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MAY THEY AGREE.

Representatives of the four most powerful rallway employes' organizations in the United States are in session in Chicago to determine some plan under which to ' secure advances in wages. The organizations are the brotherhoods of engineers, firemen and trainmen, and the Order of Railway Conductors, membership of which in the aggregate is about 170,000 men. These organizations are now working in perfect harmony. Heretofore they have been not so harmonious.

Their demand is to be for increaof from 10 to 20 per cent in compensation. When it shall have been decided what will constitute just de mands, a manifesto will go to the rally road managers, probably early next week.

Whatever that demand shall be, it will be backed by a solidity of agreement by the 170,000 members of the four organizations that will enable them to stand their ground.

Once in the hands of the managers, the outcome will be awaited with breathless interest. Centering in Chicago, where the employes' conferences are being held, radiate the railway sys-

IS THIS BUSINESS WORTH HAVING? For some time past it has been the intention of The Journal to place before its readers some facts in connection with the Aluska trade, that would

tend to give some conception of its magnitude and importance. The first thing that is necessary to appreciate the conditions that exist. is to free one's mind from the idea that Alaska is a frozen and barren waste and that the business is imaginary and of a tentative character, or that its future is so uncertain that any effort to get it is really a waste of energy. On the contrary, it is a country of wonderful natural resources, which are but beginning to be uncovered. If laid over the western portion of the United States, Alaska would cover it as with a blanket from Portland to Los

Angeles and east as far as Ogdan. It is about six times as large as Oregon; taking all the coast islands, probably seven times as large.

This trade divides itself into five or more general classes: 1. Southeastern Alaska, which includes Juneau, Wrangel, Ketchikan, etc.

2. The Valdes country.

3. Nome. 4. Klondyke.

5. The fisheries.

The Journal as yet cannot present but a general outline of this trade, the figures being largely the work of other enterprising papers, but as soon as possible, more complete statistics will be given.

The Nome business is first taken up, as at this point Portland's natural advantages are as great as those of any other place. To Nome steamers voyage by an outside passage and the time consumed in the trip is practically the same whether Portland or Seattle be the starting point.

The following table shows the business done from the Sound to Nome and the Lower Yukon this year:

4.203 Passage money\$ 172,120 Tons of freight to Nome \$2,700 Value of freight\$8,270,000 Freight charges 592,400 Freight from Nome 955 11,460 Freight charges We publish these figures without comment. If they are not convinding, nere words would be futile in further argument.

Later we will try to give trade statistics for other parts of Alaska. It is sufficient to say for the present, that the most trustworthy statistics available show that 10,000 passengers and 32,000 tons of freight were carried and hauled this year by the White Pass & Yukon Railroad.

Mr. Frank L. Brown, representing

with the responsibility of looking after

The United States revenue cutter

terrors to be encountered at this time

of year by navigators. This cutter

Bear must at times ride the seas sur-

rounded by miles of ice extending in

IS THIS BUSINESS WORTH HAVING?

bia River, Puget Sound "knocked." strong financial interests, says that his When Puget Sound asked for assistance, the Columbia Valley "knocked." principals will invest large sums of money in Portland and Oregon. Mr. It was a mutual feeling, and brought Brown, who has immense commercial no good to either. The north coast would have been holdings on the coast, is also charged

nfinitely better off had the two regions co-operated to advance each the D. O. Mills and Crocker affairs in other's interests, in so far as concerned this city, having been here this week the matter of federal appropriations. | especially to inspect the Portland

This is not to hint at chimerical Street Rallway Company, in which his elimination of rivalry, nor the inaugu- people are interested. He sees reason ration of a regime of Eutopian har- for congratulation of Portland over the mony. There must always be rivalry, and bright future, and present strength, rivalry is better. Yet, when it becomes and gives his opinion as a financial ex-necessary to go to Eastern sources of pert that there is no better locality for power and demand recognition of obvi- the investment of capital safely and ous deserts for the north coast, if this for immediate returns. Mr. Brown's region and Puget Sound were to go tokind words of Portland and Oregon are gether and ask in a spirit of mutual appreciated. concession each for the other, results

Journal makes herein. This movement for reduction of distributing freight rates furnishes st least opportunity to call attention to the value of co-operation. It would be

would justify the assertion that The

well were it to find place in other concerns that affect the interests of the Northwest.

CLIMATIC BLESSINGS.

every direction, and moving, with resistless force, while, at other fimes, Oregonians read with pity, but no there must be attack upon that ice sea sympathy, accounts of the likelihood of and the vessel must break its way sufferings in the East for want of coal. through to clear waters beyond. It Pity may be felt in this instance, but is a region that offers all the dangers not sympathy, for sympathy means to and none of the pleasures of sailing, suffer with, and we of Oregon are unafter the Winter weather begins. able to suffer with Easterners, for the simple reason that here we never have conditions similar to those that threaten the people of the East.

THE TABASCO COLUMN.

Hiram Woolfalk of Missouri lost his watch before the war and the other day it was found hanging on a tree. The Dispatch, which talk the story, will not actume responsibility, for the statement that the watch was running when found.

With a dollar worth only 35 cents in Mexico, how do the fair shoppers manage to keep from being overcharged when they tackie the bargain counters and fad goods marked down.

The English innguage is peculiar. The corpse of a distinguished citizen is spoken of as "the remains," while with a turkey the turm don't go until it gets mingled with the hash,

Some people imagine legislators are elected to serve the people, and some, the polticians; but then 125 years in this country has not been sufficient to settle tife matter.

Bargain counters are not always what they are represented. One man in early days in Portland used to sell feathers, and be frankly advertised, "Feathers mathed down" marked down."

A Kentucky preacher has resigned because the descens put an organ in the church. If it was like some Oregon "organs" he was justified in his course.

A headline in the New Orleans News reads, "Killed his friend for a burglar." This is stretching courtesy a long way, and really imposing on friendship.

Booker T. Washington says he is not a politician, but he should remember that olitics often slip up on a man and hit him before he is aware of it.

Mr. Scott's Senatorial trap is set in England. His friends feared some of the Webfoot political youngsters would spring it prematurely.

When the Republican party will take the tariff off lumber, it will be time enough to admit its honesty in creating forest reserves.

President Roosevelt's message was brief, a notable example in that line. Still, it wouldn't have hurt any had it been yet shorter.

With the chairmanship on one side and the marshalship on the other, Jack Matthews gently hums, 'In medio tulissimus ibis.

Jack Matthews might find use for one of those oil tanks. A little oil on the troubled waters might help the situation.

Charley Fulton's political opponents could recollect that Clatsop pe ple are the bosses on traps, nets and seines.

Somehow, it takes the retailer longer prices have learn that wholesale dropped than it does when they rise.

Carrie Nation's hatchet, and Henry Watterson's pen were mightier sword and plowshare both in one.

Bear has arrived from Dutch Harbor. When coal is stored, it is not cold after 10 days of buffeting the seas and storage, because while it is coaled storage it is also heat storage. crushing a way through the ice floes. People who have not seen those northern waters have no conception of the

to

The bad trusts are so conducting themacives that the good ones fear a whipping for being in bad company.

The turkeys escaping Thanksgiving might feel more grateful if it wasn't such a short time to Christmas. This is good weather, for ducks, but

tough on humanity, since we all have to put up our umbrellas. It is suggestive that so many of the

coal barons are in Europe, where strike prices do not prevail.

Helen Gould is liable to change the old proverb so that it will read, "As good The Monroe Doctrine is all right, but as Gould." carried to its legitimate conclusion, it

might mean whole lots of trouble to As a suggestion, merely, why not turn GOULD'S RAIL FIGHT.

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES.

Last night was magazine night in my

quarters. I like to run over the new

finding more than a mention of Thanks giving and 1900 had hardly a touch either

and repeated the words:

des in each.

"'Many waters shall not wash out love,' said Eleanor."

It seemed strange to pick up McClure's without seeing "The Two Vanrivels."

PHILLIPS' STORY.

David Graham Phillips has a story this

month, built upon a remark of the hero's early in the tale: "Impudence is unsuc-cessful audacity." How his successful audacity wins him an important inter-

view-he's a newspaper man-a wife, and a day with an exclusive English philan-

hropist, are the points in the story. If McClure's and the Cosmopolitan had

If McClure's and the country of the same question, one could

understand the appearance of certain sto-

In the Cosmopolitan two lovers are

started across the bay to a desert island. The quiet beauty of the place wins the

heart of the maid, and she "feelingly

sighs" for a longer slay away from the frivolities of their Swiss hotel. But when

and the hero swims out and brings it to

praise of the present. Not so the heroine

A baronet, a banker, an artist, a count-

IN M'CLURE'S

her friend, the baronet, are so busy think

for her. They take her salicioth coveriet for their own cord bodies when the nights are especially sharp, slip away as much

of her share of the food as they can un-

der the watchful eye of the mate, with the plea "women don't need as much as

who never complains, but sticks by her friend, the mate, even when the others

push off in his improvised boat and leave

woman she does not forgive her lover

The heroine is a plucky little po

him to manage without them.

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noment

Being :

ing of themselves they

BY K. K. K.

(New York American.) Freed from care of the management of the Manhattan Elevated Read through its case to August Belmont, George J. Gould's stands stripped for battle with all the hosts of E. H. Harriman.

publications the first week of the month, for a general idea of their contents, and leave the bit by bit enjoyment for other leisure moments. I wonder why the more, pretentious magazines, like Harpers, Scribner's and the Century, make less of the holiday seasons than the others. I looked through 1901 last meath without fading more than a mention of Thanks-Realizing the seriousness of the situa-tion, Mr. Harriman and Edwin Hawley have guit calling Mr. Gould a traitor, and announce that they will do no more talkannounce that they will do no more talk-ing about the matter tor publication. But the Harriman forces spoke through their traffic agents. They announced that hereafter all freight for Shreveport and Northern Louisians, that has been going over Gould's Texas Facilic Road, would be routed by way of the Southern Pacific steamships from New York to New Or-leans and thence by other lines than the Rebellious Heroine, take matters into their own hands. There isn't a suggestion of Christmas flavor in "The Bishop's Silence," but there is a charm that makes it by far the best of seven stories in the Scribner." "The Custom of the Capuain" is wittier, "Compartment Number Four-Cologne to Deside many enterties but yet one of leans and thence by other lines than the Texas Facific. It is intimated that Mr. Harriman has got control of the Shreve-port and Red River Valley Road, which parallels the Texas Pacific.

The Harrimans also made a shut, the Goulds out of Springfield, Ill. Paris" more pretentious, but not one of them has the human increast, the smooth-ness, the charm of the "Silence." A fa-mous bishop holding services in a little Saint-Peters-by-the-Sea, meeting and into which the Missouri Pacific is building. This move was by Mr. Harriman's mysterious new railroad company, the Arkansas, Springfield & Northwestern. It filed plans for a right of way over the same route claimed by the Missouri Paale into Sprinstield.

One move in the war that is known to be by either Mr. Gould or Mr. Harriman, but which is so carefully veiled it cannot be said with certainty which has made it, is a new bid for the Chicago, Great

Western Railroad. A prominent banker made a direct request several days ago to President Stickney for a price for control. Stickney is reported to have replied that he would name no price, but would consider any bid made.

This road occupies such a position in the Middle West that if Mr. Gould gets it he will be able to invade Harriman's territory by way of Omsha, where the Great Western is already fighting the Union Pacific for the right to cross on a Union Pacific bridge. Mr. Harriman is siffing to grant the right to cross in return for an agreement not to extend the Great Western line beyond Omaha, as al-ready planned. This the Great Western

refuses to agree to. If Mr. Harriman should get the Great Western, which by natural location fits on to Gould's Missouri Pacific and Wabash roads, he would be able to deal staggering blow to Gould freight rates nto Chicago and St. Paul.

He would also head off Gouid's ambitious plan to reach into the Spring wheat belt of the Northwest and the Lake Superior mineral regions. The Chicago Great Western would make a short line for Wabash to St. Paul by way of Chicago.

the dinner hour comes and she finds their boat has drifted away and left them for The Wisconsin Central is also being their longer stay, the whole scene changes. She upbraids the poor man, hates the ought in connection with the Chicago Great Western, and a glance at the railtiresome islands, longs for the despised road map shows starting possibilities in regard to this road, Great Western and hotel. There are a few biscuits and a hask of milk left in the lunch basket, and she heartlessly cats it all. The poor man builds signal free, etc., without a word of praise from the maid. When the cur-rents wash the boat up near the island Wabash.

It is said the enlargement of the railroad horizon made Mr. Gould anxious to get rid of Mahhattan, and when Mr. Belmost offered a bargain price for it he was only too anxious to let it go.

hand, the sky is serene again. Being a man, the lover forgets past actions in the Thus it will be seen that Mr. Gould is the central figure of a war of business that is more complicated than was Napoleon's vast scheme of political war in ess and a Jap are wrenked on a real de-serted island. A mate of the vessel res-Europe. It promises to be the spectacular event of the young century. It will not end in a month or perhaps a year, and its induence will extend to almost cues the countess when the other men leave her to her fate, and she is the only every person in America before it is one to shield her through the troubles that follow. Her lover, the banker, and

DAZED FOR THE MOMENT.

(Chicago Tribune.) "Wil you allow me to ask you a ques-on?" interrupted a man in the audition? ence. "Certainly sir" said the mallhinder.

"You have been giving us a lot of figures about immigration, increase of wealth, the growth of trusts and all that," said the man. "Let's see what you know about figures yourself. How do you find the greatest common divisor?

Slowly and deliberately the orator took when the rescue comes, but rewards the humble person who is the only man of a drink of water. Then he pointed his finger struight at the party.

the questioner. Lightning flashed from his eyes, and he replied in a voice that made the gas jets quiver: LOUISA ALCOTT'S NEW STORY. MR. DOOLEY TO MARRY.

(New York American.) Th' raison I niver got marrid was I niver cud pick a choice. I've th' makin' iv an excillint of 'Turk in me, f'r I look on al th' sect as Illigable fr me hand an' I'm on'y resthrained fr'm r-rentin' Lincoln Park fr a home an' askin' them all to clave on'y to me, be me nachrai modesty an' th' laws in th' State iv Il-linye.-Mr. Dooley on a Bachelor's Life.

If a man's done annything in his youth that he shan to do pinnance I'r an' th' stations iv the cross alm't strong enough, lave him, says I, marry as manny women Possibly because stories aucht to be as spontaneous as poetry. Perhaps the authors dream children refuse to move in a holiday atmosphere, and, like The Rebellious Hereine, take matters into as he wants, but anny time ye hear iv me bein' dhrawn fi'm th' quite miseries iv single life ye may know they have caught me asleep an' chloroformed me.--Mr. Dooley on Folygamy.

A man in pollytics has got to be mar-rid. If he ain't marrid where'll he go fr another kind iv throuble? Ye ulver see a big man in pollytics that dhrank hard, did ye? That's because they're all marrid. Th' temptation's sthrong, but fear is sthronger .- Mr. Dooley on Marriage and Politics.

chumming with the tiny daughter of the woman he has loved all his life, the power that love gives him to set right an iJyli If a man can't show down a bank account that wud mak Andhrew Carnaygie feel like goin' back to wurruk he might promising to go wrong makes a plot to weave with beautiful, unhurried thoughts, as well make up his mind to remain a gay bachelor. A marrid man can hiways find Its ending is its beginning? "He had turned toward the sea and his eyes wandered out across the genalwurruk to do. He's got to .- Mr. Dooley on Financial Needs in Matrimony. ums where the shadow of a sun-filled cloud lay over uncounted acres of unhur-

"Above all things, a woman musin't marry a janlus. A flure-walker, per-haps; a janlus-niver." ried wayes. His face was against the little girl's bright head, and he said some-thing softly to bimself, and the chud turnod her face guickly and smilled at him and remarked the movies.

"Ye know a lot about merredge, but ye was niver marrid," said Mr. Hen-

nessy. "No," said Mr. Dooley. "No, say I, givin' three cheers. I know about mar-redge th' way an asthronomer knows about th' stars."-Mr. Dooley on the Home Life of Goniuses.

Peter Finley Dunne, who writes the humorous "Mr. Dooley" stories, is soon to marry Miss Margaret Abboit, whose beauty and talent created something of a sensation in Paris. Mr. Dunne leased the three-story and basement dwelling at No. 30 East Thirty-sixth street, which is too large for a bachelor." Alls friends became suspicious, and a little investiga-

tion revealed the truth. Miss Abbott is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Abbott, formerly of Chicago, who is a writer of merit. She won the international golf match in Paris.



TONIGHT'S ATTRACTIONS. The Marquam-"Fiddle Dee Dee," pop

ular prices. The Baker-"The Masqueraders." Cordray's-"Adolph and Rudolph."

COMING ATTRACTIONS The Marquam-"Fiddle Dee Dee," for the week, with matinee Saturday. The Baker-"The Masqueraders," for he week, with matince Saturday. Cordray's-"Adolph and Rudolph." the week, with matinee Saturday.

MANAGERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ginning Sunday matinee, December 7. In "A Little Outcast" the lpaywright

has plunged straight to the heart of things dramatical, and his expression of

impulses, his convictions and sense of

dramatic color are almost as unerring as the brush of a painter putting a vision

replica of the "Colonial Chamber" in Mrs.

"Jack" Gardner's famous Italian palace in Boston. Usual ladies' and children's

matinee Saturday.

n canvas. One of the most talked-of senes is Madeline's boudoir, which is a

At Cordray's Theater. At Cordray's Theater for one week,

entire West. Indeed, a major portion of the nation's railroad transportation business centers in Chicago, so far as concerns operation.

In the event the demands be refused ratiroad traffic will be tied up. And the struggle following will be prolonged just exactly in proportion to the intensity of the resistance by the managements of the companies. More than one-half a continent, practically all of it, is interested in this issue And it will be the earnest hope of the people that matters may be adjusted without friction, that increases may be found to be available, and that the rail ss may go on without an interim during which there is a paralysic of commerce.

RATIONAL CO-OPERATION.

An effort is making to secure cooperation with Seattle and Tacome with Portland to Induce rail lines to reduce rates for distributing freight from the cities which are wholesale centers. The Manufacturers' Association and the Chamber of Commerce of Portland have inaugurated a movement, and are sending communications to the commercial bodies of the two principal Puget Sound citles that will probably bring about a conference on the subject.

It is perhaps the first time that the commercial forces of the cities inof co-operation. There has always been undisguised houtility, with never the semblance of fraternal feeling or mutual inter-dependence.

Whenever a project has been on foot for the betterment of one of the regions. centering around one of these cities. the others have agreed to pursue a "knocking" policy, and in numerous instances the result has been a negative victory by the "knockers,"

As a matter of fact, this policy has tion. operated to retard development upon the north coast. California secured success than its management anticiprestige before this portion of the coast reached a stage of development that warranted expectation of much recognition by the Federal Government. The time came when Congress must do something to make available the natural advantages possessed, by the cities under discussion, and efforts began to secure the deserved aid.

Portland and the Columbia River Valley got upon a position of antagonism' to Puget Sound, and Puget Sound reciprocated in kind. When Congress was asked for anything for the Colum-

acterizes Oregon may well be an unfailing source of comment. We will have rain, and lots of it. But we will the United States would not stand behave no blizzards, no keen suffering from inclemencies of weather, no

The beauty of the climate that char-

worrying because intense cold may come to enhance the price of fuel and to bring death to many who cannot purchase coal or wood wherewith to keep warm.

Indeed, the blessings that flow from the climatic conditions are seldom appreciated here in Oregon. Yet we have probably the most equable climate on the continent, with no period of the year when residents of our town really novels, Booth Tarkington was elected need seek change of location to escape to the Indiana Legislature. He never severities of cold or heat. gave evidence of abilities even squint-

Change may be sought for purposes of rest and recuperation, but need not be sought because nature brings conditions that render it unpleasant or unhealthful to remain here in Portland. Oregon's climate is its attraction to people from the East. And Oregonians may wisely remember what Henry Watterson said when here last Summer: "You people do not realize that you have the most glorious climate of earth. I have seen nothing to compare with it upon the American continent.

PRESS FACILITIES OVERTAXED.

The Journal has grown so in circulation, within the past five weeks, that its press facilities are taxed beyond volved ever approached even a promise their capacity. A new press is necessary, in order to print the papers to is that it begins its municipal life with meet the demand. The Journal is to all modern improvements. There are plers have this new press, one that will cost between \$26,000 and \$30,000, and this The streets are graded and paved, al-

machine will be installed as soon as capital and labor can provide it. The manufacturers cannot guarantee

delivery of the press inside of four months, and so", Journal subscribers will have to be both charitable and patient, until the new press is in opera-

The Journal is meeting with greater pated, for it was never expected that the circulation could so soon outrun the capacity of its press.

Portland subscribers, who receive their papers at a later hour than they should, have a reason here for the aggravating delay, and The Journal hopes that their good nature will not he overtaxed.

-FILE RIGHT ALONG. (Cleveland Plain Dealer.) "Have you the same cook you had was here in the Spring? "Not by seventeen

untry. Just at dent Castro has conceded all of Gertracks many's contentions, because he thought The Portland Hotel is not over a bar

rel, but it is pretty well surrounded by hind him in his little political rews. them. This simplifies matters on this occa-

Because he wrote some very readable

ing at availability in that line. He was

merely a writer of popular novels, and

possessor therefore of considerable ad-

vertising, and advertising pays in poli-

tics as well as in business. Now Mr.

Tarkington comes forward with a

proposition to offer prizes for other

aspiring novelists, said prizes to be paid

from the treasury of the State of Indl-

ana. Extended comment would be a

THE CITY OF DAINY.

(Municipal Journal.)

At present there is founded on the shores

of the Pacific Ocean in Siberia the Rus-

sian city of Dainy. This city will form the terminus of the new Siberian and Manchurian Raliway, and its site has

heretofore been known as Tallenwan.

of stone and cement; a large breakwater

ployed in building the railroad, which

to be owned by the Russian government.

BUNKOED AGAIN

(Baltimore American.)

"Why, they ain't got no sk

"I don't think much of this muse

of Napoleon Bonaparte, and the

was in, up to New York, has two.

work of supererogation.

schools,

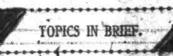
atd Jinks.

golden rule is the power that sion, but the peppery Spaniard, with makes some candidates successful. a cross of Carribean, Indian, Aztec and buccaneering blood in his veins, is Now that the coal harons are on th

liable to precipitate a conflict at any dead run, why stop to legislate? time, that may bring this government old proverb can be ehanged to in conflict with some of the nations of The

"Strong mlik for babes. read: Europe much larger than the bone we may have to quarter over.

It looks like rain.



"China wants an open door," says an exchange; so do we - The Star of Hope, Sing Sing Prison.

If Prezident Roosevelt is in any doubt as to what he is going to say in his message he ought to read the newspapers .- The Columbus Dispatch.

As Mr. Dooley would say, Alabama's The 'lily white" Republicans ought to black up if they hope to keep near the ple ounter .- The Atlanta Journal.

King Leopoid serves the purposes of he anarchists better alive th he would if he were dead. They ought to be careful of him .- The Chloago News.

Pierpont Morgan needs to hurry up if wants the earth. An Indiana evan gelist and prophet says it will come to

an end in 1925 .- The Richmond Times. Such is the flexibility of our language that a noble brute may be either a thor oughbred St. Bernard or a rascally foreign fortune-seeker.-The Washington Times.

A cannon ball fired in 1812 has just broken a man's leg. This filustrates how inferior the ancient ordnance was to that of the present day .-- The Chicago Evening Post.

though there is no traffic for them as yet. The different quarters of the town have It is rather ungrateful on the part of been laid out, space provided for parks, the burglars to burglarize the houses of schoels, churches, etc. Gardens are at ready beautifying the parks., Electric The police are not doing any harm' to the burglars .- The Bhiladelphia lights and electric railways are already Press in operation. As yet not a foot of hand has been sold, although over \$6,000,000 If King Leopold were the least bit

grateful he would send some sore of a decoration to the proprietor of the shoothave been expended for improvements and public buildings. The population new ing gallery where Rubino took lessons .exceeds 50,000, 20,000 of which are em-

Washington Post. The It really looks like the "Southern-manfor-President" idea will take a new hold on the Democratic party, if it is going to

It is calculated that the city will cost \$15,000,000 before the present plans are completed. It is provided that when on nominating a man who can completed. It is provide that the lands are sold taxation will begin, and the city's government will be placed in the hands of a council, elected by the taxcarry his own state.-The Atlanta Journol.

In St. Louis they are sending men to payers, of which two members must be the peakentlary for buying the City Council. In the White House they are rewarding with patronage the man who Russian subjects and not more than two Chinese or Japanese. The port will be an absolutely free one, as the government wishes to encourage trade. buys Delaware Legislatures,-The Louis-

ville Courier-Journal. A Kansas pensioner has written to the Pension Bureau, saying that his pension

was allowed on account of rheumatism but as he has learned from Christian Sci ence that there is no such thing as rheu-matism, he desires that the pension be stopped.-The Dallas News.

"Advertise for it, you ignoramus!" The audience cheered and yelled and stamped and the wretched man who had esked the question sneaked out of the hall, a total wreck.

CHINESE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

(St. Paul Dispatch.)

(St. Faul Disparch.) Much amusement was caused at Brus-sels over the reception of the Chinese Prince Imperial. Everywhere he wont he was greeted by the same monotonous tune, played by military bands. After awhile, presumably, the tune got beyond bearing, and the Prince asked through an interpreter what it might be

"The Chinese national anthem," ied the burgomaster in surprise." "But we have no national anthem."

aid Prince Chen, "and certainly this tune was never heard in Count."

Then it was discovered that some will European had composed a tune with a tomtom accompaniment and called it the Chinese national anthem. He sold the rights to perform the anthem when any of the Chinese dignitaries were being en-tertained, and he had already made a nice little sum of money by it.

THE BEREAVED MOTHER.

night throbs on, but let me pray,

dear Lord! Crush off his name a moment from my mouth. Thes my eyes would turn, but they To

go back, Back to my arm heside me where he lay-

So little, Lord, so little and so warm!

cannot think that Thou hadst need of him!

He is so little, Lord, he cannot sing, He cannot praise Thee; all his life had learned

Was to hold fast my kisses in the night Give him to me-he is not happy there He had not felt his life; his lovely eyes Just knew me for his mother, and he dled.

Hast Thou an angel there to mother him! say he loves me best-if he forgets, it that my child forgets And runs not out to meet me when

What are my curses to Thee?, Thou hast The curses of Abel's mother, and since

We have not ceased to threaten at Thy

throns. To threat and pray Thee that Thou hold

them still

In memory of us. See Thou tend him well, Thou God of all the mothers! If he luck

One of his kisses-ah, my heart, my heart, Do angels kiss in heaven? Give him back! Forgive me, Lord, but I am sick with

grief And tired of tears, I know, and tender.

aye, and good. Thou hast my child and he Thee, .

Ah, God, my child shall go

Orphaned among angels! All alone, He only knows his mother-give him back! little and alone! He knows not Thee.

You remember the stories M IS AICOL wrote for her metheriess niece, those last years of her life! One of them is pub-lished for the first time in this December's St. Nicholas; an account of her Sing's adventures in the land of Japan It grew out of the wee girl's inability to call her aunts by their names: Ah Wee for Miss Alcott and Ah Nah for Aunt Anna. They are both important person-ages in the story. It is illustrated with all sorts of cranes and Japanese pagoins and little men and women grouped in Japanese surroundings.

BY THE WAY.

There's a busy woman just brimming with a reform she longs to start. She loves to look over the magazines, but, being a busy woman, she sometimes gets down to the library before the month's magazines have been locked away to make room for the next. She either must ask to have them all brought out again or content herself with an imaginary re-view of what went before. Being a timid little woman, afraid of red tape, she hasn't the courage to ask, so just goes

Why not have the two last magazines in each cover," she suggests. "Some of the small libraries do, they tell me, with the best of results. What an unspeakable blessing it would be to"-she said "oceans"--"of the patrons."

A "MODEL" GIBSON GIRL.

The next time you see one of Gibson's girls in this year's publications you are

ooking at Miss Ray Gilmore. Gibson always chooses one model for his typical American girl. This winter Ray Gilmore was offered the honors and emoluments The opportunity to be the Gibson girl was very tempting, and she joyfully promised to pose exclusively for the artist. Theat-rical honors were thrust upon her before Mr. Gibson was ready to begin work, and

she went off for a few weeks of fun, become back for Mr. Gibson or any other man. He wired and wrote, wrote and wired, but the pretty runaway was

adamant until her mother stepped in and brought her home. The Washington Times represents her as awfully penitent.

UNITARIAN BAZAAR.

UNITARIAN BAZAAR. The Unitarian basaar, which opens at 7 o'clock this evening and lasts through Friday uight promises to be one of the prettiest sales held in the churshes this week. Each booth is draped in a special color with appropriate decorations and filled with things not only choice, but de-

cidedly new in design. The housekeepers' section, with Mrs.

McClaran, Mrs. W. A. Buchanan, Mrs. Alex Warner and Mrs. D. C. Southworth Alex Warner and Mrs. D. C. Southword in charge, has a wealth of most delicious mincement, pies, plum puddings, and rich fruit cakes. Mrs. J. D. Hart and Mrs., R. B. Lamson preside over those articles dear to every housewife, aprons, dusting caps, and holders. The favory work is in the Domesic house the art with Mrs.

Mrs. Dewey's booth: the art with Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Mastick; the candy with Mrs. Edwards. A haby booth in charge of Mrs. Fred Bay and Mrs. Heushaw is

near the section devoted entirely to dolls. Mrs. Schalk, Mrs. Ross and Miss Sitton sell these. A booth has been given to the Sunday School children to fill with their own work. They have been very secret about it all, so no doubt there is a

surprise for tonight.

The Neill Stock Comp

In every production that has been put on at The Baker Theater this season by the popular Nelli Stock Company the members of this excellent organization have proved their ability to properly portray any part they should be cast tor, and when it is given out that the Neill Stock Company is going to play a certain piece there is never a question as to the success of the production. The patrons of The Baker Theater have been given only the best plays that could be secured, and to cap the climax comes the announcement that "Shall We For-give Her?" is to be produced by the Stock Company, at The Baker Theater all next week, starting with Sunday's matinee. This play is the one in which Marie Wainwright made such a decided hit during her inst engagement in Ports land at The Marquam, and one, which has had a most successful presentation, both in this country and England. The production of "Shall We Forgive Her?" by the Nelli Stock Company will be a notable one, and there is no doubt but that it will be necessary to hang out "Standing Room" sign at The Baker at every performance.

"Fiddle-Dec-Dec."

"Fiddle-Dee-Dee," the merry, jingling burlesque now playing a week's engagement at the Marquam, was greeted with another packed house last evening.

The burlesque on the Florodora Sen-tet is one of the funniest take-offs ever seen in Portland. The performers taking part last night had to quit responding. rom sheer exhaustion. Miss Irene Franklin made another de-

cided hit with her renditions of "The Honey Suckle" polka, "Down Along the Movile Shore," and "When the Boys Come Marching Home." Miss Franklin stands without a poor the greatest lady cornetist in the world, ...er tone and cornetist cornetist in the world, ...er phrasing being highly artistic."

"Fiddle-Dee-Dee" will be given the balance of the week and at the bargain matinee Saturday afternoon.

STRIKE ON A CHURCH.

The Grace Presbyterian Church, the fashionable church of Oswego, N. Y., has been placed on the unfair list of the labor organizations of that city. Two years ago, when the interior of the edifice needed redecomting, the trustees feit that they wanted something beyond the skill of the local decorators, so they let the con tract to a contractor of an adjoining city. They did the same last spring, when the church needed a new curbing and side-walk. But when a leak developed in the roof recently the local dealers in metal roofing were applied to, but they refund to take the contract because the church has been placed on the unfair list.

VARIOUSLY TROUBLED TENANTS.

(Naw York Weekly.) Tenant-See here! That house you rented me is infested with rats. Every, night we are waked up by the racket. Agent-That's very strange. The enant never said a word about rats. "Well, then, of course you are not blame.

"No. The people who lived there before never complained of anything except