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The collection of taxes in New York
City began on the 6th, and before night
\$3,794,000 had been paid in. The law
provides that on all taxes paid before No-
vember 1 a rebate of 6 per cent shall be
allowed, and the companies and million-
aires get in early. This seems like a
small percentage when a person is paying
only a few dollars, yet on the collections
stated the saving amounted to about
\$200,000. The New York Central paid
\$200,000, the Astors paid \$250,000, August
Belmont \$100,000 and some others paid
from \$75,000 to \$100,000.It has often been said that great wealth
is not taxed in proportion to the average
property-holder, and this is undoubtedly
true. Yet when one reads of the amounts
paid for taxes as above it causes wonder
that it is paid at all. Just think of paying
\$1000 a day, besides that paid
indirectly through hundreds of corpora-
tions in which the taxpayer is interested.
It almost makes a fellow glad that he
is poor, and yet \$250,000 to the Vander-
bilts is not as much as 10 cents to a man
with thirty or forty millions, for they
have more left after paying it than he.
Most of this vast sum was paid in
checks, but 4000 people lined up at the
office and paid over the money.THE SOCIALISTIC TREND.
The New Orleans Daily News accuses
the street car company, whose employees
are now on a strike, of openly violating
the franchise agreement it has with
that city. In order to bring about open
war with its labor the News recites that
it has forced long hours upon its men,
reduced wages, made and multiplied dis-
content by wanton disregard of common
rights and in many ways sought trouble.
If this is the weapon of the public cor-
poration, if this is the method of the ser-
vant of the public, then the public should
awaken. If peace and good order are to
be sacrificed by the combines, in the
interests of larger dividends, the public
should either assert itself or go out
of business.The labor organizations in different
parts of the country are petitioning the
President to take steps toward the Gov-
ernment ownership of the coal mines. If
the strike question continues in its present
unspeakable, headless, senseless
chaos, socialism is almost a debatable
possibility."ROCK-RIBBED" DEMOCRATS.
The Oregonian says President Baer of
the Reading Railroad, J. Pierpont Morgan
and James J. Hill are rock-ribbed Demo-
crats. They may be, but they are like
a good many other Democrats we know in
this neck of the woods who talk Demo-
cracy and vote the Republican ticket.
Their interests can best be judged by the
fact that those other "rock-ribbed" Demo-
crats, Senators Quay and Penrose, appeal
to them to settle the strike because of the
effect it may have on the elections. A
"trust" Democrat is indeed a rare bird,
and is said by excellent authorities to be
wholly extinct.THE GLAD HAND.
The Dallas Times-Mountaineer com-
plains that the Portland papers have not
patted The Dallas upon the back as
often and as fraternally as her position
and importance demand.
We are guilty. Pass sentence, Judge.
To make a long story short, we should
have said more and said it in a more
classic manner about many of our friends.
But our friendship is not to be measured
by our words. In fact, Portland has
enough on hands to keep us all talking
for the next few years. Here's the "glad
hand."There are two classes of people in the
East, those who cannot get the coal and
those who cannot get the price. How-
ever, both silver alike.

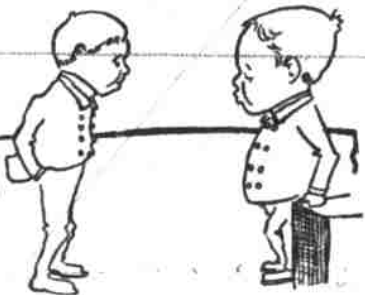
JUST PLAIN ROBBERY.

Now it is a soft coal hold-up. The scarcity of hard coal has given the other
coal operators a chance to get their deadly work in and they are doing it. There
is no reason why the price should be advanced, but it has been run up in a week
from \$5.50 per ton to \$8 in New York City, and is still "on the raise."This is the kind of hold-up that is really worse than that performed with
the aid of a pistol, when some fellow demands your money or your life. Human-
ity can get along without watches, but it cannot get along without coal. It is
an absolute necessity to existence.With anthracite out of the way, the other monopoly saw its chance and at
once proceeded to gouge, and to keep on gouging as hard and as deep as it
thinks it can, without driving the gouge to desperate and armed resistance.It may be true that anyone in their place would do the same thing. That
does not go to the merits of the matter. Conditions should not be allowed
to exist, under which they or anyone can hold the entire country up, and
rob it, and be protected in doing so. There is not a dollar of this increased
price goes to the coal miners, and if the operator could sell the coal a month
ago at \$5.50, and at a fair profit, the additional 50 per cent raise is nothing
but downright stealing. There is a place where profit ceases and larceny com-
mences, and they have already passed far beyond that point.The public has no recourse. It must dig up, or shiver. Against the com-
bines they have no remedy. They are artificial persons, with no bodies to be
kicked, no souls to be damned. That last is left for the great, meek public.
Yet these big combines put their representatives forward, and ask: the
people, the government, to shoot down American citizens who dare to attempt
to earn enough to support themselves and their families. This is anarchy gone
to seed and it is scattering that same seed broadcast through the land.Out this way it cuts no figure, as far as we of the Coast are personally con-
cerned, but it is the principle moving the coal combines that must be fought,
and controlled. It is nothing new; prices have been advanced on nearly every-
thing owned or manufactured, but fortunately these things were neither air,
light, water, nor heat, hence did not apply to everyone, yet the principle was
the same. There has got to be, and there is going to be, a change in systems,
and inordinate greed is going to bring it about.

THERE IS NEED OF DELEGATION.

Current discussion of questions pertaining to law enforcement brings out
clearly the need for a general revision of statutes and ordinances in Oregon.
There is not a town in the state wherein there are not ordinances unenforced
and which are not repugnant to the beliefs of the vast majority of people.
These laws remain upon the books, unheeded from year to year; occasionally
they are enforced for a brief season; but for the most part they are merely
clubs in the hands of corrupt officials who extort money from law-breakers
under threat of enforcement.It would be well for Portland, well for Oregon, were there a general
crusade in favor of delegation, for the repealing of laws that only a few
citizens wish to be in existence, and for which the great majority have utter
contempt.The Journal stands for law enforcement. It is a position that must be
assumed by all decent people. The law is supreme, or should be. Whatever
may be the law, it is mandatory upon officials to enforce it. It is not for
their option to regard or to disregard, according to their ideas of its value.Yet this does not alter the logic of the proposition for delegation, for
the intelligent revision and codification of the laws in a manner to permit com-
plete enforcement at all times.No law should be enacted that does not become law with the consent of
safe majority of the people. Then would it be possible to make it effective.

THE TABASCO COLUMN.

Some one left an old carpet bag full of
rattlesnakes in a Chicago police station.
When it was opened, 12 policemen
present stamped and in their fright
signed the temperance pledge. Oh, that
this unpretentious old carpet bag could
be used wherever there is need for it.
Reform would come cheap, even if we had
to import the snakes.A Paris furrier has made an automobile
coat from rabbits' ears, at requiring 12-
000 of the "bunnies" to complete it. The
man who wears it might not inconsistently
be called a "hare dresser."The Sultan of Turkey says there is no
serious trouble in Macedonia. The hunch
looses certainly from the well-known opti-
mistic views of that ruler concerning
trouble, especially when it is some one
else's trouble.The schoolmistress' explanation to Sena-
tor Dewey that she hoisted the flag over
the schoolhouse upside down because the
halyards were broken is one on Chauncey.
He swallowed the story and didn't see the
joke.At Sheboygan, Wis., a woman 65 years
old, who was the eighth wife of an octo-
genarian, he being her third husband, has
been granted a divorce. And yet some
people claim marriage is a failure.Ice cream in Kentucky no longer de-
pends on strawberry, vanilla or pineapple
for flavors. The new palate-tickler is
the "cadaver." Thirty corpses at a time
is the capacity of the plant.A Washington dispatch says the Presi-
dent feels "blue" over the unsatisfactory
conditions in the coal strike. The blue
room in the White House should be paint-
ed some other color.De kids at school call me Fred Merrill.
What for?
Cause I started a game; den got cold
feet.General Hragg having gone to China, it
is hoped he may keep out of trouble by
ceasing to correspond with his wife, un-
less he can take his queue from the popu-
lar party.William M. Laffan is the editor of the
New York Sun, a rabid trust organ,
which may be the reason he keeps laugh-
ing at Roosevelt's efforts to settle the coal
strike.Hanna denies that tariff is the mother
of trusts. He is getting technical, for
strictly speaking the tariff is not the real
mother, it is only the mother-in-law.To mend broken China—Now that Rus-
sia has abandoned Manchuria, let the
balance of the powers also get out.The motto of the New York Sun when
Dana was its editor was: "It shines forall." But under the management of its
present editorial microbe, it shines only
for those who drop the nickel in the slot.The little island of Guam got up 180
earthquake shakes in 24 hours recently,
but it will take more than that to loosen
Uncle Sam's grip.With foreign human hair paying a
duty of 20 per cent, ad valorem, why could
it not be imported free as "maiden's hair
fern"?

Divine Right Baer's position with the

people will no doubt cause his rise to
loftier heights.The daily reports from the coal regions
have the same monotonous regularity of
Lord Roberts' daily "I regret to," etc.The hop crop is 41,000,000 pounds short,
but its 16-to-1 beer crop will be
sufficient to meet all demands.South America remains behind the bal-
ance of the world because it only has
one revolution a week.The New York Sun is not the real organ
of the trusts. It is only their mouth
organ.

A high-priced dance—The Oregon "Hop."

WHEN CUPID GOES TO CONGRESS.

There are strong indications that Cupid
will in the near future begin to figure in
the Congressional Record. This Cupid is
not our old friend Dan, but Prince, and
he is a native of Hawaii. Prince Cupid
Kalaniannalo has been nominated by the
Republican territorial convention for dele-
gate to Congress to succeed Robert W.
Wilcox, and recent advices from Honolulu
are to the effect that Cupid is pretty
sure to be elected.Like the other and more celebrated
Cupid this one is said to be an astute
politician and a subtle schemer. Strong
efforts were made by his rivals to have
him shelved, but Cupid is not a boy who
can be kept in a closet, driven off by
threats, or coaxed away by promises of
future rewards. The result is that he has
put the opposition to rout, hurled de-
ference at the girl's pa, and is now making
preparations to set up an establishment
in Washington.Prince Cupid is rich, married to one of
the most beautiful of the Hawaiian prin-
cesses, and always anxious to make a fine
display. It is likely, therefore, that he
will be a conspicuous figure if he assumes
his duties as Congressional delegate.
Aside from this he will serve to materially
elevate our national lawmaking body in
the estimation of the large and constantly
increasing number of our title-mad peo-
ple. With a prince in Congress some of
those who have hitherto been sadly dis-
couraged may decide that there is hope
for this country yet.—Chicago Record-
Herald.

PINEAPPLES FOR PIGS.

Pineapples grow so plentifully in Natal
at certain seasons that it is not worth
while carting them to market, and they
are often given to the pigs in conse-
quence.

THE POLICE GAZETTE.

Every class now seems to have a special
newspaper or organ in Paris. A weekly
has now been started in the interests of
the police.

SOME OBSERVATIONS.

When a majority of the miners go out
on a strike, other workmen are bound, by
honor, to respect their act by not taking
their places until the strike is settled.
To tempt or induce other men to take
their places while the strike is pending is
to tempt or induce men to act dishonor-
ably by their fellow men. Respectfully
submitted to the coal operators.Boarder—Are you happy this rainy
morning?Walter—I don't know (looking quite
glum). I am as happy as I ever expect
to be.Boarder—You will be happier when you
are an angel.

Walter—I never expect to be an angel.

Boarder—You are missing lots of hap-
piness by not expecting to be one.There is talk of licensing slot ma-
chines. The cigar slot machines do no
more harm to the men who play them
than playing marbles "for keeps" does to
boys. Then men feel the loss of the
money they "blow" in these machines no
more, nor as much, as the boys do the
marbles they lose. (Beware of the men
who want to close everything. They are
working for a reaction that will permit
open gambling. Tammany's only hope in
New York City is when the reformers
try to make the city too good, and the
only hope of the Reformers is when
Tammany makes it too bad.)Mayor Harrison's re-election in Chicago
was all owing to the fact that certain
kinds of vice can be suppressed, while
public opinion only sanctions the regula-
tion of others. Mayor Harrison acted ac-
cordingly. He did not make Chicago
good, but good enough to be respectable.
The impracticable reformers of New York
are trying to get Mayor Lowe to close
the saloons on Sunday. This would only
insure the success of Tammany at the
next election. The genuine reformers of
Portland need to be on the qui vive. For
the men who were defeated by the closing
of gambling are working tooth and
nail to close everything and thereby cre-
ate a reaction. The men who are in favor
of closing everything are in favor of
closing nothing. They want a wide open
town.State Senator R. S. Booth gives it as
his opinion that Portland should not hold
the Lewis and Clark Fair, because it
cannot be "the greatest show on earth."
The State Senator must be affected with
an optical illusion or mental delusion for
he would not talk that way. His sense
of proportion needs adjusting. Of course,
the Portland fair will not, because it
cannot, be the biggest Jumbo on earth,
nor will it be as big as the Chicago fair
or the St. Louis fair, but it will be big-
ger than either, considering the popula-
tion of the three cities. While I spent a
month at the Chicago show I was more
surprised and pleased with a township
fair in the State of Kansas. Considering
the territory and population represented,
the Kansas fair was the greatest of the
two. The State Senator ought to live in
the windy city, where everything is the
biggest in the world. While there the
writer was the guest of a friend at one
of the clubs. An oil painting of General
Grant was pointed out as "the best in
the world." A pair of Texas steer horns
were styled "the biggest in the world."
Every article was heralded as a world
beater.Someone in East Portland wants that
section to accede because it don't get its
share of public improvements. He says
that after East Portland acceded to wed
Portland, she didn't get what she was
looking for. The bride that cannot get all
the new dresses she wants—if her hus-
band's cash book can stand it—is off or
there is something radically wrong with
her. East Portland should not blame the
West Side, but her own Council.There are men who get everything they
go after and there are men who get noth-
ing.

DISPLACING ANTHRACITE.

Long trains of soft coal from west of
the Alleghenies are pushing the East-
ern markets hitherto sacred to anthracite
and are reported passing under the very
shadows of the hard coal breakers. It is
safe to say that the way thus opened
will not be wholly abandoned. Against
this kind of competition not even a cus-
tom house barrier can be raised. There
may be a way found to shut out Welsh
anthracite after a while, but from this
time on soft coal will displace hard coal
for some uses in the East, as anthracite
has taken the place of soft coal for some
purposes in the West. This is a conse-
quence in the war in the anthracite field
which probably was not taken into suf-
ficient account.—Cleveland Plaindealer.

MR. KIPLING'S NEW HOME.

Rudyard Kipling has just bought the
beautiful old farmhouse of Bateman's on
the southern Sussex, Eng. It is a fine
Jacobean house, built of stone, with mul-
titudinous windows, and is surrounded by
lovely lawns, quaint old-fashioned gar-
dens, and has many acres of farm land.
The house bears the inscription "A. B.
1654." The nearest village is a mile dis-
tant, the nearest railway station several
miles. In choosing this secluded spot
Mr. Kipling hopes to be free from too
numerous attentions of his admirers,
which he suffered from at Rottingdean,
near Brighton.—New York Times.

AN INFALLIBLE RESULT.

Briggs—My wife has had a wonderful
cure. She has recovered her voice after
being unable to utter a word for nearly
six months.Griggs—You don't mean it! How did
it come about?Briggs—In the most unexpected way. We
happened to call at a neighbor's where
they were playing cards. We thought we
might as well take a hand. What was
the result? In less than five minutes my
wife was asking in a strong, clear voice,
"What's trump?"—Boston Transcript.

GOOD FOR A PURPOSE.

Tommy—How was the table where
you boarded this summer?Bobbie—All right for ping-pong, but
pretty poor for grub.—Yonkers States-
man.

ALL GROW CORN.

There are about 5,000,000 farms in the
United States, of which 3,000,000 produce
corn. The average cost of producing an
acre of corn is \$5.72.

THE STATE PRESS.

Let 'Em All Quit.
An enterprising news bureau of the
East sends us a ready made editorial
which it modestly requests us to run as
our own. It starts out: "We object to
Mr. Henderson's resignation!" Right
here this paper differs from the syndicate
editorial writer. We do not object to
Mr. Henderson's quitting. We think it
would be a good thing for more of those
fellows to quit. This paper would not
even object to Marcus, himself, quitting,
if they wish to quit, let 'em quit. There
are better men at the plow-handles than
many of them.—East Oregonian.Lawless Pennsylvania.
Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, like
his predecessors, Hartranft and Pattison,
has called out the entire military power
of the state for the suppression of law-
lessness. There is no state in the North
which has more of a record than Penn-
sylvania for insurrectionary outbreaks or
domestic violence demanding the military
attention of the commonwealth or in-
volving the exercise of federal power.
Time and again the past 30 years condi-
tions in the coal regions have required
the presence of Pennsylvania troops, but
the miners have not alone been foremost
in periods of great tumult and bloodshed.
Homestead was one of the horrors of la-
bor revolt when the iron workers ten
years ago rose up against Carnegie and
his fellow-magnates. It was at Pitts-
burg, 15 years before, that raged the
storm center of the railroad anarchy
which spread over not fewer than nine
states with almost revolutionary vio-
lence, and in which Philadelphia sum-
moned Hancock with his federal troops.—
Ashland Tidings.

Gervais Will Rebuild.

The lesson of the fire is best stated in
the simple sentence: "Better fire protec-
tion, better buildings and better police
regulations."At the present writing there is an ear-
nest feeling in favor of rebuilding by a
large majority of the property holders.
The Masonic Lodge has already had a
preliminary meeting and will meet again
Thursday, when more definite steps will
be taken, and the members are largely in
favor of rebuilding a substantial struc-
ture, with odds in favor of a brick build-
ing.Jacob Bingham and A. Tanzler, B. A.
Nathman and others, already have tim-
ber on the ground for temporary struc-
tures.Gervais is too good a business point to
lay dormant long. We have met a num-
ber of outside business men who are look-
ing for an opening for business. They
say "if property owners will build us
brick store buildings we will come and
occupy them." Other capitalists are fig-
uring on erecting brick buildings if they
can purchase suitable locations. No one
talks defeat; it's all brick.Gervais is well rid of her dilapidated
wooden fire traps, and out of the ashes
will undoubtedly spring a greater Gervais.
—Gervais Star.

Bounty on Rabbit Scalps.

Petitions are being circulated and gen-
erally signed by business men and farm-
ers, praying the County Court to fix a
bounty of five cents on rabbit scalps.
These pests have become so numerous
that they not only have eaten up a large
amount of hay and grain but are damag-
ing the range in the Haystack and
Trout Creek country and unless some
remedy is taken to kill them off the dam-
age will be great. The farmers and cattle
men in the infested districts surely merit
protection from these pests as well as the
sheep men from the coyotes.—Crook
County Journal.

The State Treasurer, Also.

A great deal has been said about flat
salaries for Governor and Secretary of
State, but little, if anything, has been
said about the State Treasurer. The
probabilities are if this matter was looked
into it would be found that the State
Treasurer is making more money out of
his office than all the other state officers
combined. Can not our Legislators de-
vise a plan by which this money can be
turned into the school fund?—Arlington
Record.

First Catch the Hare.

Senator Morgan thinks the way to get
even with the trusts is to tax them.
That sounds well. Perhaps the Senator
knows of some way to catch them and
make them stand till the taxes can be
laid on them.—Southern Oregonian.

To Reclaim Arid Lands.

The fact is probably not generally un-
derstood that the money received upon
the sales of Government lands in each
state is set aside, under the new irrigation
act, for the payment of the cost of build-
ing irrigation works in that state. This
provision was inserted in the bill before
its passage after a very vigorous and
protracted fight made by Congressman
Tongue. So every dollar paid for timber
land, or other public land in Oregon, will
go towards the reclamation of arid land
in this state. Once the bill is started
rolling, there will be a lot of land for new
settlers in arid districts. There will be
room for thousands of new homes, and
the new homes will be established as fast
as they are ready for the occupants.
The sales of the irrigated lands will also
yield large sums of money, and this in-
turn will be made available for other ir-
rigation works.—Salem Statesman.

WISDOM SET THE PRECEDENT.

Precedent exists here in Louisville for
Mr. Shaw's offer to place deposits in na-
tional banks up to the market value, or
near it, of their bonds in the treasury.
The Kentucky National Bank held \$300,
000 of bonds (about 1892), and in consid-
eration of their high market value—pre-
sumably about 125—the secretary allowed
\$300,000 of deposits, and this was contin-
ued until the suspension of the bank, in
1893. Presumably it was Secretary Win-
dom who first took this step. The wis-
dom of the action was vindicated when
the bonds were sold for \$350,000, the gov-
ernment realizing every dollar of its de-
posits.The New York banks have certainly
done all they could in the way of calling
loans to meet the unexpected situation
caused by the treasury drains, but it
required the help of Mr. Shaw also. It is
pleasing to note that he has risen to the
necessities of the occasion.—Louisville
Courier-Journal.

TONIGHT'S ATTRACTIONS.

The Marquam—"King Dodo," comedy
opera.The Baker—"The Christian," comedy
opera.Cordray—"Nevada," Saturday matinee
and evening.COMING ATTRACTIONS.
Marquam—"King Dodo," Saturday mat-
inee.The Baker—"The Christian," Saturday
matinee and evening.Cordray—"Nevada," Saturday matinee
and evening.

Brilliant Comedy Opera.

"King Dodo," in its ensemble, justifies
the unstinted praise that has been given it
and the high promises made that the
patrons of the Marquam were going to
witness a brilliant, beautifully staged,
elegantly costumed and perfectly trained
comedy opera. The Portland production,
is exactly as good as it was in the East.
It has lost by no process of elimination
so often practiced by managers who bring
to the Coast plays and operas of reputa-
tion and merit.There is a flood of chorus music, bright,
sparkling and with never a flaw; there
is entrancing scenery painted by Bur-
ridge; there are costumes by Schoutz,
Voeglin and Frelinger, but more im-
portant than this, the book of the opera
is by Frank Pixley and the music by
Gustav Luder.Competent judges will pronounce favor-
ably upon the music as one of the best
harmonic stories that has been composed
in many years. It abounds in pretty
solos, duets and quartets, and has a num-
ber of beautiful choruses. While the
lines afford constant opportunity for high
class comedy.Raymond Hitecock, as King Dodo, is
imitable. He has a trick of taking his
audience into his confidence and discuss-
ing his own jokes in violation of all rules
of humor, and by his very iconoclasm
making a succession of hits. His facial
expression, however, is the greatest of
his qualities, being something wonderful
in its power to produce laughter.Arthur Woodson as Dr. Pix was one of the
features of the opera. Greta Risley, the
Queen, looks stately and dignified, and
sings fairly well, though lacking some
perfection in method. Margaret McKin-
ney, who sang the part of Angela, was
bewitching, indeed, while Flora Zabelle
in the part of Annette was captivating.Cheridiah Simpson was successful in
winning the laurel as the best singer in
the company. Her numbers were render-
ed in a manner to elicit admiration for a
fine voice and high culture in the art of
vocalization.The belief is a dream of beauty. There
is a marvelous profusion of dazzling cos-
tumes and innumerable changes and var-
iety of effects.It must not be forgotten to mention
the orchestra under the direction of F. N.
Darling, who led brilliantly and had a
company of artists to render the excel-
lent program.The house was more than "capacity,"
for chairs were brought in to accommo-
date the immense throng who crowded to
the Marquam.That the Marquam will again be filled
to the foyer tonight goes without saying,
advance sales being enormous.

Matinee at Cordray's Saturday.

Elen Ryan, the clever little leading lady
of the "Nevada" company, will be seen
for the last performance at Cordray's
tomorrow matinee, 2:15 o'clock, and in
the evening.

"The Christian" Matinee.

"The Christian" which has had the
greatest run in the history of the Baker
theater, ends the week with the usual
matinee at 2:15 o'clock Saturday and the
performance in the evening.

"King Dodo" Matinee.