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#### "LET THEM TAKE THEIR CHANCE."

PORTLAND, OREGON

ET THEM take their chance," says our phil-667 anthropic, humanitarian mayor. "If the people of Portland, the women and children or the stranger within our gates, unaware mayhap, of the danger, like to risk their lives upon the Morrison street bridge in its present condition, let 'em go ahead. We don't care, Let them take their chance."

"Let them take their chance." This is the policy of the municipal officials of Portland in a nutshell. The converse is: "Let us make hay while the sun shines. Let the great army of grafters keep on grafting while it is yet day. The night may be coming soon for us all when the so easily befooled ones. Meanwhile, register the istence. honest voter from the city jail. Fill up the city pay roll with names of slum allies."

factor in municipal affairs.

"Just look at the lovely bluff our good mayor made about No one need know that the children of all ages roam the sow the seed, the harvest concerns us not at all."

According to the Oregonian it is vicious to call attention to corruption in municipal affairs; it is a sin to endanger the present administration's chances of reinstatement in power by exposing its illegal methods of securing votes. It is a high crime and misdemeanor to criticise Mayor Williams, or assume that he is a factor in municipal affairs. Let The Journal be anathema therefor.

The reasoning of this high principled newspaper is akin to the reasoning of one Touchstone: "Why if thou never wast at court thou never sawest good manners; if thou never sawest good manners, then thy manners must be wicked, and wickedness is sin and sin is damnation. Thou art in a parlous state, good shepherd."

#### NEARING THE TUG OF WAR.

THE CRUCIAL TEST for the Lewis and Clark congressional appropriation will come not in the sooner or later must decide its fate. The senate has defeat and its organization is as far as it ever was from a passed one bill, very favorable to the project. The house presents a radically different bill, very much less favorable and which, if it becomes a law, will deal a hard blow to the whole enterprise. In the event the house adopts its own bill and in the event the senate refuses to recede from the provisions of its bill, then the matter will go to a conference committee of the two houses. What that committee decides is likely to be final.

The conference committee is, therefore, of the

1847, the battle of Buena Vista was begun, the American troops under Zachary Taylor, afterward president of the United States, and the Mexican troops under General

JNO. F. CARROLL

Santa Ana, president of Mexico. It was there that Gen. Joseph Lane won his promotion by his gallant conduct. Born in North Carolina he came here from Indiana, was United States senator from Oregon and a nominee for the vice-presidency.

A CHANCE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SHERE is a growing sentiment in this state, based upon sound judgment, that there is only one way nine feet long and weighed over 200 in which the Democratic party can be built up the people of Portland will no longer tolerate anarchists and that is by avoiding entangling alliances with either in its municipal offices. We're keeping the people quiet faction of the Republican party. So long as the highest just now by pretending to investigate something behind motives for its being are the loaves and fishes of public closed doors where we pass the time quite innocently, office, even when gradgingly doled out by one of these facsmoking and pleasantly cracking jokes at the expense of tions, there is in reality no reasonable excuse for its ex-

One of the most fortunate things that could happen the city and state would be a strong, well-managed and ef-

"Don't, oh don't criticise that grand old man, our be- fective minority party. The overwhelming preponderance loved mayor." wails the Oregonian. "He is past master at of any one party leads to obvious evils in the administraridding the custom house and other places of grafters. It tion of public affairs. When the party is so powerful that was his record in this line which helped in electing him. It divides into two factions, the purpose of each of which He is not to be influenced by popular clamor. We will is the spoils of office, the public good being merely inclsee to that. Don't suppose for a moment that he is a dental and casual, we have a condition of affairs which may well challenge public attention.

But rightly considered this gives the Democratic party the enforcement of the curfew law. It fooled heaps of the very opportunity which it seeks to build up an organfolks, and now you're calling his bluff with all this fuss, lization that will command the respect and sooner or later the confidence of the voters. The starting point would streets of Portland under cover of the friendly shades of be an absolute refusal to fuse upon any terms with either night at all hours, unrestricted. Of course the police are of the two Republican factions. Then the party should far too busy working for election of their friends to bother stand for certain well defined principles. As evidence of is becoming a humorist. with a lot of children. Let them take their chance of its good faith it should nominate men of a character and moral contamination. That is their business; we only standing that they themselves would constitute a platform upon which to go before the people. Such a party need not be afraid of defeat. It might indeed expect them at the beginning. But with a bold enunciation of its principles, with public evidence of an ability to fight for them and to stick by them under all circumstances, backed by the evidences of good faith which would come from the quality of men put forward to seek the public suffrage, the enduring foundation of a party organization would have been laid and a standard would be planted about which all friends of good government could confidently rally.

There is everything in the way in which the thing is started. Perfect good faith must be demonstrated at the very outset. If there is no choice between the methods and promises of the political organizations the so-called Democratic party con only hope for the worst of it. Its duty is to prove itself. It cannot expect the voters to give it more credit than it deserves. Every inch of its progress toward success and into the public confidence must be won by hard fighting for the principles it professes. If it prohouse, but in the conference committee which ceed upon any other theory its efforts are foredoomed to

# safe and secure foundation. THE QUALIFIED MAN FOR THE PLACE.

T IS QUITE conceivable that the eastern senators do not want Senator Mitchell to succeed to the chair- telephones in their houses, the sound manship of the interoceanic canals committee left vacant by the death of Senator Hanna. During Senator

Hanna's life Senator Mitchell ranked third on the com-

motion but, being interested in other lines of committee

In one respect Albany is a "slow town; there is not a prisoner in the Lim

county jail. "A quiet little wedding" in Medford is reported. Perhaps the groom did no have the price of a full grown wedding

tary.

active part

started.

The Salem Journal says Salem needs among other "better" things mentioned "better editors." It is never too late to mend, colonel.

Nine men have already publicly an ounced their desire to become sheriff of for the state. Grant county, and 90 others, more or cas, are yet to be heard from. gonians here:

A Spokane man named Ham wants to be nominated for governor. He has natural hankering for political pork.

Two boys and their dogs killed a cougar on the McKenzie river that was pounds, and four creatures were made happy.

An Arlington woman yawned so widely and deeply that her jaws were dislocated. Hereafter she will endeavor to restrict herself in this exercise to yawnlets.

"Good roads" talk is increasing al over Oregon, especially in the Willam ette valley; which is well, but it might as well be remembered that money is the most effective talker.

The Leland correspondent of Grants Pass Courier announces that "as soon as R. G. Virtue has time to consider his speech, he will present to the people of Leland a speech on the ssues of the day in the light of the

Republican lamp." What office he wants is not stated.

The Dalles Chronicle, speaking for or of Republicans of Oregon, says: "There is no dissension in the ranks," which leaves a reader in doubt as to whether the editor has been asleep

Two Oregon City doctors have been sued for \$5,000 damages by a widower whose wife died under their treatment. If this sort of action should become requently successful, the crowded ranks of the medical profession might soon become comfortably thinned. Forest Grove Times: Pete Peterson was doing some work in the south part of town the other evening where he was using his hatchet. As he came up he had to go to a neighbors on an errand

and struck his hatchet in a telephone pole near the school house. When he came back it was gone. The party who ook it had better return it

The Springfield, Lane County, News, after giving Speaker L. T. Harris a send-off, adds: "Mr. Hermann can de just what he should have done a long time ago; go to the rear and sit down. But Hermann will never "go;" he will have to be "drug."

Miss Retta Andrews made the trip of 75 miles on horseback through a heavy snow storm in order to reach the county eat of Umatilla county and take the examination for a certificate to teach school. That school ma'am is likely to make the big boys behave.

Business conferences and gossiping are rendered easy in the settled agricultural districts of Morrow county. over 400 farmers and stockraisers have conveying medium being barb-wire fences.

Union county is going to have fruit boat. which about \$6,000 is far better fitted for the purpose than the new one, and is only one third as expensive. have enough to meet this season's de-Still another example is the fire-boat mand. Fine winter apple region, that. under course of construction and in

## Oregonians Now Living in New York

Miss Gates, daughter, of the late New York, Feb. 15 .--- To the Editor of | Mayor John Gates of Portland, is The Journal-An Oregon association has been formed here, with Arthur M. studying music. Captain Edwards, formerly with the Plato, formerly of Portland, president,

American Book company, Portland, is pistol. and Miss Musa Geer of Salem, secre-The object of the association is living here with his family. to advertise Oregon. Names and ad-J. J. Montague, formerly of the Ore

dresses will be kept of Oregonians here gonian, is on the Journal in New York. Oregon people contem-Carleton E. Harding, Oregon City, is a civil engineer with the Subway Railplating visiting New York can find by writing to the secretary or president road company. He and his sister, Miss the whereabouts of friends. Mrs. Imogene Harding, who is studying Edyth Tozier Weatherred has taken an music, is living at the Washington inn, art in getting the society Arthur M. Plato is an enthusi-One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street!

Mrs. Catherine Celesto Coggswell of astic Oregonian, and he and his wife Springfield, Or., is here for the winter. are doing some good missionary work Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Plato, for 20 years citizens of Bortland, have offi The following are a few of the Oreat 150 Nassau street, room 1124. They are well supplied with Oregon literature

Frank Matthews, M. D., of Eugene,

Virgil Ison of Baker City is at Columand have sent many people to Oregon bia college studying medicine The Oregon counties would profit by Mrs. Myrta Marsh Kinder of Salem is putting Plato in charge of an exhibit

the wife of a New York banker. on some prominent, lower floor and con-Bert Bye Geer of Salem is on the Dally News. He and his sister, Miss tribute to the support of an information bureau. I know of Plato's good work Musa, the latter doing magazine work, and pronounce him the most reliable.

are living at 139 Edgecomb avenue. man in New York for booming Oregon Homer Davenport and family, his siswho is available for such work. Orego ter, Miss Alice, and father, Hon. T. W. ought to have a headquarters here and Davenport, live at 143 North Fourteenth the expenses paid by the state.

street, East Orange, N. J. Henry T. Finke of Aurora is a reporter on the Post.

has a position over on Blackwell's Frank Cusick of Portland is a island. porter on the Journal.

Professor Vining, formerly of Ash-Mrs. James C. Bennett, 171 Warburland, is with the New-York College of ton avenue, Yonkers, is a daughter of Drama on Fifth avenue. Mark Malarkey, Portland. Her husband T. W. Lee, formerly T. W. Lee, formerly general passen

ger agent of the Union Pacific in Portis a practicing physician. Miss Hurley, daughter of the late land, is general passenger agent of the Judge Hartwell Hurley of Portland, is Delaware & Lackawanna Railroad com studying music here. pany

Dr. Hugh Mount of Oregon City is at George N. Hayler, well known in rail-St. Bartholomew's clinic as house surroad row, Portland, is with the same geon. company here. ALBERT TOZIER.

### Letters From the People.

To the Editor of The Journal-What | well rolled, then on top of that put Portland needs is a wise, economical about three inches of your crushed and business-like administration. Un- stone thoroughly rolled and then bring der the present regime it is impossible it to about one-half inch of the sur

to have a well organized government, face and have that rolled again and then surface it with your screenings, making as the city is in the hands of "bosses." 10 inches in all. Any less than this We have had two boss rings under different names, but virtually the governis just throwing away that much money. ment of the city has been in the hands of the same grafting leaders. If these had far better throw it in the river, and leaders or bosses possessed intelligence when it comes down to pavements, there or ability the burdens imposed by them are only three, first, stone on a concrete would not bear so heavily upon the tax foundation to your wharfs and freight payers.

As an example: Over \$1,000,000 has blocks; then asphaltum and brick on a been spent in the construction of the concrete base. Either of the latter two management of the canal. macadamized streets and sewers, but pavements give about the same results. so far as the streets are concerned the These two pavements can be money might just as well have been easily spolled by the carelessness of dumped into the Willamette. A macadam street to be of service must be mixing at the asphalt plant. While war on as short notice as anybody. well rounded in the center, and have the asphaltum may be the most desira-Here the macadam ble, owing to its smoothness, the other republics. drainage. streets are perfectly flat, with no pro- is a home product. Now, pick what you

want. The two last named pavements vision whatever for carrying away water; the results are that the streets are put down, all over the world in the business streets, and macadam is used are an unsightly mass of mud. Another example is the tow-boat in most cities in the suburbs and gives McCracken. This boat, which was congood satisfaction, but you can't put it

structed in Seattle, cost a large sum of down for 35 cents. I doubt whether you can put it down for less than \$1, bemoney. When completed she was accepted by the commissioners without cause you certainly need either brick inspection, and paid for. She was soon or a stone gutter or a concrete foundafound to be wholly inadequate in every tion, and then you don't want to be particular. The machinery had to be taken out and replaced by new, at an Let the people petition for good paveexpense almost equal to that of building

new boat. And this is not all. The grant them, and your city engineer will boat is too large for its present purpose as she draws eight feet of water, is un-wieldy and difficult to manage. The McCracken would make a splendid seagoing tug, or an excellent fire boat, but is not fit for the purpose for which she is now used. She is also expensive and way to get the business center paved news-gatherers were worse for him than requires at least three times the number from the river to at least Park avenue? the truth. PROPERTY OWNER.

If

dumped in the gulch. In a couple of men, which proved to be a wise move

months the whole guich could be filled and money well spent, as in spite of the

of men of the ordinary towing dredge. originally

Another evidence of extravagance is

Small Change Under favorable circumstances, the

torpedo boat is as dangerous as the toy

Never did so many people want to walk across the Morrison street bridge as now.

Russia won't play in our St. Louis fair, not even if by next summer she has some victories to exhibit.

Unless one pays close and particular attention to the news from Santo Domingo, he never knows whether the government or the revolution is on top. But it is no matter.

Announcement of the publication of Murat Halstead's "History of the Russo-Japanese War" may be expected any day now.

The Mitchell Republicans are becoming active in efforts to preserve, to use Secretary Hay's phrase, their "administrative entity.

Two Kentucky young men who were in love with the same girl fought a duel about her, with fatal results to both. What a lucky girl! And this leap year, too!

In northeastern states people are yearning for the time, a few weeks sence, when the ice and snowdrifts will begin to disappear. And then look at Oregon in February!

Not only ought there to be more street improvement in Portland this year than ever before, but the improvement ought to be an improvement upon that made in the past.

If 'a bad beginning makes a good ending;" the Russians can mingle some measure of faith and hope with their prayers for victory over the lively little Japs.

Unless he doesn't mind being the target for a storm of verbal arrows and a polyvocal chorus of sharp criticism, Dr. Woods Hutchinson may wish he had not said publicly what he shought.

Senator Morgan announced that his peech Saturday was the last one he would make on the canal treaty, but he yards and to your large commission may have a few million words to say yet, if he lives, on the location and

Those Balkan states will have no war going on anywhere, and they rethe manufacturer at the kilns or by the main at peace. They can start up a scarcely excepting the Latin-American

> Senator Hanna's death was unquestionably a severe loss to the Republican national committee, but this is in some slight measure compensated for by the riddance afforded in the resignation of Secretary Heath.

Remembering results two years ago. the Democrats of Multnomah county seem determined to "go it alone" this putting down a block here and there, spring, and maintain their political selfrespect, even if they have slight chance ments and I am sure the council will of winning any offices.

be more than pleased to see that you If the czar has abolished his hitherto get them put down right. Pave the city rigid press censorship, so us to allow first where the business is. Look at the world access to sources of war your streets from the depot to Wash-ington street; why it's a disgrace to any practical enlightenment, or else has concity. Why not try and agitate in some cluded that the guesses made by some

That venerable but lusty vehicle of

entitled, "Why First Voters

the trust-breeding high tariff, the Amer-

importance. St. Louis has been so exceedingly fortunate mittee, the second place being occupied by Senator Platt man last year planted 40,000 apple trees of New York. The latter is now in the direct line of progood reason why Oregon should not fare proportionately well. This does not imply that there is not a great deal work, would prefer to continue them rather than to asof hard work ahead or that the passage of a really favor- sume the greatly increased responsibilities which would able bill will not demand the censeless vigilance of those who are striving to secure its passage. But with the St. Louis example before them many things that were alleged to be impossible have become possible and if the purpose is to "tote fair" no valid reason can be advanced for giving the Oregon enterprise the cold shoulder.

While no effort should be relaxed to get the most favorable concessions possible from the house, on the final showdown the friendly disposition of the conference committee will go farther to solve the problem than all other there are few men in the country better qualified to head influences combined. With this borne in mind we still ment aid which in the light of past contributions to other similar enterprises is so well deserved.

the committee. He has for years made a profound study have great confidence in an ultimate favorable outcome of the isthmian canal question. No man has been a more which will extend to the enterprise that degree of govern- strenuous, consistent and unremitting advocate of such a measure. It is a question which has interested him both

This committee has now grown to be of the profoundest

importance. So far as Senator Mitchell is concerned

from the standpoint of statesmanship and the local advantages which would accrue to his state from the con-

Besides being Washington's birthday, a day which struction of the canal. This being not only true but well Americans always and everywhere reverence, this is like- known to all his confreres in the senate any talk of superwise an anniversary of peculiar interest to the people of ceding him in the event that Senator Platt declines the Oregon. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon of February 22, promotion is not merely unjust but utterly ridiculous.

From the Baltimore News.

by Senator Mitchell.

#### FOLITICAL DESTROYING ANGEL.

From the Astorian.

Rufus Choate relied are disused as likely to prejudice rather than convince. If one were to take the Oregonian seriously, all the noise in its columns None of this corporation pleading gets into the school books for recital by the recently about the row between Simon and anti-Simon factions in Multnomah county developed at the recent Lincoln it has features of the commonplace. But banquet might go down as truth and that it is financially remunerative begospel, but in the light of facts the yond all other forms of practice admits Oregonian, destroying angel of Repub- of no doubt. And from the corporation lican harmony in Oregon, made the most point of view the large fees are regarded out of a very ordinary affair, so far as as not excessive for the safeguarding political row was concerned. If the of business interests literally colossal.

Oregonian wants harmony in Republican GOOD FORTUNE IN DISASTER. ranks in Multnomah county its course does not show it. The bigger and hercer struggle, the better that paper seems Given the amount and nature of the to like it; and nothing is omitted from property destroyed, Baltimore has been its columns that will add fuel to the flame after the Oregonian is careful to wonderfully fortunate in almost all the see that the fire is properly started, attendant circumstances of its great Multhomah county ought to be set off conflagration. It is a tremendous blow into a jurisdiction by itself until the po- to have the heart of the business seclitical death rate of the Republican party tion of the city eaten out at a stroke, that locality is lessened by proper but every other circumstance of the sanitation and the leaders become situation bearing upon the condition and clothed and in their right minds. The spirits of the people has been extrapolitical sins of Multnomah should not ordinarily favorable. First and forevisited upon our children even to most, there has been no loss of life; the first generation. Nor the Oregonian secondly, only a mere handful of people be allowed to scatter widespread the have lost their homes, so that the

disaffection.

sufferings of great numbers of persons with no roof to shelter them are not added to the distress; thirdly, the rail-A LAWYER'S \$50,000 SALARY. road terminals are wholly untouched,

thus, permitting supplies to come in From the New York World. Edward M. Shepard leaves a place without delay or confusion; fourthly, with the rapid transit commission pay- the great public buildings, so near to the ing \$10,000 a year to become one of the burning region, have escaped uninjured, Pennsylvania Railroad's counsel at a a cause of congratulation on its face, reputed to be five times that and especially welcome because injury amount, or equal to that of the president to the postoffice or the of the United States. What was form- would greatly add to the difficulties of erly a minor branch of the profession, the situation; fifthly, insurance was so that of commercial law, by its developwidely distributed that the force of the ment into corporation practice has be- blow as a downright and immediate come the most profitable line of legal money loss is broken, the prospect being pursuit, if not the one most conducing that almost every dollar of will be paid; and last, but so far as the to national fame.

With this evolution has come change of manner and method in the means least, the weather has been alfawyer no less marked. Rhetoric and most Rical winter weather. oratorical accomplishments are subfinated to a dispassionate statement of the law in the case and a skilful cita- From Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. tion of precedent. All warmth is left for the criminal lawyer, pathos is rele- there. Are they in love?" Aated to country court rooms and wit is "Dear, no! retained merciy for its saving grace. A two years,"

#### plea is carefully shorn of its "phrases" SAFE BAILBOADING. and the arts on which a Webster or a

From the Baltimore American.

The action of the Northwestern Railway company in forbidding their train crews to exceed schedule time in order to make up lost time is one that will greatly exasperate the impatient and inconsiderate traveling public who have become danger-hardened, yet it is a wise and judicious move. The train that, in speeding to make up the lost minutes or hours, is wrecked at a cost of numerous human lives, with all the tragedy attached to each, has paid a fearful price for the convenience of a few persons who would have been accommodated by the train's timely arrival at its des-

tination, to say nothing of the terrific waste of life to sustain the prestige of a corporation. A general improvement of roadbeds and safety appliances, would continue to pay the interest to the accompanied with actions such as that mentioned, would render the railroads woman the same as before marriage. of this country the best and safest in Of course she could give him this inthe world, and would put an end to a terest money if she wanted to for she can do what she pleases with that. reign of recklessness such as is not husband would not have any interest in realized or appreciated except when the fearful penalty is sometimes exacted by the land that he could sell or.mortgage;

# A HINT TO MILKMEN.

outraged nature.

From the Baltimore Sun. Wayne MacVeigh, the lawyer and dipomat, has on the outskirts of Philadel-

phia an admirable stock farm. One day last summer some poor children wer permitted to go over his farm, and when their inspection was done, to each of them was given a glass of milk. house The milk was excellent. It came, in fact, from a \$2,000 cow. "Well, boys, how do you like it?" the

farmer said when they had drained their glasses. "Gee! Fine!" said one little fellow.

insurance Then, after a pause, he added, "I wisht our milkman kep' a cow." a immediate situation is concerned by no

> Parker Said Nothing. From the Boston Herald.

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At last Judge Parker of New York has

been to dinner. There was coplaus hos-"Look at those jolly young people over pitality, music and smilax. (Also, a letter from Grover Cleveland, but not a "Dear, no! Why, they've been married word from Judge Parker, who ate, drans alive yet if she had been going with and listened. Parker lies low.

Absurd.

court

which the commissioners intend to in-A Jefferson, Marion county, citizen stall French tube boilers. Wherever these boilers have been tried in this fall to him as the head of the canals committee. In this considers that President Roosevelt is not is high favor in that town, where, emergency there are rumors that an effort will be made country they have proven a failure. he says, only one baby has been born in the commissioners really had the into sidetrack Mitchell to another important committee to the last 20 months, and that one was a terest of the tax-payers at heart they give some other senator the place at the head of the canals "transient." If this be not a slander, would put in Scotch marine boilers. In committee which will be his in the event of Senator Platt Jefferson people should wake up to a these bollers a fire can be built in the realization of their duty and privilege. morning and banked and it will retain declining it. Such a course would naturally be resented

its heat for 24 hours and be ready for Thus opens a petition to Representuse. "We, your ative Hermann: humble constituents, and members of Siuslaw Grange No. 54, P. of H., assembled in

cost \$100,000. The whole gulch on great ability, use your power and in-From which it may be fluence," etc. supposed that the great and good Binger is viewed with much awe by the Siuslaw grangers. bought here for \$50 to \$100 per lot, regard the city charter and their oath and the railroad run by gravitation and the dirt taken out, loaded in cars and they gave each company its full quota of

Things People Want to Know

n the event the woman should become

able to convey the land he would have to

join in the instrument of conveyence,

in all probability. The theory of the

law is that the benefits conferred are for

the Indian blood and not for the white. The children of such a marriage being

"I do not remember just the sum of

noney or the amount of land the Osage

Indians have this way, but it is large

and I think the figures are about right

as stated. This was an early treaty and different from most of the latter ones.

greater privilege and benefits than has

"The government acts as their guard-

ian, the same as a guardian of a minor

Life Saver.

From Comfort.

Charlie, whose salary is \$6 per-I was

reading the other day where a girl was

It gave these Indians a special

usually been done.

acts for his ward."

in awful agony.

of the Indian blood, would inherit.

and made into valuable property and in criticism of the daily press and mud a few years its value would be enhanced slinging of numerous soreheads, it To the Editor of The Journal-Will three times the amount expended in the stands on official record that the you please settle this dispute between a work. couple of your subscribers and oblige? The citizens were told that when the 60 per cent less than the two years pre-An article in an eastern paper headed,

new charter was put in operation, that vious, or any like time since and with Osage Indians richest tribe in the under it they would have a government less cost to the taxpayers. world; each and every one has \$4,500 on deposit in safest place in the world, of which they would be proud, but so After the retirement of the "Pennoyer in Uncle Sam's bank, drawing five per far the results have not been flattering, "commission" their successors again re cent interest, also several hundred acres as taxes have been higher than ever duced the force, with the result that before. There is a clause in the charter when an alarm is given and a hatfull of of land." Now A says, if a white person married one of the women he has a which makes it necessary for the city's fire is in sight the chief in charge sends right under the law to draw this money books to be experted once a year. This from one to three calls for outlying on deposit; also to sell or mortgage the charter has been in vogue over a companies; not that they need more en-land. In other words if a person mar-year, but up to date the books have not gines, but the men to man the hose of ried into this tribe does the land and been touched. The county books have companies arriving first at the fire, and cash belong to him or his wife or does been partially gone over and a great by so doing leave vast sections of the the United States still hold same as a deal of the city's money found to be city without protection for hours at a sort of trustee. misappropriated. Judge Carey was em- time, and all this great risk taken to

TWO OLD SUBSCRIBERS. ployed for the prosecution of the mal- save \$40 per month per company as they A. Wood said: "While I have not efactors, but no definite results are forthclaim they cannot raise the funds to coming. It would seem that the city pay a full company' of extramen. read the law on this subject for some attorney ought to take this matter in that is true, where will they obtain funds time, yet my recollection and under-standing of it, I can say the husband hand, and bring it to a culmination so for a full-paid force, as the difference that the rights of the city could be maintained. THOMAS GUINEAN. ment will be at least \$30 per month per would have no right to the sum on deposit with the government; he could not maintained. man, as a paid department to be obtain it in any manner; the government

#### The Paving Question.

The

and

Portland, Feb. 22 .- To the Editor of present one? All that is required to make the Port-The Journal-While my improvement land fire department as efficient as any, tax has been limited to a small sewer is to increase the number of call men as assessment, I expect some time in the follows: near future to be paying an improve-

Each first-class truck, 10 call men; ment assessment, and if you will allow second-class, eight call men, and third me space I would like to express myself class, six men. Engines, first-class, eight call men; second class, six call on this paving question. When it comes to paving in front of my property, men. Hose companies, six call men each which I think will more than likely be With a department of this kind and macadam, for the reason that I am proper executive officers there could be no reasonable excuse given for the loss pretty well. out from any other, pavement, and knowing a little about this of the west wing of the Park school, business, I will sure make an awful for with two engine companies, two hose howl if it has to go down the same way companies and one truck company, prop as macadam pavement is put down in other parts of the city. The idea of erly directed, the fire could have confined to the east wing, without callputting down a macadam pavement with ing for extra companies. six inches of crushed stone without

If the citizens of Portland want a good fire department, they must stop even a gutter to carry off the water from the street. Why, it's simply nonthis civil-service, red-tape buncombe, and sense; macadam, will surely absorb water when there is six inches of mud All this talk of rejecting men less than in the gutters washed in from other streets, which makes the street flat instead of having a crown. I want to say to you that six inches of stone on this clay surface is just making a bill of expense in my estimation and I happen to know a little something about Spanish fleet would still be floa'cing in

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poisoned by eating chocolates and died it. The only way to put down a macadam pavement is to first grade your street and then roll it well and put, may about five inches of stone down and have that a street of the service and plenty of sand. As to insurance rates, with a prop-erly managed fire department, the rates \$25 Twelfth street. Mabel-The poor girl would have been

Full-Faid or Call Fire Department? Portland, Feb. 22 .- To the Editor of

loss during the Pennoyer regime was

cient will require as many men as the

ican Protective Tariff league, is circu-The Journal-As there has been a great lating as numerously as possible a ical of matter published of late in the pamphlet daily press pertaining to the lowering of Should Be Protectionists." It does not insurance rates in the city and the re- present any good reason why they should be protectionists of the league's organizing of the present fire department into a full-paid force, and as one stripe, but their youth and inattention that has given much thought and had to economic principles may serve for some practical experience in fire matters, an excuse. I wish to inquire of those who are ad

vocating a full-paid force, in what way The Portland policemen have gallantly will it be of more protection to the propdisplayed their military acquirements erty owners and taxpayers than a call and attractions before the admiring ofdepartment, such as the city had under ficial gaze of Mayor Williams and Comthe old, so-called; "Simon charter," when missioner Beebe, who cheered the brave the department was kept up to its full policemanic hearts with the wine of the bridge on First street which is to fighting force as required by law. be constructed at an expense of \$10,000, the so-called and much-ridiculed "Pen-When compliment, and everybody who witfull, do hereby pray and petition and humbly ask that you will, with your be constructed at an expense of \$10,000, but no doubt when finished will have cost \$100,000. The whole guich on were shown then that the thet the president is with the feeling that if Portland were was shown then that the previous com-First street, Front street and Water mission had been running the force two bodily transplanted to the banks of the Yalu or among the Balkan hills, her street could be filled and made sightly extramen short, in each company, and citizens would still be perfectly secure, for less than \$30,000. A road could be when it was explained to them that it built on Marquam hill, lots can be would be misfeasance in office to disand justified in remaining entirely

serene

THE JAP.

Yo San, in the New York Sun, was it laid upon Manchuria a greedy hand? It was the Russ. And practically claimed it as his ownwe understand?

It was the Russ.

But one thing he neglected to correctly count upon. To wit: a little brown-skinned gentle-

man of old Nippon; spot him if a cartograph of Asia you'll con-

A curious cuss.

Who was it jumped a thousand years in fifty, more or less? It was the Jap

leaped at a bound into the foremost of the cosmic press?

It was the Jap.

But one or two things he retains from those old, ancient days; He's still polite and quiet and consider-

ate in his ways, Still slow to take offense and somewhat

indisposed to frays-A courteous chap! .

shock in the Port Arthur fleet-a shock, and then a gap, half a dozen Russian ships were And

blotted from the map They thought it was selsmic in its

origin, mayhap-But no-the Jap It was. The Jap

Has several little jokes on tap In Asia.

#### Machinery Went Wrong.

From the New York World. When a Mormon bishop succeeded in Englishman proselyting a fascinating and the convert ran away with the only wife-a beautiful irony of fate!-the bishop had, it is safe to affirm that somewhere in the machinery of Utah's scheme of salvation a cog had slipped.

should be of the lowest, for the follow

Portland has a good water supply. five feet nine inches tall is all slush. If fairly good streets, and small blocks; general Sheridan had waited until he only 200 feet square, no alleyways to

It is all right to have 2-inch hose and Manila bay. All the requirements to be five-ton engines, but they will not prove a good fireman is a cool head. a liking much of a success with a short crew of men and with lack of executive ability. E. THAYER,

get down to practical common sense. ing reasons:

