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and rather dread its introduction. It

is inevitable, however, and some peo-

EDITORIAL WING-SHOTS.

For the life of us we cannot tell

who offends the most, the man who

marries a Chinese woman in China.

or the woman who marries a China-

man in the United States; nor with

whom the offense lies, nor why. We

confess to an indifference that is

measured only by the inconsequence

of either act. Both are pure perver-

James J. Hill has had Portland on a

veritable grid-iron of doubt and ex-

pectancy for the past year or two;

and now he has sprung another quiet

little surprise by buying a lot of

property she does not know what he

s going to do with. It is a shame,

the way that man mystifies and disap-

Will this Legislature of ours have

the courage to seek to amend the in-

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THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington-Fair and colder in east portion.

GOVERNOR AT LAST.

Samuel G. Cosgrove is at last Governor of the Evergreen State.

Through the travail of protracted illness, and with its hand still heavy upon him, Mr. Cosgrove has struggled to meet the honor and exigency thrust upon him during the engagement; and now that he has accomplished the will of his constituency, the hope is abroad that he may rally thoroughly and "make good" to the wide limits those who know him best have set for him.

ADDITIONAL JUDGES.

The bill to increase the Supreme Court banque by two additional judges ought to meet with general satisfaction all over Oregon.

There has not been a time in the past 15 years when this increase would not have been a boon to the State and to the men charged with the immense tasks provided for this Oregon, three men of law who have given better or ampler service than that pride to the limit if it becomes her sunshine. So rare and beautiful they who dignify that bench and we hope the bill will pass with all expedition. Only once in that time has the docket of that court been within possible range of a "elean-up", and then the access grew upon it again and the relief is more essential now than ever.

As to the appointments in this behalf, the governor may be trusted to make them promptly enough, and of a calibre compatible with the distinction and the service.

CALIFORNIA PAUSES.

a pause to their anti-Japanese crusade and incisive effect. The latest propoin deference to the President's wishes sition, to put the steamship Riversinsistance, but the Legislature's con- river and San Francisco, as a feeder

better to give them the advantage of Some day the railways of the coun- in thousands and thousands of Ameri- eral minutes. the broader guise of national auspices try will learn the lesson that goes can families? and warrant than to assume a front with water transportation and en-

High Water. | A. M. | P. M.

SUNDAY

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Monday

and right that may precipitate irremedial results. We have no idea of war with Japan. But we are not forgetting that, in such an event, this coast is the nearest plain of attack and that this coast is in tremendous need of fortifications and ships and all the defensive equipment essential at such an emergency. That we must, by every rational dictate, soon amend these conditions, goes without saying. but there is no sense in precipitating onditions we cannot meet with credit nor honor; and this conclusion is not borne of fear but of ordinary common sense.

"CUBA LIBRE."

At high noon yesterday Cuba took they'll have to "show us." over the pregnant honors and conditions of a free and indpendent nation, with its own President, Congress and administrative status and staff generally, and is launched among the nations under the wing and credence of this country. She has been lifted up from the prostrate, servile and hope- and transportation centers to the suless inertia engrafted upon her by perb elevations and scenic glories of Spain, to the fresh and wholesome Crater Lake, is well worth the sum of activity and appreciation of a live \$100,000; especially if about oneforth upon her course with the good counties at interest. proud of his progeny and will back necessary. Cuba of 1909 and Cuba of is it in mid-winter that it seems al-1899 are two distinct countries, and most sheer waste to let it pass day by no one knows it better than the peo- day. Thank the powers that be, it ple who have profited by the transi- fades to the westward or we might tion. May good luck go with the think Portland was "hogging" it! "Pearl of the Antilles" and may she so direct her energies and her policies as to win a great place in the annals of the future.

IT MEANS BUSINESS.

The American-Hawaiian Steamship remedy and you are sure of prompt Company evidently means business relief. From a small beginning the on this coast, and is cutting into the sale and use of it has extended to all California law-makers have come to transportation fields here with keen parts of the United States and to and to wait for his letter which will, dale (of the Dollar fleet 2000 tons and beyond all doubt, justify not only his chartered), on between the Columbia Hart and leading druggists. for its liners and save the greater craft the time and cost of coming up field and the tated debate over grave questions are the coast to this river and Puget air." have suffered with us, during frequently the saving grace that fore- Sound for the trans-isthmian business this extraordinary winter! fends trouble and discredit, and we that is easily falling its way, is a weather makes no exceptions. believe it will turn out that way in master stroke; and is likely to cut in this instance. California cannot af- more directions than one, since it will ford to blunder any more than the open up a new line for the handling National Government can; and while of coast freights as well as doing the it may have issues of its own to settle company's long-distance hauling, and ity for 30 years, and demonstrated its after that Margaret lay with her eyes and desirable ends to gain, it were will include passenger traffic as well, worth by actual cures of female ills closed, and nothing was said for sev-

JANUARY TIDE TABLE.

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-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4 **Violets**

competitors with some show of holding their own. The railway people Copyrighted, 1908, by Associated *** parture is going to be hard to meet

Out of the darkness Margaret said, "Then every one knows it?" "Every one but you, my dear. Over

at the Country club it is common "But, Aunt Clara," vehemently. "they gossip so at the hotel."

"This isn't gossip. I've known for a long time. Margaret." "Oh"-the sigh was almost a sob-"he has always seemed such a gentle-

"He has the training of one," Mrs. Kent affirmed. "His mother is charm-

After a moment's silence Margaret broke out, "But he saved my life, Aunt Clara." There was a rustle of skirts as Mrs.

Kent moved impatiently in her chair. "Yes, and that's the worst of it." Mrs. Kent ended the longer stience that followed by ringing for lights.

"No, no," Margaret protested. like it better with just the fire." "But I must go, dear, and dress for dinner, and you will be so dreary

alone in the dark." As she rose and stood by the couch her caressing fingers touched Marga-

ret's cheek and found tears on it, "You'd better have the lights," she does, we will take back all the mean said, and there was a worried note things we ever said or thought and in her voice. "I hate to leave you confess that there is yet a chance for here alone."

the people who sent them there. But "Oh, I shall be all right," Margaret said. "I'll lie here in the dark and ret Toodlekins.

Maybe we do not realise the scope Still protesting, Mrs. Kent found of our federal mail business; but it her way out, and after a time in the strikes us that 234,000,000 dollars is a big room there came the sound of a stiffed sob, and another and another, and after that everything was very The flame of the fire died A fine highway from the valleys down. The green eyes of the little cat, snuggled close to her mistress, glowed in the blackness.

The click of an electric button and the flare up of lights brought Margastate with a splendid future and goes fourth of it is to be subscribed by the ret's head out of the cushlon where she had burted it. She shielded her face with her hand. "You are early, Uncle Dick."

It's a pity Astoria cannot conserve "I'm late. What's the matter with the lights? Why didn't you get somebody to look after them?" "I like the dark."

"Queer taste." He gave her a keen glance and sat down in the chair by the couch "How's the foot?" "It hurts a little, but it's going to be

all right." When you have a bad cough or cold "Everybody at the club is talking do not let it drag along until it beabout your accident. They are making comes chronic bronchitis or develops a regular hero of Ridgeway." He setinto an attack of pneumonia, but give tled himself back in the big chair and it the attention it deserves and get smiled at her genially. "He must have rid of it. Take Chamberlain's cough had the strength of a Hercules to hold

> "He's awfully strong," Margaret said and sat up. "His college record in athletics is fine." "He flunked in some of his studies,

those horses back."

though," Mr. Kent teased. Margaret's face flamed, "I know." She smoothed the little cat with nerv- white violets. Their delicate fragrance ous fingers. "Is-is he very ill, Uncle was roundabout her. Don't forget that the "beasts of the Dick?"

"Who-Ridgeway? Um-well. birds of the depends. He's a mighty nice fellow, then I'll go into business with dad Peggy." He caught the eagerness of and show him what I can do. And if her eyes and pulled himself up. "That you will have faith in me"is-oh, well, your Aunt Clara wouldn't

for you, Margaret." "Oh!" came in fluttering protest, and that it belonged to you."

"Tired, little girl?" asked her uncla Any fair minded, intelligent person finally, and when she nodded he stood will emphatically answer NO! Such up.

"I must go and dress for dinner." medicine is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from He hesitated by the-couch, looking coots and herbs, and its ever increas- down at her until she opened her eyes and held out her hand and said, "Dear ing popularity is due to actual merit Uncle Dick," and then he patted her cheek and said a little huskily, "Cheer

> This time there was no friendly darkness to hide the tears, so Margaret dabbed at them with her handkerchief and stared until a ring of the front door bell brought her to an upright position

"It's Mr. Ridgeway," the maid an-

"I'm afraid I can't see him!" Margaret said nervously. "Please," boomed a big voice from the hall-"please don't turn me out like

"Oh, well," Margaret agreed, and the maid's place between the curtains was

usurped by a young man as big as his voice, who came over and picked up the pussy cut and dropped a small square box in its place. "If you'll let me pet Toodlekins I'll let you have some flowers," he said, and as he sat down the little out curled into the hollow of his arm and sang her song of contentment, unruffled by the change. There were white violets in the box,

and Ridgeway said, his big voice softened by some fine emotion, "They always make me think of you." "Ob, don't, don't!" Margaret said

with quick caught breath, and Ridgeway stared at her in a puzzled way. "Don't you like them?" he asked. "Уен.

"Well, it's a funny way to show it." There was so much of the boy in him that Margaret smiled in spite of her "It's because I like them so well that

I don't want you to bring them to me any more." "You don't"-"I mean it," she said faintly. "You nustn't bring me any more flowers."

"Why not?" sharply. "Because I can't take them "Why can't you take them?"

"That isn't any reason," he flung "Do you mean that you don't want me to come?"

She held out one slim hand to him 'Don't," she said beseechingly-"don't speak to me like that. We must always be good friends, but you musta't

He took her hand. "It's to be justfriends?

"Yes." "Never anything more?"

"Never." "And yet that night after the accident you let me kiss you-Margaret."

"Yes," very low. The fire flickered and sapped. The fittle cat, disturbed somewhat, slipped down from Ridgeway's arms and curl

ed herself up on the rug. "Would you mind," Margaret said at

strong giare hurts my eyes." The rosy halo of the lamp made dark Geo. R. Clatison the distant corners of the room. Margaret on her couch was a dim outline The little cat was invisible except for her emerald eyes. Ridgeway came back and sat down; then he bent for

ward. "Margaret," he said sharply, "you are crying."

"Yes," she sobbed, "I'm crying-oh, because you are such a black sheep. Justin." He drew his breath sharply. "8-

hat's it?" he said at last. "Yes. I didn't know until tonight Aunt Clara told me."

He stood up. "Then there's nothing ore to say. Goodby.' He went to the door, hesitated and ame back.

"Look here, Peggy," he said grimly if I were a story book hero I'd take by medicine and go away and suffer allence. And it would all be very tragic and romantic, but it wouldn't sensible."

He threw himself into the big chair and knitted his brows. "The sensible thing is to get over the difficulty Let's begin at the beginning. Everybody says I'm a black sheep?" "Yes," she murmured.

"Well, I am. I've wasted my time in riotous living, as the Bible says of the prodigal, and when I flunked in my studies I got what was coming to me. But that was before I met you, Peggy. I don't think my worst enemy could accuse me since the night I saw you at the junior prom in your white gown, with your hair twisted up in a big braid like a crown. You semed the princess in a fairy tale. and I made up my mind then and there that I'd win out."

He drew a long breath and went on: 'But now I know I'm not good enough, and I know, too, that I have not any right to ask you to wait for me. All I'll ask is that you don't condemn me utterly, don't shut me out from your life."

His voice broke. Then as she held out her hand to him be went or nteadily

"I'm only going to ask that you will believe in me and if, after two or three years, no one else has come into your life that you care for and i have made good, that you will let me plend my cause again."

He stood looking down at her. Her cheek was laid against the bunch o "Dear little girl." he said, "I'll stick

She sat up, her eyes shining. "Oh, exactly approve of him, and-and-I she said, "I felt that back of it all don't know that he's just the friend there was a man in you, Justin-and then-when you saved my life-I felt

"I'm not half good enough," he said She took from the bunch of violets

a half dozen blossoms and held them

"They shall be a talisman," she said. "of faith and hope and love. You must let them keep you from all evil. Justin."

And as he knelt beside the couch the rapture in his eyes answered her.

It Made a Difference. A Chinamau of noble birth had been

invited to dine at William's home. His mother was very anxious that the guest should not be made uncomfortable by the little chap's curlosity, so she took him aside and explained all about the yellow skin, long braid of hair and almond eyes of the Mongolians and even showed him pictures of Chinese. She impressed upon him more than anything else the fact that the visitor was his father's friend and was to be treated with respect. Upon the Celestial's arrival William tried hard not to stare or look too curious and succeeded in being very quiet for some time, when, much to the surprise of his mother and the amusement of the Chinese, be called out, "Mamma, if he wasn't our friend wouldn't be be funny?"-Bellman.

Diving For Fish. An Arab pilot on board an English

ship becalmed in the Persian gulf had been amusing himself in diving for oysters. After several attempts his search proved unsuccessful, "I will now," said he to the officer:

of the vessel he was commissioned to convoy, "since I cannot gather systers. dive for and catch fish." All ridiculed the iden. He went down

again, and the officers were astonished to see him after a short time rise to the surface with a small rockfish to each hand. The Arab's own explana tion of the feat was that as he seated himself at the bottom the fish came around him and nibbled at his skip Watching an opportunity, he selzed and secured his prey by thrusting his thumb and forefinger into their expanded gills.

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