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JAILBIRDS AS LAWGIVERS.

to sign anything put before hotel.

for names for single tax. The petiin large numbers the names of transients who at the time old tenderloin district, the names of whirling Coney Island. the names of others to whom the pur- will indeed then have something left. port of the measure was misrepresented, the names of others who, se far as can be ascertained, do not exist, and the names of still others who con sidered their approval so lightly that they cannot recall having signed the petition.

By such means are intricate and the ballot. It is so that no general election is free from initiative scandal men and newspapers that protest vehemently against passage of any measure to eliminate frauds from hood geography. legislation. One journal, "progressivism," in the apparent seriousness. called upon name of LaFollette and Governor Johnson, not to permit such an in-

vasion of the people's rule as this proposed suppression of criminality! It is so easy to shout about the opposition of "money lords" and Interests" wealth" and "bossism" and "thimblerigging," when one cannot think of and argument to advance in behalf of a pernicious practice or dublous enterprise. But can any of these con temptuous names be applied to the Multnomah County grand jury, which crying need for reform, it is afraid of the abuse that will be has again Thomas R. Marshall. on the people with the assistance of that

## SPECIAL TRAINING NEEDED.

The field for men with special training broadens in proportion, it would seem, as the opportunity is narrowed for the young man who has given no with its efforts to expand our foreign trade, the United States Government has been seeking the services of a limited number of "special agents," whom it offers salaries of \$10 a day these men must be equipped thorough- of living is to "raise more hens"

at this time, but it is regarded as and applicable to a large number practically certain that the number situated that the addition to their develops. Although the requirements not be burdensome. As to the flat are rigid, the Bureau of Foreign and and tenement dweller of the crowded Domestic Commerce, which will con- city, of course it is a wholly different duct examinations for the positions on matter, but the fact is that if Champ December 6, will have the entire coun- Clark's advice were followed by peotry in which to make its choice. Men ple of the smaller towns alone, there are wanted, for example, to investi- would be a greater surplus of eggs gate the field for motor vehicles in and poultry for city folk and prices investment opportunities in Russia; the law of supply and demand. groceries and furniture in South Further hope is held out, also, by ica; metal-working machinery in Theodore Hewes, secretary of the Chifancy groceries and furniture in South Russia and Brazil; jewelry and silver- cago Poultry Show, who says that the transportation facilities in Russia and in reducing the cost of living not only in the Far East. But no man who has a few hens in his back yard." He been educated haphazard will have a has investigated the subject and has knowledge of the particular line under this course are profiting by it.

of languages in most instances. who does not have an excellent knowl- prevailing high prices, edge of Spanish. Portuguese is re-French is required for the investiga-

investigated are especially strict. tion, but the future is open. The first requires the purchase of expensive agents of our Government will be followed by others, without doubt, but the future is open. The first requires the purchase of expensive stolen, and he paid \$20 ransom to the lowed by others, without doubt, but the future is open. The first requires the purchase of expensive stolen, and he paid \$20 ransom to the lowed by others, without doubt, but the future is open. The first requires the purchase of expensive stolen, and he paid \$20 ransom to the lowest of all the cost of all the steps leading to big city, but "did not receive much final success would open the way to written himself an exceptional man. there is still a larger field of private line a practical course for a profes-enterprise. The big concerns that are slonal poultry raiser. He says that and Washington." He says: "Wilm-ception and fraud.

to act, but will send men of their own, and they will be even more exacting in their requirements. There is no doubt that we shall need to busy ourthoroughly, and know they know them. We have passed the point when we of hens fed almost entirely on waste can afford to trust to guesswork.

#### BY THE HALF MILLION.

Five hundred thousand visitors taxed the hotel and lodging-house resources of New York, at the end immediate occasion of the unprecedented rush to the metropolis was the annual football game between Annapolis and West Point, but of course e accounted for in that way.

New York has more ample hotel ccommodations than other American city, or for that matter any city anywhere; yet it is surprising to In the past it was not uncommon note that the number of first-class fective without further legislation, acinitiative petition shovers to re- hotels is only twenty-five. This is cording to competent legal opinion; filling a petition perhaps showed originality, they were by no means evidence he would probably say that no hotel ing the benefits to be derived from single tax to develop that trait. For bath and the average dinner check is blue law. the grand jury has discovered that not less than \$2. Yet there are many that Thanksgiving is over, it would be he solicited the prisoners in the Coun- hotels in New York where comfort just our luck to have some lawyer and even elegance can be procured That is real genius. What jailbird, for far less, Stone walls do not a approached by an outsider with stern prison make, nor iron bars a cage; mien or menacing frown, would dare and cinch prices do not make a real plicity.

him? We hasten to say that it is not The rush to New York from all priation bills, but provides no specific charged that coercion was used in parts of the country during the past method for the Legislature to pass this instance. Indeed, the opportuni- year has been remarkable. It is partly items over the Governor's veto. ties offered the morally weak by this a reason and wholly a symptom of The existing section of the constitu-measure to seize others' property New York's great prosperity. Busi-tion providing for submission of without going to jail for it were so ness takes many there and pleasure without going to jail for it were so ness takes many there and pleasure the next best thing. It is not furnishate the next best the next best the next best the next bes enticing that probably a brief and takes many more, for New York is friendly explanation was all that was both the financial and commercial Invasion of the jail for lawgivers of America. The spenders all are Thus runs the argument. was but one incident of the campaign drawn there by the magnet of its show and double-eagled joy.

When the

#### AN EARLY DAY STATESMAN.

The ordinary reader of American history will have no great difficulty in recalling the name and record of ohn Adams; but not many can tell offhand who Daniel Tompkins was. revolutionary measures forced upon Probably he will remember that he saw something about somebody named Tompkins in his school history; but or suspicion. Yet we have with us so indeed was there an accurate disscription of the boundaries and location of Polynesia in everyone's boy-

nesia now, in the ordinary memory? Daniel D. Tompkins was Vice-President of the United States, not once but twice. He shares with Thomas R. Marshall and John Adams the distinction of being one of a very few Vice-Presidents who were re-elected. No Vice-President since Tompkins had been honored by being his own suc essor, under the same President, until Marshall. Tompkins presided over the Senate from 1817 till 1825, under James Monroe.

Presidents have

To give a little more light on Mar- way. who still hope to put something over shall's predecessor, it may be said This was truly a labor of love, a on the people with the assistance of that he was a New York lawyer and service of permanent value to the Naforgers, jailbirds and the floating pop- statesman. He served in Congress tion. The treatment accorded the ulation. died in 1825.

The Vice-Presidency is not regarded men elected to be Vice-President have, funds to erect markers on the Trail. particular thought to preparation for through death of the President, succeeded to the Nation's most exalted

## RAISING MORE HENS.

or thereabouts, with transportation a member of Congress and whose emiexpenses paid and an additional \$4 a nence as a politician entitle him to day for subsistence, to undertake in- speak upon every topic with authority, vestigations in special lines abroad, tells the people of the United States The impressive fact, however, is that that one way to combat the high cost ly for the work. Talent and deter- Speaker of the House halls from a mination alone will not be enough, district in which the rural and small-The young man who has wasted his town population predominates, and in years is extremely unlikely to which the problem of raising poultry on a small scale is relatively a simple Only ten of these agents are wanted one. His advice is eminently sound will be increased later, as the plan duties of the care of a small flock will Russia and the Far East and general would adjust themselves according to

ware in South America; hardware in dweller in the suburban districts of Africa, the Near East and India; even the large cities can do his part the Far East; and mineral resources for himself but for others by "raising chance. There will be required, first, found that those who are following investigation; next, some knowledge secret of success in this particular of languages in most instances. No applicant for work in South the present prices of grain there is America will be considered eligible little, if any, profit in eggs, even at where the poultryman is compelled to buy all garded as requisite for work in Brazil. his feed at the store. But the unavoidable waste from the table of an tions in Russia and extra credit will average family. Mr. Hewes points out Applicants will is sufficient to feed a small number be examined also as to their knowledge of fowls, and the ration is nearly of the trade customs of the countries balanced one, although not ideal. The ordinances. He drove the length of known drug, which was the result of of the titanic contest between to be visited. Requirements as to cash outlay required for grit, charknowledge of the particular line to be coal, bone and a few other necessary items is small where the size of the It is too late for those who have flock is adapted to the circumstances His wagon attracted such crowds as manufacture were granted upon the ven the subject no previous thought of each case. It is when the number to block traffic and he was constantly basis of the cost of the two successful given the subject no previous thought of each case. It is when the number to block traffic and he was constantly basis of the cost of the two successful to qualify for this particular examina- is permitted to reach the point that compelled to move. His dog was experiments, injustice would result.

dinner a week from a small number marking the Trail. rom the table.

old enough for the purpose, and surposed of, in the city scheme. of New Jersey had to be called on to a million families in the larger cities garded the vene accommodate some of the guests. An and an unestimated number in the small towns so situated that they can were followed generally.

#### OUR LEGAL PESSIMISTS.

The bone-dry amendment is inef-But who knows? count us out on one or all of them.

The trouble discovered in the single-item veto amendment is its sim-plicity. It vests power in the Governor to veto single items in apprometropolis and the pleasure ground item it carries down the whole bill. ships to carry trade to the nations of ously not the career for him. He

But there are two other plausible superior opportunities for gilt-edged constructions. One is that the veto It may be the destiny of New York that the Legislature may override a of signing were lodged in hotels in the to be one day a grand, glittering and veto only when it is applied to the down. entire measure. The other is that others who could not write their ad- financial and commercial metropolis when the Governor vetoes an item but dresses so they could be deciphered, is moved further inland, New York approves the remainder of the bill the stored; otherwise the previous major-

item. tion. the Supreme Court will find that there mean it. was some definite purpose in adopting the amendment. In the meanwhile we may hope that the tax-limitation amendment will survive assaults and that the Legislature will

### EZRA MEEKER'S PILGRIMAGE.

One of the most valuable and most disinterested acts of public service which have been done for the American people was that of Ezra Meeker elected; but the rule has been that in perpetuating the Oregon Trail, This there was a change in the Vice-Presi-dency. Washington had John Adams of the heroic episodes in American mit anyone destring to do so to enter fulness. The idyllic countryside is recommends regulation of the process for two terms; but Jefferson had history, yet it was gradually being by which measures and candidates Clinton and Burr; Madison had Clin-obliterated and was fading from memplaced upon the ballot? Every- ton and Gerry; Andrew Jackson had ory when Mr. Meeker took up his self- quired only to pay to the patentee a being drained into the marts of trade; body knows that the grand jury speaks Calhoun and Van Buren; Lincoln had imposed task. In an ox-drawn prairie royalty fixed by a court. The combut Verhaeren sees only that it is the truth when it declares that there Hamlin and Johnson; Grant had Colschooner of the same kind as that in The fax and Wilson; Cleveland had Hen- which he and his family traveled west Legislature knows it, and the Legis-lature will act in the matter unless Hobart and Roosevelt. Mr. Wilson enlisting the aid of each community in placing memorial stones along the

1813); declined Madison's offer to 76th year, by the people of the different cities through which he passed was elequent of their temper. Almost invariably in the West he was well-comed and honored. The citizens received him hospitably and raised funds to erect markers on the Trail. The children gave their dimes to the cause, and assembled in hosts at the dedication ceremonies. As he traveled eastward interest grew less. At North Platte, Neb., the business men refused to give up any time to him, but the West he was well-comed and honored. The citizens received him hospitably and raised funds to erect markers on the Trail. The children gave their dimes to the cause, and assembled in hosts at the dedication ceremonies. As he traveled castward interest grew less. At North Platte, Neb., the business men refused to give up any time to him, but the W. C. T. U. took the work in hand make him Secretary of State; and was ferent cities through which he passed elected Vice-President in 1816. He was eloquent of their temper. Almost as seriously as it should be, yet five ceived him hospitably and raised Champ Clark, whose experience as W. C. T. U. took the work in hand and one citizen donated a handsome monument. At Kearney the people expressed approval of his purpose, but Commercial Club declined to call a

special meeting. "had a foreboding that I be mistaken for a faker and ooked upon either as an adventurer or a sort of a 'wandering Jew.'" He tor, that he had no patent medicine to sell and was neither soliciting nor receiving contributions for the support of the expedition. Many suspected graft or speculation, though the newspapers understood and spoke well of the enterprise, with the one exception of William Allen White, who wrote of his suspicions. All the incidents of the memorable journey are related in Mr. Meeker's book, "A Busy Life," which he wrote and published in his 86th year.

Ohio and Indiana were generally hospitable, but when the pilgrim reached Buffalo the Mayor demanded \$100 license fee, as though he were running a traveling show. He put the churlish official to shame by voluntarily representing an emigrant in hospital. At Albany, says the author, "the Mayor would not talk to me after once taking a look at my long hair." The official is thus pilloried:

He was an old man and, as I was afterward told, a broken-down politician. At New York, though Mayor Mc-Relian told the police not to molest of patentees. him, he was arrested for driving cattle wards released,

square if due attention is given to cold shoulder," but Philadelphia

In breeding time, the cockerels the people's understanding of the great work at home which would not be discover so many virtues in us, even should be eaten as soon as they are events in their own history. All should atoned for by any gains that might after having called us by the unpleasbe well enough informed to know the be made. plus pullets should be similarly dis- great part which the migration to The Oregon played in the expansion essence of the plan is that it is not our territory to the Pacific Coast, but last week, and the adjacent cities a big one. But there are more than many were so ignorant that they revenerable pioneer as a

The Oregon emigration in fact sur-

#### WAR-MADE PROSPERITY.

Our good friend The Oregonian seems nuch gratified that Portland is becoming specially prosperous on account of the shipuliding going on within her limits, or near hem. The balance of the state rejoices of the rin her new-found prosperity, but the same time hopes that Portland will general, but so was he widely read in the same time hopes that Portland will general, but so was he widely read in the same time hopes that Portland will general, but so was he widely read in France and fervidly admired in Enganued by the war rather than a tariff law.—Salem Capital Journal.

He had failed to exhibit early in life

Prosperity through the present served, but that is all. An item is not a bill; so if the Governor vetoes an to kill soldiers or non-combatants, but with all kindness that this was obvihe world.

of an item is final and conclusive; So Portland's share in the "war-made tined from the first to be a man of

whole bill goes to the Legislature; if beiligerent or neutral. Does our Sa- similar fidelity to detail, he pictured two-thirds of each house then vote lem neighbor suggest one rule for the the life of his own people as Henryk for the bill the vetoed item is re- Oregon shipbuilder and another for Sienkiewicz, who died only a few days the Salem fruit grower?

vital. The item veto, as Mr. Crawford con- by the politicians with disastrous re- at peace and who hoped only to con strues the new amendment, has ex- sults and was signed by a President tinue in the pursuit of domestic joys. isted since adoption of the constitu- who publicly sneered at "experts," The Governor always has had tariff and otherwise. Now we find poems the antithesis of the "back-topower to veto an entire bill because the same President and the same the farm" movement of which lately it contained an unworthy item. So party ardently for a non-partisan we in America have begun to hear so

#### REFORMING THE PATENT LAWS. That the path to reform of the

patent laws is not yet a plain and open then have to be so economical that one is pointed out by Commissioner the Governor will find no single items Thomas Ewing, of the Patent Office, to exist ultimately only by sufferance either compulsory license or compul- shop and the factory. both laws.

countries, which would be costly in the long run to our own industries.

way of successful operation for exploitation. The successful pat- day is doneented article, even under present con-After crossing the Missouri, the old ditions, is the only one heard from; nothing is said about the efforts made to put on the market the thousands of others that have failed. The inventor stands in the same attitude as was compelled to explain that he was the prospector. It is the bonanza that not a corn doctor or any kind of doc- gets into the news. The thousands of prospectors who spend their lives without making a strike are never heard from. The patent that gives a large return to the investor is perhaps as Verhaeren draws it, but it is strong have been issued and only a small basis of large fortunes.

Injustice of the compulsory license is pointed out, in the respect that it does not take account of unsuccessful experiments that are a legitimate part of the economic cost of the whole undertaking. The patentee and the in-its nails of grey, athwart the dull analytical chemist fellows to ventor would take the risk involved in grey day" raking the green window something worth talking about. establishing the success of the article and then would be compelled to compete in its manufacture, with only royalty compensation, with others who had held back until its entire success was determined before entering the field. The licensee would wait until the patentee had made all the mistakes, and then reap the benefit of them. The value of the patent would then be staked on litigation to an even greater extent than at present, and litigation is now the chief burden

Difficulty in fixing just royalties through the city, and, though after- under compulsory licensing is illusgot tangled in city trated by the experience of a widely

that many inventions are suppressed, because, in spite of the many things cleanliness and to light and air. He opened its heart to him.

At Washington, however, President that it is even possible to keep half Roosevelt gave him "a royal wel
a dozen here to him.

Commissioner Ewing helds that this we have in our country to admire practice is not general enough to after the general principle, and that it is refreshing to hear him talk, beselves with this trade problem when a dozen hens in a box six feet by come," for the Colonel is Western in to compel the manufacture of ma-cause, after all, he is so complithe European war is over, and that the three, by moving the box occasionally. spirit and honors the pioneers and chines that did not fit into the gen- mentary. He says we have splendid opportunities for qualified investigators will increase rather than diminish as time runs on. But they
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from the start did not into the first did not i of foreign nations and would cause and our rhythmic motion as we hurry The varieties of reception tendered unnecessary duplication of plants by along the streets on our way to and to Mr. Meeker are illuminating as to our own manufacturers and loss of from our work. For a man who can

A POET OF THE GREAT CITY. It is a curious fact that Emile Verhaeren, the Belgian poet, who met a will not believe that praise of himtragic death the other day under a train in the French city of Rouen, and our architecture, our orchestras and make themselves nearly independent passed in many particulars other, his- whose most recent noteworthy literary our cocktails are wonderful—yes, M. in this respect. It is easy to guess toric migrations. It far exceeded in work was a savage arraignment of what the result would be if the advice distance traveled the exodus of the the German conquest of Belgium, was was a savage arraignment of Diaghileff certainly is right. r building, Chicago. San napolis and West Point, but of course what the result would be if the advice distance traveled the exodus of the claimed before the beginning of the nature, R. J. Bidwell, 742 not all of the visiting half million can of Speaker Clark and Secretary Hewes Israelites from Egypt. It is com- claimed before the beginning of the parable to the descent of the Ger- war by German critics as "a German manic tribes on the Roman Empire, poet who by accident writes in but it was a marked contrast to that French," to quote the words of his movement. The invaders of Rome English reviewer, Jethro Bithell. Verwere barbarians coming from a wil- haeren was, as a matter of fact, a derness into a civilized, highly de- Fleming, with the dominant charveloped country. The Oregon pioneers acteristics of his race, which compare sort to the back room of a saloon on authority of the proprietor of one and there copy names out of the city of the leading hostelries as quoted in a similar plight, say others, and now trackless desert to take possession of the Frenchman, but he was educated Once it appeared that an a New York paper; and it is quite former Attorney-General Crawford a wild country occupied only by small in French, and he never troubled himenterprising gum-shoer had canvassed possible that his conception of a high-asserts that the single-item veto bands of savages. The European mi-While these methods of class hotel is not in accord with the amendment is inoperative. So far, no gration caused a return to barbarism, was really his native tongue. Nor did while the Oregon migration carried he write in it at all, although we have forward the civilization which had alof genius. It remained for one of is entitled to high rank unless it the rusal credits amendment, the ship-the workers for the great cause of charges \$5 per day for a room and tax exemption or the repeal of the West. ing that, as Bithell says, his French seemed rather a translated Flemishand the idea seems quite clear.

> He had failed to exhibit early in life any adaptability to succeed to the tariff being impossible, Portland does management of an oil works owned by was for a time a student at Louvain, of other ships destroyed in the war, with Maeterlinck. But he was desprosperity" is to build up, not to tear letters, and nothing else. He has left in his poems a series of pictures of We would just as soon think of de- the everyday life of his people such clining to make and sell ships as to as seldom have been produced in efuse to grow and sell prunes to verse. In a different sense, yet with stored; otherwise the previous major-ity vote on the bill stands and the bill becomes a law without the vetoed tariff will be important, not to say The present tariff was made a poet of the life of a people who were Verhaeren represented in his later

> we fancy that if it comes to a test, tariff commission. We hope they much. He pictured the city as the the Supreme Court will find that there mean it. man progress; he held that however wanton and cruel the city might be, it was swallowing up the country virtue of its abnormal manifestation of the "spirit of efficiency." country, as he viewed it, was doomed in a recent statement in which he op- of the town. He was prone to deify poses enactment of laws requiring the energy incarnate in the machine sory working. He declares that com- to say, first and last, of the beauties pulsion, if it operates in defiance of of Nature, and he sings them well, economic laws, cannot be said to have but to him there is poetry in the accomplished any good where it has belching chimneys and roaring of been tried. Briefly, the two proposals many wheels, where other poets have that the patentee must manufacture be so, for Energy created the world n the country in which the patent and Energy must find expression alis granted either a whole or part of his products, as the law may specify. Bithell expresses it, that the beauty of Recently there has been general dis- a thing does not lie in its outward cussion of the advisability of enacting form, but in the power it expresses. "The panting in multiplied effort of Compulsion in each instance is be- the machinery has the rhythms of stuet with domestic and international pendous poetry." It was a daring condifficulties. Germany has compulsory ception that gave the poet a picture laws, but the United States has not, such as this, in his "Les Campagnes

There is more description of the A substantial impediment in the city's "crowd inextricably twined," and "whose eyes are filled with hate compulsory laws, it is declared, would and whose teeth snatch at the time interested and the president of the be the difficulty of obtaining capital they cannot catch," and yet, after the

Such is the day—and when the even With ebony hammers carve the skies, Over the plain the city heaves Her shimmer of colossal lies; Her haunting, gilt desires arise; Her radiance to the stars is cast, She gathers her gas in golden sheaves; Her ralls are highways flying fast To the mirage of happiness. That strength and fortune seem to ble Like a great army swell her walls; And all the smoke she still sends de Reaches the field in radiant calls.

It is not altogether a lovely picture as rare as a paying gold mine; at any and not deficient as to truthfulness. rate, more than a million patents it is intended as a picture of the city as it exists in all its unloveliness to proportion of them have been the the poet's eye—yet a stern necessity, We must do something to keep down just the same. Nevertheless, he writes this ever-increasing cost of living. much of the country and its joys and sorrows, and always faithfully to life. Purely as a descriptive poet, he stands high. His metaphor is simple and barrel for our housewives. This ofpane, and after a time

The long, long rain, Rain—and its threads identical, And its nails systematical, Weaving the garment, mesh by mesh amain Of destitution for each house and wall, And fences that enfold The villages, neglected, grey and old

It rains in Flanders. It is raining there now, and with modifications to time's prediction as to the future of suit conditions of life in the trenches, Roumania is about to be fulfilled. it is now probably just such a day or 'Les Villages Illusoires" years ago. Of all the work he has done, how-

ever, critics give first place to that in which he has given his conception Broadway with his ox-team, but several hundred experiments. Two of thirty days of New York was enough the later experiments were successful, for him, though he stayed sixty days. His wagon attracted such crowds as to block traffic and he was constantly basis of the cost of the two successful the observation of others. If he had the observation of others. If he had after all! written nothing else, Verhaeren would,

M. Diaghileff, who is a Russian and planning conquest of the markets are ten or a dozen hens will thrive in an ington would have none of it except not going to wait for the Government enclosed space ten or fifteen feet for pay," and at Baltimore "I got a ture is based in part on the feeling are snobs, and he specifies. It is col.

ant name of snob, we can have only feelings of friendship. For in at least that one respect, we are international. Who is there who does not enjoy being praised, and who is there who self is from the heart? Our women

A PLAGUE OF GOLD. The American people are in the anomalous position of having more gold than they know how to use in legitimate business. The further and malies exist of Great Britain pouring more gold into our hands American bankers urging clients who sell goods to Britain to take payment in credits, without collateral, not in gold.

The motive for Britain's policy is selfish. So long as that country ships gold to the United States, it increases it ships, it makes credit cheap in this country and thus improves the opportunity to borrow at low interest. advice of our bankers is in the interest of our people. An excess of gold tempts to speculation by making money cheap. Those who have money are anxious to earn interest on it, and those who have speculative schemes are tempted ance by getting the calendar and be-France and fervidly admired in Eng- to borrow from them. An era of ginning to figure how many days till speculation leads to an era of distrust during which gold is hoarded, credit becomes dear and speculative enterprises crash. That means hard times By making gold cheap, an excess of that metal beyond the country's proper requirements raises the price of commodities and takes away from the The ships will in part take the place where he formed a close friendship It hears especially hard on the person workman the benefit of high wages. of fixed income by reducing the purchasing power of his money.

The bankers who have advised against taking gold in payment for exports and in favor of extending credit have been accused of being actuated by a desire to assist the al-Whether that be the motive or not, the American people will benefit if their advice is followed, for both speculation and the advance of prices will be checked.

The United States has been con gratu'ated on having one-third of the world's supply of gold and on the prospect of having one-half of the To bid my merry bandits hie. It is no cause for congratulation; it is cause for alarm. not need it. We cannot use it. It is a source of danger.

The suggestion made by a Briton that if the United States declared a food embargo it might subject itself to reprisals, is accompanied by a hint that, for example, Canada could, by a retaliatory embargo on logs and pulp, cause a serious, paper shortage in the United States at once. there are also at least two other commodities an embargo on which, by way of reprisal, would be even more se-The United States is dependent upon outside sources for its rubber and its tin, things. It is the largest consumer of rubber in the world, not excepting any of the countries at war. not enough to say that we could in that event resort to still further embargoes, for in doing so we would deprive ourselves of markets that are profitable to us and which we hope to continue to possess. riously to be considered is whether prices, high as they are, are more serious than would be a war of trade reprisal in which no one could foresee

It is a poor day that does not bring discovery in the way of a dye guaranteed to break the blockade and solve the problem of the American textile industry for all time. The United States Consul-General at Bueos Aires reports on a new material called algarrobin, obtained from the wood of the carob tree. The material is said to lend itself to a wide variety of uses, both alone and in combina tion with extracts, such as fustic, hypernic and logwood, and so employed gives a large number of fast It is also suitable as a base for various coal-tar dyes, the advan- to .ome into the colyum and tack tage therein being that it effects an down a strip of lamentation about the economy of 50 to 90 per cent of the impending bone-dry state on condition latter and more expensive products, that we should hold the authority to Altogether, it promises as many won- allow someone else to come in with derful results as any newly developed a package of poesie devoted to the other material that has come into promi- side of the question. nence recently. A factory for its manufacture already is in operation by the second minstrel in this great in Argentina.

have been organized to demand a it yours if you wish-ahem!" curb on all profanity during office hours. Still, a moderate amount of jot or tittle from the glory of Omar mild profanity would be preferable to Nix. So we pass him the dulcimer and "Well, what do you know he sings as follows: hearing. about that?" all day long.

We are glad to see that the University of Oregon students have de-cided to bar flowers and evening clothes from the annual formal dance

What we really need is \$2 wheat for our farmers and flour at about \$4 s vivid. He pictures the rain as "with fers a splendid chance for those

After having read of the defense of Verdun, we confess that there is a certain absence of thrill in the accounts of General Trevino's stand at Chihuahua.

It does seem as if King Constan-Judging from the November liquor

imports, the "safety first" propaganda has not fallen on stony ground. The hobos are to have a college Doubtless the course in transportation

So we are not going to let San Domingo work out her own salvation.

Anyway, the bum actors are not omplaining about the advancing price of eggs.

Perhaps Villa is vexed because he,

## Gleams Through the Mist

IN THE GARDEN.

Sone is the boom of the brown bees Dried are the founts of the honey

Only the wind goes rustle, rustle, The stiff, dry vines of the sweetpeas through:

Geranium leaves are seared and crossed By the biting kiss of the bitter frost. tiny bud on the rosebush lingers. Bent like a battered coral charm; Clenched like a baby's tiny fingers

To guard some bit of a toy from harm: But well though the souls of the blos-The chill of the Winter bites full deep.

Open and loose the gate is swinging Where the souls of my garden, one by Swept away to the southward singing

Their songs of the land of endless sun. the frost imps shattered their shrines, and then-

Look where the withered vines are clinging: Can the gods of my garden come back again?

"Sir," said the Courteous Office Boy, changing the wet towel on his head and pursuing avidily the last bit of ce in the water pitcher, "I honor and elebrate the Chicago Diet Squad." "Why so, my son?" I queried, snatch-

ing the ice from him and putting it on my own fevered brow. "They may have missed the big show on Thanksgiving day," said the C. O. B.,

but they also were privileged to miss the morning after." And the C. O. B. belied his repent-Christmas.

#### VILLA'S RIDING SONG.

come from haunts no one can learn. I make a sudden sally, And when Carranza's troopers turn, I skittle up an alley.

make myself a president Whene'er my fancy cares to: Then when my fortunes get a dent, I make myself right scarce, too. on many battlefields I die.

And when my foes cry. "Ha-ha!" 'm resurrected by and by And chase them from Chihuahua! dart across the border line.

And when my merry run's done, seek the highland and haunts of mine And shake my fist at Funston. And notes they fly and heads they lie Uneasy when I rally

And bicker down the valley die, I live, I croak, I blow: No stroke my life can sever, For men may come and mer may go-But I go on forever.

### CHANT MILITANT.

(Sung by the housewives.) The housewife to the war has gone, Against the strange devices, Which, through the seasons off and on, Have boosted up food prices The carp that in the storage stall A frozen luster shed,

Still hangs there, left upon he wall, And gets more dead and dead. The turkey, chickens and the grub, The storage men were holding-They soak them with a boycott club

(A better plan than scolding). In slient woe the storage quakes, While housewives still raise hob And now and then the market breaks. To prove they're on the job.

A SONG OF THE LINE. (Such as may be sung almost any time in the entrance of Wells-Farge

building in these troublous times.) Stand to the line and be strong, Halting not in your ways, For soon they will ring the gong-In a matter of thirty days, Shove on the line and haste, For soon it will be too late:

#### In the fringe of a bone-dry state, DRY STUFF.

For there isn't much time to waste

The foregoing song of the line was sung for no especial moral purpose, except to preface a return to our discussion of last week with Orr O. Smith. True to our promise, we allowed him

"Omar Nix" is the signature given Bards' Bone-Dry Saengerfest "I wouldn't put my name on this for A stenographers' union is said to ten dollars (\$10)," he explains, "Call But far be it from us to take one

Banished Booze.

Wake! For the Sun that scattered into Flight The bars before him from the Field of Night. Drives shipments with them from the

Town, and strikes Wells-Fargo's office with a shaft of Fright. And as the Clock struck, those who stood before

Wells-Fargo's shouted: "Open, then, the door! You know how long a while we have to wait,

And, once departed, dare return no more. Booze is indeed gone with all of his

crew. And the bar's shiny glass that we all knew-But still the Logan grows upon the

And many a garden has the Concord blue.

(Our next minstrel, we fear, is mor of a free-verse singer than we could desire, but in splte of that we shall let him uncork his lamentation Tuesday, without let or hindrance, although we may give some slight services in chiropody ere we allow him to burst into song.—Ed.)

An Ensy Lesson, but-From the Boston Transcript.

Teacher—Robert, how is it that you haven't your lesson? It couldn't have been so very hard to learn. Bobby-No, please, teacher; it wasn't because it was so hard to learn, but because it was so easy to forget.