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### THE GRAND JURY SYSTEM.

Marion County lawyers sounded the keynote of a discussion that will direct attention towards the powers of the district attorneys of Oregon under the existing statute. The law provides in brief:

The district attorney shall have power to file information against a person charged with crime or misdemeanor, bringing the cause to immedlate trial, without the intervention of the grand jury, which may be called at the request of the district attorney when extraordinary occasions arise that in his opinion justify it. The prisoner now may plead guilty, if he elect, without grand jury indictment.

There is here ample provision for the grand jury system being utilized when necessary. The law also makes it possible that petty cases be not held until months later when the grand jury meets. It operates to permit the dismissal of petty cases that should never come into court. It takes from the lawyers somewhat of business. Perhaps this is one reason why some of them desire to have return to the former regime.

One of the admitted abuses heret fore existing was the expense ! to maintaining the grand jury, and the retention in jail of persons who obvigatly should go free. The existing statute cures these evils to a great degree, and in that is valuable.

If it be necessary to reduce the power of the district attorney, slight modification of the law could be made, leaving it in such form as to transfer to the presiding judge some of the authority now vested in the district attorney.

There is not much force to the argument that the law as now in force gives too much power to the district attorney. What officer of the people has such power as the judge? In almost all instances, the judge is absolute. It is a common motto of the legal fraternity that the judge's decision is law until overthrown by a court of higher jurisdiction. Yet who proposes to replace our judicial system with one that would place on the bench several bersons who at stated times would convene in bass ludenient as dajudge now passes it?

The solution of the question lies in the force of sentiment among the people, particularly, among the lawyers. This sentiment holds possibilities great enough to correct minor defects in the present law, and obviate the necessity for further legislation upon the subject.

The American people are afflicted with the law-making fever, and not yet has any scientist discovered a virus that will destroy the bacilli causing the fever. For every slight need let there be a law. For every needed change in public affairs, make a statute. Change the laws so often as possible, lest the people finally become familiar with them, and the lawyers, perchance, lose a job. Therefore, if some think the present law is not exactly perfect, make a new one, still further muddle the people, mix them up upon every occasion when it is possible so to do, and then will the great and wonderful fraternity of the Blackstonites be perpetuated and law and laws remain always mysterious and inexplicable to the common people.

### CANADIAN STREET-CAR SERVICE.

Pertinent to the discussion of street car franchises in Portland, comes the information from Toronto, Canada, and Winnepeg, Manitoba, of recent increases in ravenues to those office from operation of surface lines. The principle of gradual increase of taxation according as the gross revenue of a street car line augments, finds full application there.

The substance of the Toronto franchises is: The street car company paid to the city at the beginning & per cent of the gross income, that per centage to continue rulable until a given total had been attained, when 10 per cent was to be paid, and then 12 as further increase took place. At this time, the street car lines are paying into Toronto's treasury 12 per cent of all receipts, and there is a provision in the charters for 15 per cent when the revenues have increased up to a largr amount. Besides this, which is paid monthly, they pay a quarterly tax amounting annually to \$800 per single mile of trackage, or \$1,600 per double track mile. In return, the city agrees to keep in good repair all streets, and puts down everything excepting rails and ties, and it is stipulated that the ralls cannot be the old-style grooved. The city engineer regulates the timetable, dictates to the company the number of cars that shall be run, governs the giving of transfers, compels, when new lines are needed that they shall be constructed, and exercises general supervision over the roads in protection of the city's interests.

In Winnepeg, a city of 50,000 people, on February 1, the municipal treasury will receive 5 per cent of the gross receipts, under the same regulations as those governing Toronto, with these additional excellent features: The company shall issue tickets good for six rides for 25 cents, or 25 rides for \$1. School children shall receive tickets good for 10 rides for 25 cents, or 40 for \$1. Between the hours of 6:30 and 7:30 a. m., between 11:30 a. m. and 1 p. m.; and between 5:30 and 5:30 p. m., tickets shall be good for eight rides for 25 cents. The last provision is for working people going to and returning from their employment.

Toronto is a city of 240,000 people. Winnepeg has 50,000, the two being in each class above and below Portland as to population. The street car companies in both cities are paying, and securities are quoted strong upon the market. Yet each elty-prescribes graded payments in the place of fixed annual charges, imposes conditions that give the city officials power to compel alterations in running schedules, changes in number of cars, giving of transfers and may compel the laying of new lines in those parts of tife cities that may seem to deserve attention as to service from the companies.

It will be noticed that Toronto and Winnepeg have adopted completely the changing tax regime, and have not permitted street car franchises to issue with conditions absolutely fixed. As profits increase, so payments

Instances of similar franchises issued in cities of the United States are not wanting, with the same provisions stipulated. And it is a fact of record that imposition of such conditions does not operate to destroy the market valuation of the securities of the companies concerned. Capital appears to seek investment in surface lines that have submitted to the payment of yearly taxes in proportion to the income to be derived, and probably for this reason: They realize that the day of freely presenting valuable street franchises to corporations has passed. The people newadays know that they are giving something of actual value when they give rights to surface lines. Indeed, everyone now understands that so soon as an absolute franchise has been granted, the company securing it at once becomes a financial entity upon the market, so that often without investing one dollar in ratis or ties or cars, handsome sums may be realized from the sale of the bare franchise rights. And, furthermore, just concession of dues to the city will prevent troubles in the future.

Let no demagogue speculate upon the newer ideas of the American neople, as applicable to Portland, but let the people here permit this principle to sink deep into their minds, that franchises are property, and that property is given freely only to beggars or in instances to the worthy poor.

# MAY SCHLEY RECOVER.

That the hero of the battle of Sant- grams. lago may recover and add many years to his brilliant career is the hope of 99 per cent of the \$0,000,000 American citizens. The report of his illness will attract attention and will prompt expressions of good will for the grizzled old naval officer.

But especially among the men in the Illness cause regret. The men love and honor him. They regard him as the ideal seadog, bluff, brave, lacking in superficialties, untouched by the professional curse of bureaucracy, and

in sympathy with them. So long as men war with ships, even so long as men read of times when men warred with ships, Schley's "Give them hell, bullies," will be

quoted as one of the historical epi-

When the old hero was being grilled by the toadles who flock about the Washington bureaucrats, then the American people arose as one man and defended him from the absurd charges that had been made against him by a poltroon in the Brooklyn mavy yard-Macleay, the irresponsible writer of an American navy will Admiral Schley's unreliable text- book upon the Spanish-American war.

Foreign testimony came to support him, testimony that could not be admitted to a court of inquiry, but that added morally the influence of that gallant old Spanlard, Cervera, in substantiation of the claims of the counsel defending Schley.

Cervera knew that Schley was not a coward, and said so to the world,

### THE TABASCO COLUMN.

Jim Robinson was a stock broker in Chicago, and things were coming his way; so was Christmas. In an unguardmoment he told his 4-year-old boy that Santa Claus would bring him Shetland pony Christmas. After that the kid's thoughts by day, and his dreams by night, were of that pony. He prattied of it incessantly. Two weeks before Christmas Jim got on the wrong side of the market and was left broke. however, still talked about the pony, and Mrs. Robinson said to her hubby. ation, took the boy on his knee, and began to explain., "Bobbie," said he, "you are getting to be a big boy, too big to be "Bobbie," sald he, "you nonsense. There is no such person. Your real Santa Claus who always gave you written again so soon, but for the fact your presents. I intended to buy you a that my photos taken in Petersburg have Shetland pony and give it to you on just come, and, as I am sending these to caught the lapel of his father's coat, in wish your photos would come. I've wait- a convulsive little grasp, and, looking up ed for them such a long time. with swimming eyes, he sobbed: "Say, I am always awaiting with great anx-Dad, have you been stringing me that lety your reply to a letter I sent you way about Jesus, too?" last week before I went up to town to

Fast falls the snow. Oh! lady mine, Sprinkling the lawn with a crystal fine. But, by the gods, we won't repine. While we're together, We'll kiss and that, and rhyme and dine,

defying weather. Then stir the fire and pour the wine, And let those sea-green eyes divine Pour their love-madness into mine, don't care whether

Tis rain, or storm, or sun, or shine, If we're together.



And the next day it snowed.

"Oh, sweetheart, do you "Yes, by those eyes, these lips, I swear!" She stopped him as the oath he took, and said. "You've sworn, now kiss Simply stolen the book."

Over in Washington the Schatorial fight seems to be the Sound against the Co-Preston against Ankeny, with the chances in favor of the latter.

Have you observed that Christmas and New Years don't come on the same usy

of the week this year?

If Christmas presents indicate the financial condition of the people, Portland is certainly prosperous.

Senator Mitchell should apply for those There is going to be a sea

of troubled waters. Suckers won't bite, but for that matter neither will the lordly chinook, while in the Columbia.

Senator Mitchell has dropped some pretty big rocks in 'he political channel.

The civil service doesn't seem to know ough to lift its hat to nice people.

Portland's lumber men always speak in the past tense-I saw it.

Morrison street looks like the wreck of the Hesperus in 1492.



SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN THE PLACE OF BALLS AND BATS

paying generous tribute to a victorious enemy.

There was truculency in the government circles in Washington, and some stultified themselves by turning against Schley and currying favors with his detractors. Those events sunk deep into the memories of the end. American people and will not be good reading to them when some of those anti-Schley people come before them for support in future times. Many an American citizen is ready to express his disapproval of the anti-Schley campaign and its originators and defenders. Even the president of the United States permitted himself to be included among those who were anti-

# JIM HILL'S POLITICS.

James J. Hill, head of the Great Northern-Northern Pacific-Burlington merger, asserted in Seattle the other day that he knows nothing about politics, and that he never has anything to do with it.

With due respect to the reputation for veracity possessed by the eminent railroader, his remark does not impress informed men with much force. Perhans Jim Hill does not know much about politics, but one thing he must admit-he knows some men who do know very much about politics, and who are able to attend to all details necessary to carrying out political

What need Jim Hill know of the netty details of buying up a state, for nstance, Washington, when he needs only to "touch the wire" to set in motion every force essential to the purchase?

Mr. Hill is a great railroader. He

### LOVE LETTERS OF A PRINCE.

Mabelle Gilman, the star of "The Mocking Bird," is young. Maybe her age should be advanced as an excuse for her having siven out for publication yesterday at the Bijou Theater letters which she says were written to her by the Crown Prince of Siam, says the New York Sun.

The Crown Prince is about Miss Gilman's age. She says she met him in London in 1300 when she was playing with "The Belle of New York." The heir apparent to the Siamese throne was a student at Oxford.

Miss Gilman says that when he tired of telling her in prose how much he liked her he wrote her in verse. She produces the poetry in proof of it. Here is one of the Prince's alleged letters:

CHRIST CHURCH. OXFORD, Feb. 8, 1901. My "Tcherno Okaya:" I hope you atirred up the pony business; it's up to know what this means by now, for you you to make good." Robinson, in despersional the book I sent you the should have got the book I sent you the other day. But in case of accidents, I had best explain that "Tcherno Okaya" any longer made the dupe of Santa Claus' is Russian, and being translated, means "Sparkling Eyes," Who deserves the Papa and Mamma and our friends are the name better than you? I wouldn't have Christmas, telling you it came from old
Santa, but I have lost all my money. I
cannot buy the pony and so Santa Claus
can't bring him to you." As the story
the eighteenth century costume, which progressed and Bobble realized that there looks very fine. Don't you think I look was to be no pony, the big tears gathered in the in that costume and wig? Those of in his eyes and rolled slowly over his me as Sir Anthony Absolute are not flushed cheeks. Finally, with a sob, he good, so that I have not sent them. I

> the funeral. I was a bit upset when I wrote it, and I have been wondering since what effect it has produced. I do hope it has done nothing to materially alter your feelings toward me. I have been so intoxicated with happiness at the knowledge conveyed through your letter that I stand in your favor that if you were to change I should feel that I was driven from sunshine into darkness-utter, miserable darkness I am, however, never a pessimist by nature, and so I am waiting in hopes of getting a favorable answer. I am afraid I wrote very freely yes-

terday. Like you I must plead as ex cuse that "your letter made me so."

By the way, I have still got my old rooms here, but Frank has changed his. Roy is now in Frank's old rooms and, therefore, next to mine.

Give my kindest regards to your

mother. To you I send my very best love. Always yours, "BIJOU." love. Always yours, "Bijou," according to Miss Gliman, was her pet name for His Royal Highness The photographs mentioned were on view with the letters yesterday. On the back of each picture except one is a stanza of poetry; on the back of this other picture is this:

To Mabelle: Talking to a friend h PRINCE. thinking aloud. This poetry (warranted original) was on view. Miss Gilman asserts that it was in-closed in one of the letters: THE PRINCE'S REVERIE.

"Ah, Love! could you and I with Fate conspire To grasp the sorry scheme of things en

Would we not shafter it to bits-and Remold it nearer to the Heart's desire!" -Rubalyat of Omar Khayyam. wish (as Omar did) we're friends with

Fate! We'd beg of him to let us have his slate Would we not wipe it clean, then write That each shall be allowed to choose his mate?

But 'twould be as easy to do as move The very stars which stud the skies above.

Fut if we can't do that, we can still love. short note. Yours,

ing out of actual managerial systems and securing largest amounts of revenue from smallest sums expended for service. But he is not great enough to convince anyone with sense enough he never has to do with politics. What yesterday was the bevy of pretty girls his agents do he does, according to the recognized law of principal and have much to do with political manipulation in these United States.

Why has not Oregon got in line with other states that have tuckled the cor-New York state, under the guidance of Governor Odell, has added millions of tax-roll, indeed, millions of actual revenue to the annual tax receipts of the state. It was no demagogic campaign. ought to know of a rumor that was going the rounds among the Portland ladies It was only justice in that corporations owning property were compelled to bear their share of the expense of government. Governor Odell demon- the University team were staying while strated as others had striven to do, that it is possible to force action even in corporation controlled New York's hurg up with a ringing click. Later the Legislature, when measures not liked questioner thought it must have been by those corporations are proposed. Oregon might emplate New York's example. The Journal suggests to the the Multnomahs had lost and the voice governor-elect that he incorporate in his message a recommendation to that

Tammany Hall, led by Carroll, permitted the Pennsylvania Railway the yellow, that her fears were calmed. Company to secure 'a franchise to enter New York City through a tunnel. The proposition was fought by the Vanderbilts and Goulds, forces that are apparently strong enough to compel some attention even in New York's council. What would the Pennsylvania Company have paid in cold cash for the privilege of constructing that tunnel? And how much could the city of New York have realized had the tunnel rights been put up at auction and sold to the highest bid-

Governor William Taft is after Secof returning to his law business. It ter, Mrs. Pratt.

of returning to his law business. It ter, Mrs. Pratt.

Judge and Mrs. L. B. Sffarns are retary Root's job, Root being desirous movements of the secretary when he becomes an ex-secretary, for he was a trust attorney prior to entering the cabinet, and never has evinced any the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pathostility to them since taking his pres. tulio for the next few days. ent portfolio. It is perhaps a safe wager that he will henceforth, after resigning, accept retainers from trust resigning, accept retainers from trust corporations, who always valued his cherry tree at dead of night last June-to joillificate together, fight one another's services very highly.

It is said that War Secretary Root does not handle his department according to the dictates of the politicians. If that be true, then is he a rara avis among the large flock of has no equal in the world in the work- Washington department bipeds.

And love, thee, sweet, I will. Aye, forever! Altho ugh duty compels us to sever. Yet in my inmost heart I shall love thee; Could I forget that thou lov'st me?

IV. Shall I forget the hour when in thy eyes I read the great secret which written And when the lips met mine in fend

caress new the long-lost joy of Paradise! For when thou did'st give me that kiss divine knew that thou wert mine, as I was

And since those lips had pressed no man's before, Could I do aught but take it for a sign?

Ah, Love! If only thou wert born prin-

Or else myself were only something less, Than that which I am now-of rank so Oh! then we two might know such happiness.

VII. If thou, sweetheart, were not just what thou art, And I not what I am-we'd never part! But Fate, alas! has placed a gulf 'twixt

we now well each has the other's heart. VIII. The best hours of my life away have

But I am so thankful that I have known The best and sweetest joy upon this earth, And that I once did call thee, love, my

Oxford, February, 1901. The Prince's full name is Chowfa Maha Vajiravuhi. The next poetical effusion shows that somebody was beginning to wake up. Here it is:

TO MABELLE. Though duty stern doth strangers make Of souls kindred as we, Forget thou not for past days' sake That I once lived for thee! Now duty clear dictates "sever!"

Yea, sweetest, we must part. Yet memories could be never Erased from this heart. Could I forget while I live Beauty such as thine?

For thy dear eyes much would I give, My rosebud fair, divine Ah, would I go, were it not such

As Lovelace sang o' yore?
"I could not love thee, dear, so much, Loved I not honor more. It was said by Miss Gilman's represe tative that she has many other letters from the Prince, as well as several valu able presents. The only letter of recent

date that was shown last night was this: THE ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 13, 1902. My Pear Mabelle: Many thanks for your kind telegram. I appreciate your kind thought very much. I shall get to New York on the 21st, and will remain there a few days. Would like very much to see you one day and to introduce my brother to you. We may fix upon the And refix them where'er we deem it day some time later. I will write and let you know. In haste, so excuse this very

# JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES.

to "pound sand into a rat hole" that One of the features of the football game gene boys in spite of rain—and the Multnomah grand stand isn't waterproof, agent, and some of his agents certainly either, as a couple of rulned hats of mine will testify. It was a little embarrassing yesterday to attempt much rooting for your side, the mud-immersed figures looked so much alike. The Oregon players frankly confess that touch of yellow helped them to do their best in many a poration tax problem and solved it? close play. With a few Portland friends those in the party were: Misses Alice Bretherton, Mary Grey, Ella Doby, Caroline Doby, Mary Dale, Caroline Benson, dollars of corporation property to the Luja Holman, Brooks, Edna Prescott

Hackeney.
In this connection the Multnomah Club yesterday, that they had lost the game to the Oregon boys. A Multnomah sym-pathizer called up the club to ask where they were in town, and the voice at the end of the 'phone snapped out: "I don't know," in an "I-don't-care" voice and some family unpleasantness or possibly Santa wasn't generous in that direction, but at that time it meant but one thingwas so cross only to avoid showing the tears behind it. It was only after she had located the Oregon team at The Hill Military Academy and been earnestly assured, the red and white, was dragged in the mud only to the same extent as Moral: It pays to answer a lady civilly.

CHRISTMAS PERSONALS. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McNary of Salem spent Christmas week with Mrs. Gertrude Lownsdale in this city. Miss Miriam Strong, who has been

teaching in the Pendieton Academy this year, is spending the holidays in Portland with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Strong. Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer left the first of the week to visit Rev. and Mrs. J. Bloch

in Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pattullo were in the city yesterday visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gavin Dickson of Tacoma will be in Portland over Sunday. Mrs. W. S. Ladd reached home in time for Xmas, after spending a number of months on the Atlantic Coast, principally

spending the holidays in Southern California, and plan to be away until spring. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pattullo of Tacoma came to Portland yesterday

IT'S A FACT.

There's a crowd of eight winsome lassies who are banded together by solemn battles, and, in brief, be chums who rise or fall together. In all the months since, there's never been a rift in their cloudmean a cloud in their rift; well, let me express it almost as poëtically and more ruly by saying there's never been any

need to "let a little sunshine in." for their

friendship was always unclouded until

A MISREPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESS.

Could anything be more expressive of the shallowness of human thought than an effort to corrupt history that it may be made to serve the purpose of argument to support the ideas of one man? A recent issue of the morning edition of the local newspaper trust published an editorial that The Journal takes pleasure in paralleling. The Journal comments, however, we must apologise for, as we are firmly of the belief that it is easy to read between the lines indicted by the trust's misrpresentative. His small soul is almost too teenle to roast:

From "The Trust." not utilizing the Venezuela incident for partisan advantage. The propriety of for attention to their self-denial cannot be called in question. The evidence of its noteworthiness is so plain that he who runs may read. That is, such re-straint is unusual enough to approach the dimensions of the sensational.

When the fate of Cuba hung in the balance the Democratic statesmen hesitated not to plunge the country into war for nothing more pertinent or honorable than partisan advantage. They afterward plumed themselves on this achievement, the while they tried to starve our soldiers in the Philippines and sought to besmirch the fair name of the United States army.

When the gold standard was menaced and all industry endangered the Democratic statesmen hesitated not to go before the laboring man with cheapmoney sophistries and promise escape from poverty through the silver basis, if they were only elected to office.

Some of these Democratic statesmen are not so young but that in 1864 they joined in the declaration that the war for the Union was a failure, and did what they could to lower their country's flag in the dust Copperheads of 1864 and 1898; agitators for debased currency, the deadliest economic poison of modern times; advocates of free riot and defamers of the National honorthese precious philosophers and patriots are certainly entitled to all praise because they now refuse to take the part of a buccaneer republic trying to escape payment of its honest debts. It is fitting that they call for applause. Their self-sacrifice certainly surpasses all that the most credulous could have expected

We shall not gradge our Democratic No. They could not very well while a trust administration, looking to its they are so estentatiously adjusting vast interests in England and Germany upon their own brows, as the reward of monied interests for monied people-merit due them for their forbearance in was overlooking the Monroe doctrine. When the asphalt trust was to be defended the administration didn't hesitate/ their calling so frequently and loudly to go to its rescue in Venezuela-did it ?

> This is a very nice way for a newspaper to attempt to change the history of the country. This is hardly in tone with the Congressional records of the happenings before the Spanish-American

Yes, the Democratic party did. defend silver and still does. That the gold standard is good or bad for the country is still a much mooted question.

pewspaper that is applying the "bloody This is merely the argument of a shirt" talk of twenty years ago to a period when the War of the Rebellion has been forgotten by all fairminded men. It is a dastardly insult to a large proportion of the United States, who, unlike the paper that prints the fling, do not live in the past long dead. Though the "agitators for debased currency" and "advocates of free riot" have not shouted the Monroe Doctrine in defense of Venezuela it is because the Republican administration has so undermined that principle that it is impossible to rescue it from the debits of unwise govern-mental management. It is left for the Republican administration to take the part of the "buccaheer republic" and thus far they have shown no disposition to do so, as the Philadelphia asphalt

### OPINIONS OF OTHER EDITORS.

East Oregonian: A story is told on Jack Vincent, the veteran stage driver of

Eastern Oregon, who died not long ago in Baker City.

Jack was visiting near Summerville during the winter of 1869. rider" came over the Woodard toll road, after visiting the churches in the Walla Walla district, and stayed all night at the farm house where Vincent was stopping The minister had an elegant flowing beard, tawny and imperial as the whiskers

of any king.

During the evening beards were being discussed and the minister decided that ne would have his face shaved, as the icicles which formed upon his long beard were extremely uncomfortable.

Vincent had a ragor with him, and took a delight in preparing to shave the minister next morning. He had proceeded with the task without accident, until one side of the minister's face was shaved, when the razor began to "pull" and the victim began to complain.

The razor was sharpened time and time again without any improvement, when the protestations from the minister became so loud that Jack flung the implement of torture violently against the stove, and with an oath or two expressed a warm ppinion of whiskers.

The razor was broken into fragments and not another one was to be found The neighborhood. Razors were not plentiful in Grande Ronde in 1869.

The only thing to do was to rive to Le Grande to a barber shop and have the job completed. So the disgusted preacher mounted his horse and faced the zephyrs to La Grande, a distance of 18 miles, with one side of his face smoothly shaven and the other waring the remnant of a princely beard a foot in length. It is hardly necessary to say that the reverend gentleman was not in a proper state of mind on arriving at La Grande to preach a very gentle sermon. Vincent broke the razer in his determination to play a practical joke on the preacher.

# May Payor Bounty Now.

Eugene Guard: A Polk County coyote broke the record the other day by killing a goat, at least it is something unusual, as the goat is generally able to take care of himself against all comers, dogs included. And it happened within six miles of Salem, one of the first settled portions of the state.

### They Are the Chosen. Salem Statesman: The lawyers, in their proposition to regulate things mundane generally, are demanding that the pay of all other people, including the poor

from the University out to cheer the Eu- printer, be cut down. But they are as clams concerning their own fat fees and retainers The Size of the Piece. Beise News: Discussing the Venezuelan situation the press dispatches assert

## that Great Britain wants peace. The size of the piece is what is disturbing Presi-

Paraliels. Boise News: An observing fellow once noted the fact that the largest rivers always ran by the most prosperous cities. He also found that the busiest stores had the biggest advertisements in the newspapers.

Unearthed Petrified Alder. Astoria Budget: While digging a well near his home on the Lewis and Clark, E. C. Jeffers unearthed a piece of petrified alder wood at a depth of 25 feet, which had evidently been there for a number of years. The wood shows the park and grain very plainly.

Deschutes Echo: A country editor writing on trusts says the newspaper combine is the biggest trust on earth. It trusts everybody, gets cussed for trusting, mistrusted for cussing, and if it busts for trusting, gets cussed for busting.

trifle to a wealthy man, this adding eight pretties. Every year I try and every extra presents to an already overcrowded sear feel deeply mortified at the results list, but the frail woman who makes so I just struck out a new line for myself most of her gifts from a bit of ribbon, a mere suggestion of linen, etc., etc., it means hours more labor. For the last two weeks seven of the crowd have been delving unceasingly. They learned the weird qualities of I o'clock at home with the furnace breathing its last, but hardly likely to mount higher than the gas

dent Castro's serenity.

Every one of them felt put upon. Late hours are not much fun when no masculine voice breathes approval of a dainty get-up, and no music floats out to the where one is "sitting this out." To augment their spirit of discontent were the actions of number eight. While they were working she went pleasuring. She took in three dances Xmas week! She had an aggravating, way of dropping in when the other seven were sitting stitchin where they had been riveted since morning and telling how levely it was to run in and out of stores and see the funny happenings. "Oh. girlle, you must hear my latest." was calculated to bring an evil light into the unfortunate unable to gaze upon like glories. And her meanness was still more unbearable. When one lady asks another to get her two yards of face at 10 cents a yard, and says she hasn't anything smaller than a five, it's customary for the messenger to understand funds have run low and gladly pay the bill, saying loftily to polite objections: "What is 20 cents? Don't mention the transaction again, or I shall be seriously offended," knowing full well the amount will be many times returned to her in treats later on. No. 8 was a perfect Shylock. She stood for the 20 cents. If the seven had ever had a moment to get together the suspicion is pertinent that their fair friend would never have received one powder swab of chamois with lace edge, one pair bed slippers with only five drop-ped stitches near the heel, two turn-overs for collars, one hand-painted clam shell pincushion, one knitted washrag, and one handsome outlined handkerchief case. As it was, they begrudged them to her until they took down the pillow cases they had hung Exmas Eve and found dupli-

cates of the following note:
"My Dear Girl: You know I am not

A. G. Davidson, a popular Sumpter barber, was in the city yesterday, homeward bound from Portland, whither he was called to the bedside of his brother. who is seriously ill, says the Baker City Democrat. Mr. Davidson was one of the state's immortal twelve hundred of the Second Oregon. He fought the Filipinos from start to finish in the brilliant campaign in which his regiment won im-perishable fame. The gentleman has one relic of the war in the shape of a light, folding barber's chair. The chair was carried with the marching troops and in it, from time to time, Col. Summers and the lower grade regimental officers of the Second Oregon artistically shaved.

so I just struck out a new line for myself,

Ry carefully husbanding my pennies I

have saved out \$10 to spend on you girls.

Seven into ten gives each of you \$1.42 6-7

Adding the odd sevenths together and

slipping in an extra penny enough can be

raised to get each of you a stick of candy

besides; therefore this note represents

days, I just made up my mind to wait

until the January sales and let you pick

out anything-to the value aforesaid-that

you wanted and Santa didn't bring you.

Think the matter over seriously this next

week and meet at my house one week from Monday at 10 o'Clock with your mind

POUGHT PILIPINOS.

Christmas, I am,

"December 24, 1902."

Wishing you a very merry

"ONE OF THE DIGHT.

Everything is so high during the holi-

\$1.42 and a stick of candy in value.

NEVER TOO OLD POR USE.

wandered into the city last Monday from somewhere in the surrounding country, says Cottage Grove Nugget. probably been foundered and turned out "rustle" or die, and has succeeded in doing the former. His hoofs had grown to an enormous length and ress snow shoes or sled-runners. The shal took him in, thinking he could dispose of him to some one who wanted a horse to freight goods into Bohe the Christmas rush began. It may be a gifted like the rest of you in making this winter over the deep an

A big, dejected-looking, white horse