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**Current Opinions on Live Topics** 

The Cost of a Boy. (Chicago Tribune.)

in America setting it forth as a fact that it costs \$25,000 to bring up an selves to impeach.

As for the total amount in the American calculation, it is one of these wild and futile attempts at eral way to a majority of fathers who ing session of congress. give or try to give their sons a colmate of \$396 to a liberal estimate it serious consideration. eral estimate \$569.

until he is of lawful age, and further- panics. more that a vast majority of boys The poor man can lay up some- the officials thought it could be done whose fathers are in comfortable cir- thing for an emergency with full con- safely. The Standard has crushed at Cambridge, students who spend long as it is in the pocket of the nocent as a child. ponding indulgence.

lans, socialistic and otherwise, is people have an opportunity to make this protestation of virtue, this apamong the many middle class boys cause they do not always feel that who have never seen "the subscrip- their money would be safe. In a English statisticians have seen this "\$500 yearly traveling and holiday absolute confidence and it would cul- upon being caught in his evil pracestimate and gone it \$500 better, expenses" even in their wildest tivate the savings habit among the tises, or he would close his mouth They have taken the boy "with a lib- dreams. Making figures is a pleas- people in a manner that would be of and endeavor to keep out of the puberal education" and have calculated ant and easy diversion, particularly the highest benefit to the individual lic eye. None but the hardened his expenses from the nursery to and on the stump and to vindicate a and to the country. It is safe to as- criminal brazenly protests his inthrough Eton and Oxford, with al- theory, but figures which go against sume that the savings in a posati nocence and doggedly insists that he lowance for travel and finishing all known averages are not to be ac- savings bank would exceed those in is wronged when the proofs of his touches, and thus arrive at the fig- cepted seriously or as proof of hon- all private savings banks many times guilt are spread before the world. ures suggested. It is an interesting est intent in calculation. The Amer- over after a few years. There would compilation, the accuracy of which ican boy may well feel that he has be so much more money saved by it may be left for the English them- obtained the name without the game. the people, and these increased sav-

#### Postal Savings Bank. (Boise States:nan.)

Postmaster General Meyer is planfigures which at the best may be ning to recommend the creation of a looked at compassionately. In the postal savings bank system. That first place, the expression "middle system has been established in most class" has no general significance in European countries and has proved a the United States. If it is used at success. Therefore it seems certain it its innocence of the charges upon all it has intelligible reference only would be a success here. The public which it has been convicted. The to financial rating and is more sym- mind is prepared for the establishsocialistic orator referred in a gen- a recommendation at the forthcom- dislodge that knowledge.

statistics of the University of Chica- peculiar weight, and it is probable it so. go show that expenses for the col- will meet with such popular approval

not be successfully questioned. Such dishonest thing could not be con- be conceived. It is not contended that there are a system affords an easy method of ceived, but this man who now stands

sary.

that they build their general con- regular deposits in ordinary savings peal to public opinion upon fasle al-In no way embarrassed or dis- clusions on speical conditions. It is banks, while a very large proportion legations-it is all revolting to the couraged by a socialistic utterance altogether likely that the "actual of them hesitate about doing so average mind. It shows just what case" in England will excite laughter; when they have an opportunity be- abandoned characters they are. A man with any conscience left American boy "of the middle class," tion for a London club" and the postal savings bank there would be mission and manly promise of reform would be willing to make frank ad-

> ings would constitute a powerful factor in improving the condition of the people as a whole.

> > Never Was Honest. (Boise Statesman.)

A statement has been issued by This attempt to shift the responsithe Standard Oil company asserting bility will not stand and for two very good reasons. First by retaining the cashier in his position for months company makes itself foolish by such after the act complained of was done pathetically expressed by allusions ment of such a savings system and protestations. The world knows it they ratified it; and if as is suggestto persons "in comfortable circum- the postmaster general will strike at has been a pirate for 30 years, and ed they knew nothing of the bank's stances." It is possible that the an opportune time if he makes such no amount of denial on its part will condition until a few days before it closed, their ignorance is criminal in

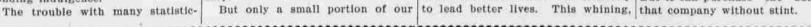
It has never been honest in its its density. What are directors for? Mr. Meyer, through his residence dealings with the people. At the be- Had they no idea of the duty which lege education, and it must be as- abroad, has had an opportunity to ginning of his career its president they owed the depositors? They are sumed that he was not speaking of study the workings of the postal sav- was not honest, and there has never business men. This plea of figureisolated but of average cases. Pre- ings banks there, and he no doubt been a moment since when it has head immunity will not be accepted sumably the years of a young man's understands the subject far better not violated the statute law as well in this day. If they didn't know, college or university course are the than most of our public men. His as the law of morals whenever it has they should have known. They held most taxing on a father, yet the recommendation will therefore have found a favorable opportunity to do themselves out to the world as knowing something about the bank's con-

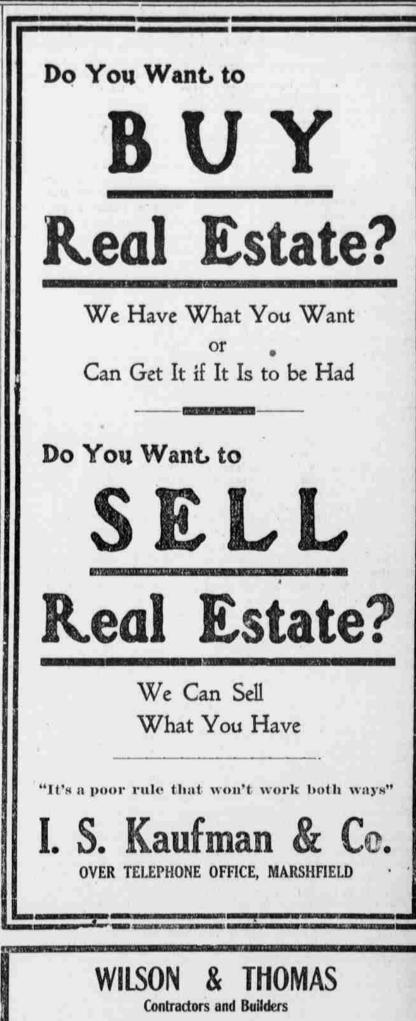
At the very outset of his career as dition. Their names gave the bank lege year run from an average esti- that congress will be obliged to give an oil man, Rockefeller bribed em- a position it would not otherwise ployes of other houses to make regu- have possessed and they knew it, and of \$655, while the moderate esti- The postal savings bank would be lar reports to him respecting the the duty they owed the depositors mate at Harvard is \$454 and the lib- of great benefit to our people can- business of their employers. A more was one of the most sacred that can

The failure of this bank ought to not a number of young men who do depositing savings, and the depositor out as a financial magnate did not be a marked lesson to every bank on not greatly exceed this estimate, but has the assurance that they are abso- hesitate to employ such methods. He this Coast. In the first place it ought this has nothing to do with the ques- lutely safe. He receives interest and debased the railway companies when to hasten the day when directors tion at issue. The point is that there is able to build up the foundation of ne founded the Staudard, and up al- will direct, when public opinion will is no requirement for the expendi- fortune without incurring the risk most to the present hour his com- force a sense of duty and obligation ture of \$25,000 to bring up a boy incident to financial flurries and pany has continued to employ the upon directors before they accept methods he then adopted, so far as their positions.

And this failure shows, it seems to us, a marked weakness in all the cumstances, or "middle class," if the fidence that his money will be ready competition and driven competitors state laws we have examined and in expression is preferred, do not ap- for him when he may need it, and into poverty by means that would be the National law as well, in that they proach such disbursement. It is persons of moderate means will find scorned by an ordinary hunco steer- do not provide for such a case as manifestly unfair to take a group of the system a great convenience. No er, and yet it wishes now, when this. They limit the amount of loans young fellows either at Chicago or money is safe from being spent so brought to book, that it is as in- that can be made to any one interest, but they do not limit the amount

money riotously, and deduce from owner, but when it gets into a bank People would think far better of of other obligations which the bank their profilgacy what it "costs" to of any kind it is far less likely to Mr. Rockefeller and his company if can assume of any one interest, nor send a boy to college. It is equally melt away. This is especially true they should frankly confess they is any regulation whatever attempted unjust to advance as an average of with respect to savings banks. There have been law-breakers throughout of the purchases which a bank can "total cost of bringing up a boy of the money earns interest, and the their careers. If they are anxious to make. Here is an inconsistency. A the middle class" the sum expended owner is not likely to draw it out be thought honest, they should ad- bank can loan to a company only a by a father of wealth and corres- unless it becomes absoultely neces- mit and ask pardon for what all the certain portion of the bank's capital. world knows and start out manfully But it can purchase the bonds of





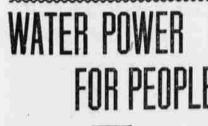
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# When Will Directors Meet? According to two of the Oregon

Trust and Savings Bank directors it is a case of too much one man banking. They say that the cashier bought these bonds without any authority from the board of directors.

(Pacific Banker.)



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Claims Made to Falls.

Naturally, the study of this phase

STATES HAVE BEEN LAX

Syndicates Have Grasped Fails In Western Cities For Private Gain Only.

Washington, Aug. 30 .- In every this newer attitude augurs a change state in which there is a national forest there is bound to arise the issue as to whether or not private land for power purposes. corporations shall pay for the land privileges procured through the appropriation of water for power in propriation of water for power purthe government forests. The subed, and the forest bureau refuses to water under the state laws, even albe quoted in any respect. Privately, however, some of the officials discuss it, and the trend is towards, holding that such corporations should pay something for the land recognizing in this instance the line privileges enjoyed.

Extensive inquiry among those officials who are regarded as more or less expert interpreters of the basic long some sort of change will be law involved, reveals the growing made for the land privileges given much as municipal economists have federal lands to appropriate water on the ground of vested rights.

"vested rights" plea has been the that in time they must yield and pay harbor of safety for every franchisefavored corporation that ever was nothing. brought face to face with modernized demands for recognition of the popular rights. Street car companies, of national administration leads one when asked to submit to municipal across the line into the realm of the

regulation, control of fares, enforc- commonwealth and it is discovered a well-versed official said. "we find ed increase of service in the form of that a strange situation exists. A that during the last few years syndimore cars and extended lines, larger given fall of water, capable of de- cates simply have walked into the taxation, and other phases of the veloping say 100,000 horse power, new franchise regime, have resorted lies contiguous to a growing city. to the courts, and the contention Some one nails up a shingle on a tree ing without payment invaluable privhas been that it was "proposed to on the land at the falls notifying the ileges; that they are in a fair way to take away our property," as was world that he has forthwith taken argued last winter here in Washing- that power to be his own, and files the future; that they will soon be in ton, when the congress showed signs it with the clerk of the county, pay- a position to levy tribute on the peo-Government officials Feel That of adopting a law for "no seats, no ing \$2 for a horse to ride to the falls ple, utilizing as their chief asset the

and 50 cents for filing the notice.

People's Rights Come First. his assigns claims that 100,000 for. But it has become one of the accepted doctrines of court interpreta- horse power for his own.

tion in recent years that "vested The question has arisen in the rights" must give way partly to the jurisprudence of the country. Does rights of all the people, and, based that man or his assigns really own on this doctrine, courts have swept that 100,000 horsepower? What away many of the bulwarks once uti- has he rendered to the state for what lized by the franchise corporation. he took without compensation?

It is conceded that the rights of It is argued by the lawyer for the the people nowadays are more rigid- appropriator of the water that he ly guarded than in former years, and renders to the state the service of by the federal government as comproviding some public utility or dein conditions affecting the use by velops some enterprise, employing there seems to be so-called encroachprivate corporations of water and men and paying wages and maintaining industry. The creation of national forests

At this point comes in the newer has not in the least affected the ap- philosopher and says:

"Presume some man were to go, poses by private corporations. As in not to the state, but to that approject is at this time not well develop- the past, the corporation files on the priator of water, and say, "I take neglectful of the rights of the people forwith 50,000 of your 100,000 of their commonwealths? though the water originates on fedhorsepower and, as compensation, will render to the public service in among many federal officials, some eral government national forests. The forester and his associates do maintaining an industry."

not hold that this should be changed, Upon what would the title of the appropriator rest to resist the second ship of the government lands to the of demarkation between federal and appropriation? Certainly, title must

It is likely, however, that before eration did the first man render for away of the people's property and we his 100,000 horsepower?

disposition to take advanced ground, to private corporations who go on certain federal officials that more or rest under the imputation of fedthan 500,000, perhaps 1,000,000, marched forward to the dismay of under state laws. It is to be expect- horsepower has been appropriated those who have heretofore always ed that the officials of these corpora- on the Pacific coast during the last appealed successfully to the courts tions will howl long and loud and five years. The power sites have resist the fee-paying with all possible been located by the syndicates at ad-It is a fact familiar to all that the ardor. But it seems to be inevitable vantageous places, commanding industry and street car lines in most of something for what they get now for the larger cities. Previously immense numbers of units of power had been appropriated similarly.

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western states and laid their hands on the people's water power, acquircommand the industrial situation of water which they took from the peo-Henceforth, forever, that man or ple, paying absolutely nothing there-

> "Have not the states slept on their rights? Have not they sat idly by, witnessing the monopolization of the magnificent resources of the mountains and hills and have not they given away privileges which some time will be, even now, in places, worth countless millions?

"If there seems to be aggression parted with the state governments, if ments by the federal on the state, is there room for wonderment? Shall the federal be derelict because the states have been? Shall the federal fail to preserve the rights of the nation because the states have been

"This is the trend of thought of whom are high up in the administration. As we study the relation-

individual, often we run up against rest on consideration. What consid- lax conditions such as direct giving are expected to conform our policies It has come to the knowledge of to such unsatisfactory state policies,

eral usurpation."



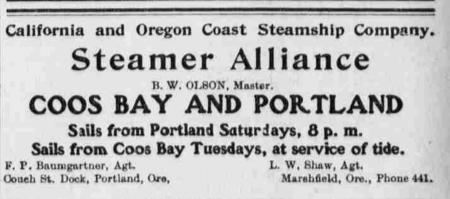
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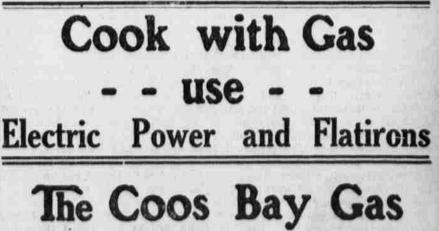
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