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THE LOCAL OPTION LAW.

T WILL NOT DO to accept the calm surface of events as indicating precisely what is going on with reference to the local option law soon to be submitted to a popular vote. As a matter of fact an alignment of the two forces is now in progress, quietly it is true, yet already beginning to indicate pretty definite lines of demarkation. That, general public sentiment should have been aroused in behalf of the law is very largely due to the attitude of the liquor men themselves who proclaimed through the Oregonian that they were raising a fat fund with which they would force the defeat of the measure with every resource that money could command. Through it all ran an assumption that the effort to secure a local option law had in it something revolutionary in its nature, something utterly unwarranted and un-American, which it is only just to say was exceedingly distasteful to many self respecting citizens who, while not themselves prohibitionists or even abstainers, cling stoutly to the good old democratic doctrine that the government rests upon the foundation stone of majority rule.

The attitude assumed by the official spokesmen of the liquor dealers organization has, therefore, had the effect of clearing the atmosphere. It has placed the whole question without entanglements before the voters and it should make very easy the task for every one to decide which way to fix his ballot when the time comes to act.

THE CHIEF DEFECT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

THE NECESSITY for the kindergarten has been proven by its results. Long before the youthful brain can reason or in any vital way intellectually appropriate lessons or arguments presented by written thought or word of mouth, those things in the child's environment which appeal to its imagination and sensitive faculties make lifelong impressions. The kindergarten forestalls the bad impression, the sensual and base, by substituting the good impression, giving the mind an uplifting, sustaining food before it has time to be filled with that which is debasing and demoralizing to the last degree. This is later supplemented and carried on in the manual training school.

The fallure to impress the mind with the dignity of manual labor has been the greatest of all fallures in the public school system. The average child, black, white or brown, graduated from the public and high schools has gone into the world with the idea that to soil his or her hands with manual labor was to lower him or herself and to waste the education he or she has received. It is not the education which is wasted but the child and the waste has been a fearful one, productive of all manner of evil.

The new education is not, as the superficial imagine and declare, a series of innovations introduced to entertain the young. Never did ignorance more egregiously err than when she applied the contemptuous epithet of "fads" to those steps taken by the most enlightened educators as the introduction of a comprehensive system of schooling as utilitarian as it is philosophical.

The new education develops at once body, brain and soul. It trains the eye, the ear and the sense of touch. It to advise the newspapers and other periodical publicasubstitutes tangible, interesting manual labor for an edu- tions of the fact, and to prohibit them from mentioning cation made up of mental drill and phrasings. It the subject in question." changes the school room from an irksome prison to a inventive spirit. It realizes fully the value of book learnthemselves and for the world.

A child's mind is never empty. It is always busy seek-

ing something upon which to feed and grow. If it find no good material it will find evil. The secret of the best education is to overcome evil with good; to fill the young mind with good thoughts, ennobling ideals and desires which may be fulfilled with benefit to themselves and to

THE SAME OLD STORY OF DUPLICITY.

ISTRACTED by its endless folly and brutal greed, and with its usual and absolute disregard for truth, the patriarchal despotism of Russia now "specifically disavows responsibility for the utterances of iko road at this season of the year our some Russian papers against the United States." This strange bit of information the Associated Press sent yesterday over its wires for the edification of the American people. We are furthermore informed that it was pointed out by the foreign office of the "peace loving" czar, in order to correct "the erroneous impression prevailing abroad that Russian newspapers, owing to the censorship exercised over the news, expressed only news sanctioned by the authorities, whereas, as a matter of fact the newspapers editorially have the widest latitude, and they frequently embarrass the government by their unrestrained criticism of other countries." That there is not a word of truth in this statement we shall proceed to show.

In the first place the censorship is exercised in Russia. not only over the news, but especially over editorial, statistical, ecclesiastical and foreign affairs. So vigorous is this function of the czar's government that an ordinary business advertisement cannot be printed without the approval of the censor, and in places where there is no periodical publication an advertisement, or anything of printed character, must receive the endorsement of the local chief of police, who is in every community the most important functionary of the imperial government. The control of printed matter is so thorough and systematic throughout the Russian dominions that the manufacture and sale of everything about a printing establishment, as well as the establishment, its owner and employes, are under the strictest discipline and control of the multitude of Russian officials. By this system the manufacture and sale of the smallest fraction of an ounce of type is accounted for, and every scrap of printed matter must bear the legend Dozvoleno Cenzuroi-"with the permission of the censor"-giving also the date. In addition to this system in all secular affairs, there is also an ecclesiastical censorship which controls without appeal everything pertaining to theological doctrines and all matters concerning affairs in the world to come. The most holy synod, with the celebrated Pobledonostoeff at its head, represents this particular branch of Russia's effective muzzle upon public opinion in that patriarchal despotism. Nothing, however, shows Russia's duplicity as this specific disavowal of responsibility of the utterances of its newspapers against the United States and of its claims that her newspapers have the widest latitude. One has only to read article 140 of the Russian press statute which tells the story in all its

"When the imperial government considers that the discussion of any public question is undesirable, the minister of the interior may direct the censorship authorities

With its attention quite fully occupied by a war which temple of delight where the young brain is fascinated into threatens to tear down the laborious work of years of cation stimulates original thought and encourages the "undesirable" than one calculated to arouse the enmity and even provoke the open hostility of a powerful nation ing, but at the same time guards against the pedantic like the United States. To do this deliberately and mareverence for books which tends to make imitators and to liciously would seem the sheerest folly and that in such a destroy reverence for the work of the hands. The work of critical emergency the government with the powers at its the hands directed by the brain and influenced by high command would permit such an assinine performance, ideals is the only work worth accomplishing and the when its censorship is otherwise so ridiculously rigid, is sooner the young are taught this the better it will be for altogether beyond belief, and an official pretense to the contrary is an insult to the intelligence of the Christian

SOUTHEASTERN OREGON.

Puture Trade of That Region?

From the Burns Times-Herald. section in a very short time. The railroad news published in our last issue from a Salt Lake paper certainly looks as though the metropolis of Oregon was going to be shut out. Should the Sump-Russian military layout against which ter valley extend 240 miles and connect And it with the Reno road then our trade would be diverted to San Francisco.

Later railroad developments bring to light the fact that Gould has been bottled up by Harriman and that the former is compelled to build a line to the Pacific coast. What more natural then, for the Gould people to make connections, as stated in the Salt Lake paper, at Reno and take the trade of eastern and southern Oregon from the Harriman people. In a late press dispatch from New York a railroad man is quoted as saying the Gould-Rockefeller people will have a terminus on San Francisco bay in 1908. It is also asserted they have money to burn and it would be useless to fight them. Portland has lost Klamath and Lake counties, now it will lose Harney, Grant, Baker and perhaps Malheur in the same manner. It is a foregone conclusion that this will be the ease unless something is done to divert it—which under the circumstances is formed into machine workers.

Burns and Harney county want a railroad. We will do anything in reason to The first one to come will receive the business and if it gives this section direct transportation with San

Russian Navy. white, they are tacitly understood. that it is removed (in a public way, at falsify these opinions. The Russian least), the condition surrounding at least animosity toward the Japanese seems improved—those of the families of the sambling workingmen and the grocers. them very low. "We don't like the Japanese," said a Russian naval officer to something like that. Treacherous; you can't trust them."

Unsophisticated cook—If you please, mum, the butcher says I shall get a per cent on all the orders I give him. What that mean? Mistress-It means, Mary, that we shall have a new butcher.

Oregon Sidelights

It can't rain more than 30 days in

Rev. Smick is sick.-Albany Demo erat. Has he lost or mislaid the Several Oregon towns have had

boom" lately-in wind and water. A rabbit cannery in Goose Lake valley mentioned as a needed industry.

A Roseburg young woman has sued her father for over \$300, which may cause him to quote a line or two of

Jim Bad-Road is in the Pendleton jail for being drunk and disorderly. He was traveling on his name, as well as his shape.

Bend Bulletin: To those who have occasion to travel the Princville-Shanadvice is. Don't.

Three McCall boys of Silver Lake, aggregate 19 feet 21/2 inches in height. They have plenty of room up there in which to keep growing. It is supposed that an organized gang

of safe-blowers infest Umatilia county, endezvousing on the reservation, and the sheriff is trying to safely blow them Certainly the big government tras-

orts went out from Portland to sea

safely and easily; nobody said they wouldn't, except some malicious enemies Salem citizens subscribed for the lo-

cal bond issue with avidity, the whole \$38,000 being taken by home people in a few hours, an incident indicating that Bend boys, while wading in the

edge of the river, found two \$20 pieces on the bottom of the stream, and the money was claimed by Jim Overton as a part of some stolen lately from his Some thieves do have hard luck

Land in the vicinity of the coal deosits in Gilliam county is bringing or held at fancy prices. One man at Twickenham has refused \$6,000 for 120 acres of his stock farm; also \$300 an acre for some other ground, holding it at \$1,000 per acre, which it may or may not be worth some day. It is not every country girl who goes

riding, even in the wilds of Clackamas county, who carries a gun, but it was fortunate that one did so the other day, when on a horse-back journey she and a companion were attacked by famished and desperate coyotes, one of which she switch, which is sometimes made of hair

According to the San Francisco Chroni cle, Edward H. Lenox, who as a boy of reached the Columbia river from across the plains, has just celebrated his 77th good things he has missed.

A little Corvallis girl, in whose parents' garden the violets are blooming, has girl, who wrots: "How we envy you in your beautiful Willamette valley. Our entire county is covered with snow from four to 10 feet deep. We have not seen the ground since the first of November. The thermometer is now 12 degrees below zero," consideration of which conditions pression in the other, down the main ened enough to manifes mit cheerfully to a little more wetness than they think agreeable.

Never growl because newspaper fails to give every scrap of news, so long as you take no pains to the editor information. heard of readers who are much put out because no note was made of friends visiting them, or of social affairs, or of heaven-sent babies who arrive in the night. The average newspaper man is not a medium or a mindreader. He wants the news and gets all he can, but if you shut up like a clam whenever he comes in sight you cannot expect to see much news regarding yourself or family

THE POLITICAL BOSS.

Analysis of a Party Machine and Its

Operations. From the Chicago News Senator Francis W. Parker of Chicago contributes to the March number of the World Today a striking description of the methods of the political boss. That worthy is lauded by his followers and dupes, says Senator Parker, because he 'does things." Yet what good thing does he do? "The followers of the boss will say that he is boss because of his transcendent ability. No so; it is usually be cause he is willing to do what better men would scorn to countenance." for securing good legislation, "it is a familiar trick of the boss when the press, the clubs, various interested organizations and the public generally clamor for some reform to yield a part of it and then calmly ask credit for the measure as if he had originated it." That is a plain statement of a well-known fact. Yet to the boss, because he gets power by pulling and hauling, resorting to low trickery, making sordid trades and other wise throttling popular government, come reputable men who want to be candi dates. They plead for his favor, with his terms and swell his authority "They forget that no political honor is an honor if obtained dishonestly." Transmerely record the will of the boss and accept their pay in nominations for office received at his hands. "The chine reduces all its members to a dead level of mediocrity. If any one but a boss seems to loom into prominence he is usually a mere stalking-horse to deceive the unwary into believing that the machine is led by distinguished citizens." Being an organization of plunder, the machine cannot exercise a beneficial in-fluence for reasons that Senator Parker "The machine has no states clearly:

public policies, advocates no measures affecting beneficially the public, never

tries to and never does reform anything.

It cannot be for reforms, for that is to

destroy the food on which it exists." The

marries him. Since she takes every

thing else that the man has, she

as well take his name also.

forceful advocate of political reform who pens the article concludes after a general going up and down amid the numerous survey of the enormities committed by and watchful police, bewildered, melanthe boss that his political machine "has choly and discontented, because of the done more to degrade men in public life, to debauch and render inefficient the darkness in which they are kept by lack of education, and the absence of anything which could be properly described public service, to bring law and our institutions into disrepute, to pervert the ambitions of young men, to unsettle the as "public opinion." The capable observer, who I am imagining is today promenading first ernment without improvement of the through one and then through the other service and not unlikely to its eventual purposes of older men and to call in question the sufficiency and permanency of free institutions than any other agent at those two famous thoroughfares. the present time affecting public affairs." would comprehend a large part of the causes at the bottom of Japanese suc- on rural routes is found to have been in well-meaning citizens who tempted to work with the political macess and Russian overthrow by the de-direct proportion to the larger amount meanor of the two crowds of pedestrians of second-class mail matter delivered, coming and going along them. As self- the demand for which has had its source contained and orderly in the hour of in the very activity on the carrier's part their highest rejoicing, as they would which it is sought to end.

have been if defeat had fallen upon The rural mail delivery A woman writes to ask why the them, he would see half of the great man must take the man's name when she

SOME JAPANESE ADVANTAGES

From the Chicago Journal. off his little mustache, let his hair grow and braid a false queue into it and then and Japanese cars hear all that Russis dress him in Chinese garments, how conceals from the rest of the world many Americans do you suppose could The Russian viceroy may give newstell him from the original, simon pure paper correspondents their walking

The experiment has been made, not can travel. nce or twice, but hundreds and thousends of times, and the result is known to a certainty-the white man can't detect the counterfeit.

low many Russians do you suppose

facts in the crisis that exists in the far east. It makes it possible for the Jap-anese to know all that the Russians are facilities for rapid concentration.

Never, probably, has one country on the verge of war been more thoroughly spondent in Peking was read informed as to the circumstances and purposes of its potential enemy than is that all the Russian troops east telligence department is superb and in in number. this case it is working under a peculiar sians are quartered.

The efficacy of this spying system has een proved. When the war between and Japan, which came on in 1894, was imminent, it was worked successfully against the Chinese themselves, of course, are very much more a Japanese wolf in Chinese sheep's

At that time there was a Japanese Shanghai who, as has since been dis came daily reports by underground railheathen Chinee himself.

He had under his direction an organization that extended to every source military and political information. Merchants, professional men, laborers, household servants and Japs made to ook like Chinamen were his agents.

That was a good school for Japanese spies. They learned their lesson well and now they are bettering in the instruction. The matter of disguise presents no

difficulties. Even the false queue that it stantly on hand at the Russian depots in requires does not jeopardize its success, for false queues are as common among Chinamen as false hair is among their paleface sisters. If a Chinaman's hair is thinner or shorter than he considers desirable, he supplements it and sometimes of silk.

The rest is easy for a Jap. Chinese garments become him as if he were to the manor born! He must speak Chinese, of course, and if he speaks it with an accent, nobody is going to know

bears the name of the Ginza, the other

is known to all the world as the Nevski

Prospect. The contrast between them

selves in climate, situation, inhabitants

The main street in the Russian me-

tropolis might almost be styled mag-

of the czar, the Isaac cathedral, and the war.

bronze statue of Peter the Great-than

which neither Rome nor Athens ever

ing spasm of the solid earth, that has

ture. Such would be the first distinc-

tion between the victorious and the de-

feated city, all explained by that im-

placable phenomenon which permits few

solid erections in the land to become

ancient. It may be that the modesty and simplicity of Japanese national life

have been largely due to the repres-

sion forced upon the island empire by the instability of her soil. Then the

gent observer would be the great fre-

gends upon the shop fronts and buildings along the Ginza, from Shimbashi

of them throughout the Nevski Pros-

them can read and write, on which ac

count the shopkeepers announce their business with a lavish display of names

and articles for sale, while the Rus-

sians, as a rule, are deplorably ignorant

of reading and writing, and commodi-ties have, therefore, to be advertised by

pictures upon shop fronts, signboards, and shutters. In a time like the pres-

ent, that one little dividing fact signi

case, a population vividly awake to the

value and the meaning of the splendid triumphs already won for the mikado by

he courage, the intellect and the patri

otic devotion of his subjects. In the

other case it gives the reason why those

Muscovite citizens would today be seen

fies a good deal. It implies, in the one

thing to be noticed by an intelli-

difference between the empires

public buildings and monuments.

manners and national dress.

would seem as strongly marked as is the

IN ST. PETERSBURG AND TOKIO

Sir Edwin Arnold in Chicago Tribune. Equally throughout the Nevski Pros-It would be an instructive experience pect, the dull aspect and dejected bear-for historians, for stay-at-home politi-ing of the Muscovite throng would tell

cians, and for people generally, to pass him of a nation dimly conscious of mis-

at this moment of exultation in one government, official corruption and ad-capital, and of disappointment and de-ministrative blunders, but not enlight-

range, and the imposing character of its and a half, round the go-ban board. To

don has nothing which can match in they will give as close attention as did striking effect that wide thoroughfare, the young officers to their terrible enviewed from the banks of the Neva. In gines of destruction on board those tor-

the broad, open space upon which the pedo boats which did not fear to run noble street debouches, the huge palace the gauntiet of fourteen ranged men of

which neither Rome nor Athens ever roots than any game at "gomuku na-possessed a finer effigy—make a grand rabi;" it springs from the keen artistic

gateway to the avenue of solid edifices quality of the Japanese mind which will

all the way up to the statue of Cath- have everything exact and finished after

erine, fronting the Alexandra theatre its kind quite perfectly, whether it be and the imperial library.

The Ginza in Tokio has nothing to into a natsuke, or the mighty armor clad how like that. The reason is a simple which they guide into the battle line.

have built along the shores of the Su-mida as handsome a city as Peter raised with those of Tokio has met with a re-

upon the piles which he drove into the buke too terrible and final not to make

forbidden to Japan the art of architec- ranks in Russian society as characteris-

Nehonbashi, and the striking absence ers whom their generals and admirals

Under this difference lies hidden an ress upon which their opponents take s

obvious explanation creditable to the stand. How can it be doubted to which Japanese. Almost every one among influence civilization will prefer to com-

mud flats of the Neva but for the earth-quake. It is "ojishin," the ever recur-uation of the czar's empire.

The Japanese would and could The arrogance displayed by Russian

going to say anything about it. More pertinent to the matter in hand, all his repression and his censorship will not keep his every move from being reported in Tokyo as promptly as news

recently returned from Japan and whose interests require that they shall be well ect the counterfeit.

That is one of the most important who believe that the information which mes to the mikado's government from its spies accounts in large part for the apparent willingness of Japan to match doing in Manchuria-how many troops her strength against an enemy that are there, what their condition is, how seems to be her superior. Perhaps, they well they are equipped and provisioned, say, Russia is not so well prepared for where they are now, and what are their war in that quarter as she is supposed

A statement cabled to the London Times a week or two ago by its correamazement by many persons. It said Japan with regard to Russia. Her in- Lake Baikal were fewer than 160,000

If this be true-and the assertion, advantage due to the similarity between coming from a source that is commonly the racial characteristics of her people regarded as authoritative, cannot be and the people among whom the Rus- dismissed lightly-the confidence that pervades the Japanese commanders is

The figures which the Russians gave out a few days after this surprising in formation was published were very different. They represented the czar as having 390,000 men on the ground and capable than the Russians of detecting 110,000 within a month's journey of the field of war.

That the 110,000 men could be transported over the Siberian railroad or its physician practicing his profession in Manchurian extensions in a month nobody who has seen the line will believe. closed, was the head of Japan's secret It isn't a good railroad. The most paservice in the flowery kingdom. To him tient Jersey commuter would rebel at it. It is made of 60-pound rails, instead road, grapevine telegraph, and all sorts of the 90-pound kind which all first-of ways that were as dark and tricks class railroads now use. The locomo-that were as vain as those of the tives are light and, therefore, not powerful, and they are not kept in good order. Twenty miles an hour is the topnotch speed, and a train will stand still for repairs or other causes at least half the time of its journey. Altogether the railroad is a good deal of a lame duck.

> There is a shrewd suspicion, too, that the store of provisions and munitions of war at Port Arthur is not all that it is supposed to be. Long ago the order and officials don't know about the pracwas given that there should be con-Manchuria supplies of every kind sufficient to keep 100,000 men in the field the statement was made, on what seemed like good authority, that the acwith a cumulation, in case of immediate war, would not last more than five months. come in? Or does he bank on the sup-A good deal of color is given to these

reports by a knowledge of Russian of-ficial methods. The Russian officer, civil, military and naval, is a grafter. His pay is small and he doesn't hesitate to piece it out. So it may very well be birthday at his home in Oakland. He it but his Chinese neighbors, and they, shot in Manchuris falls far short of the only lived in Oregon five years, till 1868, in the present state of their feelings quantity that has been paid for. that the supply of food and powder and

beyond those of ill-treated animals

times which satisfy those

The Muscovite people find, I am afraid,

must for the moment style "its ene-

of Tokio discussing the tremendous in-

cidents of their opening war with no

stimulant stronger than their pale tea

and tiny pipe, yielding its three whiff-

Such a difference springs from deeper

us all feel actual pity today for the sit-

from an ignorance among the upper

tic as is the somber and superstitious

temperament of the peasants and com-

mon people. They called the Japanese "yellow monkeys," and are only today

learning what it means to go to war

genous as the rice grains in a sack, all

educated, sober, loyal, patriotic and fearless of .death—not with the dull,

but with the glad devotion of a free and

Even now the leaders of the war party

in St. Petersburg and Moscow are count-

ing upon the scores of ignorant villag

principles of justice and peaceful prog

influence civilization will prefer to con-

fide the future of China and the far east!

THE EURAL MAIL CARRIER

It is the announced intention of the

house committee on postoffices and post

roads to include in its report advocating

the increase of rural mail carriers' sal-

aries by \$10 a month a recommendation

denying carriers the privilege of taking

subscriptions to newspapers and periodi-

This is a time-honored enterprise of

the rural postmaster. By what pro-

from the carrier, whose duties include him practically in the same category.

It is due to the small additional in-come thus earned that the rural car-

rier service has been maintained at a

higher grade of efficiency than the low

salary gave reason to expect. The re-

sult of the changes recommended will

The large increase of first-class mail

The rural mail delivery is designed to

diffuse thought and spread intelligence.

be to impose a higher charge on the gov

deterioration.

story told in the alertness, vivacity and The carrier does this not least effec-

general air of "bien-etre" evidenced in tively when he widens the demand for

hopeless obedience of the drilled

can afford to sacrifice, instead

self-respecting race.

with a nation of 45,000,000, all as homo

the black and white counters upon

But you would see the citizens

chiefly "protected" these days. There is the gambling industry in this city, for example.

rascals go into that business.

On sober second thought the senate yielded to Senator Mitchell's plea to postpone the Frye shipping bill for 15

Small Change

Even by burning her hotels and the

Still the deadly automobile shows that

Judge George is fortunate in one

He is an exceptionally timid or

bedient boy whom the curfew bell

After all, a good many barbers, some

of them say, are pleased that the law was knocked out.

If the stock raisers pull together, they ought to be able to worry the beef

Not all employment agents are ras-

How much city revenue will pay for

the ruin of a home, a young man's sui-

clde or a woman driven to destruction?

President Roosevelt is said to regard himself as a man of destiny. And he has no forebodings of a St. Helena.

It is not "infant industries" that are

trust some, anyway.

either.

espect; he never requires a shave.

atres, Chicago can't keep warm.

The Northern Pacific railroad manifests a disposition to deal generously with the "overlap" settlers, but time slone will determine how far it will go in this direction.

China seems unable to resist the temptation to mix up in the Russo-Jap war, which fact in turn tempts several European powers to aid Russia against the "yellow peril."

Ex-Senator Turner of Washington is to be boomed for the Democratic vicepresidential nomination. But are the state of Washington Democrats going to ignore Oregon's governor?

What a good many eastern editors

tical side of forest reserves would fill a whole volume of that esteemed contemporary, the Congressional Record. But if Mr. Pets Grant considerately returns money lost in his gambling house, on demand, where will his profits

to "squeal?" It seldom rains enough in California and when it does rain enough it doesn't stop, but keeps up the downpour until a disastrous flood results, such as now afflicts the Sacramento Valley, Taken all around, Oregon is hard to beat.

position that most victims will refuse

Even men sent to jail have a right Not all of them are guilty, and others are not very badly guilty. The city jail is a disgrace to this municipality. as everybody agrees. What is to be

The gamblers' contributions are not sufficient to enable the city to get rid of its garbage properly, or to help apor build new school houses. But they do show forth Portland officials as more consolation for their troubles in men who trample upon laws they are vodka than in any of the innocent pas-

A bill has been introduced by Senator Gallinger to increase the president's pay other high officials including members of congress, about in proportion. Yet many men would be greatly pleased to take the position held by any one of

these officials at the present salary. Democrats of St. Louis, Mo., assembled in county convention, had so fierce a fight that one faction of them only escaped destruction by jumping out of second story windows. It is suspected that these, though they were for Folk for governor, are not quite genuine Democrats, or they would not thus have

UNCLE SAM'S NEW JOB.

taken to flight.

From the Chicago Record-Herald. Now your duty's clear before you, Uncle

Take your jacket off and give the same Dig! The arguments are ended, all the ora-

tors are through; The question's been considered pro and Your instructions are specific, you know what you have to do

Dig! Get your pick and spade and scour off the rust-Dig!

Now the question isn't "May you," but "You must"-Dig! You had a chance before you took the

job, to understand Exactly what its size would be, just what you'd have on hand-Now get busy blasting bowlders and up heaving dirt and sand-

Dig!

IRRIGATION IN KLAMATE COUNTY From the Klamath Falls Express Ranch owners of Klamath and Tule

Lake valleys are enthusiastic over the proposed irrigation canal which seems now certain of construction, and signatures to the contracts have been not a few since Monday. Messrs. Brown and Hawkins, the promoters of the canal, are at Merrill today, where they will re main for a few days. Yesterday after noon they were at Lost river looking over the irrigation projects now under way on that stream. The building of canal from the Upper Klamath Tule lake valley will be a gigantic un-dertaking. It will be a huge ditch with a capacity of 100,000 inches of water, sufficient to convert the whole expanse of sage lands to the south of us into a productive area, which means development and prosperity and plenty for the many that will come to build homes and identify themselves with us.

Pavors Literary Fellers. From Printers' Ink.

David Kaphokohoakimokeweona has en appointed postmaster at Kockia, Hawailan islands. This is but another illustration of the administration's preference for men of letters in official

Not in Receptive Mood. From the Chicago News.

Admiral Togo has called five times a Port Arthur and each time the Russians sent out word that they were at home. but not receiving.

MASTENS SLOWLY. Temporary Defeat Will Not Change Bussia's Plans or Purpose.

From the St. Paul Dispatch.

The ability to wait is the most notable quality of the Muscovite nation; therefore the prophecy that this eastern war will persist for four or five years is and the withdrawing of Alexieff to Harbin is not the giving up of anything worth holding, but merely the choice of a vantage point, secure from Japanese irritation, and possible as a base for final and successful operations. Here in the west, where every victory by the Japanese is celebrated with a throwing up of hats, and every defeat of the Japanese is received with a shrug of disbelief, we are liable to think the Russ defeated during these days of quick moves, to think the rapid acting Jap the winner. Nothing is less determined than this mutual status. So far, the operations in the Orient are are habitual gamblers. merely manifestations of national character-they are not decisive.

She moves so slowly that her destiny seems hardly separable from the destiny of the world, her movement seems entirely cosmic. Like a great glacier so runs the favorite figure-she of people and the investigation reveals has slid across the ice fields of Siberia. and now laves the feet of her purpose in the soft waters of the Pacific. Let it be forgotten that for two centuries and a half Russia has been fighting this their legitimate bills. battle which only now becomes apparent to observing man. Peter, Catherne. Nicholas, have all desired to return o that Oriental cradle whence sprung their race, where nourished the national qualities. Nicholas of today, a weak, neace-loving monarch, not the real heir of the Russians, is but obedient to the motion of the centuries-old glacier. To hope that Japan will win is to hope that the rat may escape from the worrying of the cat. Japan will winfor the time, even that Japan which looks farther into the future than any other people, which reproaches the western peoples for the momentariness of heir sight. The national vision of Russia is longer than the people's vision of Japan. Remote Harbin is the symbol

The earlier victories have been those of the mikado's men. This will probably continue uninterrupted for months, continue until the littoral is possessed the islanders. But with the battles gambling workingmen and the grocers. of the summer, the Japanese must be come exhausted. Their supremacy may ontinue on the seas, even if the Baltic fleet arrives, even if Turkey permits the Black sex fleet to pass the Dardanelles. It is not so well demonstrated that he is army in the world, can, after the Japings, as will multiply Russian cavalry it up from high motives and with the late a potency. Japan has little cavalry, same energy that Hanna showed. as will multiply Russian cavalry

10,000, we believe, with only 9,000 9,000 in mounts. And it is not Cossack cavalry. What the Cossack can do we can imagine from what our southern general, Forrest, did with Cossack methods, dashing 100 miles in a night and fighting at dawn with the fresh morning courage of the true fighter. the southern cavalry had been Forrest's there would have been a different peace than Appomatox. And all the Russian cavalry is Cossack, in spirit if not in origin. That is part of the Japan is seriously up against. cannot be held to be a negligible quantity in our prophesying.

GAMBLING DID IT.

From the East Oregonian Gambling is the cause of it all. A glance at the list of the bad cusomers, complained of by the grocers of Pendleton, reveals the fact that about 99 per cent of them are workingmen who

primarily to guard against loss through The motto of Russia is "Festina customers who run large bills and then plead poverty, lack of work and a dozen other excuses for not being able to pay. Saturally, one is driven to inquire the condition and surroundings of this class fact that those who cause most trouble to business men are those who make a practice of bucking the games with

The grocers' organization was formed

This condition will naturally be improved as the temptation to gamble is removed from these men.

the week's salaries

If the games are closed and they can not find a place in which to join a crowd of goed fellows, these poor customers will naturally go home with their sala ries, pay up their bills and support their families more respectably, the grocer will get their pay, the community will be better off and nobody but the transient gambler who adds nothing to, creates nothing, produces nothing in the plan of civilization, but absorbs the earnings of others, will be the loser.

If there had been no bad customers the expense of organizing and maintaining protective unions among business would have been unnecessary. These poor customers were created by the gambling evil and now largely two classes in Pendleton will have been

Gen. Wood's Opponent Silent.

From the New York American. Mark Hanna being gone, it dicted with confidence at Washington For the Jap is a sailor, a sea fighter, that Dr. Leonard Wood will be cona landsman, even though his march to It was as a friend of Major Rath-Peking was as brilliant and orderly as bone, convicted of postal frauds in Pickett's advance. But the Russian, Cuba, that Hanna fought Wood, and not firmed as major-general without trouble cavalry which surrenders to no to protect the army against favoritism. Nevertheless the fight was a useful one spesse infantry becomes exhausted, make and it is to be deplored that there is such marches, such descents, such harry- no one in the senate disposed to take

Is Portland to Do Nothing to Get the

Portland will lose the trade of this

Francisco we will certainly trade there.

RUSSIAN DISLIKE OF JAPAN.

From F. T. Jane's Book, "The Imperial No Russian officer will surrender to Japanese; the determination is almost universal to blow up the ship. I have shrewd idea that orders exist to this effect. If they do not exist in black and for the Japanese, the ship that strikes is to be fired on by its consorts. There has been nothing in the war thus far to to be implacable, and the estimate of "I know some that I like much; but, taking them as a nation-no. Their navy is good-too good; but they would never fight Russia fairly. They would invite us to a dinner and poison us, or

Sudden Translation. From the Chicago Journal.