow "fails under the acid test" and "has broken his career because

he was afraid." But the worst is reserved for Had-

ley. Says Bre'r Gifford: Hadley was the Roosevelt floor leader in the great fight at Chicago. We lost in part because Hadley, while ostensibly leading the fight for Roosevelt, was in reality preparing the ground for his own nomination in Roosevelts place. This is neither hearsay nor rumor. I was there; I saw it, and I know. His subsequent abandonment of the men and the cause to which his loyalty was piedged and his timerous and feeble declaration in favor of the side that appeared to have won at Chicago did not come to me as a surprise.

Gifford saw and he knows. But thousands of others were there, and saw, and do not know what Gifford alone knows. It is probable that Hadley could have had the nomination if he had yielded to his temptation and opportunity; but he did not. character and his abilities. It is fair Now his reward is the bitter and unto say that his policies, or some of merited reproaches of the oratorical Gifford.

The real offense of Cummins, Hadley, Borah and Bristow is of course that they did not join the Progressive party. They have much company in their obstinate refusal to forswear their idols. What an unregenerate lot these Republicans are-some millions of them.

SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

A most telling argument for stronger Navy is made in an article by the editor of the Scientific American. It's great merit is the manner in which our helplessness is illustrated as against any nation of superior nasubmarines, and he proudly says: val strength. The bubble of our "lickcreation" vanity is pricked with the statement that Germany and Japan the time any other nation in the have gunners as good as ours; that pre-dreadnought battleships are worthless against dreadnoughts and quirement and written examination of her colonies in strengthening the that, if Germany chose to acquire a sort. A small tuition fee is paid, but navy, and reminds Canada and South naval base in the Caribbean Sea and it is not large enough to keep out any England remained neutral, she could crush our twelve dreadnoughts with when the schools are most largely her twenty-six.

the lesson of the Spanish War and to our pride. The naval victories of Manila and Santiago brought Spain mand of the sea. The acquisition of of we have sunk to third place and are

13.4 inches and in the United States recent years? What bearing have they point where these vessels will join in wise exemption from canal tolls? Has he at last learned that the earnestness with which diplomacy presses its de-

Has he found it necessary to measure our strength in big ships against financial endurance the United States that of other nations? Has he found that in dealing with the armed nawith the possible exception of Great tions of Europe and Asia, we must Britain, but our vast latent resources place our reliance on steel armor and steel guns, not on grape-juice diplomacy? Has he learned that the hu-miliation of surrender in the canal acy? tolls controversy is necessary in order

some three months each day the days will lengthen and the sun's rays strengthen. These three months are usually called the growing season. So on these bright days of the present the farmer goes afield with seed and the amendment is to remove the evil we cannot conceive they expect still the Second Iowa Congressional Disimplement and prepares the soil and of paid petitioning. In that it is but to know what happens on the earth trict shows the Progressive party to abundant harvest.

in large letters, the real advent of still be circulated by pald name-soresult of the profound suggestions of Spring. Indoors the industrious licitors under the terms of this busy with soap and amendment. sand. The Winter stove is taken the Summer curtains are down, draped anew, the menfolk come in fers the initiative and referendum to simple meals, perhaps to eat them powers upon municipalities. The inifrom the mantel and anon fall over tlative primary would be held only stepladders and collide with stovewould be demonstrated to be a suc- pipes and buckets of suds, using rect system is as prevalent in munic language more emphatic than elegant.

On street and in lane and highway in vacant lots and in farrow fields lad big enough to hold the weight of ing state measures. a catchers' glove or wield a bat over glove-and mask and ball suit also

if he can get them. Yes, "Spring is come," come in real earnest, come in beauty, come in joy 'What," asked the great poet, "is so rare as a day in June?" How truthfully we in this glorious Oregon cli-"A day in March, such a day as was yesterday, many yesterdays," averring that nothing is more rare than an Oregon day in March.

FOLK HIGH SCHOOLS.

Little Denmark cuts a large figure in the eyes of the thoughtful world opulation Denmark has made agri-He finds all the markets he needs. He is a reader and a student. He loves art and he takes a continuous and intelligent interest in poli-

How has all this good work been seen to it that her young people in the rural districts study agriculture and has taken measures to help them apply their technical knowledge. The government has practiced a fine pa ternalism toward its rural population and is reaping enviable results in in creased revenues, ardent patriotism and wonderful national happiness. But that is not all.

The Danish people have applied their own initiative to the rural life Government aid has not problems. paralyzed them. It has, on the contrary, stimulated them to help them-Feeling the need of somethemselves a system of schools "folk high schools." Here the "humanities" are taught, language, Scanbranches which appeal to the heart as much as to the head.

It is in these schools that the real and both sexes. They enter when they are no flummeries of the entrance reearnest man or woman. In attended, they are much like social We seem already to have forgotten centers, where the finest kind of culture thrives side by side with a beau-We have nothing so much like the Danish folk high schools as the Chau-

> ture and exemplary character. leading members of their communi- what may lie before him. while. A house and garden are pro- it more fondly.

before we reach the beautiful conon those delicate questions with which summation they have found in Den-

NOT THE REMEDY.

In response to a criticism in The Oregonian of the amendment proposing a primary election on initiative measures, one of the authors of the amendment has supplied a revised draft of the measure. It appears dental services. The measure now reads as follows:

war portion basic streets in the state of Oregon shall be and tolls controversy is necessary in order of the State of Oregon shall be and tolls controversy is necessary in order of the State of Oregon shall be and tolls controversy is necessary in order of the State of Oregon shall be and tolls controversy is necessary in order of the State of Oregon shall be and tolls controversy is necessary in order of the State of Oregon shall be and tolls controversy is necessary in order of the State of Oregon shall be and tolls controversy is necessary in order of the State of Oregon shall be and tolls controversy is necessary in order of the State of Oregon shall be and tolls controversy is necessary in order of the State of Oregon shall be and tolls controversy is necessary in order of the State of Oregon shall be and tolls controversy is necessary in order of the State of Oregon shall be and tolls controversy is necessary in order of escape greater humiliation in a war wherein we should be overmatched? Is that what he mean the told Congress that our Nather of the State of Oregon shall be and tolls controversy is necessary in order of escape greater humiliation in a war wherein we should be overmatched? Is that what he mean the told Congress that our Nather of the State of Oregon shall be and tolls controversy is necessary in order of escape greater humiliation in a war wherein we should be overmatched? Is that what he mean the told Congress that our Nather of the State of Oregon shall be and tolls controversy is necessary in order of escape greater humiliation in a war wherein we should be overmatched? Is that what he mean the told Congress that our Nather of the State of Oregon shall be overmatched? Is that what he mean the told Congress that our Nather of the State of Oregon shall be overmatched in the cessary in the escape and the cessary in the escape and the cessary in the escape and the cessary in the cessary secure when he told Congress that our Nather of the State of Marker the the congress that our Nather the

The filing fee possibly disposes of would burden the state with an oppressive election cost, but it does not answer other criticisms. It is to be presumed that the main purpose of life. And living there in joys that plants for what he hopes will be an a half way measure. A money-bought they have left. Is it not a charming referendum is more damaging gener-Meanwhile we see on every hand, ally than a purchased initiative. almost on every countenance, written the petitions for a referendum may

Moreover, it does not amend the section of the constitution which conon state measures. Abuse of the diipal as in state legislation.

Again, if the constitution changed as proposed, there should be a constitutional guarantee that the and greening meadows are to be legal voters who have no ticket in heard the notes of the lark, the the primaries shall not be deprived thrush and the robin-notes of thrush and amendments, as preme joy. And, as if keeping compreme joy. And, as if keeping compreme joy, these harbingers of amendment stands, an enactment by amendment stands, an enactment by and proudest specimens of Young before opportunity could be extended America—"Play Ball!" What a cry to the Socialists, Prohibitionists and of joy is that! Every true American Independents to participate in initiat-

It is piecemeal legislation. It falls his head must have ball and bat and far short of what is needed as a correction of defects in the system.

A BEAUTIFUL HOPE.

We have just been reading in one of the papers an account of the last how readily Sherman's men on the prejudices that they sacrifice the real days of a wonderful old man. He had march to the sea did everything that good of the island to the imaginary come almost to the limit of human the exigencies of their wonderful ad-good of their souls. Religion has allonger vigorous, was still fee from the exigencies of their wonderful ad-good of their souls. Religion has allonger vigorous, was still fee from the exigencies of their wonderful ad-good of their souls. longer vigorous, was still free from pain and his mind retained its clear and baking bread. activity. Temperance and right living had made his old age serene. Around own sons and daughters, with their tence by honest toil which he would to deny that every boy born in this today because it has done what no soon have the satisfaction of dividing country has both the right and the other nation has, though many have among those who would value his be- ability to be President. We began our undertaking. Otherwise their differtried. With a poor soil and a small quests for love of him rather than career by asserting that all men are from the lust of gold. Peace and born equal and, as a matter of theory culture flourish. At the same time fidelity had followed him through all at least, we have religiously cleaved it has improved the minds and hearts the years of his life. Peacefully and to it ever since. Whether our pracof its people. The farmer thrives unflinchingly faithful to his belief in tice quite chimes with our theory is the sound justice of the world, he was another question. Rousseau opened were holding the ropes, without any making him ready to die. He was his "Contrat Social" with the isment like the old man of whom Walt Whit- that while all men were born free man sings, hoary with years but hale he saw them everywhere enslaved, and jolly, surrounded by his sons and Jefferson's spirit is perhaps mournhis sons' sons, who went to his grave ing in some other world accomplished? Partly by thorough like one "who wrapped the drapery though men may be born equal, some technical education. Denmark has of his couch about him and lay down develop into intellectual and financial to pleasant dreams." James Feni- princes while others remain serfs.

Through all the years of a long life to nature, framing his notions of duty rather by her clear promptings than we resolutely close our eyes to reality by any ecclesiastical formula. His teaches, the deed that asks to be done pacities as Caliban and Hamlet, next, never worrying about abstractions, free from superstitions fears, thing more humane than technical King of Terrors alone on the great what he calls "the broadly cultural training, the farmers have established prairie with the clear sun shining studies," as a preliminary to technical which are known far and wide as of his blessed years all about him and where these branches compose the found that the monster was shorn of bulk of the curriculum. Such a colhis power to terrify. He died as he lege, he says, "is a beginning school," dinavian literature, history and so on, had lived, at peace with the world and because it prepares, but does not fit, confident of the goodness of God. It for active leadership. The fitting is good men who fear least to apcomes later in the law, medical or proach the majesty of the Almighty. theological school. But all through nourishment of Danish rural life is Careless of what creeds may teach the graduate's career his thought, his effected. The pupils are of all ages and theologians fancy, they judge of character and his ambitions will be can and leave when they must. There him wholly sweet and kind. Such preparation. men when they die are like little children falling asleep on their mother's phy. Sordid theology is the theology sort. A small tuition fee is paid, but breast. There is much for them to of ignorant men, who lack culture, love and trust, nothing for them to though they may be powerful in the fear.

For one who has done his best through life death should have no ter- though Luther, intensely preoccupied rors, and whatever future judgment there may be it cannot disturb his one need another lesson, less gratifying to tiful and kindly neighborhood life. confidence. He has done justice himself and he therefore expects justice from God. As Socrates so well to her knees and impressed upon us tauqua, but unfortunately these cir- said, the good God is not likely to the necessity in war of obtaining com- cles meet only for a short time in the harm a good man, either here or here-Summer and their possibilities for after. Left to ourselves, none of us our island possessions impressed on good are therefore greatly curtailed. would dread death a great deal at the of the Danish folk high schools is there is always some reluctance to

ties, taking active part in politics, re- | And as life grows more and more The programme of the ognized that it had relegated old- ligion and everything else, worth entertaining we naturally cleave to Professor Shaler ships, six destroyers, one sea-going and when they all began building vided for the folk teacher. He is told in one of his books of a voyage submarine, three coast defense sub- dreadnoughts, we slackened our pace. expected to rear a family, to hold his he took roundabout the Bay of Fundy. place permanently and to be a bright in which he and his scientific comfense submarines. This building pro- one and one-half battleships a year, and shining light in the neighborhood. rades endured extreme hardships. He When old age falls upon him he re- says that toward the end of their the "ultimately practical" studies. which \$17,508,500 is to be expended crowded by France and Japan. To three with a modest pension, so that trip such had been the effect of pro-in the coming fiscal year. our twelve dreadnoughts France has he can preserve his officer cum dig-The tendency is to increase the ton- eleven and Japan ten and they are nitate down even to the grave itself, and death had become matters of innage of ships and the callber of guns. building so much faster than we that How shall we manage to establish difference. The world seemed for the they threaten soon to push us into rural schools of this kind in the moment to have so little to offer that calls them "finishing studies." What bearing have these facts on up to take their places? Perhaps it. Soldiers subjected to hard discipnew battleships of the dreadnought as useful of the village high school, who have lived softly wonder at their

a sort of world-weariness. When they like the vision little Alice saw of a return to civil life and taste of ordin-ary comforts for a little while they cational training in its arld excesses tematic cruelty to their bodies. that the amendment now contains a to mortify his sinful pride, could not "ultimately practical" provision requiring a filing fee of have found this world a place to bine enough culture with their tech-side, the intent being to remunerate linger in. No wonder these old saints ing state for the expense of print-ing, counting ballots and other inci-dental services. The measure now

a pleasant one.

night. It is a real home and many tellectual and moral be up and away, but in spite of poets Agricultural College. and theologians we love old earth and think of leaving it with keener regret times grow kindlier. they will not sleep. They make of ship? death a friend who opens to them a wonderful door into new and greater dream?

THE HUMANITIES AT REED,

President Foster, of Reed College, oes not put much faith in the comfortable precept that "anybody can do everything if you only give him a chance." On the contrary, he believes, if we interpret him correctly, that the human race is sharply divided into two classes, those who have the capacity to lead and those who must be content to follow. This seems to be the fundamental thought in his stimulating article, "Socializing in the Humanities," which appears in the current number of the Reed Col-Whatever one may lege Record. think of Dr. Foster's opinion it runs counter to an old and highly orthodox article of American faith. ple we have long cherished the notion that any one of us when thrust nto a new situation, no matter how strange and difficult, would find himself fully equal to it and there are nany facts which bear us out. The typical pioneer was a man who could build his house, plow and cultivate his fields, serve adequately in public office and deliver an edifying prayer or even preach a sermon when the minister was sick. We like to read of Ulster are so steeped in theological up railroad tracks to building bridges

Versatility has always been our best National trait, in imagination if him was gathered a large family, his not in reality, and we have never ceased to be proud of it. It sounds children. He had earned a compe- to many a good patriot like sacrilege more Cooper makes Leather Stocking Theories are always a great deal mangled trying to save a baby from a hero of this description. Theories are always a great deal mangled trying to save a baby from the path of his backing train. Was most delightful thing in the world to the engine crew dozing all this he met every emergency manfully and sit down in one's study and speculate left no duty undone. He dwelt close upon the innate equality or the innate freedom of human beings, but unless we are obliged to confess that indirule had been always to do, as Carlyle viduals differ as much in their ca-

Taking this for granted, Dr. Foster maps out two educational schemes, calmly accepting whatever destiny life one for the born leaders, the other affords. When finally it came Leather for those who must follow. For the Stocking's turn to die, he faced the leaders he offers an education in upon his gray hairs and the memories training. His ideal college is one God's character by their own and find strengthened and uplifted by his Sordid statesmanship has no roots in history and philoso technics of fanaticism. It is impossible to think of Erasmus as a bigot as he was with dogma, soon became

Just as .Dr. Foster contrasts the 'broadly cultural" with the "narrowly cultural" studies, so he sets the "immediately practical" over against the "ultimately practical." No doubt the great mass of mankind must apthemselves early to Perhaps the most charming feature end of a well-spent life. Of course studies if they desire any shadow of success in life. It is not for them ingly during the eight years from 1898 the treatment of the teachers. They depart. Nobody resigns this pleasing to spend long years in the prelimi-Her programme is not an- to 1905 inclusive we built an average are for the most part men and they anxious being and sets out upon his nary storing of mental treasures to be ed, but she has under way of two and one-half battleships a year are invariably persons of high cul-Dur- some longing, lingering looks behind Their time for preparation is brief and cruisers. The Italian and Austrian val powers. In 1905, the very year ing the years-of their service they are and some misgivings, perhaps, as to it should be turned toward early util-programmes are not yet known, but when the first dreadnought was leading members of their community what may lie before him. points out, there is a choice between utilities. We may choose those which yield a harvest in the middle of the forenoon and then die or we may choose those that give results without too much waiting and continue profitable for many years. The latter are

Dr. Foster has hit upon a fine adjective for the branches which delude us with hasty results and fail when the real demands of life begin, United States, or what shall we build they were perfectly willing to leave finish the human being at the same time with his education. They wither crease in size. The 12-inch gun is the readiness with which the Presi- the growth of the social center idea line for many months acquire the his soul away and dry up his brain passing out of date and all new guns dent has induced Congress to vote two will finally make something almost same indifference to life. Observers Vocational education begun too soon and insisted upon too exclusively many and Italy 15 inches, in France type this year instead of one, as in but there is still a long road to travel contempt for death, but it is really leads into blind alleys. The effect is

become as unwilling to go as any of produces a trade with no man behind the rest of us. The early Christians it. But in a democracy we need men weaned themselves from life by sys-quite as much as we need trades. To Both are essential. The citizen who such a man as St. Simeon Stylites is not prepared to earn an honest death must have appeared as a wel- living is a disaster to his country. But come rescuer from suffering. St. Ber- fully as much of a disaster is the nard, who starved himself for the love workman who is not qualified to perof God and let his face go unwashed form his duties as a citizen. The studies com-They give station in their pilgrimage, and not sound foundation of brain power. Schools which train dull drudges are earth is a good deal more than a caravansary where they stop over night. It is a real home and women not wanted in the United States. Col-And looking back on your mem'ries' shelf—ril bet it's a song you've sung yourself. believe it is the only home they will would be a detriment to the Nation, ever possess. Jean Ingelow's heroine not a help. This is one reason among might sing of the land where her many why The Oregonian has always sailor went and the home where "my insisted that cultural studies must be estlings be" with infinite longing to included in the curriculum of the

Reed College stands for the idea of "the rounded human being." It as it grows more pleasant. For this has, if we are not mistaken, adopted world takes on new interest and beau- Eucken's precept that the inner life ty every year. Men grow gentler, is fully as real and weighty as the Justice con- outer and that education must not quers new territory day by day and ignore it. What Dr. Foster means brotherly love puts forth new buds by "culture" is, we take it, the nourand blossoms. Already poets begin to ishment of the inner life, providing see visions and dream dreams of the the man with access to stores that his And oft I have wished my fancy had coming kingdom. It is Springtime in soul may feed upon. But much as we coming kingdom. It is Springtime in soul may feed upon. But much as we can be souls of men. Old hopes are resonant and leadership, we may value leaders and leadership, we may value leaders and leadership, we the children of men say o'er and o'er; the souls of men. Old hopes are res- may value leaders and leadership, we urrected, old prophecies are coming must not imagine that the princes true. So we do not want to die. It alone need to live the inner life or true. So we do not want to die. It alone need to live the inner life or as the lovesous sweet—and almost as old. It is sad to think of lying in the grave acquire a rounded education. When and looking back on your mem'ries' shelf asleep while so many interesting and the leaders have no vision the nations I'll bet it's a song you've sung yourself. beautiful things are happening over perish, but what becomes of the naour heads and therefore some people, tions when the people are too blind the objection that the amendment with dauntless courage, affirm that and sordid to follow uplifted leader-

An analysis by the New York Trib-

une of the recent special election in be wasting away and the Republican party to be gaining strength in that as in other states which have had elections since November, 1912. The vacancy was caused by the death of Irving S. Pepper, a Democrat, who vas elected unopposed in 1912. The Republicans were handicapped at the special election by the declination of of the Rocky Mountains, andtheir candidate and by the necessity of choosing a new man with only a few days to make the fight. The vote was: Democratic, 12,625; Republican, 10,809; Progressive, 3709. The vote was about two-thirds of the total vote for President in 1912 and showed the Democrats holding their own. The Progressive vote fell off 50 per cent pass. from that for Governor and 72 per cent from that for President. With a total vote only two-thirds as large the Republicans gained 30 per cent on the Taft vote and lost only 10 per cent on the vote for Governor. The Progres sives still have the doubtful satisfaction of bringing about Democratic victory and Republican defeat. How much longer will they be content?

There is an old saying that any real benefit to Ireland is always thwarted by Irishmen and current events go far to justify it. The men prejudices that they sacrifice the real it will ever be anything else.

The white wife of a San Francisc Chinaman admits the tragic failure of the union. Such marriages will ever end in tragedy unless the wife can merge herself into the makeup of the Oriental, which is a hopeless ences are basic, unalterable, insurmountable.

A big German military balloon broke away from the soldiers who one being injured. Those German soldiers are improving wonderfully. It used to be that they didn't know enough to let go of the ropes when the balloon went up.

Falling to attract the engine crew a Tacoma freight conductor was Was

President Wilson says the atten tions of minor officials grow annoying at times. And here these obsequious menials thought they were making the hit of their lives.

Governor West refuses to induce Lieutenant-Colonel Lawson to answer a Baker grand jury summons And West is the man who put the law in Lawson.

A San Francisco woman lawyer was so late in court she lost her case No doubt she had trouble getting into one of those new-fangled Spring suits. The President confesses that he has

an overwhelming desire to be just human. One wouldn't suspect it from his stand on the tolls question.

Yonny Lind, the American diplo matic songbird, is about to sing another of his celebrated falsetto solos, "Blessed Peace." Theosophists want the whole world

to think peace in order to end war Up to a late hour General Villa had not indorsed the plan. A train robber in Georgia flee when the conductor pulled the bell

the Western variety. The Ulster disturbance is but tempest in a teapot. The day when "minute men" can cope with seas-

oned troops is past.

cord. Plainly that robber wasn't of

The question is will McAdoo still hold his present post when he gets the son-in-law job? Regiments are being rushed to

Ulster. Why doesn't John Bull try watchful waiting? Bryan's new adviser is ready for

duty. But what's the use? Bryan's advice proof. The struggle for National suffrage

Have you registered? Villa's pending investment of Tor reon savors of the press agent.

This is the weather that makes the auto dealer smile.

Spring is right on the job

Enter the strawberry era.

Gleams Through the Mist By Dean Collins.

Songs of the Ages. (As it was in the beginning, is now and ver shall be.) The world rolls on and years speed by

sky, But we love to bubble as poets and seers. Of things that persist through all the years When Spring rides up on the swallow

Sweet as a bird, the poet sings Of Youth and Love, and its power strange That all of the ages may not change True perhaps is the poet's claim; Love songs ever may be the same. But listen and I shall a song unfold, That fully as sweet and nigh as old,

Gimme a nickel to hur a hall! over yonder the fellers all goin' to play. Can't I have it? Just one, Paw. Red's paw gave him a baneball bat. And he's the captain, jest cause of that. If I had a brand new ball, you see That'll maybe make pitcher out of me Please, jest ones, Paw and honeat, true, I won't never ask no more from you. Please—Don't you hear the fellers call Gimme a nickel to buy a ball!

Aw-w-w.—Paw?"

I like the song of the endless reign Of Love, in the poet's Spring refrain.

1 like the fancies that they arrange
Round wondrous things that may never
change;

So list, and I shall a song unfold,

Aw-Maw Can't I jest go a little bit? Johnny, he's got a catcher's mitt, And they're choosin' up, and they prom-

_ ised me I could be pitcher. And Red's maw, she Said he could go! Maw please won't you Jest let me go, this one time too? Jest care, and I promise, honor bright, I'll carry the wood all in tonight. No. I won't get my clothes all diet: No. I won't tear my brand new shirt! Hear 'em yellin' to come and play? Please, let me go fer jest today! Aw-w-Maw!"

"Sir," said the courteous ofice boy "the geography teacher asked us today to name the most Important pass West

"My son," I replied promptly, "It is yonder baseball season pass, which you see sticking out of the Sporting Edi tor's vest pocket."

"You are more correct than the teacher," said the c. o. b., and departed working out a system of strategy whereby he might gain control of the

If Kipling Lived in Portland. The East is the East, and the West is the

And never the twain shall meet. As long as there's any minor point On which they may well compete And neither the East nor get the West To any conclusion come

That, looks like they'll build-this year at That Auditorium. A man that once begins to borrow trouble will fird that pessimism is the

worst loan shark he ever had to deal . . . Solemn Thought.

The Spring is here, and weight of wee is on my bosom rolled; For I will buy light underwear-

And then Pil catch a cold. Social Uplift Essay.

The aim of the modern school is to ind out exactly how the juvenile twig bent and then, by special vocational raining, to see that its inclination is fostered in every way possible. So we have manual training schools in all their elaborate departments, short commercial courses, etc., etc., as the twigs re inclined.

Whereupon I rise to say, that the whole inclination of my earlier schoolgoing childhood was in the direction of becoming a pirate, an inclination which was shared by most of my fellows.

And therefore I recommend to our public schools the installation of theroughly equipped departments of elementary piracy. These will minister to the natural bent of the vast majority of intermediate schoolboys, and may produce, for the glory of the future generation, a group of distinguished pirates that will out-Kidd even

The nearest a 16-year-old schoolboy ever gets to an attitude of real worship is when he kneels down on the damp ground to "plunk" a marble from the center of the ring.

Passing It On. Somehow it glads My heart to read The auto ads. -Birmingham Age-Hereld.

I read them ere Sleep steals o'er me, And all night long I drive one free -Boston Transcript

I scorch along And pay no toll, And never hit
A post or pole.

—Rochester Post Express

And alceping I This thought embrace; There is no mortgage On my place. -Los Angeles Express In fancy I

Ride fast and far, And pay no tax Upon my car, -Chicago Record-Herald. I am not plagued

Nor hored by stops From constables And traffic cops.

Approximate History. 53.881 B. C .- Editor of the Neolithic Gazette slays three Spring poets for hyming "breeze" with "trees," and 'eyes" with "skies." Jury of cavemen

equits him. 43 A. D .- Publius Ovid born to the ntense sorrow of all second-year stu-

lents of Latin in American high schools and colleges. 1140 A. D.-Total eclipse of the sun in England elecits no comment from the press of the day and is not cabled to the United States by any internation.

al newspaper service. 1470 A. D.-War of the Roses keep the minds of the barons off the high cost of living. # 1775 A. D .- Patrick Henry soap-boxes

the expression on "liberty or death," which has since become as great a classical expression as "social justice" and "economic determination." 1852, A. D .- Asteroid Phyche, slater to

Albert, who recently disappeared from the Cosmos, is discovered by astron-1912 A. D.-Woman suffrage in China becomes a new cause of annoyance to

the anti-suffragists in the United

States. 1911-12-13-14-A. D .- Situation along the Mexican border critical.